

Your first day

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Conduit is a social blogging site where you sign in or create an account, then use Home to discover articles. Home is the starting point for article lists.

Your first day with Conduit

Use this page to set up Conduit, choose an authentication route, and reach Home.

If you need to...	Go to
install and start the application	Set up and start Conduit
choose between signing in and creating an account	Find the sign-in or registration page
enter credentials	Sign in or create an account
understand the fields and feed areas	Understand the authentication and Home surfaces
find articles after reaching Home	Find articles in Your Feed and Global Feed
resolve a loading or error condition	When first use does not go as expected

Home provides the `Your Feed` and `Global Feed` choices, and it can show popular tags and article pagination.

Before you start

You need Bun and the cloned application repository before you run the setup flow. The Login and Register routes are available to readers who are not signed in.

For setup requirements and the application command flow, see [System requirements](#).
For the two authentication choices, see [Sign in](#) and [Create an account](#).

Set up and start Conduit

Run this procedure when you have the repository and Bun available.

Prerequisites

- Have Bun installed.
- Have the application repository available.

Steps

1. Open a terminal in the repository root.
2. Type `bun run setup` in the terminal.
3. Run `bun run start`.

Result: The application is started for the Login or Register route.

Find the sign-in or registration page

Login is the route for an existing account. Register is the route for creating an account.

Prerequisites

- Have the application running.

Steps

1. Choose the route that matches what you need:

If you need to...	Open
use an existing account	<code>/login</code>
create an account	<code>/register</code>

2. Select **Need an account?** on Login or **Have an account?** on Register.

Authenticated readers are prevented from activating the Login and Register routes.

Result: The selected authentication form is on screen.

Understand the authentication and Home surfaces

The authentication surface collects the credentials needed for sign-in or registration. Home is the article-discovery surface after authentication.

Authentication fields and controls

Route	Field or control	What to use it for
Login	Email	Enter the account email address.
Login	Password	Enter the account password.
Login	Sign in	Submit the sign-in form.
Login	Need an account?	Open Register.
Register	Username	Enter the username for the new account.
Register	Email	Enter the new account email address.
Register	Password	Enter the new account password.
Register	Sign up	Submit the registration form.
Register	Have an account?	Open Login.

Email and Password are required on both routes. Username is required on Register and does not appear on Login. The form's submit control is disabled while the form is invalid. During submission, the authentication fieldset is disabled.

Home areas and conditions

What you need to do	Area or condition	What appears
read the general article list	Global Feed	The article list uses the global-feed path when no tag or following-feed choice applies.
read articles from followed users	Your Feed	The link appears for authenticated readers.
read articles for a tag	popular tag link	A tag link appears for each returned popular tag.
move through article results	pagination	Page-number buttons appear after articles load and pages exist.

What you need to do	Area or condition	What appears
wait for article results	article loading	Loading articles...
check an empty following feed	following-feed empty state	Your feed is empty. Follow some users to see their articles here, or check out the Global Feed!
check an empty global feed	global-feed empty state	No articles are here... yet.
wait for tags	tag loading	Loading tags...
check an empty tag list	empty-tags state	No tags are here... yet.

Sign in or create an account

Complete the form for the account route you selected before working in the Home feed.

Prerequisites

- Have the authentication form open.
- For Login, have an existing account's email address and password.
- For Register, have a username, email address, and password for the new account.

Steps

1. Choose one path:

If you need to...	Use
sign in with an existing account	Login
create an account	Register

2. Complete and submit the chosen form:

If you chose...	Complete these actions
Login	Enter the account email address in Email . Enter the account password in Password . Select Sign in .
Register	Enter the new account username in Username . Enter the account email address in Email . Enter the account password in Password . Select Sign up .

After a successful submission, Home opens.

Result: Home opens after successful authentication.

Handle first-use branches and errors

Use this procedure when you need to choose an account path, select a feed, or respond to a message on the first-use surfaces.

Prerequisites

- Have the application running.
- Have Login, Register, or Home open.

Steps

1. Choose the account path that matches your need:

If you need to...	Use this path
create an account	Register, where Username appears in addition to Email and Password .
use an existing account	Login, where Email and Password appear.

2. Select the feed that matches your need:

If you need to...	Select
read articles from followed users while authenticated	Your Feed
read the general article list	Global Feed

3. If an authentication error appears, read the error entry in the form's error area.

The **Your Feed** action is available to authenticated readers. If you need to use it, complete

the sign-in procedure first. When the article request has no results, the following feed uses

Your feed is empty. Follow some users to see their articles here, or check out the Global Feed! .

The general article list uses No articles are here... yet. . When the tags request has no results,

the tag area uses No tags are here... yet. .

Result: The selected feed is on screen, or the message that requires your next action is visible.

When first use does not go as expected

Use the message or route that matches what is on screen.

What you see	What it indicates	Next action
Loading articles...	The article request is loading.	Wait for the article list result.
Loading tags...	The tags request is loading.	Wait for the tag list result.
Your feed is empty. Follow some users to see their articles here, or check out the Global Feed!	The following feed has no articles.	Open Global Feed.
No articles are here... yet.	The general article list has no articles.	Use the Home feed or a returned tag link.
No tags are here... yet.	The tags result has no tags.	Continue with the article feed.
An authentication error entry in the error area	The authentication request returned an error entry.	Read the entry in the form's error area and correct the account information before submitting again.
The Your Feed action is unavailable	The following feed requires authentication.	Sign in, then select Your Feed .

For the application-wide message catalogue, see [General error messages](#).

For broader issue routing, see [Common issues and solutions](#).

After you reach Home

After authentication, continue with daily article discovery. Home can list articles from the general feed, the following feed, or a tag, and it can provide pagination.

Next task	Continue with
find articles in the two feed choices	Find articles in Your Feed and Global Feed
browse articles by a tag	Browse articles by tag

Next task	Continue with
understand loading states	Loading and unavailable states
read or work with an article	Read an article
update account settings	Update settings
get help with a problem	Getting help