

Articles overview

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Articles in Conduit

An article is Conduit's social-blogging content: you can find articles in feeds and lists, write or edit them, read their content, favorite them, and add comments. The article journey starts on the home page and continues through the editor, article page, and profile favorites.

If you need to...	Go to
Find an article in a feed, filter by a tag, or move between pages	Find articles
Start a new article or change one you own	Create and edit articles
Read an opened article or manage its author actions	Read and manage an article
Favorite an article or view favorited articles	Favorite articles
Add a comment to an article	Comment on articles

Before you start

Before you work with articles, know which feed branch applies to you and have the article information ready if you are creating or editing one. A signed-in session starts with the feed; when you are signed out, the home page starts with the global article list.

Prerequisites

Have or know...	Why it matters here
Whether you are signed in	It determines whether the home page starts with Your Feed or the global list.
The article title, description, body, and tags you want to use	These values make up the article submitted by the editor.

Have or know...	Why it matters here
The article you want to change	The editor uses the existing article to update it instead of creating a new one.
The displayed sign-in branch	Signed-in readers get the comment form; other readers get links to Sign in and sign up .

The editor uses the article fields and controls described in [Create and edit articles](#). This article surface has no required-field marker and no save confirmation or success message for article creation, editing, favoriting, or commenting.

Find and open articles

An article list is a set of article previews that you scan before opening one. The home page can show a list from **Your Feed**, **Global Feed**, or a selected tag, with pagination when the list contains more than 10 articles.

Prerequisites

- You are on the home page.
- You know whether you want your feed, the global list, or a tag-filtered list.

Steps

1. Choose the list you need using this table.

If you want to...	Select or use
See articles from your feed	Your Feed when it is available
See the global article list	Global Feed
See articles for a selected tag	Select the tag in the tag list
Move through a list with more than 10 articles	Select the page number in pagination

2. Select **Read more...** on the article you want to open.

If the list is still loading, the page displays `Loading...`. If the list has no articles, it displays `No articles are here... yet.` Pagination is not shown when the article count is 10 or less.

Result: The selected article page is open, or the list remains on the selected feed, tag, or page; while the list is loading, the page displays `Loading...`.

Continue to the article surface to decide whether to read, favorite, comment on, or edit the article.

Understand the article surface

The article page is the place to read the article body, see its title, author, date, and tags, then continue to favorites or comments. The available author and comment actions depend on whose article or comment you are viewing.

Area	What you work with
Article content	The article title, body, and tag list.
Article preview	The article title, description, author, date, tags, and favorite count.
Favorite action	The article's favorite state and displayed favorite count.
Article actions	Edit Article and Delete Article for the article owner.
Comments	Existing comment text, author, date, and the comment area.
Comment access	Signed-in readers see the comment form; other readers see Sign in or sign up .
Comment actions	A comment owner selects the delete icon in their own comment row.

The editor collects a title, description, body, and tags for an article. A comment contains text;

an article preview carries its favorite state and favorite count.

When you are ready to author an article, continue to [Create or edit an article](#).

Create or edit an article

An article editor is the form for putting an article's title, description, body, and tags into a submitted article. Use it for a new article or use **Edit Article** on an article you own to open the existing article in the editor.

Enter and publish article content

Prerequisites

- For a new article, you have the title, description, body, and tags ready.
- For an existing article, you have opened **Edit Article** on an article you own.

Steps

1. Enter the article title in **Article Title**.
2. Enter the short description in **What's this article about?**.
3. Enter the article body in **Write your article (in markdown)**.
4. Enter a tag in **Enter tags**.
5. Press Enter to add the tag to the article's tag list.
6. Select **Publish Article**.

The same **Publish Article** control submits a new article when no existing article is loaded

and submits an update when an article slug is loaded.

Result: The editor has submitted the article create or update request.

For work on an opened article, continue to [Read, favorite, and comment](#).

Read, favorite, and comment

An opened article lets you read its body and choose whether to keep it in your favorites. A

signed-in reader can also enter a comment in the comment form.

Change an article's favorite state

Prerequisites

- An article preview is visible in an article list.

Steps

1. Select the article favorite button beside the displayed favorite count.

When the article is already favorited, selecting the button unfavorites it. When it is not favorited, selecting the button favorites it.

Result: The article's favorite action has been toggled.

Add a comment

Prerequisites

- The article page is open.

Steps

1. Choose the path that matches your sign-in state.

If you are...	Do this
Signed in	Enter the comment in Write a comment... , then select Post Comment .
Signed out	Select Sign in or sign up in the prompt <code>to add comments on this article.</code>

The comment is submitted with the article's slug and the text entered in the comment body.

Result: The signed-in path submits the comment for the opened article; the signed-out path opens the selected authentication page.

Use the branch table next when your sign-in state, ownership, or list selection changes what you see.

Handle the available branches

The article surfaces change with your sign-in state, the selected list, and ownership. Use the branch that matches what you see rather than looking for a control from another branch.

What you are trying to do	What appears
Start with your signed-in feed	Your Feed appears.
Start with the global list	Global Feed appears.
Work with a selected tag	The tag-filter tab appears with the selected tag.
Wait for articles to arrive	<code>Loading...</code> appears while the list has no article data.
Work with an empty list	<code>No articles are here... yet.</code> appears.
Edit an article you own	Edit Article appears.
Add a comment while signed in	Write a comment... and Post Comment appear.

What you are trying to do	What appears
Add a comment while signed out	Sign in, sign up , and to add comments on this article. appear.
Remove your own comment	In the comment row, select the delete icon next to your own comment.
Favorite an article	The outlined favorite button is used when the article is not favorited.
Remove an article from favorites	The filled favorite button is used when the article is already favorited.

If a message appears instead of the expected article result, use the troubleshooting table next.

When article work goes wrong

Use the exact message on screen to decide whether the article list is loading, empty, waiting

for access, or showing a form error. For broader error handling, see [General error messages](#).

What you see	What it means	What to do
Loading...	The article list has not arrived yet.	Wait for the list to load.
No articles are here... yet.	The article list is empty.	Choose another feed, tag, or page.
Sign in and sign up	The article page is showing its anonymous comment branch.	Select Sign in or sign up before adding a comment.
to add comments on this article.	The anonymous reader prompt explains why the comment form is not shown.	Sign in or register, then return to the article.
Article Title	The title field is ready for article input.	Enter the article title.
What's this article about?	The description field is ready for article input.	Enter the article description.
Write your article (in markdown)	The body field is ready for article input.	Enter the article body.
Enter tags	The tag field is ready for article input.	Enter a tag and press Enter.

What you see	What it means	What to do
Write a comment...	The comment field is ready for comment input.	Enter the comment text.
The rendered text is each error key followed by its value	The error list is displaying the returned error information.	Read the key and value, then correct the related input.

The article surface supplies no declared validation, confirmation, or success message for the article and comment actions described here.

Know what to do next

Choose the focused procedure that matches the work you want to complete.

Next task	Continue with
Find a list, feed, tag, or page of articles	Find articles
Create or edit article content	Create and edit articles
Read an opened article or use author actions	Read and manage an article
Favorite an article or view favorited articles	Favorite articles
Add or manage comments	Comment on articles
Understand the sign-in branch before commenting	Authentication overview
Continue from an author's article or favorites list	Profiles overview

Result: You have the focused article procedure for the next action.