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What these terms mean

Conduit is a social blogging site. Use it to publish articles, read article lists, comment on articles, favorite articles, and follow other people.

The main terms fit together as follows:

Term	What it means here
Home	The starting area for article feeds, tags, and article lists.
Article	A published post that readers can read and discuss.
Comment	A response added to an article.
Profile	A person's basic information and their article lists.

If you need to...	Go to
Choose an article feed or tag	Use home-feed terms
Find an article and understand its comment area	Read an article and its comments
See another person's articles or follow them	View a profile
Find your way around the application	Navigation basics
Understand the home page areas	Understanding the interface
Sign in	Sign in
Create an account	Sign up
Add or manage a comment	Comment on articles
Understand profiles	Profiles overview
Follow another person	Follow other users

Before you start

The route you open and whether you are signed in determine which area and actions you

see. The home area loads the general article list when you are signed out and the personal feed when you are signed in.

Before you start	Use
You are signed out and want to browse	/
You are signed in and want your personal feed	/
You want to open an article	Open an article from an article list; see Read an article and its comments .
You want to open a profile	Open a profile from a profile link; see View a profile .

Find the area you need

Use the shared header when you want to move to the home area or to a signed-in area. Use

the article and profile directions in Before you start when you already know what you want to open.

Prerequisites

- Know whether you are signed in.

Steps

1. Open / to reach the home area.
2. Choose the destination that matches your task.

If you need to...	Select or open
Return to the home area	Home
Create a new article while signed in	New Post
Change your profile settings while signed in	Settings
Read an article	Open an article from an article list
View a profile	Select a profile link

Result: The selected home, article, profile, article-creation, or settings area is on screen.

Use home-feed terms

The home feed is the area where you choose among article lists, filter by tags, and see the site's introductory message when you are signed out.

Prerequisites

- Open `/`.

Steps

1. Read the available feed choices.

If you need to...	Select
Read articles from your feed while signed in	Your Feed
Read the general article list	Global Feed
Filter the list by a popular tag	The tag value shown in the popular-tags area

2. If the tags are still loading, wait for `Loading Tags...` to finish before choosing a tag.
3. If you are signed out, read `A place to share your knowledge.` in the introductory banner.

Result: The home area shows the article feed or tag list you selected.

Read an article and its comments

An article page contains the article, its author information, and its comments. The actions available to you depend on whether you own the article and whether you are signed in.

Prerequisites

- Open an article.

When you are signed out, the comment area displays `Sign in or sign up to add comments on this article.`

Steps

1. Choose the route that matches your task.

If you need to...	Select
Open the sign-in page	Sign in
Open the sign-up page	sign up

2. If you are signed in, enter your response in `Write a comment...`.
3. Select **Post Comment** to add the response.
4. If you own the article, choose the action that matches your task.

If you need to...	Select
Change the article	Edit Article
Remove the article	Delete Article

5. Select a comment author's profile link when you want to view that person's profile.

Result: The article page shows the article and its comment area; signed-in readers can enter and post a comment, and article owners see their article actions.

View a profile

Use the profile's basic information and article lists to choose the available action.

Prerequisites

- Open a profile.

Steps

1. Choose the profile action that matches whose profile you opened.

If...	Select
The profile is yours	Edit Profile Settings
The profile belongs to another person	Follow or Unfollow followed by that person's username

2. Choose the article list you want to view.

If you need to...	Select
View the profile's article list	My Articles

If you need to...	Select
View the profile's favorited article list	Favorited Articles

Result: The profile area shows the article list you selected and the profile action available for that profile.