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What this FAQ covers

Conduit is a social blogging site for accounts, articles, comments, article lists, favorites, and following.

Choose an answer about a route or task, then open the page named in the table for its detailed procedure.

If you need to...	Go to
Choose a feed, tag, or article list	Understanding the interface
Sign in	Sign in
Create an account	Sign up
Change account details	Manage your settings
Find or create an article	Find articles or Create and edit articles
Read or manage an article	Read and manage an article
Add a comment	Comment on articles
Work with profiles	Profiles overview
Follow another user	Follow other users
View favorite articles	View favorited articles
Understand a general error	General error messages
Resolve a common issue	Common issues and solutions

Before you start

Prerequisites

Have or know	Why it matters
The work you want to do	The application separates authentication, editing, articles, settings, and profiles into different routes.
Whether you are signed in	Home uses a different article source when a token is present, and the header offers different links for signed-in and signed-out sessions.
The article slug when editing an existing article	The editor uses the slug route for an existing article and the route without a slug for a new article.

Find the right route

A route is the address for the page where you perform a particular kind of work. The header provides links for Home, authentication, new articles, and settings.

Steps

1. Choose the work you need to do.

If you need to...	Select or open
Return to the article lists	Home , or <code>/</code>
Enter an existing account	Sign in , or <code>/login</code>
Create an account	Sign up , or <code>/register</code>
Create an article	New Post , or <code>/editor</code>
Change account details	Settings , or <code>/settings</code>
Open an existing article	Read and manage an article
Open a profile	View a profile
Open a profile's favorites	View favorited articles

Result: You have selected the route for the work you want to do.

Sign in or create an account

Authentication lets you enter an existing account or create a new one. The sign-in form

has Email and Password; the sign-up form has Username, Email, and Password.

Prerequisites

Use **Sign in** for an existing account and **Sign up** for a new account.

Steps

1. Choose the account action.

If you need to...	Select
Enter an existing account	Sign in
Create an account	Sign up

2. Enter the requested values in the fields shown on the selected page.

Page	Fields
Sign in	Email, Password
Sign up	Username, Email, Password

3. Select **Sign in** or **Sign up** on the selected page.

Result: The selected account form has been submitted.

Manage account settings

Account settings hold the profile picture URL, username, short biography, email address,
and an optional new password.

Prerequisites

Open `/settings` from **Settings** when the signed-in account is available.

Steps

1. Open `/settings`.
2. Choose one account action.

If you need to...	Do this
Save changed settings	Edit URL of profile picture, Username, Short bio about you, Email, or New Password , then select Update Settings .
Log out without editing settings	Select Or click here to logout .

Result: The selected alternative is complete: the settings update was submitted, or the logout action was selected.

Create, read, and comment on articles

An article is a published piece of writing with a title, description, body, and tags. The article page displays the body as sanitized markdown and includes comments.

Prerequisites

Select **New Post** to create an article. On an article page, select **Edit Article** to edit an existing article.

Steps

1. Select **New Post** to open a new-article form, or select **Edit Article** on an article page to open the existing article in the editor.
2. Enter the article title in **Article Title**.
3. Enter its short description in **What's this article about?**.
4. Write the body in **Write your article (in markdown)**.
5. Enter a tag in **Enter tags** and press Enter to add it to the tag list.
6. Select **Publish Article**.
7. Choose the article action you need.

If you need to...	Select
Return to the editor	Edit Article
Delete your article	Delete Article
Add a comment	Enter text in Write a comment... , then select Post Comment

Result: The editor submission, article action, or comment submission has been selected.

Browse feeds and profiles

Home is the article-list starting point. It can show **Global Feed**, **Your Feed** when a token is present, a tag filter, and **Popular Tags**. Profiles show authored or favorited article lists.

Steps

1. Open .
2. Choose the list or profile action you need.

If you need to...	Select or open
Read the global article list	Global Feed
Read the signed-in feed	Your Feed when it is available
Filter by a tag	A tag in Popular Tags
View authored articles	My Articles
View favorited articles	Favorited Articles
Follow or unfollow another user	Follow or Unfollow
Change your profile settings	Edit Profile Settings

Result: You have selected an article list, profile list, follow action, or settings route.

Understand errors and limits

The error list shows the API-provided key and value.

Steps

1. Read the error text shown in the error list.
2. Compare the displayed text with the action you just selected.
3. For a general error message, open [General error messages](#).
4. For a setup or recurring issue, open [Common issues and solutions](#).

Result: You have the API-provided error text and the page that owns the next remedy.

The error list uses this message format: `key errors[key]` .

Continue with the task

Use the route or action you selected to continue:

Next task	Page
Learn the Home surface	Understanding the interface
Navigate between routes	Navigation basics
Sign in	Sign in
Sign up	Sign up
Manage settings	Manage your settings
Work with articles	Articles overview

Next task	Page
Find articles	Find articles
Create or edit articles	Create and edit articles
Read an article	Read and manage an article
Favorite articles	Favorite articles
Comment on an article	Comment on articles
View or follow profiles	Profiles overview , View a profile , or Follow other users
View favorited articles	View favorited articles
Resolve an error	General error messages or Common issues and solutions