

Navigation basics

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Conduit is a social blogging site. You can open Home, sign in or create an account, manage settings, create or edit articles, read an article, or open a profile from the routes provided by the application.

If you need to...	Go to
Choose an article list or tag	Understanding the interface
Access an existing account	Sign in
Create an account	Sign up
Create or edit an article	Create and edit articles
Find an article	Find articles
Work with profiles	Profiles overview
Resolve a general error	General error messages

Before you start

Prerequisites

Have or know	Why it matters
The page or task you want to open	The application provides separate routes for Home, authentication, the editor, articles, settings, and profiles.
Whether you are signed in	The header shows different links for signed-out and signed-in sessions, and Home chooses different article sources.
The article slug when opening an existing editor	The existing article's editor uses a route with a slug; the route without a slug opens the new-article form.

Find a destination

A destination is the page that matches the work you want to do. Use the header when its link is available, or open the route listed for the page.

Steps

1. Choose one destination from the table.

If you need to...	Use the link or route
Return to the start page	Select Home , or open <code>/</code> .
Enter an existing account	Select Sign in , or open <code>/login</code> .
Create an account	Select Sign up , or open <code>/register</code> .
Start a new article	Select New Post , or open <code>/editor</code> .
Change account settings	Select Settings , or open <code>/settings</code> .
Read one article	Open the article page.
View a profile	Open the profile page.
View a profile's saved favorites	Open the profile page's favorite-articles view.

Result: You have selected the destination.

Recognize Home navigation

Home is the starting page for choosing an article list: it contains feed choices and a Popular Tags area.

Steps

1. Open Home at `/`.
2. Select one Home choice.

If you need to...	Select
Read the global article list	Global Feed
Read articles from accounts you follow, when available	Your Feed
Filter the article list by a tag	A tag in Popular Tags

Result: You have selected the feed or tag choice. If you need account access, continue to the authentication page.

Open an authentication page

An authentication page is where you enter account details for Sign in or Sign up.

Steps

1. Select the page you need.

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

2. In the selected form, enter the requested values.

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

3. Select **Sign in** on the existing-account form or **Sign up** on the new-account form.

Result: You have submitted the selected authentication form.

Open the article editor

The article editor is the page for entering an article title, description, body, and tags before publishing.

Steps

1. Open `/editor` to start a new article.
2. Open the existing article's editor.
3. Enter the article name in **Article Title**.
4. Enter the article description in **What's this article about?**.
5. Enter the article text in **Write your article (in markdown)**.
6. Enter a tag in **Enter tags**.
7. Select **Publish Article**.

Result: You have entered the article values and selected **Publish Article**.

Choose the available navigation branch

The available navigation depends on whether the current session is signed in and whether the route includes the value needed to open an existing article editor.

Steps

1. Check the header for the available session branch.

If the header shows...	Use this branch
Sign in and Sign up	Signed-out links
New Post , Settings , and a profile link	Signed-in links

2. On Home, choose the available article-list branch.

If...	Select
The follow-based list is available	Your Feed.
The follow-based list is not available	Global Feed.
A tag is available in Popular Tags	The tag.

3. Choose an editor destination.

If you need to...	Choose
Start a new article	The new-article editor
Change an existing article	The existing article's editor

Result: You have chosen the route and navigation choice that matches the session and the work you are starting.

If the page does not open

The application displays server-provided error values through an error list on the Sign in and Sign up pages.

Steps

1. Read the values shown in the error list.
2. Correct the value in **Email**, **Password**, or **Username**, as applicable.
3. Select **Sign in** on the existing-account form or **Sign up** on the new-account form.

Result: You have submitted the selected authentication form.

Continue from the destination

After navigation, continue with the page that owns the work you want to complete.

You opened...	Continue with...
Home and need to choose or filter articles	Understanding the interface or Find articles
An existing-account form	Sign in
A new-account form	Sign up
The article editor	Create and edit articles
A profile	Profiles overview
Settings	Personalizing your workspace

Result: You have identified the page for the next task.