

Profiles overview

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Use a profile to connect a person's basic information with the articles they authored, the articles they favorited, and the relationship between your profile and theirs.

What a profile is

A profile is the place to view basic user information and the article lists associated with that person. The authored list contains articles created by the profile owner; the favorited list contains articles that person has favorited.

If you need to...	Go to
Understand the profile and its article lists	Read profile information and articles
Open a person's basic information	View a profile
Follow or stop following another person	Follow other users
View articles a person has favorited	View favorited articles
Choose an authored or favorited article list	Choose authored or favorited articles

Before you start

Before choosing a profile action, identify the profile username and whether the profile belongs to you or to another person.

Prerequisites

Before you begin	What you need
Profile username	The username in the profile address or the author's username or image in an article preview
Profile ownership	Whether the profile is yours or belongs to another person

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Article purpose	Whether you want to inspect authored articles or favorited articles

The profile address uses the username you want to view. Your own profile has **Edit Profile Settings**;
another person's profile can show a control for the relationship between your profiles.

Find a profile

Use the profile address or an article preview to open a person's basic information and related article lists.

Prerequisites

- You have the username for the profile or an article preview for that person.

Steps

- Choose how to open the profile.

If you are starting from...	Use...
A known username	Open the profile address for the username
An article preview	Select the author's username or image in the article preview

Result: The person's profile opens with their basic information and an article list.

Read profile information and articles

A profile screen presents the person's image, username, bio, and the article list you selected. Article lists can contain previews and pagination; while the list is loading, the article area displays `Loading...`. When the list contains no articles, it displays `No articles are here... yet.`

Profile area	What you can read or use
Profile header	The profile image, username, and bio
Authored list	Article previews for the person's created articles
Favorited list	Article previews for the person's favorited articles
Article list navigation	Pagination for the current list

Profile area	What you can read or use
Article preview	The article title, description, author information, date, tags, favorite count, and Read more...

To change the article relationship you are viewing, continue with the profile tabs.

Choose authored or favorited articles

Use the profile tabs when you want to change which article relationship you are viewing.

Prerequisites

- You have opened a profile.
- You know whether you want the person's authored articles or favorited articles.

Steps

1. Select the tab that matches the article list you want.

If you want to...	Select...
View articles created by the profile owner	My Articles
View articles the profile owner has favorited	Favorited Articles

2. Review the article list that opens.

Result: The selected article list is active: **My Articles** in the profile's authored-articles view, or **Favorited Articles** in the profile's favorited-articles view.

To change the relationship with the profile owner, use the relationship control in the profile header.

Follow another user

Following connects your profile with another person's profile. The relationship control appears on another person's profile and changes between **Follow** and **Unfollow**.

Profile situation	Control shown
You do not follow the person	Follow followed by the profile username
You already follow the person	Unfollow followed by the profile username
You opened your own profile	No follow relationship control

Prerequisites

- You have opened another person's profile.
- You can see the relationship control in the profile header.

Steps

1. Select the control that matches the relationship you want to set.

If the profile shows...	Select...
You do not follow the person	Follow
You already follow the person	Unfollow

2. Check the profile information.

Result: The profile reflects the relationship action you selected.

If the article list is loading or empty, use the messages in the next section to identify its state.

When profile content is loading or empty

The article area uses short messages to distinguish a list that is still loading from a list that has no articles.

Message	Meaning
Loading...	The article list has not arrived yet.
No articles are here... yet.	The current article list contains no articles.

After choosing the article list, use the next section to open an article or move to a related profile view.

Continue from a profile

After you identify the profile and choose an article list, continue with the related task that matches what you want to do next.

Prerequisites

- You have opened a profile.
- You have selected an article list.

Steps

1. Choose the next destination.

If you want to...	Select or use...
Open an article	Read more... in the article preview
Return to the profile owner's authored articles	My Articles
Open the profile owner's favorited articles	Favorited Articles
Read profile details	View a profile
Change the following relationship	Follow other users
Read the favorites list	View favorited articles

Result: You are on the article, profile, following, or favorited-article view that matches your next task.