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Conduit uses **Feed**, **Article**, **Profile**, and **Settings** to name the places where you find content, read or write it, view an author, and change profile information. The same terms identify links, lists, fields, and actions across the application.

If you need to...	Go to
Choose between Your Feed and Global Feed	Find terms in feeds, articles, and profiles
Read or comment on an article	Read an article
Enter article information	Use the editor and settings terms and Create an article
View an author or their article lists	View a profile
Change profile information	Update your settings
Interpret a loading, empty, or error message	Recognize messages and know what comes next and General error messages

Before you start

The terms you see depend on whether you are signed in, whose profile you are viewing, and which profile route you open.

Prerequisites

- Know whether you are signed in before looking for **Your Feed**, comment controls, or profile actions.
- To see **Your Feed**, be signed in. **Global Feed** is available without that condition.

- To see **Edit Profile Settings**, open your own profile. Another person's profile offers **Follow** or **Unfollow** according to the following state.
- To see **Favorited Articles**, open the profile's favorites route. The other profile route uses **My Articles**.

The Editor and Settings fields appear without a required marker.

Find terms in feeds, articles, and profiles

Use Home to choose a feed, an Article page to work with its author actions and comments, and a

Profile page to choose an author's article list.

Prerequisites

- Be signed in when you need **Your Feed**, comments, or a profile action that requires authentication.
- Know whether you want the global list, the following list, an article, or an author's profile.

Steps

1. Choose the feed that matches what you need:

If you need to...	Select
Read articles from the people you follow	Your Feed
Read the global article list	Global Feed

2. On an Article page, use the available article action for the task you need:

If you need to...	Select
Change an article you can modify	Edit Article
Remove an article you can modify	Delete Article
Change whether you follow the author	Follow or Unfollow
Change whether the article is in your favorites	Favorite Article or Unfavorite Article
Add a comment while signed in	Post Comment

3. Choose the profile list that matches what you need:

If you need to...	Select
Read the author's articles	My Articles
Read the profile's favorited articles	Favorited Articles

Result: The selected feed, article action, comment action, or profile article list is on screen.

Use the editor and settings terms

Use the Editor to enter an article's title, description, body, and tags.

Prerequisites

- Open the Editor when you are creating or changing an article.
- Open Settings when you are changing your profile information.

Steps

1. In the Editor, enter the article information in the fields below.

Information you need to enter	Field term
Article name	Article Title
Short description	What's this article about?
Article body	Write your article (in markdown)
Article tags	Enter tags

2. Select **Publish Article** to publish a new article or finish an edit.

3. In Settings, enter profile information in the fields below.

Information you need to change	Field term
Profile picture address	URL of profile picture
Profile name	Your username
Profile biography	Short bio about you
Account email	Email
Account password	Password

4. Select **Update Settings** to save the profile fields.

5. Select **Or click here to logout.** to log out and return to Home.

Result: The Editor takes you to the article after publishing or editing. Settings takes you to the profile after a successful update, or Home after logout.

Recognize messages and know what comes next

These messages tell you whether an article list is loading, empty, or ready, whether a profile is loading or unavailable, and whether comments require sign-in.

What you see	What it means	Next action
Your feed is empty. Go to the Global Feed to discover articles.	The following feed has no articles.	Select Go to the Global Feed.
Loading articles...	The article list is loading.	Wait for the list to finish loading.
No articles are here... yet.	The current article list has no articles.	Choose another feed, profile list, or tag.
Read more...	An article preview offers a link to the full article.	Select Read more....
Loading profile...	The profile information is loading.	Wait for the profile to load.
This profile could not be loaded. Please try again later.	The profile information is unavailable right now.	Try opening the profile again later.
Sign in or sign up to add comments on this article.	The comment editor is not available until you sign in or register.	Select Sign in or sign up.

After a successful article publish or edit, the Article page opens. After a successful settings update, the Profile page opens. Logging out returns you to Home.

Result: You can match the message on screen to the next available action.