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Your workspace has three related surfaces: **Your Settings** is where you maintain your account details, Profile is where you view a person's information and articles, and **Favorited Articles** is the profile view for articles that person has favorited.

If you need to...	Go to
Change your account details	Update your settings
View a person's profile and articles	View your profile and favorited articles or View a profile
View favorited articles	View your profile and favorited articles or View favorited articles
Follow or unfollow another person	Follow an author

Result: You can choose the surface that matches the account or article task you want to complete.

Before you start

Prerequisites

- Sign in before opening **Your Settings**; the surface requires authentication.
- Have the values ready for the fields in the following table.

Field	What to have ready
URL of profile picture	The picture URL you want to use
Your username	The username you want displayed
Short bio about you	The short description you want displayed
Email	The email address for the account
Password	A new password only when you want to change it

Result: You have signed in and have the account values needed for the Settings fields.

Find your settings and profile

1. Open the surface that matches your task.

If you need to...	Open or select...
Change account details	Your Settings
View a person's profile	The profile for that username
View that person's favorited articles	Favorited Articles

Result: You are on the Settings surface, a profile, or that profile's **Favorited Articles** view.

Understand the surfaces

The Settings surface contains five account fields, an update action, and a logout action. A profile contains the person's picture, username, biography, article tabs, and a profile action whose label depends on whose profile you opened.

Surface	What you can use
Settings	URL of profile picture, Your username, Short bio about you, Email, Password, and Update Settings
Profile	Edit Profile Settings for your own profile
Profile	The follow or unfollow action for another profile
Article lists	My Articles and Favorited Articles
Settings	Or click here to logout.

When a profile is loading, it displays `Loading profile...`. When loading ends in an error, it displays `This profile could not be loaded. Please try again later.`

When you select **Favorited Articles**, the article list uses that username as its favorites filter. On the profile's article view, the article list uses that username as its author filter.

Result: You can identify the fields, tabs, messages, and profile action available on the surface you opened.

Update your settings

Change the account details shown on your profile from **Your Settings**.

Prerequisites

- You are signed in.
- You know which account values you want to change.

Steps

1. Open **Your Settings**.
2. Review or change the fields in the form.

If you need to change...	Enter the value in...
Your profile picture	URL of profile picture
Your displayed name	Your username
Your biography	Short bio about you
Your account email	Email
Your password	Password

3. Select **Update Settings**.
4. Review the profile page.

Result: A successful update clears the current validation list and opens the profile for the username you submitted. If the service returns validation errors, the Settings surface displays the returned field and message values in a validation list.

View your profile and favorited articles

Use the profile to view a person's identity details and article lists. **My Articles** lists articles associated with the profile's username; **Favorited Articles** lists articles that username has favorited.

Prerequisites

- You have a profile username to open.

Steps

1. Open the profile for the username you want to view.

2. Check the profile username and biography to confirm that you opened the intended profile.
3. Select the tab that matches what you want to view.

If you want to view...	Select...
Articles associated with the profile	My Articles
Articles favorited by the profile	Favorited Articles

Result: The selected tab is active, and the article list shows the corresponding author or favorites view. The list is configured for five articles per page.

Handle profile branches and errors

The profile surface chooses what you can do from the profile state and whose profile you opened.

What you encounter	What appears
The profile request is still in progress	Loading profile...
The profile request ends unsuccessfully	This profile could not be loaded. Please try again later.
The profile belongs to you	Edit Profile Settings
The profile belongs to someone else and you follow that person	The unfollow action
The profile belongs to someone else and you do not follow that person	The follow action
You open the favorites route	The article list is filtered by the profile username's favorites
You open the profile route	The article list is filtered by the profile username as author

Selecting the follow or unfollow action updates the profile when the operation succeeds. If either operation fails, the profile remains unchanged.

Result: You can distinguish the profile state and choose the available profile action without treating an unavailable branch as another control.

When it goes wrong

Use the message on screen to identify the branch you are in, then take the matching action.

What you see	What it means	What to do
Loading profile...	The profile content has not loaded yet.	Wait for the profile request to finish.
This profile could not be loaded. Please try again later.	The profile could not be loaded.	Try opening the profile again later.
A validation list after selecting Update Settings	The service returned account-validation errors.	Read the listed field and message, correct the corresponding value, and select Update Settings again.

Result: You know which profile message or validation response to act on.

Know what to do next

After a successful Settings update, the profile for the submitted username opens. From there, use **My Articles** for that profile's articles or **Favorited Articles** for its favorited articles.

For detailed follow-on tasks, continue to [Update your settings](#), [View a profile](#), [Follow an author](#), or [View favorited articles](#).