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Conduit is “A place to share your knowledge.” Use this page to decide whether you need to sign in with an existing account or create a new one.

What conduit is for

Conduit is a place to share your knowledge. When you arrive signed out, the home page presents this purpose and the **Global Feed** as the starting point for browsing.

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Before you start

For sign in, have the account email address and password. For sign up, have the username, email address, and password for the new account.

Prerequisites

Account path	Have ready
Existing account	The account email address and password
New account	The username, email address, and password for the new account

The sign-in and registration screens do not show a required marker, so prepare the information for the path you choose before you begin.

[!NOTE]

The account path determines which fields you complete.

Reach the sign-in or registration screen

Use the sign-in screen for an existing account and the registration screen for a new account.

The sign-in screen has **Need an account?**. The registration screen has **Have an account?**.

Steps

1. Select **Need an account?** on the sign-in screen or **Have an account?** on the registration screen.

If you are on...	Select
The sign-in screen	Need an account?
The registration screen	Have an account?

Result: The screen for your account path is open.

Understand the authentication screens

The sign-in screen collects an email address and password. The registration screen collects a username, email address, and password.

Screen	Field	Type	Required marker
Sign in	Email	Text	None shown
Sign in	Password	Text	None shown

Screen	Field	Type	Required marker
Sign up	Username	Text	None shown
Sign up	Email	Text	None shown
Sign up	Password	Text	None shown

The sign-in form ends with **Sign in**. The registration form ends with **Sign up**.

Sign in or create an account

Use the form that matches your account situation.

Prerequisites

- Have the information listed in [Before you start](#).
- Have the matching authentication screen open.

Steps

1. Complete the row that matches your account situation.

Account situation	Enter	Then select
Existing account	Email and Password	Sign in
New account	Username , Email , and Password	Sign up

Result: Conduit processes the selected account action and follows the applicable destination.

Choose the account path that applies

When deciding which action applies, use the account situation that matches you.

The sign-in screen does not ask for a username or password confirmation. The registration screen does not ask for password confirmation. After either action, Conduit returns you to the page you requested within Conduit. If you did not request a page, it opens the home page.

Steps

1. Select the account path that matches your situation.

If you...	Select	Complete
Already have an account	Sign in	Email and Password
Need an account	Sign up	Username, Email, and Password

Result: The account path that matches your situation is selected.

When authentication goes wrong

Authentication errors appear in the message list above the form fields. The message lists the

error key followed by the first value returned for that key. The API supplies the returned error

values, so use the text shown in the message list when deciding what to correct.

Know what happens next

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request a page, it opens the home page.

Continue with [Your first day](#) for the next getting-started task. For a broader catalogue of messages, see [General error messages](#).