

# Posting, reading, basic functions.

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!!! warning Depending on your instance some of the options might not be available or have different defaults

After registering and logging in you're presented with your timeline in right column and new post form with timeline list and notifications in the left column.

Posts will contain the text you are posting, but some content will be modified:

1. Mentions: Mentions have the form of @user or @user@instance.tld. These will become links to the user's profile. In addition, the mentioned user will always get a notification about the post they have been mentioned in, so only mention users that you want to receive this message.
2. URLs: URLs like `http://example.com` will be automatically be turned into a clickable links.
3. Hashtags: Hashtags like #cofe will also be turned into links.
4. There is a default character limit of 5000 characters.

Let's clear up some basic stuff. When you post something it's called a **post** or it could be called a **status** or even a **toot** or a **prööt** depending on whom you ask. Post has body/content but it also has some other stuff in it - from attachments, visibility scope, subject line...

**Emoji** are small images embedded in text, there are two major types of emoji: [unicode emoji](#) and custom emoji. While unicode emoji are universal and standardized, they can appear differently depending on where you are using them or may not appear at all on older systems. Custom emoji are a more *fun* kind - instance administrator can define many images as *custom emoji* for their users. This works very simple - custom emoji is defined by its *shortcode* and an image, so that any shortcode enclosed in colons get replaced with image if such shortcode exist. Let's say there's a `:akkoma:` emoji defined on an instance. That means

“ First time using :akkoma: akkoma!

will become



- Changing scopes during a thread or adding people to a direct message will not retroactively make them see the whole conversation. If you add someone to a direct message conversation, they will not see the post that happened before they were mentioned.
- **Reply-to** if you are replying to someone, your post will also contain a note that your post is referring to the post you're replying to. Person you're replying to will receive a notification *even* if you remove them from mentioned people. You won't receive notifications when replying to your own posts, but it's useful to reply to your own posts to provide people some context if it's a follow-up to a previous post. There's a small "Reply to ..." label under post author's name which you can hover on to see what post it's referring to.

Sometimes you may encounter posts that seem different than what they are supposed to. For example, you might see a direct message without any mentions in the text. This can happen because internally, the Fediverse has a different addressing mechanism similar to email, with `to` and `cc` fields. While these are not directly accessible in Akkoma-FE, other software in the Fediverse might generate those posts. Do not worry in these cases, these are normal and not a bug.

## Rich text

By default new posts you make are plaintext, meaning you can't make text **bold** or add custom links or make lists or anything like that. However if your instance allows it you can use Markdown or BBCode or HTML to spice up your text, however there are certain limitations to what HTML tags and what features of Markdown you can use.

Here is a small example of some text in markdown.

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This is an example of markdown text using bold and cursive text.
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To get a newline we add two spaces at the end of the previous line.
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Let's also add a list
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* with  
* some  
* items
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If you set the input-method to Markdown, and post this, it will look something like

[example\\_markdown](#) unknown

# Misskey markdown

Akkoma-FE includes support for writing and rendering misskey markdown (MFM). To write this you will need to select "MFM" from the content type dropdown (if supported), and then you can format text [in MFM](#).

To render MFM, you will need to turn on "Render Misskey Markdown" in the settings modal.

## Other actions

In addition to posting you can also *favorite* posts also known as *liking* them and *repeat* posts (also known as *retweeting*, *boosting* and even *repröoting*). Favoriting a post increments a counter on it, notifies the post author of your affection towards that post and also adds that post to your "favorited" posts list (in your own profile, "Favorites" tab). Repröoting a post does all that and also repeats this post to your followers and your profile page with a note "*user repeated post*".

Your own posts can be deleted, but this will only reliably delete the post from your own instance. Other instances will receive a deletion notice, but there's no way to force them to actually delete a post. In addition, not all instances that contain the message might even receive the deletion notice, because they might be offline or not known to have the post because they received it through a repeat. Lastly, deletion notice might not reach certain frontends and clients - post will be visible for them until page refresh or cache clear, they probably won't be able to interact with it apart from replying to it (which will have reply-to mark missing).

If you are a moderator, you can also delete posts by other people. If those people are on your instance, it will delete the post and send out the deletion notice to other servers. If they are not on your instance, it will just remove the post from your local instance.

There's also an option to report a user's post which can be used to notify your (and optionally the other instance's) admin that someone is being naughty.

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