Setting up your profile

To access your settings, you'll need to go to the address bar of your web browser and enter:

node.domain/settings

Examples: (please feel free to add more nodes here for convenience)

- https://beam.phosphor.buzz/settings

The GoToSocial project's docs have much more detail about settings, so you should read those too. *This* document's goal is to highlight the most important parts to get you going.

The first time you go to /settings, GoToSocial will ask you to log in.

'Profile' settings

After you've logged in, you'll be able to configure your profile - this is where you can set your avatar and header image, bio, display name, and more.

Under the **Visibility and privacy** section, you can set the visibility level of your posts. **This affects which of your posts will be visible on your public profile to users that aren't logged in and aren't following you from another node.** The default is only show Public posts on your profile, so Unlisted posts will be hidden.

'Posts' settings

Two important settings here are:

- Default post privacy: This configures what privacy level new posts you write will have.
- Default post (and bio) format: If you want to use markdown in posts, change this to markdown.

'Interaction Policies' are also configurable here, they give you fine-grained control over who can interact with your posts, and in what way. If you set any interaction policies that require approvals, the 'Interaction Requests' page is where you can approve interactions. For more information see the GoToSocial docs.

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