

## Join-In for Communicator 5

# Accessible TikTok









## **Getting Started**

- <u>Requirements</u> to get the most out of *Accessible TikTok* you need to be logged in, although it is possible to use the site in a limited way without logging in.
- You can log in to TikTok with several different types of online accounts. Accessible TikTok currently supports logging in with *Facebook* and *Google* accounts.
- After selecting Accessible TikTok from your Communicator 5 Home Page, you can access the login controls via the Login and Info button on the start page, or by going to Menu => Options => Login.
- Click *Log In With Facebook* or *Log In With Google* to continue. Use the buttons on the next pages to select an account or enter a username/email, enter a password, and confirm your details.
- When your login succeeds the browser will redirect to the *For You* feed, which is TikTok's home page. Click *Log In Successful – Continue to TikTok* to redirect the pageset.

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If you have recently logged in to TikTok with your *Facebook* or *Google* account, the TikTok site will remember you and accept your details automatically. If this happens when you click *Log In With Facebook* or *Log In With Google*, all you need to do next is click *Log In Successful – Continue to TikTok*.





## Feed Page

- There are two feed pages in TikTok that look very similar *For You* and *Following*. You can navigate to either of these pages from the *Menu*, but when you first open the app it is the *For You* feed that you will arrive at automatically.
- **Menu** takes you to the main menu for Accessible TikTok and allows you to navigate to other parts of the site.
- Post Up / Post Down there is always one post that is 'in focus' on the feed page. The video that is highlighted by a pink border will play until you navigate up or down to a different post using these buttons.
- Select 'opens' the post that is currently in focus to show a larger version of it. More options for interacting with the post become available once it is opened, including Play / Pause, Volume Controls, Follow Account and Browse Comments.
- *Like* like the post (only available when logged in). Posts you have liked are stored on the *Liked* part of your profile page and are easy to access again.
- Creator go to the account page of the user who posted this video.
- *Music* go to a page showing other posts that use the same music / sound file.
- *Hashtags* view all hashtags in this post and select one to visit page showing other posts using the same hashtag.
- *Mute / Unmute* mutes or unmutes the whole TikTok site.
- Scroll to Top takes you back to the first post on the feed.

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#### Menu

- **Back** returns you to the feed or explorer page you were previously viewing.
- **For You** a scrollable feed of recent posts suggested for you by TikTok.
- *Following* a scrollable feed of recent posts made by accounts you follow.
- **Top Accounts** (when available) opens a popup list of the accounts you watch most frequently. Select one to visit using your accessibility settings.
- **Suggested Accounts** (when available) opens a popup list of accounts suggested by TikTok. Select one to visit using your accessibility settings.
- **My Profile** go to the page for your own account. Access videos you have previously liked, and upload your own videos saved on your device.
- **Notifications** see when you are followed or tagged, and view comments and likes on any videos you have uploaded.
- More Options takes you to a page where you can Search Users or Search Hashtags to find people and content you are interested in.
- Utilities Recover or reopen TikTok, Block Touch or Allow Touch access, close windows you do not need, close popup messages, zoom in or zoom out...
- Options change the computer volume, toggle text enlargement and set text size, turn on auto-read for comments, change the TikTok site language, login and logout of TikTok, access <u>Join-In Settings</u> app.
- *Exit* (Communicator Home Page) exit Accessible TikTok.





## **Explorer Pages**

- The TikTok website contains many 'explorer' pages that look a bit like the Account
  page shown in this picture. An explorer page on TikTok consists of many rows of
  selectable video posts that can be opened and scrolled through. The buttons you
  see on these pages will depend on what part of the site you are visiting and the
  accessibility settings you are using.
- As well as someone else's *Account* page, your own *Profile* page, *Hashtag* pages and *Music* pages are all types of explorer page on TikTok and they all work the same way.
- Top Row will always contain a link to the Menu and a Scroll to Top button to get back to the top of the page after you have scrolled down.
- Middle Rows contain all the buttons you need to be able to navigate between the posts on the page and select one to open up in the Video Player. The buttons you see depend on the <u>Selection Method</u> applied in the <u>Join-In Settings</u> app. Consult training cards for full guidance on working with accessibility settings.
- **Bottom Row** this row contains additional features or options if any are available. Examples include; upload a video, follow an account, play music, etc.





## Video Player

- *Exit* returns you to the feed or explorer page that you opened the post from.
- Mute mutes or unmutes the TikTok site.
- **Volume Controls** takes you to volume controls for your device. There is currently no way to only change the volume of the videos on the desktop version of TikTok.
- **Toggle Full Screen** hides the comments panel. Genuine full screen is not available on TikTok as the posts are almost all portrait rather than landscape.
- Like like this post. Liked posts are saved to a private part of your **Profile** page.
- Add Comment write a new comment on this post.
- Browse Comments browse, like, reply to, read aloud and <u>Translate</u> comments, or visit the account page of the user who posted the comment.
- Previous Video / Next Video scroll through all posts on this Feed or Explorer page without leaving the Video Player.
- More Options takes you to a page with buttons for Creator, Hashtags, Music and Follow Account. These buttons do the same as the ones on the Feed page. You can also read aloud or translate the post's Caption.





### **Upload Video**

- The desktop version of TikTok does not support creating new videos, but it does allow you to upload videos that you already have saved on your device. They must be in MP4 or WebM format and no longer than 60 seconds.
- **Select Video** opens a file dialogue box for you to find your video file.
- *Remove Video* if you have already selected a video, this button will remove it.
- **Post Settings** takes you to a page where you can adjust privacy and interaction settings for your video post.
- *Write Caption* opens the Communicator 5 keyboard to write the post caption.
- Adjust View takes you to a limited utilities page with zoom and scroll controls.
- Confirm Video Upload simulates clicking the 'Post' button, which is only available when it turns pink.
- *Play/Pause, Mute, Toggle Full Screen* controls for viewing the video you have selected before you confirm the upload.





#### **Follow Accounts**

- If you are logged in to TikTok as a new user, your *Following* feed will not be available until you have actually followed some accounts. If you try to visit the *Following* feed before you follow anyone, you will be directed to a page with a collection of accounts you might want to follow.
- You can select one or several accounts to follow from this page if you want to, using the same method you would use to select a post on an explorer page with your accessibility settings.
- The *Follow Account* button works in the same way as the *Select* button on an explorer page.
- **Touch** users working with **Automatic Direct Selection** will not see the **Follow Account** button. Select the accounts you want to follow by touching them directly.