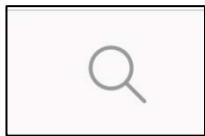# Official Mastodon App – How To Find Your Way Around

[Note: There is no user manual for this App – this is just what Satori and Ceno have noticed over time, and they will have missed a few things☺]

The Official Mastodon App was quickly developed and put out during the Twitter takeover by Elon Musk, and updates improving things will likely come in future months. There are also other Apps!

What Do the Buttons Do?

HOME: Shows you TOOTS/POSTS, BOOSTED TOOTS/REBLOGS (retweets), and REPLIES by people/floofs you follow. Seeing too much stuff? You can curate your feed by unfollowing people, muting or blocking posts you don't want to see.

MAGNIFYING GLASS: Gives you a search box where you can find people/posts/hashtags etc.

Magnifying Glass includes the following headings:

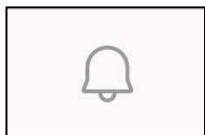|	
Posts:	Toots/Posts that are gaining traction, being liked etc. (Still new)
Hashtags:	Hashtags that are being amplified (Still new)
News:	News stories that are being shared (Still new)
Community:	Original, public Toots/Posts from local users on the server (does not include reblogging/boosted (retweeting) posts or replies)
For You:	Posts in the Fediverse that may align with your interests.

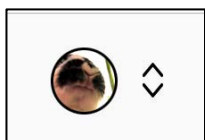**WRITING/TOOT:** When the urge strikes, toot! (Post/Tweet)

BELL: Notifications

Bell /Notifications include the following headings:

All (Android)/Everything (iOS):	All and any notifications from people you follow (anyone who tags you or replies to you).
Mentions (Android/iOS):	Any post your handle is mentioned in, both on and off the local server.

PROFILE PICTURE: Gets you to your main profile with Posts, Posts and Replies, Media and About

Posts, Posts and Replies, and **Media:** Same as Twitter.

About: Gives you information about yourself (Joined date, any other info. you add)

⚠️ **FEDERATED is a word you'll see on the Web version (smartphone/personal computer) and other apps – it is all the public posts from everyone that is followed by at least one person on your server.**

HELP! If you are lost or can't find something on the App, use the Mastodon Web Browser for a better interface! On a Web Browser (Desktop/Laptop computer or smartphone) type the address Mastodon.thirring.org and sign in.