Getting Started

Signing in, passkeys, app passwords and finding your way around PsiKoTicK.

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Welcome to PsiKoTicK

PsiKoTicK is our private collection of apps for friends and family: audiobooks, comics, e-books, retro games, file sharing and more. **One account signs you in to all of them.**

Your start page

After you sign in you land on your start page: **home.psikotick.com**. It shows a tile for every app you can use. Click a tile to open the app; you're signed in automatically.

Under **Account & Help** you'll find **My Account** (your password, passkeys, two-step sign-in and app passwords) and **Help** (this site).

App	Address	What it's for
Audiobooks	listen.psikotick.com	Listen on the web or in the phone app
Comics	komics.psikotick.com	Comics and manga in your browser
E-Books	calibre.psikotick.com	Read, download, send to your e-reader
Retro Arcade	retro.psikotick.com	Classic games in your browser
Files	sftp.psikotick.com	Your own file space plus a shared folder
File Drop	drop.psikotick.com	Quick file sharing with anyone
Status	status.psikotick.com	Is something down? Check here
Help	help.psikotick.com	This site

Which tiles you see depends on what your account has been given. If an app you expect is missing, ask Mike.

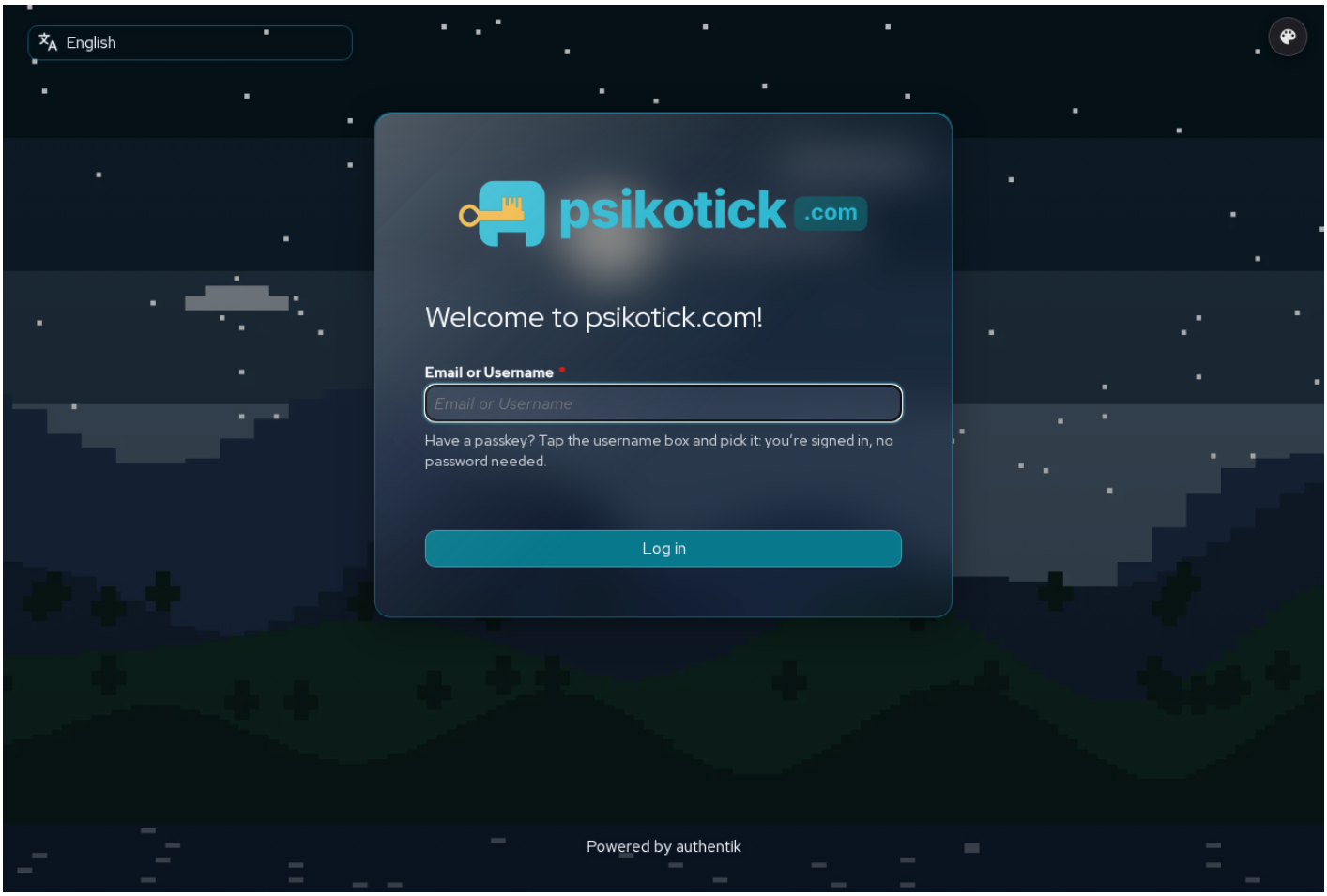
Next steps

- Signing in
- Passkeys and two-step sign-in (recommended)

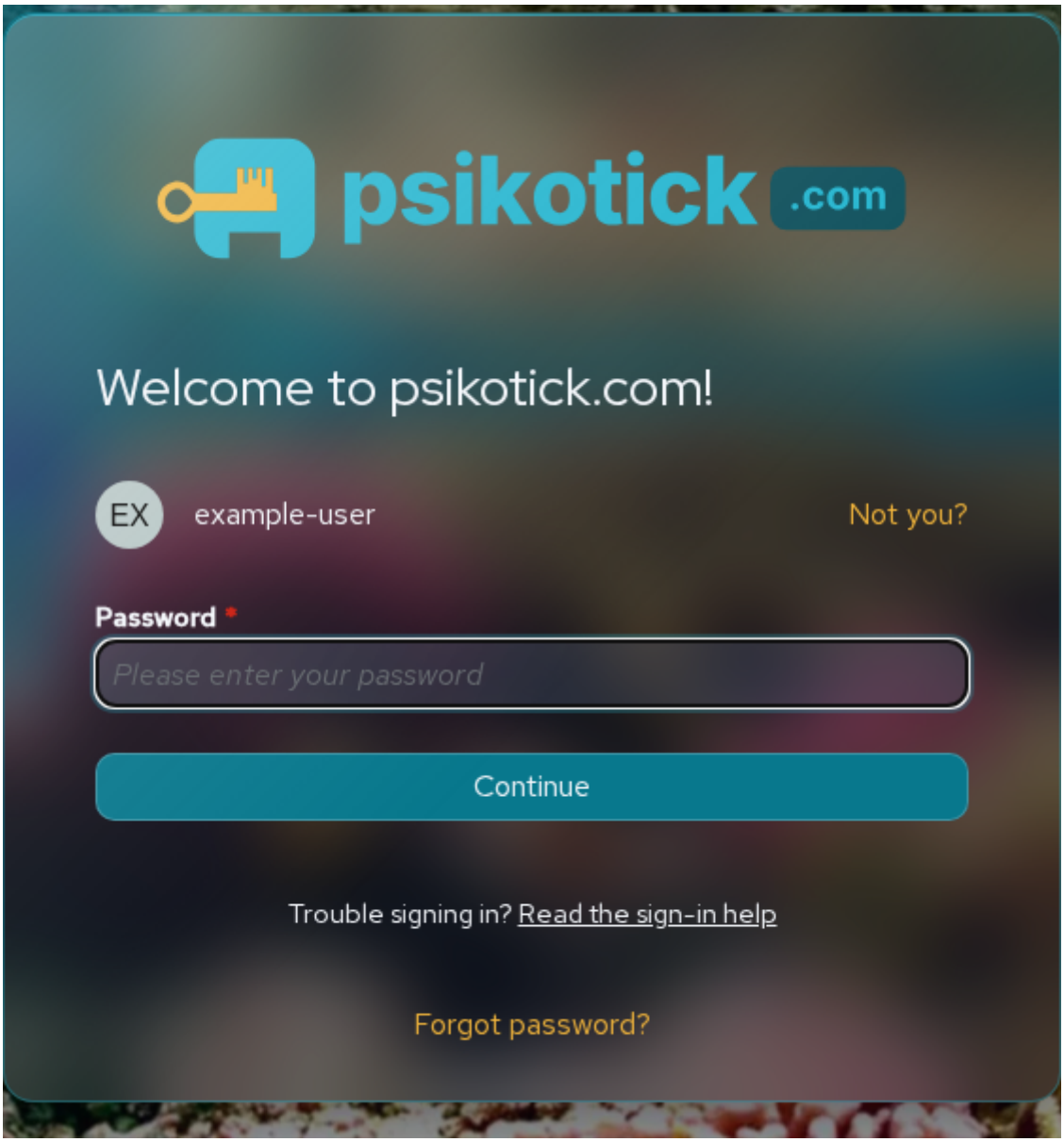
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Signing in

Every PsiKoTicK app uses the same sign-in page. When you open an app and you're not signed in yet, you'll see this:



1. Type your **username or email** and click **Log in**.
2. Enter your **password** on the next step.
3. If you've set up two-step sign-in, confirm with your phone or security key.



You go straight back to the app you opened. After that, the other apps sign you in automatically: no second password.

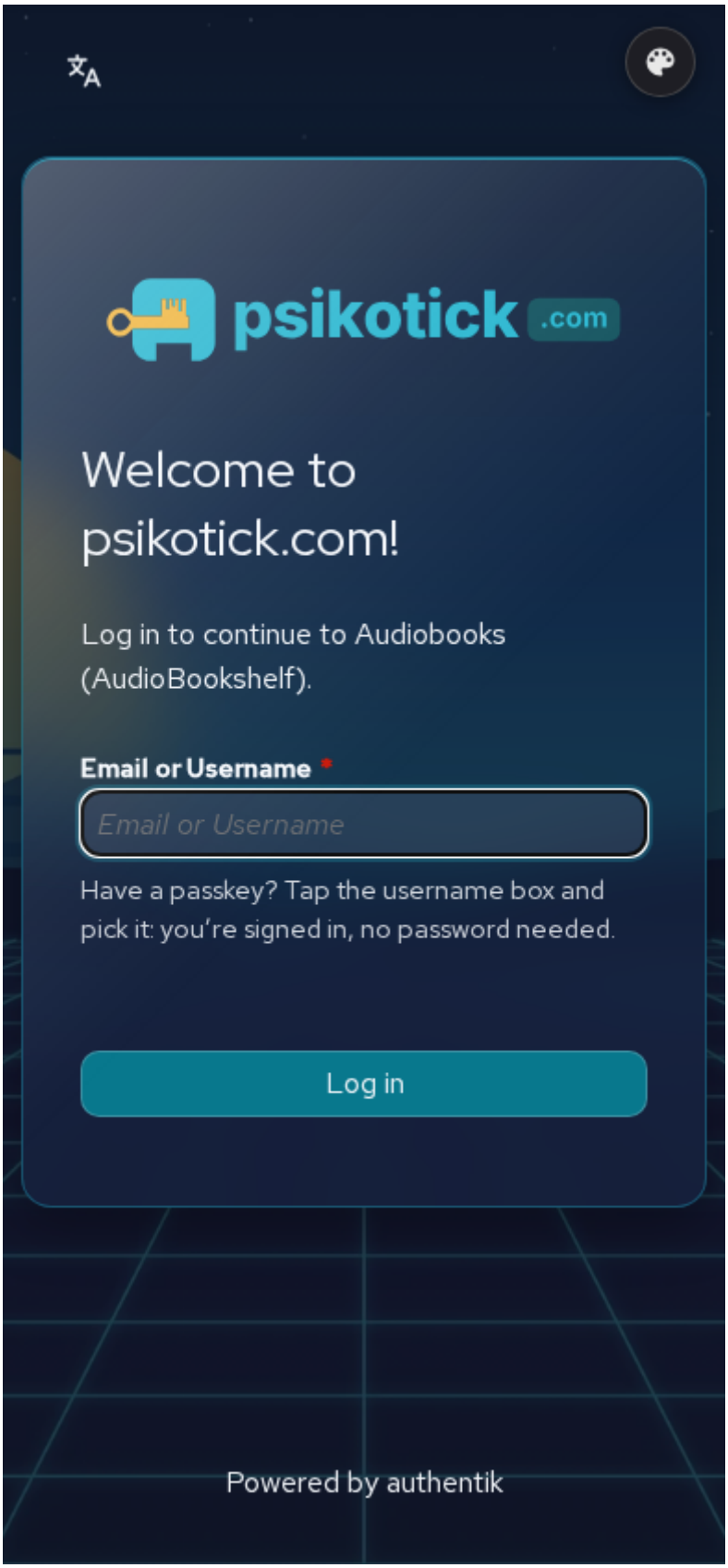
Have a passkey? Tap the username box and pick your passkey from the list your phone, computer or password manager shows. You're signed in, no password needed. See Passkeys and two-step sign-in.

How long you stay signed in

You stay signed in for about a month on each device and browser. Signing out of one app signs you out of all of them.

On your phone

The same page works on a phone:



Can't get in?

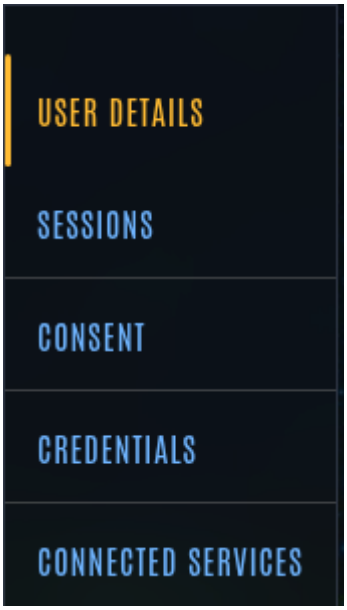
- **Forgot your password?** Type your username, then on the password step click **Forgot password?**. You get an email from **auth@psikotick.com** with a link to set a new password; the link works for 24 hours. Check your spam folder if it doesn't arrive within a few minutes.
- **New here and never set a password?** Use **Forgot password?** the same way, or ask Mike to send you a link.
- **No email arriving, or you don't remember your username?** Ask Mike.
- **Sign-in page won't load at all?** Check status.psikotick.com and see When Something Is Down.

Passkeys and two-step sign-in

Two-step sign-in (also called MFA) protects your account even if someone learns your password. A **passkey** goes further: it replaces the password with your phone, computer or password manager.

Where to set it up

Open your account settings: click the **My Account** tile on your start page (under **Account & Help**), or go to **your account settings**. The menu on the left looks like this:



Click **Credentials**. The **MFA Devices** section lists what you have; click **Enroll** to add one.

Options

- **Passkey / security key (WebAuthn):** your phone, computer (Windows Hello, Touch ID) or a hardware key. Best choice. Once added, you can sign in by tapping the username box and picking the passkey.

- **Authenticator app (TOTP):** Google Authenticator, Microsoft Authenticator, 1Password, Bitwarden and similar. Scan the QR code, then type the 6-digit code to confirm.
- **Recovery codes:** a short list of one-time codes. Print them or keep them in your password manager in case you lose your phone.

Lost your phone?

Use a recovery code if you saved some. Otherwise ask Mike to reset your two-step sign-in.

App passwords (Kobo, reading apps, file transfer)

Some apps can't open the psikotick.com sign-in page: Kobo e-readers, e-book reading apps (OPDS) and file transfer programs (SFTP). They use an **app password** instead of your normal password.

An app password is a separate password you create for one device or program. If that device is lost, delete just that app password; your main password stays safe.

Create one

1. Open your account settings: the **My Account** tile on your start page, or **your account settings**, then click **Credentials**.
2. Under **Tokens and App passwords**, click **New App Password**.
3. Give it a name you'll recognize (for example "Kobo" or "Laptop SFTP"), save it, and **copy the password right away**. It is only shown once.
4. In the other app, sign in with your **psikotick.com username** and that app password.

Where you use it

- **E-book reading apps (OPDS):** see E-Books.
- **File transfer (SFTP):** see Files and File Drop.
- **Kobo e-readers:** ask Mike; Kobo sync needs a one-time setup on his side.

Picking your colors (My Theme)

Every PsiKoTicK app can follow **your** colors.

- Click the **palette button** on any app (usually in the top bar) to pick a theme, an effect and how see-through panels are.
- Or open **My Theme** from that menu to choose once for all apps. Each app follows My Theme unless you pick something different for that app.

Themes and effects

- **Themes** set the colors: dark ones, light ones, our own **PsiKoTicK** teal and amber, and **Custom Themes**, where you can pick your own colors.
- **Effects** change the look on top of a theme: **Glass** (frosted panels over a new photo each visit), Aurora, Iridescent, Neumorphism, Pixel Art and more.
- **Transparency** sets how see-through tiles and panels are.

LCARS (Star Trek style)

The **LCARS** folder has six Star Trek computer-style themes. Picking one of them **also switches your effect to LCARS** (LCARS Glass); you can change it to **LCARS Solid** for the flat look. LCARS effects only work with dark themes.

Your choice is saved to your account, so it follows you to other devices.