

# Most Requested NotebookLM Features

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The sources you provided highlight a strong user desire for features that improve organization, customize the audio experience, and expand functionality:

## Organization

- **Folders for Notebooks and Notes:** The most common organizational request is for a folder system to manage notebooks and notes, similar to traditional file management systems. Users want to group related notebooks and categorize notes within a notebook to improve navigation and access. Some suggest options to analyze folder contents for insights and summaries.
- **Source Organization and Filtering:** Many users want ways to organize and filter sources within a notebook. This includes features like:
  - **Source Categorization:** Grouping sources by category or using tags to select specific sets for analysis or audio generation.
  - **Source Prioritization:** Assigning weights or rankings to sources to influence how NotebookLM interprets and synthesizes information.
  - **Source Filtering:** Selecting specific sources or page ranges for analysis, similar to how users can currently select notes to guide responses.
- **Enhanced Note Management:** Users request features to improve note organization and interaction:
  - **Note Categorization and Tagging:** Adding tags or categories to notes for easier filtering and retrieval.
  - **Note Titling and Renaming:** Enabling custom titles for notes and the ability to rename them.
  - **Note Expansion and Full-Screen View:** Allowing notes to be expanded for easier reading and editing.
  - **Question Preservation:** Saving the original question alongside the answer when a note is created.

## Audio Experience Customization

- **Multilingual Audio:** A highly requested feature is support for audio generation in languages other than English. Users express frustration with the current English-only limitation, emphasizing the need for wider language accessibility.
- **Audio Length and Depth Control:** Users frequently request the ability to customize the length and depth of audio overviews. They want options to create shorter summaries or longer, more detailed explanations, tailoring the output to their specific needs.
- **Podcast Style and Tone Customization:** Many users desire greater control over the style and tone of the generated audio. This includes features like:
  - **Voice Selection:** Choosing from a wider range of voices with different personalities and accents.
  - **Tone Adjustment:** Specifying the desired tone of the audio, such as formal, informal, enthusiastic, or serious.

- **Prompt-Based Direction:** Providing specific prompts or instructions to guide the conversation and focus on specific topics or themes.
- **Audio Output Management:** Users request features to manage and interact with generated audio:
  - **Saving and Pinning Audio:** The ability to save or pin audio overviews to a notebook for later access.
  - **Transcript Generation and Editing:** Automatic transcript generation with the option to edit transcripts and regenerate audio.
  - **Audio Embedding:** Enabling embedding of audio overviews into websites or other platforms.
  - **Audio Segmentation:** Chaptering or time-stamping audio overviews for easier navigation.

## Expanded Functionality

- **Integration with Other Services:** Many users wish for greater integration with other Google services and external platforms.
  - **Google Integrations:** Connecting with Google Keep, Books, Scholar, and Gmail for seamless importing and analysis.
  - **External Integrations:** Connecting with reference management software like Zotero and note-taking apps like Obsidian.
  - **API Access:** Providing an API for developers to integrate NotebookLM with other applications and automate workflows.
- **Enhanced Input and Output Options:**
  - **Bulk File Uploads:** Allowing users to upload multiple files simultaneously to expedite notebook creation.
  - **Alternative File Formats:** Supporting file types beyond PDFs, such as .docx, .epub, and .html.
  - **Image Handling:** Enabling direct image uploads and analysis, including handwriting recognition.
  - **Improved Math Support:** Addressing issues with mathematical equation rendering and ensuring accurate display.
  - **Export Options:** Providing options to export notebooks, notes, and transcripts in various formats.
- **Interface Improvements and Accessibility:** Users request various enhancements to the user interface and accessibility features. This includes:
  - **Chat History Preservation:** Ensuring chat history persists across sessions.
  - **Input Box Enhancement:** Allowing paragraph breaks and dynamic resizing for longer prompts.
  - **Improved Search:** Implementing full-text search within and across notebooks.
  - **Adjustable Sidebar:** Allowing users to resize the sidebar for better source visibility.

These are just some of the most frequent feature requests found in the sources. Addressing these requests would greatly enhance NotebookLM's usability, expand its capabilities, and make it a more versatile tool for a wider range of applications.