Bulk export iCloud notes from Apple
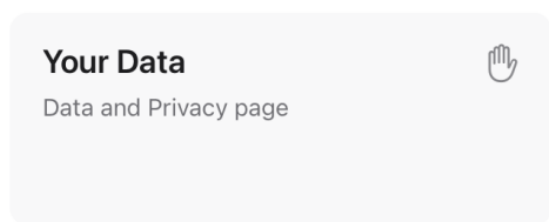
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How to Export iCloud Note

Go to appleid.apple.com and logged in with your Apple ID.

Click **Privacy** on the lefthand sidebar.

Scroll down to **Your Data** & click **Manage your data**. This opens a new window where you'll be prompted to sign in again.

Manage your data

ⓑ Obtain a copy of your data

Download a copy of your data from Apple apps and services, which may include purchase or app usage history and data you store with Apple.

Request a copy of your data ›

↗ Transfer a copy of your data

You can transfer a copy of your data to another participating service. This option is currently available for your iCloud photos and videos.

Request to transfer a copy of your data ›

⊘ Correct your data

If you believe that any of your personal information stored by Apple is incorrect, we can help you update it.

Learn how to correct your data ›

Temporarily deactivate your account

Pause activity on your account and restrict access to your data. You will not be able to access your account or any Apple apps or services while your account is inactive.

Request to deactivate your account ›

The **Manage your data** page lets you to see all the data that apple has collected about you (spoiler: They know *everything.* But you already knew that.)

Under **Obtain a copy of your data**, click the link to **Request a copy of your data**.

Back	Select all

🔒	**Apple ID account and device information**	☐
🅰️	**Apple Media Services information** Includes App Store, iTunes Store, Apple Books, Apple Music, Apple Podcasts and Game Center activity	☐
🛍️	**Apple Online Store and Retail Store activity**	Show more ☐
🍎	**AppleCare support history, repair requests and more**	Show more ☐
💬	**Feedback Assistant activity**	☐
🧭	**iCloud Bookmarks and Reading List**	☐
12	**iCloud Calendars and Reminders**	☐
👥	**iCloud Contacts**	☐
📒	**iCloud Notes**	☑️
🗺️	**Maps**	☐
🍎	**Marketing communications, downloads and other activity**	☐
💳	**Wallet activity**	☐
⚬⚬⚬	**Other data**	☐

Select **iCloud notes** from the list of options then scroll down & click **Continue.**

I figured downloading everything would take unnecessarily long for this purpose, but I'm definitely going back to download everything later.

Data and privacy

Choose a maximum file size

Choose a maximum file size that is most convenient for you to download.
We will divide your data into files of this size or smaller.

file size
1 GB

Please review your selections:

1 app or service
Downloadable in files of 1 GB or less.

Back   Complete request

Choose a max file size that's convenient for you to download. (They're small .txt files, so the default 1G should be more than enough, unless you have included a lot images or files within your notes.)

Click **complete Request** & wait for Apple to email you with a link to download your files.

Be warned that this can take up to seven days "to verify that the request was made by you, in order to ensure the security of your data."

I didn't read that disclaimer when I did this, so I was surprised when it took **two whole days** to receive my files. I guess in reality, I'm luck it didn't take seven! Consider yourself doubly warned.

Download your data

1 app or service
38.34 MB downloadable in one file

Date requested: 30/07/2022, 00:47
Available until: 16/08/2022, 04:12

Delete this copy ⊖

iCloud Notes   38.34 MB ⊕

The data arrived as simple .txt files that were organized into the folders that I had created in Apple Notes.

The file names matched the titles I gave them originally, but were amended to also include the date of creation.

Any images or external files that were originally embedded in my notes were extracted and placed in a separate file call attachment.

All of my Recently Deleted notes were included as well, which I hadn't expected but am happy about.