How I use org-capture and stuff

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What is org-capture?

- Record content from anywhere
- Configurable templates
- Store in org-mode files

Learn more about org-capture in the manual

How I use org-capture

Coding	To make note of interesting code snippets
Reading	To record quotes or excerpts
Standup	Used to be part of a distributed team
Journaling	Record thoughts and feelings

Two important things

```
;; C-c c is for capture, it's good enough for me
(define-key global-map "\C-cc" 'org-capture)
;; force UTF-8
(setq org-export-coding-system 'utf-8)
```

Basic org-capture template

```
;; configure org-capture templates
(setq org-capture-templates
  '(("t"                    ; hotkey
     "Todo list item" ; name
     entry                  ; type
     ; heading type and title
     (file+headline org-default-notes-file "Tasks")
     "* TODO %?\n  %i\n  %a") ; template
...)) ; snip
```

Template stored in file

```
("j" "Journal entry"
 entry (file+datetree "~/org/journal.org")
 (file "~/.emacs.d/org-templates/journal.orgcaptmpl"))
```

Journal template

```
**** %U %^{Title}
     %?
```

Yields ↓

```
**** [2015-01-31 Sat 19:54] This is only a test
     This is naught but a test journal entry for
     the purposes of illustration.
```

Capture template placeholders I use most
(There are more than this)

Placeholder	Meaning
%U	Inactive timestamp
%^{Name}	Prompt for something
%a	Annotation (`org-store-link`)
%i	Active region
%?	Cursor ends up here

Select-from-list prompts

`%^{Tidbit type|quote|zinger|one-liner|textlet}`

Tidbit capture

```
("b" "Tidbit: quote, zinger, one-liner or textlet"
 entry
 (file+headline org-default-notes-file "Tidbits")
 (file "~/.emacs.d/org-templates/tidbit.orgcaptmpl"))
```

Tidbit capture template

```
* %^{Name} captured %U
  %^{Tidbit type|quote|zinger|one-liner|textlet}
  Possible Inspiration: %a  %i
  %?
```

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