

Obsidian (software)

Obsidian is a personal knowledge base and note-taking software application that operates on Markdown files. [2][3] It allows users to make internal links for notes and then to visualize the connections as a graph. [4][5] It is designed to help users organize and structure their thoughts and knowledge in a flexible, non-linear way. The software is free for personal use, with commercial licenses available for pay. [2][6]

History

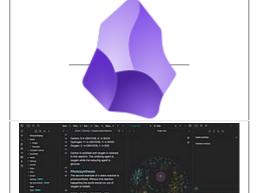
Obsidian was founded by Shida Li and Erica Xu while quarantining during the <u>COVID-19 pandemic</u>. Li and Xu, who had met while studying at the <u>University of Waterloo</u>, had already collaborated on several development projects. Obsidian was initially released on 30 March 2020. Version 1.0.0 was released in October 2022. Version 1.1, which added the Canvas core plugin, released in December 2022. [12]

Features

Obsidian is built on <u>Electron</u>. It is a cross-platform application that runs on <u>Windows</u>, <u>Linux</u>, and <u>macOS</u>, as well as mobile operating systems such as <u>Android</u> and <u>iOS</u>. There is no webbased version of the software. Obsidian on all platforms can be customized by adding <u>plugins</u> and <u>themes</u>, which enable users to extend the software's functionality with additional features or integration with other tools. Obsidian differentiates between core plugins, which are released and maintained by the Obsidian team, and community plugins, which are open-sourced through <u>GitHub</u> and are contributed by users. Examples of community plugins include a <u>Kanban</u>-style task board and a calendar widget. There are over 200 community made themes to use with the app.

Obsidian operates on a folder of text documents; each new note in Obsidian generates a new text document, and all the documents can be searched from within the app. [6][3] Obsidian allows internal linking between notes and creates an interactive graph that visualizes the relationships between notes. [6][8][3] Text formatting in Obsidian is achieved through Markdown, but Obsidian provides the instantaneous previewing of formatted text. [6]

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Obsidian open with a chemistry note, graph view, and calendar

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Initial release	March 30, 2020
Stable release	1.5.12 / March 31, 2024
Written in	Electron, JavaScript, HTML, CSS
Platform	Windows, macOS, Android, Linux, iOS
Туре	Personal knowledge base personal information manager
License	Freemium
Website	obsidian.md (h ttp://obsidian.m d)

See also

- Comparison of note-taking software Comparison of computer software designed for taking notes
- Comparison of wiki software Software to run a collaborative wiki compared
- Personal wiki Wiki for a single user
 - List of wiki software § Personal wiki software

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External links

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- Official Obsidian forum (https://forum.obsidian.md/)

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