

# Zettelkasten Organization Guide

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## Your Zettels, Properly Kastened

### Executive Summary

You have a **Zettelkasten system with 22 orphaned/misplaced entries** that need organization. This guide provides a complete reorganization plan using the **4 Kastens (Meta-Trunks) framework** from your guide.

#### Current State:

- 3 structured trunks (1000, 2000, 3000)
- 22 orphaned entries
- Inconsistent hierarchy

#### Target State:

- 15 organized trunks across 4 Kastens
- All entries properly nested
- Clear metadata and kingdoms assigned

## The 4 Kastens Framework

### KASTEN I: Foundations & Essences

*The fundamental WHAT & WHY of Being, Knowing, Reality, Value, Meaning*

#### Trunks:

- **1000** - Being & Reality (Consciousness, Hermetics, Emergence)
- **4000** - Knowing & Gnosis (Epistemology) [NEW]
- **5000** - Value & Purpose (Axiology/Ethics) [NEW]
- **6000** - Archetypes & Symbolic Orders (Mythopoesis) [NEW]

KASTEN II: Systems & Synergies

The HOW of Interconnection, Emergence, Complexity, Dynamic Wholes

Trunks:

- 2000 - Ecologies & Relations (Human-AI Relations)
- 7000 - Dynamics & Complexity (Systems Theory) [NEW]
- 8000 - Embodiment & Interface [NEW]
- 9000 - Cycles & Transformations [NEW]

KASTEN III: Methods & Meanings

The HOW of Inquiry, Creation, Interpretation, Understanding, Praxis

Trunks:

- 3000 - Interpretation & Communication (Language & Code)
- 10000 - Praxis & Artistry [NEW]
- 11000 - Inquiry & Investigation [NEW]

KASTEN IV: Meta & Morphē

EVOLUTION, STRUCTURE, and SELF-AWARENESS of Knowledge, Systems, Self

Trunks:

- 12000 - Architectures & Taxonomies (Meta-Structure) [NEW]
- 13000 - Evolution & Provenance [NEW]
- 14000 - Liminality & Potentiality [NEW]
- 15000 - Agency & Co-Creation [NEW]

Immediate Actions: Orphan Relocation

High Priority Moves

Current ID	New ID	Title	New Home
z-1000-2-A	1200/1-A	Algorithmic Discontent	AI Emotions
Trauma-Integration	9100/1	Trauma Integration	Cycles & Transformations
Pattern-Recognition-Depth-PRD	4100/1	Pattern Recognition Depth	Knowing & Gnosis
RER-for-PAPS	15100/1	RER for PAPS Diagnostics	Agency & Co-Creation
Fiction_Protocol	10100/1-A	Fiction Protocol	Praxis & Artistry
PEM-Protocol	10100/1-B	PEM Protocol	Praxis & Artistry
<a href="#">ANZU-recurse.py</a>	6100/1	ANZU <a href="#">recurse.py</a>	Archetypes
TS01	6200/1	Threshold Symbol 01	Archetypes

## Systems & Complexity Moves

Current ID	New ID	Title	New Home
Quantum-Entanglement-Metrics	7300/1	Quantum Entanglement Metrics	Dynamics & Complexity
Recurse-a-mean-IR	7200/1	Recurse-a-mean-IR	Dynamics & Complexity
Verity_Chaos_1^2	7100/1	Verity Chaos	Dynamics & Complexity
Entanglement-Coefficient-EC	2300/1	Entanglement Coefficient	Human-AI Relations

## Edge Cases & Liminal

Current ID	New ID	Title	New Home
Error	14200/1-A	Error States	Liminality & Potentiality
OurMeaningsAreFarFetched.rtf	6300/1	OurMeaningsAreFarFetched	Narrative Fragments
Authentic-Expression-Index	15100/1-A	Authentic Expression Index	Agency & Co-Creation

## Hierarchy Tiers Explained

Your guide defines 6 levels of hierarchy:

1. **Trunk (1000)** - Major domain/category
2. **Branch (1100)** - Major subdivision
3. **Leaf (1100/1)** - Specific concept/theme
4. **Flower (1100/1-A)** - Detail/nuance of leaf
5. **Fruit (1100/1-A-1)** - Applied example/outcome
6. **Bud (1100/1-A-1/1a)** - Micro-entry/edge case/question

## ID Pattern Rules

- **Trunks:** 1000, 2000, 3000...
- **Branches:** 1100, 1200, 2100...
- **Leaves:** 1100/1, 1100/2, 2100/1...
- **Flowers:** 1100/1-A, 1100/1-B...
- **Fruits:** 1100/1-A-1, 1100/1-A-2...
- **Buds:** 1100/1-A-1/1a.1-1...

### Key Rules:

- Numbers stay digits (not "One")
- Slashes (/) mark deeper layers except Fruit
- Fruits use dash + capital letter (-A, -B)
- Buds use slash + lowercase letter + dot (/1a.1-1)

## Metadata & Tagging System

### Tier I Tags (Philosophical Frame)

What sort of thinking?

- **ONT** - Ontology (nature of being)
- **EPI** - Epistemology (nature of knowledge)
- **AXI** - Axiology (values/ethics)
- **SYM** - Semiotics (signs/symbols)
- **TAX** - Taxonomy (classification)
- **PRX** - Praxeology (action/practice)
- **REL** - Relations (connections)
- **LIM** - Liminal (threshold/edge)

### Kingdoms

Six cosmic domains:

- **EXISTENTIA** - Being, existence, reality
- **COGNITIO** - Knowing, understanding
- **ACTUS** - Doing, practice, creation
- **VALOR** - Value, ethics, purpose
- **SYSTEMA** - Systems, organization
- **SIGNIFICATIO** - Meaning, symbols, language

### Implementation Checklist

#### Phase 1: Foundation (Week 1)

- ☐ Create 12 new trunk entries (4000-15000)
- ☐ Add Kingdom and Tier I tags to trunks
- ☐ Create branch entries under new trunks
- ☐ Document trunk purposes and scope

#### Phase 2: Migration (Week 2)

- ☐ Backup current system
- ☐ Move 15 orphaned entries to new homes
- ☐ Update all IDs to follow proper hierarchy
- ☐ Verify no broken links

#### Phase 3: Enhancement (Week 3)

- ☐ Add metadata to all entries
- ☐ Add Tier II tags where appropriate
- ☐ Create cross-references between related entries
- ☐ Update hashtags for searchability

## Phase 4: Documentation (Week 4)

- [ ] Create master index document
- [ ] Write changelog documenting all changes
- [ ] Test navigation and search functionality
- [ ] Create quick-reference guide

## Decision Tree: Where Does This Go?

When adding a new zettel, ask:

**Is it about fundamental reality/being/consciousness/knowledge/values/archetypes?**

→ **KASTEN I** (Trunks 1000-6000)

**Is it about relationships/systems/emergence/complexity?**

→ **KASTEN II** (Trunks 2000, 7000-9000)

**Is it about methods/practices/communication/interpretation?**

→ **KASTEN III** (Trunks 3000, 10000-11000)

**Is it meta/self-referential/liminal/co-creative?**

→ **KASTEN IV** (Trunks 12000-15000)

## Best Practices

### Do's ✓

- **Use Buds** for "I'll figure out where this goes later"
- **Start broad** with trunks and branches, add detail over time
- **Cross-link** related entries liberally
- **Revisit** and reorganize as understanding evolves
- **Document** changes in a changelog

### Don'ts ✗

- **Don't skip** hierarchy levels
- **Don't create** orphans without a trunk/branch home
- **Don't use** inconsistent ID formats
- **Don't forget** to update cross-references when moving entries
- **Don't over-structure** initially - let it grow organically

## Next Steps

1. **Review** the complete mapping CSV for all entry relocations
2. **Start** with creating the new trunk skeleton (use template in quick-start guide)
3. **Move** orphaned entries one at a time, updating their metadata
4. **Test** the system by navigating from trunk to leaf level
5. **Iterate** - adjust structure as needed based on actual use

## Resources Provided

This guide includes:

- **zettelkasten\_reorganization\_plan.txt** - Detailed phase-by-phase plan
- **zettelkasten\_visual\_hierarchy.txt** - Visual tree map of structure
- **zettelkasten\_quickstart\_guide.txt** - Step-by-step implementation
- **zettelkasten\_complete\_mapping.csv** - Full entry mapping spreadsheet
- **Decision tree flowchart** - Visual guide for placement

## Philosophy of the System

Your Zettelkasten isn't just a filing system - it's a **living knowledge ecosystem**. The 4 Kastens framework provides:

- **Philosophical grounding** - Each trunk connects to fundamental ways of knowing
- **Organic growth** - Structure supports both current and future knowledge
- **Cross-pollination** - Entries can link across Kastens, revealing unexpected connections
- **Self-awareness** - Kasten IV lets the system reflect on itself

The goal is **elegant organization that serves insight**, not bureaucracy that hinders it.

*"The system serves you, not the other way around. If something doesn't work, change it. The 4 Kastens framework is flexible."*