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Obsidian-Zettelkasten-Starter-Kit

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Obsidian

Obsidian is a note-taking and knowledge management app from Shida Li and Erica Xu. It works on top of a local folder of plain text Markdown files and lets you turn a collection of plain text files into a rich network of linked thought.

More about: <https://obsidian.md>

Zettelkasten

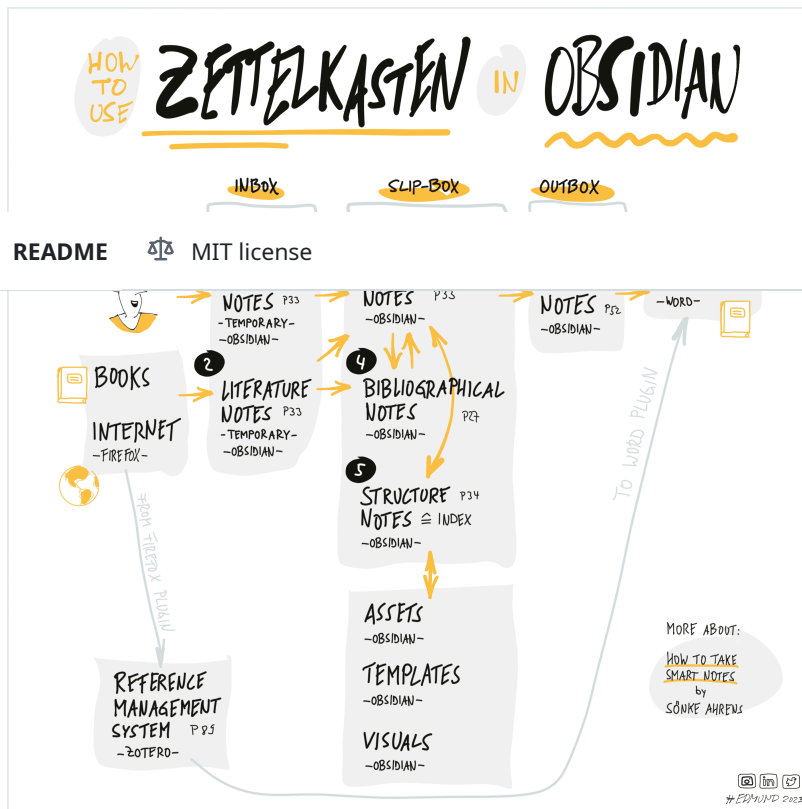
Zettelkasten is a personal tool for thinking and writing created by Niklas Luhmann. It has hypertextual features to make a web of thought possible. The difference to other systems is that you create a web of thoughts instead of notes of arbitrary size and form, and emphasize connection, not a collection.

More about: <https://www.soenkeahrens.de/en/takesmartnotes>

Usage

- Download the zip and unzip
- Select the unzipped folder as a vault in Obsidian
- Install Obsidian community plugins: [Banners](#), [Charts](#) and [DataView](#).
- Read book from [Sönke Ahrens](#)
- Explore Starter Kit
- Learn to use [Obsidian-Templates for Zettelkasten](#)
- Enjoy!

Workflow

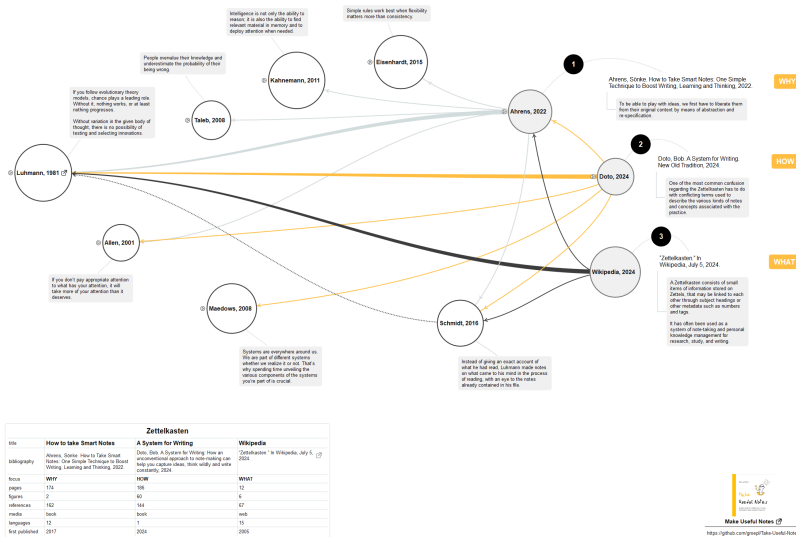


Page numbers reference to book [How to Take Smart Notes](#). from Sönke Ahrens.

Literature Map

Zettelkasten - A Literature Map

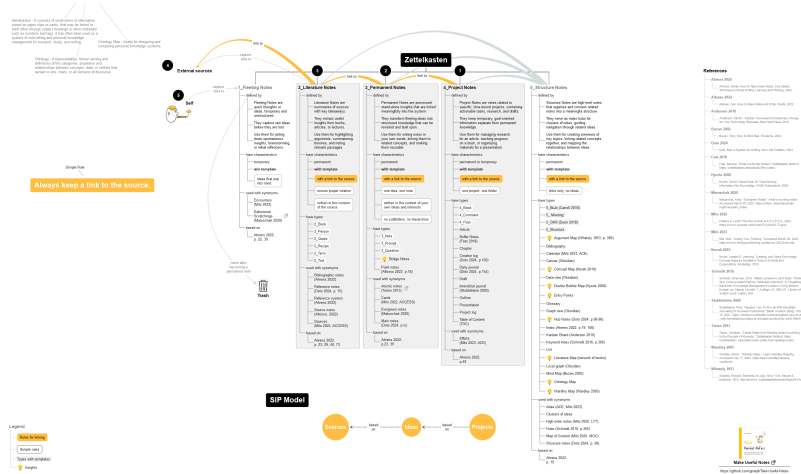
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Zettelkasten Ontology

Zettelkasten - Ontology Map

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More about: <https://forum.obsidian.md/t/limit-folders-how-do-you-use-zettelkasten-in-obsidian/35008/32>

Zettelkasten Definition

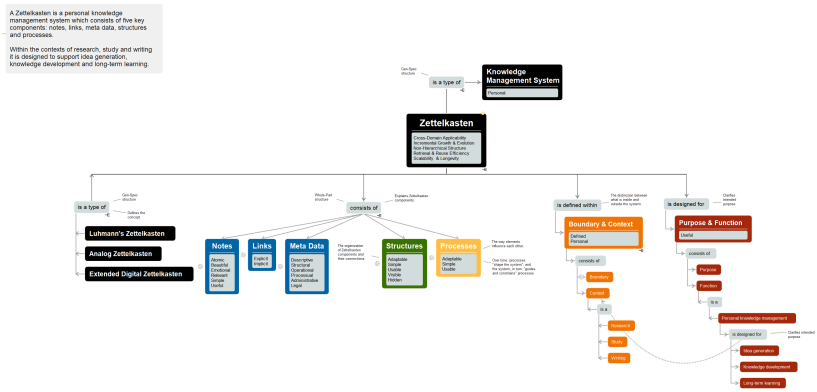
A Zettelkasten can be defined as a personal knowledge management system consisting of five key components: notes, links, meta data, structures and processes. In the context of research, study and writing, a Zettelkasten is designed to support idea generation, knowledge development and long-term learning. The best way to understand the underlying concepts of Zettelkasten is to look at a typical example (a prototype or starter kit).

But Zettelkasten is not one thing with fixed boundaries. It's a family of approaches that resemble each other through purpose, structure, and function. You don't need all the traits—you need enough to belong.

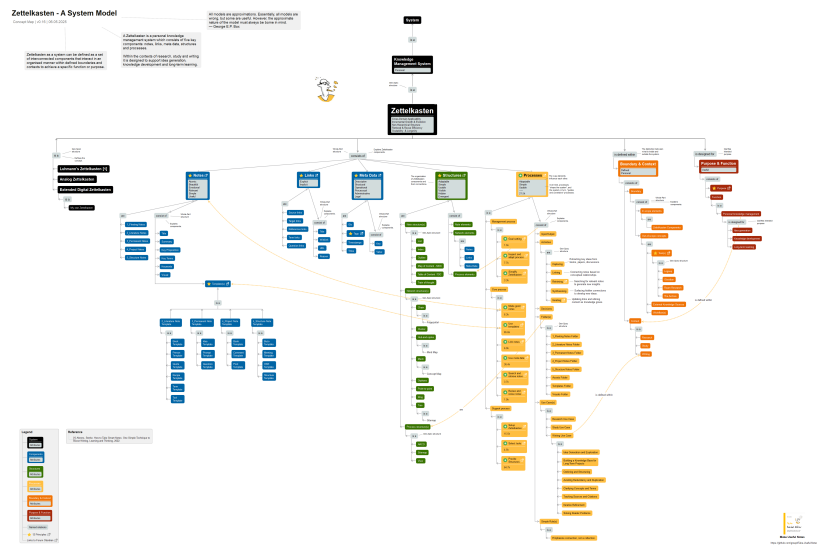
Zettelkasten Models

Why use a few simple words to define the term Zettelkasten, when it can be explained just as well with a dozen sophisticated models.

Zettelkasten Systems Model



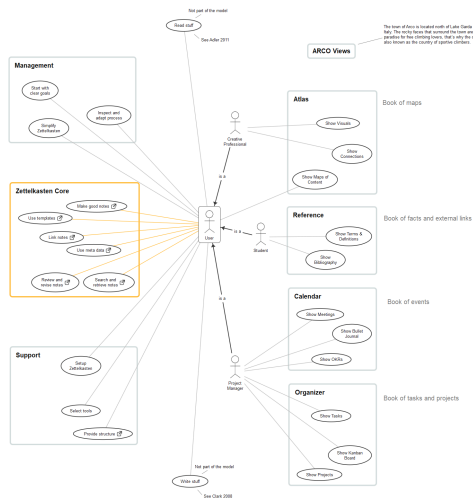
Zettelkasten Detailed Systems Model



Zettelkasten Use Case Model

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A use case is a description of how users will perform tasks on a system.



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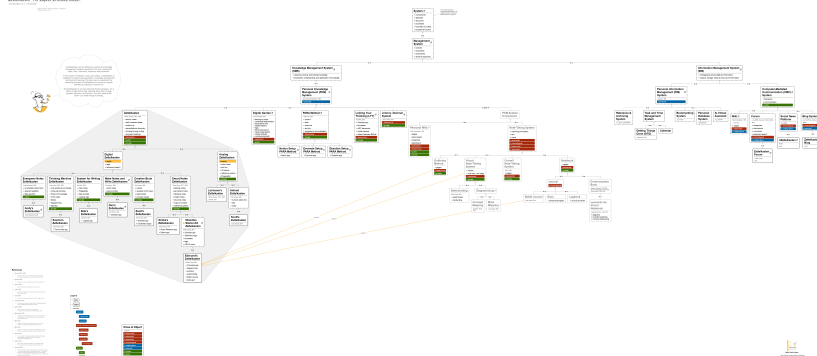
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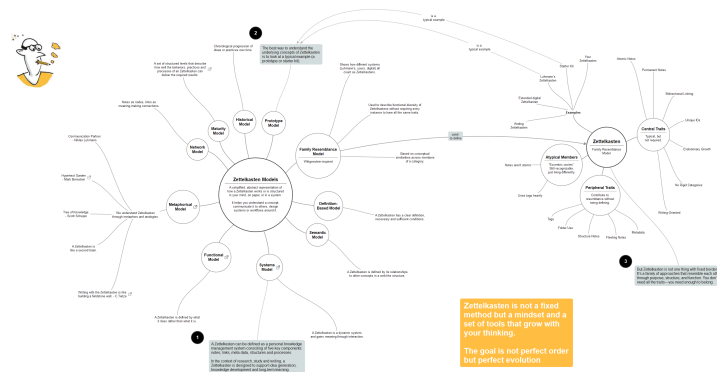
Zeilberger - An Object-Oriented Model



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Zettelkasten - A Family Resemblance Model

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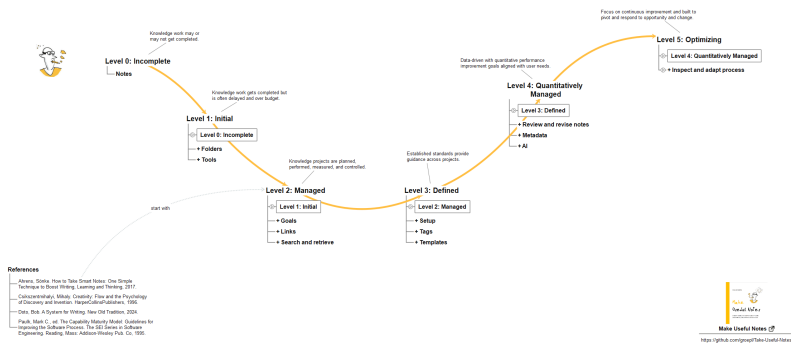
Zettelkasten is not a fixed method but a mindset and a set of tools that grow with your thinking.

The goal is not perfect order but perfect evolution



Zettelkasten Maturity Model

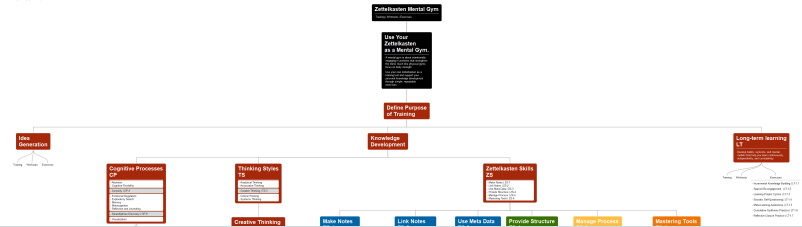
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Zettelkasten Mental Gym Model

Zettelkasten - A Mental Gym Model

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