App features & Shortcuts

Workspace options

	Page
	Consists of "content cards"

	Page 1	Page 2	

	Locale 1 (original)	Locale 2 (translation)	

Presentation

App settings	Data protection	Data exporting	User Manual

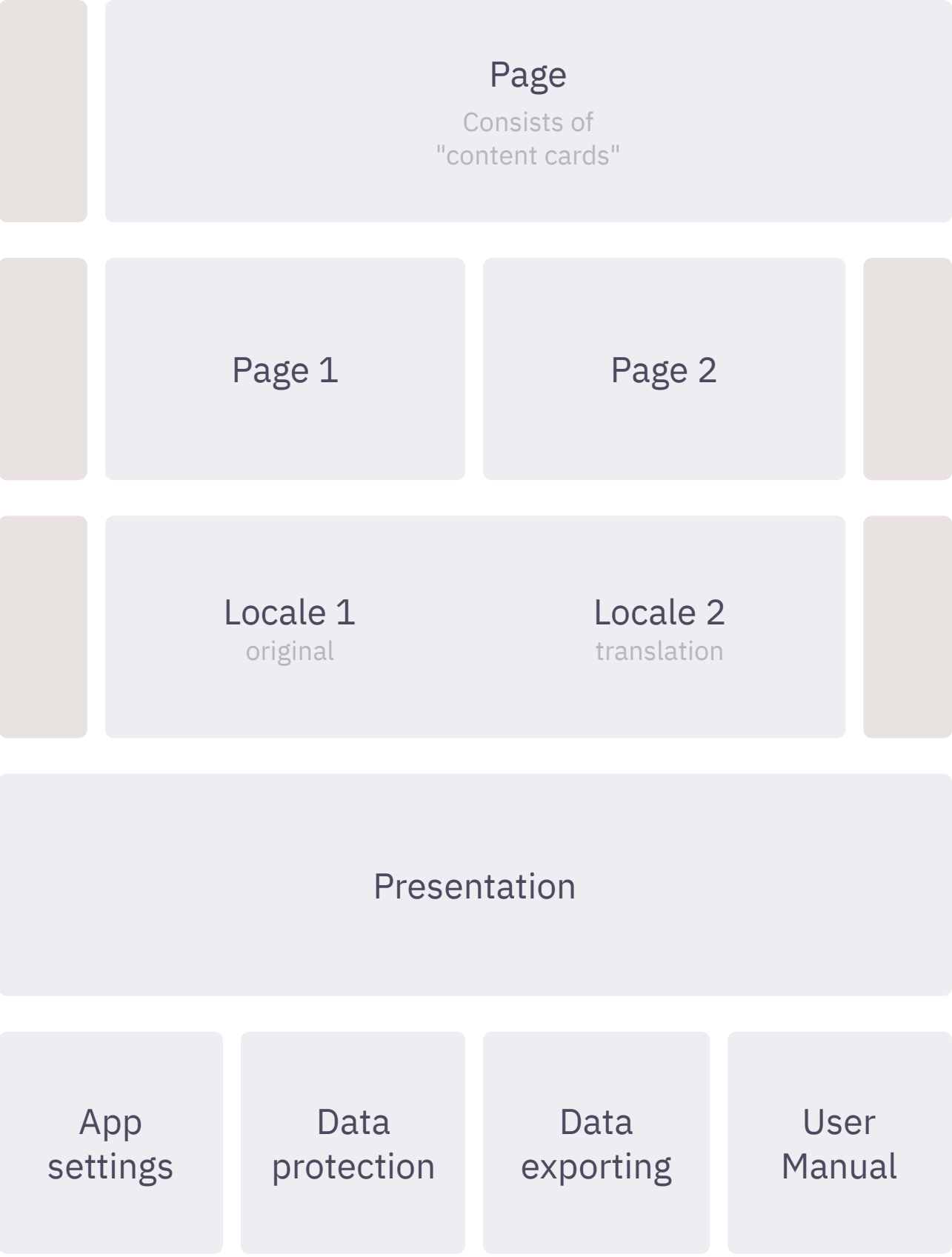`[CMD+1]`
One Page view
Initial workspace to edit content of a single page.

`[CMD+2]`
Two Pages view
Splitted workspace to compare and edit two pages at the same time, to move content cards between pages. You can open two different pages or one page twice, but in a different scrolling position.

`[CMD+3]`
Localization view
Splitted workspace to translate pages into other languages.

Localized content cards are inextricably linked to the original cards: LEFT <- RIGHT.

The right sidebar here performs the editing of locales & navigation between them.

Click on the button in the right sidebar at the bottom to add, delete, rearrange languages.

Note: The number of locales is always the same for all pages!

`[CMD+P]`
Presentation view
A visual representation of the content of the current page, or all pages, or a selection of pages in two different design layouts: "Flow" and "Slides". Use the arrow keys to switch the slides.

`[CMD+F]`
Search panel
To filter cards by text, content styling, tags, locally or globally for all pages, case-sensitive or not.

`[DRAG & DROP] inside`
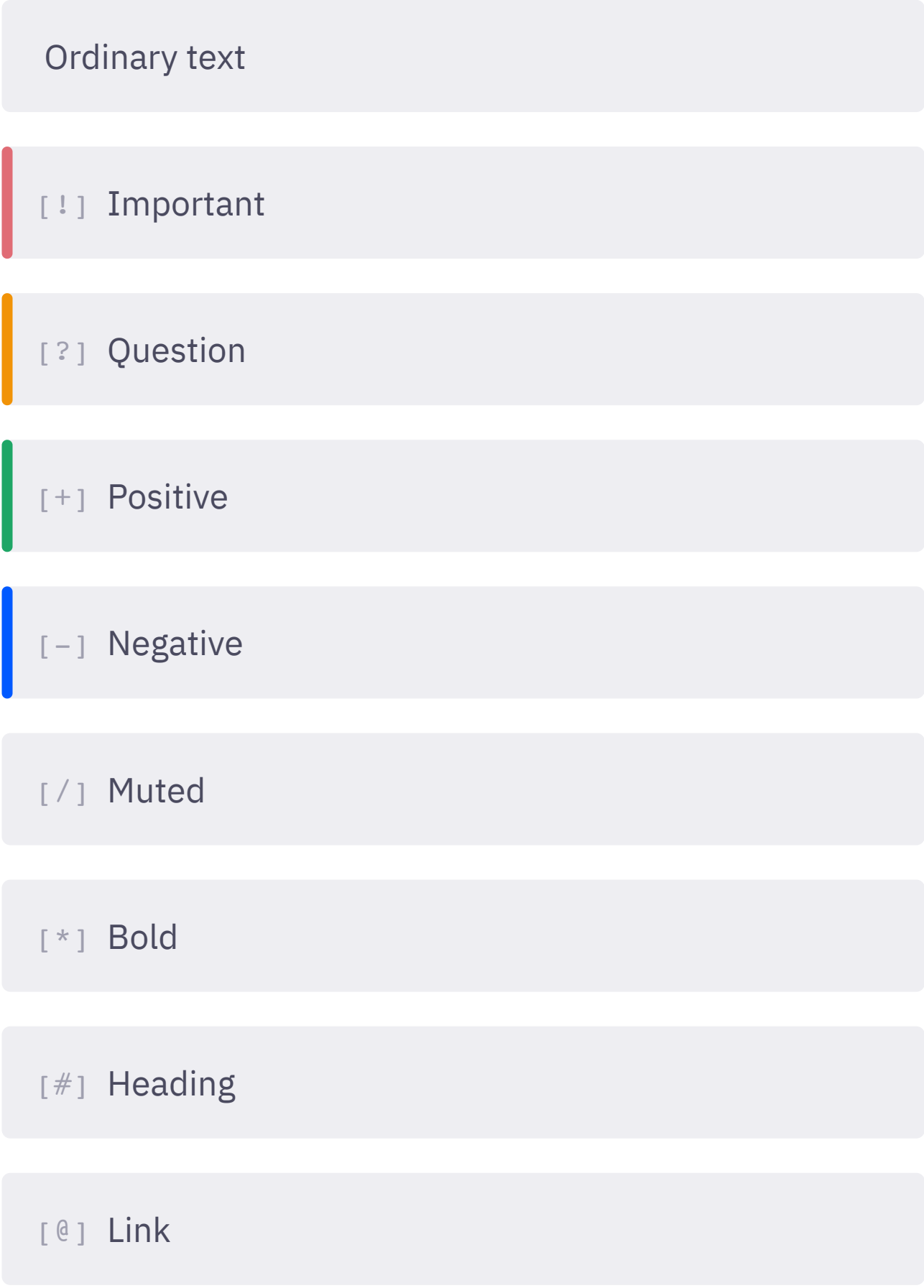**Left & Right Sidebars**
To rearrange pages & locales.

Working with one 📖 or several files 📚

`[CMD+O]`, `[CMD+S]`, `[CMD+SHIFT+S]`, `[CMD+E]`, `[CMD+W]`
Open, Save, Save As, Export, Close
The basic operation with a ProtoText document (*.ptxt).

`[CMD+N]` + `[CMD+O]`
Open another document in a new window
Use the desktops in your operating system to arrange program windows. Try the fullscreen mode, it's comfortable.

`Menu > File > Import > Another PTXT file`
Merge two documents into one
Example of use: Place your thoughts on the left side & the document with cognitive biases on the right side to analyze life situations, or ask ChatGPT for assistance 🌈 .

Content card markup

Ordinary text

`[!]` Important

`[?]` Question

`[+]` Positive

`[-]` Negative

`[/]` Muted

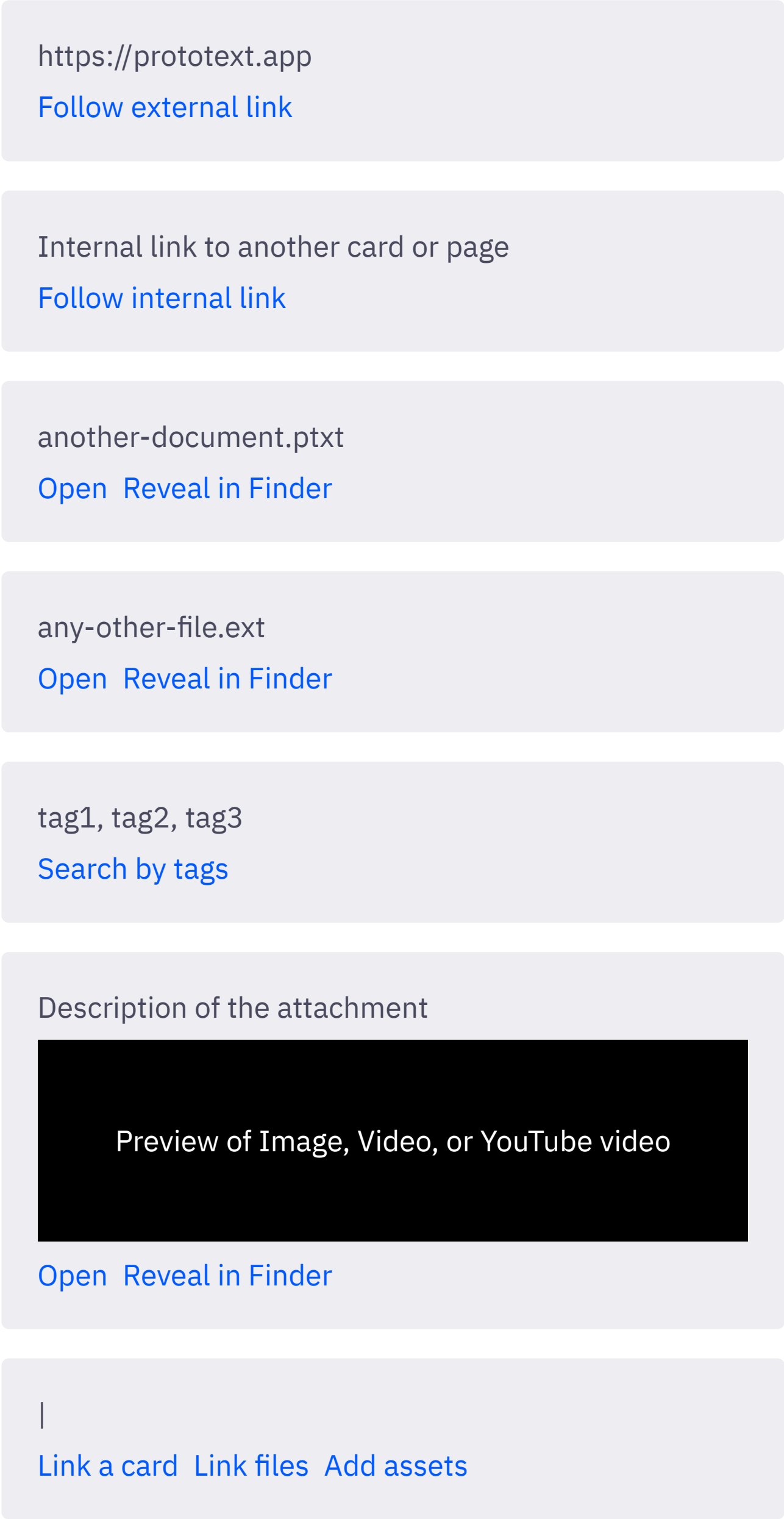| `[*]` Bold |
|---|

`[#]` Heading

`[@]` Link

Use one of these special characters at the beginning of the text to markup or style cards.

Press `[SPACEBAR]` at the text begining to remove the styling.

Secondary localized cards cannot have their own stylization. They always inherit it from the first localization (original).
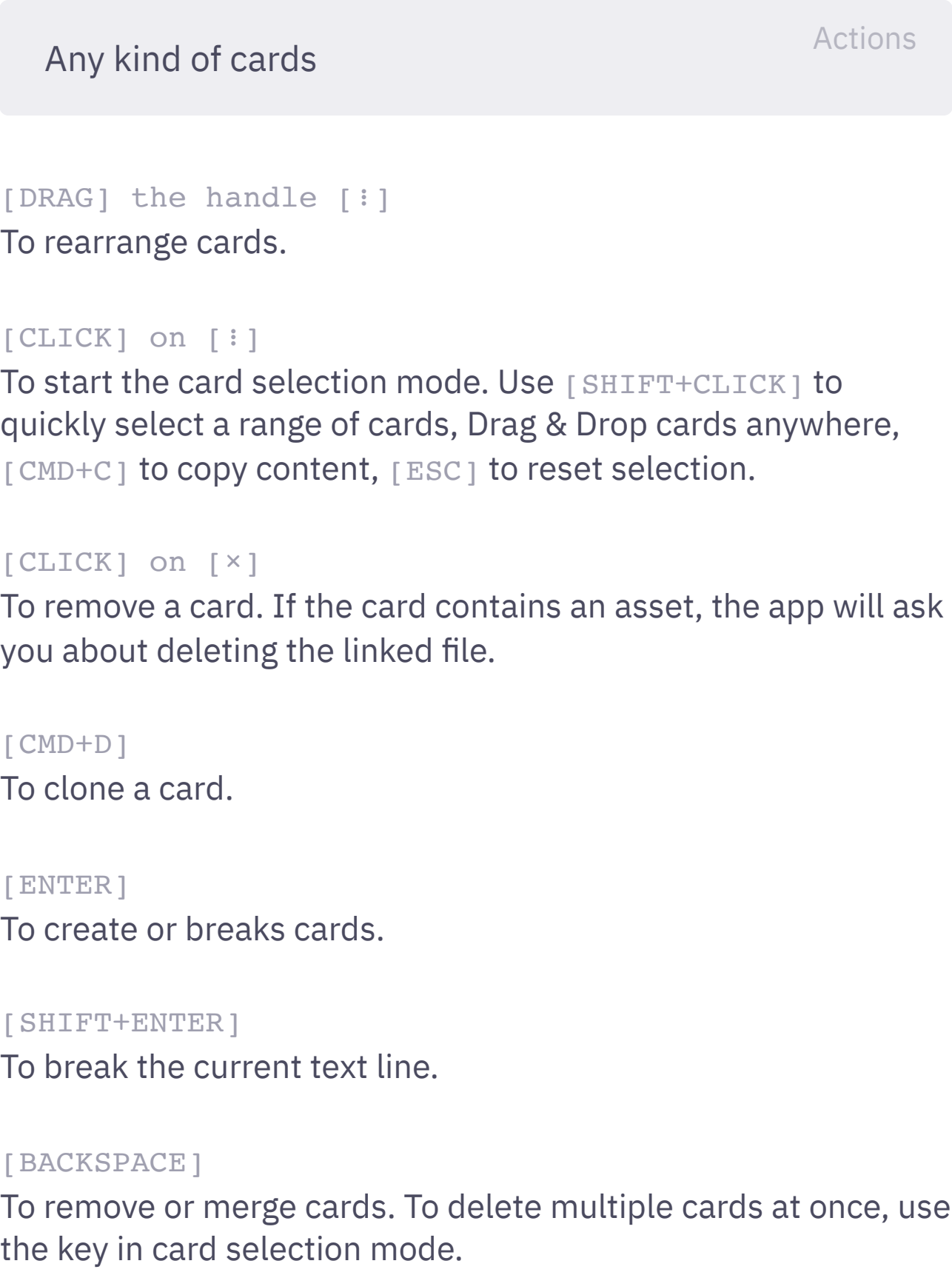
Links, Tags & Assets

All these options become available after entering "@" inside the card. The type of link and the behavior of the interface depends on the content of the card.

https://prototext.app
Follow external link

Internal link to another card or page
Follow internal link

another-document.ptxt
Open Reveal in Finder

any-other-file.ext
Open Reveal in Finder

tag1, tag2, tag3
Search by tags

Description of the attachment
Preview of Image, Video, or YouTube video
Open Reveal in Finder

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Link a card Link files Add assets

An **"asset"** is not just a link, but a copy of a file that the app makes and stores near the current document in the "./assets" directory.

Content card features

⋮	Any kind of cards	Actions	✕

`[DRAG]` the handle `[!]`
To rearrange cards.

`[CLICK]` on `[!]`
To start the card selection mode. Use `[SHIFT+CLICK]` to quickly select a range of cards, Drag & Drop cards anywhere, `[CMD+C]` to copy content, `[ESC]` to reset selection.

`[CLICK]` on `[×]`
To remove a card. If the card contains an asset, the app will ask you about deleting the linked file.

`[CMD+D]`
To clone a card.

`[ENTER]`
To create or breaks cards.

`[SHIFT+ENTER]`
To break the current text line.

`[BACKSPACE]`
To remove or merge cards. To delete multiple cards at once, use the key in card selection mode.

The behavior of the `[ENTER]` and `[BACKSPACE]` keys depends on the content of the card and the cursor position. Just experiment to understand the principles.

Splitting and merging cards is not directly available for secondary localizations.
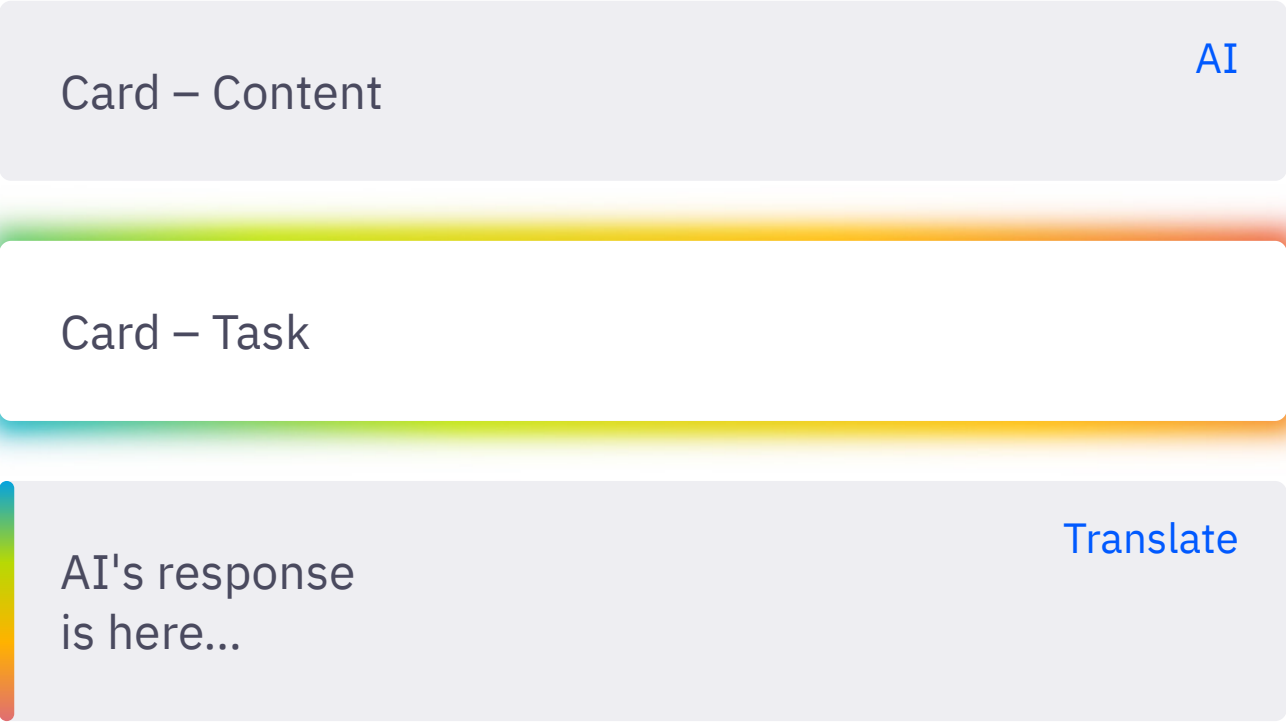
`[TAB]` or `[SHIFT+TAB]`
To navigate between cards.

`[SHIFT + DOUBLE CLICK]`
To copy the entire content of a card to the clipboard.

`[ESC]`
To switch the app to the normal state. To cancel the card selection, dragging, link creation, and AI mode.

The Power of AI

Currently, ProtoText supports integration with ChatGPT by using the official OpenAI API and integration with Microsoft Translator.
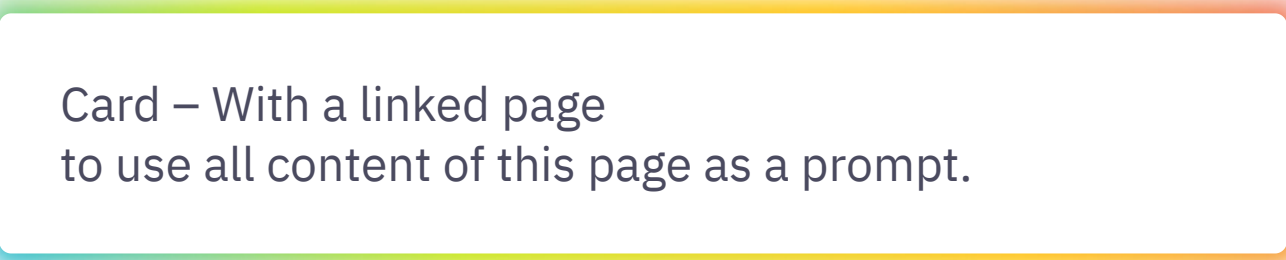
Use the "AI" button to target ChatGPT to your desired content and task:

Card – Content	AI

Card – Task

AI's response is here...	Translate

Please note that Content and Task can be the same card.

And finally the most interesting feature

Use the internal links feature to give the AI more complex content and tasks.

Card – With a linked page to use all content of this page as a prompt.

A tutorial video on YouTube

Limits:
1. Linked content depth: 1 level.
2. Max request length to ChatGPT is ~300 English words. But you can continue the conversation in the context of the last answer.