Effective digital notetaking with Obsidian

Scientific workflows: Tools and Tips 

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What is this lecture series?

Scientific workflows: Tools and Tips 🛠️

🗓️ Every 3rd Thursday 🕐 4-5 p.m. 📍 Webex

- One topic from the world of scientific workflows
- Material provided online
- For topic suggestions send me an email
- If you don't want to miss a lecture
  - Check out the lecture website
  - Subscribe to the mailing list

Motivation

Obsidian

Obsidian is

- free for personal use
- available for all platforms
- markdown-based
- simple at its core
- highly scalable

Notetaking purposes

- Project management
  - Keep track of project states, tasks, meetings
- Personal management
  - Plan your days and weeks, to-do lists, track your time
- Literature management
  - Connect Obsidian to Zotero
- Idea/Knowledge management
  - Interconnected notes (Zettelkasten)
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In Obsidian you can connect all these purposes

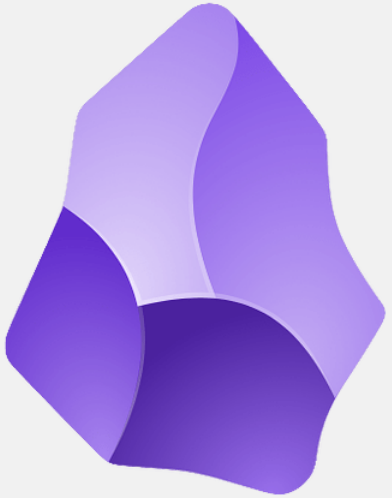
Today

- Project management
- Personal management
- Literature management
- Idea/Knowledge management

- Basic overview of Obsidian
- Implement some basic workflows

Find additional material on the lecture website.

Let’s get started



Summary

Obsidian makes your notes

- 🔎 *searchable* -> digital
- 📆 *sustainable*
  - Can we understand our notes in the future?
  - Will the program still work in the future?
  - No proprietary software format
- 📎 *connected* -> linking between notes
- 😀 *easy and fun* -> keep motivation to really take notes

Summary

Benefits

- 🗂️ Stay organized
- 🧠 Second Brain
  - Store knowledge
  - Get stuff out of your first brain
- 💾 **Find information again**, also in 20 years

Get started

- Have a look at the demo notebook
  - Find a video on how to open it here
- Have a look at the resources linked on the lecture website

Next lecture

Efficient R programming

How to write code efficiently, find bottlenecks in your code and improve the speed of your R programs.

📅 16th November 🕐 4-5 p.m. 📍 Webex

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📧 For topic suggestions and/or feedback send me an email

Thank you for your attention :)

Questions?