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
- If you don't want to miss a lecture
 - Subscribe to the mailing list
- For credit points: Send me a short message (Email or Webex)

Note taking is essential for scientists

- Todo lists
- Project notes
- Meeting notes
- Resource notes (papers, videos, blogposts, ...)
- Brainstorming paper ideas (mindmaps etc.)
- Knowledge notes

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Good and useful notes are

- *searchable* -> digital
- sustainable -> no proprietary file formats
- Connected -> linked notes
- easy and fun -> keep motivated to actually take notes

Today

- Basic overview of Obsidian
- Implement some basic workflows

Find additional material on the lecture website:

- demo notebook
- Youtube tutorial
- other resources

Obsidian

Obsidian is

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



Let's get started



Summary

Obsidian makes your notes

- *p* searchable
- iii sustainable
- Connected
- 😬 easy and fun

Summary

Benefits

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

Get started with note taking & Obsidian

- Perfect is the enemy of good: Just start taking notes
- Start simple and then improve your workflow with time
- Keep only what is useful

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Next lecture

Topic tba

- 18th December 🕓 4-5 p.m. 📍 Webex
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Thank you for your attention

Questions?

