

How to Take Smart Notes in Obsidian

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Setting up Obsidian

1. Create a "Vault" to store the data in
2. Use "Daily Notes" to capture day to day fleeting notes
3. Create a reference folder to capture literature notes
4. Create a "Slip-Box" folder for permanent notes
5. Create a "Projects" folder to store project information

Adding Notes to the Slip-Box

Difference between Physical Slip Box and Obsidian

In the physical version, adding Smart Notes goes as follows:

1. Add the note directly behind the note being referenced. Or add the note behind the last note and number with the next available ID.
2. Add links to other notes or from other notes to your new note.
3. Add the note directly to the index or to a note that is already connected to the index.

In Obsidian these steps are slightly modified as follows:

1. Add the note directly behind the note being referenced by starting or continuing a sequence.
2. Add note-to-note links on or from related notes
3. Add a link to the note directly on the index or from a note already connected to the index

Begin A Sequence

- Cluster Notes in logical sequences
- Name them with numbers (1, 2, 3)
- If fitting notes between others, use letters (8, 8a, 8b)
- Don't use a top-down categorical hierarchy

Add Links to existing Notes

- Make connections to existing Notes
- Link them to others adding sequences
- Add links and backlinks to create connections

Index the Note

- Index = Entry Point to the notes
- Use only few Keywords to indicate the topics of the notes
- Select Keywords so that you find them in the context you need them
- Add Secondary **Structure Notes**
Cluster Notes from different topics together.
Keep the Structure Note in the index and use the structure note as an index for the deeper topic.

Navigating the Notes

- Only use Keywords for Index and Structure Notes
- Any other note only gets an ID
- Use Browsing instead of Searching for Notes