

Make your notes useful again.

Build a small linked note library and answer with source names.

Build one thing

Check it works

Choose an extension

Before you start.

01

You already know

Module 02. Three fictional notes ready.

02

Open these tools

Plain-text editor;
Obsidian optional; an existing AI chat tool.

03

Check the requirement

Plain Markdown needs no sync subscription or AI API.

Your first small win.

Turn this fictional note into Markdown with Title, Key facts, Open questions and Related notes: Book club meets Saturday at 10:00 in the community room. Entry is free. The organiser has not confirmed refreshments.

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What happens between input and output?

- 1 Capture an idea in a small note.
- 2 Link related notes instead of hiding them in long documents.
- 3 AI answers only from the notes you actually provide.

Step 01. Create a notes folder.

- 1 Make second-brain/inbox, projects and reference.
- 2 Open it in your editor or as an Obsidian vault.
- 3 Use fictional or consented notes.

Step 02. Capture three small notes.

- 1 Write meetup.md, preferences.md and ideas.md.
- 2 Give each a title and source/date.
- 3 Keep unknown facts explicitly unknown.

Step 03. Link useful connections.

- 1 Add `[[meetup]]` in the project note if using Obsidian.
- 2 Use ordinary file links in other editors.
- 3 Check the link opens the intended note.

Step 04. Ask from supplied notes.

- 1 Paste three labelled notes into a fresh AI chat.
- 2 Copy the source-grounded prompt.
- 3 Keep the note names attached to their text.

Step 05. Test what it does not know.

- 1 Ask whether refreshments are confirmed.
- 2 The answer should identify the missing confirmation.
- 3 Check every citation against the supplied note.

Step 06. Keep it maintained.

- 1 Move reviewed notes out of inbox.
- 2 Add a decision and next action to a project.
- 3 Export or back up the local folder.

Make the working version.

Answer only from the labelled notes below. Cite note filenames for each factual answer. If the notes do not establish a fact, say Not in my notes. Do not use outside knowledge. Question: [question]. Notes: [paste labelled notes].

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Ask for a review. Then check it.

Check this answer against the supplied notes. List unsupported claims, incorrect filename citations and missing caveats. Suggest a facts-only revision. Notes: [paste]. Answer: [paste].

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Prove your result works.

- 1 Three notes have titles and sources.
- 2 Links open correctly.
- 3 Unsupported questions receive an explicit unknown.

When it does not work yet.

01

An invented citation

Open the named note and remove unsupported text.

02

It cannot see my vault

Paste or upload approved notes; a prompt alone grants no file access.

Choose your next challenge.

01

Core complete

Show one checked output to a partner.

02

Extension 1

Add tags and a project dashboard.

03

Extension 2

Explore retrieval search only after the small library works.

Keep the result. Keep the evidence.

Build a small linked note library and answer with source names.

Save your files

Save your prompt

Name the next change

Sources you can check.

01

Obsidian

Manage vaults

02

NIST

Generative AI Profile