

Obsidian Prompts

Obsidian is a **personal wiki based on markdown files**. It has two main selling points: that it is entirely local (meaning there are no privacy or data issues), and that it is highly configurable and extensible. It is therefore a good platform for a Personal Knowledge Base (PKB) – sometimes called a *Digital Second Brain*.

Ideas of things you might create in Obsidian today:

1. Create a collection of notes to represent a topic that you are currently writing or researching. Make sure each note represents an atomic idea, use links to connect related ideas, and tags to represent different types of ideas.
2. Create a personal journal with notes whose titles are the date of that journal entry (in the format YYYY-MM-DD so that they list chronologically). Write a journal entry for yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Use tags to note down events you attended, or people you interacted with. Use tick box lists to record good habits and whether you have achieved them that day.
3. Create a record of your favourite films. Use a note for each film, linking off to pages for different directors. Perhaps you could use tags for different genres, or for different years. Make it personal by recording on each page not only what the film is about, but why you think it is notable.
4. Create a map of the characters in your favourite novel. Use a note for each character, and links to represent their relationships. Use tags to represent different allegiances, or character traits.

More advanced things to try:

- *Nested tags*. In obsidian you can arrange tags in a hierarchy using the / character. So for example, to group tags on different software together you might use #software/obsidian, and #software/twine
- *Callouts*. Callouts are section of text that are highlighted with a title and icon – they are good for quotes or summary blocks. See <https://help.obsidian.md/How+to/Use+callouts> for instructions on how to format them.
- *Templates*. Often you will create notes with a very similar structure. You can create templates in obsidian that contain that structure and simply copy them into a new note to get you started. See <https://help.obsidian.md/Plugins/Templates> for instructions on how to set this up.