Obsidian Basics: Vaults and Links

Notes that connect to each other

Vault

A vault is a folder on your computer. Obsidian opens it and shows the Markdown files inside as notes.

New note

Press Ctrl + N, type a title, and start writing. The note is saved as a .md file.

Links

Type [[and pick a note to link to it. The linked note shows a backlink to yours.

Tags and folders

Add tags like #recipe or #school inside notes. You can also use folders.

Graph view

Open the graph to see how your notes connect, as dots and lines.

Back up

Your notes are files, so copy the vault folder to a backup now and then.

Tip: Start with a few notes and links. Do not spend days on setup.

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