

Microsoft OneNote is a cross-functional notebook application used for storing notes, research, and any information in one place—your ultimate digital notebook designed by Microsoft. Ever since OneNote made its debut release in 2003, users experience freeform writing with texts, drawings, images, and links without having to worry about running out of paper.

## **What Is Microsoft OneNote?**

Microsoft OneNote is one of the many productivity tools from the Office 365 subscription such as [Microsoft Excel](#), PowerPoint, Word, SharePoint, [Access](#), Outlook, etc. What makes OneNote different from any other tool is its focus on freeform writing and digital notetaking. Also, OneNote allows you to store information, print notes, share data with other users, be creative with the layout, search information quickly, or export notes in different formats.

## **Microsoft OneNote Definition**

Microsoft OneNote is a dynamic [Microsoft Office](#) program designed for freeform notetaking, information storage, and multi-user integration.

## **Elements of Microsoft OneNote**

### **Organized Notebooks**

One of the best features of Microsoft OneNote is to divide your notes into custom pages and sections to keep everything organized. Digital notebooks make life easier as you can navigate each content easily and edit them anytime.

### **Personalized Notes**

OneNote's freeform writing feature is a fun and easy way for notetaking since you never have to follow a set of rules or structure in writing. You can gather your thoughts easily and show them with tags, highlights, ink annotations, mixed media, or any other technique to simplify and emphasize your content.

### **Sharing Feature**

All the ideas and information inside your notes deserve to be shared in the most efficient way possible. With OneNote, you can share your notes with multiple users without needing to copy and paste or print your document.

## **Microsoft Office Compatibility**

Like any other Microsoft Office program, OneNote lets you access different Office tools quickly in case you have to visit [Microsoft PowerPoint](#), Word, Excel, Access, [Outlook](#), and more. Thus, moving from one MS Office tool to another won't have to be a hassle when you are subscribed to Office 365.

## **Infinite Canvas**

Microsoft OneNote basically lets you "type anywhere, capture anything." You won't run out of pages for notetaking and you can store as many files, pictures, and mixed media as you want.

## **Microsoft OneNote - Uses, Purpose, Importance**

Microsoft OneNote is often compared to other digital notetaking apps such as Dropbox Paper and Evernote. So what makes MS OneNote special?

### **Real-Time Collaboration**

Microsoft OneNote is already known for being a powerful digital notetaking app. And its most prominent asset would have to be its sharing feature where other users can read, collaborate, and revise notes in real-time. Decide whether to allow users to view or customize notebooks and you can track changes timely by checking the history.

### **Software Integration**

Don't assume that OneNote's integration is only limited to other Microsoft Office 365 tools. You can also download a variety of plugins and extension files such as Slack, Salesforce, and Trello. Or, connect your data with Google, Hotmail, and more.

### **Portable Microsoft OneNote**

Get connected with OneNote wherever you may be since this program is compatible with your computer, tablet, Macbook, Android phone, or any mobile device. Subscribe to the [OneNote](#) product page and select your preferred devices to access it. In short, you can take down notes anywhere and anytime.

### **Room for Creativity**

Microsoft OneNote adjusts to your notetaking style rather than having you follow a structured type of notetaking. Whether you prefer the Cornell method, outline method,

charting method, sentence method, or mind-mapping method to take down notes, anything's possible. Also, you can be creative with notetaking such as adding virtual effects and designing notebooks with your aesthetic.

## **Notetaking for Any Purpose**

MS OneNote is most fitting for students and teachers for educational use such as taking down classroom notes and organizing lesson plans. But OneNote ensures the price you pay will surely pay off since you can use it for any other purpose. Use OneNote to write digital notes for business, governmental, historical, or even personal use.

## **Microsoft OneNote Parts**

### **Notebooks**

Notebooks are where you gather all information into one platform. Similar to printed notebooks, you can group your data according to subject or function such as a journal notebook, business project notebook, language notebook, or even a daily training notebook.

### **Sections**

Sections are used to sort or filter information in every notebook using tabs or labels. Accessed on the upper menu of Microsoft OneNote, these sections can also be grouped altogether to organize numerous section tabs on your screen.

### **Pages**

Pages are basically the workbooks of your notes where there is more freedom to your content in adding images, audio, videos, and other media rather than just working as a default word processor. And these pages are listed for easy viewing on the right navigation pane of the OneNote interface.

## **Microsoft OneNote vs Evernote**

Microsoft OneNote is a digital notetaking application, developed by Microsoft, where users collect and share notes, pictures, drawings, and other mixed media.

[Evernote](#) is a web application designed for notetaking and archiving, released by the Evernote Corporation, that offers notes as pictures, audio, webpages, and task management pages.

See a more detailed comparison in the table below.

	Microsoft OneNote	Evernote
Pricing	OneNote is free to download but premium features are only available from the MS Office 365 subscription starting at \$6.99 a month.	Evernote isn't free so you can only access all its features when you buy it starting at \$7.99 per month.
Storage Capability	OneNote has no limit to the number of notes you can keep but it will depend on the available storage you have.	Evernote has a 60 MB limit for storage but premium versions allow you to get more storage.
Software Collaboration	OneNote collaborates with other Microsoft productivity tools and other extensions.	Evernote also collaborates with other software extensions.
Sharing	OneNote allows sharing and adding members to notes but there is a limit to the permission while using the app.	Evernote allows sharing and adding members yet it is possible to edit permissions here compared to OneNote.
Features	OneNote includes video recording and dictation tool features where you can convert notes to other languages.	Evernote allows screenshots and audio recordings but it doesn't have videos and dictation tool features.
Task Management	OneNote doesn't have a range of task management tools but you can still integrate with team members.	Evernote provides task management features that even newbies find project management to be easy.

## Microsoft OneNote Tips and Tricks

Microsoft OneNote sure is a transformative electronic notetaking application that users who want to take digital writing to the next level can leverage with it. But wait, there are more functions and ideas on how to optimize your experience with OneNote, such as the following:

## **Use Microsoft OneNote**

Your very first guide is learning how to [use Microsoft OneNote](#). Take this introduction to familiarize OneNote's features, interface, and other aspects.

## **Update Microsoft OneNote**

The last thing you want is to use an outdated edition of MS OneNote. Learn how to [update Microsoft OneNote](#) and it will only take a few minutes to complete.

## **Share Notes and Notebooks in Microsoft OneNote**

Microsoft OneNote is already known as a collaborative digital notebook. So don't forget to [share notes and notebooks in OneNote](#) to work with others.

## **Restore Deleted Pages in Microsoft OneNote**

When you're using OneNote on your web browser, computer application, or mobile app and suddenly lose your pages, don't fret. You can still [restore deleted pages in Microsoft OneNote](#).

## **Disable Microsoft OneNote during Startup**

Temporarily [disable Microsoft OneNote during startup](#) like a pro. In just a few steps, you can master the process shortly.

## **Change Default Font Color in Microsoft OneNote**

Back away from the generic font color of OneNote and go for any creative color that suits your profile, aesthetic, or preference. Study how to [change default font colors in OneNote](#) easily.

## **Disable Note Containers in OneNote**

Discover how to [disable note containers in OneNote](#) in case you don't need them. And you can enable the feature again whenever you like.

## **Convert Microsoft OneNote to Word**

Microsoft OneNote and [Microsoft Word](#) can go hand in hand. One example is to [convert Microsoft OneNote to Word](#) in quick, manageable steps.

## **Copy Text from Images in Microsoft OneNote**

OneNote is also a dependable site to copy texts. And if you want to specifically [copy text from images in Microsoft OneNote](#), that can happen as well.

## **Delete a Notebook in Microsoft OneNote**

A basic step you can't miss out on OneNote is to remove a notebook you no longer need. Uncover the standard steps of how to [delete a notebook in Microsoft OneNote](#) appropriately.

## **Draw on Microsoft OneNote**

A staple icon in OneNote is you can add drawings to your notebooks. Get creative when you draw on Microsoft OneNote in just several steps.

## **Rotate and Crop a Picture in OneNote**

Microsoft OneNote can support any size or adjustment you want for your pictures. Don't forget to rotate and crop a picture in OneNote to learn the basics of image adjustments.

## **Embed Excel Data into Microsoft OneNote**

Do you have Microsoft Excel files you want to import to OneNote? You can embed Excel data into Microsoft OneNote efficiently.

## **Create Microsoft OneNote Calendar**

The trick to keeping up with your tasks and notes according to schedule is to create a Microsoft OneNote calendar. And it is very simple to create.

## **Create Todo Lists in Microsoft OneNote**

To-do lists help you manage your tasks and you can certainly add such a list to your OneNote notebooks. Practice how to create to-do lists in Microsoft OneNote properly.

## **Make a New Textbox in Microsoft OneNote**

Insert a variety of texts into your notebooks when you make a new textbox in Microsoft OneNote. You can even decide the size and position of your texts.

## **Merge Cells of Table in Microsoft OneNote**

Simplify your notebook's data by merging cells of a table. There is a brief tutorial on how to merge cells of tables in Microsoft OneNote.

## **Organize Notes with Microsoft OneNote**

There's no point to continue notetaking when your notes are jumbled or hard to read. Master how to organize notes with Microsoft OneNote for a change.

## **Backup Microsoft OneNotes to Google Drive**

Don't risk losing your notes or data in OneNote. An effective way to do that is to back up Microsoft OneNotes to Google Drive.

## **Recover Deleted Notes on OneNote Microsoft**

Need help on how to recover deleted notes on OneNote Microsoft? Several easy-to-follow steps can make that happen.

## **Rename a Notebook in Microsoft OneNote**

You can always change the names of your notebooks in OneNote. Learn how to rename a notebook in Microsoft OneNote shortly.

## **Share/Collaborate Microsoft OneNote with Others**

Use your notes to connect with other users and revise notebooks together. To achieve that, share/collaborate Microsoft OneNote with others.

## **Save/Export Microsoft OneNote to PDF File**

Do you need help on how to transfer MS OneNote files to PDF files? Just save/export Microsoft OneNote to PDF file appropriately.

## **Sign In/Sign Out in Microsoft OneNote**

A standard tutorial before using OneNote is to understand how to sign in/sign out in Microsoft OneNote. Rest assured, it is super easy once you learn the process.

## **Migrate Evernote Notes to Microsoft OneNote**

If you still have some notes left in Evernote that you want to transfer to OneNote, it's not too late. Migrate Evernote notes to Microsoft OneNote now.

## **Add OneNote to Microsoft Teams**

Microsoft OneNote and Microsoft Teams can collaborate. So be sure to add OneNote to Microsoft Teams until business team communication runs seamlessly.

## **Change OneNote Backup Folder in Windows**

Customize your OneNote backup folder anytime. And you can change OneNote backup folders in Windows too.

## **Add New Notebook in Microsoft OneNote**

You can create as many notebooks as you want with OneNote. Just learn the steps on how to add a new notebook in Microsoft OneNote as a start.

## **Create Outlook Task in Microsoft OneNote**

Your MS Outlook tasks can be moved to OneNote. Check out the basic steps on how to create Outlook tasks in Microsoft OneNote.

## **Create Section Groups in Microsoft OneNote**

Section groups are a proper way to organize information in OneNote. Practice and create section groups in Microsoft OneNote now.

## **Add Rule Lines in Microsoft OneNote**

Manage your notebooks with rule lines for easy navigation and measurement awareness. Learn how to add rule lines in Microsoft OneNote like a pro now.

## **Change Vertical View of Microsoft OneNote**

OneNote is so flexible that you can decide what type of view you like in accessing the app. One example is to change the vertical view of Microsoft OneNote.

## **Export Microsoft OneNote Notes to Different Formats**

Microsoft OneNote files can be converted to various formats. Study the effective ways on how to export Microsoft OneNote notes to different formats and it won't be a hassle.

## **Highlight Text/Notes in Microsoft OneNote**

Manage your notes easily when you highlight text/notes in Microsoft OneNote. And it works super easy just like how most word processors work.

## **Hide Navigation in Microsoft OneNote Online**

You can decide whether to display or hide navigation in Microsoft OneNote online. Learn the basics of how to show or hide it shortly.

## **FAQs**

### **What are the levels in MS OneNote?**

The three standard hierarchical levels in OneNote are notebooks, sections, and pages, which are also the basic parts of the OneNote interface.

### **What is premium OneNote?**

Premium OneNote contains extra features such as the researcher, ink reply, and math assistant; and you can only go premium with the Microsoft 365 subscription.

### **What are tags in OneNote?**

Tags are used to organize or categorize your OneNote notes, such as arranging notes in order of importance, urgency, or priority level.

### **What is the point of OneNote?**

OneNote is a free application for digital notetaking where you can store notes, organize them into individual notebooks, and categorize them into sections.

## **What is the size of OneNote?**

OneNote will store notebooks into individual files where you can get a free 5 GB space and up to 1 TB if you are subscribed to Office 365.

## **Where are OneNote files stored?**

OneNote files are saved into the default documents folder in OneDrive.

## **What is OneNote Microsoft support?**

OneNote Microsoft support is a customer support team that will cater to your concerns or queries about MS OneNote.

## **What is Microsoft OneNote good for?**

Microsoft OneNote is good for students, teachers, and anyone who needs to take down notes regularly, especially since this digital notetaking app makes the process convenient with multimedia files you can leverage.

## **Why does the font keep changing in OneNote?**

Fonts keep changing in OneNote if you haven't clicked "Clear Formatting" in the Styles ribbon; the default font should be Calibri.

## **What does the OneNote printer do?**

The OneNote printer is used to store your information in OneNote and it works as a substitute for paper; hence, OneNote acts like a printer without having to use paper.