

The Five Best Notetaking Tools and Apps

Our ability to capture information and then find or recall the information later is essential to good notetaking. However, this is much easier said than done, and identifying the right tool could make a world of difference.

EVERNOTE

Evernote is a mobile app that allows users to create notes and capture information from almost anywhere.

- · A cross-platform app that works on all Mac, Windows and Android devices
- Free with monthly storage limits and offers paid plans for expanded storage
- Create new notes, including typing, writing, drawing, screen clipping, recording, using the camera to take a picture, cutting/ pasting webpages or PDFs, and so much more
- · Organize notes into folders and notebooks; easily search for specific note using keywords or text
- · Collaborate with others by sharing notes and folders with other people
- · Use mobile apps like Scannable to automatically capture high-quality scans with a smart device camera

ONENOTE

OneNote is a mobile app made by Microsoft that provides Office 365 integration to automate notetaking tasks.

- · A cross-platform app that works on all Mac, Windows and Android devices
- · Free account includes all features and 5GB of storage; paid plans for expanded storage
- · Sort content across notebooks, sections and pages
- · Record audio notes, insert online videos, and add files
- · Use mobile apps like Office Lens to capture high-quality scans with a smart device camera

LIVESCRIBE PEN

Livescribe Pen links recorded audio to handwritten notes. This is helpful for people who have difficulty listening and taking notes simultaneously. By recording audio and linking to handwritten notes, a user can quickly reference the recorded audio to better understand or fill in any gaps found in their notes.

- · Record and play back notes from the Livescribe Desktop or directly from the dot paper notebooks
- · Save, search and organize notes with the Livescribe Desktop
- · Easily share notes and audio from the Livescribe Desktop as a PDF or audio file
- · 3-D recording headset enables 360 (degree) binaural recording great for large rooms or lecture halls

NOTABILITY

Notability is an app for Mac devices (MacBooks, iPads and iPhone). By taking advantage of all the features found on the iPad and iPhone, the user can capture notes in a wide range of ways.

- Combine handwriting, photos, typing and audio recording to create notes and then play them back directly on your smart device
- · Import and annotate slides, GIFs, forms, webpages and PDF documents
- · Share notes with others via email, iCloud, Google Drive, AirDrop and Dropbox
- · Search for handwritten words and convert handwriting to text

SONOCENT

Sonocent is an application that allows the user to capture high-quality recordings and annotate their notes with colors, photos and text notes in real time.

- Visualize recorded audio phrase-by-phrase
- · Highlight audio, and add photos, slides and text notes alongside the recording
- · Listen to the recording at your own pace and create more detailed notes
- · Export files into multiple formats and share with others

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