

NTK **Coffee** Lectures

Grab your favorite mug, we will
start in a moment...

- The lecture will be **recorded**.
- **15–20 minutes**
- Current cycle: every Wednesday
at 12.30 (**13 May – 17 June**).



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June 10, 2026

Obsidian

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Introduction

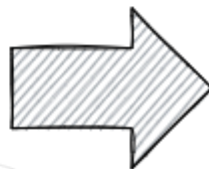


Today You Will Learn

- How to manage what you know
- How to take notes
- How to do this using Obsidian
- ~~How to work with Obsidian plugins~~

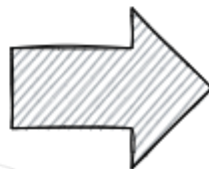
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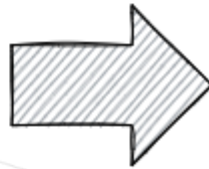


Organizing and reading

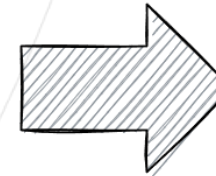


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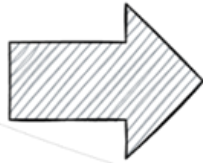


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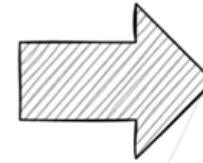


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Note-taking

Storing

Organizing



Retrieving

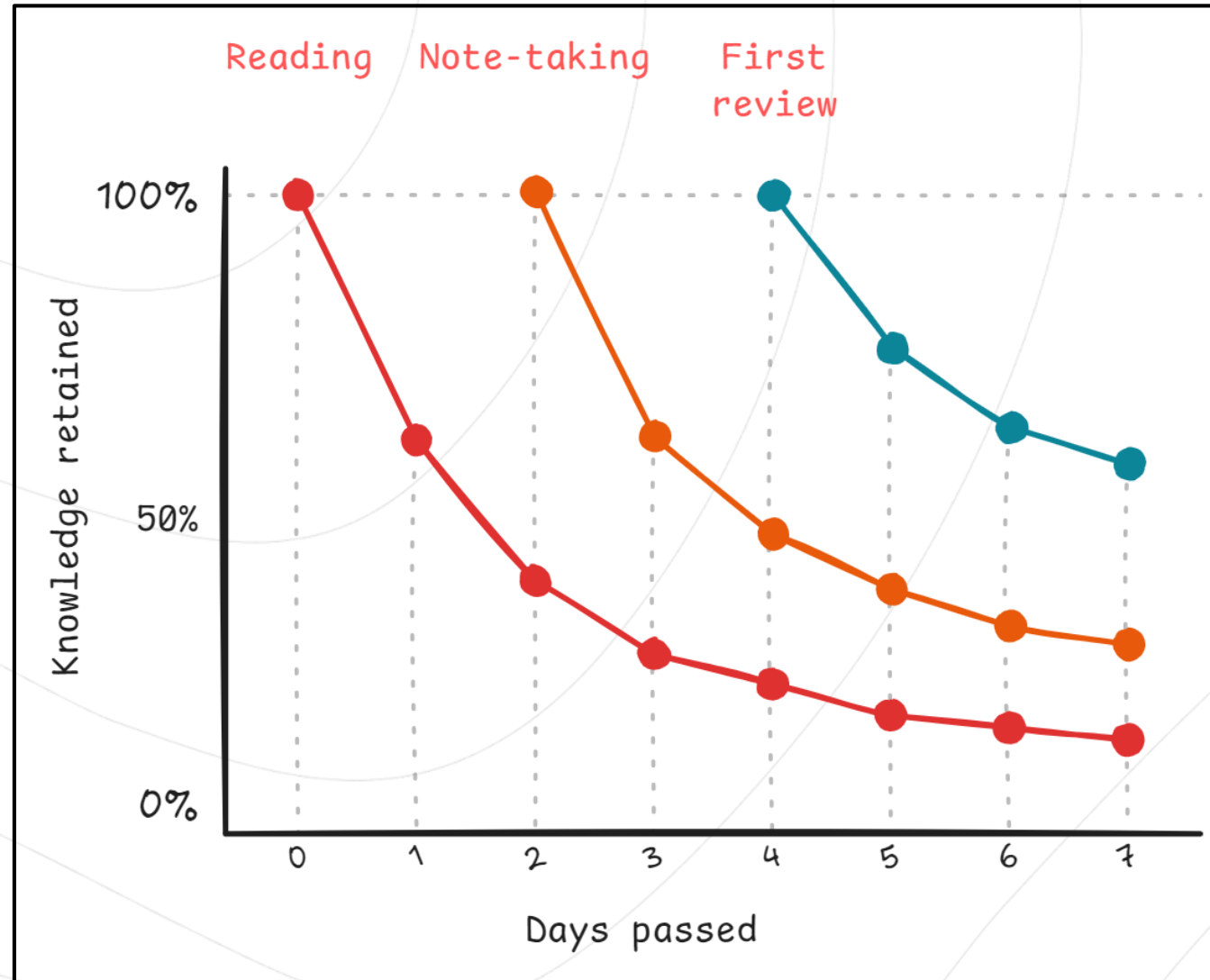
Linking

Contextualizing

Note-Taking

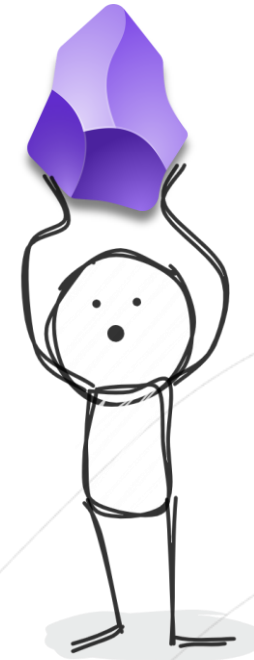
- Active processing of information
- Ideally atomic notes
 - Understandable by itself
- Externalizes memory → reduces cognitive load
- Searchable, personal knowledge base
- Synthesis across multiple sources

Ebbinghaus Forgetting Curve



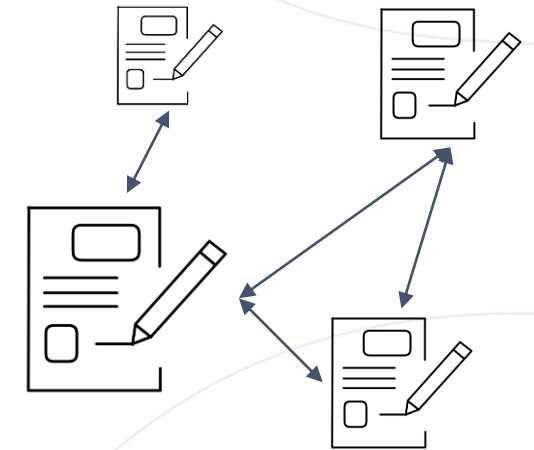
What Is Obsidian?

- Free note-taking app
- Locally saved plain-text files
- Written in Markdown
- File over app philosophy



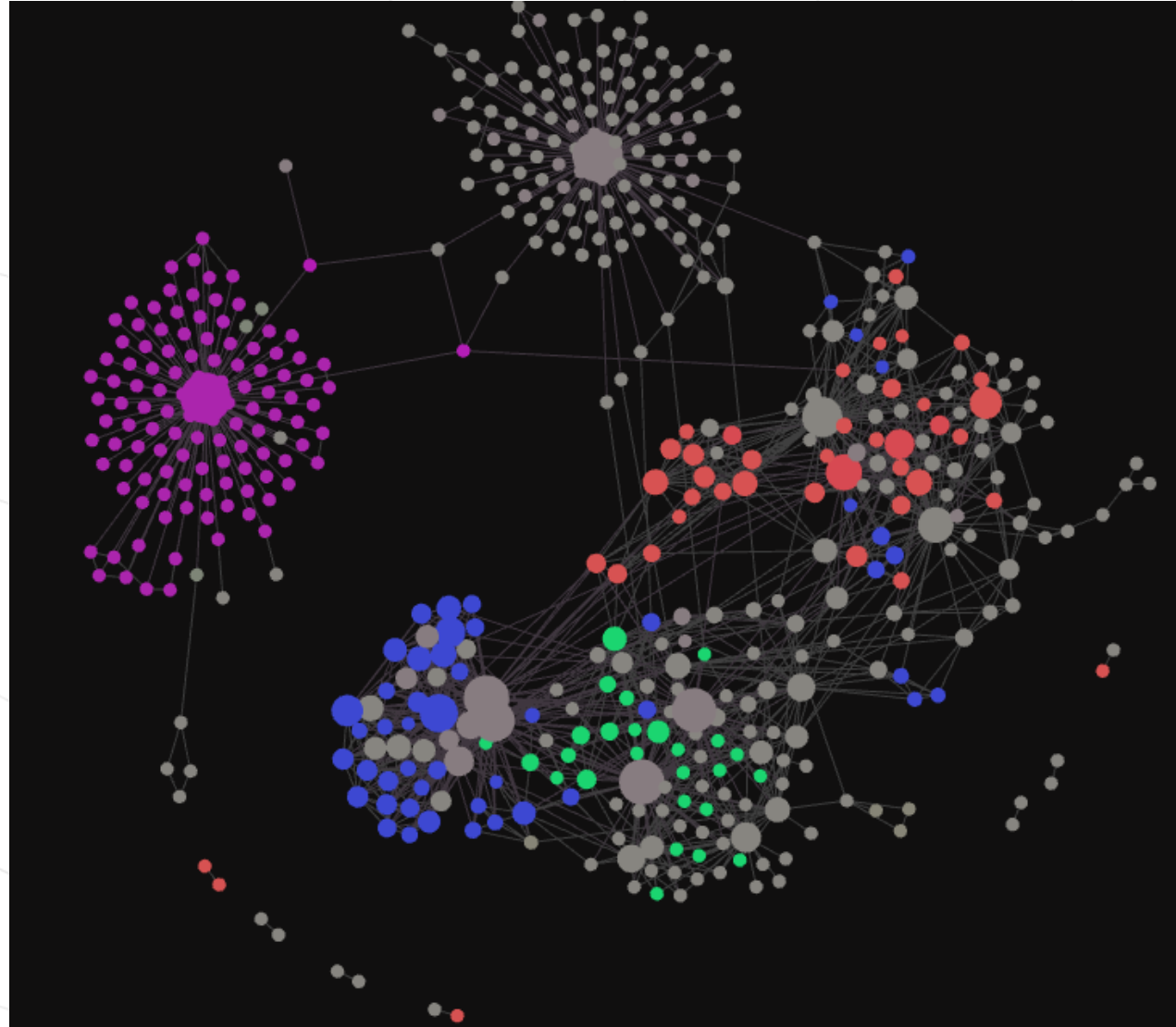
Power of Obsidian: Links

- Wikilinks → [[Ebbinghaus forgetting curve]]
- Connecting ideas
- Knowledge web
- Visualized in Graph View



“The human mind does not work that way [on the basis of indexes]. **It operates by association.** With one item in its grasp, it snaps instantly to the next that is suggested by the association of thoughts, in accordance with some intricate web of trails carried by the cells of the brain.” (Bush, 1996, p. 43)

Graph View



Let's get practical!

Where to Start

- Download Obsidian (free)
- Create a first vault
- Start simple
- Learn from the community
 - Youtube: Nick Milo; Odysseas
 - Obsidian Forum

Key Takeaways

- Capture → organize → process → connect
- Knowledge base ≠ storage
- Be consistent
- Write to understand
- Review the notes

A tool is only as good as the habit behind it.

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May 27, 2026 SCITE_ai

June 3, 2026 Polite Does It: Tips for
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June 10, 2026 Obsidian

June 17, 2026 Přechod na novou normu
ISO 690:2022 v citačních
manažerech



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690:2022 (in Czech)

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