

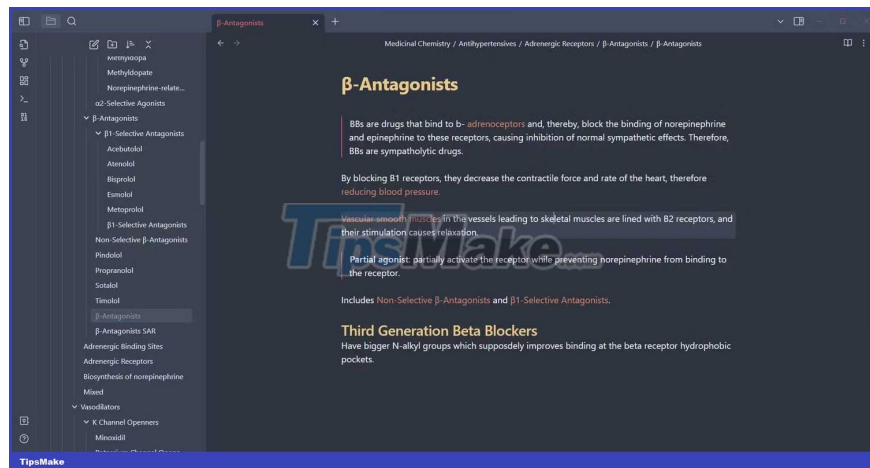
# What is Obsidian Note-Taking? Obsidian User Manual

Bored of traditional note-taking apps? So learn how to use the Obsidian note-taking app to increase work efficiency!

## What is Obsidian?

Obsidian is a powerful note-taking and knowledge management application. It offers a unique way to organize information because Obsidian is based on the Zettelkasten concept: a dynamic linked repository of notes. This method allows you to easily discover and manage notes. It can even 'catalyze' the development of new ideas.

Obsidian is built on a distributed version control system called Git. It allows you to keep track of all changes made on the note. This makes the application extremely flexible because you can edit and rearrange notes whenever you want.



On top of that, Obsidian's chart view overviews all notes and the connections between them in a one-click easy-to-understand way. You can filter, customize the chart to see connections between specific notes, or view a quick summary of the archive.

With its flexible structure and hybrid chart viewer, Obsidian turns your notes into more than mere doodles. They become an active part of your second brain.

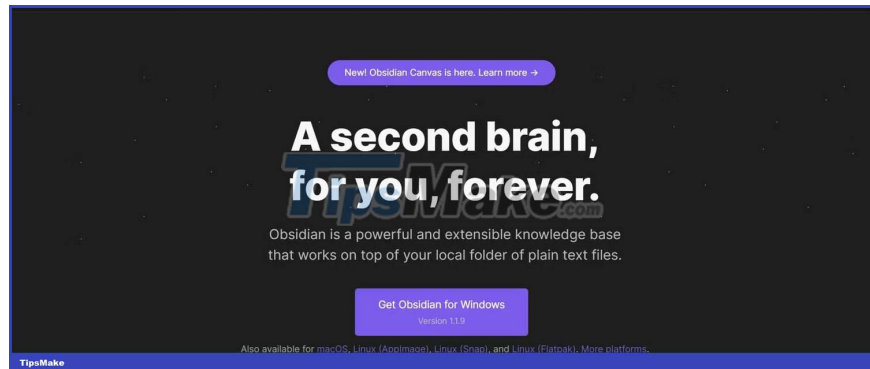
## How to use Obsidian to take notes

The Obsidian Mantra application has two aspects:

1. One is to install apps, create archives & notes, and use Markdown to format and link notes.
2. The second is to store notes.

You need to determine the purpose of using Obsidian to make the right choice. Remember that the Obsidian repository is an investment in the long run. The more effective you are at organizing information, the better Obsidian will help you do your job.

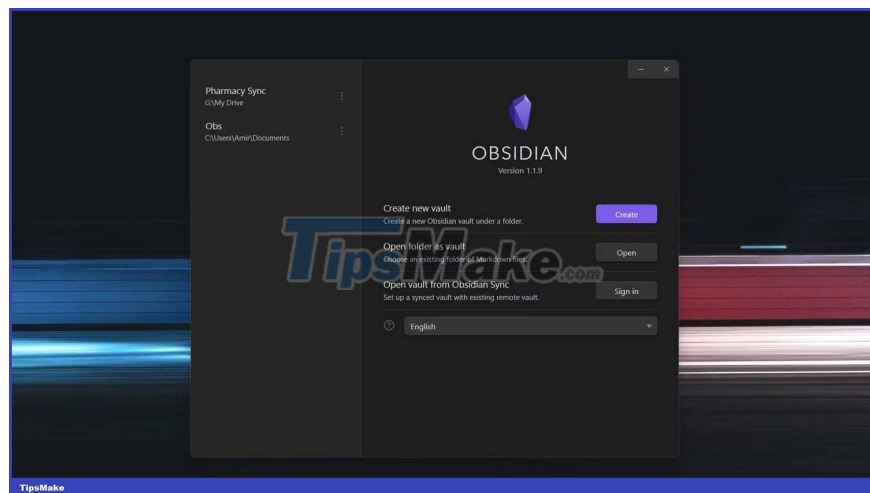
## 1. Download and install Obsidian



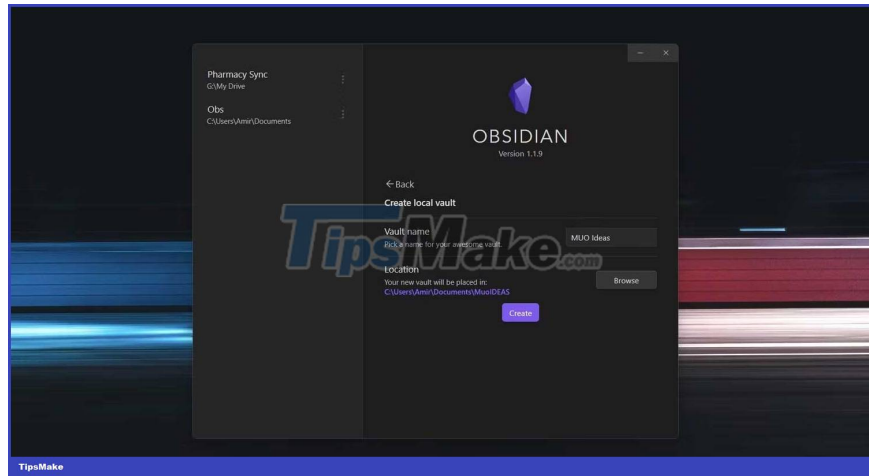
Obsidian is released for free for Windows, Mac, Linux, Android, and iOS. You just need to visit the Obsidian homepage, download and install it according to the instructions.

Download Obsidian

## 2. Create a new repository

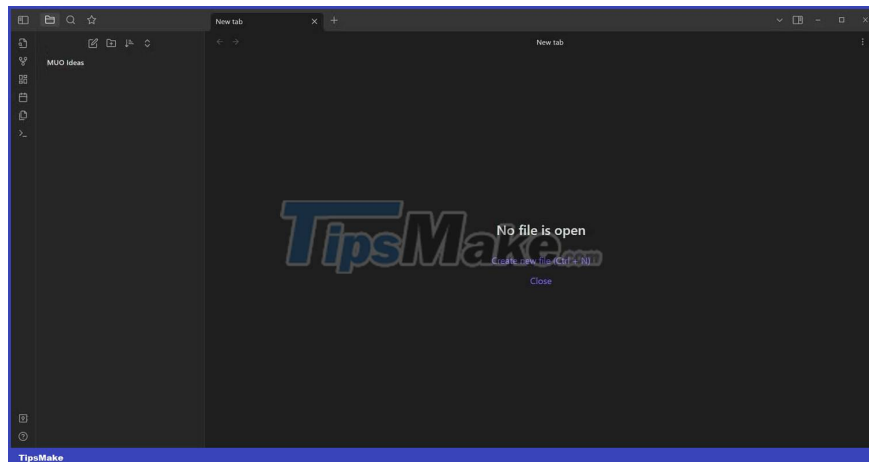


When you open Obsidian for the first time, you will see the startup window. Here you can create a new archive or open an existing one. Click **Create new vault** to get started.

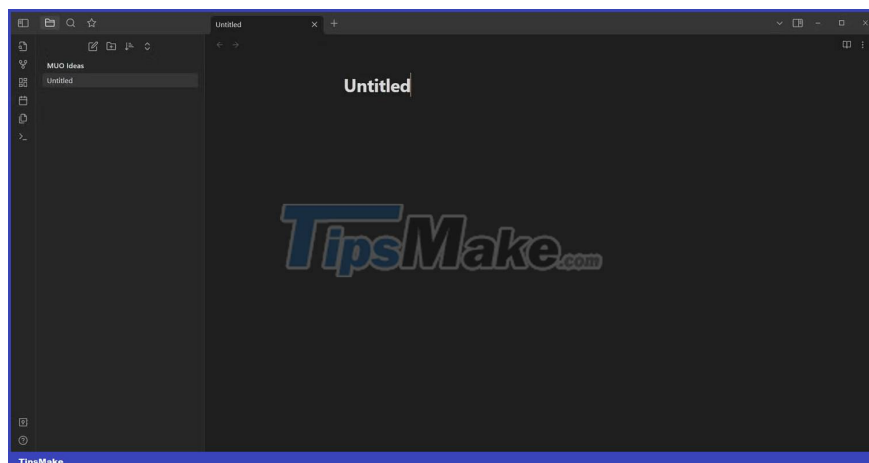


On the next screen, give the archive a name and choose a folder for it. The location you choose is where all the notes and files in the vault are stored. Click **Create** to import the new repository.

### 3. Create Notes

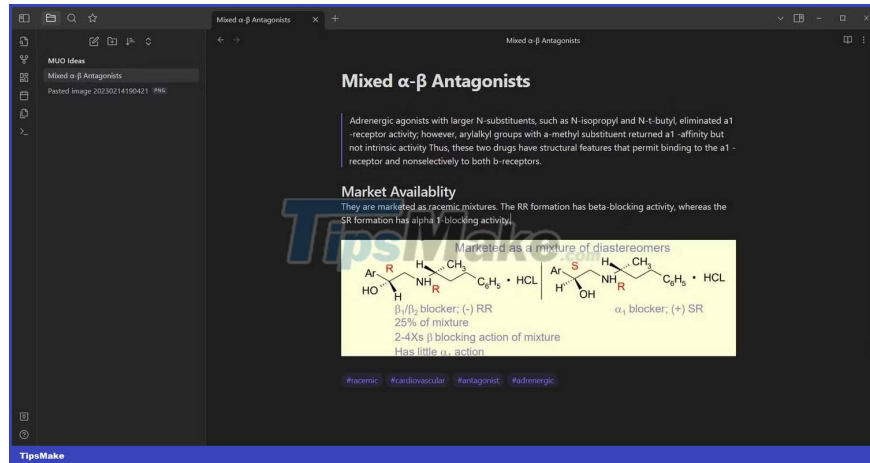


Remember, using an Obsidian repository is a 'long-term investment'. It won't increase your productivity right away. Instead, it gives you a platform you can use to do just that.

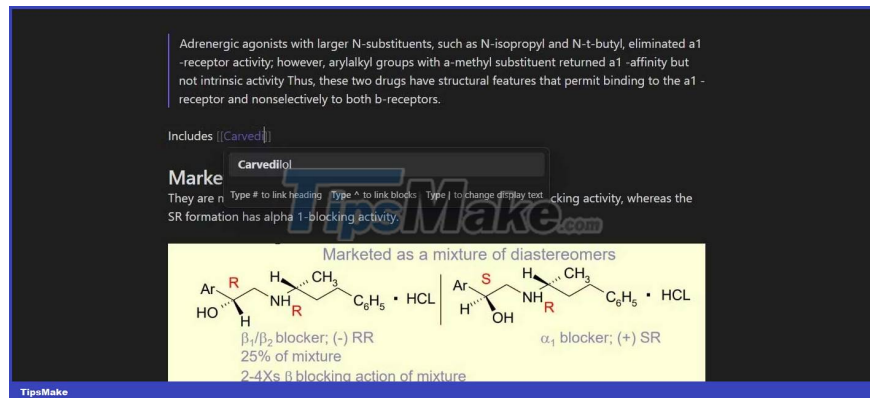


Start by creating your first note. You can do this by clicking the **New note icon at the top of the File view window** or pressing **Ctrl + N** on the keyboard. Name the note, and then enter the text. Use **Markdown** to format notes. You can also add photos or other media to the note.

## 4. Note Link



By linking notes, you can quickly access related notes and visualize the connection in the graph viewer. Once you have lots of notes and information, you can start linking them together.



Type two brackets `[]`, and then enter the name of the target note. After typing a few letters, you can autocomplete the Obsidian link by pressing Enter. For example, the markdown below links to the Carvedilol note:

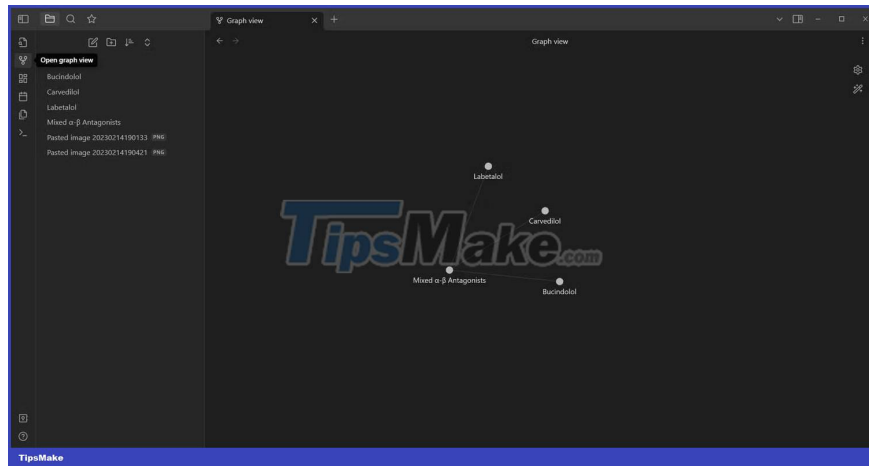
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[[Carvedilol]]
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The default anchor text will be the name of the target note. You can customize **the anchor text** by entering a dash (|) in the Markdown code.

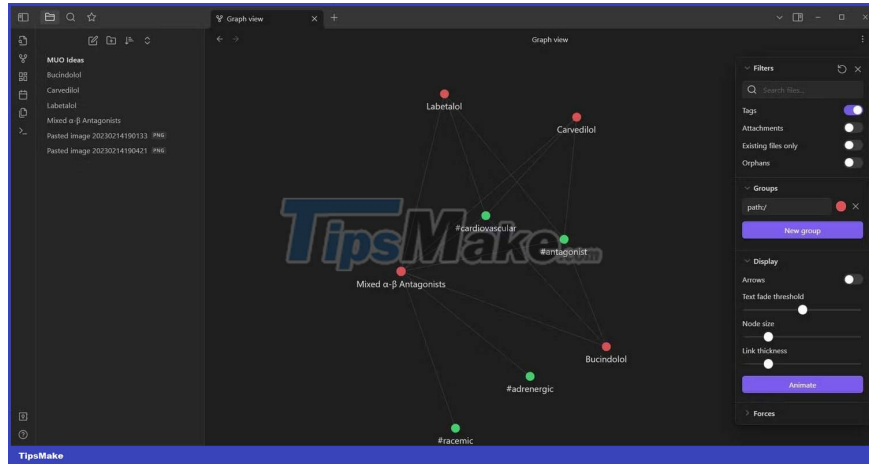
The markdown below links to the **Carvedilol** note but the text displayed will be **custom text**.

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[[Carvedilol|custom text]]
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## 5. Check out the chart viewer



Some linked notes are enough for you to have a graph/graph in Obsidian. In addition to quickly accessing related notes, by linking notes you can also link them together in the chart viewer. Press **Ctrl + G** on your keyboard to open the viewing window.



You can customize the graph by clicking on the settings icon in the top right corner. The settings here allow you to create annotation filters, change the focus color by creating groups, change the graph layout, and more.

Above is a beginner's guide to using Obsidian. Hope the article is useful to you.

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