

Quick Start Guide

New to OneNote? Use this guide to learn the basics.

Quick Access Toolbar

Keep favorite commands permanently visible.

Explore the ribbon

See what OneNote can do by selecting the ribbon tabs and exploring available tools.

Discover contextual commands

Select any part of a table or an inserted recording to reveal additional tabs.

Get help with OneNote

Select the question mark icon to learn how to use OneNote.

Share your notes with others

Give other people permission to view or edit your notebooks.

Notebooks List

Select the notebook name to switch between notebooks or select the pin icon to keep the Notebooks pane open.

Notebook Sections

Select these tabs to switch between sections in the current notebook.

Control the ribbon

Select the pin icon to keep the ribbon displayed, or hide it again by selecting the arrow.

Instantly find everything

Search the current page or all notebooks at once and navigate the results with ease.

Select or move paragraphs

Select or drag the gripper to the left of a note to select or move it, or right-click it for more options.

Type anywhere on a page

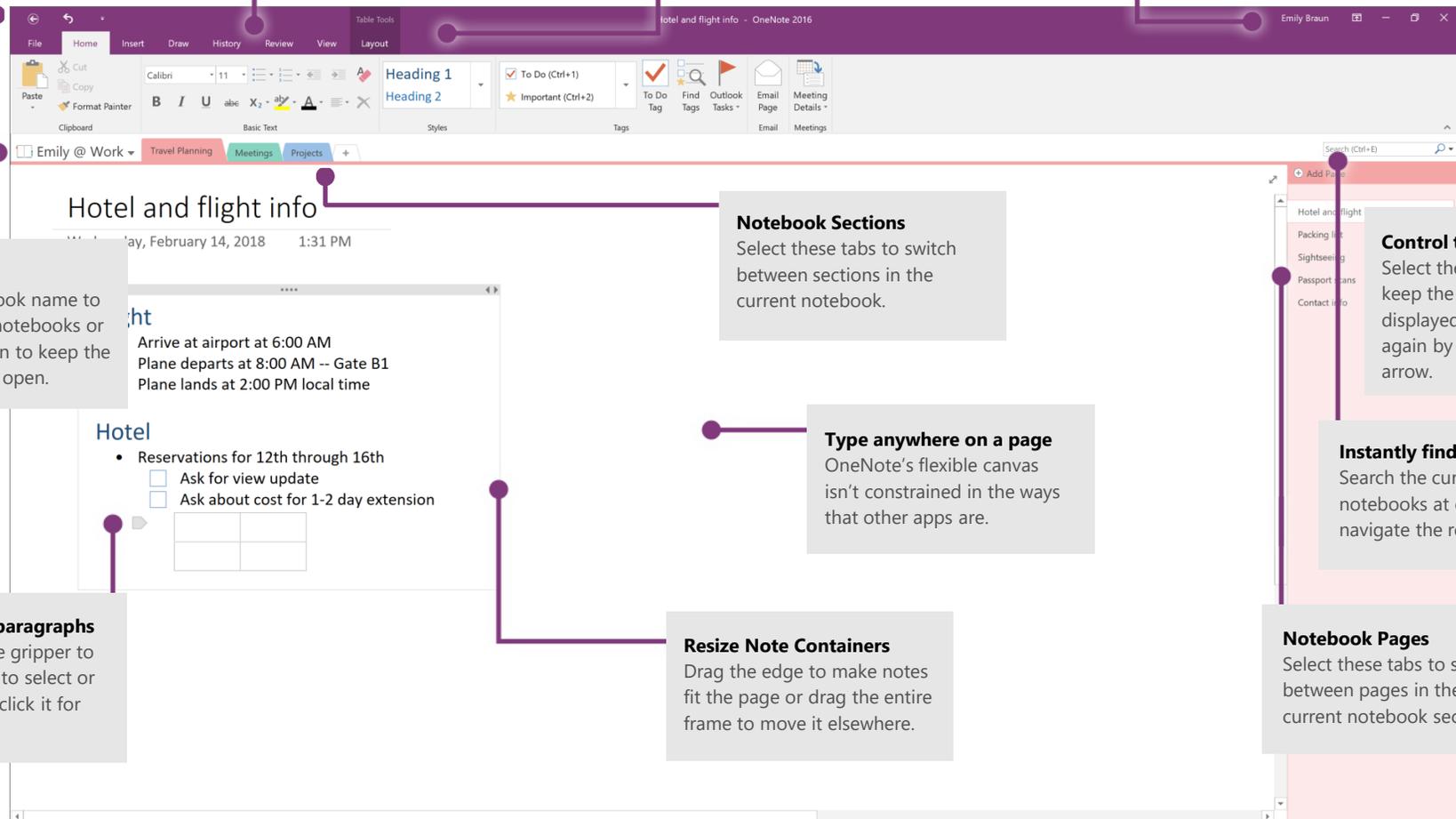
OneNote's flexible canvas isn't constrained in the ways that other apps are.

Resize Note Containers

Drag the edge to make notes fit the page or drag the entire frame to move it elsewhere.

Notebook Pages

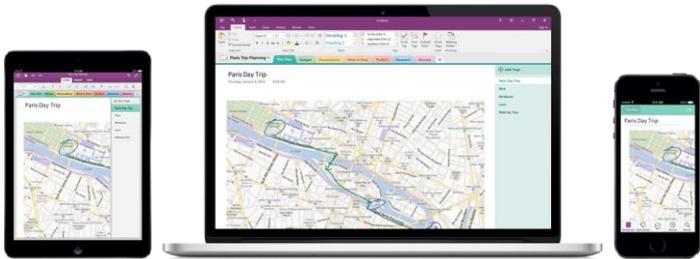
Select these tabs to switch between pages in the current notebook section.



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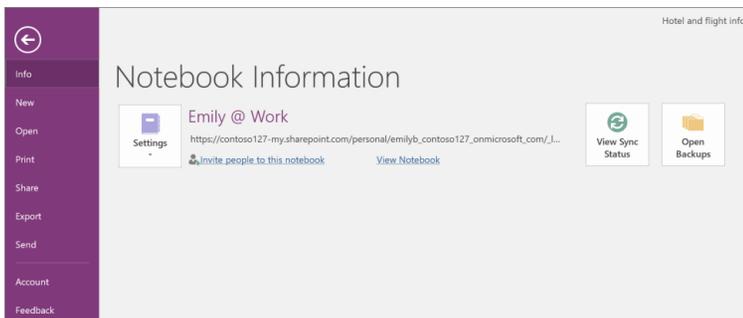
Access your notes anywhere

What good are notes, plans, and ideas if they're trapped on a hard drive? Keep your notebooks available to you by signing in with your free Microsoft account when you first start OneNote on your PC. There's even a free OneNote app for all of your preferred devices to stay in sync wherever you go.



Don't worry about saving

OneNote automatically saves all of your changes as you work — so you never have to. Even when you close the app or your PC goes to sleep, your notes are always saved, so you can continue right where you left off. To see when OneNote last synced your changes, select **File > Info > View Sync Status**.



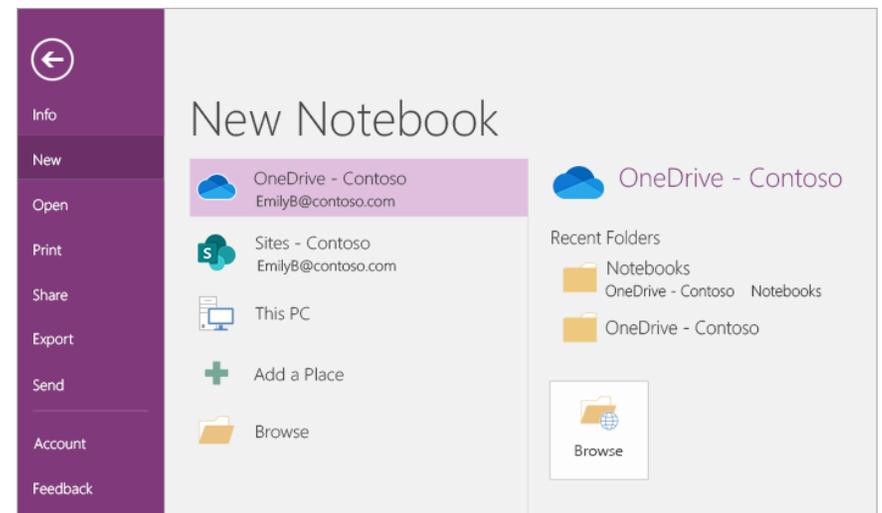
Never run out of paper

OneNote doesn't have any of the limitations of a traditional paper notebook. When you run out of room, you can just make more.

To create a new page in the current section, select the **(+) Add Page** button at the top of the page tabs column. You can also right-click any page tab and then select **New Page**, or press **Ctrl+N** on your keyboard.

To create a new section in the current notebook, select the small tab with the plus sign **[+]** to the right of the section tab bar, or right-click any section tab and then select **New Section**.

When you first launch OneNote, a default notebook with a **Quick Notes** section is created for you, but you can easily create any number of additional notebooks for the subjects and projects you want by selecting **File > New**.

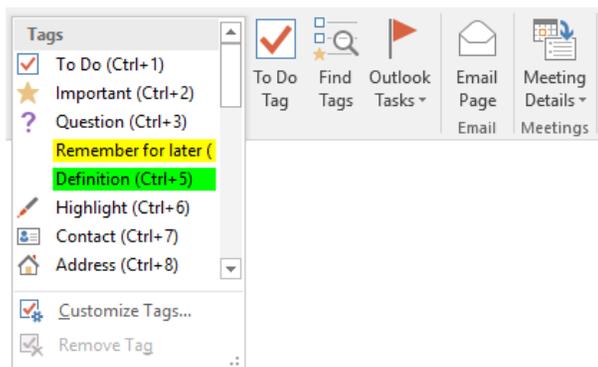


You can create new notebooks on your local hard drive, or you can store them on your free OneDrive account so your notes are always accessible on all your devices. The choice is yours!

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Tag important notes

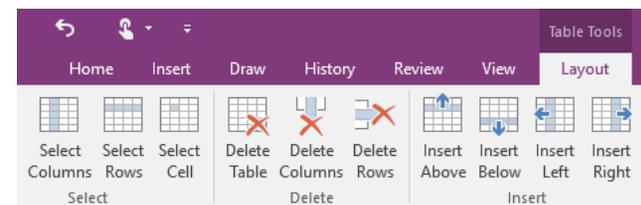
The Tags gallery on the **Home** tab lets you visually prioritize or categorize selected notes. Tagged notes are marked with icons that prompt you to follow up on your important action items or to check off completed tasks on your to-do lists.



Organize information in tables

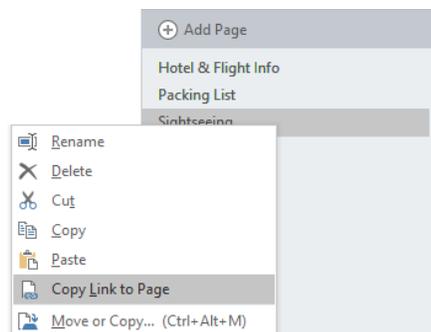
Whenever a spreadsheet is overkill, use simple OneNote tables to make sense of information. Start on a new line of text by typing a word, phrase, or number, and then press the Tab key to create the next column. Press Enter to create a new row. Alternately, you can select **Insert > Table** on the ribbon to draw a table.

Once your table is created and selected, use the commands on the **Table Tools** tab on the ribbon, or right-click any part of your table for the same **Table** options.



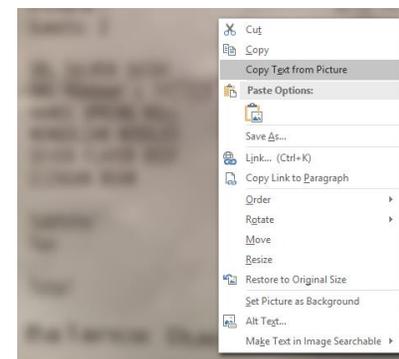
Create wiki-style hyperlinks

Turn your notebook into a functional wiki by creating links to specific sections or pages. Right-click the tab of the section or page that the link should point to. Next, select **Copy Link to Section** or **Copy Link to Page**, and then paste the link wherever you want it.



Copy text from pictures

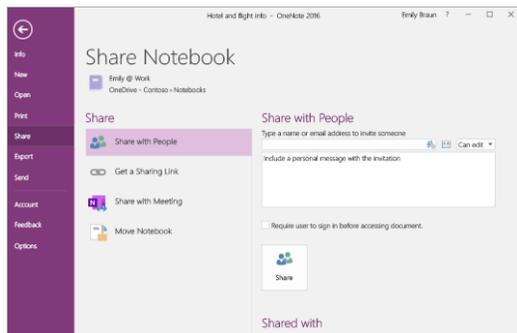
OneNote can recognize text in pictures. On any page, insert a picture containing legible text (for example, a cell phone photo of a receipt), right-click the picture, select **Copy Text from Picture**, and then paste the copied text where you want it.



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Share notes with other people

In OneNote, your cloud-based notebooks remain private unless you choose to invite other people to view or edit information in the current notebook. To begin collaborating with others, select **File > Share**, and then choose what you want to do.



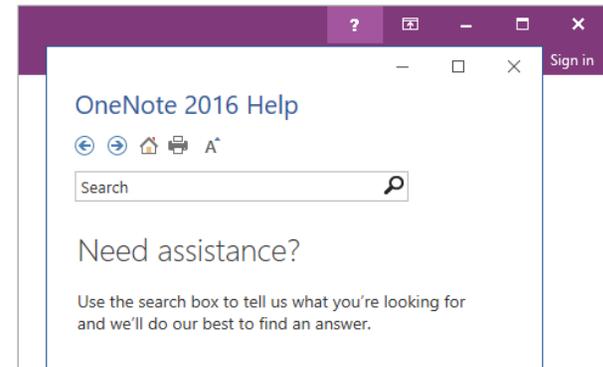
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Get help with OneNote

Near the top right of the ribbon, select the **?** icon to open the OneNote 2016 Help window, where you can enter keywords or phrases to look for assistance with OneNote features, commands, and tasks.



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