

NoteLode User Guide



General Description:

NoteLode is a digital library of index cards that can be browsed or shuffled. All content is user-created. Users can create cards for vocab, quotes, facts, events, or any custom category, and then browse or shuffle those cards to remember them.

All data is stored locally on the device, allowing it to be accessed rapidly and without an internet connection. Data can be backed up for preservation independent from the app or device, and for transfer between devices.

Why this app was created:

- (1) to digitize notes like flashcards,
- (2) to improve organization of notes.

Additional features:

- the ability to sort by subject, topic, subtopic, category/type, source and other filters,
- the ability to include images in a card,
- the ability to link related cards,
- a timeline feature that allows viewing cards by date range,
- the ability to save browse criteria and shuffle criteria for later use,
- the ability to save stacks of recently shuffled cards to test memory.



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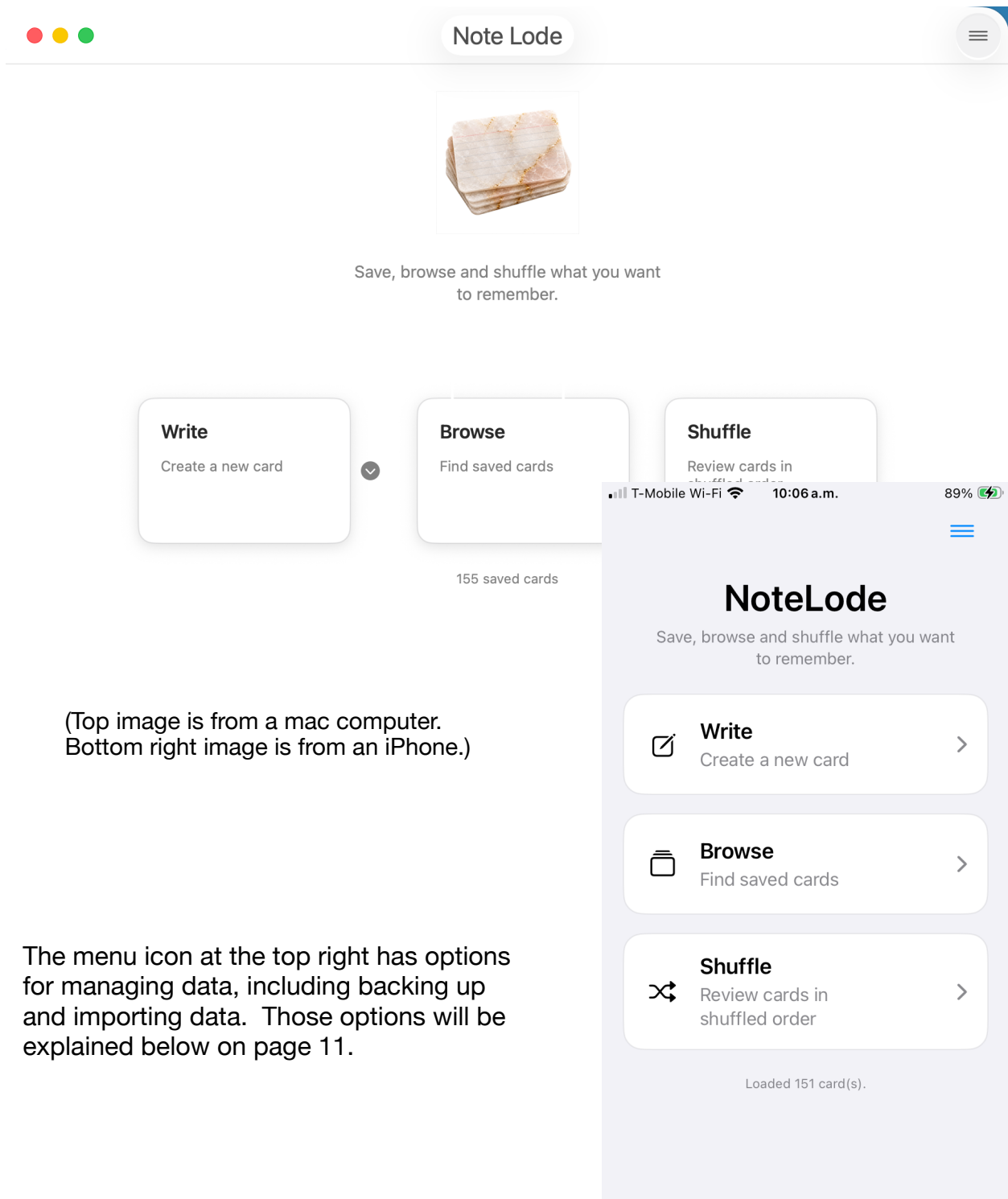
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NoteNode Basics:

(1) Homepage

The homepage has options to Write a card, Browse cards and Shuffle cards.



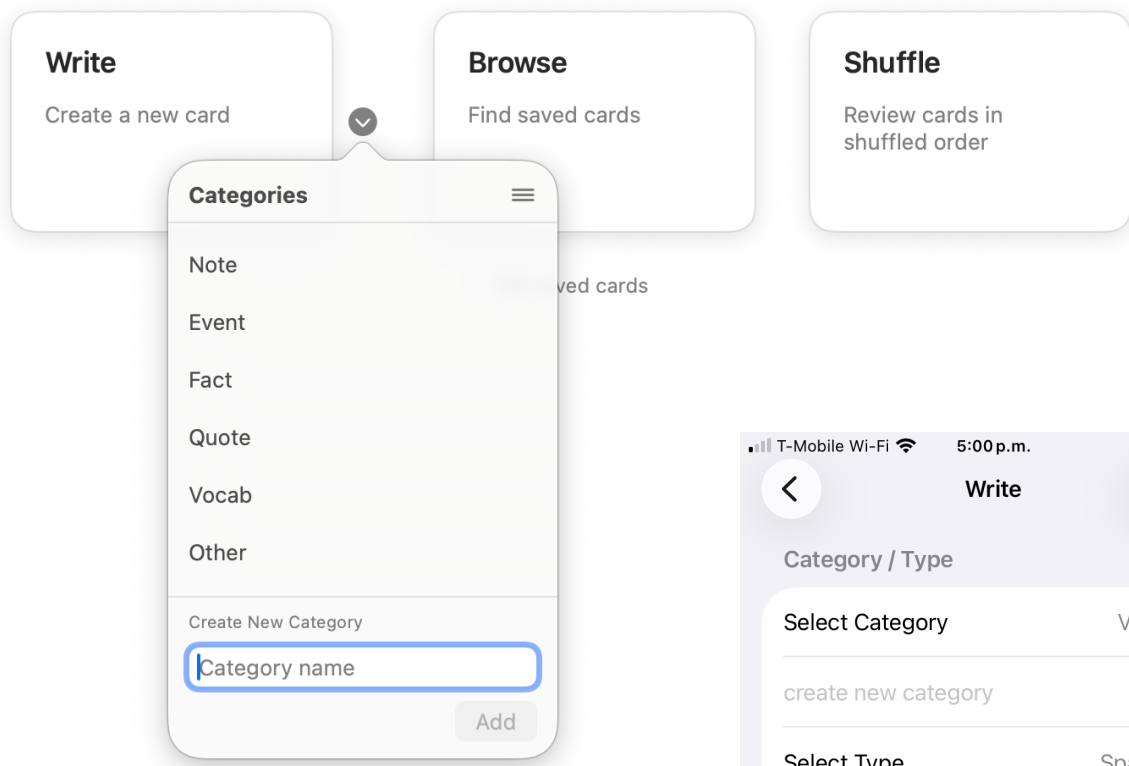
(Top image is from a mac computer.
Bottom right image is from an iPhone.)

The menu icon at the top right has options for managing data, including backing up and importing data. Those options will be explained below on page 11.

(2) How to write a card

From the homepage, click "Write" to create a new card.

Category: Cards are first organized by category. Pre-existing categories include Notes, Events, Facts, Quotes, Vocab and Other. Additional categories may be created by typing in the field for "create new category" and clicking "Add". Those user-created categories can later be renamed or edited by clicking the menu icon shown in the images below.



(Top image is from a mac computer.
Bottom right Image is from an iPhone.)

Type: Cards are next organized by Type. A type is like a sub category. (eg., Spanish vocab) The image on the right shows where to create a new type on an iPhone. The image on the next page shows where to create a new type on a mac computer.

Other fields: Other fields are shown in the image below (from a mac computer).

- The priority feature affects how often the card will appear when shuffled.
- Images can be copied into a card. The copies are resized to a maximum long edge of 1600 px, and saved as a JPEG at 80% of original quality.
- Users can designate subjects, topics and subtopics, and card can have multiple designations.
- Users can designate multiple sources (eg., a case study discussed in multiple books can have boxes checked for each book).
- A date or date range can be given to a card to enable use of the timeline feature.
- A card may be linked to other cards (eg., a card for a quote could be linked to a card for a historical figure who said it).

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Cancel

Save

Note

TypeNone

Priority1

re:

Short Note

> more info

> Images

> Subject / Topic / Subtopic

> Sources

> Date / Date Range

> Miscellaneous Filters

> Linked Cards

(3) How to edit a card

A user can edit a card while browsing, shuffling or viewing a timeline. The edit card page will appear like the write card page, showing the same fields. (see image below)

Edit Card

Cancel

Save Changes

Category

Vocab

Delete

Type

biology



Priority

1



word / term

neuroplasticity

Definition

- When editing a Category, Type, Subject, Topic, Subtopic, or Miscellaneous filter, the user will have an option to apply the classification change(s) to only that card or all similar cards. (see image below).

Apply changes to matching cards?

You changed the Category, Type, Subject, Topic, Subtopic, or Miscellaneous Filter. Apply those classification changes only to this card, or also to other cards that have the original classification values from this card?

This Card Only

All Matching Cards

Cancel

In most cases, the user will want the change to apply to "This Card Only" and should click that option. (eg., for a card about the bronze age, the user might change the type from "invention" to "era" without changing other cards about inventions).

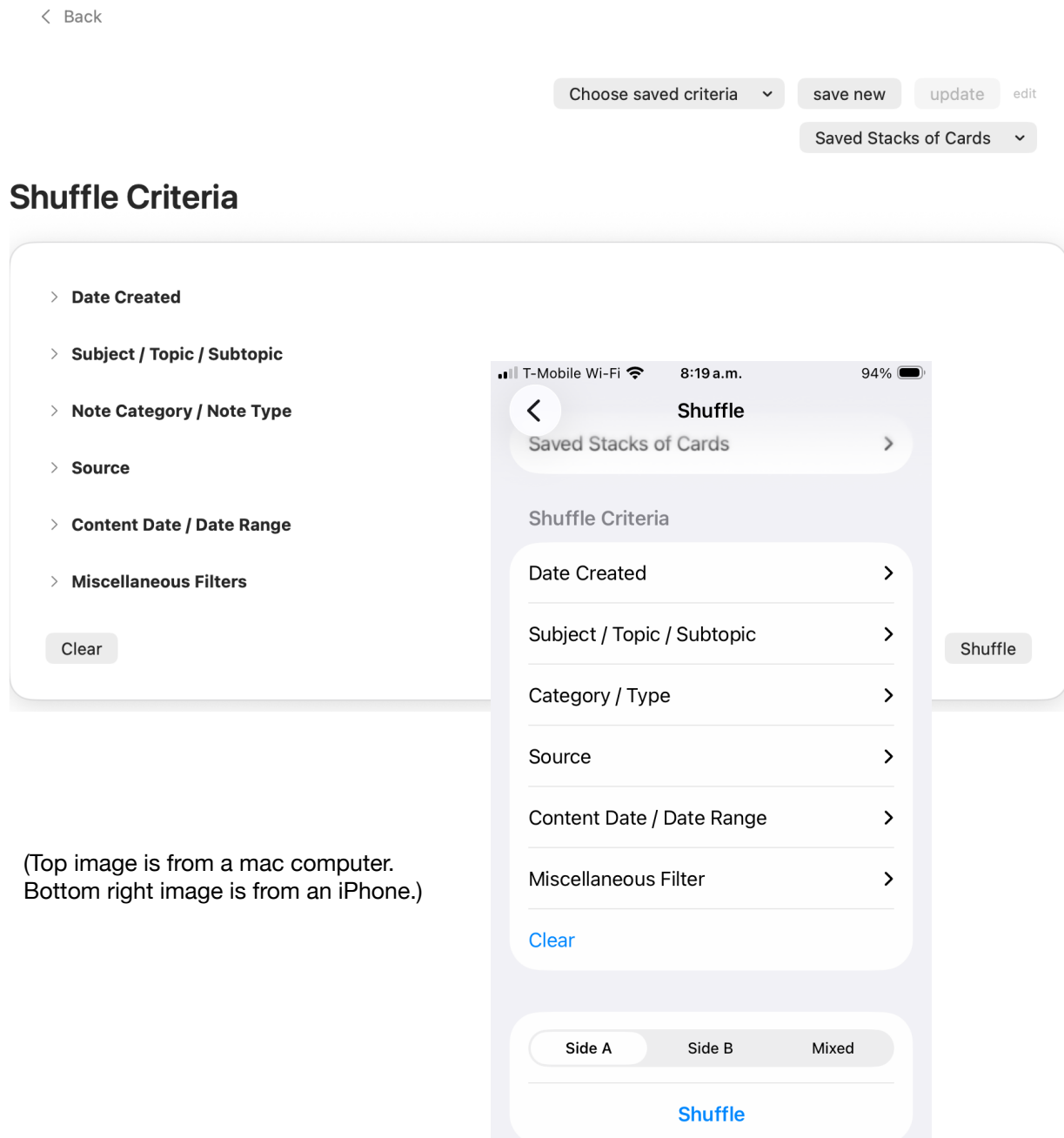
In other cases, the user might want a change to apply to all matching cards. (eg., if the user has cognitive neuroscience as a subject and wants to change the subject to science have cognitive neuroscience be the topic, all cards that have cognitive neuroscience as the subject can be edited that way simultaneously).

- A user confirmation box will appear before a card is deleted.

(4) How to shuffle cards

From the homepage, click "Shuffle" to shuffle cards.

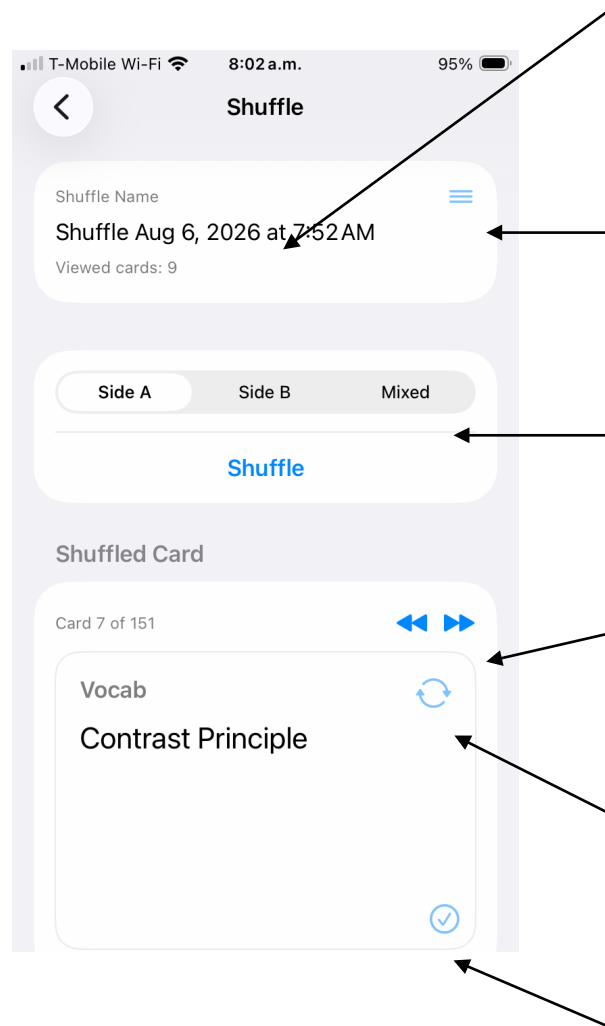
Shuffle criteria: Select the criteria for which cards to shuffle, click shuffle, and the app will show a stack of shuffled cards. Specific criteria can be saved for frequent shuffles. Saved stacks of shuffled cards that have been viewed can also be accessed and reshuffled. The maximum number of saved stacks is three. When saving an additional stack, users may choose which stack to replace. The "Clear" button at the bottom resets the shuffle criteria without deleting any saved criteria or stacks.



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Bottom right image is from an iPhone.)

Shuffled cards:

Below is an image of Side A of a shuffled card on an iPhone.



The shuffle name will show the date and time that the user clicked "shuffle". The app will remember which cards were viewed and count them here.

A stack of viewed cards can be saved by pressing this menu icon and clicking save. There are also options to rename the stack, and to add recently viewed cards to another stack.

Shuffled cards can be first viewed from side A, side B, or mixed.

To see the next card or previous card, click forward or back.

To flip a card over to the other side, press the circular arrows button. While viewing side B, the card can be expanded by clicking on it, and collapsed by clicking on it again.

A card can be removed from the stack by clicking the checkmark. This will not delete the card.

(5) How to browse cards

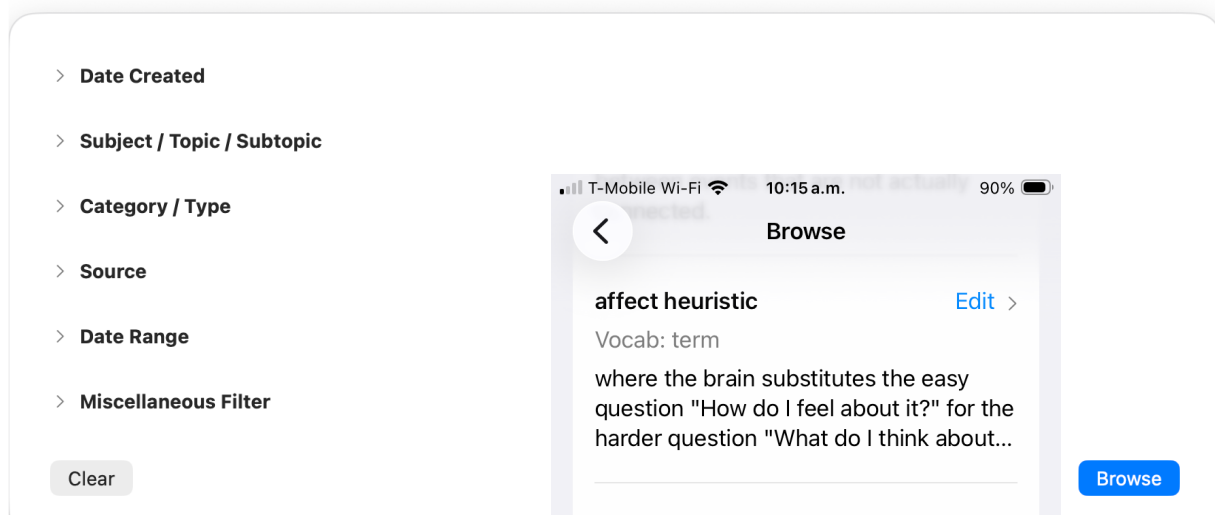
From the homepage, click "Browse" to browse cards.

Browse criteria: Select the criteria for which cards to browse, click browse, and a list of cards matching that criteria will be displayed in the order they were created with the most recent at the top. Specific browse criteria can be saved for frequent searches. Browse criteria can be reset by clicking the "Clear" button at the bottom.

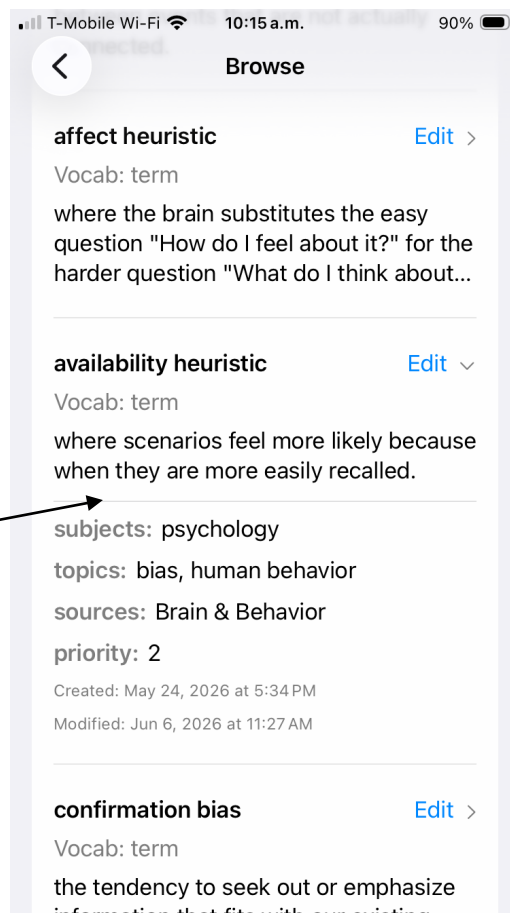
(Top image shows the browse criteria page from a mac computer.
Bottom image shows the browse results page from an iPhone.)

< Back Saved Criteria ▼ save new criteria update

Browse Criteria



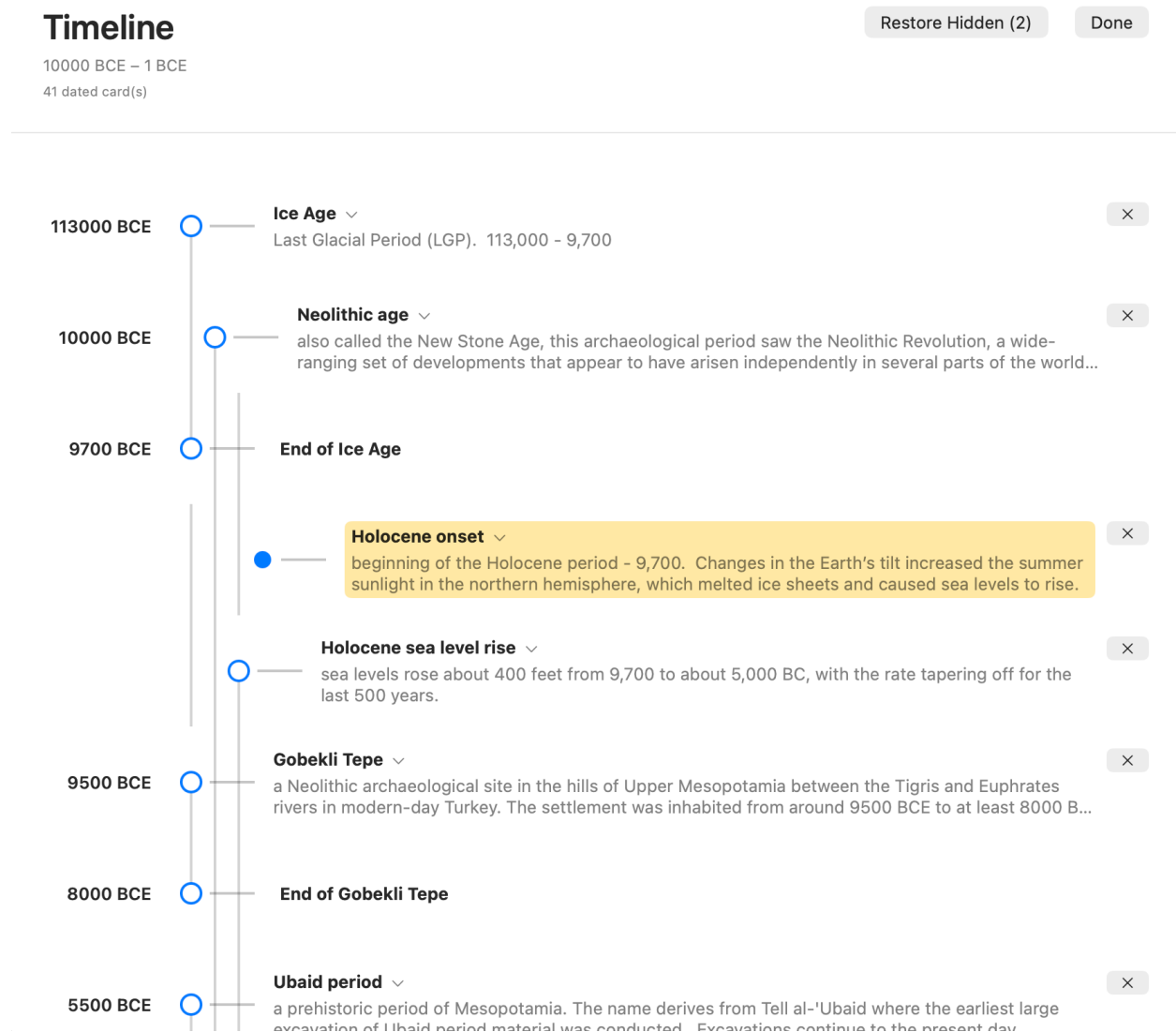
- When viewing browse results, a card can be expanded to show all details by clicking on the card. Another click will collapse it to show less details.
- Linked cards can be viewed by clicking on the reference to it. To return to the browse results, click "back to previous" in the upper left corner.



Timeline feature:

To view a timeline, enter the date range in the browse criteria, click the "See Timeline" button, and a timeline will appear. (see image below from a mac computer).

- Cards can be expanded by clicking on it and collapsed by clicking on it again.
- The "x" button at the time right of a card will temporarily hide a card from the timeline. Clicking the "Restore Hidden" button will show all cards again.
- A card can be highlighted by clicking the "Highlight" button in the expanded card.



Backing up data:

From the homepage, click the menu icon in the upper right corner, and click "Manage Data". The image below is the page that appears on a mac computer after clicking it.

Manage Data

Done

Backup Data

Import Options

Backup creates one or more NoteLode backup (.notelodebackup) files that can be copied, moved, or stored for safekeeping. Each backup file contains your NoteLode data in a human-readable format. Large backups are split automatically into multiple files. You will be prompted to choose where to save the backup.

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The format of backed up data is designed to be compatible with other operating systems if and when NoteLode is built for Windows, Android, etc.

To view the text files after backing up, do the following steps:

- (1) Duplicate the .notelodebackup file(s) that you want to view. (Do not edit the original .notelodebackup file(s))
- (2) On the duplicated copy, change the extension from .notelodebackup to .zip
- (3) Open the zip folder. The data is in text format.

Importing data:

Data backed up on one device can be transferred to another device and imported into NoteLode. In NoteLode, click the "Import Options" button shown in the image above. Import options are Add, Merge, and Replace. (See images on next page).

Users who do not want to store their data in the cloud while transferring it from a Mac to an iPhone can connect the iPhone to the Mac and use Finder to copy a .notelodebackup file directly into the NoteLode folder on the iPhone. Then, in NoteLode, select the appropriate .notelodebackup file from the NoteLode folder.

Manage Data

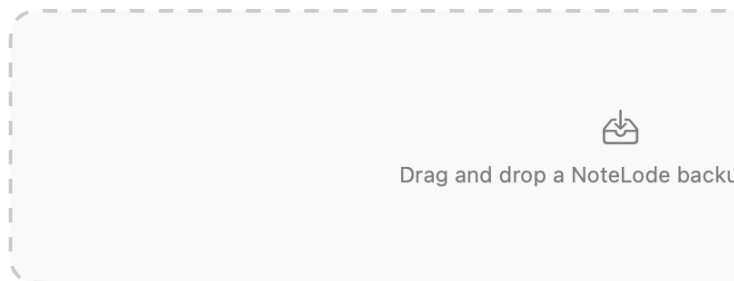
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To import data, choose an import option and select the NoteNode backup (.notelodebackup) file or files. If the backup was split into multiple parts, select all of the backup files before importing. It is recommended to back up your current cards and data before importing.

- ☒ Add (keep existing and add) ⓘ
- ☐ Merge (keep existing and add/update) ⓘ
- ☐ Replace (overwrite all cards and data) ⓘ

Select Backup File(s)



Privacy Statement:

NoteNode does not upload your cards, images, saved criteria, or other NoteNode data to our servers. All NoteNode data is stored locally on your device. When you choose to create a backup, one or more NoteNode backup files are created and shared only to the destination you select (for example, iCloud Drive, Files, or another storage location). NoteNode does not collect personal information, require an account, or use advertising, tracking, or third-party analytics. Your device and iCloud backups may also include NoteNode data, managed by Apple as part of your normal device backup settings.

Frequently asked questions:

The website NoteNode.com will be the place for frequently asked questions.

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