



My Life In Plain Text

Or: How I Learned To Stop Worrying And Love The Markdown



What makes your note system special?

- Cross-platform
- Mobile
- Modular (more on this later)



Simple yet effective

Three tools:

- Dropbox
- Markdown
- An editor of your choice



Ok, but why don't you just use X that has feature Y?

- No “note IDE” has everything
- Vendor lock-in
 - Proprietary data formats
- Linux usually gets the short end of the stick
- Markdown can be read by 100's of editors



Comparison of other note-taking methods

Evernote: proprietary data format, no Linux client

OneNote: Same as above

Org-mode: Requires buying into the Emacs ecosystem, a huge hassle on Windows



Ok, so are you gonna tell us what you're talking about?

- Instead of using a “note-IDE,” I store all of my notes in folders on Dropbox in Markdown, and edit them in Typora
- Class notes, personal notes, journaling, all in a tree format
- GREP root to find stuff
- It's `_that_` simple.



Modular!

- Can switch out editors (yes, even VIM)
 - I recommend Typora, MarkText, or any WYSIWYG
- Can switch out sync (recently went from GDrive to Dropbox w/ zero hassle)
- Markdown is the core aspect, however, you could use RST or LaTeX if you need more horsepower
 - The cool part here is that you wouldn't necessarily need to convert your prior notes



Caveats

- No tagging
 - Can be done rudimentarily using grep recursively
 - Depends on editor you use as well - can use backlinks
- Beholden to what your editor can render
- Less advanced features
 - Web Clipping
 - Merging
 - Reminders
 - Can be done w/ Org Mode