I have been searching for a note writing software at my fingertips, that I can use to keep and add information.

I have settled on using Joplin. Joplin is a cross platform note writing application that holds my information in the cloud and is editable from my computer, phone or tablet.

What have I tried before?

- TiddlyWiki
Both are excellent for making notes, keeping a person organised.

Link to external sites
Create a quick webpage
Home network only
No editable calendar

But the data is **only** on your computer, perhaps accessible on your local network

**I also tried**

NextCloud on a Raspberry Pi4
Sluggish but it did work.
I could set this up as an outward facing website but I do not want something like that on my home network.
Strictly my bias, I believe that I should leave the **secure** operation of a webserver in the hands of those who are paid to do just that.

It does not cost that much money.

After looking at a few wiki programs that would have to be hosted on a server elsewhere I found Joplin.

**Enter Joplin**  [https://joplinapp.org/](https://joplinapp.org/)

An editable notebook that I can access from multiple devices.

All that is required is a Dropbox account or other cloud application. I have only used Dropbox and it was very simple.

No editable calendar either but we can make one.

**Installation**

```bash
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Then select Options from the Tools menu and setup your cloud site. I have a DropBox account and it was easy.

I found it to be a very easy install on Ubuntu and my Android phone.

**Where are your files?**

Your files are stored in DropBox, at least as far as I know. I could not find my files on my Ubuntu desktop but I can see them in DropBox.

You can export your files from Joplin on DropBox to your computer in a number of formats:
And you can import files as well, you would be best to create them with a Markdown editor or convert a file to Markdown using Pandoc.

Whatever program you typed a document with, Pandoc more than likely will convert it to Markdown. You can find it listed in the Synaptic installer program.

**Making A Calendar**

This is not a detailed pre-formatted calendar. I do not have a week of meetings everyday at various times. I have about two entries a week at most.

I do not need anything too complicated. I do use Google calendar but what I want is a quick view of the week(s) ahead.

Go to a terminal and type `cal june 2021` to get a month of June calendar for 2021. Select the calendar and copy it (shift+control+c)

type `<pre>`

and paste your calendar(s) here

type `</pre>`
If there is another monospaced font we can use in Markdown it may eliminate placing the calendar into the pre-formatted argument.

Below or beside each month you can enter a date and event that you want to remember.

Not the fanciest, no reminders, but gives a quick look at the days ahead.

April 2021

Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa

1 2 3 5 Joplin at KWLUG
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 10 Virtual comedy
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 15 Covid Shot 2:15
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 Linamr
25 26 27 28 29 30

I find it helpful to have a "Splash page" where I can quickly copy information from the Internet and look at it later. Perhaps move it to a category I have already or make a new one.

Joplin is a very useful application and once you have it installed on your computer and a phone or tablet you will not want to be without it.

This document and the KWLUG presentation was created and presented using Joplin.

"That's all folks"