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What is this Idea Knot™ tool?
What can *I* do with it?

Concept: Concentrated Insights = Precise Messages

Idea Knot™ is a simple software tool designed to collect a library of inspired text ideas, each with a descriptive name of your choice, inside a special document. Its particular method of collection offers you two primary advantages over other text tools:

1. **INSTANT ACCESS WHILE INSPIRED**

   At the moment inspiration hits during your workday, it is very quick to open an Idea Knot™ document and within seconds record the essence of that new idea without distractions, while your mind is focused on it and without disturbing the flow of your current work. Within moments you return to your original task and that inspired refinement to your topic is stored for you to further develop and re-use later. Over time, a typical Idea Knot™ document gathers many inspired refinements to a topic, in one place that is easy to access.

2. **RE-USE RELEVANT IDEAS IN DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS**

   Starting from that collection of inspired refinements concentrated in an Idea Knot™ document, you can build a precise message by gathering different combinations of ideas into groups, exploring their fit and their order, until the message they deliver is exactly right. Then you can export that group to another program for presentation.

What can I do with it?

Shown further below on this page are several use-cases illustrating what Idea Knot™ does in different professions. Read those to get more details. We start with these two short examples:

- One creative person uses Idea Knot™ to concentrate creative notes into a document over time and then combines those insights in deliberate ways until a precise and clear message emerges, re-using their content to communicate to their specific audience.

- One business team uses Idea Knot™ without losing their normal productivity, to record insightful refinements to their business process over time, each inspired by a real-world situation handled by those in the production front. Then management easily assembles all those insights for their experts to analyze, then implement the improvements most valuable to their process.

Other use-cases illustrating what Idea Knot™ does in different professions follow below...

Overview: Using Idea Knot for the First Time

Learning to use Idea Knot™

Idea Knot™ saves '.knotpc' documents that contain Groups, which contain Ideas, that contain text. It is useful for quickly taking notes and later organizing them into a meaningful message, when you have more time. That process is simple and efficient with this tool:

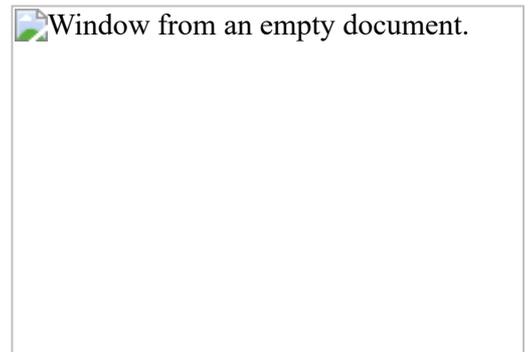1. **Whenever you launch Idea Knot™ a document window will open.**

   That window represents the content of one '.knotpc' document.

A window with an empty document looks like this...

Every document window has one special group called the "All Ideas" group.

That group is like a library that contains every single Idea within your document.

This way you can build, change and destroy other Groups as you organize your Ideas, without fear of losing any of your Ideas' content during the process. Ideas are always safely stored in the "All Ideas" group while you figure out the structure of your other Groups.

Window from an empty document.

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2. **Create a Group with the '+ Group' button in the bottom left.**

Location of + Group button.

That new Group is shown in the "Groups" list to the left.

Groups can contain any number of Ideas.

Type a relevant name for the Group you created and press the 'return' key to accept that name.

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3. **Create an Idea with the '+ Idea' button in the middle.**

That new Idea is shown in the "Ideas" list.

Ideas contain text, shown in the Note to their right.

Type a descriptive title for the Idea you created and press the 'return' key to accept that title.
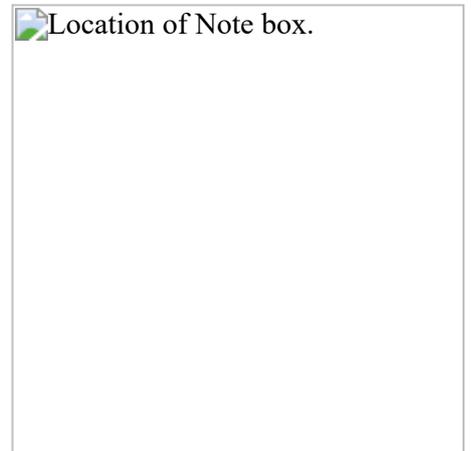

Location of + Idea button.

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4. **Go into the Note on the right side by clicking in it, or pressing the 'tab' key.**

That Note contains the text for the Idea currently selected in the "Ideas" list.

Type some text with details about your new Idea.

When you end typing in the Note you can press 'ctrl-i' to go to the "Ideas" list using the keyboard. This makes creating several Ideas a very quick process...

Location of Note box.

Quick Note Taking Process:

1. Press the 'return' key, a new Idea is created in the current Group.
2. Type a title for that and then press the 'tab' key to go to the Note field.
3. Start typing the content of your new Idea.
4. After you finish typing in your note, press 'ctrl-i' to go to the "Ideas" list.
5. Create the next Idea by pressing the 'return' key, and so on....

When you have more time, you can organize these Ideas within your document into relevant Groups to print or export to a different application.