

Noah Do It List - Quick Start

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Verification: Interface and native Electron save/restart/backup workflows passed on Linux. Windows installer and portable EXE are built; native Windows installation and runtime verification remain pending. See QA-REPORT.md.

Open your notebook

On Windows 10/11 x64, place the portable EXE in a writable folder, such as a folder under Documents, and double-click it. It extracts its runtime temporarily and stores your notebook in `Noah-Do-It-List-Data` beside the EXE. Keep that folder together with the EXE when moving the app. The first launch can take longer than later launches.

The app is unsigned. Windows may display a SmartScreen or unknown publisher warning. Verify the file source and SHA-256 checksum before deciding whether to run it; no signing certificate or reputation is claimed.

For a normal installation, run `Noah-Do-It-List-Setup-1.1.0-x64.exe`. It installs in its fixed Noah-only folder and creates a desktop shortcut and Start Menu entry. Close any older Noah copy first. It preserves the original installed Noah data folder and never migrates Kai data. A legacy Noah shortcut may remain if the old version was installed elsewhere.

Choose either installer or portable for everyday use. They use independent notebooks; Backup notebook and Restore backup transfer data between them.

Your first five minutes

1. Type a task on today's yellow paper and press Enter or Add.
2. Click its text to edit it. Click the circle to complete it; click again to reopen it.
3. Use the star to mark a priority. The row has details, move, clear Delete and reorder controls. Up/down buttons also work with the keyboard.
4. Use Today, Tomorrow, date arrows or Calendar to open another page. Select a section to focus on Work, Personal or Projects. New tasks on All sections default to Personal.
5. Open Customize to name your notebook (optional) and choose paper, ink and completion style. Use Stickers to decorate your page.
6. Watch for **Saved locally** in the sidebar. Each valid edit is saved automatically. The window waits for a successful save before closing.

Start a new day

Move unfinished to tomorrow moves unfinished tasks from the visible date and section to the next calendar day, after confirmation. Completed tasks stay in their history.

Morning Reset brings unfinished older tasks from every section onto today. It asks first, leaves completed history alone and never clears Brain Dump. Separate overdue recurring occurrences remain separate tasks.

Save a backup

Choose **Backup notebook**, pick a location outside the app folder and keep the JSON file. **Restore backup** validates the file and asks before replacing your notebook. Your prior data is copied into the data folder first.

If a save fails, keep the app open, export a backup, resolve the disk or folder problem, then click the save-status message to retry. Do not delete the data folder to fix a startup problem.

Handy controls

- Ctrl+N: focus the new-task line.
- Ctrl+F: search all dated tasks and Brain Dump.
- Escape: close a dialog or side panel.
- Sticker arrow keys: move the selected sticker. Enter: show its controls. Delete: remove it.
- Customize > Reduce page motion: disable interface animations and confetti. Little celebrations can be switched off separately. The app also follows the operating system's reduced-motion preference.

The app works offline. It has no login, subscription, telemetry, cloud synchronization, Google Calendar link, or background reminder service.