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Anki Tip Sheet



1. What is Anki?

- Anki is a software program that can be used for active recall and spaced repetition through the creation of customized flashcards.

2. Why use Anki?

- Anki can help students with studying content, memorizing various types of information, and recalling previously learned content to ensure retention. Anki can help make studying more efficient and help increase the amount of information you learn.

3. How can I use Anki for my courses?

- You can use your PowerPoint slides, textbooks, lecture notes, or important concepts to create flashcards and test your knowledge. Focus on breaking-down major concepts into smaller, manageable flashcards.

4. Can I use Anki for different subjects, like math, languages, or sciences?

- Absolutely! Anki is versatile and adaptable to various subjects. Customize card formats to suit different subjects: equations for math/science, vocabulary for languages, or key concepts for humanities.

5. Can I organize the flashcards by course or topic?

- Yes, you can create different decks for a particular courses or topics to help you focus on a specific set of flashcards and information.

6. How often should I review my flashcards?

- Anki has an algorithm which sets the date for when flashcards are due depending on the level of difficulty you choose when answering the card. It is important to regularly and consistently review your flashcards to help with memory retention.

7. What if I feel overwhelmed by the number of flashcards?

- To avoid getting overwhelmed, focus on learning and retaining the information of current flashcards rather than creating new flashcards for new information.

8. Can I collaborate with my peers using Anki?

- Yes, Anki has the option to share your decks with your peers. This can help with learning and studying as it allows for diverse perspectives.

9. Can I measure my progress and track improvements through Anki?

- Yes, Anki provides users with statistics based on time and difficulty answering a flashcard. This can help you identify your weaknesses and strengths.

10. How can I get Anki?

- Anki is free to download on Windows and Mac:
<https://apps.ankiweb.net/>

****Disclaimer** (Anki does store the user data onto “AnkiWeb” but that data is not accessible to other people unless you choose to share it, though it is accessible to Anki. However, if you do not click “sync,” the information does not get uploaded to Ankiweb and remains on the user's device).*