

Leave Evernote.

Move your notes to Joplin — open, offline, yours.

Import every notebook, tag and attachment, keep your notes as plain Markdown on your own devices, and sync them however you like — or not at all.

Who this is for

Anyone tired of Evernote's price hikes and device limits who wants their notes in an open format they control.
No server or technical setup required — Joplin is a normal desktop and mobile app.

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Why move off Evernote

Evernote has raised prices repeatedly and squeezed the free plan down to a couple of devices.

Joplin is a free, open-source notebook that stores your notes as plain Markdown, works fully offline, and lets you choose your own sync target — or none. Your notes stop being locked in someone else's cloud.

What you keep

Notebooks, notes, tags, attachments and note metadata all import. What you drop: the subscription, the device cap, and the proprietary format.

1 · Install Joplin

Joplin is free on Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android. Install the desktop app first — it's where you'll run the Evernote import. Add the mobile app later once sync is set up.

2 · Export from Evernote

- 1 In Evernote, select the notebook(s) you want to move.
- 2 Export them as an ENEX file (Evernote's export format). You can export one notebook per file, or several — Joplin handles both.

3 · Import into Joplin

In the Joplin desktop app: **File** → **Import** → **ENEX**, then pick your file. Import a single file and Joplin makes one notebook with the same name; import a folder of ENEX files and it creates one notebook per file.

What converts — and what doesn't

Evernote stores notes as HTML; Joplin converts them to Markdown. For plain text and basic formatting (bold, italic, lists, links) this is lossless. Very complex notes may lose colours, font sizes and font faces. If preserving those matters, use the 'ENEX - HTML' import option instead of Markdown.

4 · Set up sync (optional)

Joplin works fully offline with no account. If you want your notes on more than one device, point it at a sync target you control: Nextcloud, Dropbox, OneDrive, WebDAV, or the paid Joplin Cloud.

- Open Settings → Synchronisation, pick your target, and enter its details.
- Turn on end-to-end encryption if you sync through a third-party cloud — then even the provider can't read your notes.
- Set the same target on your other devices to sync them all.

5 · Verify, then leave

- Spot-check imported notes: text, attachments, tags and dates present?

- If you set up sync, confirm a note created on one device appears on another.
- Export a backup from Joplin (File → Export → JEX) once you're happy.
- Only then downgrade or close your Evernote account.

Common snags

Symptom	Fix
Formatting looks off	Re-import that notebook with the 'ENEX - HTML' option.
Sync conflict notes appear	Normal on first multi-device sync; review and delete duplicates.
Attachments missing	Re-export from Evernote as ENEX, not plain-text or HTML.

Found this useful?

This guide is free — pay what you want if it saved you time. More offline & one-time-purchase alternatives to subscription apps, plus other migration guides, at **payoncehq.com**.

Sources: official Joplin documentation (joplinapp.org). Steps current as of 2026; check the project pages for the latest. Independent guide, not affiliated with Joplin or Evernote.