

APP-MAP Mini Manual

Use your PDF viewer to zoom into areas you want to find out more about then pan around exploring the rest, it's a fun way to get an overview of what Mindburn does.

Main Window

Note Outliner: Mindburning should be a fast spontaneous affair: you read an article, decide you really ought to know the date when the Apollo 11 moon landing took place, and move on.

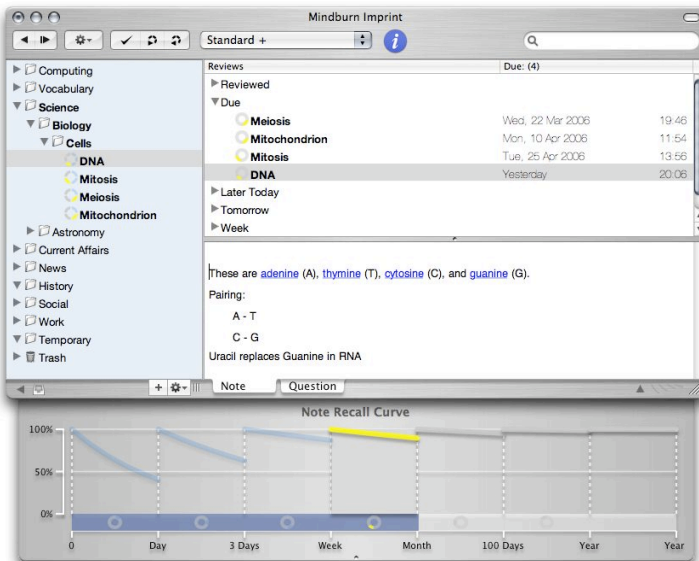
If however you want to trade some time for greater organisation then you're in luck. Mindburn has a fully featured outliner to give you power and structuring flexibility.

Having a sense of what's going on in an application is important, each note shows a burn wheel icon so you can tell at a glance how many due or completed reviews your note has. Also a bold font indicates due notes italicised notes are completed.

There's also a trashcan if you were hasty with your deletions.

Recall Curve: For a graphic look at how your forgetting curve (memory fade), Mindburn features the Recall Curve graph drawer.

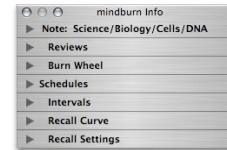
The graph displays how much you might remember between reviews, 100% representing complete recall. The curve intervals take on the same colours as the schedule icons so you can easily identify reviewed, due, and upcoming reviews.



Inspector Panel

Open to reveal specific areas of interest.

Just click on the triangles.



Tool Bar: Browse your viewing history with forward and back buttons, forward doubles up to take you to due notes for review. Cog button reveals a menu with actions to perform in your note outline. Mark notes as reviewed or reschedule back or forwards, a popup list easily lets you set the schedule for selected notes.

Reviews Pane: lists a review entry for each of your note's schedule intervals. You'll end up with quite a number of reviews so for convenience they are grouped into: "Reviewed, Due, Later Today, Tomorrow, Week, Later". The "Due" will be of most interest. Selecting a row shows the question tab content for the note underneath, double click on a row to mark it as reviewed.

Reviews are shown with their title and due review date, naturally you may sort the list with a click on the column headers. A modified Burn Wheel icon is shown to the left highlighting the reviews corresponding segment.

Note: Use <ctrl> click as a shortcut to a menu for frequently used commands such as re-scheduling.

Note Content: If you're familiar with Apple's TextEdit application then this note pane should make you feel right at home.

You can use most of the formatting and layout tools that you are already familiar with as well as dragging web browser links and files into your text. The note is actually kept as a file on your hard drive and commands to show it in the finder or open it with TextEdit always to hand.

Gadget Bar: some handy buttons and menus reside here to get things done without cluttering up our tool bar.

Starting at the far left we have a disclosure triangle controlling the hiding of the note outline browser. Next to this is a drawer icon which toggles between browser and drawer modes. The plus button adds new notes as you would expect, hold it down for a second for a menu to create folders and choose schedules. The cog button has a number of options under its menu to let you perform operations on your selected notes.

A note may have a question associated with it, in this case it displays two tabs to allow you to choose to view/edit the question or answer. Finally the Recall Curve drawer disclosure triangle resides on the far right.

Totally Automatic

Instead of manually entering the interval times you can let this be done automatically by checking the auto box. Adjusting the sliders in the Recall Settings section sets your memory characteristics and uses these for the interval values.

Describe your memory characteristics by adjusting the Recall Settings.

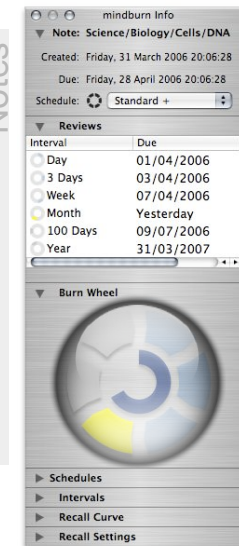
Initial: The higher the strength setting here the more you tend to remember the first time you study your material. This setting only applies to the first interval curve.

Reviews: Similar to the above except applies to all subsequent interval curves.

Strength: Recall value at which you should ideally review your material. Put another way: it's best to review your material when you still remember for 90% of it for example.

Spread: The amount of tolerance you have for the above. Basically this setting cuts you some slack if you are late with your reviews.

Notes



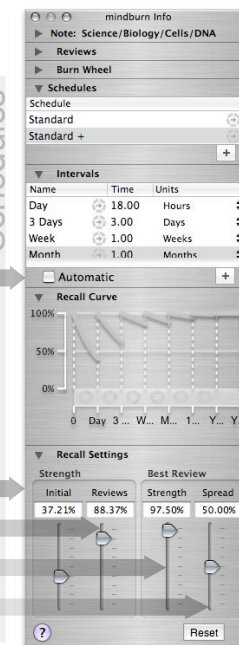
- Display basic information on your currently selected notes.
- The Schedule Popup (Standard + shown) sets the schedule (review intervals and times) for your note to follow.
- The circular segment icon indicates how many review intervals your chosen schedule has.
- Note:** you can also change a note's schedule by <ctrl> clicking the note.

- Reviews table list all the reviews, due dates/times and reviewed status for the selected note.
- Selecting rows in the table will in turn select reviews in the main window.
- Clicking on the column header sorts the list to that column.
- The interval name shown in the leftmost column can be changed in the "Intervals" inspector.
- Note:** If you would like more detail in the due column simply drag it wider.

- The Burn Wheel provides a quick overview of the status of the currently selected note's scheduled intervals - six intervals are shown in the example, the first three reviews have been completed and the fourth is due. The inner ring indicates the current time in relation to the segment intervals.
- A mini version of the Burn Wheel is also shown for each note in the main window's note browser.
- Note:** Clicking on a segment selects it in this and other views. Double clicking marks it as reviewed.

In addition to the usual window sizing control individual adjustment for each section is possible by using its own sizing control.

Schedules



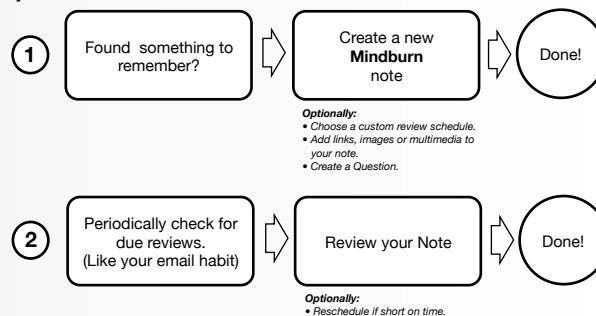
- Take charge of your Schedules here, create new schedules, edit the names or if you're done, delete them.
- Drag the schedule rows vertically to change their order.
- Icon on rows at right selects all the notes for the particular schedule - great for changing notes of one schedule to another.

- Interval settings for the selected Schedule - as above.
- Add, edit or remove as many intervals as you require.
- Set the time units from the popup list "Units" column then enter the time interval as of the note's creation date.
- Clicking on the icon in the "Interval" column selects all the notes for the currently selected schedule and selects all reviews (in main window) for the chosen interval.
- Note:** <ctrl> click on a row for new and delete shortcuts.

- Graph of Recall for the selected schedule.
- Shows estimated amount of memory recall for the schedule's review intervals. The plot uses the memory characteristics values set in the "Recall Curve" section below.
- Note:** There is an extra interval appended to the end to illustrate your recall after the last review has been completed.

- The Recall Settings section allows you to model your memory characteristics, these settings are used to draw the Recall Curve graphs - move the sliders and watch the graph change interactively.
- These settings can also be used to generate the time intervals for your schedule, check the "Automatic" checkbox and time values will be updated from these settings. Review intervals will then reflect your memory characteristics.

Two Simple Habits



As you become more familiar with the idea you may want to refine things, Mindburn has many features to let you tune things exactly to your liking, experiment with your own schedules or perhaps put some organisation into your notes. It's all there to help you take control of your most important asset: your memory.

For more in-depth information please take a look at **Mindburn help** system, check out the web site at: mindburn.com
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