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Montaigne. End of July updates

July 25, 2024

Hi everyone,

Anton here.

I didn't send updates for a long time -> that was mostly because of the issues with recur.email newsletter service that I've used to send weekly updates.

Bunch of spammers used recur.email to send emails and that damaged "reputation" of the whole service.

So update number one: I've moved my newsletter from <https://recur.email/> to <https://recuremail.com/>. It's new domain, new landing page and better security - there is bot check now when people try to subscribe.

Another update. I've made a lot of progress with Alto macOS app. Please try it! <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-computer/id6480425094?mt=12>

It has many cool things. But most importantly you can also publish Apple Notes online and it's faster and more reliable. Because publishing doesn't depend on iCloud.

There are tons of other things in the app: Apple Notes templates, integration with reminders and so on. You can see few videos to get an idea how it works https://www.youtube.com/@alto_so.

I was able to create several sites with Alto already: <https://docs.alto.so/>, <https://podviaznikov.com/>, <https://recuremail.com/> It's all very similar to Montaigne. But there are differences, ask me about them if you are curious.

As always, thank you for trying and using my products, reading those updates and supporting development.

If you have questions, bug reports or anything you want to share - just reply to this email.

Anton

Montaigne. Aug 5 updates

August 5, 2024

Hi Everyone,

Anton here.

I finally was able to port most of the functionality from Montaigne to Alto.

See how to create new website from Apple Notes in 2 clicks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvmovOulHDA>.

If you didn't have change before try alto macOS app <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-computer/id6480425094?mt=12>.

You can create websites from Apple Notes, create Apple reminders in one click and many other things.

I have bunch of demos here https://www.youtube.com/@alto_so

Longer term plan is following:

1. Alto is going to be in the beta for few more weeks.
2. After that I'll add payments for custom domains. So you can still request custom domains for free for now.

How this will impact Montaigne?

After Alto works as I want it to work I will stop free plan on Montaigne for new users(nothing will change for existing ones). If people want to use publishing for free they can use Alto. If they don't want Alto - they can pay for Montaigne.

Why this change? Because in the last year Montaigne got a lot of new customers and that impacted sync times for everyone. So I'd rather Montaigne has less users in total and more paying ones.

And because Alto is made differently amount of free users have no impact on the performance of the service.

Anton

Apple Notes Exporter

August 13, 2024

Hi everyone.

Anton here.

I just released first paid feature in Alto app. Apple Notes Exporter. It's one time payment of \$3.99.

Video how it works <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21rRZEhCMoo&t=2s>
https://click.pstmrk.it/3s/www.youtube.com/%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D21rRZEhCMoo%26t%3D2s/dKTT/nU_3AQ/AQ/e4ea84b3-40e9-4f8d-987f-f9a447d43353/1/vaqjVOa8__

Why is it needed?

There are tons of stories like this online https://www.reddit.com/r/ApplesNotesGang/comments/1epfox4/notes_disappeared_need_help_desperately/ https://click.pstmrk.it/3s/www.reddit.com/%2Fr%2FApplesNotesGang%2Fcomments%2F1epfox4%2Fnotes_disappeared_need_help_desperately%2F/dKTT/nU_3AQ/AQ/e4ea84b3-40e9-4f8d-987f-f9a447d43353/2/gyy8CG5vVM

From time to time people lose their notes.

So I made exporting functionality so that you can backup at least some information from the notes. Currently it exports notes to HTML format(with all the images, videos and files).

If you try this tool and have some feedback - please tell me.

Anton

Montaigne. September 5 updates

September 5, 2024

Hi everyone,

Anton here.

Few updates from me.

New app

I've made a new iOS app. It's called alto.calendar. You can get it here <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-calendar/id6670268848>.

It's very good for sharing with your SO, family and friends when you are free or busy.

It reads your existing calendars(which you select. Eg work one and personal) and creates new summary calendar.

Eg "Anton Busy/Free". It automatically creates events in this calendar based on your input calendars but without private details.

So all events are "Anton busy" and it has 0 private info or confidential info from your work meetings.

So now you can have a calendar that you can share with the close ones. And they can do the same and now everyone knows when everyone is free and can spend time together.

Older app

Just a reminder that there is another mobile app called alto.daily. You can get it here <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-daily/id6478018751?mt=12>.

You can use it to track your daily habits. Some people seem to love it.

Asks

As always, if you see some issues with alto.computer or any of my apps - please send me a message.

If you miss some functionality - tell me about it.

Strava+Running

Anyone is running a lot and uses Strava? I'm working on a small app for myself. If you want to help me test it - reply to this email.

Anton

Montaigne/Alto updates. Sept 27

September 27, 2024

Hi everyone,

Anton here.

In the past two months I've release several macOS/iOS apps.

Maybe they can be useful to you(and if they are, please leave a review on App Store).

alto.computer <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-computer/id6480425094?mt=12> - this is my main app. It allows you to publish your Apple Notes online(+ other things). It's faster and more reliable than Montaigne. Please try it. It also allows you to backup your Apple Notes by exporting all of them to a separate directory as html files.

alto.mail <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-mail/id6717600529?mt=12> - my new macOS app that is extension of native Apple Mail app. See how it works here <https://www.loom.com/share/0949939e9199437f84dbe674bdb466de>. I'm going to add soon ability to analyze your selected emails. Eg find all receipts from Uber or Netflix and see how much you've spent recently. Or extract your tracking numbers for Fedex and UPS.

alto.daily <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-daily/id6478018751?mt=12> - iOS app to track your daily habits. The habits are stored in Apple Reminders and synced automatically across devices.

alto.calendar <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-calendar/id6670268848> - one of my favorite most used apps. Create calendar that shows when you are free/busy (with no confidential info) and share it with your partners, friends and family. This way you can always see when everyone is free and busy. Super useful since so many people nowadays have flexible schedules.

alto.location <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-location/id6683306000> - tiny app to store your stays across various cities and countries in dedicated Calendar. And then calculate days you spent in each country. Useful for digital nomads to track all the trips.

alto.run <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-run/id6698888078> - tiny iOS app that integrates with Strava and visualizes your stats over years/months/weeks.

I'm planning to launch 1-2 more apps before the end of the year. And mostly work on improving all of this.

If you like any of this apps - tell me about it, leave a review or support me with a donation <https://docs.alto.so/support>.

Anton

Montaigne and friends updates. Nov 9

November 10, 2024

Hi everyone,

I just launched yesterday small new product which I announced one year ago(originally called bubbleboi) but never finished.

It works in a similar way to Montaigne(which allows you to publish Apple Notes online).

My new product is called public.me <https://public.me/>. It allows you to have microblog using iMessage.

My page is here <https://public.me/anton>. It's like twitter but I can post on my devices without actually opening twitter.

So you send a iMessage to hi@public.me <mailto:hi@public.me> address and it's gets published.

Here is demo how it works https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_Ln60lhJGY

You can signup here <https://public.me/blog>. It's early days. But you already can share text messages, photos, audios. I'll add more things later.

PS Also, as always. If something is missing for you in Montaigne - let me know. I often prioritize things based on your messages.

Anton

Discounts for montaigne and other apps

November 23, 2024

Hi everyone,

Till Dec 2 there are 30% discounts for some of the plans I have. Coupon is FRIDAY2024 for all of them.

montaigne.io <https://montaigne.io/> plans:

- 30% of <https://buy.stripe.com/9AQeY3gFudwH0rm7sF20USD> annual plan <https://buy.stripe.com/eVa3dN3tdf8Ld2M002> for custom domain.
- 30% of <https://buy.stripe.com/28o4jp74U9greic7sA50USD> annual start plan <https://buy.stripe.com/9AQaHN9d2dwHeic6oF>.
- 30% of <https://buy.stripe.com/3cs9DJ4WMgIT1vqbIU> <https://buy.stripe.com/28o4jp74U9greic7sA120USD> annual pro plan <https://buy.stripe.com/9AQaHN9d2dwHeic6oF>.

recuremail.com <http://recuremail.com/> plans:

- 30% of 4USD monthly start plan <https://buy.stripe.com/eVadTZ3SigITca48wM>.
- 30% of 40USD annual start plan <https://buy.stripe.com/9AQaHN9d2dwHeic6oF>.

alto.so <http://alto.so/> plans:

- 30% of 20USD annual plan <https://buy.stripe.com/eVa3dN3tdf8Ld2M002> for custom domain.
- 30% of <https://buy.stripe.com/9AQg0z6Fpf8LgeY5kp78USD> lifetime plan <https://buy.stripe.com/eVa3dN3tdf8Ld2M002> for custom domain.

alto.computer macOS app

- 30% of Apple Notes exporter functionality. App is available here <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-computer/id6480425094?mt=12>.

On top of that 2 weeks ago I launched new product - <https://public.me/>. It's a tool to publish things online using iMessage. Check it out, it's fun.

Anton

Montaigne downtime

December 8, 2024

Hi Everyone,

Today Montaigne Apple account was locked by Apple.

That means Montaigne server cannot receive updates to your Apple Notes.

I just reach out to Apple support to unlock my account. They told me it can take a day for them to get back.

Still not sure what would be the result.

This one is an unexpected issue. Seeing it for the first time since starting Montaigne 2.5 years ago.

As a workaround (and if you have macOS) please consider my other product <https://alto.so/>. It allows you to publish online directly from Apple Notes. It doesn't rely on Apple accounts and iCloud and resistant to problems like this.

Anton

Montaigne is back

December 9, 2024

Hi everyone,

Apple just unblocked montaigne's account and publishing is back.

If you made changes in the past few days - they should be synced now.

If they didn't sync - try to make any small change to the note and it should resync.

Few notes:

- this is first time ever(2.5 years running Montaigne) where I get Apple account locked. I think publishing was disabled for around 2 days.
- this is the second time this year when publishing was unreliable. If you remember there was like one month during spring when iCloud sync was extremely slow and Notes were not showing up on my side. In April I made macOS app called [alto.computer](#) to address that. It allowed publishing online directly from your macOS bypassing Apple servers.

So I still recommend you to install [alto.computer](#) macOS app and see if it works for you.

I publish most of my sites using [alto.computer](#) now and not Montaigne!

PS Also several people asked me about migration to Alto and their concerns. I will work on proper documentation and will send the link with steps and guides in the next updates.

Anton

montaigne and other products. year in review

December 18, 2024

Hi everyone.

Anton here.

I thought I'd share some numbers with you. I think some of you enjoy those updates.

montaigne.io <https://montaigne.io/> - 3700+ users and 4K sites created since the launch in 2022. To this day I think it's still my most popular project. It also has the highest number of paying customers (thank you!). But unfortunately I still failed to make it break even in 2024. It brings a bit of money, but less than my expenses running it.

alto.daily <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-daily/id6478018751?mt=12> - iOS app to track habits backed by Apple Reminders. I only launched it in August 2024 and 1700 people installed it (way less active users, but those are harder to measure). I'm happy with this one - since really it was my first iOS app! 10 people donated to support development and it brought \$42 (pre Apple Tax).

alto.computer <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-computer/id6480425094?mt=12> - macOS utility app for Apple Notes. 1300 people installed it since I released it in April 2024. 15 people donated and 24 people purchased Apple Notes Exporter add-on.

alto.mail <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-mail/id6717600529?mt=12> - macOS plugin for Apple Mail. 247 installed it since the release in Sept 2024.

alto.start <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-start/id6738673683?mt=12> - Safari new tab plugin that shows your Apple Reminders every time you open a new tab. Released a few weeks ago. 69 people installed it.

public.me <https://public.me/> - blogging tool backed by iMessage. Released 1.5 months ago. 508 users registered. 4568 messages sent. Also got two important donations that helped a lot (thank you)!

There were a few more apps that I published (but they have no more than 300 downloads so far). Plus I relaunched <https://recuremail.com/> with a new name and more protections from spammers.

Anyway, thank you for trying and using my products. It means a lot to me. Even if you did use them in the past and stopped.

If you love some of those projects and would like to see more from me - write to me.

Happy holidays,
Anton

new blog

January 17, 2025

Hi everyone,

Anton here.

Today a bit unusual update from me.

I started writing a new blog. It's about topics that I'm thinking about a lot: software, sales, processes, cultural shifts and so on.

It's called anti-antihuman <https://antiantihuman.com/>

It's just a bunch of my reflections on tech industry and some trends I've seen over the past decade.

Some quick links to the things I wrote:

- <https://antiantihuman.com/on-hiding>
- <https://antiantihuman.com/toxic-sweetness>
- <https://antiantihuman.com/mismatch>
- <https://antiantihuman.com/programmable-intimacy>
- <https://antiantihuman.com/californication>

If you like it - please subscribe to the mailing list. I also started subreddit <https://www.reddit.com/r/antiantihuman/> - but it's empty for now. Join too if you want.

PS By the way - site was made with Apple Notes and Alto. I really like my own product!

PPS If some of those posts resonated with you - please tell me. I don't have an end goal for now. Just document those stories and write down some reflections and try to do better with my own products and software.

Anton

apple notes exporter

February 14, 2025

Hi everyone,

I've just released a new app for macOS that allows you to export Apple Notes to the HTML files on your disc.

It's available here <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/notesexporter/id6741618455?mt=12>. Export functionality costs \$4.99.

If you need to backup your notes - try it.

PS If you paid for export functionality using alto.computer but want to use new app - write to me.

PPS I also have a new blog with my observations on tech. Please check it here <https://antiantihuman.com/> and subscribe if you want.

PPPS Also if you like running - join my Strava club <https://www.strava.com/clubs/antiantihuman> - lets give each other some kudos.

Anton

web clipper for apple notes

February 21, 2025

Hi everyone,

Anton here.

I've just released Apple Notes Web Clipper Safari extension for macOS.

You can find it here <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/notes-web-clipper/id6742116437?mt=12> or just search for "Notes Web Clipper" in the App Store.

It's based 98% on Obsidian Web Clipper - <https://obsidian.md/clipper> - but all the pages with metadata will be saved to Apple Notes instead. Check out Obsidian clipper documentation - it's really cool!

If you were looking for an easy way to save structured text content from various web pages to the Notes - this might be useful to you.

PS As a reminder - subscribe to my new blog <https://antiantihuman.com/> or join my strava club and lets run together <https://www.strava.com/clubs/antiantihuman>

Anton

let's do something good together

February 21, 2025

Hi everyone,

Anton here. As some of you might know I'm originally from Ukraine.

Almost 3 years ago russia launched full scale invasion of my home country. Almost 11 years ago russia started the war annexing Crimea and launching military operation in the east of Ukraine.

So let's do something good together.

Donate money to any Ukrainian nonprofit and I will personally match it.

All you need is to make your donation and send me a screenshot and I will do my matching donation(and I will send you my screenshot back and full video later).

Good part is that I can double my donation too. So in reality if you donate 10 USD, I will donate 10 USD personally and will get 10 USD extra match. So your 10 USD will turn into 30 USD.

You can donate to any Ukrainian nonprofit you want. Or it can be your local organization that helps Ukraine.

I personally recommend donating to this organization <https://savelife.in.ua/en/donate-en/#donate-army-card-once>. It's been active(and very efficient) since 2014 when russia started the war.

Another good option is this <https://prytulafoundation.org/en>.

Or if you are US based you can donate to this organization <https://novaukraine.org/>. It's proven too and I know them personally and donated many times before.

PS I did a similar donations matching thing on Feb 24, 2022. You can see it here <https://x.com/podviaznikov/status/1497000422774558728>. I will post video of me doing all the matches.

Anton

new app for screenshots

May 28, 2025

Hi everyone,

If you have tons of screenshots on your Apple devices I've just made an app called alto.caps.

It's IOS app <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-caps/id6746421138> that syncs your screenshots to your online account <https://altocaps.com/>.

And there you can search all screenshots by text, filter by date and categories(eg all screenshots of Apple Notes), it will also automatically have groups where similar screenshots will be just grouped.

It's mostly a tool for people like product managers and designers - but if it's useful to you - let me know.

Anton

new macOS app to make apple notes AI ready

June 2, 2025

Hi everyone,

I've just released new app for macOS. it's called `alto.index` and you can get it from the App Store <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-index/id6746674846?mt=12>.

There are more details about it here <https://altoindex.com/>, but briefly: it's a paid macOS application that allow you to export all your apple notes, iMessage conversations, contacts as markdown files on your filesystem(your data stays on your macOS).

Why is it important? Because you can use any AI tool to interact with those markdown files.

Eg I use Claude Code a lot and I'm able to use prompts/questions like this:

“give me links to design notes on interior design”

“find me ukulele songs I want to learn”

“can you plot it number of notes created by day in the past 90 days?”

“find my flights”

There are countless use cases really. I will post soon some tutorials on how I use it.

This is a day one for this tool. But I will add support for Apple Mail, Apple Reminders, Apple Calendar, Apple Voice.

Basically all the native data will be AI-ready.

Hopefully some of you will find it useful.

Anton

updates from anton

June 25, 2025

Hi everyone,

In the last email I've wrote about new macOS app I've made. It's called alto.index and available on the app store <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-index/id6746674846?mt=12>.

It allows you to export Apple Notes, Calendar events, Reminders, iMessage conversations into markdown. Website is here <https://altoindex.com/>.

It's a paid up, but apparently it's good - so far 26 people paid for it, which is very good for an app that is 3 weeks old. I think it's already my most successful app in terms of value it brings.

In other news, I'm working on a new iOS app for Apple Health. Apple Health data is locked by Apple and hard to get and use with other tools.

I'm creating iOS app that would allow to securely sync your Apple Health data online into your own private space. And from there you would be able to integrate and use it from other tools. Eg I have 10 years worth of data in Apple health and I really want to use it with Claude AI to help me find some trends in my data eg blood tests changes over the years.

Hopefully I'll have it ready soon and Apple will approve it.

If you are interested in the app like this or have more use cases in mind - please write to me by replying to this email.

Anton

updates from anton oct 22

October 22, 2025

Hi everyone,

I didn't write any updates here since June 25.

What I did recently:

- last week I launched new tool to showcase who you support(creators etc). it's called <https://patronat.com/>. It's like full version of patreon, where not only creators have profile page, but people who support creators have first class page.

So eg if I know you I can see who you support and discover new people I might follow too. It also allows people to get support with 0 fees from the platform(so better than patreon in that way). If you want to support my work you can do donations here <https://patronat.com/anton+>.

- I June I've made macOS app <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-index/id6746674846?mt=12> that exports all apple notes, iMessages and more to markdown files. It's a bit expensive, but it's by far my most successful macOS. I was quite surprised by it. But it also makes sense, because it's focused on modern AI workflows - where you can export all the data to markdown files and use Claude, Claude Code to Chat GPT to work with those files.

I'm also launching new macOS app for issue tracking tool by Steve Yegge <https://github.com/steveyegge/beads>. Check out the tool if you are developer, very interesting and hopefully in the next email I'll include link to my app.

Also, I launching new newsletter service which is successor to <https://recuremail.com/>. Recuremail served well over the years but there were some limitations I couldn't address before: images support, approval flows, billing support was not good. I'm addressing this in a new tool with a new foundation. My new goal is to build useful services that can work even for 100 customers long term and have low cost of operation and support. I wasn't able to get all those pieces 1-3 years ago when building Montaigne, recur email and so on. But I finally have framework that would allow me to achieve this. I want those services to exist min 5 years with low cost of operation and so few bugs that I barely need to do something. Fingers crossed I would be able to do that. And obviously the big one - all the tools that I make I use myself.

PS If you are interested in new newsletter service, please write to me and you can be one of the early testers. PPS Please join <https://patronat.com/>, connect Stripe account and if you have some interesting stuff I enjoy reading I will send your way 5USD per month. Unfortunately, for now payouts will only work in Stripe supported countries(and Montaigne has customers everywhere). I hope to address this in the upcoming months. See <https://patronat.com/nicola> and <https://patronat.com/marichka> for inspiration.

Anton

montaigne + websites

January 4, 2026

Hi everyone,

Few tings about Montaigne. I recently made few changes to make it a bit faster and also reduce cost. As always the goal to make it sustainable and I hope I can run it for many more years. It's been 3.5 years now.

In other news I've made one more service to make websites called <https://tinydot.com/>.

It comes with its own macOS app <https://apps.apple.com/app/tinydot-websites/id6756752551> and soon IOS.

How does it work and what is different from Montaigne: montaigne only published online from Apple Notes while new services creates websites from folders/files in your Finder. So any file can be published.

You may ask why would I want that? I tried to answer here <https://docs.tinydot.com/inspirations>. In short last year was beginning of huge transformation caused by AI and AI agents. And apparently AI agents become way more useful if the content they work with is accessible in files.

So I basically needed to have a tool for myself for that new reality. Give it a try.

It's early days and probably not super clear how AI agent play a role here, but I will make few videos soon and that would be way more useful. I wanted to record several videos over holidays but unfortunately got sick.

Anyway, happy new year everyone(if you celebrate it in the Western calendar ofc)! and as always, feel free to send me email with questions or request.

PS I think 'm a bit behind on my support tickets because of holidays and illness. I will get to them soon and apologize for the delays.

Anton

tinydot demo

January 9, 2026

Hi everyone,

Last week I wrote about new product called <https://tinydot.com/>

But I didn't do demo here is one <https://capncap.com/anton/01kehwbqs4wvb39ah89tkj8mxx?layout=focus>

Some people already figure out bunch of things and even published a blog post like this <https://nicola.tinydot.com/tech/how-i-use-tiny-dot>. Thank you Nicola!

I already fixed several bugs that people found and few more will be fixed soon, but it's already very interesting experience.

I will soon make even more videos and demos.

PS Next 4 days I have family time, but after that I'll send few more emails. Excited about this one.

PPS Thank you for everyone who tried new product even without proper guides from my side and especially for everyone who reported bugs or just said that they love the product.

Anton

need your small help. got a problem with stripe

January 10, 2026

Hi everyone,

I have a small ask from you.

In October I wrote to you about new service I've made called <https://patronat.com/>. My goal was to allow people quickly support each other work with 0 platform fees(as opposite to Patreon, Gumroad etc).

I wanted to make it for myself and maybe 100-1000 top.

I think I had like 6 people making recurrent transactions each months (and I was working on new functionality for NGOs) to quickly accept donations with 0 fees.

Unfortunately 2 not good things happened.

This week I noticed 20 fraud accounts that worked like that. 10 accounts were able to create profiles at Patronat and complete Stripe verification to accept payments. 10 more fraud accounts used some stolen credit cards to pay to this 10 profiles that would be later to withdraw money.

I noticed it, blocked all fraud accounts and did refunds to stolen credit cards. So all were handled by me and all good at the end.

The today in the morning, Stripe wrote automated email to me that Patronat Stripe account is closed and they also closed all Patronat Stripe accounts for 6 people and send all of them scary sounding confusing emails.

What annoyed me the most is following:

- stripe has no person support. all their stuff is automated emails. when I tried to report fraud to them there is no way to talk to someone it's all AI chat
- they closed account with 0 notice! Like I found fraud myself(instead of them finding it), I did all the work to rollback it and also implemented things to prevent it in the future.
- they thought that it's a good idea to contact my customers with scary sounding confusing emails! My gf who uses patronat too woke me up on Saturday morning confused about Stripe email and scared that they will close her own personal account(they would;dn't but their email was so confusing)

I'm annoyed not with the account closure! but how they do it. I will think next days how to not used Stripe for any of my products anymore.

How can you help?

If you have a chance just upvote this tween from me to Stripe CEO <https://x.com/podviaznikov/status/2009907507574288656> What they did is not appropriate and I would like at least talk to some person from Stripe about their process.

Patronat is not my main product so I'll be ok, but I still spent 4 weeks of my life working on it, and I invested my own money into domain name and infrastructure and it's annoying.

Making products is hard enough! Fighting fraud and bad actors is hard enough. I never expect to have problems from the company who claims they want to grow Internet GDP and help people to start more business and help people to earn online.

I did signup for many challenges but I didn't signup to fight some automated emails from Stripe.

Anton

tinydot updates

January 26, 2026

Hi everyone,

Last week of December I launched first version of tinydot <https://tinydot.com/> - tool to publish websites from macOS finder.

Some updates after first month:

- 87 users registered
- 117 total sites created
- 2600+ total pages published

I personally ported over 10 of my own sites and I enjoy product so far, especially because I can use it with other tools I like - Zed editor and Claude Code.

Last week iOS app was released. It's here <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/tinydot-websites/id6756752551>. So you can now use any editor you want on iPhone and make updates to your sites.

Reminder of old demo I did on mac <https://capncap.com/anton/01kehwbqs4wvb39ah89tkj8mxx?layout=focus>.

One ask: if you can please upvote my post on reddit https://www.reddit.com/r/iosapps/comments/1qnh34j/made_app_to_publish_websites_from_files_app/. It will help to get me more users.

PS Also thank you everyone who reported bugs. I fixed bunch of them in the past few weeks <https://docs.tinydot.com/changelog>.

PPS I also want to remind you of this popular macOS app i have <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-index/id6746674846?mt=12> called Alto.index It allows you to export Notes, iMessage, Calendar to markdown and use with tools like Claude AI etc.

Anton

good and bad news

March 6, 2026

hi everyone!

I just quit my day job.

so good news - I will be able to make way more progress with Montaigne and all my other apps like <https://tinydot.com/>, <https://tinysend.com> <https://tinysend.com/> and countless macOS apps.

bad news - you will receive a bit more emails from me! I'm planning to write way more essays on my blog <https://podviaznikov.com/writings>, publish way more videos on youtube https://www.youtube.com/@ultra_think, release few more apps and services for macOS, iOS and web!

so please do stay with me! and if it's too much - especially for those who are members of my other newsletters - I do apologize!

so things for you:

- if you have issues with any of my products or need features - write, I will through all of them!
- if you want to support me - install <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-index-your-data-ai-ready/id6746674846?mt=12> my <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/notes-exporter/id6741618455?mt=12> apps <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/tinydot-websites/id6756752551>, share things online, click a like on youtube video or leave a review on the appstore - all helps
- long shot - but if you need some custom application build - you can hire me too, just reach out! i love work and I love build software and helping!
- if you need help how to use AI and build your own things - ask me a question, I can potentially even do coaching for a bit, but who knows

Also, I'm in New York for the next few weeks - if some of you are here - ping me. Otherwise I will be probably be spending next few months in Warsaw working on all the things I listed above.

Thank you for heaving me, grateful that I can write anything in those newsletters and often get very inspiring and encouraging replies!

PS release recently new app <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/msgkit/id6759179879?mt=12> to explore all iMessage data - not sure if it's useful yet, but please do try.

anton

april updates

April 9, 2026

hi everyone,

wrote last month how I quit my day job to focus on building my own products.

quick updates from me:

I've just released new app called popssh <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/popssh/id6761133769?mt=12>. if you are developer it's a nice little app to connect to multiple ssh servers. I think it's already better than most of the apps I know off. it's an app for very specific technical audience, so most of you should ignore it. but you can still help me a bit by upvoting me on reddit here https://www.reddit.com/r/macapps/comments/1sgrwa6/made_a_native_macos_ssh_app/.

I've also related bunch of changes this past month to:

- alto.index <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alto-index-your-data-ai-ready/id6746674846?mt=12> - which is my best app so far that allows to export any data to markdown. eg you can easily build your own montaigne! but exporting apple notes in real time to markdown and publishing using some other tool.
- msgkit <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/msgkit/id6759179879?mt=12> - app that allows you to see all your iMessages with some extra stats

I'm also working on few changes to Montaigne and Tinydot - those requests in support email that you are sending.

On top of that I'm building this new tool called sublimated. I'm thinking my obsidian files here <https://sublimated.com/anton/public/README.md>. It's not properly public yet, I need to do bunch of work fixing some last bugs.

But here is demo in case you are interested: <https://www.loom.com/share/78f4ffb7638546c0bbea6de5a515d21c> I will post more on this soon.

As always thank you for your support!

Anton

make your won montaigne

April 16, 2026

Hi everyone!

anton here.

I'm making a new tool called sublimated and it has a very unique feature that allow anyone to backup apple notes in real time with versioning an so on.

it can be useful just for safety(you don't want to loose something), or collaboration(you have a note you want t share and get comments form people) or you can make your own montaigne-like site from the folder.

Demo is here <https://www.loom.com/share/95dd1b1df291463b8c5663a2e341f66e>.

Tool is available online <https://sublimated.com/> and on the appstore <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sublimated/id6757111538>.

it's still early days and i think setup process is a bit less polished as I want but I will make it better very soon.

But basically by now since 2022 I have create too many apps for Apple Notes:

- montaigne.io - make website from any folder. Works on macOS and iOS!
- kiwi.page(now retired) - publish individual apple notes as pages from macOS and iOS
- alto.computer - power tool for the apple notes on Mac
- alto.so - publishing on the web from the apple notes on mac
- Notes Exporter - macos app to export notes to markdown and html locally
- alto.index - macos app to export apple notes and iMessage and calendar to markdown locally

So sublimated is not about Apple Notes specifically, it can sync any files - even videos, and images. But it has integration for Apple Notes just in case.

I think the demo is magical because it's basically real time!

Hopefully some of you will try it and enjoy and if you have issues with signup/setup - let me know!

Till the next time. Hopefully in the next video I will show ow to customize published folder same way you used to customizing Montaigne websites.

Anton