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Note Sync User Guide

This guide covers usage only. Risk notice: this tool assists with written assessments and interviews; any risk of violating exam/interview rules is borne by the user.

Compliance: do not use this product in any Chinese national examinations, civil service exams, or state-owned/central-enterprise recruitment examinations. Violations result in a permanent ban.

Notes:

- Because this software cannot be captured by WeChat screenshots or recognized by Tencent Meeting screen sharing, no screenshot-based tutorial is provided.
- macOS support is limited and may break easily; only a Windows version is provided.

1. Install & Launch

1. Run the installer (`Note Sync Setup x.x.x.exe`) and follow the prompts.
2. Launch **Note Sync** from the Start Menu or desktop.
3. On first launch an **activation window** appears (see next section); after activation you enter the main UI directly, no restart needed.
4. The activation window will not appear again (unless the key expires).

2. Activation (required on first use)

The software requires a key. Each key belongs to one computer and has an expiry date.

1. In the activation window there is a 16-character **machine code**; click the **Copy** button next to it.
2. Send the machine code to your key provider and tell them the **duration** you want.
3. When you receive a key starting with `AI0H1.` , paste it into the input box — **activation happens automatically on paste**, the window closes and you enter the main UI.
4. If you see an error:
 - **Invalid key**: the key was not copied completely; copy the whole string again;
 - **Key expired**: ask the provider for a new key;
 - **Key not for this machine**: the key was issued for a different computer.

Notes:

- Reinstalling Windows changes the machine code; you will need a new key.
- Copying the config files to another computer does not work — the key is bound to the machine, not the files.
- When the key expires, the activation window appears at next launch; just get a new key. Your settings are preserved.

Uninstall: run `Uninstall Note Sync.exe` in the install directory, which defaults to `C:\Users\<your name>\AppData\Local\Programs\Note Sync\` (or right-click the app in the Start Menu → Open file location).
Other editions use their own folder names: `aiOfferHelper Visible EN` (visible edition), `Note Sync Pro` (built-in key edition).

3. Initial Configuration (after activation)

If you are using Note Sync Pro (built-in key edition): the AI service is built in — skip this section. The Base URL / API Key / Model / ASR model fields are not shown in Settings.

Click  at the top-right of the main window to open Settings. Three required fields:

- **Base URL:** the AI service endpoint (OpenAI-compatible format; your provider or service vendor will give it to you);
- **API Key:** the AI service key (this is NOT the same as the activation key);
- **Model:** the model name.

Recommended:

- **ASR model:** the speech model, used to transcribe the interviewer's questions. Disabling the thinking mode is suggested for faster replies.

Click **Save** — it takes effect immediately and survives reinstalls and upgrades. See section 7 for all settings.

4. Daily Operations Cheat Sheet

I want to...	How
Capture a question for the AI to answer	Press <code>Ctrl+Shift+Alt+Z</code> , drag a box around the question, click Confirm ; the recognized text can be edited before sending
Type a question manually	Press <code>Ctrl+Shift+Alt+X</code> ; the input box docks at the bottom of the window (conversation stays

	visible above). Enter to send (Shift+Enter for newline, Esc to close)
Read the answer	The answer streams into the main window; scroll with the mouse wheel
Answer scrolls too slow/fast	<code>Ctrl+Shift+Alt+↑ / ↓</code> adjusts auto-scroll speed
Pause auto-scroll	<code>Ctrl+Shift+Alt+C</code>
Scroll manually	Mouse wheel, or <code>Ctrl+Shift+Alt+← / →</code>
Type the answer into the exam box	After the answer is generated, press <code>Ctrl+Shift+Alt+B</code> ; within the 3-second countdown click into the answer input box — it types character by character like a human. Press <code>Esc</code> to abort
Hear the interviewer's question (Windows only)	Press <code>Ctrl+Shift+Alt+V</code> to start/stop listening; system audio is transcribed and sent to the AI directly
Emergency hide	<code>Ctrl+Shift+Alt+H</code> ; press again to restore
Start a new session	<code>Ctrl+Shift+Alt+S</code> : clears the conversation context. All questions within one exam/interview share context (you can ask follow-ups like "try a different approach for the last question"); press this when switching to a new session

All hotkeys can be remapped in Settings (the Esc abort key is fixed). If you get "hotkey registration failed" after saving, that combination is taken by another program — pick a different one.

How to quit: right-click the top of the window to see minimize/quit options.

5. Stealth (important)

- This window **does not appear in screen sharing, recordings, or other people's screenshots**, nor in the taskbar or Alt+Tab. The window title shows the harmless "Settings".
- A few seconds after launch the app runs a **self-check**: if a red "⚠ self-check failed" appears in the status bar, stealth may not work in the current environment (old OS, special capture software, etc.) — **do not rely on stealth that day**. If it says "self-check inconclusive", take a full-screen shot with `Win+Shift+S` yourself to confirm whether the window appears.

- **Note:** it is only a *possible* failure — you can test with WeChat screenshot or Tencent Meeting first.
- **Lowering opacity ≠ stealth** — they are independent: anti-capture comes from OS-level protection; opacity is for keeping people nearby from reading your screen. Both can be used together.
- Opacity can go down to 0.1, but below 0.3 you may not read it yourself. Better: keep medium opacity, **darken the text color** (e.g. `#55555f`) and reduce font size — unreadable from a meter away.
- **Chameleon mode:** the background blends into whatever is behind the window, nearly disappearing visually. It samples the screen every 2 seconds; works best on plain desktops/IDEs, busy backgrounds produce mixed colors.
- If a colleague/family member sees the window via remote access, press `Ctrl+Shift+Alt+H` to hide instantly.

6. Usage Tips

- **Answers starting to appear after ~5 seconds is normal** (model thinking + network latency). For speed, set thinking mode to "disabled" and reasoning effort to "low" in Settings — noticeably faster, at a slight quality cost on hard problems.
- **The conversation has memory:** questions within one exam carry previous Q&A to the AI for follow-ups; after ~16k characters the oldest exchanges are dropped. Press the new-session hotkey when switching exams, or the previous questions remain in context.
- auto-typer is off by default. Even when enabled it only stands by — typing starts only when you press the hotkey. This prevents accidental triggers.
- The voice channel captures **system playback only** (the other party's voice in the interview app), not your microphone — your own speech is never recorded.
- Closing the window without saving settings = nothing changed. Click Save.

7. Settings Reference

Setting	Description
Base URL / API Key / Model	The AI service trio, see section 3
Opacity	0.1 (nearly invisible) to 1 (opaque), see section 5
Transparent window	On by default. If the self-check alarms, turn this off first for troubleshooting

Background / text color / font size	Appearance; darker text = harder to peek
Capture box color	Border color of the selection rectangle, blue by default; change it when the screen background is too close to the box color. The screen never dims and the cursor style never changes during selection
Capture box/button opacity	Fade level of the selection box, confirm/cancel buttons and hint bar; lower = less noticeable
Chameleon	Background auto-blends into the content behind (including the top Settings bar); effective immediately, refreshes every 2 seconds. Sampling uses the average color, so it skews dark on dark desktops. Manual background color is disabled while chameleon is on
Reasoning effort	default / low / medium / high. Keep "default" for ordinary non-reasoning models (gpt-4o class); other values may error
Thinking mode	If a reasoning-by-default model like DeepSeek feels slow, choose "disabled"; for other providers keep "follow model default"
Code language	e.g. go, java; coding questions are answered in this language. Empty = auto-detect
Personal knowledge base folder	A local folder path; resumes, project write-ups etc. inside (txt/md/docx, including subfolders) are provided to the AI with every question — self-introduction and project-experience answers use your real background instead of fabrication. Empty = off. File changes take effect on the next question
auto-typer	See sections 4 & 6; off by default
Typing speed range	Interval range (ms) between auto-typer keystrokes; wider range = more human
Voice mode	Manual = hotkey start/stop; Continuous = always listening, auto-transcribes on detected speech (Windows only)
ASR model	Speech-to-text model name, default whisper-1
Invite code	At the very bottom of Settings: 8 alphanumeric characters, click to copy. Quote it when inviting

others or contacting support

8. FAQ

Symptom	Fix
Activation window at launch	Key expired or machine changed; get a new key per section 2. Settings are preserved
"Invalid key" on paste	Keys are bound to the software edition: Chinese / English / key-injected editions do not accept each other's keys. Confirm with your provider that the key was generated for your edition
All hotkeys dead	Usually a stale instance — restart the app. If still dead, the combination is taken; remap it
Cannot type/paste into the answer area	By design: exam platforms detect pasting. Read the answer, or use auto-typer
Speech transcription errors	Check the ASR model name matches your provider (last row of the section 7 table)
Red self-check failure in status bar	See section 5; do not rely on stealth that day
High memory usage	Normal; the OCR model stays resident. Close and reopen after the exam