Advanced features

Keyboard shortcuts

Many keyboard shortcuts are available when doing repetitions and entering data. Here's a non-exhaustive list:

- Enter, Space, Return: default action (mostly show answer)
- Number keys 0-5: grade card. Any number key can also be used to show the answer. The '`' key (to the left of the '1' key) can also be used as an alternative for grade 0.
- When adding cards, use Ctrl+number key to give the initial grade.
- In the review window, when cards are too big to fit in the window, use PgUp, PgDown to scroll the card contents
- When starting 'Preview cards' from the card browser, you can use PgUp, PgDown to preview the previous/next card in the browser selection.
- Ctrl+R: Replay sound

In text fields, the standard cut, copy, paste, undo and redo shortcuts are available.

Custom data directory

Mnemosyne can use any custom data directory.

For Linux and Mac OS X, just use the -d option at the command line:
mnemsosyne -d /foo/bar

For Windows, open a command prompt (Start-> All Programs-> Accessories-> System-> Command Prompt) and type:
"C:\Program Files\Mnemosyne\Mnemosyne.exe" -d your_custom_data_dir
Alternatively, you can create a shortcut on your desktop, right-click it, choose "Properties" and under "Target" add the -d argument.

Advanced preferences

To avoid cluttering the interface, only the most frequently used options are listed on Mnemosyne's configuration screen. For advanced options, you can edit the config.py file to exercise a fine-grained control over the program's behaviour. Do let us know if you find you really need to use a certain option a lot. In that case, we can consider moving it to the main interface.

The config.pyfile can be found in the following locations:

- Windows: C:\Users\<your user name>\Application Data\Roaming\Mnemosyne (hidden directory)
- Linux: ~/.config/mnemosyne/
- OSX: ~/Library/Mnemosyne/

Here is an example config.py file:

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# Mnemosyne configuration file.

# This file contains settings which we deem to be too specialised to b
e
# accesible from the GUI. However, if you use some of these settings,
feel
# free to inform the developers so that it can be re-evaluated if thes
e
# settings need to be exposed in the GUI.

# Science server. Only change when prompted by the developers.
science_server = "mnemosyne-proj.dyndns.org:80"

# Set to True to prevent you from accidentally revealing the answer wh
en
# clicking the edit button.
only_editable_when_answer_shown = False

# Set to False if you don't want the tag names to be shown in the revi
ew
# window.
show_tags_during_review = True

# The number of daily backups to keep. Set to -1 for no limit.
backups_to_keep = 10

# Start the card browser with the last used colum sort. Can have a ser
ious
# performance penalty for large databases.
start_card_browser_sorted = False

# The moment the new day starts. Defaults to 3 am. Could be useful to
change
# if you are a night bird. You can only set the hours, not minutes, an
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# midnight corresponds to 0.
day_starts_at = 3

# On mobile clients with slow SD cards copying a large database for the backup
# before sync can take longer than the sync itself, so we offer reckless users
# the possibility to skip this.
backup_before_sync = True

# Latex preamble. Note that for the pre- and postamble you need to use double
# slashes instead of single slashes here, to have them escaped when Python
# reads them in.
latex_preamble = \"\"\"\\\\documentclass[12pt]{article}
\\\\pagestyle{empty}
\\\\begin{document}\"\"\"

# Latex postamble.
latex_postamble = "\\\\end{document}"

# Latex command.
latex = "latex -interaction=nonstopmode"

# Latex dvipng command.
dvipng = "dvipng -D 200 -T tight tmp.dvi"
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Source URL: https://mnemosyne-proj.org/help/advanced-features.php