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publishing

1. Obsidian Publish (Official Solution)

Pros:

- Easiest method (one-click publishing).
- Maintains links, backlinks, and basic formatting.
- Supports version history and private pages.
- Good for non-technical users.

Cons:

- Expensive (\$20/month for 1 site, \$50/month for 5 sites).
- Limited customization (themes, layouts, interactivity).
- No dynamic features (search, comments, forms) without workarounds.

Best for: Non-technical users who want a simple, hassle-free way to publish notes.

2. Free/Cheaper Alternatives (More Control, More Work)

A. Static Site Generators (SSG)

Convert your Obsidian notes into a static website using tools like:

- **Obsidian -> MkDocs + Material Theme** (via `obsidian-export` or `obsidian-md`)
- **Obsidian -> Hugo** (with plugins like `obsidian-to-hugo`)
- **Obsidian -> Quartz** (designed for Obsidian, supports backlinks, search, and dark mode)

Pros:

- **Free** (host on GitHub Pages, Netlify, Vercel).
- **Fully customizable** (CSS, JavaScript, plugins).
- **Dynamic features** (search, comments via Disqus, analytics).

Cons:

- Requires setup (Markdown cleanup, YAML frontmatter).
- Backlinks/graph may need extra configuration.

Best for: Tech-savvy users who want full control and free hosting.

B. Self-Hosted Wiki (Dynamic Database)

- **Wiki.js** (import Obsidian notes via Markdown)
- **DocuSaurus** (supports React-based interactivity)
- **TiddlyWiki** (single-file wiki, can integrate Obsidian)

Pros:

- Database-driven (search, user accounts, dynamic content).
- More interactive than static sites.

Cons:

- Needs a server (VPS, Docker, or cloud hosting).
- More complex setup.

Best for: Users who need a true dynamic wiki with user interactions.

3. Hybrid Approach (Obsidian + Web App)

- Use **Obsidian Sync** (\$10/month) + a static site generator.
- Sync notes to GitHub -> Auto-deploy via Netlify/Vercel.
- Add **comments** (via Staticman, Giscus) or **search** (Algolia, Pagefind).

Recommendation:

- If you want zero hassle -> **Obsidian Publish** (but expensive).
- If you want free + customizable -> **Quartz or MkDocs** (best balance).
- If you need dynamic features -> **Wiki.js or DocuSaurus** (self-hosted).

Official Obsidian links

- Forum — <https://forum.obsidian.md/>
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See also [Plugins](#).