

Study and Research Skills Upgrade Resources and Links

This list is by no means comprehensive. But here are a few tools, apps, websites, and services—along with some additional reading—to help you apply the principles of upgraded study and retention discussed in this week’s lesson.

RECOMMENDED READING

- Article: “**Beginner’s Guide to Scientific Research**”
- Book: *Make It Stick*, by Peter Brown, Henry Roediger, and Mark McDaniel

TOOLS, SOFTWARE & APPS

- **Evernote**: An easy, flexible, robust, searchable tool for capturing and organizing all your data, from research and references to notes, blogging ideas, and drafts.
- **DEVONThink Pro**: More robust, if a bit less user friendly than Evernote—if you’re a bit of a programmer at heart, this will give you tons of flexibility for organizing your data.
- **DeepDyve**: Acts like a low-cost subscription to expensive journals.
- **www.UpToDate.com**: A subscription service with access to reference material and patient education tools based on the most current, evidence-based science. Student subscription available.
- **Flashcard Hero for Mac**: The great feature here is that you can create cards by dragging and dropping from any website or file on your computer.
- **Brainscape**: The unique learning feature here is “confidence-based, spaced repetition.” This site adds the element of rating your confidence for each answer, proven to boost engagement and retention. Read the whitepaper on their site. There’s an app, too.
- **StudyBlue**: Build and share decks of flashcards online and on mobile devices.
- **Quizlet**: Load your data set and the site creates flashcards, quizzes, practice tests, matching games, and even auditory tools from your data, giving you a variety of ways to test retention on your information set.
- **Memorize.com**: Focused on memorization, as the name implies, this site allows you to create your data as essays, images, fact sets, or diagrams, and then helps you memorize using flashcards, matching, or multiple choice.