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LogSeq

Note taking app — logseq.com

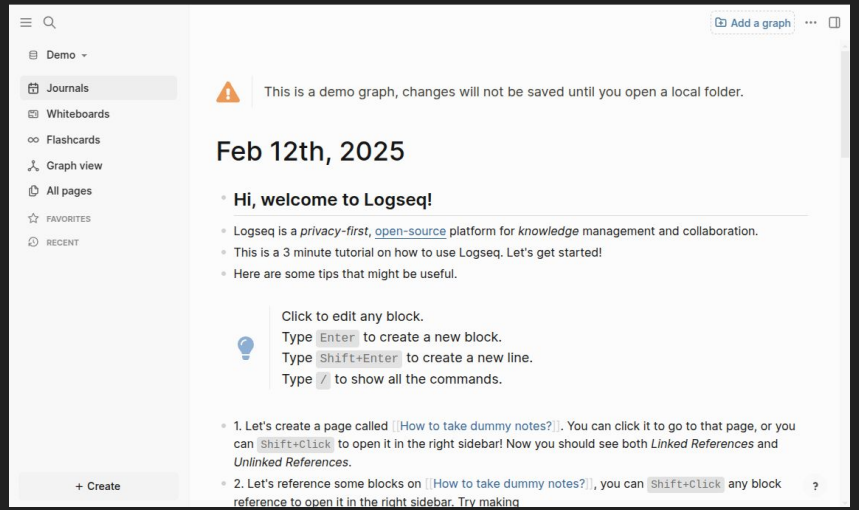
Access to Beta features for donors.

Advantages

- Minimalistic. Helps me focus
- It's just Markdown under the hood

Disadvantages

- A bit slow to load and sync for what it does
- SNAFU with "Sync Beta" deleting data



KeepassXC

Password manager — keepassxc.org

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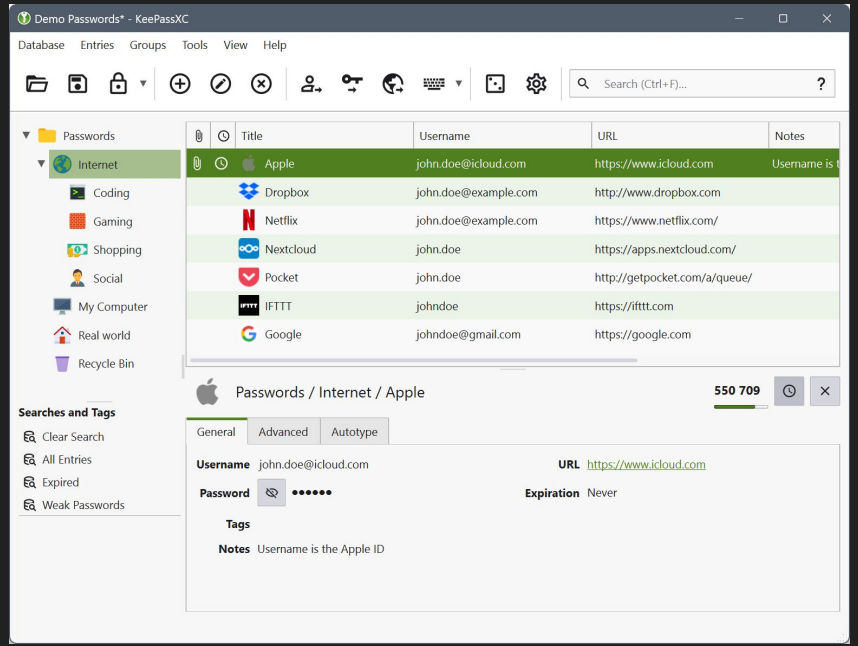
Advantages

- Multi-platform
- DB merging

Disadvantages

- Make-your-own sync



Inkscape

Vector graphics — inkscape.org

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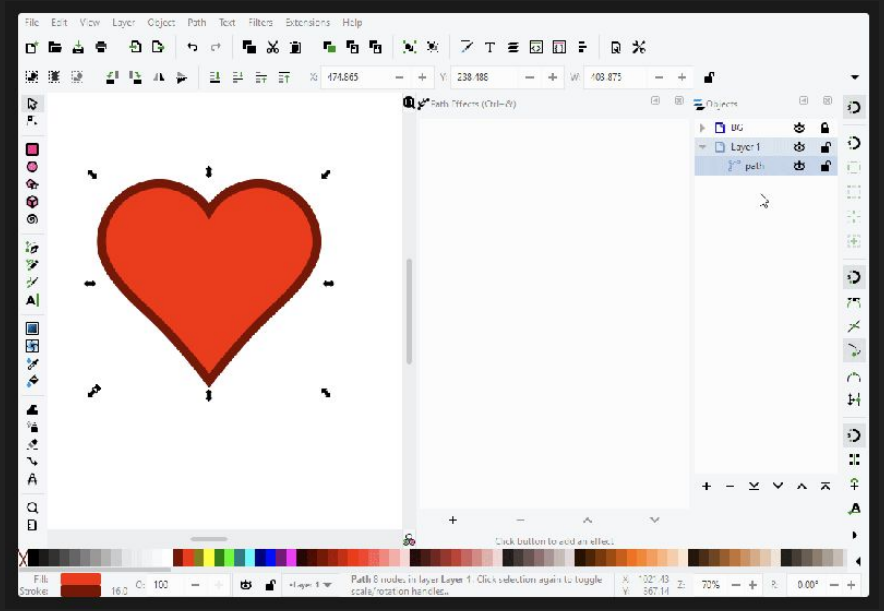
Advantages

- Fast, reliable, versatile

Disadvantages

- Took some time to get used to after switching from Adobe Illustrator



ActivityWatch

Time tracker — activitywatch.net

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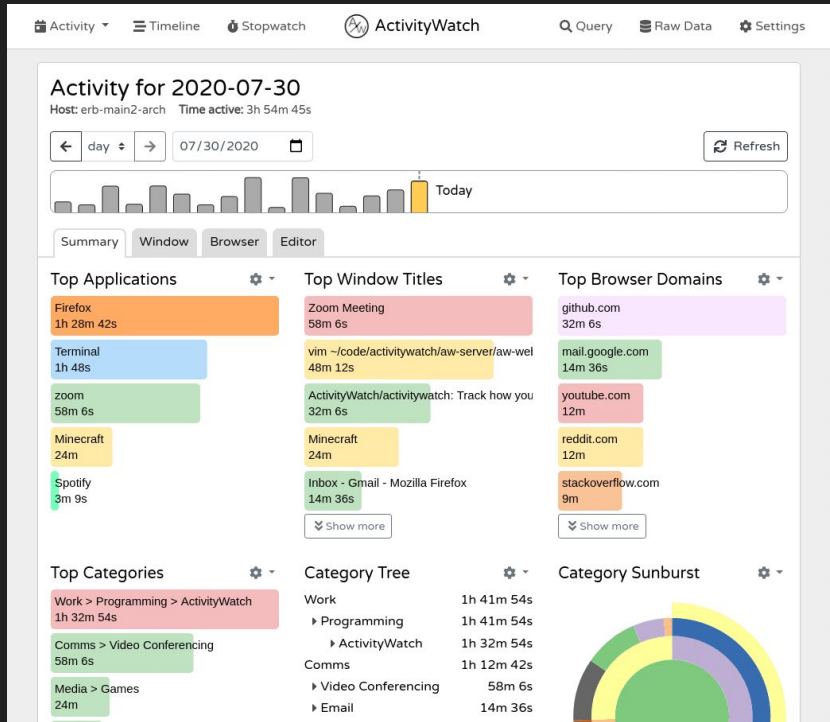
Advantages

- Private, open, simple
- Works with

Disadvantages

- Unappealing UI, takes time to set up categories
- Not fast to aggregate over many months



Shlink

URL shortener — shlink.io

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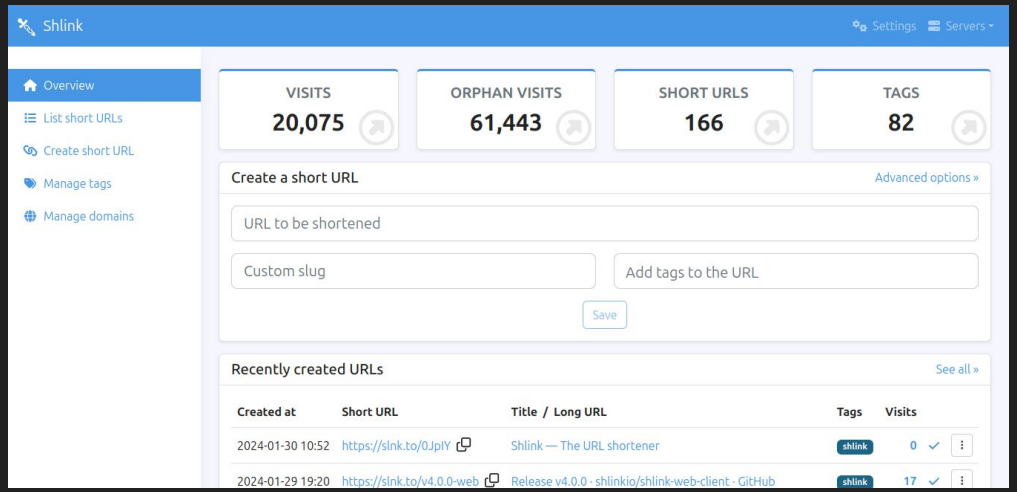
Advantages

- Self-hosted
- Tags & QR generator built-in



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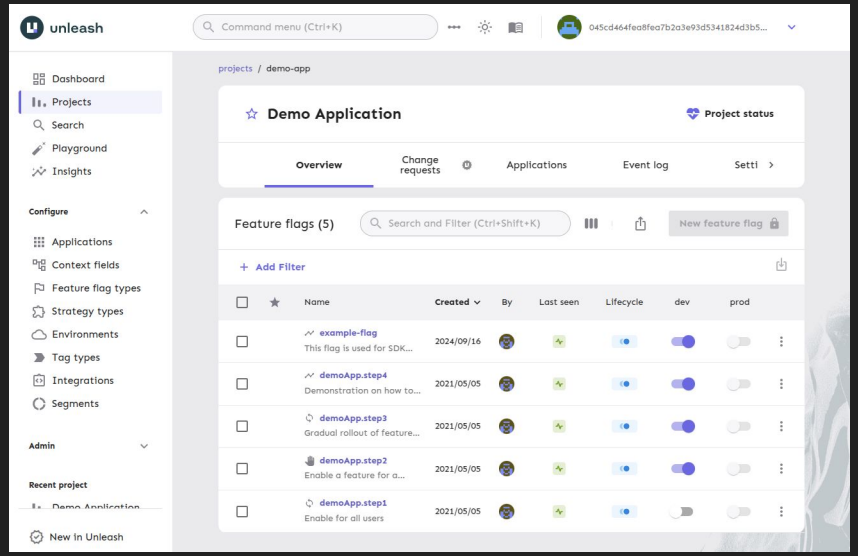
Unleash

Feature flag management — getunleash.io



Advantages

- Apache 2.0 license
- Privacy-focused
- Easiest to use (G2 ranking)
- Recommended by ThoughtWorks

Disadvantages

- VC backed

FOSS

Open source

Free as in beer

For everybody

Estlcam

CNC software — estlcam.de

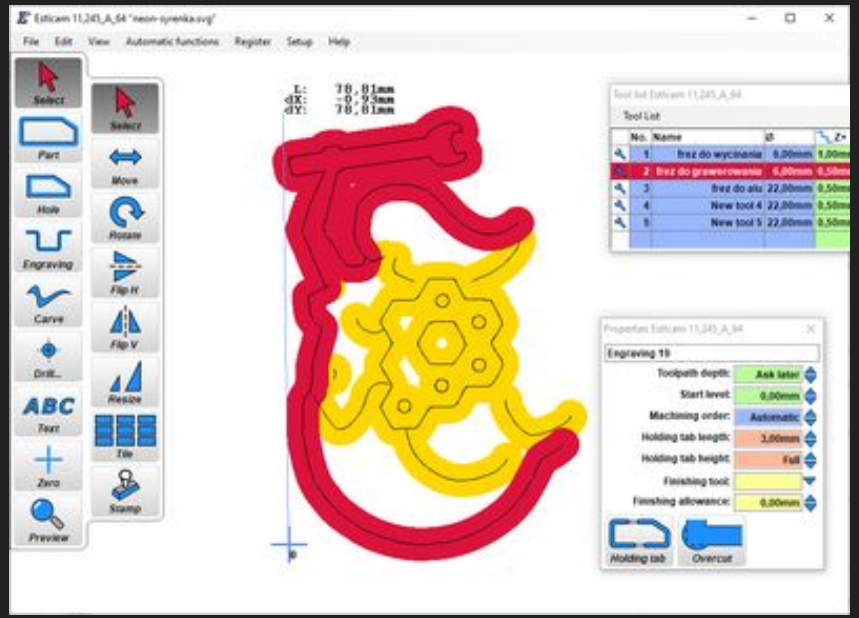
€49 / 5 concurrent devices / forever

Advantages

- Free
- Easy to use, standalone

Disadvantages

- Not open-source
- No “undo”/”ctrl+z”



SSPL / BSL

"Moat digging" licenses

MongoDB, Terraform, Redis, Llama

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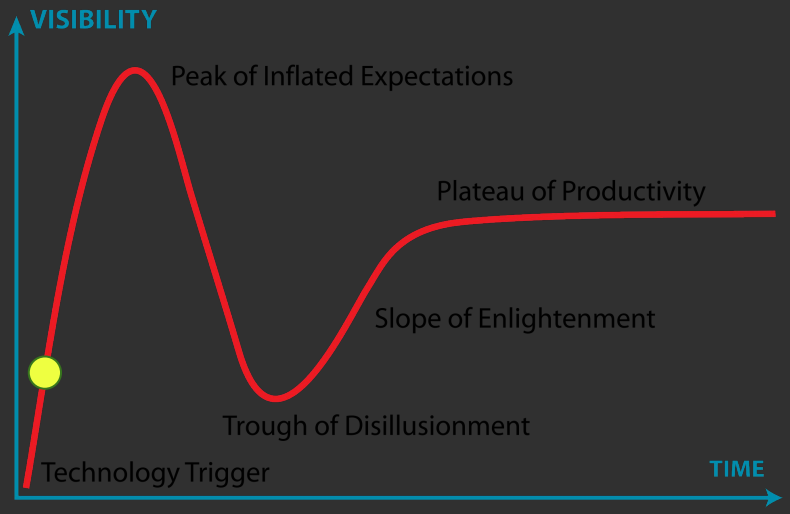
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Peak of Inflated Expectations
Plateau of Productivity
Slope of Enlightenment
Trough of Disillusionment
Technology Trigger
TIME

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