
QOwnNotes Documentation

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QOwnNotes Scripting

- QOwnNotes scripts consist basically of JavaScript embedded in QML files.
- Take a look at the [example scripts](#) to get started fast.
- If you need access to a certain functionality in QOwnNotes or have questions or ideas please open an issue on the [QOwnNotes issue page](#).
- Since debug output is disabled in the releases of QOwnNotes, so you might want to use `console.warn()` instead of `console.log()` to actually see an output.
 - Additionally you can also use the `script.log()` command to log to the log widget.

Methods and objects QOwnNotes provides

Starting an external program in the background

Parameters

```
/**
 * QML wrapper to start a detached process
 *
 * @param executablePath the path of the executable
 * @param parameters a list of parameter strings
 * @return true on success, false otherwise
 */
bool startDetachedProcess(QString executablePath, QStringList parameters);
```

Usage in QML

```
script.startDetachedProcess("/path/to/my/program", ["my parameter"]);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [custom-actions.qml](#) or [execute-command-after-note-update.qml](#).

```
/**
 * QML wrapper to start a synchronous process
 *
 * @param executablePath the path of the executable
 * @param parameters a list of parameter strings
 * @param data the data that will be written to the process
 * @return the text that was returned by the process
bool QByteArray startSynchronousProcess(QString executablePath, QStringList
↳parameters, QByteArray data);
```

Starting an external program and wait for the output

Usage in QML

```
var result = script.startSynchronousProcess("/path/to/my/program", ["my parameter"],
↳"data");
```

You may want to take a look at the example [encryption-keybase.qml](#).

Getting the path of the current note folder

Parameters

```
/**
 * QML wrapper to get the current note folder path
 *
 * @return the path of the current note folder
 */
QString currentNoteFolderPath();
```

Usage in QML

```
var path = script.currentNoteFolderPath();
```

You may want to take a look at the example [absolute-media-links.qml](#).

Getting the current note

Parameters

```
/**
 * QML wrapper to get the current note
 *
 * @returns {NoteApi} the the current note object
 */
NoteApi currentNote();
```

Usage in QML

```
var note = script.currentNote();
```

You may want to take a look at the example [custom-actions.qml](#).

Logging to the log widget

Parameters

```
/**
 * QML wrapper to log to the log widget
 *
 * @param text
 */
void log(QString text);
```

Usage in QML

```
script.log("my text");
```

Downloading an url to a string

Parameters

```
/**
 * QML wrapper to download an url and returning it as text
 *
 * @param url
 * @return {QString} the content of the downloaded url
 */
QString downloadUrlToString(QUrl url);
```

Usage in QML

```
var html = script.downloadUrlToString("http://www.qownnotes.org");
```

You may want to take a look at the example [insert-headline-with-link-from-github-url.qml](#).

Downloading an url to the media folder

Parameters

```
/**
 * QML wrapper to download an url to the media folder and returning the media
 * url or the markdown image text of the media
 *
 * @param {QString} url
```

```
* @param {bool} returnUrlOnly if true only the media url will be returned (default_↵
↵false)
* @return {QString} the media url
*/
QString downloadUrlToMedia(QUrl url, bool returnUrlOnly);
```

Usage in QML

```
var html = script.downloadUrlToMedia("http://latex.codecogs.com/gif.latex?\frac{1}
↵{1+\sin(x)}");
```

You may want to take a look at the example `paste-latex-image.qml`.

Registering a custom action

Parameters

```
/**
 * Registers a custom action
 *
 * @param identifier the identifier of the action
 * @param menuText the text shown in the menu
 * @param buttonText the text shown in the button
 *
 *         (no button will be viewed if empty)
 * @param icon the icon file path or the name of a freedesktop theme icon
 *
 *         you will find a list of icons here:
 *
 *         https://specifications.freedesktop.org/icon-naming-spec/icon-naming-
↵spec-latest.html
 * @param useInNoteEditContextMenu if true use the action in the note edit
 *
 *         context menu (default: false)
 * @param hideButtonInToolbar if true the button will not be shown in the
 *
 *         custom action toolbar (default: false)
 */
void ScriptingService::registerCustomAction(QString identifier,
                                           QString menuText,
                                           QString buttonText,
                                           QString icon,
                                           bool useInNoteEditContextMenu,
                                           bool hideButtonInToolbar);
```

Usage in QML

```
// add a custom action without a button
script.registerCustomAction("mycustomaction1", "Menu text");

// add a custom action with a button
script.registerCustomAction("mycustomaction1", "Menu text", "Button text");

// add a custom action with a button and freedesktop theme icon
script.registerCustomAction("mycustomaction1", "Menu text", "Button text", "task-new
↵");
```

```
// add a custom action with a button and an icon from a file
script.registerCustomAction("mycustomaction1", "Menu text", "Button text", "/usr/
↳share/icons/breeze/actions/24/view-calendar-tasks.svg");
```

You may then want to use the identifier with function `customActionInvoked` in a script like `custom-actions.qml`.

Registering a label

Parameters

```
/**
 * Registers a label to write to
 *
 * @param identifier the identifier of the label
 * @param text the text shown in the label (optional)
 */
void ScriptingService::registerLabel(QString identifier, QString text);
```

Usage in QML

```
script.registerLabel("html-label", "<strong>Strong</strong> HTML text<br />with three
↳lines<br />and a <a href='http://www.qownnotes.org'>link to a website</a>.");

script.registerLabel("long-label", "an other very long text, an other very long text,
↳an other very long text, an other very long text, an other very long text, an other
↳very long text, an other very long text, an other very long text, an other very
↳long text, an other very long text, an other very long text that will wrap");

script.registerLabel("counter-label");
```

The labels will be visible in the scripting dock widget.

You can use both plain text or html in the labels. The text will be selectable and links can be clicked.

You may then want to take a look at the example script `scripting-label-demo.qml`.

Setting the text of a registered label

Parameters

```
/**
 * Sets the text of a registered label
 *
 * @param identifier the identifier of the label
 * @param text the text shown in the label
 */
void ScriptingService::setLabelText(QString identifier, QString text);
```

Usage in QML

```
script.setLabelText("counter-label", "counter text");
```

You can use both plain text or html in the labels. The text will be selectable and links can be clicked.

You may then want to take a look at the example script [scripting-label-demo.qml](#).

Creating a new note

Parameters

```
/**  
 * Creates a new note  
 *  
 * @param text the note text  
 */  
void ScriptingService::createNote(QString text);
```

Usage in QML

```
script.createNote("My note headline\n===\n\nMy text");
```

You may want to take a look at the example [custom-actions.qml](#).

Accessing the clipboard

Parameters

```
/**  
 * Returns the content of the clipboard as text or html  
 *  
 * @param asHtml returns the clipboard content as html instead of text  
 */  
QString ScriptingService::clipboard(bool asHtml);
```

Usage in QML

```
var clipboardText = script.clipboard();  
var clipboardHtml = script.clipboard(true);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [custom-actions.qml](#).

Write text to the note text edit

Parameters

```
/**
 * Writes text to the current cursor position in the note text edit
 *
 * @param text
 */
void ScriptingService::noteTextEditWrite(QString text);
```

Usage in QML

```
// write text to the note text edit
script.noteTextEditWrite("My custom text");
```

You might want to look at the custom action `transformTextRot13` in the example `custom-actions.qml`.

Read the selected text in the note text edit

Parameters

```
/**
 * Reads the selected text in the note text edit
 *
 * @return
 */
QString ScriptingService::noteTextEditSelectedText();
```

Usage in QML

```
// read the selected text from the note text edit
var text = script.noteTextEditSelectedText();
```

You might want to look at the custom action `transformTextRot13` in the example `custom-actions.qml`.

Check whether platform is Linux, OS X or Windows

Parameters

```
bool ScriptingService::platformIsLinux();
bool ScriptingService::platformIsOSX();
bool ScriptingService::platformIsWindows();
```

Usage in QML

```
if (script.platformIsLinux()) {
    // only will be executed if under Linux
}
```

Tag the current note

Parameters

```
/**
 * Tags the current note with a tag named tagName
 *
 * @param tagName
 */
void ScriptingService::tagCurrentNote(QString tagName);
```

Usage in QML

```
// add a "favorite" tag to the current note
script.tagCurrentNote("favorite");
```

You might want to look at the custom action `favoriteNote` in the example `favorite-note.qml`.

Add a custom stylesheet

Parameters

```
/**
 * Adds a custom stylesheet to the application
 *
 * @param stylesheet
 */
void ScriptingService::addStyleSheet(QString stylesheet);
```

Usage in QML

```
// make the text in the note list bigger
script.addStyleSheet("QTreeWidgetItem#noteTreeWidget {font-size: 30px;}");
```

You may want to take a look at the example `custom-stylesheet.qml`.

You can get the object names from the `*.ui` files, for example `mainwindow.ui`.

Take a look at [Style Sheet Reference](#) for a reference of what styles are available.

If you want to inject styles into html preview to alter the way notes are previewed please look at [notetomarkdownhtml-hook](#).

Reloading the scripting engine

Parameters

```
/**
 * Reloads the scripting engine
 */
void ScriptingService::reloadScriptingEngine();
```

Usage in QML

```
// reload the scripting engine
script.reloadScriptingEngine();
```

Fetching a note by its file name

Parameters

```
/**
 * Fetches a note by its file name
 *
 * @param fileName string the file name of the note (mandatory)
 * @param noteSubFolderId integer id of the note subfolder
 * @return NoteApi*
 */
NoteApi* ScriptingService::fetchNoteByFileName(QString fileName,
                                               int noteSubFolderId);
```

Usage in QML

```
// fetch note by file name
script.fetchNoteByFileName("my note.md");
```

Checking if a note exists by its file name

Parameters

```
/**
 * Checks if a note file exists by its file name
 *
 * @param fileName string the file name of the note (mandatory)
 * @param ignoreNoteId integer id of a note to ignore in the check
 * @param noteSubFolderId integer id of the note subfolder
 * @return bool
 */
bool ScriptingService::noteExistsByFileName(QString fileName,
                                             int ignoreNoteId,
                                             int noteSubFolderId);
```

Usage in QML

```
// check if note exists, but ignore the id of "note"
script.noteExistsByFileName("my note.md", note.id);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [use-tag-names-in-filename.qml](#).

Copying text into the clipboard

Parameters

```
/**
 * Copies text into the clipboard as plain text or html mime data
 *
 * @param text string text to put into the clipboard
 * @param asHtml bool if true the text will be set as html mime data
 */
void ScriptingService::setClipboardText(QString text, bool asHtml);
```

Usage in QML

```
// copy text to the clipboard
script.setClipboardText("text to copy");
```

You may want to take a look at the example [selected-markdown-to-bbcode.qml](#).

Jumping to a note

Parameters

```
/**
 * Sets the current note if the note is visible in the note list
 *
 * @param note NoteApi note to jump to
 */
void ScriptingService::setCurrentNote(NoteApi *note);
```

Usage in QML

```
// jump to the note
script.setCurrentNote(note);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [journal-entry.qml](#).

Showing an information message box

Parameters

```
/**
 * Shows an information message box
 *
 * @param text
 * @param title (optional)
 */
void ScriptingService::informationMessageBox(QString text, QString title);
```

Usage in QML

```
// show a message box
script.informationMessageBox("The text I want to show", "Some optional title");
```

Showing an open file dialog

Properties

```
/**
 * Shows an open file dialog
 *
 * @param caption (optional)
 * @param dir (optional)
 * @param filter (optional)
 * @return QString
 */
QString ScriptingService::getOpenFileName(QString caption, QString dir,
                                          QString filter);
```

Usage in QML

```
// show an open file dialog
var fileName = script.getOpenFileName("Please select an image", "/home/user/images",
↪ "Images (*.png *.xpm *.jpg)");
```

Registering script settings variables

You need to define properties in your script and register them in an further property named `settingsVariables`.

The user can then set these properties in the script settings.

```
// you have to define your registered variables so you can access them later
property string myString;
property string myText;
property int myInt;
property string myFile;

// register your settings variables so the user can set them in the script settings
// use this property if you don't need
//
// unfortunately there is no QVariantHash in Qt, we only can use
// QVariantMap (that has no arbitrary ordering) or QVariantList (which at
// least can be ordered arbitrarily)
property variant settingsVariables: [
  {
    "identifier": "myString",
    "name": "I am a line edit",
    "description": "Please enter a valid string:",
    "type": "string",
    "default": "My default value",
  },
],
```

```

{
  "identifier": "myText",
  "name": "I am textbox",
  "description": "Please enter your text:",
  "type": "text",
  "default": "This can be a really long text\nwith multiple lines.",
},
{
  "identifier": "myInt",
  "name": "I am a number selector",
  "description": "Please enter a number:",
  "type": "integer",
  "default": 42,
},
{
  "identifier": "myFile",
  "name": "I am a file selector",
  "description": "Please select the file:",
  "type": "file",
  "default": "pandoc",
}
};

```

You may want to take a look at the example `variables.qml`.

Reading the path to the directory of your script

If you need to get the path to the directory where your script is placed to for example load other files you have to register a property `string scriptDirPath;`. This property will be set with the path to the script's directory.

Example

```

import QtQml 2.0
import QOwnNotesTypes 1.0

Script {
  // the path to the script's directory will be set here
  property string scriptDirPath;

  function init() {
    script.log(scriptDirPath);
  }
}

```

Converting path separators to native ones

Properties

```

/**
 * Returns path with the '/' separators converted to separators that are
 * appropriate for the underlying operating system.
 *
 * On Windows, toNativeDirSeparators("c:/winnt/system32") returns

```

```

* "c:\winnt\system32".
*
* @param path
* @return
*/
QString ScriptingService::toNativeDirSeparators(QString path);

```

Usage in QML

```

// will return "c:\winnt\system32" on Windows
script.log(script.toNativeDirSeparators("c:/winnt/system32"));

```

Converting path separators from native ones

Properties

```

/**
 * Returns path using '/' as file separator.
 * On Windows, for instance, fromNativeDirSeparators("c:\\winnt\\system32")
 * returns "c:/winnt/system32".
 *
 * @param path
 * @return
 */
QString ScriptingService::fromNativeDirSeparators(QString path);

```

Usage in QML

```

// will return "c:/winnt/system32" on Windows
script.log(script.fromNativeDirSeparators("c:\\winnt\\system32"));

```

Getting the native directory separator

Properties

```

/**
 * Returns the native directory separator "/" or "\" on Windows
 *
 * @return
 */
QString ScriptingService::dirSeparator();

```

Usage in QML

```

// will return "\" on Windows
script.log(script.dirSeparator());

```

Hooks

onNoteStored

```
/**
 * This function is called when a note gets stored to disk
 * You cannot modify stored notes, that would be a mess since
 * you are most likely editing them by hand at the same time
 *
 * @param {NoteApi} note - the note object of the stored note
 */
function onNoteStored(note);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [on-note-opened.qml](#).

noteOpenedHook

```
/**
 * This function is called after a note was opened
 *
 * @param {NoteApi} note - the note object that was opened
 */
function noteOpenedHook(note);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [on-note-opened.qml](#).

insertMediaHook

```
/**
 * This function is called when media file is inserted into the note
 * If this function is defined in multiple scripts, then the first script that
↳ returns a non-empty string wins
 *
 * @param fileName string the file path of the source media file before it was copied
↳ to the media folder
 * @param markdownText string the markdown text of the media file, e.g. ![my-
↳ image](file://media/505671508.jpg)
 * @return string the new markdown text of the media file
 */
function insertMediaHook(fileName, markdownText);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [example.qml](#).

insertingFromMimeDataHook

```
/**
 * This function is called when html or a media file is pasted to a note with `Ctrl +
↳ Shift + V`
 *
 * @param text text of the QMimeData object
 * @param html html of the QMimeData object
 * @return the string that should be inserted instead of the text from the QMimeData
↳ object
```

```
*/
function insertingFromMimeDataHook(text, html);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [example.qml](#), [insert-headline-with-link-from-github-url.qml](#) or [note-text-from-5pm-mail.qml](#).

handleNoteTextFileNameHook

```
/**
 * This function is called when a note gets stored to disk if
 * "Allow note file name to be different from headline" is enabled
 * in the settings
 *
 * It allows you to modify the name of the note file
 * Keep in mind that you have to care about duplicate names yourself!
 *
 * Return an empty string if the file name of the note should
 * not be modified
 *
 * @param {NoteApi} note - the note object of the stored note
 * @return {string} the file name of the note
 */
function handleNoteTextFileNameHook(note);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [example.qml](#) or [use-tag-names-in-filename.qml](#).

handleNewNoteHeadlineHook

```
/**
 * This function is called before a note is created
 *
 * It allows you to modify the headline of the note before it is created
 * Note that you have to take care about a unique note name, otherwise
 * the new note will not be created, it will just be found in the note list
 *
 * You can use this method for creating note templates
 *
 * @param headline text that would be used to create the headline
 * @return {string} the headline of the note
 */
function handleNewNoteHeadlineHook(headline);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [custom-new-note-headline.qml](#).

noteToMarkdownHtmlHook

```
/**
 * This function is called when the markdown html of a note is generated
 *
 * It allows you to modify this html
 * This is for example called before by the note preview
 *
 * @param {NoteApi} note - the note object
```

```
* @param {string} html - the html that is about to be rendered
* @return {string} the modified html or an empty string if nothing should be modified
*/
function noteToMarkdownHtmlHook(note, html);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [example.qml](#) or [preview-styling.qml](#).

Please refer to the [Supported HTML Subset](#) documentation for a list of all supported css styles.

encryptionHook

```
/**
 * This function is called when text has to be encrypted or decrypted
 *
 * @param text string the text to encrypt or decrypt
 * @param password string the password
 * @param decrypt bool if false encryption is demanded, if true decryption is demanded
 * @return the encrypted decrypted text
 */
function encryptionHook(text, password, decrypt);
```

You may want to take a look at the example [encryption-keybase.qml](#), [encryption-pgp.qml](#) or [encryption-rot13.qml](#).

Exposed classes

Note

```
class NoteApi {
    Q_PROPERTY(int id)
    Q_PROPERTY(QString name)
    Q_PROPERTY(QString fileName)
    Q_PROPERTY(QString fullNoteFilePath)
    Q_PROPERTY(int noteSubFolderId)
    Q_PROPERTY(QString noteText)
    Q_PROPERTY(QString decryptedNoteText)
    Q_PROPERTY(bool hasDirtyData)
    Q_PROPERTY(QQmlListProperty<TagApi> tags)
    Q_PROPERTY(QDateTime fileCreated)
    Q_PROPERTY(QDateTime fileLastModified)
    Q_INVOKABLE QStringList tagNames();
};
```

You can use the methods from [Date](#) to work with `fileCreated` or `fileLastModified`.

For example:

```
script.log(note.fileCreated.toISOString());
script.log(note.fileLastModified.getFullYear());
```

Tag

```
class TagApi {
    Q_PROPERTY(int id)
    Q_PROPERTY(QString name)
    Q_PROPERTY(int parentId)
};
```

MainWindow

```
class MainWindow {
    Q_INVOKABLE void reloadTagTree();
    Q_INVOKABLE void reloadNoteSubFolderTree();
    Q_INVOKABLE void buildNotesIndexAndLoadNoteDirectoryList(
        bool forceBuild = false, bool forceLoad = false);
};
```

For example:

```
// force a reload of the note list
mainwindow.buildNotesIndexAndLoadNoteDirectoryList(true, true);
```


CHAPTER 2

Time formats

You can use your own time format when inserting the current time into a note.

These expressions may be used for the date:

Expression	Output
d	the day as number without a leading zero (1 to 31)
dd	the day as number with a leading zero (01 to 31)
ddd	the abbreviated localized day name (e.g. 'Mon' to 'Sun').
dddd	the long localized day name (e.g. 'Monday' to 'Sunday').
M	the month as number without a leading zero (1-12)
MM	the month as number with a leading zero (01-12)
MMM	the abbreviated localized month name (e.g. 'Jan' to 'Dec').
MMMM	the long localized month name (e.g. 'January' to 'December').
yy	the year as two digit number (00-99)
yyyy	the year as four digit number

These expressions may be used for the time:

Expression	Output
h	the hour without a leading zero (0 to 23 or 1 to 12 if AM/PM display)
hh	the hour with a leading zero (00 to 23 or 01 to 12 if AM/PM display)
H	the hour without a leading zero (0 to 23, even with AM/PM display)
HH	the hour with a leading zero (00 to 23, even with AM/PM display)
m	the minute without a leading zero (0 to 59)
mm	the minute with a leading zero (00 to 59)
s	the second without a leading zero (0 to 59)
ss	the second with a leading zero (00 to 59)
z	the milliseconds without leading zeroes (0 to 999)
zzz	the milliseconds with leading zeroes (000 to 999)
AP or A	use AM/PM display. <i>A/AP</i> will be replaced by either "AM" or "PM".
ap or a	use am/pm display. <i>a/ap</i> will be replaced by either "am" or "pm".
t	the timezone (for example "CEST")

Example format strings:

Format	Result
dd.MM.yyyy hh:mm	21.05.2001 14:13
dd.MM.yyyy	21.05.2001
ddd MMMM d yy	Tue May 21 01
hh:mm:ss.zzz	14:13:09.042
h:m:s ap	2:13:9 pm

Take a look at the [Qt documentation](#) for more information about time formats.

If you need to make more complex operations to output the current time please consider creating a custom action.

CHAPTER 3

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