

**Notecards Introduction**  
**The Infinite Actuary**  
**Group & Health Seminars**

Notecards are provided for each syllabus section in a variety of formats. Each card is numbered, and the header on the back tells you the outline chapter of the source material. Each format is described below:

- Printable: This version has 3 cards per page. If you print this PDF double-sided on U.S. letter (8.5"x11") paper, the front and back of the card will be aligned. This format also works well on Avery 5388 3x5" index cards, which can be purchased on Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com/Avery-Laser-White-Index-Cards/dp/B00006HPWA/>). See the next page for instructions on printing to the Avery cards.
- Phone Viewing: There is a subfolder "flashcards PDF phone viewing" containing a single pdf with 1 notecard per page. I have an android phone, and I was able to download a free pdf application to view the notecards.
- Audio: There is a subfolder containing MP3 audio recordings for all notecards. You may find these useful while you are on-the-go if you have headphones.
- Anki: All notecards are provided in Anki files. See pages 3 & 4 of this document for an introduction to Anki.

The graders want you to know not just the list on the notecard, but the sentence of detail behind the list. Here is the approach I would take when reviewing:

- Read the question side, then think about the answer or even write it down
- Turn the card over to read the solution
- Before putting the card away, try recalling 1 piece of detail for each item on the back of the notecard. It doesn't have to be perfect, just something to make the grader happy and maximize your points on the exam.

## Instructions for printing to Avery 5388 3x5 Index Cards

1. Purchase the Avery 5388 Index Cards (<http://www.amazon.com/Avery-Laser-White-Index-Cards/dp/B00006HPWA/>).
2. If you have a duplex printer, load with Avery 5388 and print. Make sure that your PDF viewer is set up to print “actual size” (which is an option in the print dialog box), so that it doesn’t rescale things and put them in the wrong place on the page. Sometimes printer dialog boxes call this “Choose paper source by PDF page size” or something similar. The main idea is to make sure the printer prints the PDF exactly as-is without any scaling.
3. If you don’t have a duplex printer, you would need to print a single page, then reload that sheet and print to the back side. This is admittedly pretty tedious. If you have access to a duplex photocopier, then you could print the pages single-sided on ordinary paper, load Avery 5388 in the photocopier, and run your printed copies through the copier in the duplex “2 to 1” setting.

I highly recommend printing just a handful of pages initially to ensure that your printer settings are correct!

If you decide to try this approach or any others, I would be interested in hearing from you. Please send me your comments ([jeff@theinfiniteactuary.com](mailto:jeff@theinfiniteactuary.com)).

# Using Anki Application to Memorize More Efficiently

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### INTRODUCTION TO ANKI

The purpose of this document is to help you get started using Anki on your PC or phone while memorizing TIA flashcards. If you are not familiar with Anki, there is an excellent introduction video at <http://ankisrs.net/docs/manual.html> called “Shared decks and review basics”. The first minute and 30 seconds of this video shows how to download free flashcards for memorizing languages, state capitals, etc. The remainder of the video is more relevant, because it shows how Anki can help you memorize cards more efficiently.

### STEPS TO GET STARTED

There are 3 steps listed briefly below and discussed in greater detail later.

1. Download Anki application to PC for free and import the TIA flashcards
2. Create AnkiWeb account, which syncs your computer with the web and ultimately with your phone app automatically
3. Download the Anki phone app to receive the TIA flashcards on phone.

#### Step 1

First, visit [ankisrs.net](http://ankisrs.net), and download the free Anki software to your computer. There is a download for Windows and a download for Mac, depending on your type of computer.

Next, you need to save an Anki flashcard deck to your computer from the TIA website.

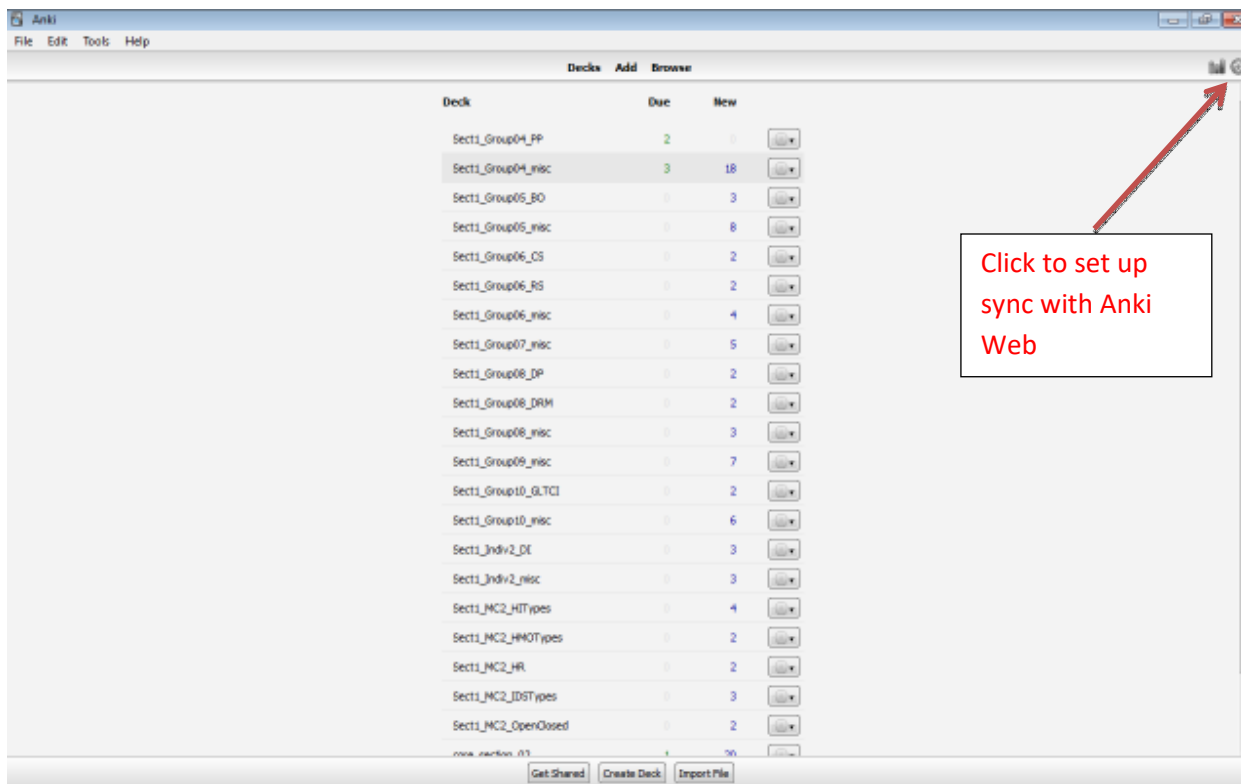
Next, open your Anki application on your computer. You may need to create a profile such as “TIA flashcards”. After creating a user profile, open it. At the bottom, click import. Select a TIA Anki file downloaded from the TIA website. You can now use Anki to review the flashcards on your computer.

If the image on your computer appears fuzzy or blurry, here is a quick fix. Close Anki, and right click on the desktop shortcut. Select properties, then compatibility. Enable the option “disable display scaling on high DPI settings”. Click OK.

#### Step 2

Return to [ankisrs.net](http://ankisrs.net). At the top right, select AnkiWeb. Follow the instructions to create an account and sync the account with Anki on your computer.

If you are not prompted to sync after creating an AnkiWeb account, you can return to the Anki application on your computer and click the sync button in the top right corner (see image below).



### Step 3

Android phones have a free Anki app. I believe the iphone app costs \$25. The phone app will sync with your AnkiWeb account from step 2 above, so that you can review flashcards more efficiently on your phone.

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