

Arcuate: screenshots into Anki cards

Beta for our class. Press a shortcut, drag around anything you are studying, and a sourced Anki card is ready in a few seconds. Cards import into your own Anki with one click.

1. Install (once)

Unzip **Arcuate-beta.zip**, drag **Arcuate.app** into Applications, and open it. macOS will refuse because the app is not from the App Store: open **System Settings** > **Privacy & Security**, scroll down, click **Open Anyway**, then open Arcuate again. A  icon appears in the menu bar at the top right.

2. Setup guide

The guide opens on first launch. Allow **Screen Recording** (needed to capture) and, if you like, **Accessibility** (lets cards cite the document and page). Paste the class invite code and click **Activate**:

snap-U6x9Lz2TQbR5Xq2J

The class shares one allowance of 500 captures, up to 300 a day. Please use them on real studying, not experiments. The  menu shows how many are left.

3. Make a card

Open anything you study from: a PDF, slides, a web page, a question explanation. Press **^~S** (Control+Option+S), drag around a paragraph or figure, optionally type what matters, and press **Enter**. Review the cards, then press **Enter** again to save. Choose **Missed question** in the dropdown for a question you got wrong: it makes the card that would have gotten it right.

4. Diagrams

Pick **Image occlusion** in the dropdown and capture a labeled figure. Every label gets a mask; click to include or exclude, drag to move, drag a corner to resize, press **A** to group repeated labels. Counts as two captures.

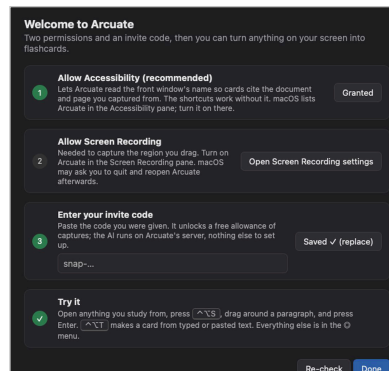
5. Into Anki

At the end of a session:  menu > **Export and open in Anki**. Cards land in a deck called **Arcuate Inbox** (change it in Settings). **Today's cards** in the menu lets you edit or delete before exporting.

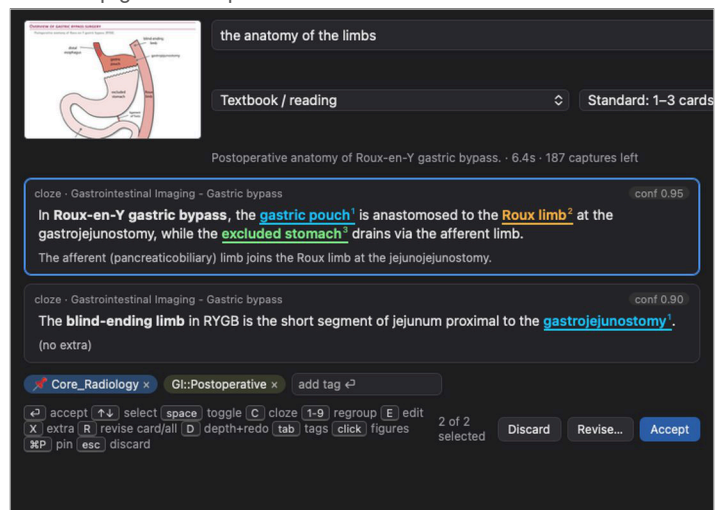
Shortcuts on the review screen: **↑↓** select · **space** keep/drop · **E** edit · select words then **C** for a cloze · **R** revise · **tab** tags · **esc** discard. **^~T** makes cards from pasted text.

Privacy: a capture (the screenshot plus the app and document name) goes to Arcuate's server, which passes it to the AI provider to write the card and then discards it. Nothing is stored on the server and the provider does not train on this traffic. Your cards live only on your Mac and in your Anki.

Beta: early version, rough edges possible, no guarantees. Keep the code within the class; the allowance is shared. Feedback to Ryan is the price of admission: wrong cards, awkward wording, anything slow or confusing.



The setup guide: two permissions and the invite code.



Review screen: cloze answers highlighted, tags suggested, Enter saves.

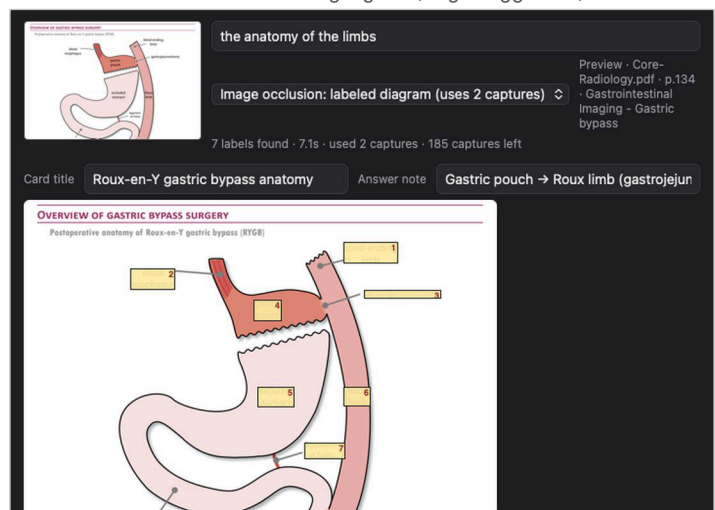
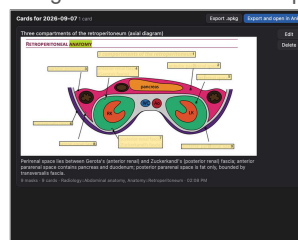


Image occlusion: one mask per label, editable before saving.



Today's cards: edit, delete, export to Anki.