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note Launches "Comic Viewer," a New Feature Enabling All Creators to Post and Sell Manga Turn Original Manuscripts into Flip-Style Manga Articles Instantly



On April 14, note will provide all creators with a dedicated "Comic Viewer" designed to deliver their works to new readers. By simply uploading manga manuscripts, creators can now publish and sell their work in a flip-style format that ensures a smooth reading experience.

The Comic Viewer is a feature created to help manga artists share their work easily and in an accessible format. Prior to this official release, approximately 550 creators participated in a pilot program. We have refined the tool based on their feedback for today's launch. Furthermore, works submitted to the Manga and Comic Essay categories of "Sosaku Taisho 2026"—one of Japan's largest creative contests, which began accepting entries on April 8—can now be posted using the Comic Viewer format.

By improving the environment for delivering manga and all forms of creative work, we aim to achieve our mission: "Start, Keep on Creating."

Background of the Comic Viewer Launch

The digital comic market has reached 527.3 billion yen, accounting for 76% of the total comic market (*1). An increasing number of manga artists are publishing their work online without going

through traditional publishers. We developed the Comic Viewer to meet the needs of creators who want to publish their work openly, find new readers, and handle monetization all in one place.

Previously, manga on note was primarily posted as standard image files. With the Comic Viewer, uploading manuscripts allows them to be published in a page-turning format.

note has consistently expanded opportunities for manga creators through initiatives such as the "Sosaku Taisho" contest and the "#WatchMyManga" project in collaboration with popular manga editorial departments. Dozens of manga titles have been published as books following their debut on note. With entries for the Manga and Comic Essay categories of "Sosaku Taisho 2026" now open, we are releasing this feature to provide more options for creators to showcase their work. Sosaku Taisho 2026 : <https://note.com/creative-award>

*1: "Publication Indicators" 2026, All Japan Magazine and Book Publisher's and Editor's Association / Research Institute for Publications.

Three Key Features of the Comic Viewer



(1) Post by Simply Uploading Manuscripts

Creators can create a flip-style manga article by dragging and dropping image files into the article editor. No special tools or conversion processes are required. The viewer supports up to 200 pages, and users can easily reorder, delete, or insert pages. Early users commented that the "loading is fast and easy to upload" and that they were "impressed by the smooth process from upload to publication."



(2) Works Remain on note and Reach New Readers

Published works are open to the public and reach new readers via search engines and social media. The viewer automatically optimizes the display—showing a two-page spread on PCs and a single-page view on smartphones—ensuring a comfortable reading experience on any device.

(3) Use Standard note Monetization and Subscription Systems

Existing monetization features, such as paid articles, subscription magazines, and memberships, can be used seamlessly. From publishing and interacting with readers to earning revenue, the entire process is completed within the note platform.

The Comic Viewer can be adapted to any creative style, serving as a "home base" for serialized manga or a "collection" for various short stories.

Feedback from Early Users and Functional Improvements

We began recruiting early users on March 18, 2026. Within 10 days, over 550 creators applied, providing more than 200 pieces of feedback and requests.

▼Hiromi Sou (Award Winner, Sosaku Taisho 2025 Comic Essay Category)

"Since this is a text-centric platform, I had partly given up hope. But with this new feature, I can now flip through pages just like a physical book."

<https://note.com/hiromilluatsou/n/n8784294ca68a>

▼Mine Toriko (Lettuce Club Award Winner, Sosaku Taisho 2025)

"I can now publish manga up to 200 pages in a style that flips like a book! I think this will encourage more creators to upload long-form manga."

<https://note.com/minetoriko/n/n10ebbbb6b33a>

Based on this feedback, we implemented the following improvements during the pilot period:

- Adjustments to display size and positioning.
- Ability to reorder pages and edit titles from the editor even after embedding the viewer.
- Added a preview function within the editor.
- Settings to prevent Comic Viewer images from being used for AI training.
- Screenshot prevention on the app (to be added soon).

We are also enhancing work protection features so creators can publish with peace of mind. The Comic Viewer is a feature we will grow together with our creators, and we will continue to make improvements based on feedback.

Future Developments

We will hold a posting project to help more people discover manga posted via the Comic Viewer. To participate, creators simply add the hashtag "#MangaReadOnNote" (in Japanese) to their work. This is a great opportunity to reach new readers. Additionally, 17 media outlets are participating as judges for the Manga and Comic Essay categories of Sosaku Taisho 2026. We encourage creators to use the Comic Viewer for their entries.

▼Post with "#noteで読めるマンガ" (※noteのログインが必要です)

https://note.com/intent/post?hashtags=note%E3%81%A7%E8%AA%AD%E3%82%81%E3%82%8B%E3%83%9E%E3%83%B3%E3%82%AC&rt=internal&sub_rt=article&d=

*For instructions on how to post using the Comic Viewer and further details, please see the help page.

<https://www.help-note.com/hc/ja/articles/56109263382169>

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note is a media platform where creators post text, images, audio, and videos, and users can enjoy and support that content. We value a safe atmosphere and diversity so that everyone can enjoy and continue creating. Individuals and corporations mingle, expanding opportunities to find things they like and meet interesting people. The service launched in April 2014, and approximately 69.56 million works have been created. The number of members has reached 11.14 million (as of November 2025).

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Our mission is to "Start, and Keep on Creating," and we are building systems for expression and creation. The media platform note supports all kinds of creative activities by creators. Creators can publish their original content, receive support from fans and peers through memberships, shops and brand owners can showcase products in their stores, and corporations and organizations can use note pro to disseminate information.

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