

Own your to-do list.

Replace Todoist with self-hosted Vikunja.

Lists, kanban, Gantt and table views for your tasks — on your own server, with no features held back behind a subscription. Import your Todoist tasks to get started.

Who this is for

Anyone who hit Todoist's paywall for basic features and wants their tasks on their own server. Comfortable running a small Docker container.

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Why move off Todoist

Todoist puts reminders, labels and other everyday features behind its Pro plan, and your tasks live in its cloud. **Vikunja** is a free, open-source task manager you host yourself — list, kanban, Gantt and table views, subtasks, labels and due dates, with nothing gated.

What you gain

All views and features free · your tasks on your server · importers from Todoist, Trello and Microsoft To-Do.
What you drop: the subscription and the cloud.

1 · What you need

A Linux machine with Docker and the Compose plugin. Since v0.22 Vikunja ships as a single container (API and web frontend together) and uses SQLite by default — no separate database to run for a personal setup.

2 · Install with Docker

A minimal docker-compose.yml. Set VIKUNJA_SERVICE_PUBLICURL to the address you'll reach it at:

```
services:
  vikunja:
    image: vikunja/vikunja:latest
    restart: unless-stopped
    ports:
      - "3456:3456"
    environment:
      VIKUNJA_SERVICE_PUBLICURL: "http://SERVER-IP:3456"
    volumes:
      - ./files:/app/vikunja/files
      - ./db:/db
```

Start it with `docker compose up -d` and open `http://SERVER-IP:3456`.

3 · Create your account

- Register your user on first load.
- Once your account exists, disable open registration in the config so no one else can sign up.
- Add the Vikunja mobile/desktop clients and point them at your server URL.

4 · Import from Todoist

Vikunja has a built-in Todoist importer, but it's off until you enable it. Turn on the Todoist migration in the configuration (via config file or environment variables) with Todoist API credentials, restart, then start the import from Vikunja's settings. It runs in the background and finishes in seconds to minutes depending on task count.

Note

Enabling the importer needs Todoist API credentials (a registered Todoist app). Once your tasks are in, you can remove those settings from the config — the importer was only needed for the one-time migration.

5 · Verify

- Confirm projects, tasks, due dates and labels imported.
- Try the list, kanban and Gantt views on a real project.
- Back up the files and db volumes — that's your data.
- Once it covers your workflow, cancel Todoist.

Common snags

Symptom	Fix
Import option greyed out	Migration is disabled by default; enable it in the config first.
Login redirects wrong	Set VIKUNJA_SERVICE_PUBLICURL to the exact address you use.
Can't reach :3456	Check the container is up and the port isn't firewalled.

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