

# Idea Graphs

## *Easy freeform flowcharting*

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### Working with Idea Graphs

Sometimes you need more flexibility than a mind map. Fortunately Curio makes it incredibly easy to quickly create a flowchart or graph of connected figures.

The automatically created lines described in the following section are true Curio line figures so you can change the line color, dash pattern, width, and arrowheads using the inspector controls. You can also double-click on a line to add line labels, or right-click on a line and add one or more midpoints to make it a curved or orthogonal line.

### Collection Figures

If the currently selected item is a collection figure (such as a list, mind map, table, or index card) then the created connected figure will be that same type of collection, assuming the Select tool is active in the toolbar. Using this technique you can quickly create a connected graph of index cards, for example.

However, if the Text tool is active instead then the created connected figure will always be a text figure. This way you can easily create a text figure connected to a collection.

### Create a New Figure Automatically Connected to a Selected Figure

1. Edit or select an existing figure.
2. Click on the idea space background while pressing one of the following modifier key combinations:
  - a. ⌘ (Command): directional line (one arrowhead, →)
  - b. ⌘⇧ (Command-Shift): bidirectional line (two arrowheads, ↔)
  - c. ⌘⌥ (Command-Option): nondirectional line (no arrowheads, —)
  - d. ⌘⌥⇧ (Command-Option-Shift): nondirectional dashed line (no arrowheads, ---)
3. A new figure will be created and joined to the currently selected figure with the appropriate line

### To Instantly Connect Two Existing Figures with a Line (Non-Collections Only)