

Line Tool

Super fast line creation

Using the Line Tool

The line tool button looks like an angled line. Click and hold on the line tool button to bring up a quick list of common lines including nondirectional, unidirectional, and bidirectional. You can press the L key on your keyboard to quickly choose the line tool; repeatedly press L to cycle through the line choices.

Use the line tool to go into a line drawing mode useful when drawing lots of lines, for example when connecting several figures together with the sticky lines feature.

Drawing a Line

1. Click on the Line tool in the toolbar.
2. Change any attributes such as color or arrowhead shape that you wish to make the default for this line using the Shape inspector, discussed below.
3. Click and drag an area on the idea space to draw the line.
4. Repeat step 3 to draw multiple lines using the same style.

Drawing a Multipoint Line

1. Draw a line as described above, however, before you release the mouse button hold down the ⌘ (Option) key. When you release the mouse you'll find that you've dropped a midpoint and now you're placing a new endpoint. Continue holding down Option to keep dropping midpoints as you release the mouse. If you're done, just release the Option key before you drop your last point.
2. Repeat step 1 to draw multiple multipoint lines using the same style.

Adding and Removing Midpoints

- Right-click on a line to quickly add a midpoint at the given click location. Right-click on a midpoint to remove it.

Styling a Line