

Linking Figures

Connect figures with jump & hyperlinks

Linking Figures Together

Curio has several methods for linking figures together including jump actions, jump anchors, idea space links, and hyperlinks.

Jump Actions

You can assign a jump action to a figure so that double-clicking that figure can navigate to a specific idea space or even a specific figure — even in another project! The figure will also get a little jump image adornment so it's clear that a jump action is associated with the item. You can use the Actions inspector to hide this adornment if you wish.

Jump Anchors

As an alternative to assigning a figure a jump action, you can use a jump anchor to jump to different locations. A jump anchor is a simple icon you can place anywhere on an idea space. When double-clicked the user will jump to the destination location.

Idea Space Link Figures

You can also create links between idea spaces even from different projects by adding an idea space link figure. When double-clicked the user will go to the destination idea space.

The new figure will display a preview of the represented idea space unless the represented idea space is the same as the idea space on which it was placed or is from a different Curio project. If the represented idea space is the same as the idea space on which it was placed, Curio will display a distinctive “you are here” icon. If the represented idea space is from a different Curio project, Curio will display a distinctive “external project” icon.

Hyperlinks

You can easily create hyperlinks to figures or idea spaces within a Curio project for use outside of Curio, for example in a browser web page or another application. These are of the form “curio://”. Clicking one of these links will launch Curio, open the appropriate project, jump to a specific idea space, and even scroll to a specific figure. Note that since the project path is embedded in the resulting hyperlink it won't work if the project is moved or renamed. Instead Curio will ask you to locate that particular project and then continue with the jump. It will store this prior path to new path mapping so it won't ask you for the new location in the future.

Set a Jump Action for a Figure

1. Select your jump destination: either a target figure within an idea space or a target idea space within the Organizer.
2. Choose Edit > Copy from the main menu.
3. Select the figure(s) to which you wish to assign the jump action.
4. Choose Edit > Paste As > Jump Action to set the jump action.
5. If the figure is moved, Curio will still be able to find it and jump to its new location.

Clear a Jump Action for a Figure

1. Remove a jump action by using the Actions inspector and click "Restore Default".
2. This will remove the jump target action and allow the figure to operate like normally (that is, if an image figure double-clicking would open the image, etc).

Add a Jump Anchor

1. Select your jump destination: either a target figure within an idea space or a target idea space within the Organizer.
2. Choose Edit > Copy from the main menu.
3. Go to the idea space where you want to place the anchor.
4. Choose Edit > Paste As > Jump Anchor from the main menu.
5. Curio will create a jump anchor figure. You can click and drag this figure anywhere. You can also copy & paste it, duplicate it, or change its attributes in the Inspector.

Add an Idea Space Link Figure

1. Drag the idea space from the Organizer of a project window and drop it onto an idea space.
2. A new idea space link figure will be created with a preview of the represented idea space.
3. You can right-click on the resulting figure and choose “Show As Icon” then give the figure an appropriate title like “Click here to learn more”.

Create a Hyperlink to an Idea Space or Figure

1. Select an idea space in the Organizer or figure within an idea space and choose Edit > Copy As > Hyperlink.
2. The hyperlink will be added to your clipboard.
3. Use it outside of Curio or even within Curio by selecting text and using the Format > Text > Add Link menu (⌘K). If you use it within a text figure in the same project then the project path is removed automatically turning it into relative link so it will work even if the project is moved or renamed.

See All References to a Jump Destination

1. Right-click on the jump destination: either the target figure within an idea space or the target idea space within the Organizer.
2. In the context menu, look within the Referenced From submenu to see all originating source figures. These are listed by their name but they also include, parenthetically, the figure type, owning idea space title, and, if necessary, section path information.
3. Choose one of those referencing figures and you will promptly jump to that figure within the project.
4. Note these references won't include hyperlinks since those can be placed anywhere even outside of Curio.