

# Mind Map Basics

*Let's get started with mind mapping*

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## To Create a Mind Map:

- Use the Insert popover to create a mind map via its style and stencil gallery, or use the Insert menu.

## To Insert a New Text Figure as a Next Sibling:

- Select an item in the mind map.

## Insert a Next Sibling by Choosing Insert > Text Next Sibling or by Typing Command-Return.

1. As a shortcut, if you are current editing a mind map item, you can simply type Return to create a new next sibling. If you want to actually insert a carriage return within the edited text figure, then type Option-Return.
2. Note that the root figure cannot have a sibling, so a new last child will be created instead.

## To Insert a New Text Figure as a Previous Sibling:

1. Select an item in the mind map.
2. Insert a previous sibling by choosing Insert > Text Previous Sibling or by typing Command-Shift-Return.
3. As above, you can simply type Shift-Return to create a new previous sibling.

## To Insert a New Text Figure as a Child:

1. Select an item in the mind map.
2. Insert a new last child by choosing Insert > Text Child or by typing Command-Option-Return.

## To Add New Sibling Items to a Mind Map Via Keyboard:

1. Select an item in the mind map.
2. Press the Command-Return key to create a new next sibling or Command-Shift-Return to create a previous sibling of the selected figure. If you are currently editing an existing figure then you can just press Return or Shift-Return.

## To Add New Child Items to a Mind Map Via Keyboard:

1. Select an item in the mind map.
2. Press the Tab key to create a new child of the selected figure.

## To Add New Items to a Mind Map Via Drag-And-Drop:

1. Select figures from elsewhere in Curio, the Finder, or another application and drag them into Curio onto the mind map figure.
2. As you drag the items around the guides described above will appear showing you where they will be placed in the mind map.
3. Release the mouse button to drop the items into the mind map. If the drag began within Curio, and the Option key was held down during the drag, then a copy of the selected figures will be created.
4. Mind Map figures also support cut, copy, paste, and duplicate for adding and removing figures.

## To Remove Mind Map Items:

1. Select the mind map items you wish to remove.
2. Press the Delete or Backspace key or choose Edit > Delete.
3. Any children will automatically be removed as well.