

# Mind Map

## *Introducing the mind map collection*

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### Working with Mind Maps

Mind mapping is a wonderful technique for discovering connections between words and ideas, and encourages an easy brainstorming approach starting with just one idea. This one idea — be it a word, phrase, or image — is expanded upon by adding associated ideas in a radial fashion around the central idea. You then take each of those associated phrases and list ideas associated with them.

A mind map's central figure is called the *central topic*. This is the main idea or focus of the mind map.

Surrounding the central topic, are the main topics or *branches*. These are your initial, primary topics or ideas that come to mind when thinking about the central topic. For example, if the central topic is “Apple” then the branches surrounding it might include “Mac”, “iPad”, and “iPhone”.

In general, you want to have only a few main branches under the central topic. If you have over a dozen main branches then consolidating them into 4 to 10 branches would make the resulting mind map much more readable and organized and allow Curio to optimize the mind map's layout.

Subtopics can have subtopics, and those can have subtopics, etc, so your resulting branches can be quite large.

Topics and subtopics within Curio can be almost anything, not simply text. For example: images, videos, files, web links, audio recordings, Mail messages, and more! And, like any figure within Curio, each figure within a mind map can include one or more tags and other meta data information.

### Context Menu

Right-clicking on a mind map or a mind map item will show a context menu with lots of frequent operations so be sure to check it out!