

Mind Maps

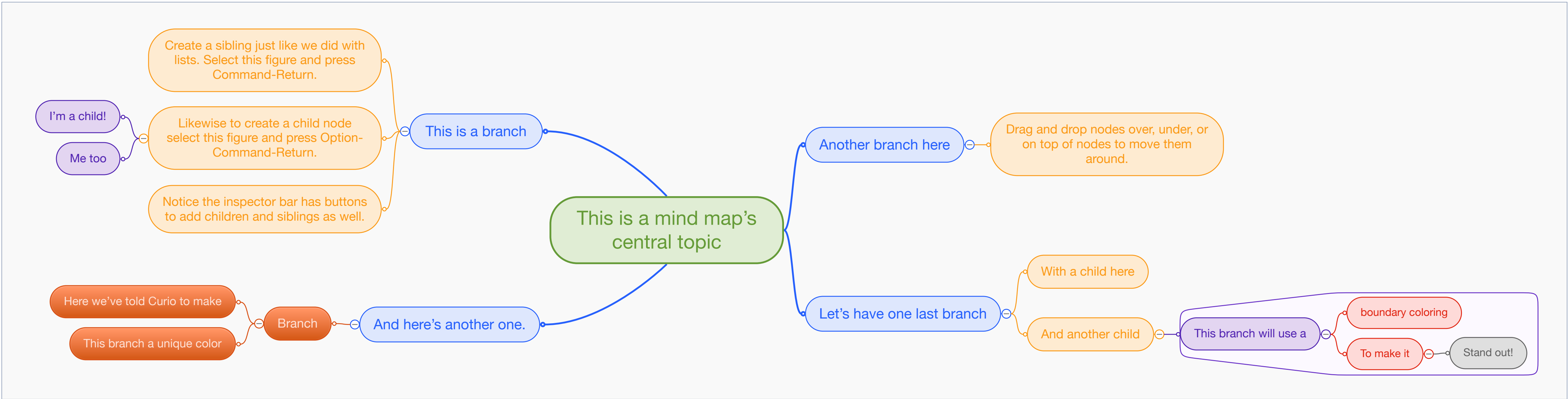
The ultimate brainstorming tool

Mind maps are an incredibly popular way to take notes, brainstorm with word associations, analyze a topic, or manage a complete hierarchy of tasks. Curio includes an incredibly powerful, integrated mind mapper with full support for advanced features such as automatic date and percentage complete calculations.

Currently the mind map below is using a radial arrangement. Either use the inspector or right-click on it and change the arrangement to other options such as right map, left map, top-down map, bottom-up map, or org chart.

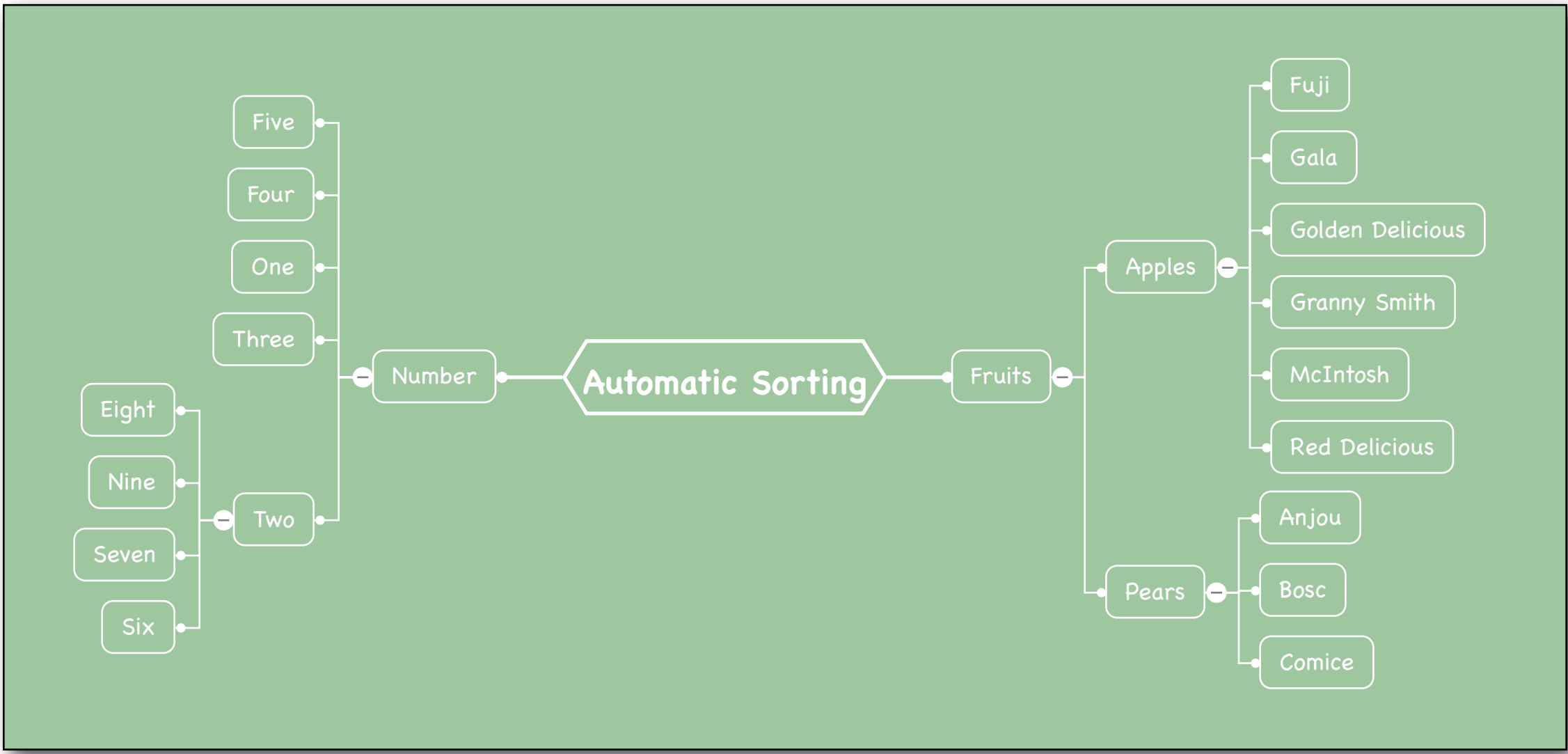
Note you can also change the line style from straight to curvy or elbowed.

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.



Topics and subtopics within Curio can be almost anything, not simply text. For example: images, videos, files, web links, audio recordings, Mail messages, Calendar events, 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.

On a related note, you may want to [see the section on Text Figure Attachments](#) where you can attach an external file or project asset to text figures in your mind map.



Expand / Collapse

Select a mind map figure or a parent item within a mind map and press Spacebar to instantly collapse or expand the figure.



Import OneNote Lists

Copy a OneNote list then use Paste As > Mind Map to bring it into Curio.



Export / Import

Select a mind map then click the Share toolbar button and you can export your mind map as text, PDF, OPML (an industry standard for outlines), or one of several supported mind mapping formats. At the time of this writing that includes iThoughts, MindJet MindManager, MindNode, and iMindMap.

When importing, drag in an OPML or one of the above mind map file formats and Curio will ask if a mind map figure should be constructed.

Note for some of those mind mapping formats only the text for the elements are supported but you can read more details about mind map export/import in the Documentation section of this project.



Drag and Drop

You can drag items around the mind map to easily move them into new groupings.

When pasting or dropping items within a collection or between collections Curio will default to adopting the mind map's defined style appropriate for that drop location. This may mean that a different font, figure border, or coloring is applied to your dropped items to match others at that level.

If, however, you wish to keep the existing styling for your items, simply hold Shift while dropping, or press Command-Shift-V, or hold Shift when choosing Edit > Paste, and Curio will keep the figure's styling as-is instead of adopting the destination's default styling.



TaskPaper Export / Import [Standard] [Pro]

To export a mind map as a TaskPaper project, select the mind map then use the TaskPaper option in the Share menu. Special meta tags will be exported as well for use in TaskPaper.

To import, either drag in a TaskPaper file or drag the “dot” alongside the project's title into an idea space. Special meta tags are also parsed so dates, % complete, and other data are imported for each item.



Markdown Export / Import [Standard] [Pro]

To export a mind map as markdown, select the mind map then use the markdown options in the Share menu. To import, simply drag in a .markdown list or use the Edit > Paste As Markdown > Mind Map command. Special meta tags are also parsed so dates, % complete, and other data are imported for each item.

“Transparent” Mind Maps

If the mind map has no fill...

Then it's considered transparent!

This means you can click and drag within the mind map to “rubber band”-select figures!

So to select the mind map itself

Click and release anywhere within the mind map but not on a node.