

Mind Map Basics (2)

Let’s get started with mind mapping

To Select Multiple Figures Within the Mind Map:

- Either use the Shift or Command click to click on individual items, or hold Shift or Command and select a range of figures by clicking and holding on the background of the mind map and dragging a rubber band selection region around figures.

Rearranging Mind Map Items Via Keyboard

1. Select or edit an item.
2. Press ^⇧↑ or ^⇧↓ to move the item up or down through its siblings.

Rearranging Mind Map Items Via Drag-And-Drop:

1. Select one or more mind map figures and begin to drag them.
2. As you drag the items around, and hover over an existing figure, guides will help you determine where they (and their children) will be placed.
 - a. If you hover the mouse near the top of an existing figure, any red line will appear indicating that, if you drop the items, they will be inserted as previous siblings to this figure.
 - b. If you hover the mouse near the bottom of an existing figure, a red line will appear indicating that, if you drop the items, they will be inserted as next siblings to this figure.
 - c. If you hover over the middle of an existing figure, it will glow to indicate that, if you drop the items, they will be added as new children to this figure.
3. Release the mouse button to drop the items into the mind map. If the Option key was held down during the drag then a copy of the selected figures will be created.
4. As mentioned in the collection figures overview, when moving figures around they will adopt the styling appropriate for that location by the collection figure’s style information. If you wish to keep a figure’s existing styling then hold Shift before dropping the figure.

Working with Transparent Mind Maps

1. If your mind map has no fill color, Curio supports a kind of transparent selection so you can directly manipulate the mind map nodes more easily.
2. If either the mind map is unselected or if a node within the mind map is selected, then you can now directly click and drag on the background of the mind map to "rubber band-select" a range of nodes.
3. If you click and release within the mind map figure but not on a node, then the mind map figure itself will be selected. Once selected you can then change its inspector properties, or copy it, or drag it, etc.
4. You can now directly click and drag on a node, even if the mind map itself was not already selected, and just start dragging to immediately move it to a new location.
5. Another way to move the entire mind map is to click and drag the central topic node.

Rearranging List Items Via Keyboard

1. Select or edit an item.
2. Press ^⇧↑ or ^⇧↓ to move the item up or down through its siblings.

Sort Mind Map Items

1. By default, you can manually rearrange the child nodes of a mind map parent via drag-and-drop as described above.
2. However, you can also tell Curio to keep those children automatically sorted by title, creation date, modification date, due date, start date, start date or end date if already started, percent completed, priority, or rating, in either ascending or descending order. You can specify a secondary sort as well. Make a change to a figure and instantly the figures rearrange based on the sorting rule.
3. Select one or more sibling items in a mind map then use the mind map inspector to select a primary and secondary sort option.

Manually Positioning Branches Via Drag-And-Drop:

1. In Curio you can manually position the top, main branches of a radial mind map. That is, those nodes directly under the central topic. However, Curio will automatically control the positioning of the nodes under each branch.
2. Select the topic figure at the top of a branch under the central topic and drag it.
3. As you drag the item around a target symbol will appear showing you where it will be manually positioned in the mind map. Other branches that remain as automatically positioned items will automatically adjust their placement to ensure no overlap occurs.

To Add an Attachment to an Existing Mind Map Text Figure:

1. Right-click on a text figure within your mind map and choose Attach File then choose a file from anywhere on your hard disk in the dialog that appears. This file can be copied or moved into the project as an embedded asset or referenced as an alias.
2. More information can be found in the Text Figure Attachments section.

To Add a Caption to an Existing Mind Map Image or Asset Figure:

1. Right-click on an asset figure displayed as a preview within your mind map and choose Show Caption.
2. More information can be found in the Display panel of the figure shape inspector section.

To Show a Relationship Line Between Two Different Figures in the Mind Map:

1. Select a figure in the mind map then press ⌘ (Command) and select a second figure in the mind map.
2. Right-click and choose Add Relationship Line, or click the Add Relationship Line button in the mind map popover.
3. A new line — a true Curio line figure in fact — will connect the two figures. This line will be set with a handy midpoint and have a curved line style so you can grab that midpoint and move it around to bend it any way you wish. As a real line figure you can completely customize its style using the inspectors.
4. Once you have styled the relationship line the way you like you can create a saved style for it by right-clicking on the line and choosing Save As Line Style. You can also make this the default relationship line style via the Format > Save as Default Style for Relationship Line Figure menu item.
5. You can also double-click the line to give it a line label. Don't forget, the easiest and most accurate way to move a relationship line label is using the arrow keys on your keyboard. Hold Shift with the arrow keys to move in greater steps.