



Mind Mapping Tools

A mind map (a.k.a. concept map) is a non-linear diagram of words, ideas, or images linked to and arranged around key concepts. It serves as a great tool to help students develop higher order thinking, such as brainstorming, organizing, problem solving, and decision-making. There are plenty of computer-based and web-based mind mapping applications that are available, many of them are free or have free editions.

Web-Based Applications

- **Mind Meister** (<http://www.mindmeister.com>) allows one to create, share, and collaborate on mind maps. The free edition allows for up to 3 mind maps.
- **Bubbl.us** (<https://bubbl.us>) is a free mind mapping application. In order to save mind maps, you'll have to create an account.
- **Mindomo** (<http://www.mindomo.com>) is allows one to share and embed mind maps onto web pages. The free edition allows for up to 3 mind maps.
- **Mind42** (<http://mind42.com>) is a free collaborative mind mapping tool.
- **Wise Mapping** (<http://www.wisemapping.com/c/home.htm>) is a free and open-source mind mapping application that can be hosted locally.

Desktop-Based Applications

- **Visual Understanding Environment (VUE)** (<http://vue.tufts.edu/>) is a free, open-source mind mapping software developed by Tufts University (Windows, Mac OSX, and Linux).
- **FreeMind** (<http://freemind.sourceforge.net>) is a free, open-source mind mapping software (Windows, Mac OSX, and Linux).
- **View Your Mind** (<http://www.insilmaril.de/vym/>) is a free, open-source mind mapping software (Linux and Mac OS).

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