

Mind Pad 1.0

Mind Pad is easy to use mind map software.

Mind Pad allows to create mind maps basing not just on creating and linking text blocks. Mind Pad allows organize in mind maps objects with any properties set. With Mind Pad scripting you are able to create your own rules for data management and representation.

Mind Pad suggest a new approach to mind mapping. Now the mind map is not just a lot of linked text blocks. Mind Pad allows to create your own frame objects with unique properties that are most suitable for your business. You can organize those objects into some hierarchy.

You can create your own knowledge management system by using Mind Pad scripting and macros abilities. For these purpose Mind Pad supports Visual Basic .NET.

Managing object and links styles is easy with Mind Pad object-oriented approach. You can create a frame or link styles, specifying colors, text settings and other. When create new object you can just tell Mind Pad when style it should use for this object or link.

The most great idea of Mind Pad: Mind Pad is easy to use software. As long as it supports powerful object oriented-methodology and scripting, it's very simple software. It's easy to use it for every day job.

Please, visit www.mind-pad.com for more information.

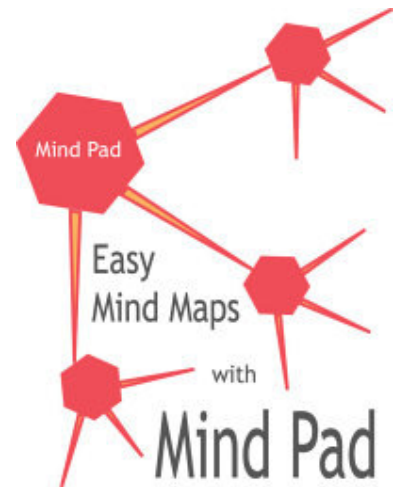
Introduction

Get Mind Pad

You can download the fully-functnional evaluation version of Mind Pad from www.mind-pad.com

Order Mind Pad

For ordering information, please, visit www.mind-pad.com/ordering.htm



Obtain support

If you have a question about Mind Pad then you are in a right place.

First we'd like recommend to browse AKS knowledge base, represented on Mind Pad web site. Please, visit Mind Pad and try to find the answer to your question in *Support* (<http://www.mind-pad.com/support.htm>) and *Solutions* (<http://www.mind-pad.com/solutions.htm>) section.

There are two ways to contact us:

- **Send a feedback from the program.** Run Mind Pad, then select *Feedback* command in the Help menu. Mind Pad will open you default mail client and write a e-mail to us at support@mind-pad.com.
- **Send a feedback using web-form.** You may visit support page on-line <http://www.mind-pad.com/support.htm> and fill feedback form. Please, let us know the version of Mind Pad you are using now.

You will have an answer in 12 hours. Learn more about how do our support service operates on http://www.mind-pad.com/support/aks_support_service_description.htm

Purchasing

How to register Mind Pad

Please, go to Mind Pad ordering page: <http://www.mind-pad.com/ordering.htm> and learn available license and pricing options. Click "Buy Now" link, which will bring you to ordering page.

How to enter registration code

You should copy and paste registration code into registration box of Mind Pad. Run the program, and then go to the Help menu. Select "Enter registration code..." command. Copy and paste registration code and click OK button.



Get started with Mind Pad

- **Frames.** The basic frame object is a rectangle with text inside.
- **Links.** The link object is a line that starts at source object and ends at destination object.
- **Frame and Link styles.** In Mind Pad you don't need to change color or font settings for objects or links one by one. In Mind Pad you deal with "Styles".

Add and link new objects

1. Run Mind Pad program
2. Double click on the workspace to create a new object
3. Press "Insert" on your keyboard to create a child topic.

Note: to link two objects you can select the source one, click Control + L key on your keyboard (or "Link" icon on toolbar) and then select the destination object;

Change the way objects and links look

1. Every object and link has a Style property. You can select object or link, and in the Properties section you will see Style line.
2. You can create any new style or edit existent one. First, display styles area. Check Frame Styles and Link Styles options in View menu. Now you can create new style or edit existent one.

Note: the important property is Child Style. It specifies what will be the style of new object if you click Enter or Insert key on your keyboard to create new items.



Frames


There are two types of objects in Mind Pad - Frames and Links. Frame is an object with some attributes and link is an object that create a visual relation between two frames.

- Note: with Mind Pad Editor you can change the attributes of frame object and create your own.

Manage Frame Object

The basic frame object is a rectangle with text inside.

Create Frame

- **Double click.** You can create frame object by double clicking on workspace.
- **Toolbar button.** You can change your cursor mode from "Select" (arrow icon) to "Add Frame" (frame icon).  Then click on the workspace to create new frame.
- **Hot-keys.** When you need to create a frame that is related to existent one, then you can use "Enter" or "Insert" hot-key. See below how it works:

This is a basic
Frame Object

Topic 1

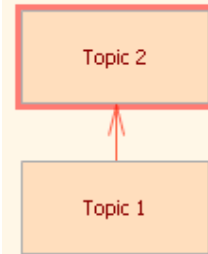
Using "Insert" hot-key:

Case:



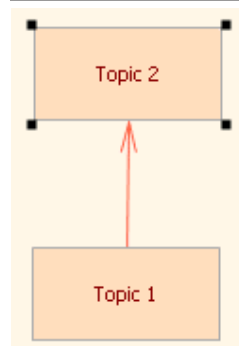
Only one topic exists - Topic1. Select Topic1.

Press "Insert" key on your keyboard to create new topic (topic2) linked to topic1:



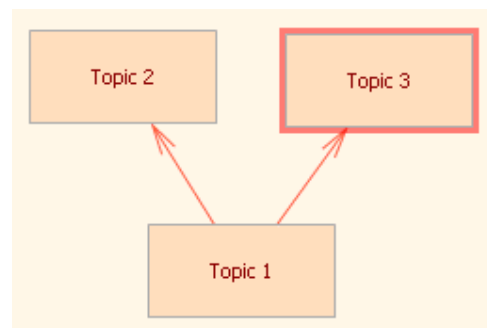
Using "Enter" hot-key:

Case:



Topic2 linked to Topic1.
The Topic2 was selected.

Press "Enter" key on your keyboard to create new topic (topic3) linked to topic1:



Chang Frame Text.

There are two ways you can change Frame Text.

- Click on the object and change the value of "Text" property.
- Double-click on the object to start editing text. Once the editing was finished should can click to the free part of workspace or press Tab key to close text editing box.




Change Object Attributes

Any time you can change any frame object attributes. Click on the object to display it's properties list and the value of these properties.

- **Style attribute.** You can change the way this frame object looks like by changing object style. Read more about [changing object style](#).
- **Hyperlink attribute.** Use this property if you want to have a link to some file, folder or web-site. Right-click on frame object to access hyperlink.

Delete Frame

You can delete any object on your work space. Here are some ways to do this:

- Click Delete Object  button on the toolbar.
- Right click on the object and select Delete command.
- Click "Del" key on your keyboard;




Links

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Manage Link Object

The link object is a line that starts at source object and ends at destination object.

Create Link

- **Toolbar button.** Select the source object. Change your cursor mode from "Select" (arrow icon) to "Add Link" (link icon).  Then click on the destination object. The hot key for this operation is Control + L.
- **Hot-keys.** Mind Pad enables create links using "Enter" or "Insert" hot-key. See below how it works:

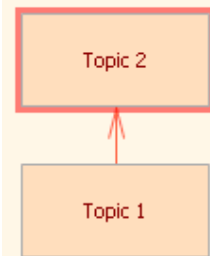
Using "Insert" hot-key:

Case:



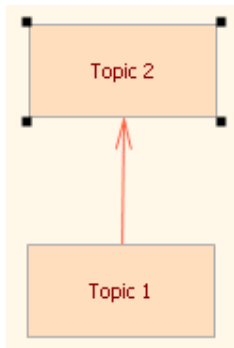
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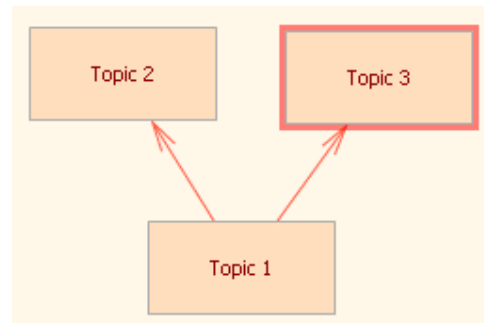
Using "Enter" hot-key:

Case:



Topic2 linked to Topic1. The Topic2 was selected.

Press "Enter" key on your keyboard to create new topic (topic3) linked to topic1:




Change Object Attributes

Basic link object has only one attribute you might want to change

- **Style attribute.** You can change the way this link object looks like by changing object style. Read more about [changing object style](#).

Delete Link

You can delete any object on your work space. Here are some ways to do this:

- Click Delete Object  button on the toolbar.
- Right click on the object and select Delete command.
- Click "Del" key on your keyboard;



Frame and link styles

In Mind Pad you don't need to change color or font settings for objects or links one by one. In Mind Pad you deal with "Styles". Style is a set of attributes that specify how the object will look like. Style includes color scheme, font settings and other.

Default styles

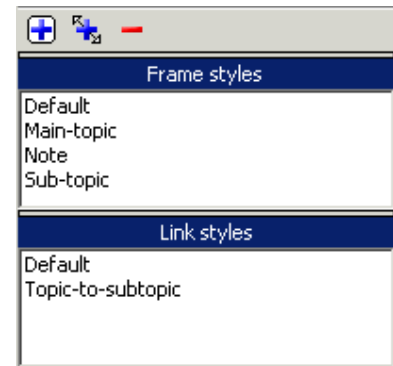
In Mind Pad you can specify what Frame and Link style should the program apply to new objects. See the program toolbar:






Manage Styles

In Mind Pad you can access styles using View menu. Check "Frame Styles" and "Link Styles" options in View menu. Frame and Link style lists will appear.

You can edit properties of the style. Select the style in the Frame Styles or Links Styles list and Mind Pad will show the properties on selected style in a properties list above.



- **Add Frame Style.** Click  button to add new Frame Style.
- **Add Link Style.** Click  button to add new Link Style.
- **Remove Style.** Select Frame Style or Link Style that you want to remove. Click  button to remove selected style.

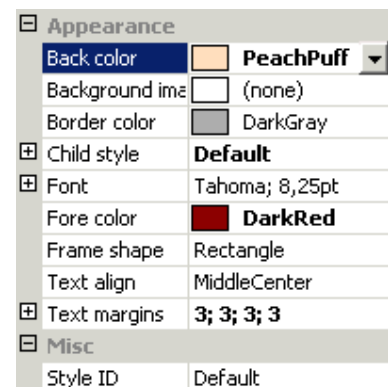
Learn how to change the style of any object - frame or link:

- **Change Object Style.** Select (click on) object on the workspace. Find the "Style" property in "Appearance" group. Use a drop-list to change display style.

Frame Style

Basic frame style has the following important properties:

- **Child Style.** The style that Mind Pad will apply to the new object created as a child of object with this style. This works only in case of using Enter or Insert hot key.
- **Style ID.** The name of this style. You can change the name of the style.
- **Coloring options:** Back color, Border Color, Fore color;
- **Text position:** Text align, Text margins
- **Frame shape.** Specify the shape of objects with this style.



Link Style

Basic link style has the following important properties:

- **Brush style.** It may be solid, dashed, dotted
- **Color.** The color used to draw link line and link's caps.
- **End cap and Start cap.** The shape of link end and start.
- **Width.** The width on link line.
- **Style ID.** The name of link style.

