Mindomo as an App for Mindmapping

Mindomo (Free) will be used to demonstrate how iPads can be used to create real-time collaborative mindmaps in class. This easy to use mindmapping app allows individuals on the same network to add content to the virtual map directly on any device via an app or a browser.

Educational Uses of Mindomo

While to this point the iPad has been seen primarily as a consumption device, many of the apps available today are designed for the individual creation of content as well. Mindomo allows multiple users to collaboratively add and edit content on a virtual mindmap thus lending itself to greater application for Active Learning with activities such as:

- Shared Brainstorming
- Mind Mapping/Concept Mapping

In the next two pages, you will find information about how to:

- Create a Mindomo account
- Join a shared map for collaboration
- Add/edit a subtopic within Mindomo for the iPad
- Add a note to a subtopic
- Add a URL link to a subtopic
- Add an image to a subtopic

The instructions below also include a few things to try on your own:

- Create a new mindmap
- Share a mindmap

Note: Navigation is slightly different on a browser but still intuitive.

Getting Started with Mindomo

Step 1: Create a Mindomo Account

1. Open a browser on the iPad or a laptop.
   
   Note: You can sign in with a Google or Facebook account.
3. To create an account, click Sign Up at the top right.
4. Enter your name, email address, and password.
5. Click Sign Up.
6. You will receive an email asking you to finalize your registration.
Step 2: Join a Shared Map for Collaboration

1. Open the Mindomo app.
2. Tap the menu icon at the top left.
3. Tap Cloud Maps
4. Enter the username and password set up in Step 1.
5. Tap Login.
6. Tap the menu icon again.
7. Tap Cloud Maps again.
8. Tap the Shared with Me option.
9. Tap the appropriate map to open it.

Step 3: Add/Edit a Subtopic

1. Tap a subtopic (or node) to select it.
2. Click the + icon from the menu that appears above the subtopic.
   Note: The + icon at the top right of the page should work too.
3. Enter a name for the subtopic.
4. Tap anywhere to exit edit mode.
5. To delete a subtopic, select the node and tap the trashcan.

Note: Changes are automatically saved by the Mindomo app.

Step 4: Add a Note to a Subtopic

1. Tap the subtopic (or node) to select it.
2. Click the Note icon at the top of the left navigation.
3. Type the note.
4. Tap anywhere to exit edit mode.
   Note: The note icon is visible to the right of the node.
5. To delete a note,
   a. Select the node
   b. Tap the note icon
c. Tap the trashcan.

**Step 5: Add a URL to a Subtopic**

1. Tap the **subtopic** (or node) to select it.
2. Click the **Link icon** in the left navigation.
3. Paste or type the **URL into the field provided**.
4. Tap anywhere to **exit edit mode**.
   **Note:** The url icon is visible to the right of the node.
5. To delete an image,
   a. Select the node.
   b. Tap the url icon.
   c. Tap the trashcan.

**Step 6: Add an Image to a Subtopic**

1. Tap the **subtopic** (or node) to select it.
2. Tap the **Image icon** in the left navigation.
3. From the resulting menu you can
   a. **Paste a web URL for an image** (Recommended)
      - Take a picture with the Camera.
      - Load an image from the Camera Images. (Camera Roll)
      - Search the Mindomo library
      - Conduct a Google or Flickr image search
4. Tap anywhere to **exit edit mode**.
   **Note:** The image is visible within the node.
5. To delete an image,
   a. Select the node
   b. Tap the image icon
   c. Tap the trashcan.
Something to Try Later

Creating a Mindmap in Mindomo
There are two ways to create a new map. The first is to create a new map that is only on the iPad. This is a local copy and would only be available to you if you had your iPad. The recommended option, and the one covered in this tutorial, is to create a new Cloud Map.

1. Tap the **menu icon** at the top left.
2. Tap **Cloud Maps**.
3. Tap **New Map**.
4. Enter the **Map Name**.
5. Tap **Create**.

Sharing/Exporting a Mindmap in Mindomo

1. Tap the **information icon** at the top right.
2. Click **Share Map**.
   - **Note:** At the time these instructions were composed this feature did not appear to work.
3. Enter the **email address(es)** for the collaborator(s).
4. Select the **Can Modify** check box if the users should be able to edit the map.
5. Type a **message**.
6. Tap **[Send]**.
   - **Note:** The Export as Image or Export as PDF options add the items as attachments to an email. These are not open for collaboration.

**Important:** It looks like sharing for collaboration currently only works when the invitation is sent from the browser version of Mindomo.