I will keep it short and clear...

Obviously, we collect a lot of important data while doing passive information gathering.
**The question is  - "Where do we store the data properly & how?"**
I personally like to create simple plain mindmaps for storing all this information.
Because Mindmaps:-

- Show an overview of a Broad Subject in a concise manner

- Simplify complex issues making them easy to grasp

- They are easy to remember

- It's a creative & interesting way to present information

Now, We can create mindmaps using many different tools,
But my favorite one for this specific purpose is "Free Mind" because -

- It's a FREE productivity application

- Can create great mind maps EASILY

- Help capture ideas VISUALLY

(It's always more effective to use Visual Representation than just using Raw Text)

**Ok, so how to use this?**

- Download FreeMind for Windows
  from **https://sourceforge.net/projects/freemind/files/latest/download**
- Install it normally just like you do for any other program

- Once Installed, Open it with its icon from the desktop/start-menu or from the install location directly

  **It would look something like this  ↓**
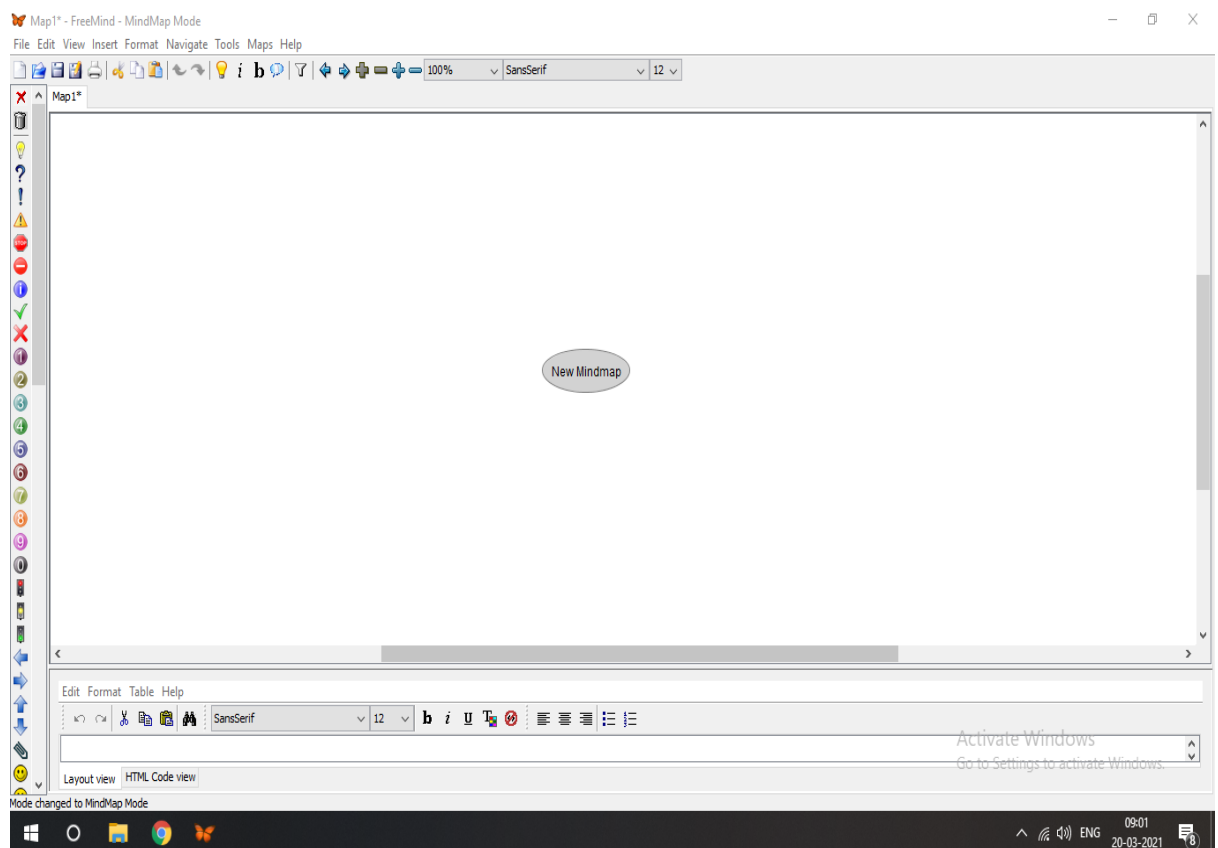
- Now click on the Primary Node called "New Mindmap" and Enter your desired text. Generally, this would be the **Name of the target organization.**
- Press the **Insert key** on your keyboard to add a new node. Edit that new node as any actual target Domain/IP-address that you found.
- **Now add more nodes and write the categories of data** . For example:- Subdomains, Ports, Resources, etc.
- Insert more subnodes under the relevant category and enter the **actual information** or create more subcategories. It all depends on what format you would like to use.

By now, the mindmap would like this ↓

Resources
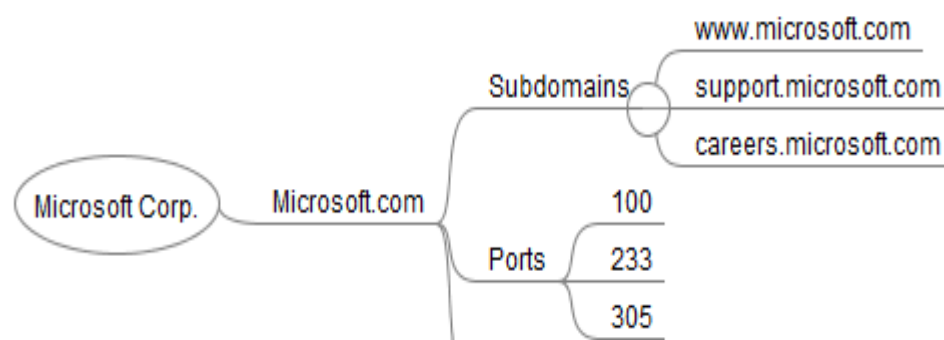
(NOTE:- In this mindmap, I have taken Microsoft as the target organization. **But, the information might not necessarily be correct as this is just a format.** Also, we will learn about port identification in later lectures.)

- After this Raw data entry, You may use other options available on the top, bottom, left sides of the screen to decorate the mindmap further. I think those are quite self-explanatory options so I won't explain them.

**This is how it might look after all decoration  ↓**
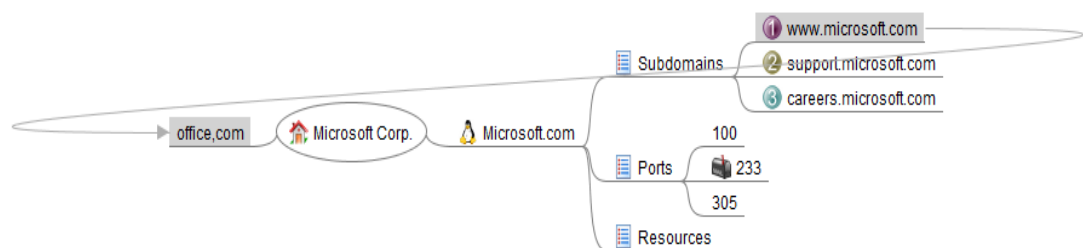


{By the way, I added RELATIONSHIPS between two nodes by selecting those 2 nodes (www.microsoft.com and office.com), right-click and choose Insert > Add Graphical Link}

**TIP:- If you don't want to fill mindmaps with an excessive amount of data, you can create text files with detailed information about a particular topic such as PORTS and then hyperlink this text file with the PORTS node in the mindmap. To do this, right-click on a node, Insert > Hyperlink > Choose the required file.**

- After finishing the mindmap, **Press Ctrl + S** on the keyboard and Save it.

So this is basically how you can store information effectively in mindmaps. There is a lot much more to explore in this tool and I want you to discover them yourself. That's it for now. See you in the next lecture :)