

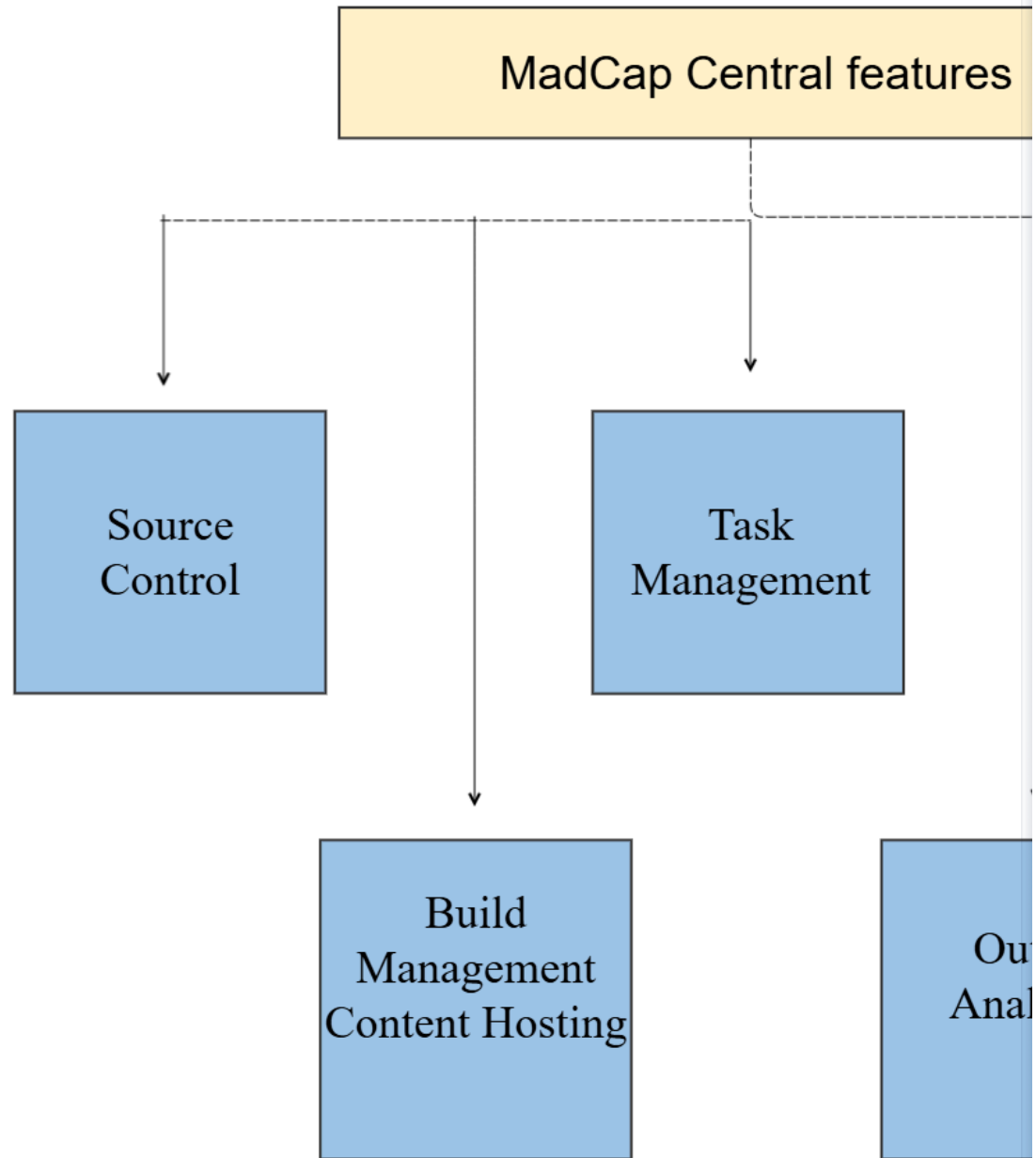
# MadCap Central First Steps

Throughout the project, we would be required to obtain feedback and reviews from other people who are working on the project like Subject Matter Experts, who would not be necessarily using Flare. This can be done using Madcap Contributor and MadCap Central. MadCap Contributor is a desktop tool and with MadCap Central, reviews can be done using a lightweight web editor and no software needs to be installed. In this guide, we are going to explain how reviews can be done in MadCap Central.

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## What is MadCap Central?

Madcap Central is a cloud-based platform that works with Flare. The purpose of Flare is to help track, plan, and manage processes, content, and teams that are responsible for producing documentation. Here are a few of its functions:



- **Source Control:** Source control is a system that tracks and manages changes to files in a project. Key features like Version tracking, Collaboration, Branching and Merging, Synchronization, etc. allow Flare users to enable source control.
- **Task Management:** Helps writers to keep track of all the tasks that need to be done. Central has integrated a very easy-to-use taskboard that members can use together, including checklists to keep you on track.
- **Browser-based Review Workflow:** Getting subject matter experts involved is often challenging. With Central, SMEs can review source content in a web browser and edit those topics and snippets using a lightweight web editor.
- **Build Management/Content Hosting:** Central can be used as a private staging area for the writers to check work and see how things are going. If the content looks great and needs to be made available to the readers, Central helps to make the content live with a click of a button and has a brandable URL so that it looks like it is coming from a company site even though it is being served up from Central.
- **Translation Management:** Target outputs can be translated into different languages.
- **Output Analytics:** Analytics with Central provide instant valuable insights about the effectiveness of the content. Users are instantly empowered with data that can help improve the content ensuring the users of your documentation are finding what they need.

