MindBoard 2 User Guide

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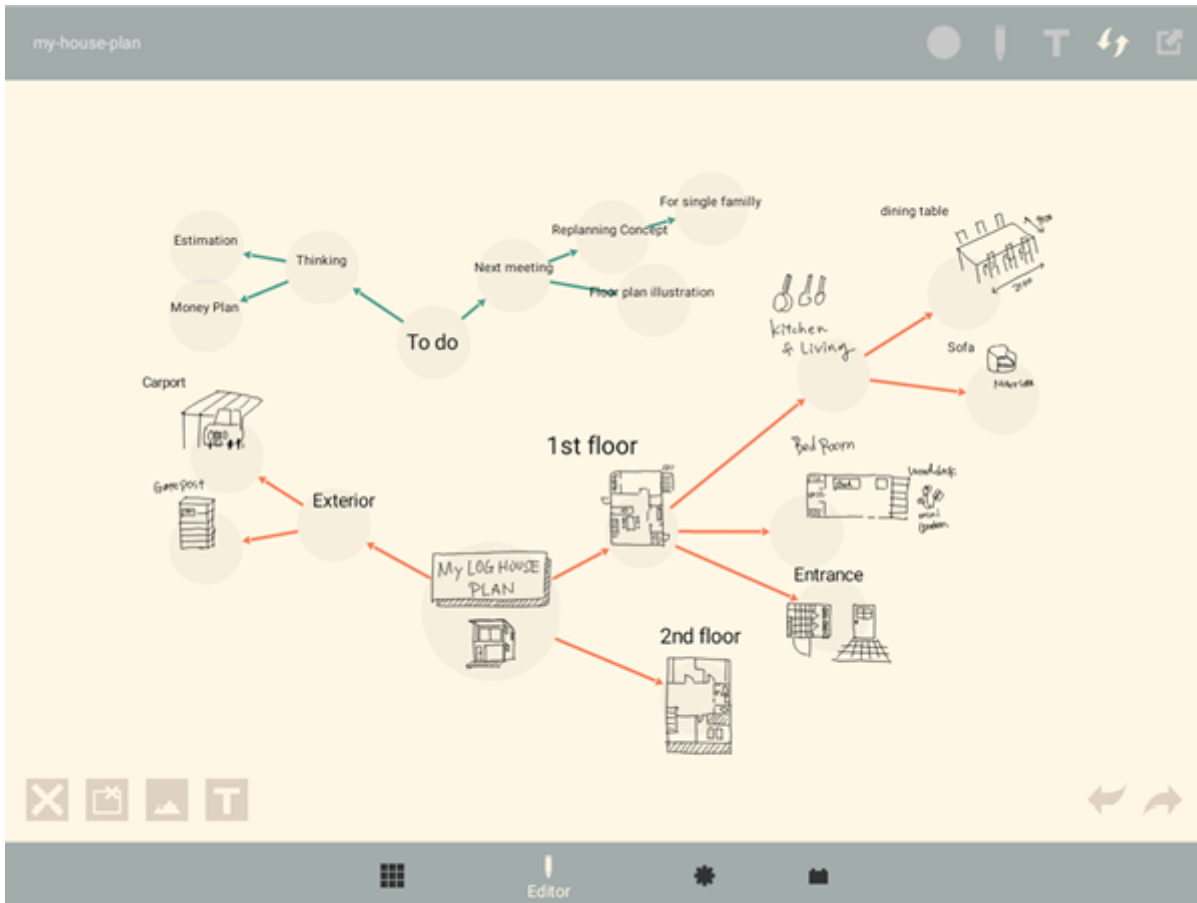
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This document explains MindBoard 2 Version 0.7.5.

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Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

MindBoard 2 is a simple mind mapping application with handwriting for Android tablets.

It supports Finger or Stylus input.
You can choose which mode to use by using the **Use Native Stylus** option in Settings.

1.2. Concept

Simple and Standard
This app aims to be the best and standard mind mapping with handwriting application for Android tablets.

1.3. Key Features

- Directly channel your thoughts using Finger or Stylus

- Multiple mindmaps (central nodes) in one document

- PDF Export (Plugin)

- Input: Stylus, Image and Text

- Open, Save and Sync documents with Google Drive

1.4. Requirement

- Android 4.4 Kitkat or newer.

This app is designed for Android Tables.

> **ℹ** For the best mindmapping experience, it's recommended to use Native Stylus (S-Pen or Z-Stylus) Android tablets.

1.5. Installation

Get the MindBoard 2 app on Google Play.

1.6. Getting help

If you have any questions, please make contact. And also your feedback will be much appreciated.

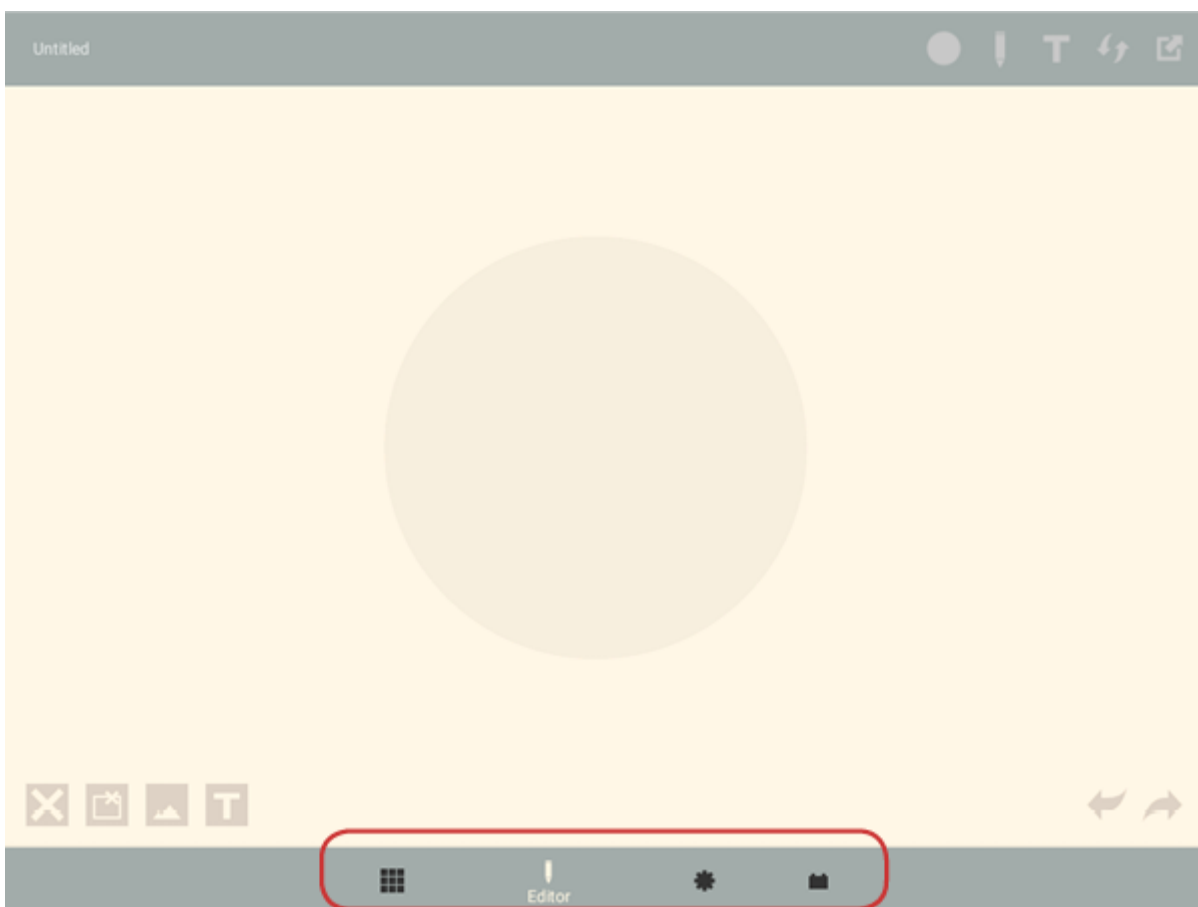To get update information, see Facebook / Twitter.

Chapter 2. Using MindBoard 2

2.1. Overview
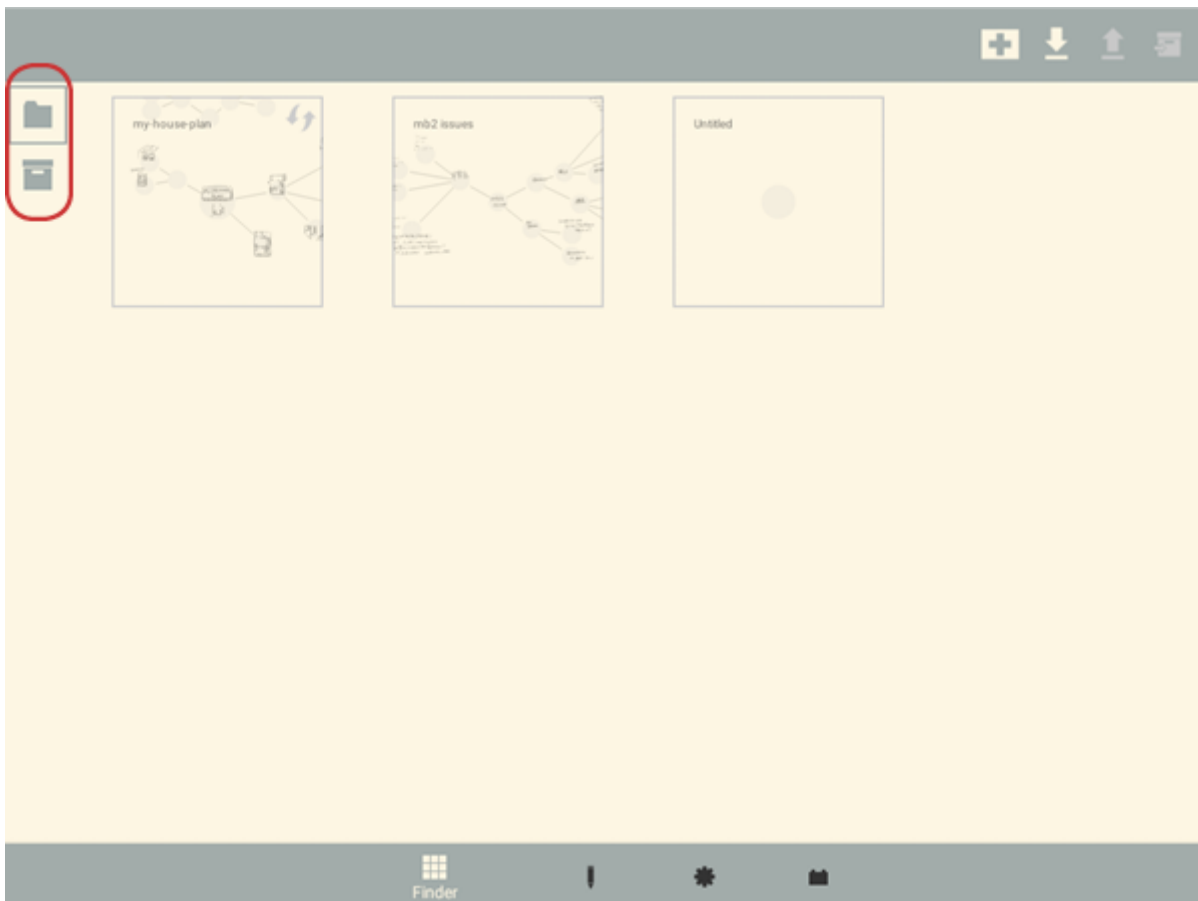
There are four screens.

- (1)File Manager
- (2)Editor
- (3)Settings
- (4)Plugins

Use the bottom navigation to switch between screens.

2.2. (1)File Manager

This is for document management. There are **Primary** and **Archive** Folders.
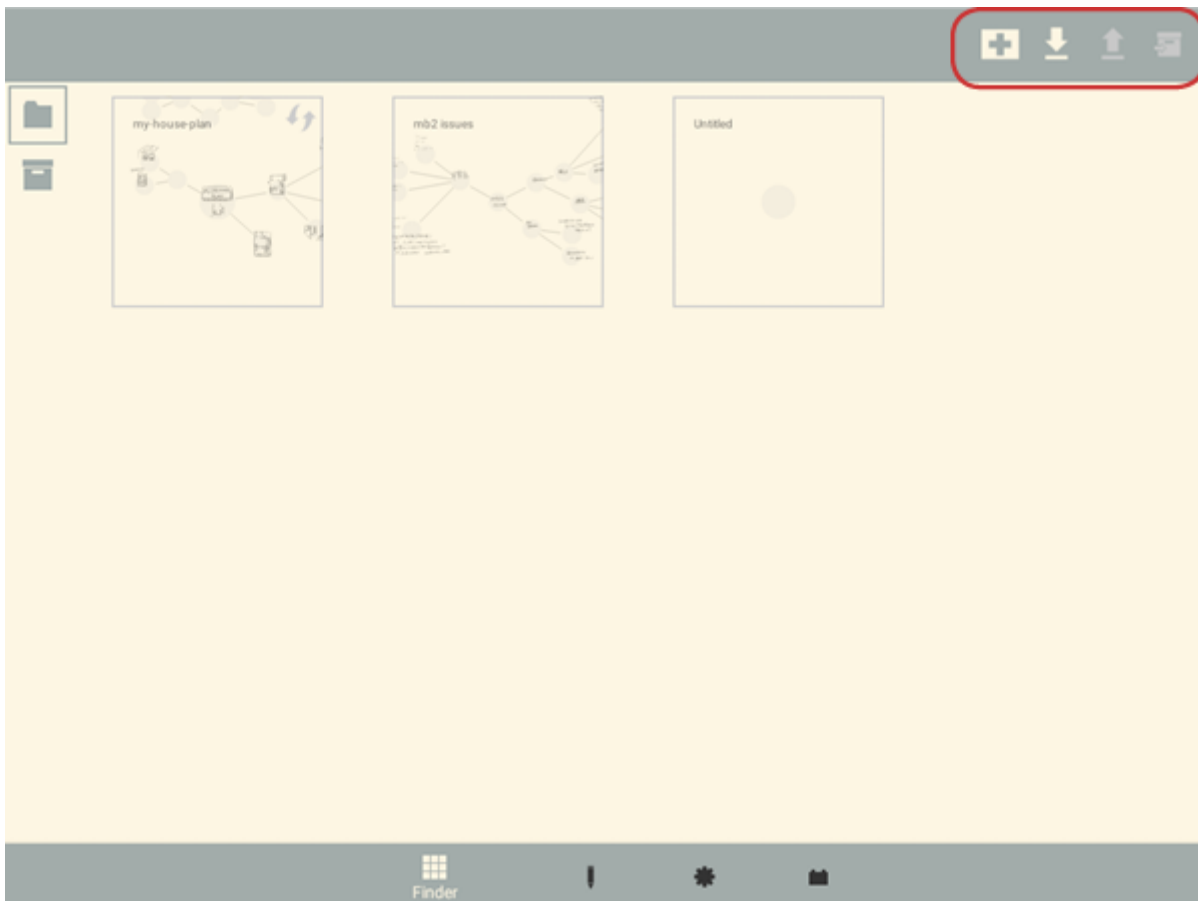
- Tap the icon to switch between **Primary** and **Archive**

2.2.1. Primary Folder

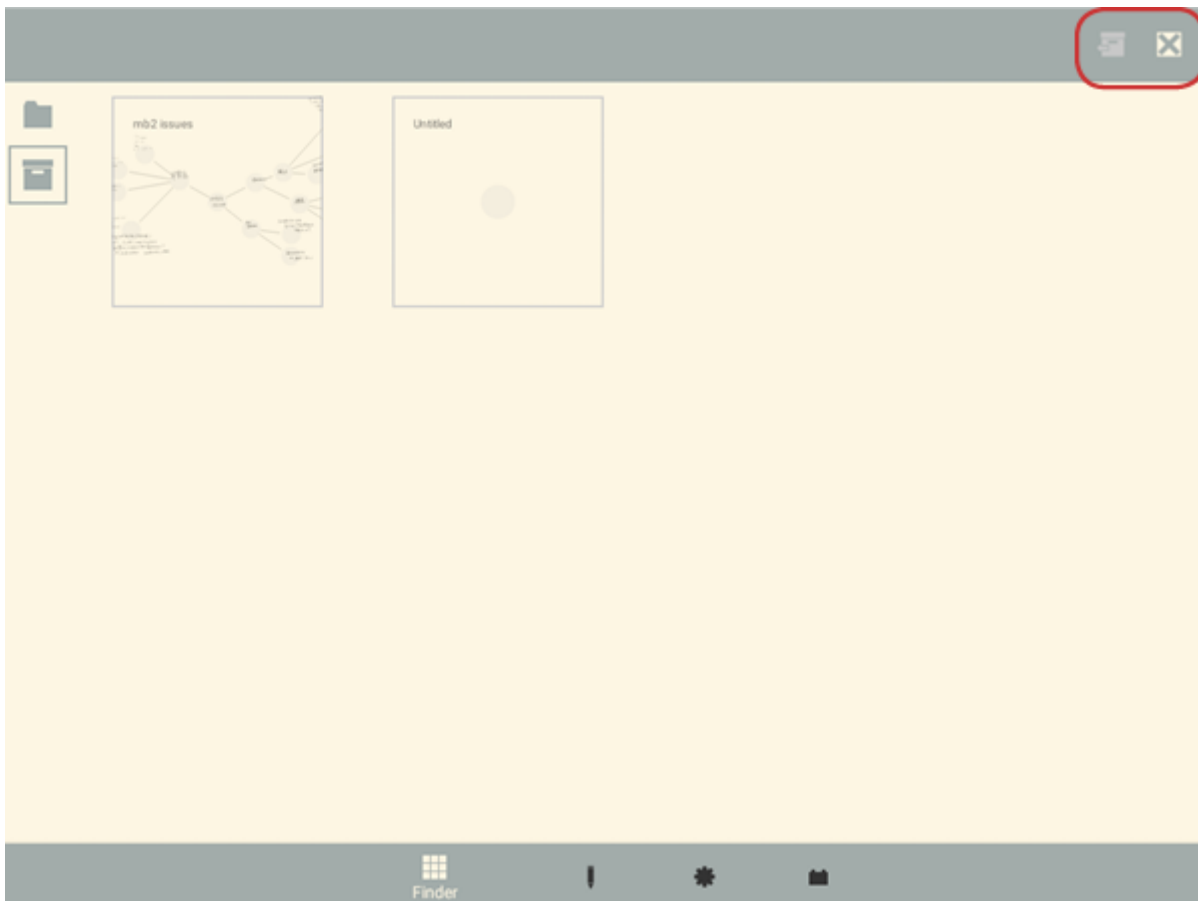This folder manages primary documents.

- Add new document

- Open document from Google Drive

- Save As selected document into Google Drive

- Move selected document into Archive Folder

> The sync mark appears on the document preview icon right top corner if it's saved into or opened from Google Drive.

2.2.2. Archive Folder

This folder manage archive documents.

- Revert selected document to Primary Folder.

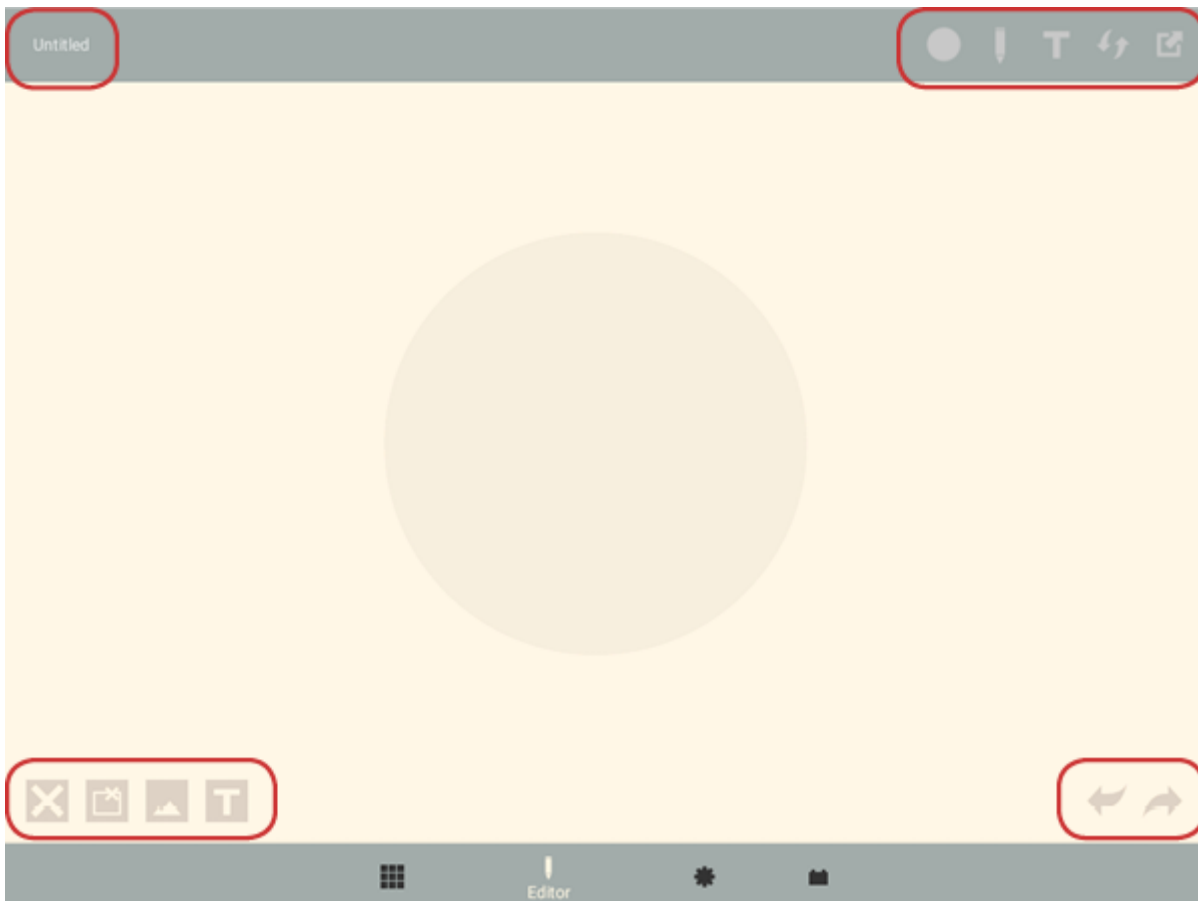- Delete all documents in this folder.

2.3. (2)Editor

This is for mind mapping.

There are two modes, **Map Edit Mode** and **Node Edit Mode**.

2.3.1. Map Edit Mode

This mode is for freely creating and organizing nodes in order to do mind mapping.

Map Title (Left-Top)

- Tap a title text and you can change it.

Toolbar (Right-Top)

- Change selected node branch color

- Sync this document with Google Drive File (if it's releated)

- Export current document as PDF into Google Drive (PDF Export Plugin is needed.)

Toolbar (Left-Bottom)

- Delete selected node

Toolbar (Right-Bottom)

- Undo

- Redo

Entering Node Edit Mode

1. Double tap a node.

Creating Child Node

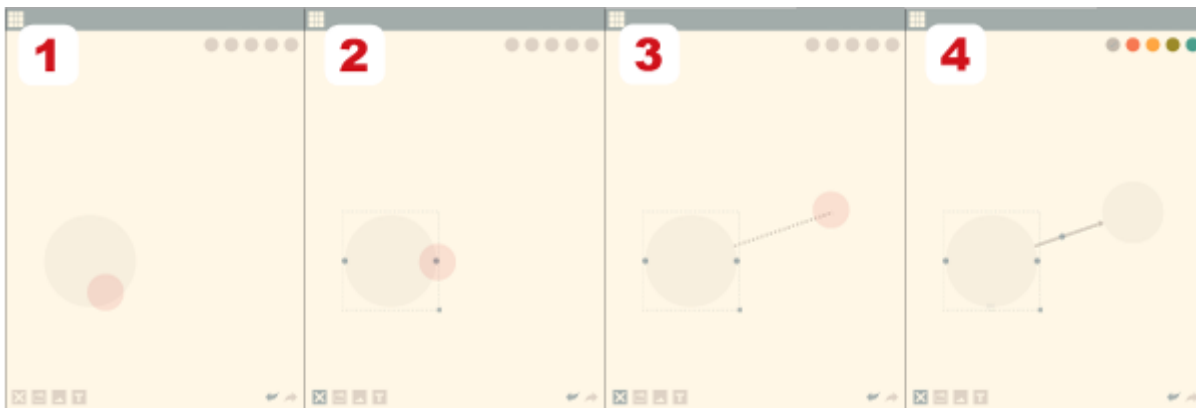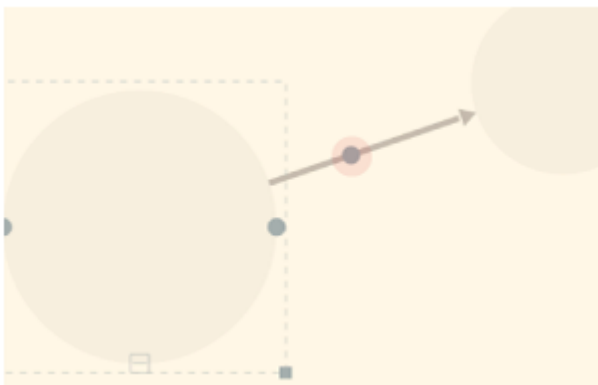Use the **child node create handle** on the node.

1. Tap the node to change the node status to selected → The **child node create handle** appears on the left or right side of the node.

2. Drag the **child node create handle**.

3. Stop dragging in the desired location for the new node.

4. The new child node is created.

Cutting the branch between Parent and Child Node

1. Select the parent node → the **cut branch handle** appears in the middle of the branch.

2. Drag the **cut branch handle** to cut the branch → the orphaned *child-type* node changes into a *central-type* node.
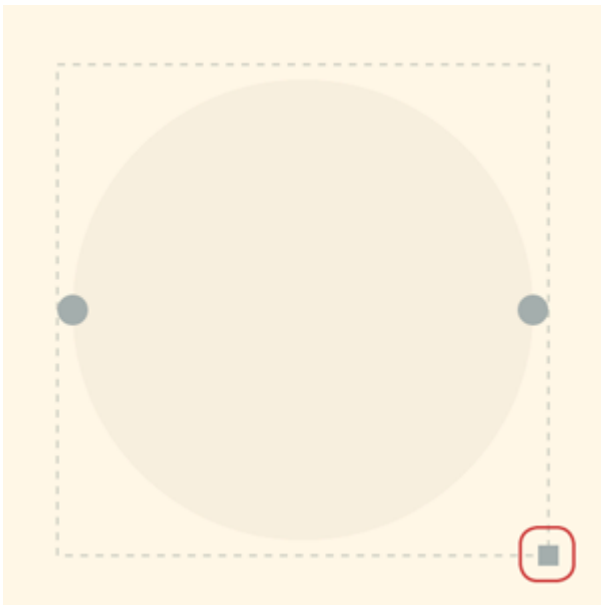
> ℹ️ It's possible to re-parent the orphaned node to make it a child-type node again. To do this, drag a **child node create handle** from the desired parent onto the node.

Moving Node

1. Drag a node.

Resizing Node

1. Select a node.

2. Drag a **right-bottom resize handle** of the node selection border.

Collapsing or Expanding Node

1. Select a node.

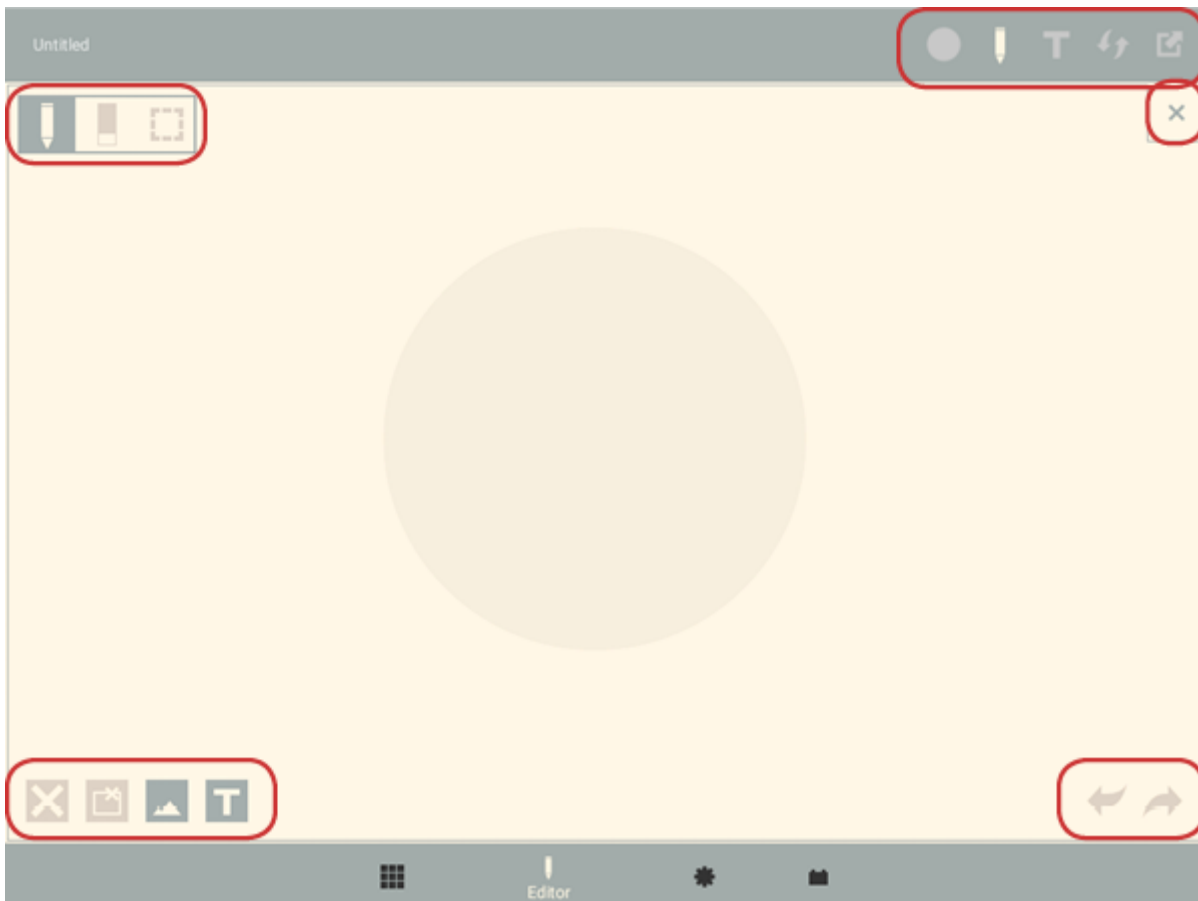2. Tap a **Collapse [-]** / **Expand [+]** button in the bottom of the node.

Delete Node

1. Select a node

2. Tap the **Delete Button** on the toolbar (Left-Bottom).

2.3.2. Node Edit Mode

This mode is for drawing your thoughts on a node.

Tool Switcher (Left-Top)

- There are some tool icons here. In details, See the next **Tool Switcher** section.

Toolbar (Right-Top)

- Set stroke color / Changes the stroke color of the selected group.
- Change the selected text color.

Toolbar (Left-Bottom)

- Ungroup the selected group.
- Insert an image from Google Drive.
- Input a text.

Toolbar (Right-Bottom)

- Undo
- Redo

CloseButton (Right-Top)

- Back to the **Map Edit Mode**

> If you have checked **Use Native Style** in the Settings, it's also possible to return to the **Map Edit Mode** by *double-tapping* with a finger.

Tool Switcher

There are four tools, Pen / Eraser / Selection / Zoom.
In order to switch to a tool, tap it.

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Tool Switcher (if you have checked the Use Native Stylus option)

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Making Strokes Group

It's possible to group multiple strokes.

1. Pick the the Selection Tool on the Tool-Switcher.
2. Lasso the desired set of strokes by circling them using finger or stylus.

Now it's possible to manipulate the group as follows:

- Change the color of strokes
- Resize the group
- Ungroup
- Delete the group

2.4. (3)Settings

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- **Use Native Stylus** : Use native stylus or not
  Please check this option if your Android tablet has support for a Native Stylus such as the S-Pen or Z-Stylus.
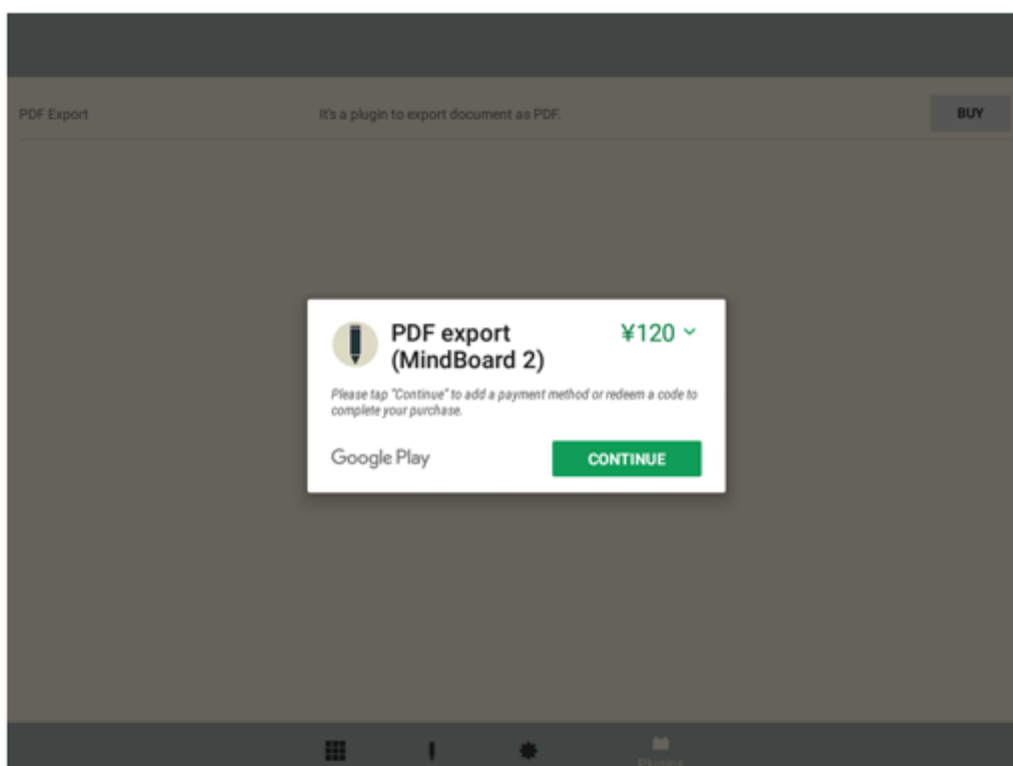
2.5. (4)Plugins

This is for Plugins.

> **ℹ** There is only one plugin now, namely **PDF Export**.

2.5.1. How to buy

Tap the **BUY** Button to purchase the plugin.

After purchase of the plugin, the **PDF Export Button** in the Editor Screen is enabled.

Chapter 3. Features Under Development

The following features are planned for future updates:

- Map Link

- Previous MindBoard Data Import Plugin

- Color Theme Plugin

- Pen Thickness Control Plugin