A Gentle Introduction To Mind Mapping

- The Basics
  - What is it?
    - Outliner/Flow-Chart — On Steroids
  - Caveats
    - Just a talk about a tool
    - Niche technology
  - Names
    - Genus: mind mapping software
    - Species: MindManager
    - A Product of: MindJet — Mindjet
  - Versus PowerPoint
    - Advantages of MM
      - Random-Access
      - More easily modifiable
        - Adding topics / Deleting Topics
        - Moving Around
      - Easier to show relationships between ideas
    - Advantages of PP
      - Easier to create multimedia/interactive/richer shows
      - More familiar
  - Versus Chalk
    - Advantages of MM
    - Advantages of Chalk
      - Easier to draw
      - They're looking at you, not the screen
  - Nitty Gritty
    - Pricing
    - Site License?
    - Mac Support
- Example: Research and Writing
  - Research
    - Specific Article Maps — Analog Hole Article.mmap
    - Idea Maps
  - Writing
    - Outlining
      - Olmsteadian Seizure Clause.mmap
      - SU Mind Map.mmap
- Example: Classroom Use
  - Approaches
    - Amount of Information
      - Spare, skeletal outline
      - Rich, cluttered outline
    - Passive versus Active
      - Passive: more like Powerpoint
      - Somewhat active: Have students fill out key points.
      - Most active: Have students fill out details
    - Capturing for Later Use
      - Printout map before class — Misses dynamic content
      - Printout map after class
        - Captures dynamic content
        - Doesn't allow for digital manipulation
      - Printout PDF after class
        - Some digital manipulation allowed
        - My approach
      - Distribute .mmap file after class — Most students won't be able to do anything with it.
  - Mechanics
    - Map Prep — Three Versions
      - Full-version, with "Boundaries" for notes to self
      - Skeletal Version, with Boundaries deleted
      - In-Class version, for publishing later — Keep these two separate to minimize work required next year.
    - In-Class — Presentation Mode
  - Examples
    - Typical, Multimedia-Laden Class
      - Class 9. Compilations.mmap
      - Class 9. In-Class Compilations.mmap
      - Class 9. Post Class Compilations.mmap
    - Complex Doctrinal Map
      - Class 9a. More on DoE . PHE.mmap
      - Class 9a. In-Class More on DoE . PHE.mmap
    - Matching Game
      - Class 11a. In-Class The Boulder Restaurant Trademark Distinctiveness Game and Extravaganza.mmap
      - Class 11a. Solution The Boulder Restaurant Trademark Distinctiveness Game and Extravaganza.mmap
- Other Ideas
  - To Do Lists — Sample - To-do List.mmap
  - Brainstorming — Topics for Final.mmap
  - Bookmarks
    - CU Law
    - CUBlawg
  - Export to Powerpoint
  - Export to Word
  - And More — Collaborative Features — Comments