

Chapter 2

General Overview

Introduction

mindmap is supplied in the form of 3.5" diskettes, a CD, or you have downloaded it off the Internet. In any case, the procedure for installing **mindmap** is similar. The setup process will assist you in creating a directory into which the files will be copied. During the procedure you will be asked to key in your serial number. Either you will be entering a serial number for a demo version, or you will enter a key for a valid license. In both cases, all associated components will be stamped with this serial number.

In the installation process, **mindmap** must copy some files into the Windows directory. (We regret having to do this, but this is required by the vendors of some of the components we include. We do not consider this good style, but we cannot avoid it.) The first step is fairly straightforward and not much can go wrong. After completing this segment, you are asked whether you intend to install additional modules. These modules are additional **mindmap** components, some of which require the presence of third-party engines such as Lotus Notes, Wang's OPEN/image, etc. These modules are not part of the standard scope of **mindmap** and must be procured in addition to **mindmap**. Depending on the module, these may be obtained from **mindmap** or other third parties.

Once you have completed the installation process, a program group is created and various icons are included. Along with the actual program icon, you will see other icons representing README files and other supporting items. In the case of Windows 95, these entries are found on the Programs entry on the taskbar.

After the successful creation of the program group, you will be informed of the successful installation of **mindmap**. You are now ready to begin using **mindmap**.

The first time you start `mindmap`, you will be asked in which language you wish to use `mindmap`. Select the desired language. (Do not worry if you select the wrong language or need to change it in the future. `mindmap` allows for this.) `mindmap` will create a file in the `mindmap` directory called `MINDMAP.INI`. This file acts as a registry and contains numerous settings and user preferences for `mindmap`. `mindmap` does not make any entries in the `WIN.INI` or `SYSTEM.INI` files, since we also consider this to be poor style. Isolating all entries in the `MINDMAP.INI` file facilitates a very clean deinstallation, should you ever desire to do this.

Contents of Diskettes/CD



You can copy the contents of the media to your hard disk and install from the hard disk. Please note that you are required to create a directory for each diskette included in your package. If you choose to do this, it is suggested that you create a directory called `\MM` and directories called `\MM\DISK1`, `\MM\DISK2`, etc.

The diskettes or CD contain all files necessary to run `mindmap`. Additional modules offering access to various third-party engines (mail systems, OCR, fulltext, etc.) can be purchased from `mindmap` or another vendor, or check our Internet site for the latest offerings. All third-party engines must be purchased from a source other than `mindmap`. Licensing of all third-party software is the responsibility of the user.

The files contained on the media are compressed and can only be installed if you use the `SETUP.EXE` on the first diskette (or on the CD).

The contents of the supplied media can be found in a list on the first disk (3.5") or on the CD in a file called `FILES.TXT`. You can view or print this ASCII file using your word processor or any other text editor.

Installation Steps

The following description will assume you are installing from a CD-ROM. The process is actually quite similar if you are installing from diskettes, except for the added juggling of multiple disks:

Insert the CD-ROM and execute the program `SETUP.EXE`. This can either be accomplished by using the Windows File-Manager and double-clicking on the file or via the menu option **File | Run**. In the case of Win95, click the Start button on the

taskbar and then on the Run... option. Then browse to the SETUP.EXE file on the disk. Alternatively, you can use the Explorer to locate and subsequently execute the file.

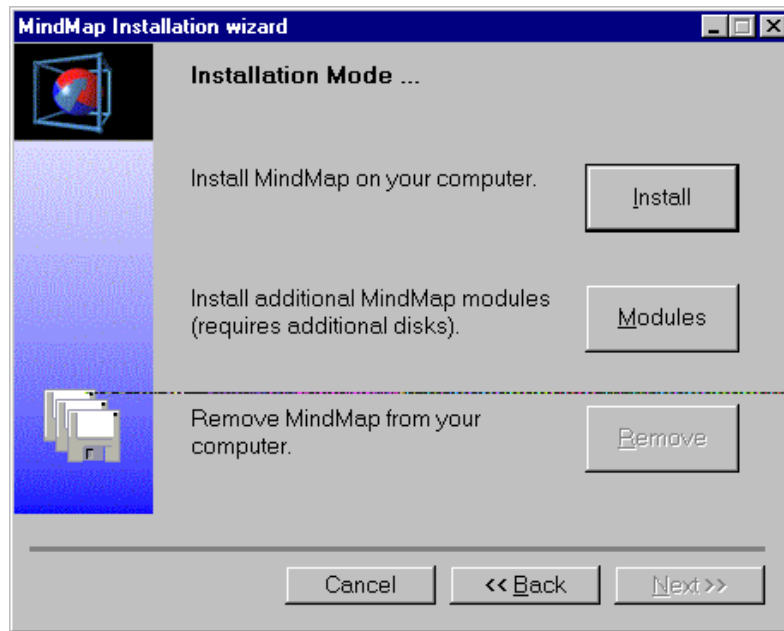
SETUP will begin loading some of the files and then greet you with the following screen:



Installation Step 1

Clicking on the Cancel button will terminate the Setup procedure. Assuming that you wish to continue installing mindmap, click on the Next button.

This will take you to the following dialog box. Here, you are asked to select between (i) installing mindmap itself, (ii) installing mindmap modules, or (iii) removing a previously installed mindmap version.

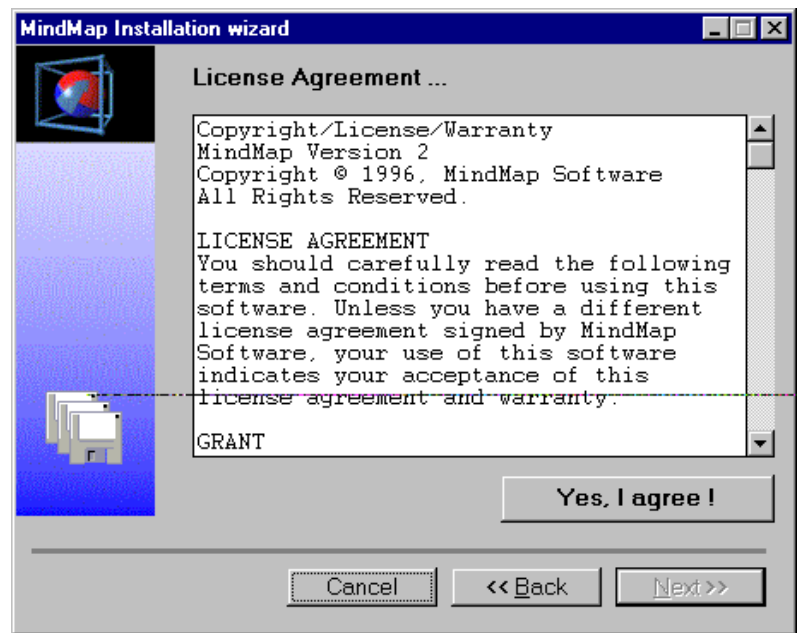


Installation Step 2

The Remove option will be grayed unless the Setup procedure has been started from the SETUP directory of a previous installation of mindmap.

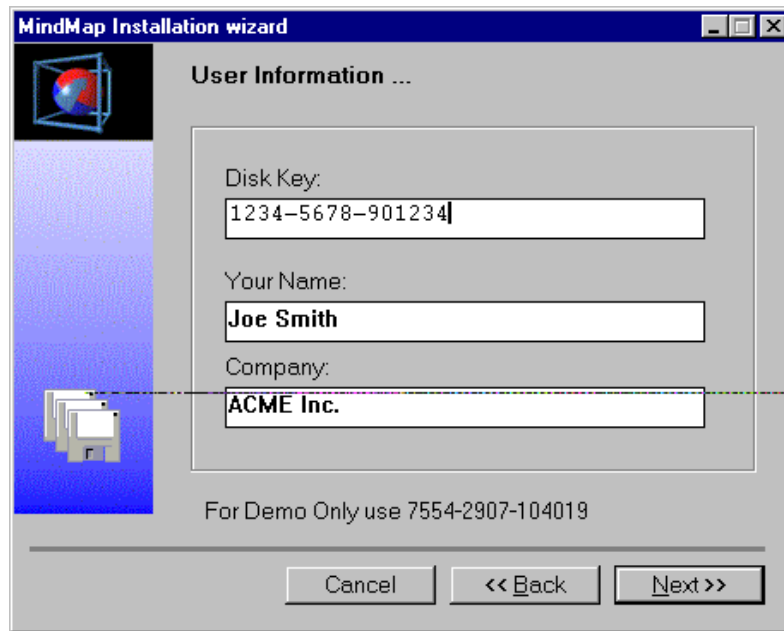
Selecting the Install option will lead to the next dialog box.

Here the current license agreement will be presented to you. Please read it carefully. If you do not wish to comply, please discontinue the installation process and promptly return the product and license to where you purchased it. If you do wish to comply, please signal this by accepting and you will be taken to the next step of the installation.



Installation Step 3

This dialog box requires you to enter the mindmap serial number, along with your name and the name of your organization.



Installation Step 4

The disk key (serial number) is an essential entry - without it, **mindmap** will not install properly. The disk key may be found in as many as three different locations. A label is attached to the CD-ROM package (or disk 1, if on floppies), the first page of the printed documentation (if supplied with your version), and on the Registration Card (again, if supplied.) The disk key will also be your means of access to all future offerings, including support, updates, etc. Please keep it confidential and secure.

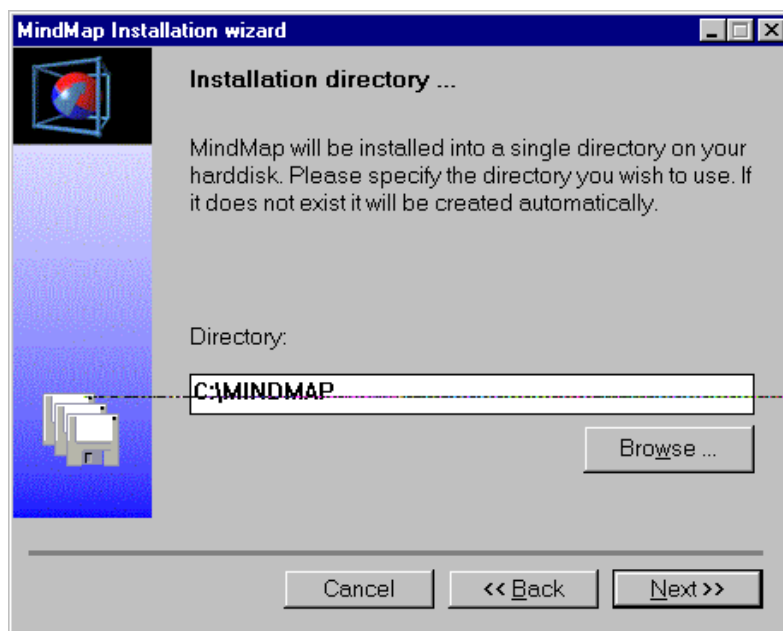
Next, enter your name and the name of your organization.

If you are installing a Demo Only version of **mindmap**, please use the demo disk key supplied as above or, in some cases, the default disk key displayed in the dialog box.

Under certain circumstances, you might receive the serial number when downloading the software from the Internet. In this case, please enter the key supplied.

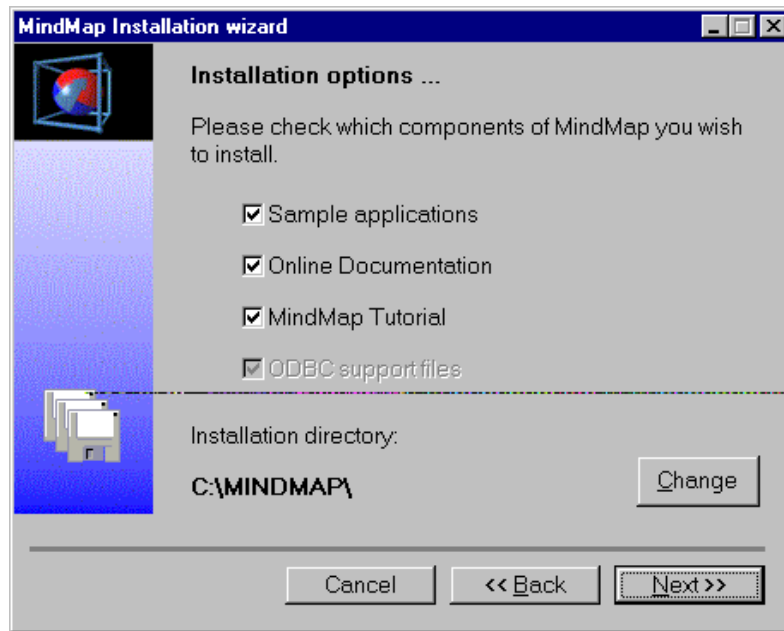
Before copying the files to the hard disk, **mindmap** will ask for the name of a directory. (If you previously installed **mindmap**, the Setup routine will detect the appropriate directory and

suggest installing the new version in the same directory.) It will default to C:\MINDMAP, but feel free to enter any directory you choose. Alternatively, you can use the Browse button to navigate to a desired directory that already exists on your hard disk.



Installation Step 5

mindmap will now ask you to make some necessary selections regarding support files.



Installation Step 6

If you decide to install the sample applications, two directories underneath the specified directory (the default would be C:\MINDMAP\SAMPLES and C:\MINDMAP\BASIC) will be created and various **mindmap** example applications, as well as a step-by-step tutorial, will be copied.

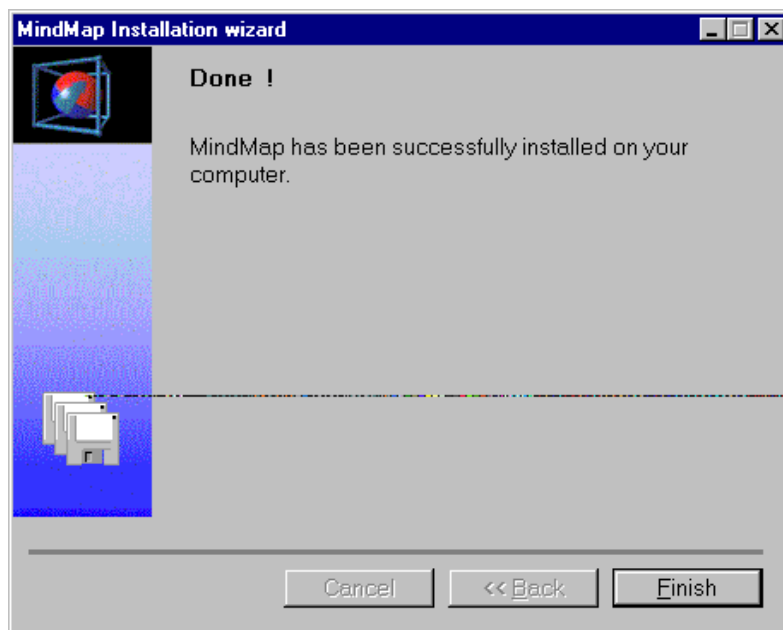
All documentation is available in generic PDF (Adobe Acrobat Reader) format on the CD in the directory \DOCU. To read and optionally print the documentation, please install the Adobe Acrobat Reader from the directory \ACROREAD on the CD.

Finally, you can also choose to install ODBC (Open Database Connectivity). You must install ODBC components if you intend to install either of the sample files or the tutorial, because some of these files rely on the existence of ODBC data sources. Please refer to your Microsoft documentation for further information regarding various ODBC settings, procedures and options.

SETUP will now begin to copy the selected files to the specified directory. If you are installing from the CD-ROM, the process can be left unattended for a few minutes. If you are working

with diskettes, you will be prompted to swap diskettes every few minutes.

The final screen will inform you that the installation process has been successfully completed. (You might also be able to briefly see various screen activity showing the creation of a program group.)



Installation Step 7



End of the installation: A new Program Manager Group

Contents of the Program Group

The following files (represented by the appropriate icons) are available in the Program Group:

- ▶ MINDMAP.EXE (the actual development environment)
- ▶ mindmap Help (the Help system)
- ▶ SETUP.EXE (mindmap Setup routine)
- ▶ mindmap Tutorial
- ▶ ODBC Administration
- ▶ What's New (lists changes since the previous version)
- ▶ The list of sample files is included in the file README.WRI in the root directory of your CD.

mindmap Settings

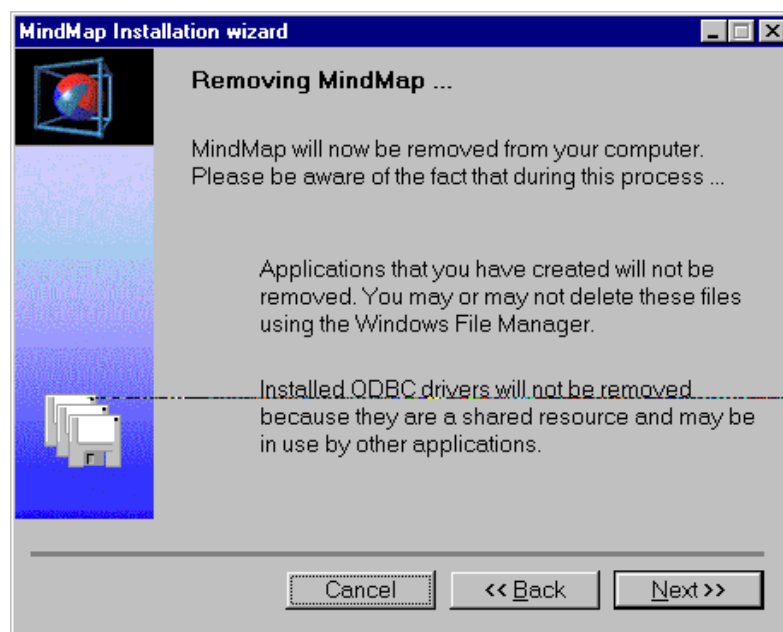
As mentioned above, mindmap does not make any entries in common system resources, such as WIN.INI, SYSTEM.INI, etc. mindmap keeps its settings in its own INI file. This file -

MINDMAP.INI - is not created at the time of installation. It is created at the moment you first normally terminate mindmap. Erasing the MINDMAP.INI file, after it has been created, will place mindmap back in its original unused state. It will not keep mindmap from operating.

Deinstalling mindmap

If you should ever need to deinstall mindmap, the process is actually quite simple. You can either choose to use the SETUP routine to remove mindmap or you can simply delete the files from the hard disk.

If you wish to use the SETUP program, launch the SETUP.EXE in the mindmap directory and navigate until you encounter the dialog box which offers the option to remove mindmap.



The Uninstall screen

Click on the Next button to proceed.



Last dialog box before *mindmap* is removed



If you erase only the **MINDMAP.INI** file, *mindmap* acts as though it has just been installed. When you start *mindmap* again, you will be prompted to enter the preferred language support.

You will be warned, so that you do not inadvertently remove *mindmap*. Clicking on the Yes button will then cause the files associated with *mindmap* to be erased from the hard disk.

If you wish to manually remove *mindmap*, locate the directory in which you previously installed *mindmap*. Now delete all files contained in the directory. Please remember that we could not avoid copying some files into the WINDOWS directory. All of these files are related to the ODBC environment. Since ODBC files may be a shared resource (used by a variety of other applications), we cannot remove them.

What can go wrong

Well, there are a number of possible causes for 'misconduct'. In principal, there are four different classes of errors:

1. Media faults

We go through extensive checks for error-free media, but errors still might slip through. This type of error usually leads to unreadable media.

Please contact us immediately, so that we can supply you with a new set of media.

If you have downloaded *mindmap* from the Internet, you may have errors from this process. Please download it again or copy to a new set of media for your installation.

2. Inconsistencies on your system

A typical situation might be that there is not enough space on your hard disk for *mindmap* to be installed.

In this specific case, the remedy is obvious. You must free up enough disk space. In any other case, please contact us so that we can help you overcome these difficulties.

3. Errors on our part

Obviously, we are not aware of any errors in the setup routine. This is not to say there aren't any, though. Please refer to the README file for the latest information. If you believe there may be an error on our part, please contact us so that we may resolve the situation.

4. User errors

This is a tough call. If you have followed the instructions in this manual, as well as those presented on your screen, there is not much that can go wrong. If you do have a problem, again, please contact us.

Our goal is to provide you with a fully functional installation of `mindmap`.

