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*36.1 Linear
feet,
57 boxes*

Auguste Martin collection

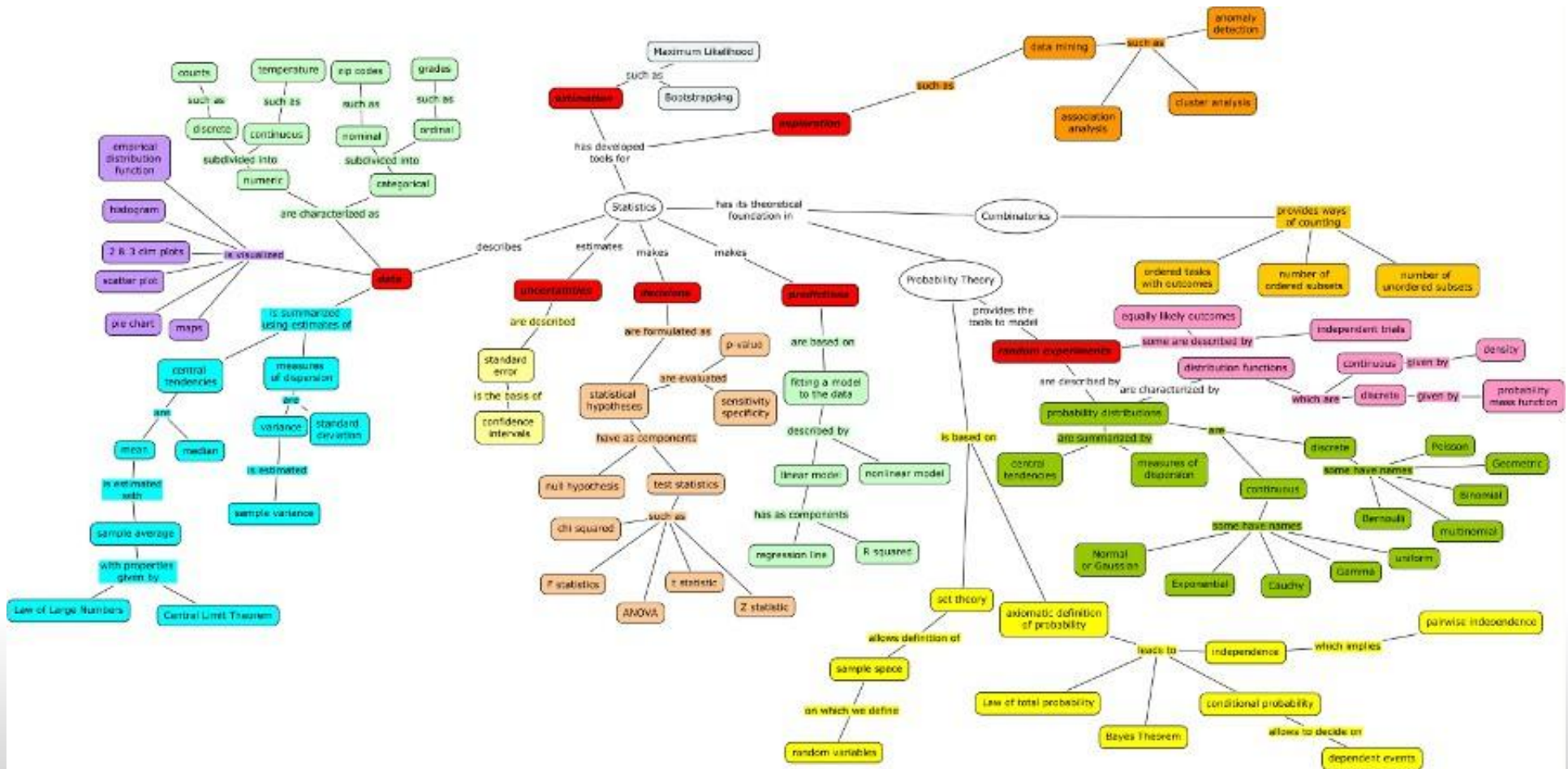


Why choose Mind Mapping for this project?



- Collection lent itself to experimentation
- Very visual and flexible
- Reduces information overload
- Basic structure already parallels archival arrangement

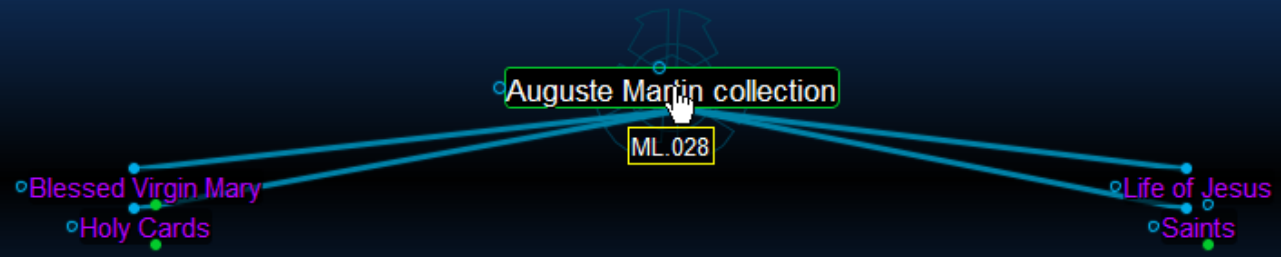
Overview of Mind Mapping



Why choose Personal Brain?



- Limited resources - technical expertise and budget
- Allowed for easy collaboration
- Easy to use features
- Got generally good reviews from Google search



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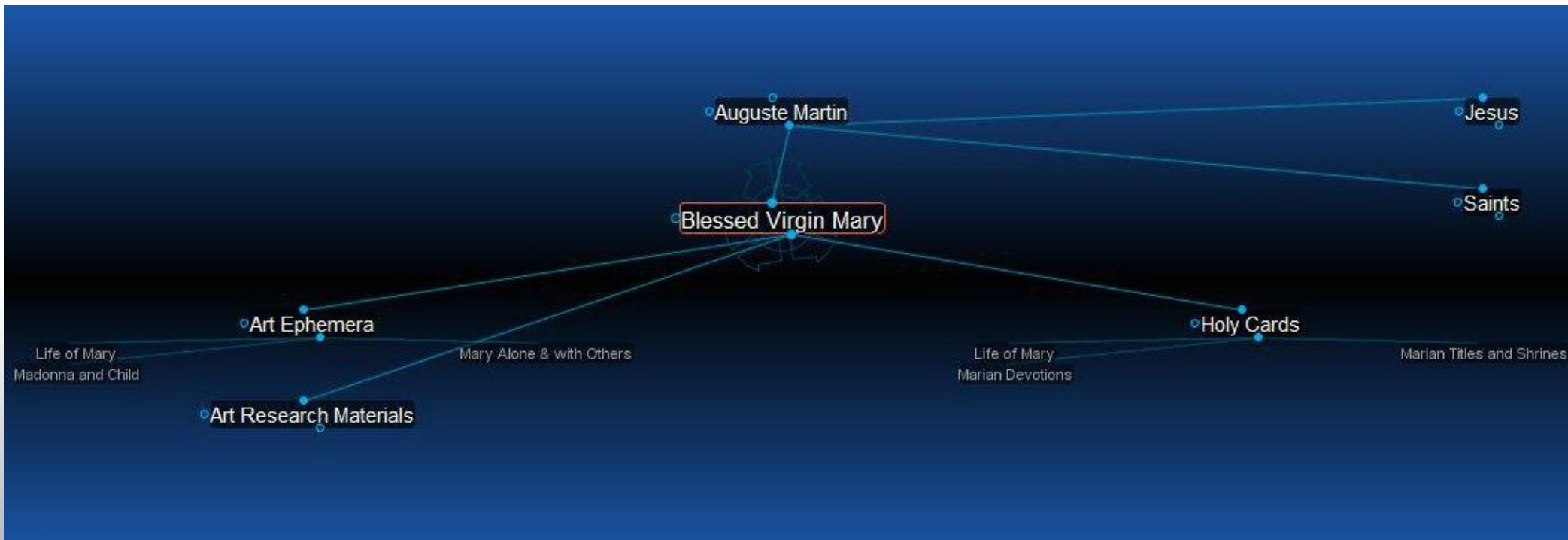
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28		3	1 Blessed Virgin Mary	2	Marian Artwork	2.1	Life of Mary			Death
29		3	1 Blessed Virgin Mary	2	Marian Artwork	2.1	Life of Mary			Assumption
30		3	1 Blessed Virgin Mary	2	Marian Artwork	2.1	Life of Mary			Coronation
31		3	1 Blessed Virgin Mary	2	Marian Artwork	2.2	Mary Alone and With Others			Painting and Drawing
32		3	1 Blessed Virgin Mary	2	Marian Artwork	2.2	Mary Alone and With Others			Sculpture
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40										
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Experience of applying Personal Brain to arrangement

- Tool for organization and visualization
- Optimal arrangement?
- Archivists' Toolkit
- Planning



Personal Brain: Strengths & weaknesses

Strengths:

- Good for visual learning/working style
- Easily adapts to changes in arrangement
- Reduces information overload by allowing you to narrow your focus
- Graphic nature can allow earlier recognition of patterns
- It's fun to use and fun to say "The Brain" :)

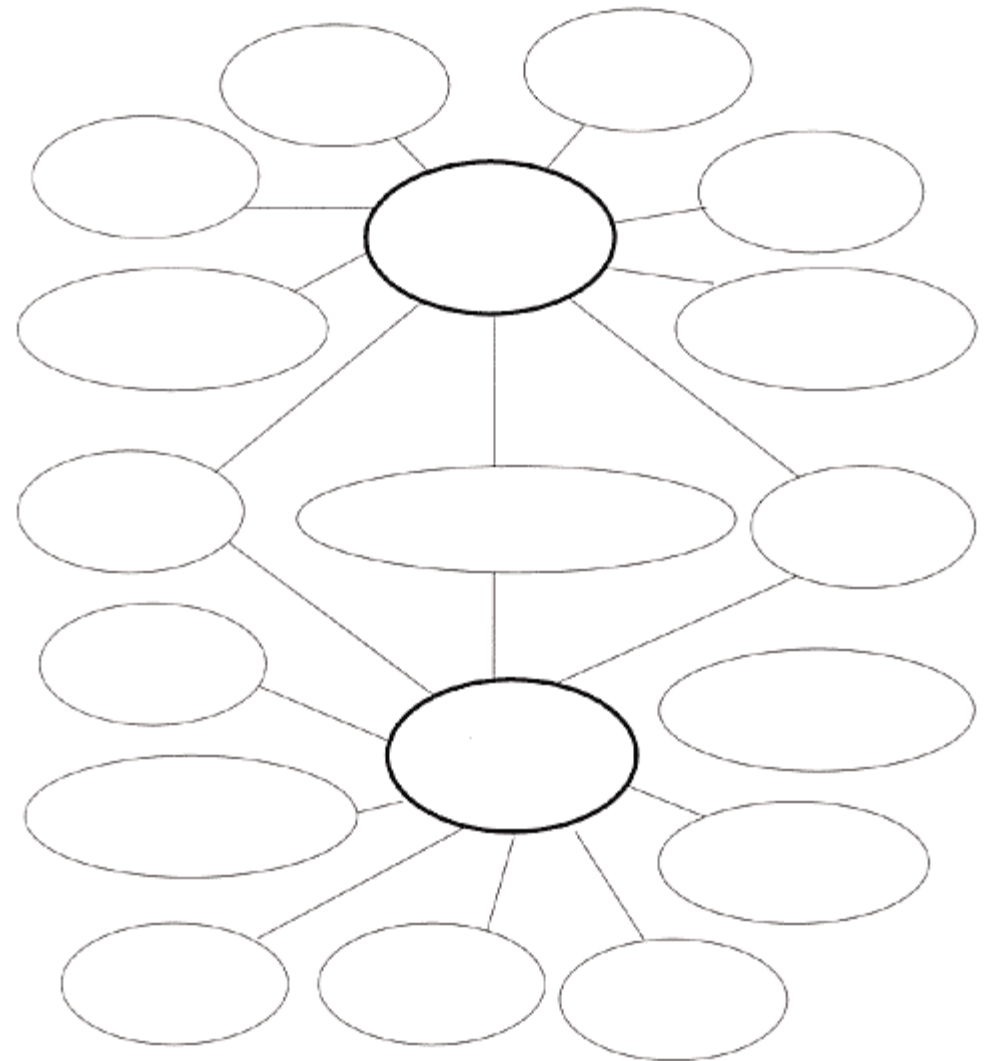
Weaknesses:

- Labels don't change when a thought changes
- Certain functions go away after the free trial period - ability to attach files and URLs to thoughts
- Web brain functionality problems

Other Applications of Mind Mapping for Archivists

Aids in revealing patterns and relationships:

- Classification scheme
- Project management
- Collections assessment
- Recommend for smaller institutions trying to improve their archival holdings



Archivists must “*develop proactive, innovative, and collaborative approaches to fulfill their institutional mission. Amidst evolving responsibilities...processing is at the heart of archival work.*”

Chris Prom

Useful Links

<http://www.thebrain.com/products/personalbrain/know-more-mind-map/>

<http://mac.appstorm.net/reviews/productivity-review/personalbrain-a-gps-system-for-your-information/>

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Thank You - Questions?

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