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Introduction

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- Concept mapping is a technique for representing knowledge in graphs

- Developed by Prof. Joseph D. Novak in the 1970's at Cornell University

- Concept mapping can be done for several purposes:

1. to generate ideas
2. to design a complex structure
3. to communicate complex ideas
4. for brain-storming

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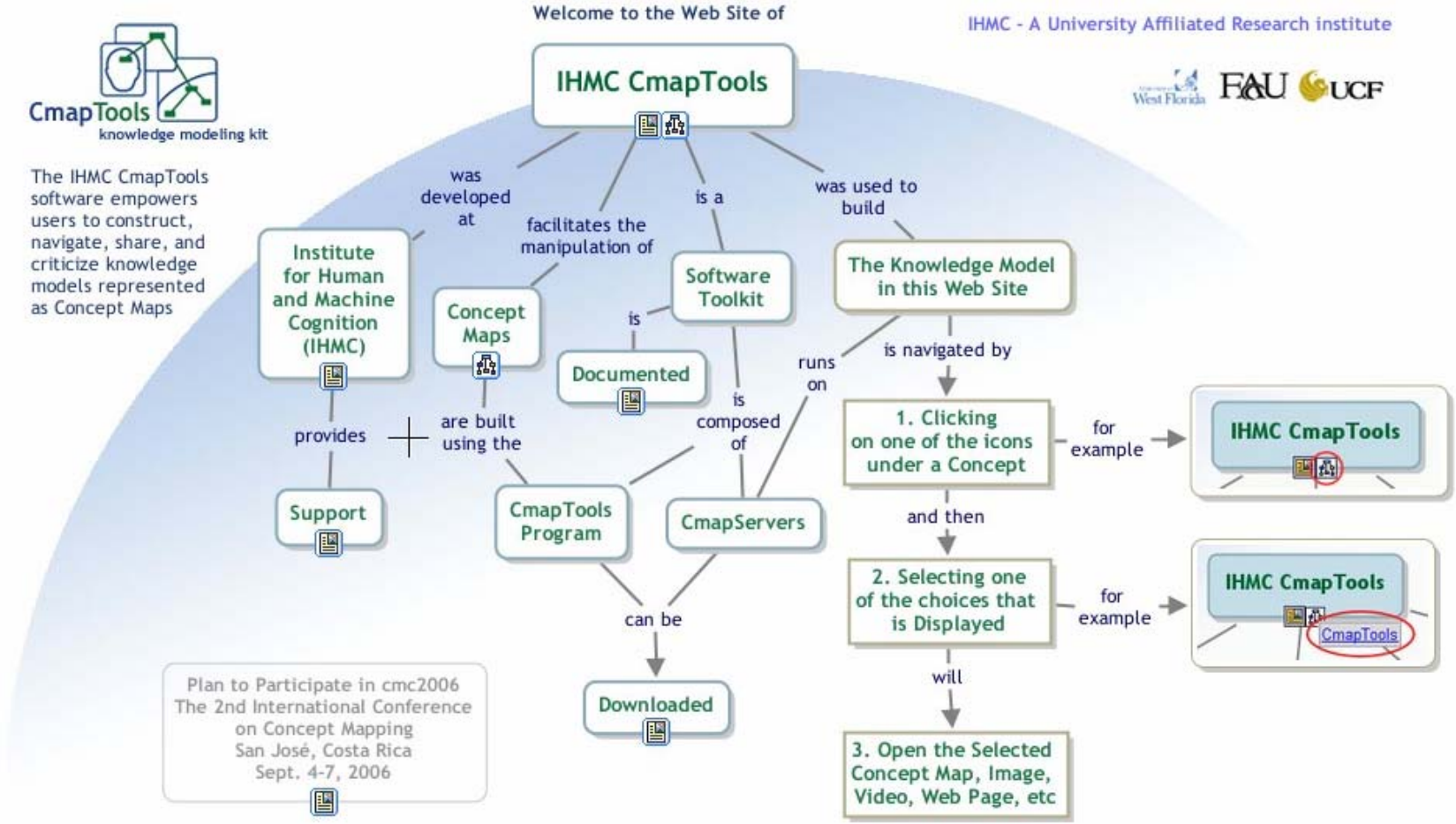

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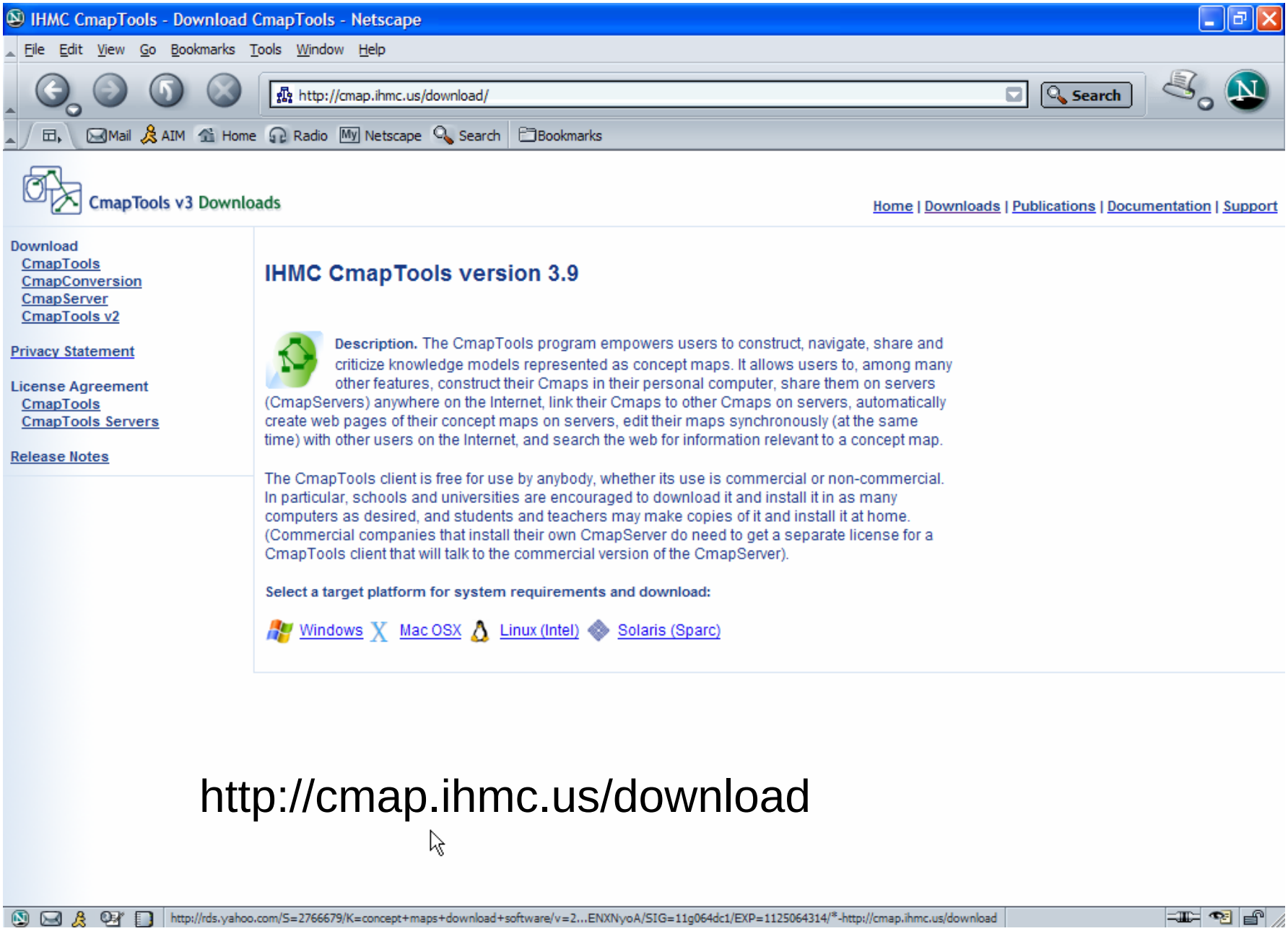
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The CmapTools client is free for use by anybody, whether its use is commercial or non-commercial. In particular, schools and universities are encouraged to download it and install it in as many computers as desired, and students and teachers may make copies of it and install it at home. (Commercial companies that install their own CmapServer do need to get a separate license for a CmapTools client that will talk to the commercial version of the CmapServer).
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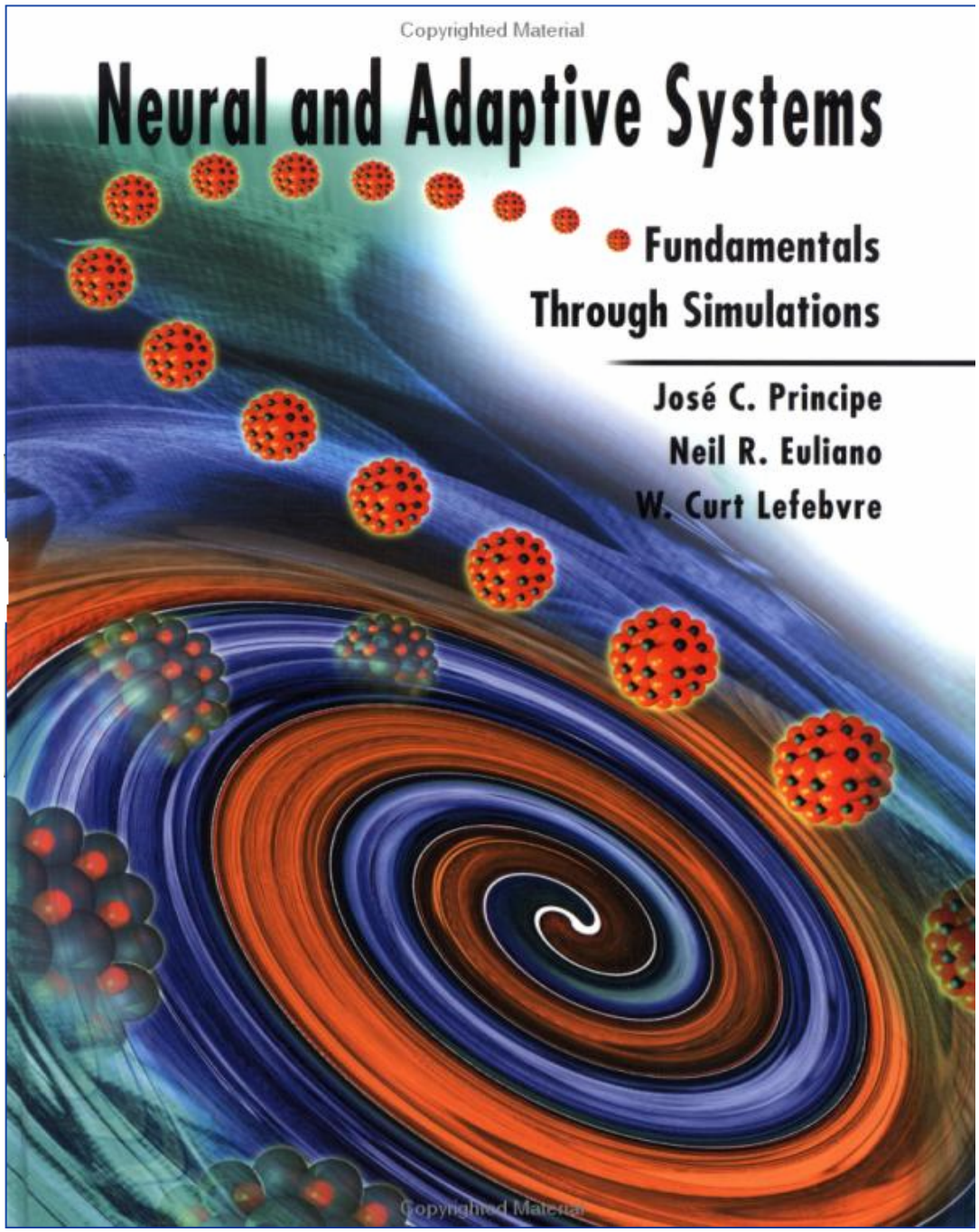

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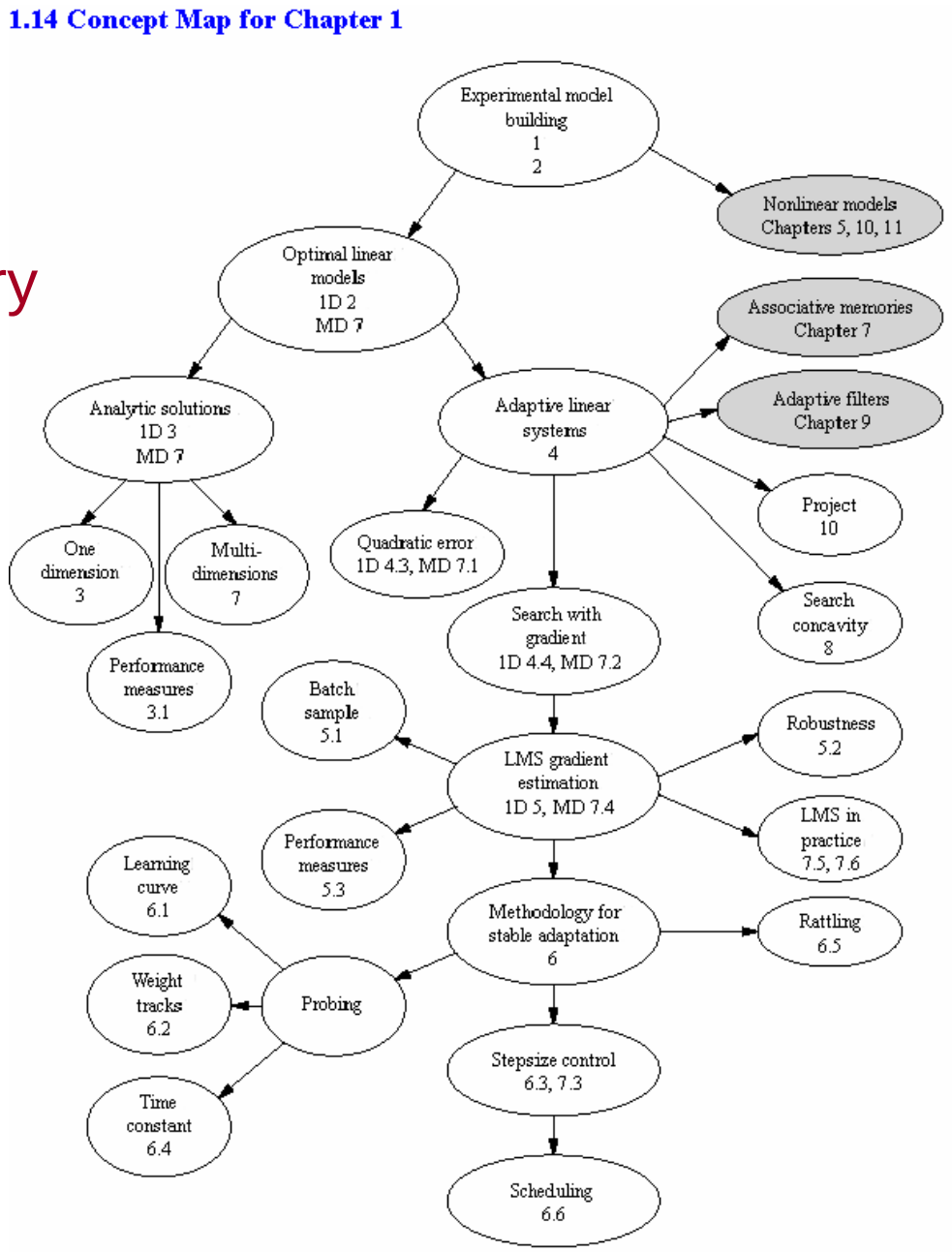

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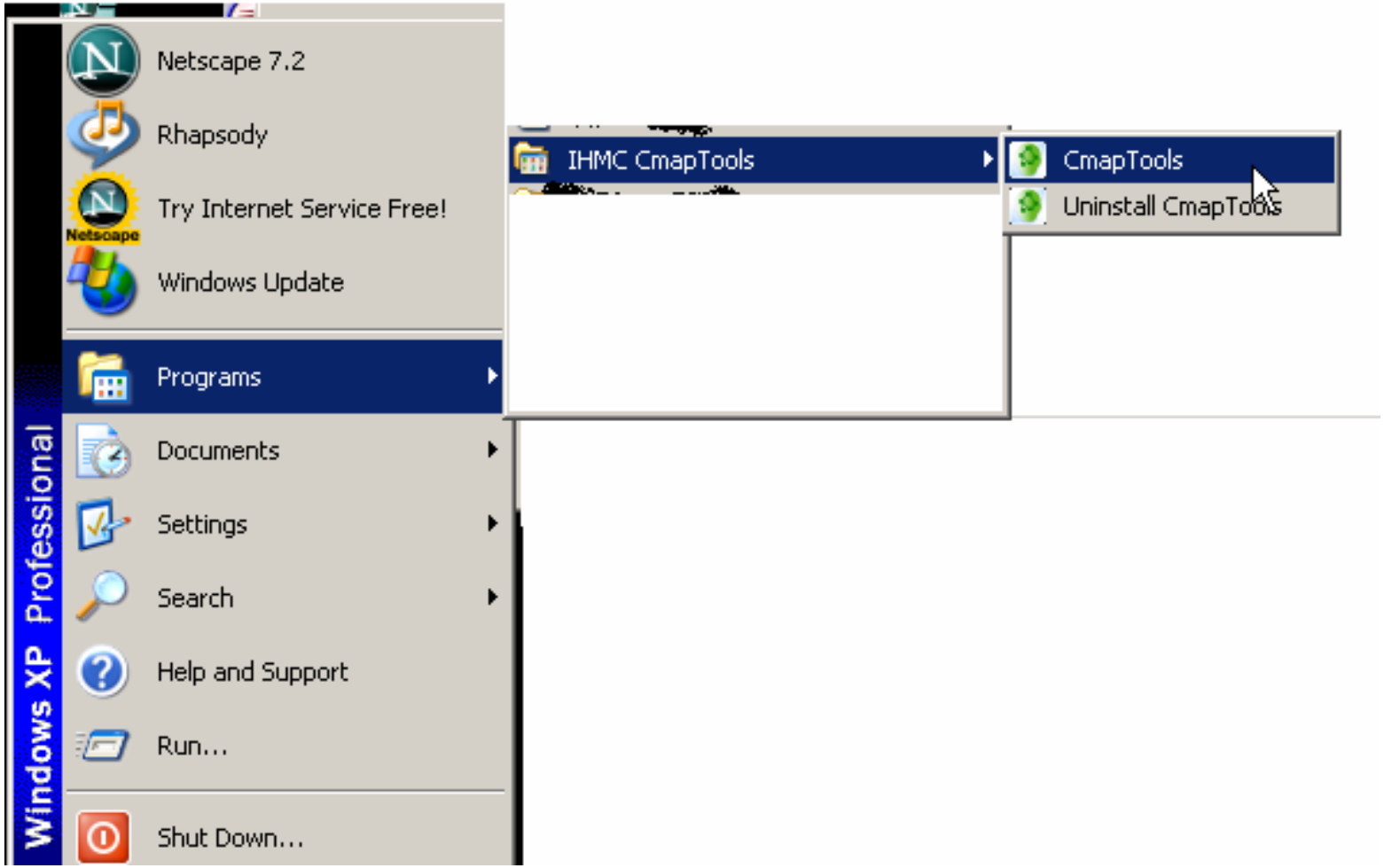

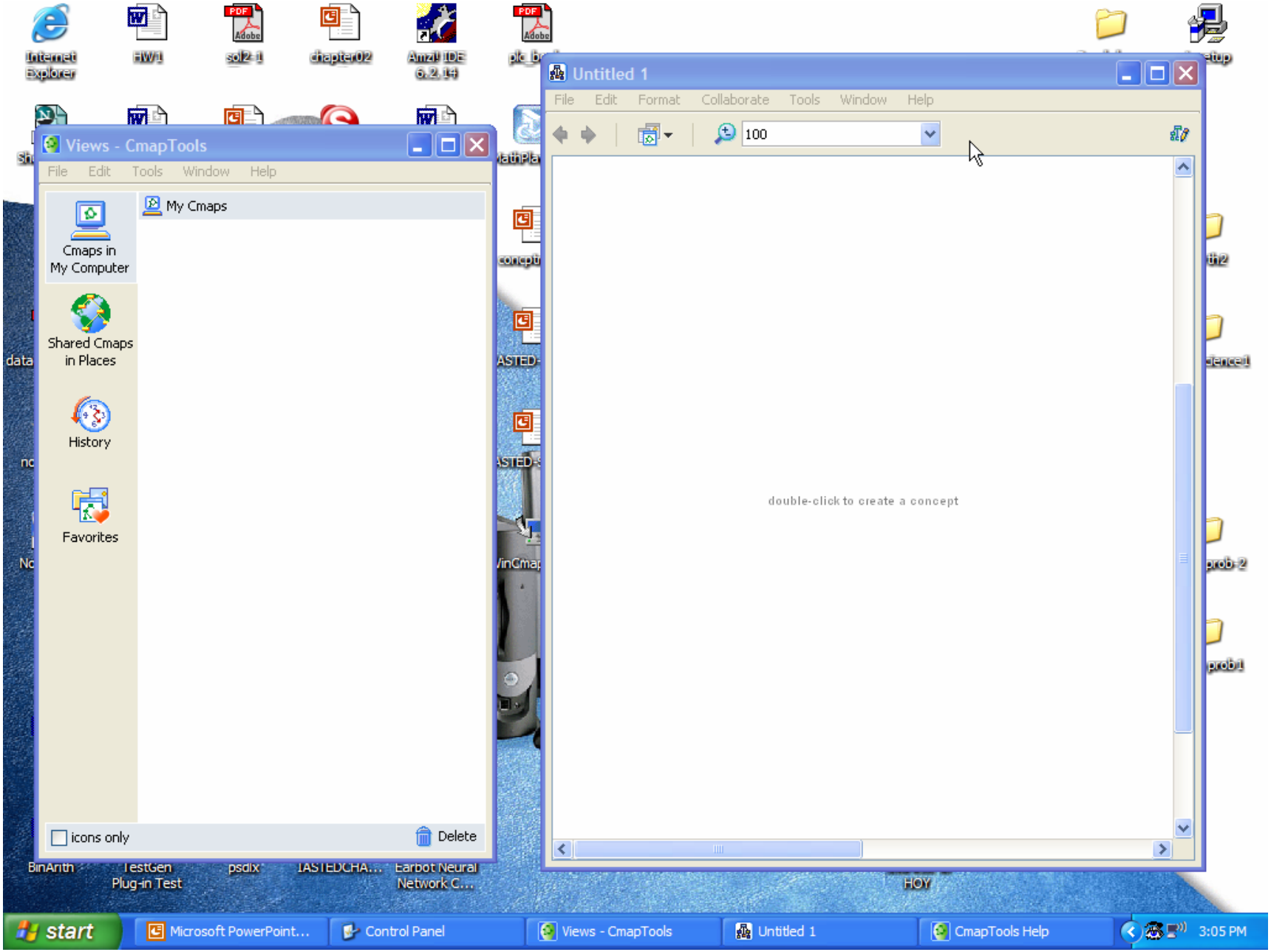
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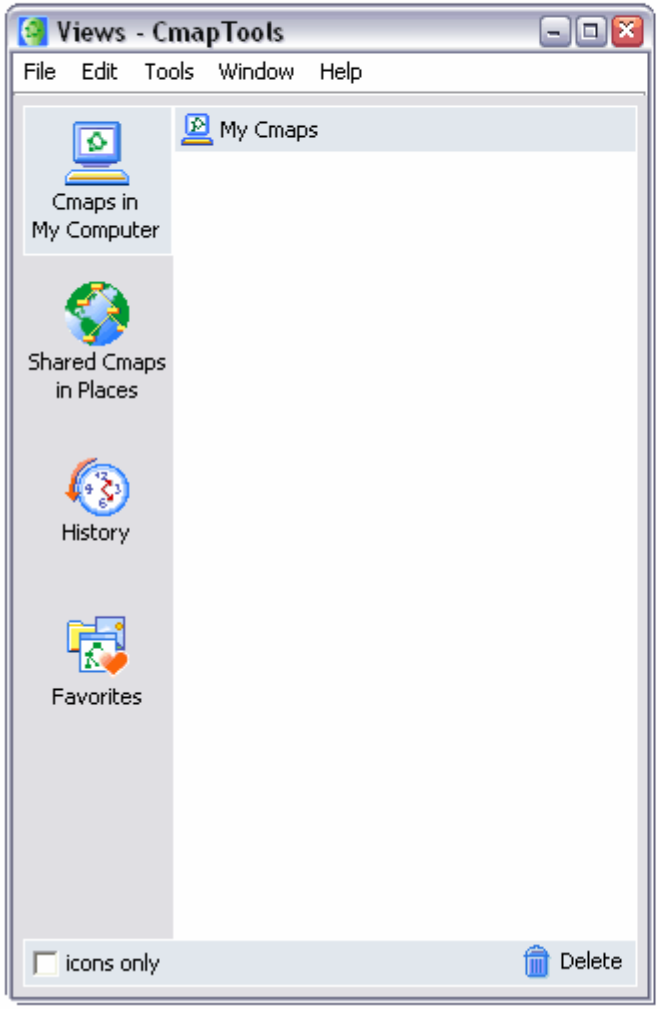

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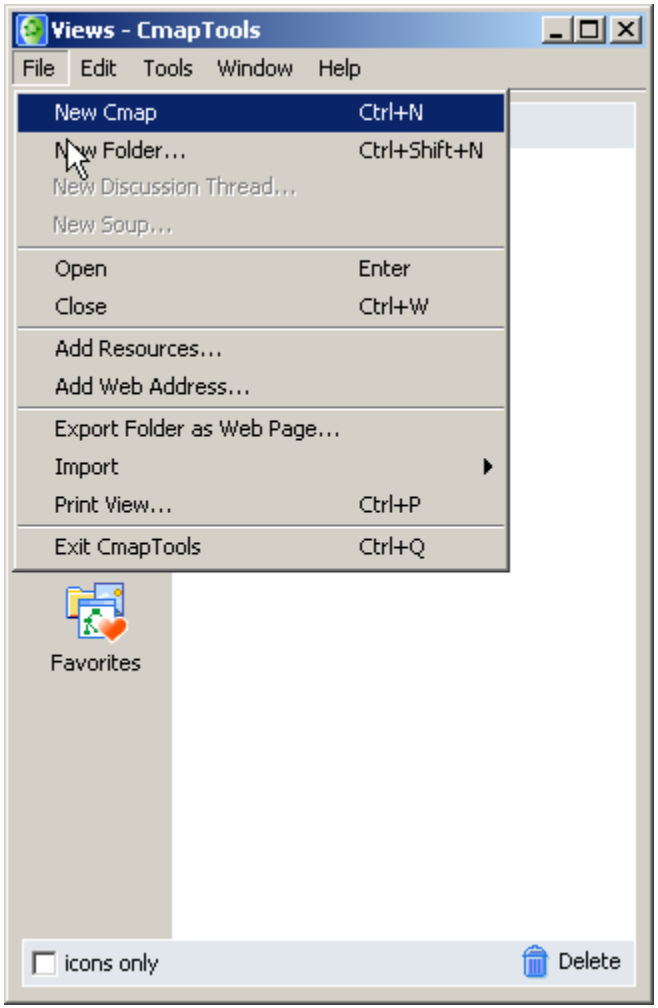

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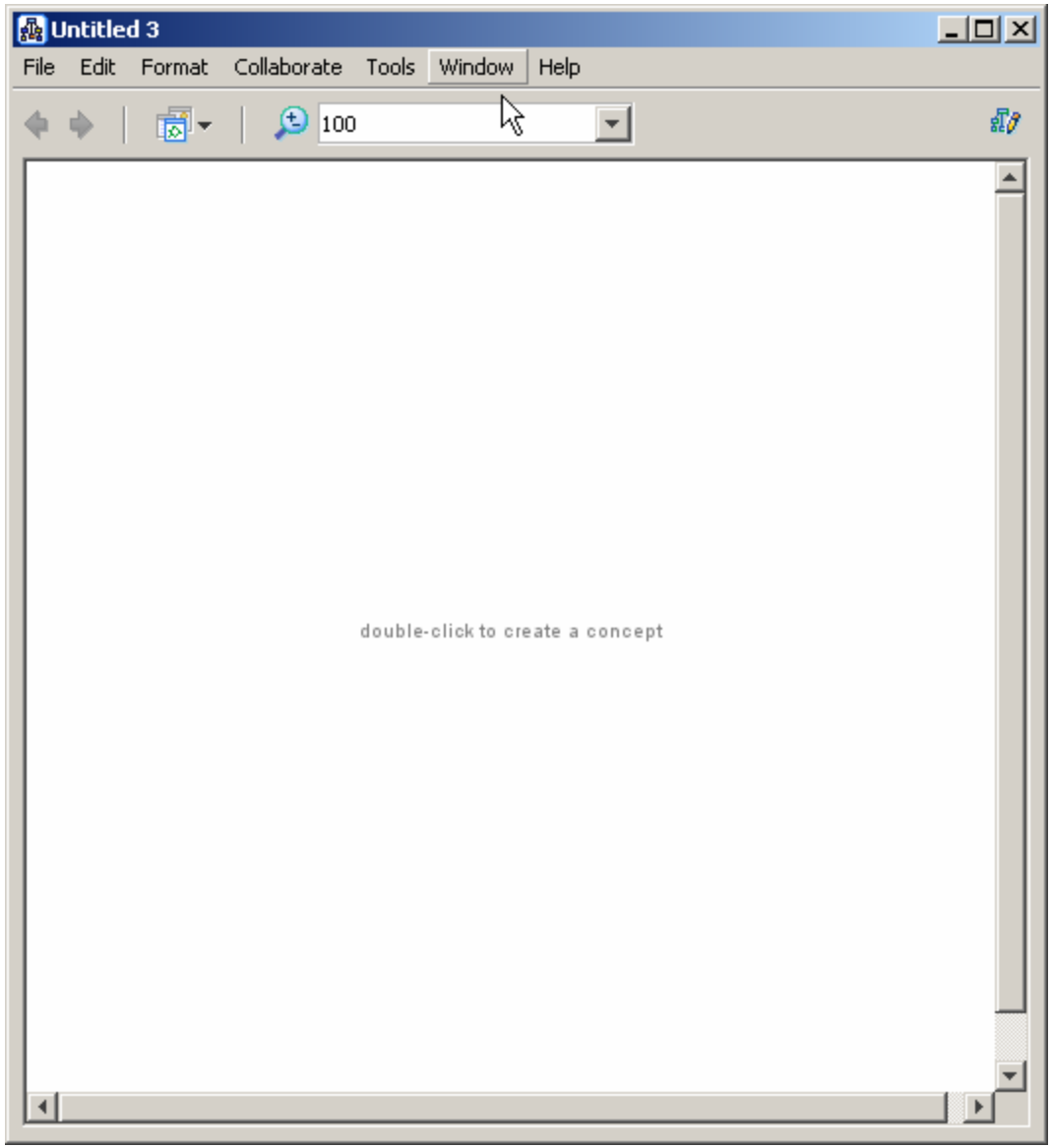

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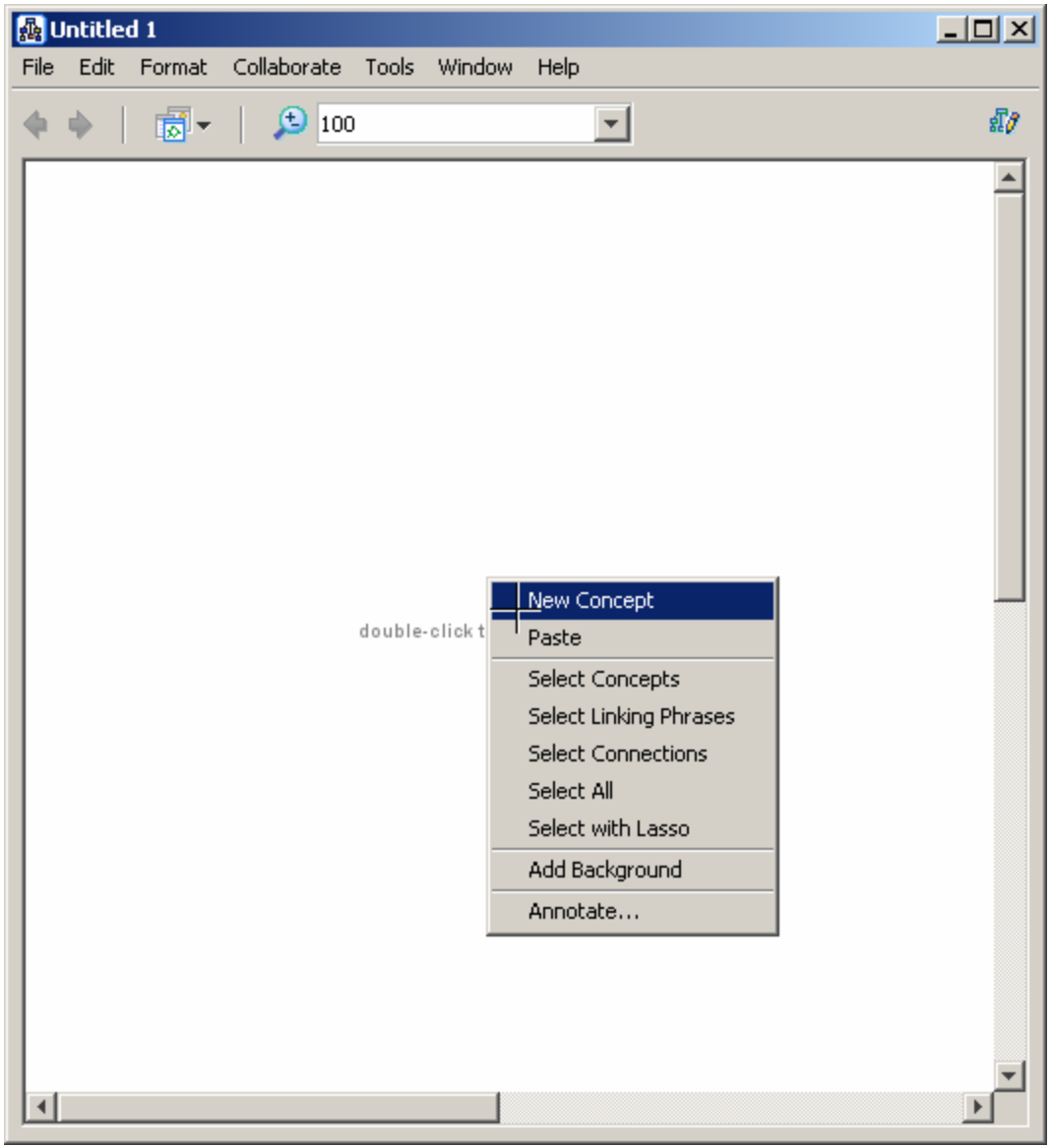

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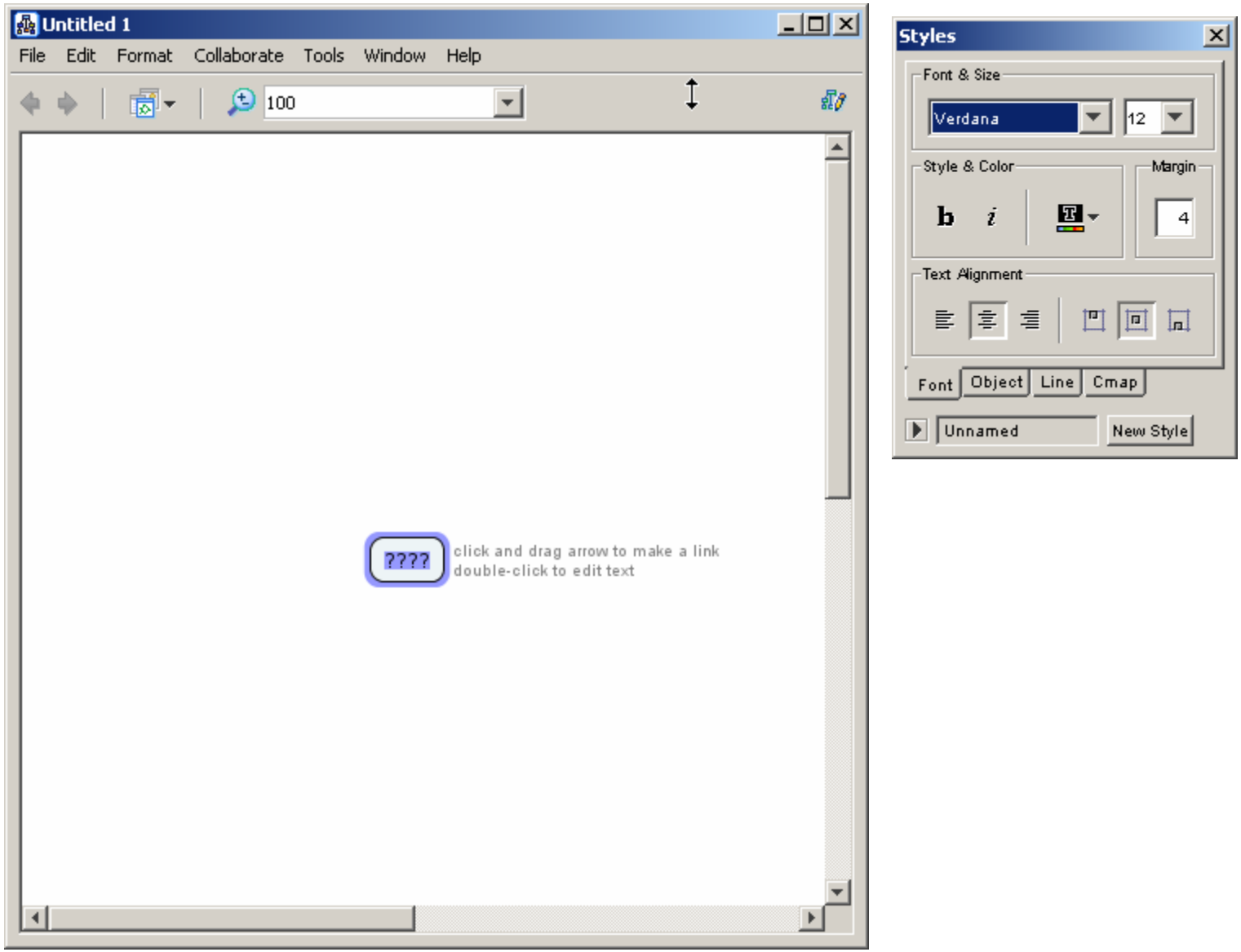

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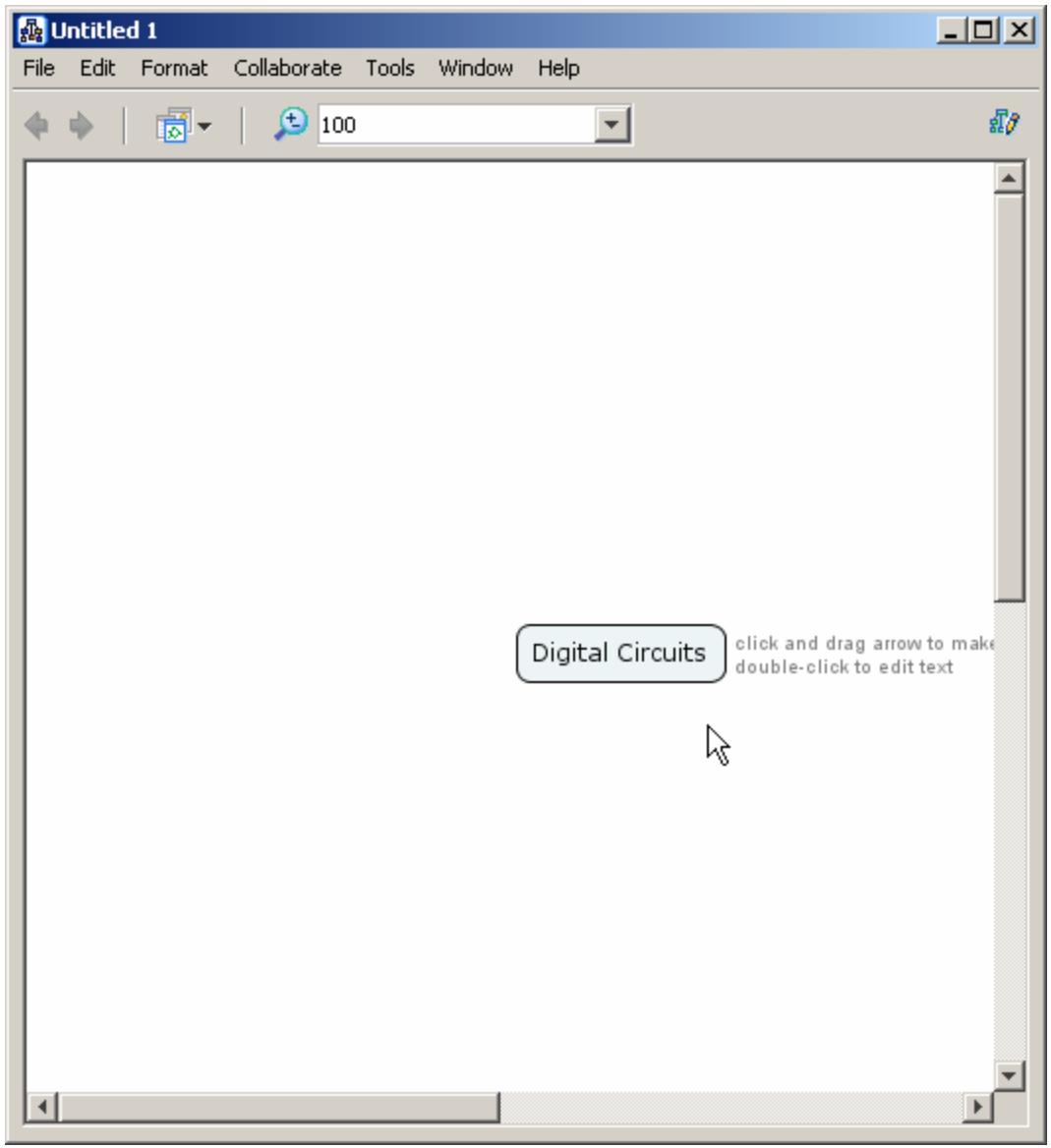
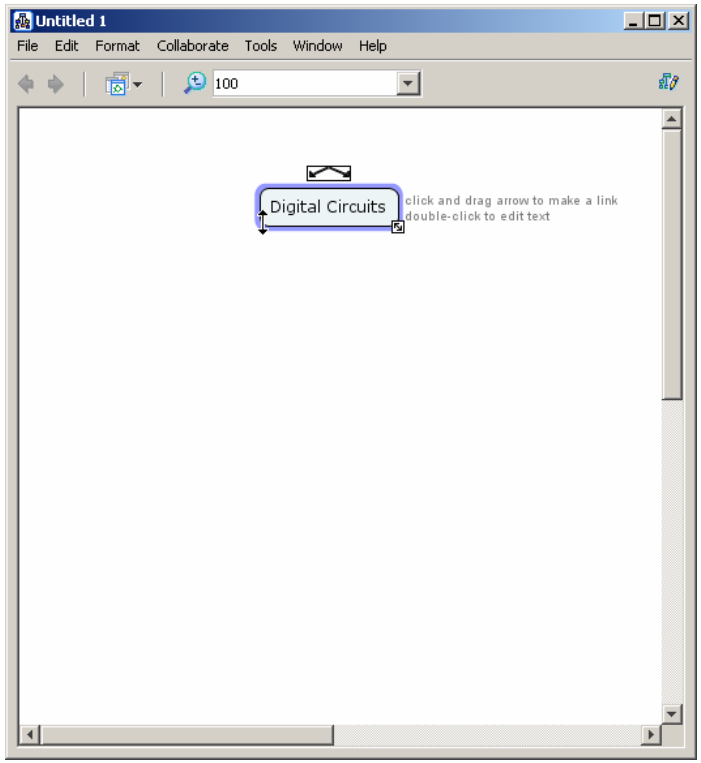
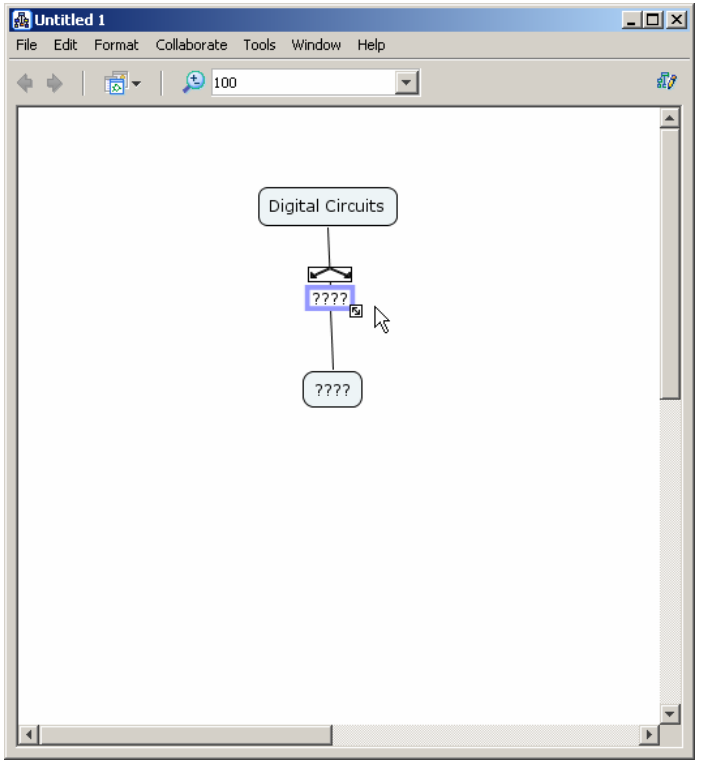


Left-click on the concept and drag from the arrows to add a concept





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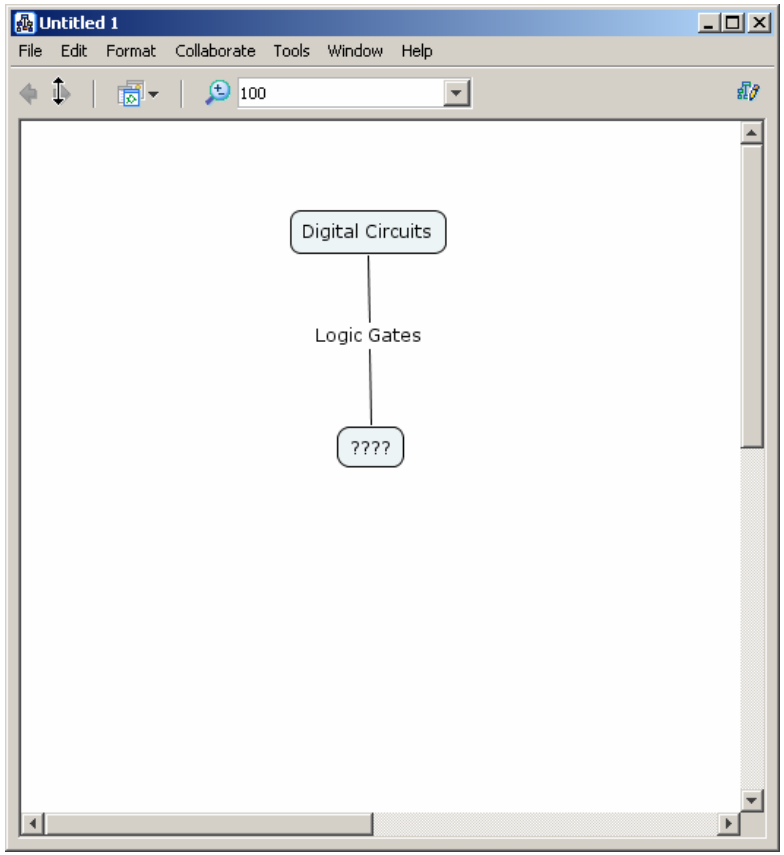

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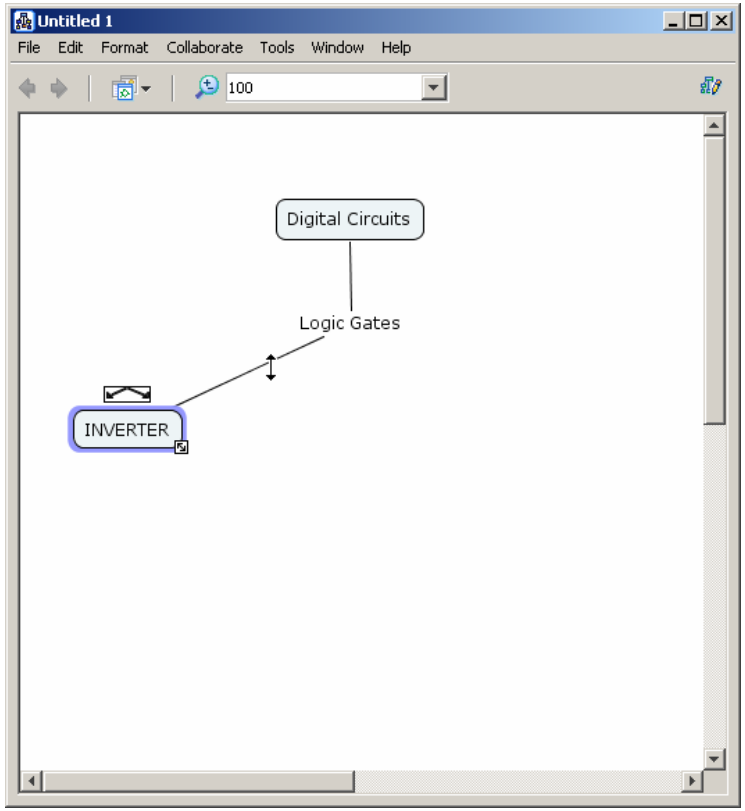

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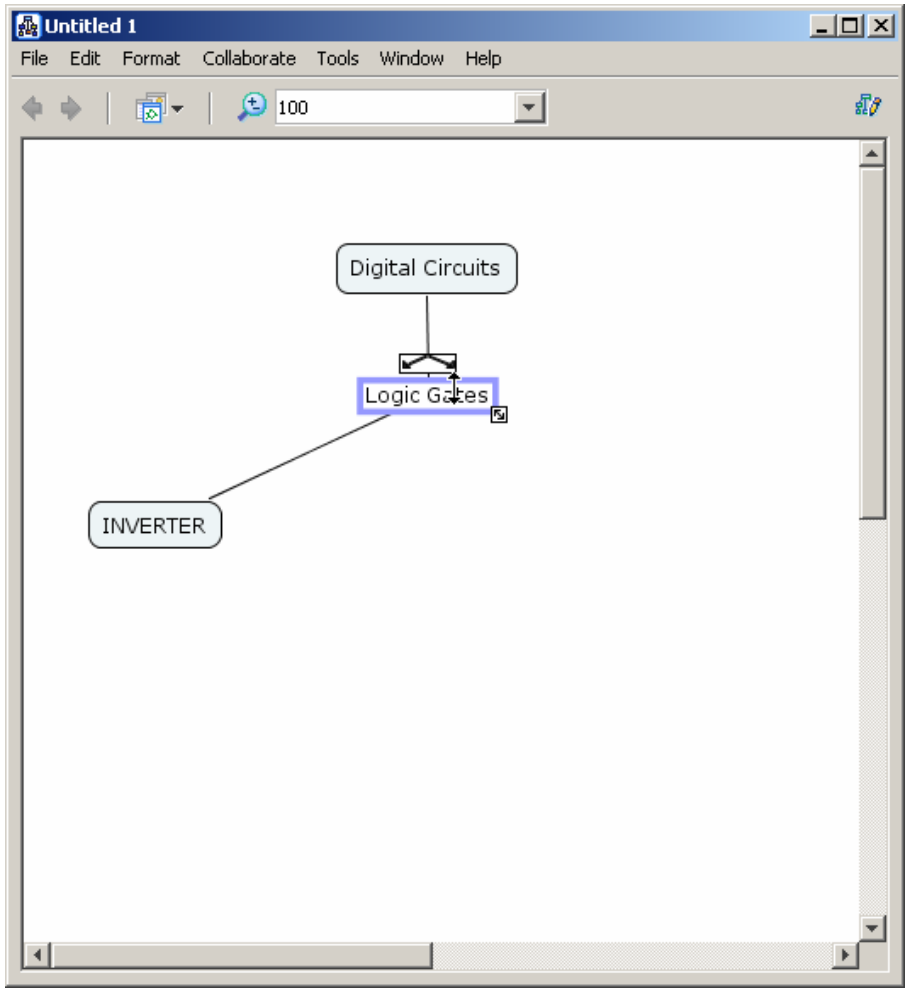

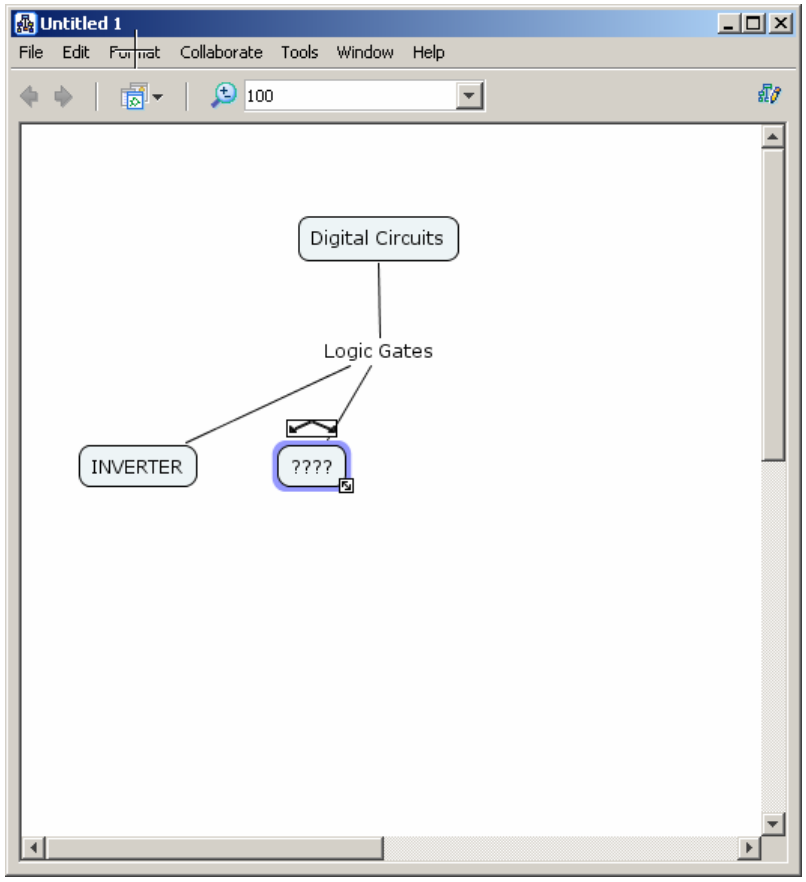

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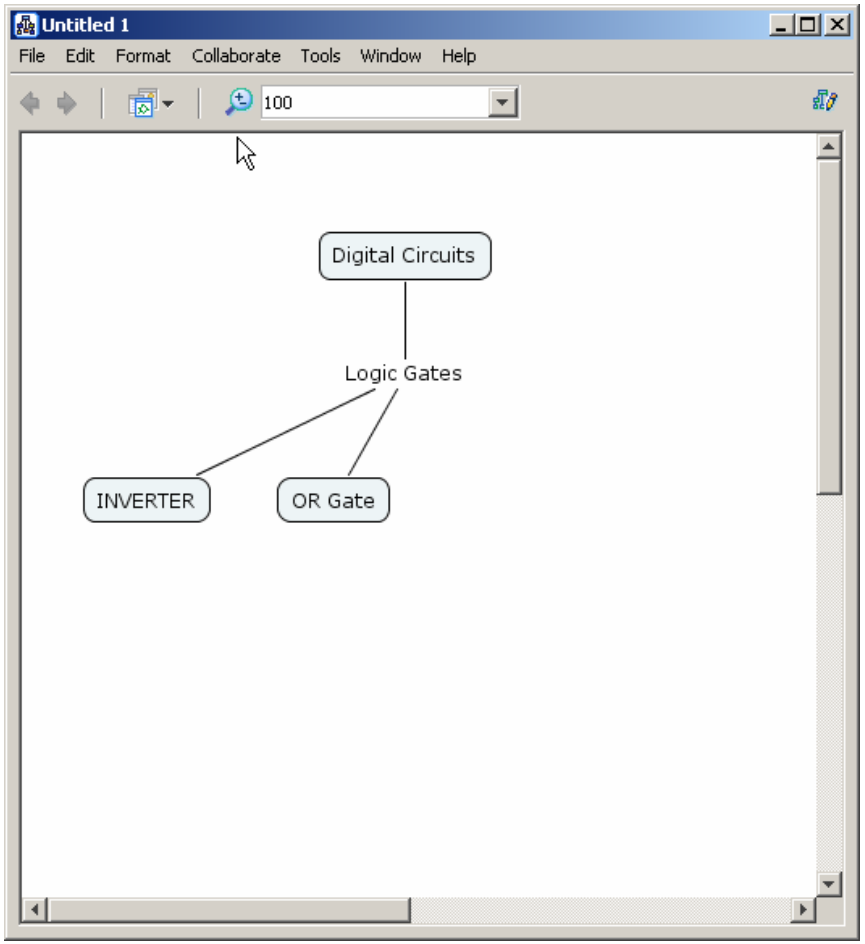

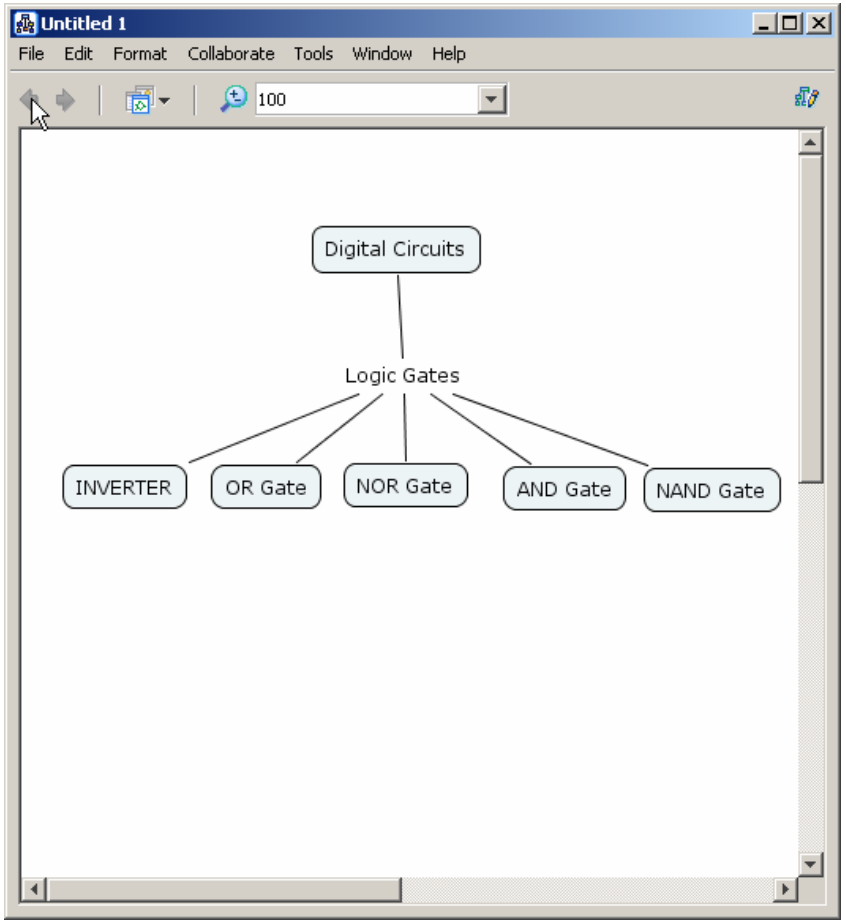

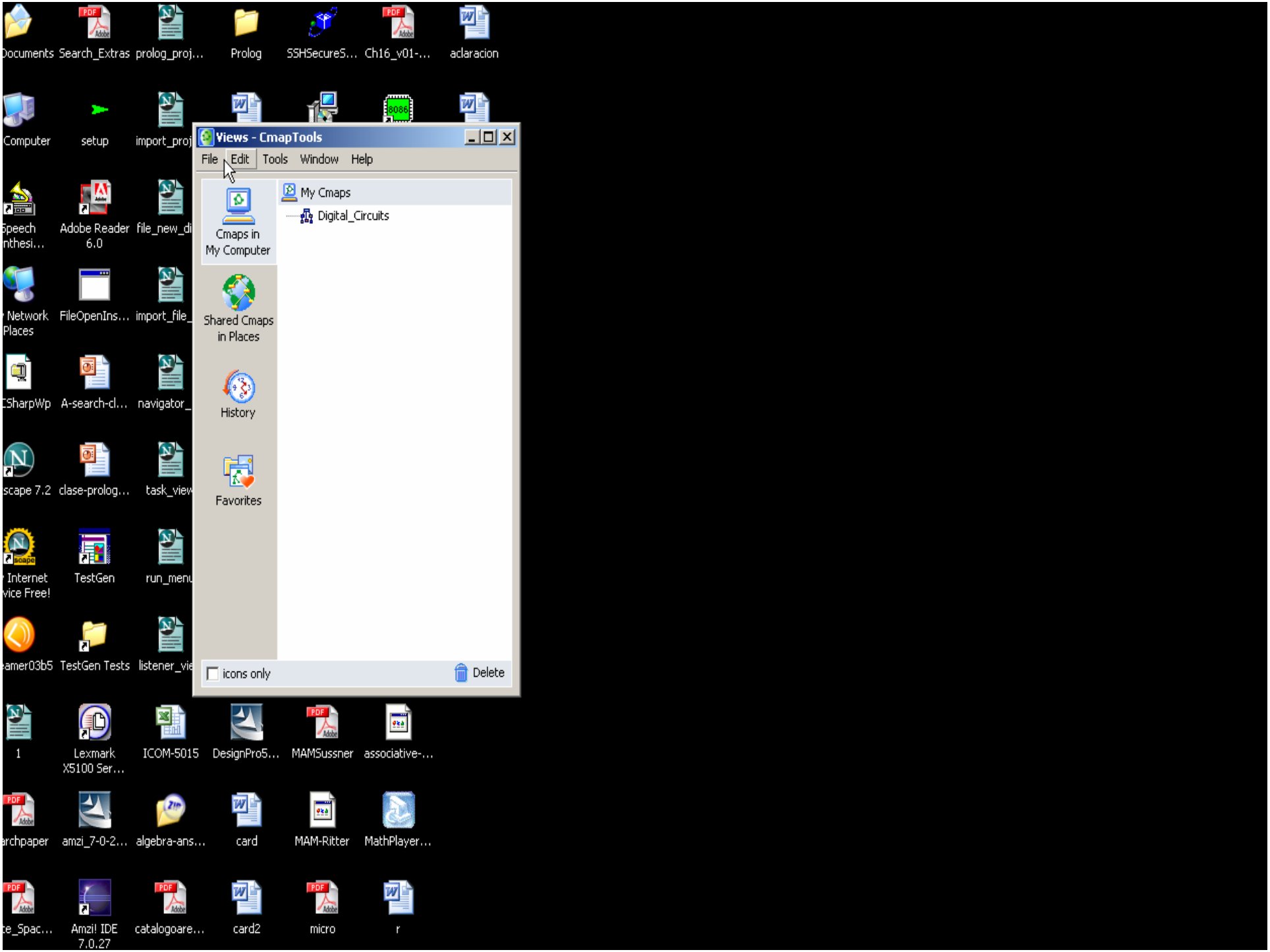
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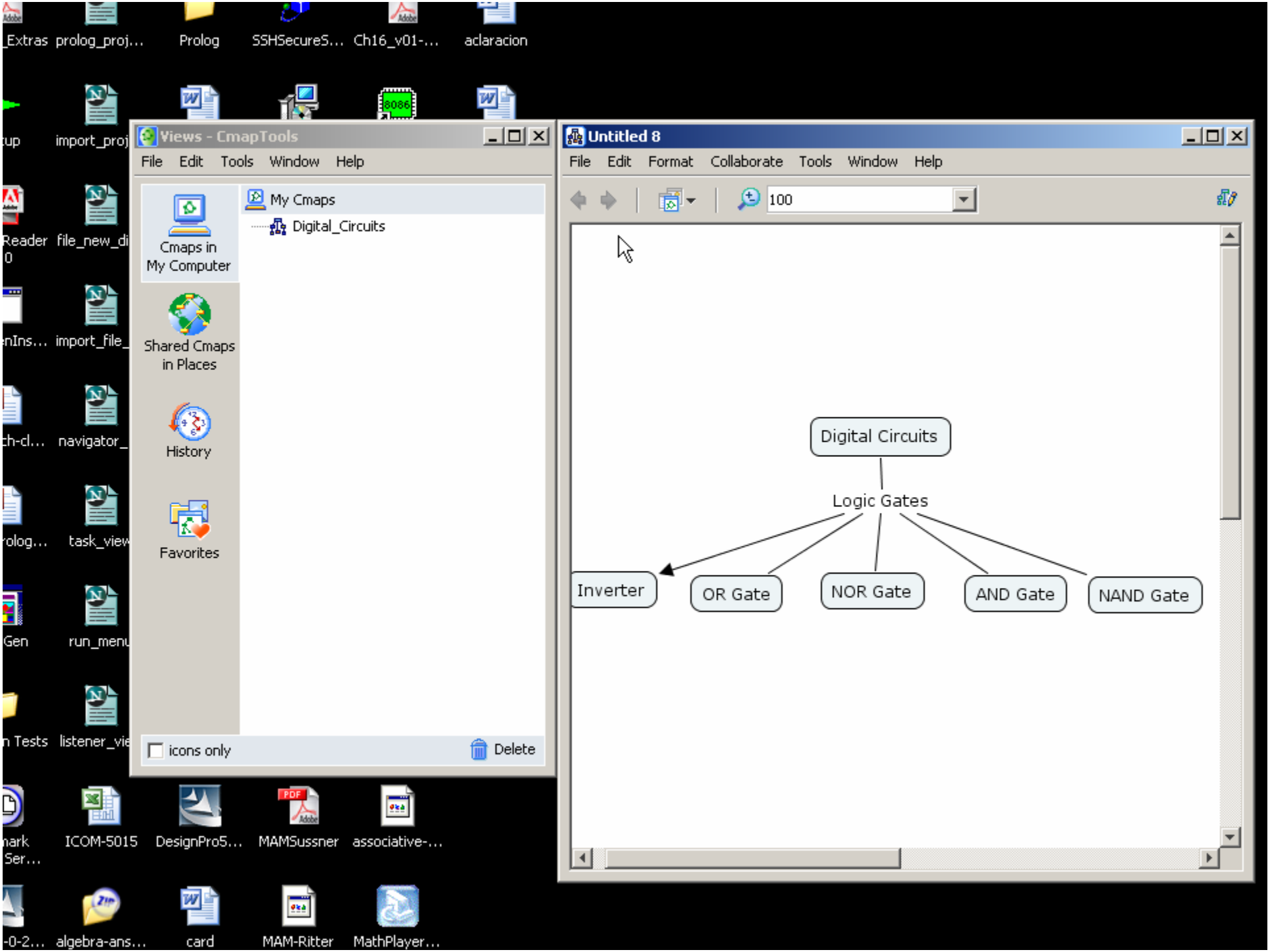
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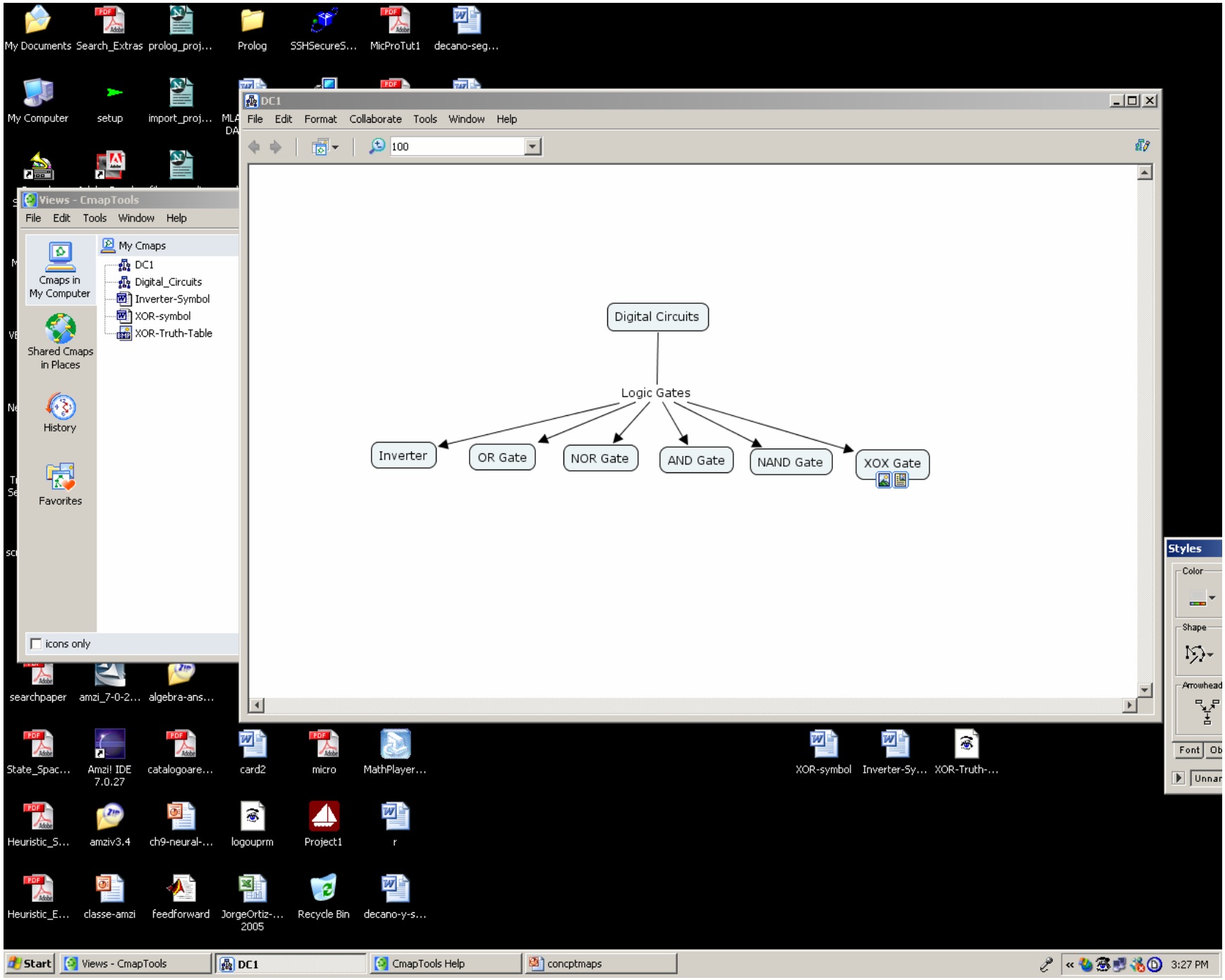
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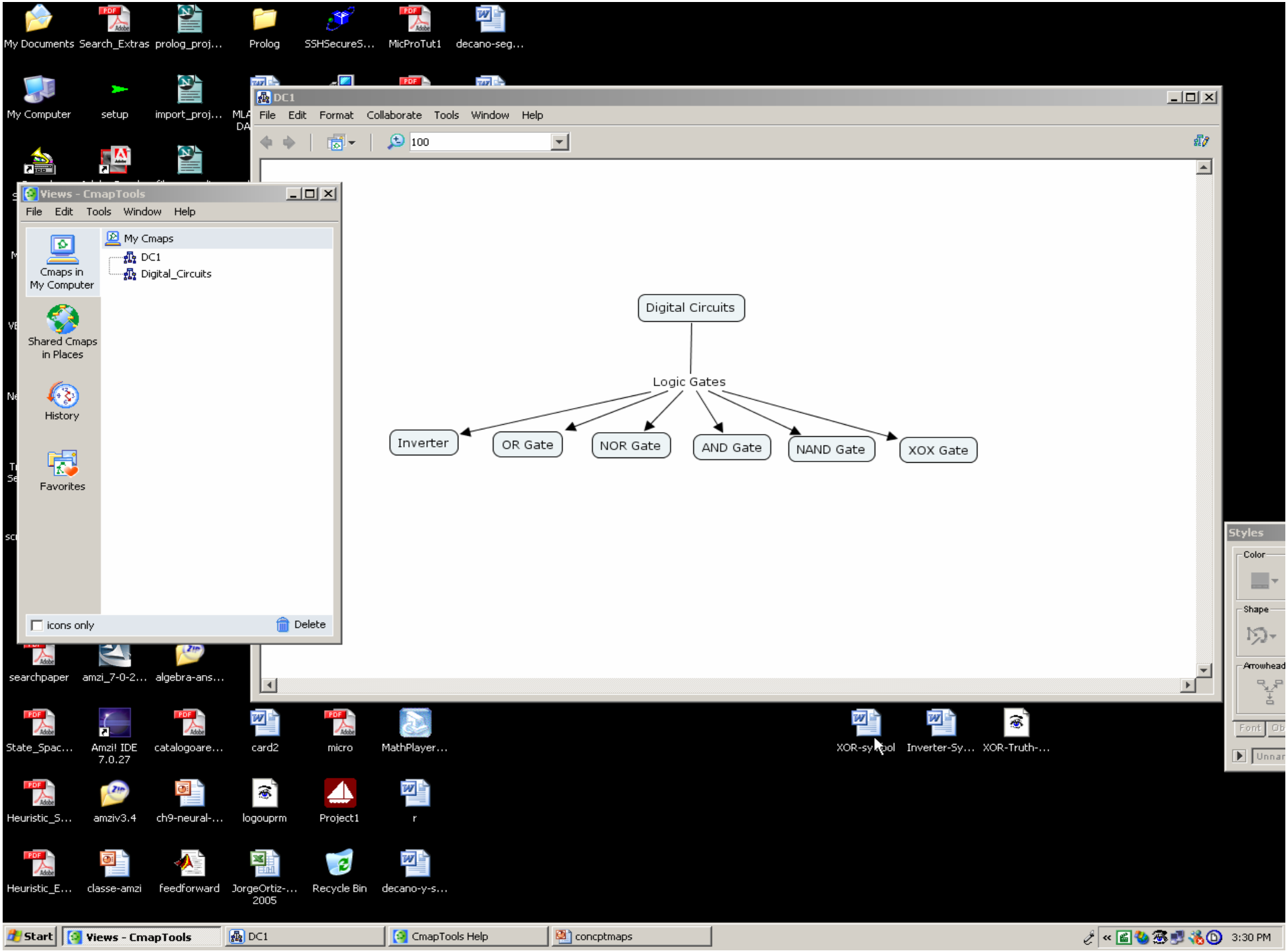
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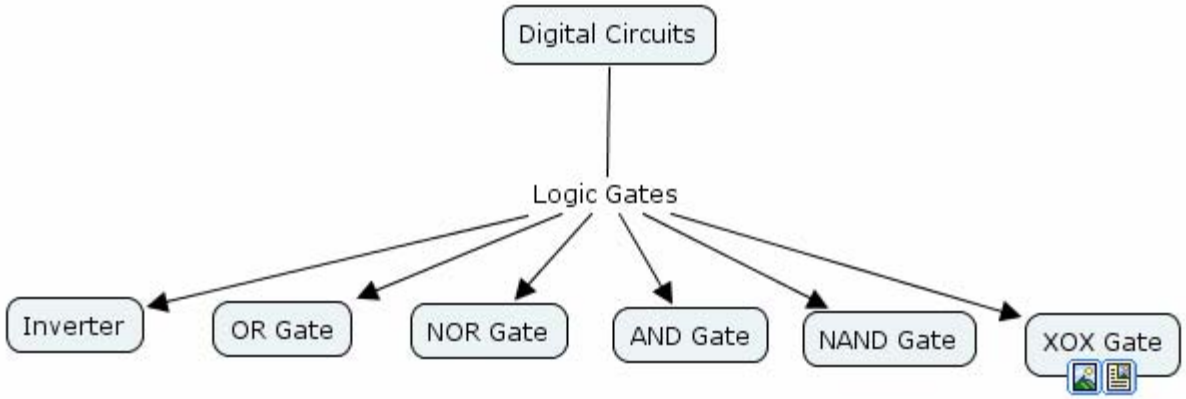

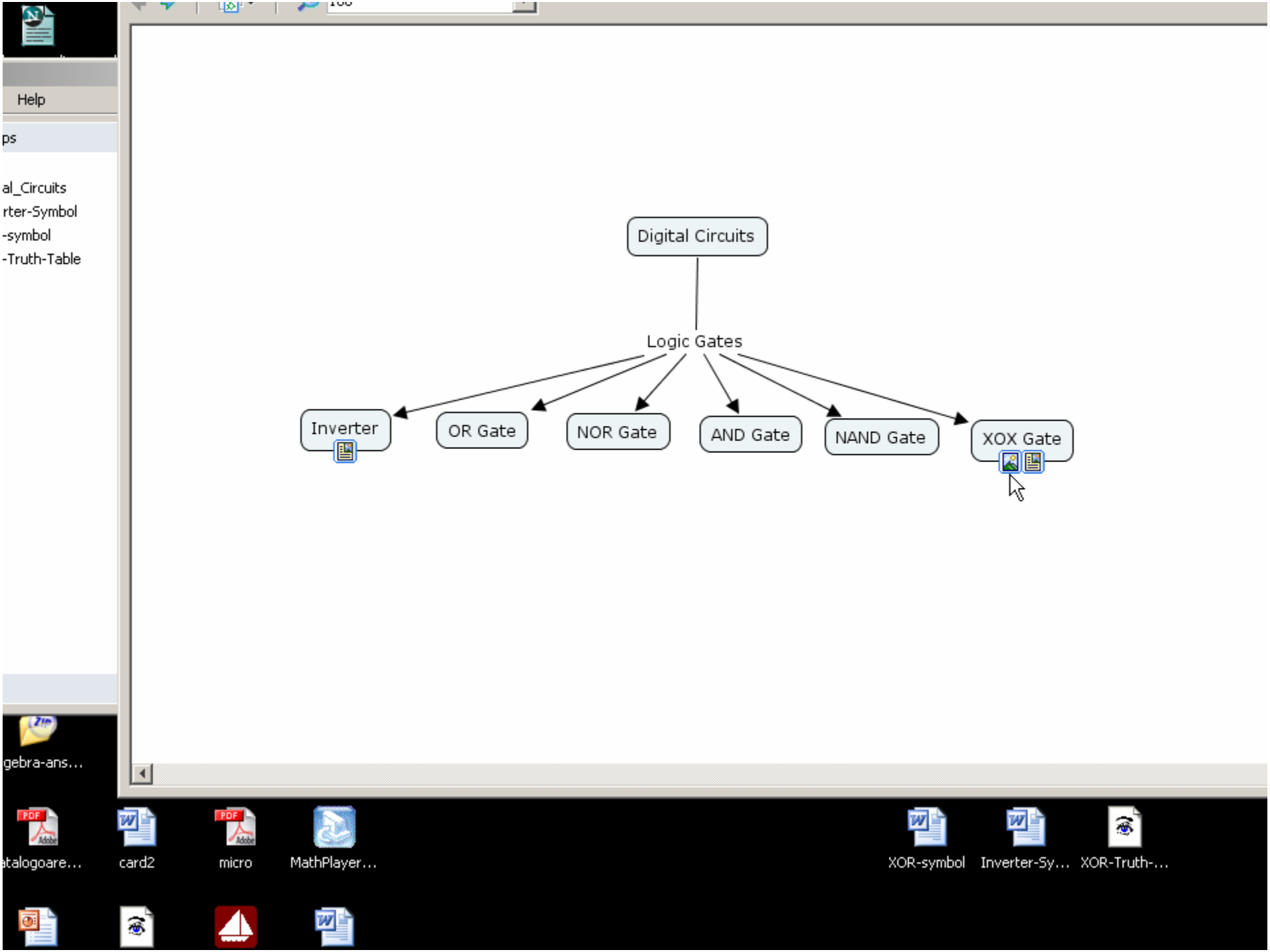
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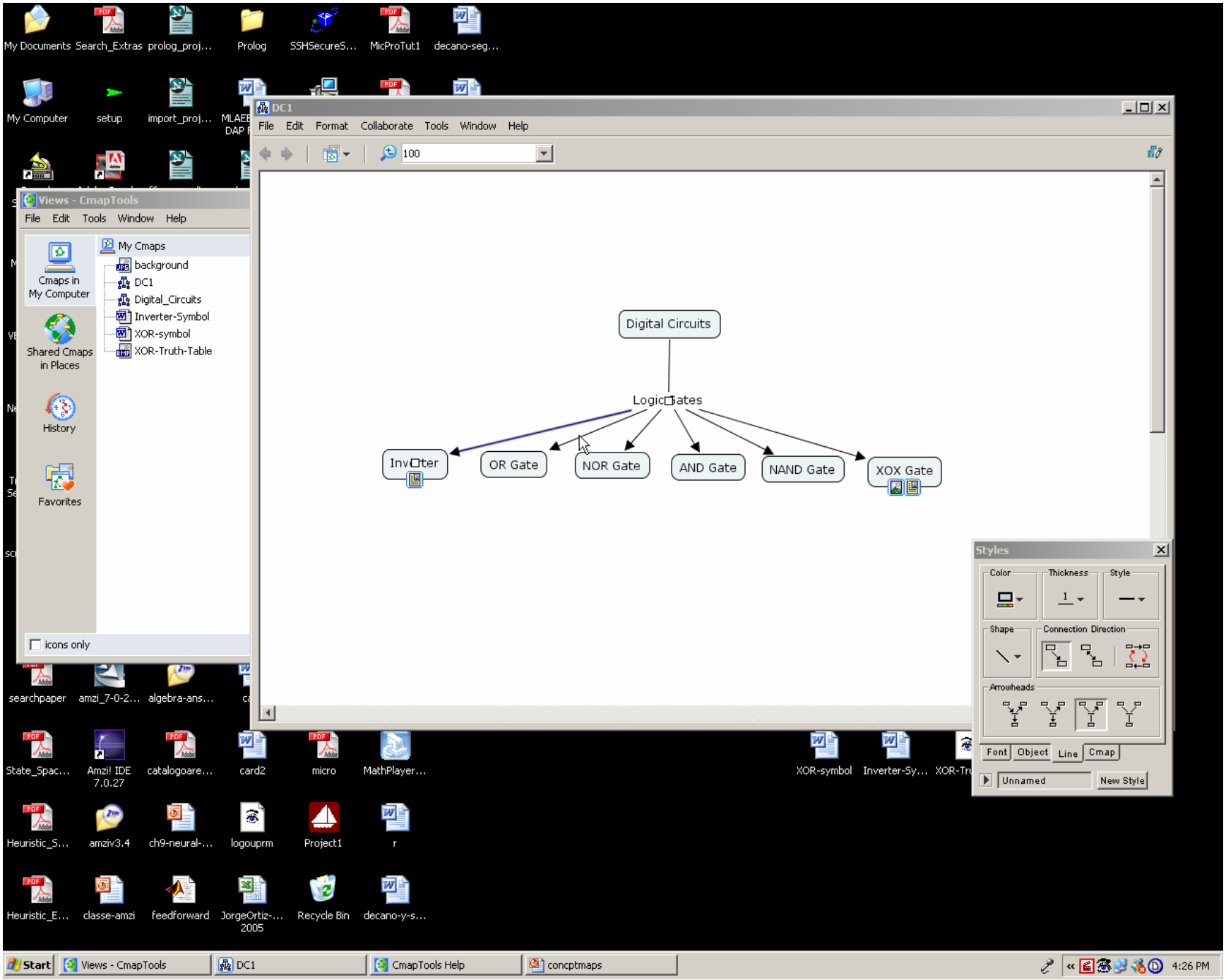
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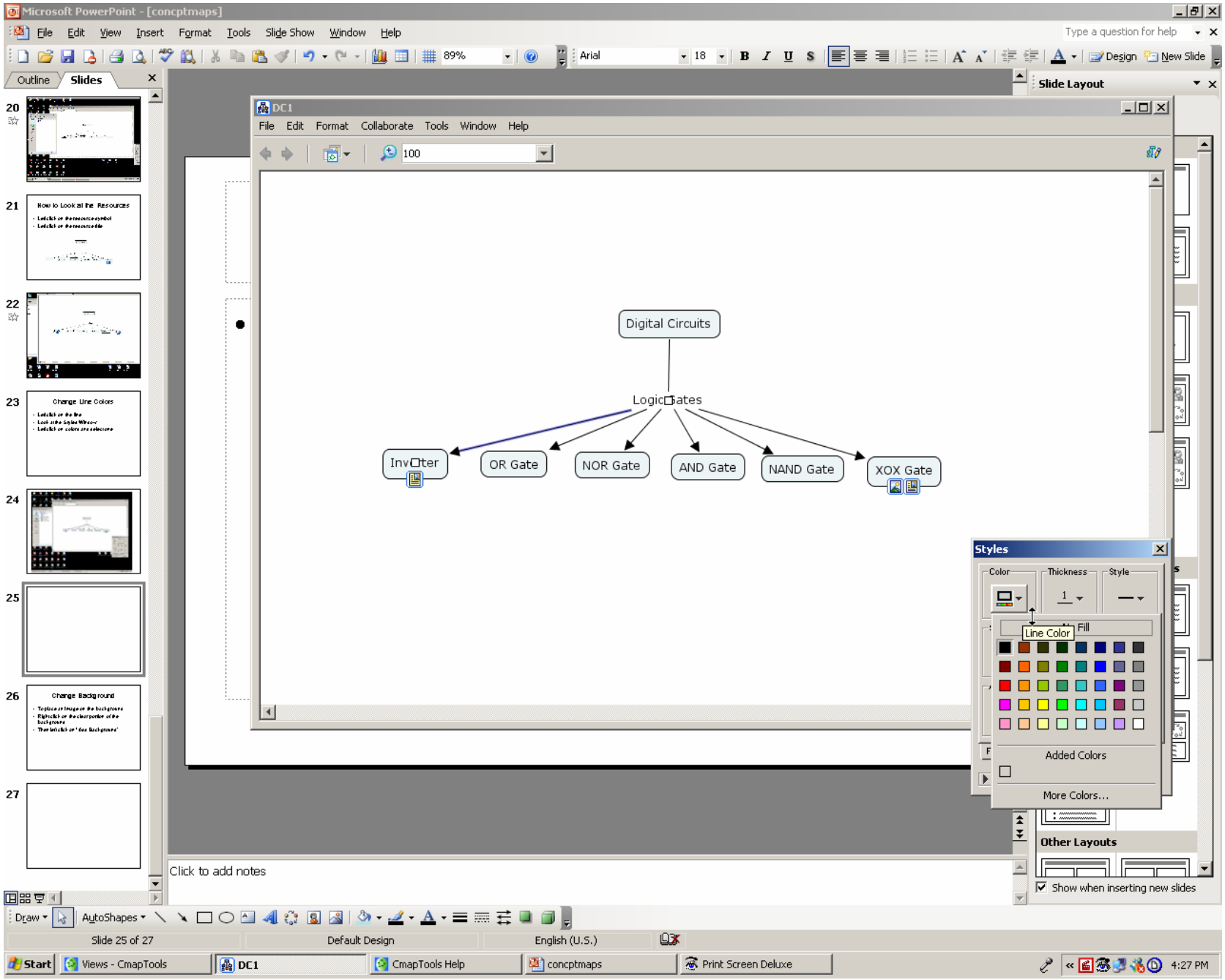
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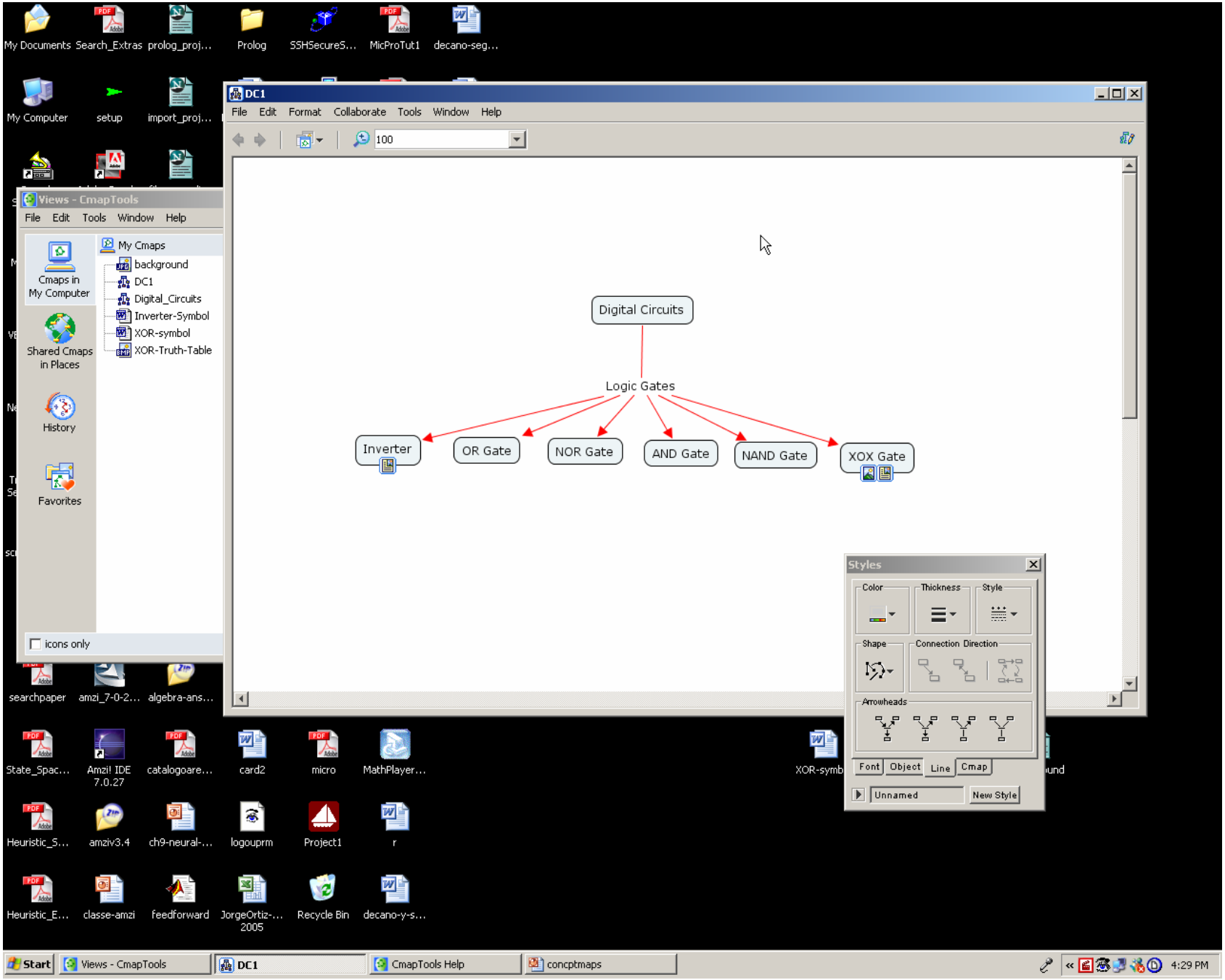
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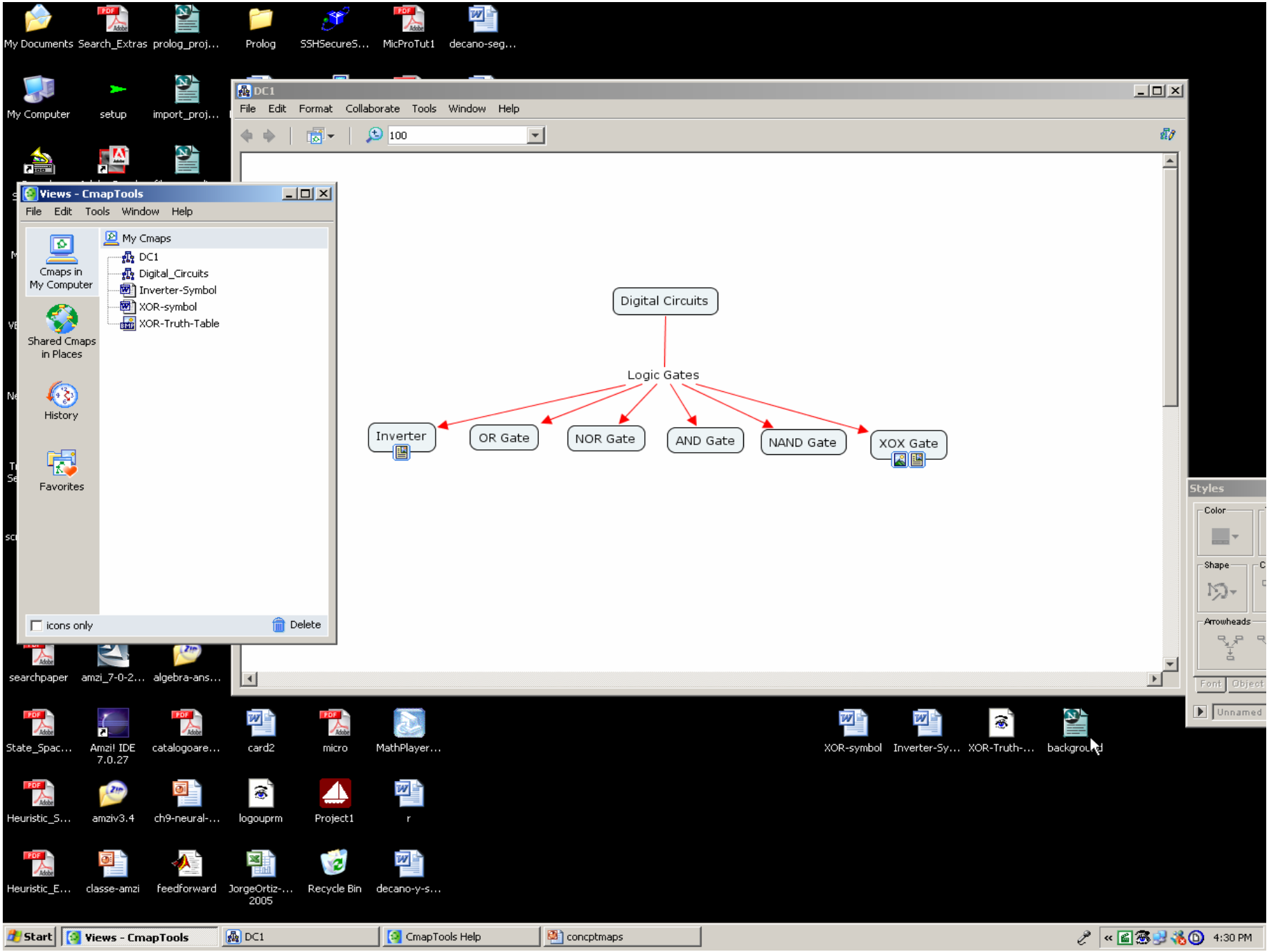
- Right click on the clear portion of the background
- Then left click on “Add Background”
- Look at the movie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Student working on his C-Map

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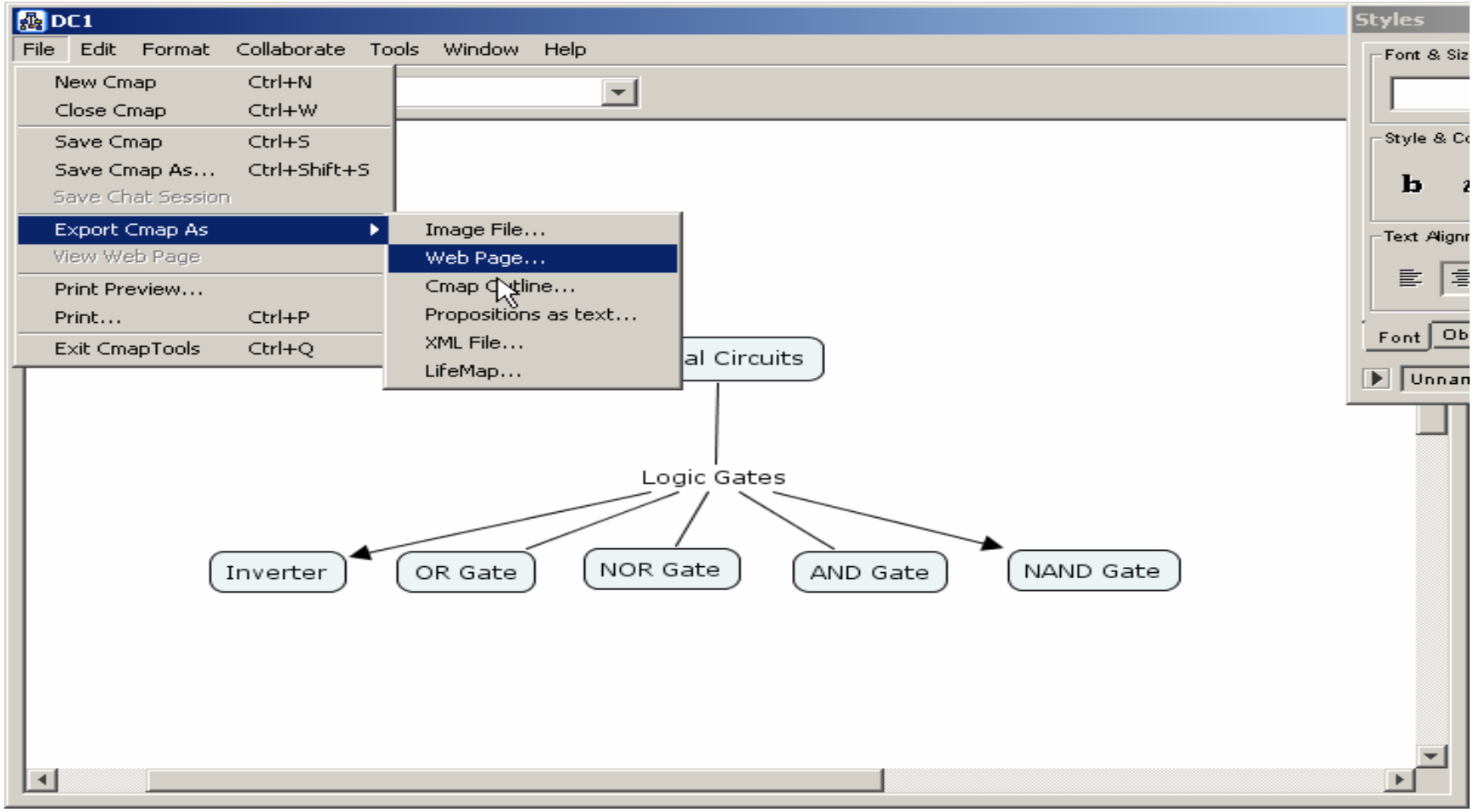

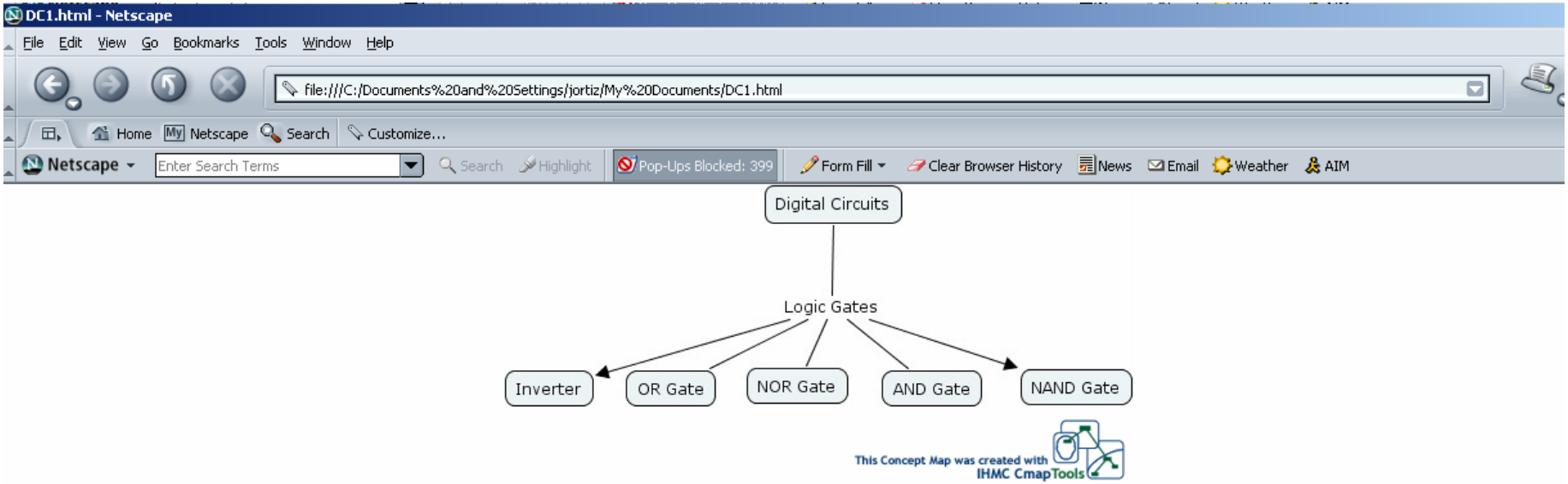
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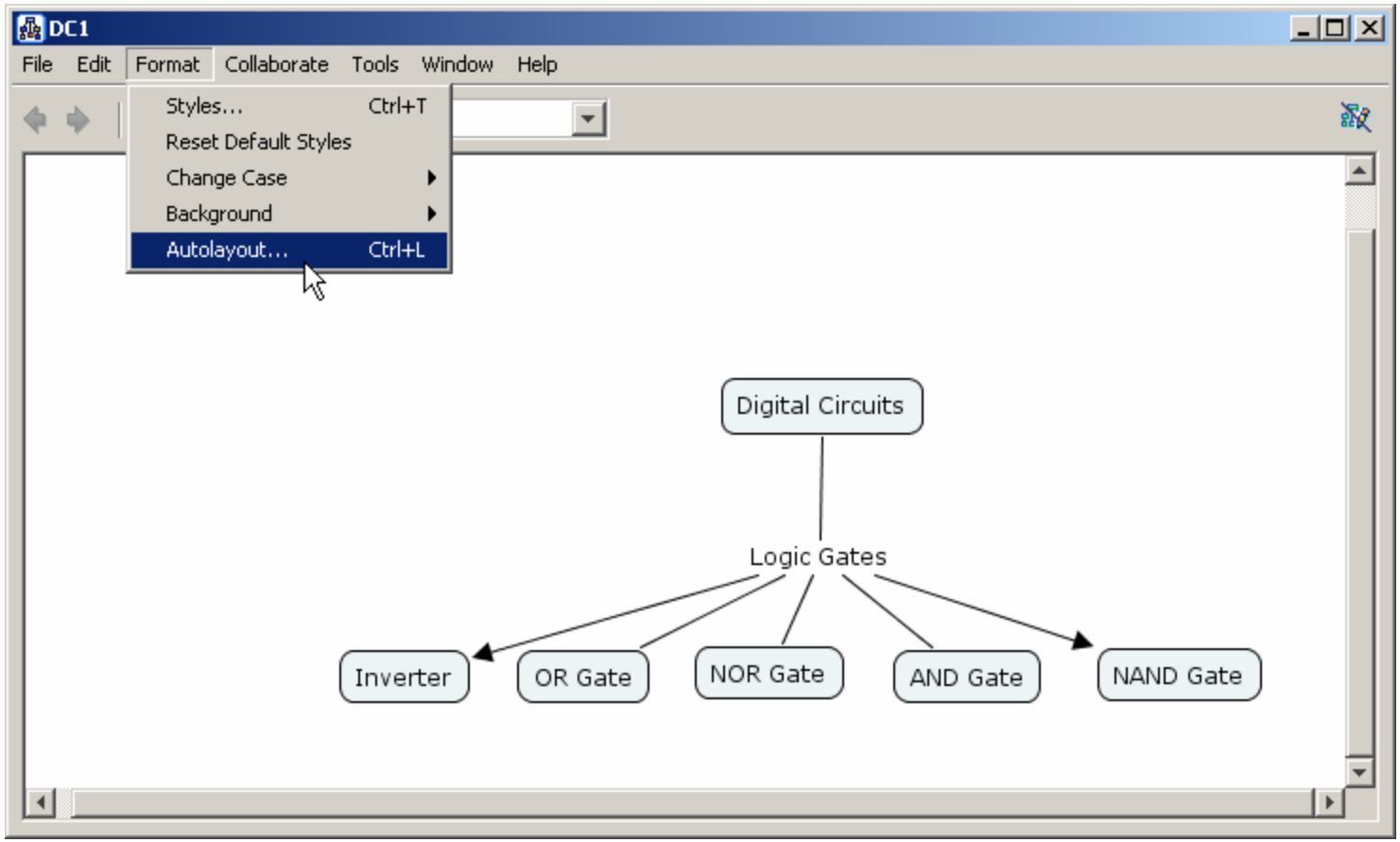
Using Auto Layout

- Change the layout of the map



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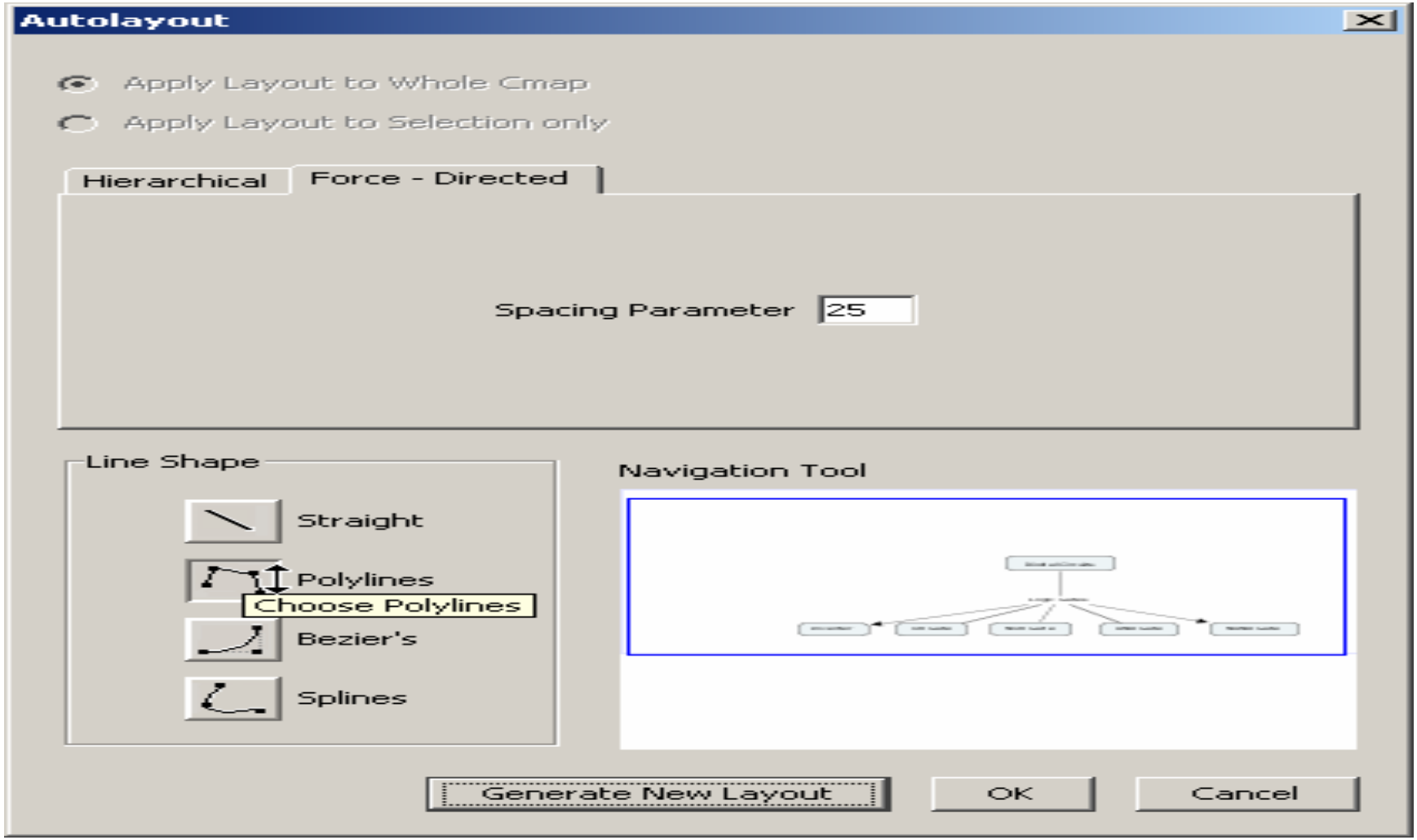

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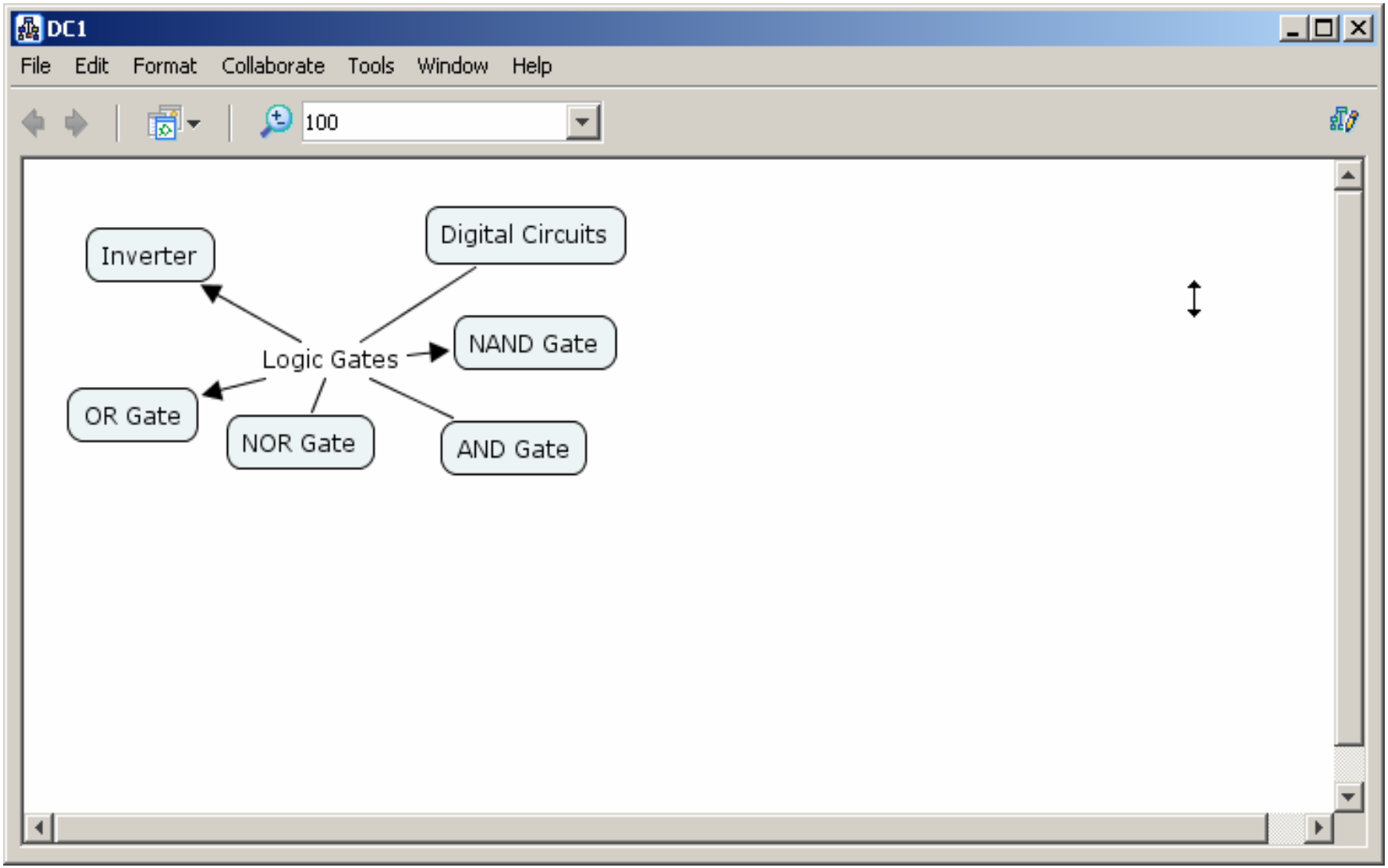
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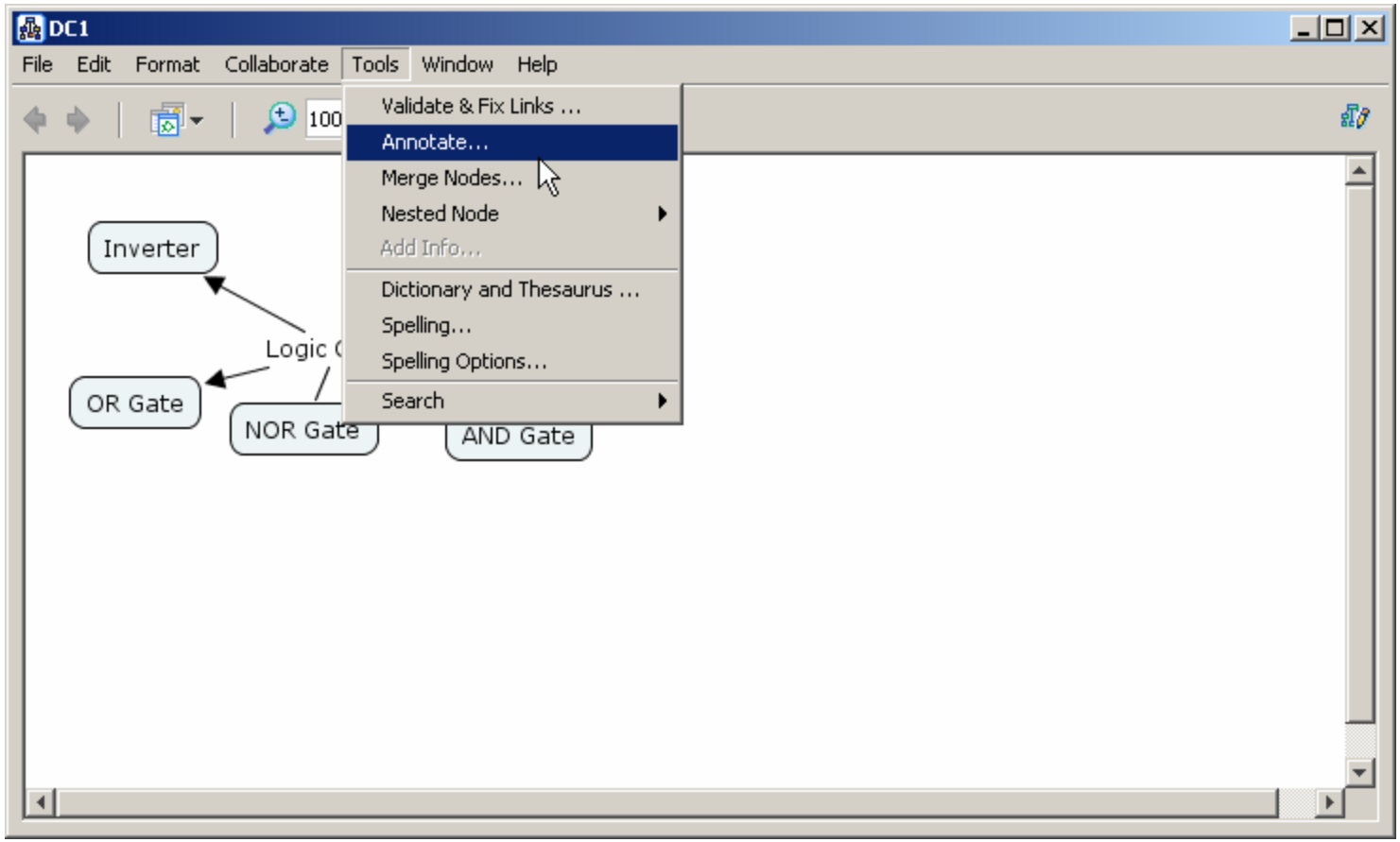

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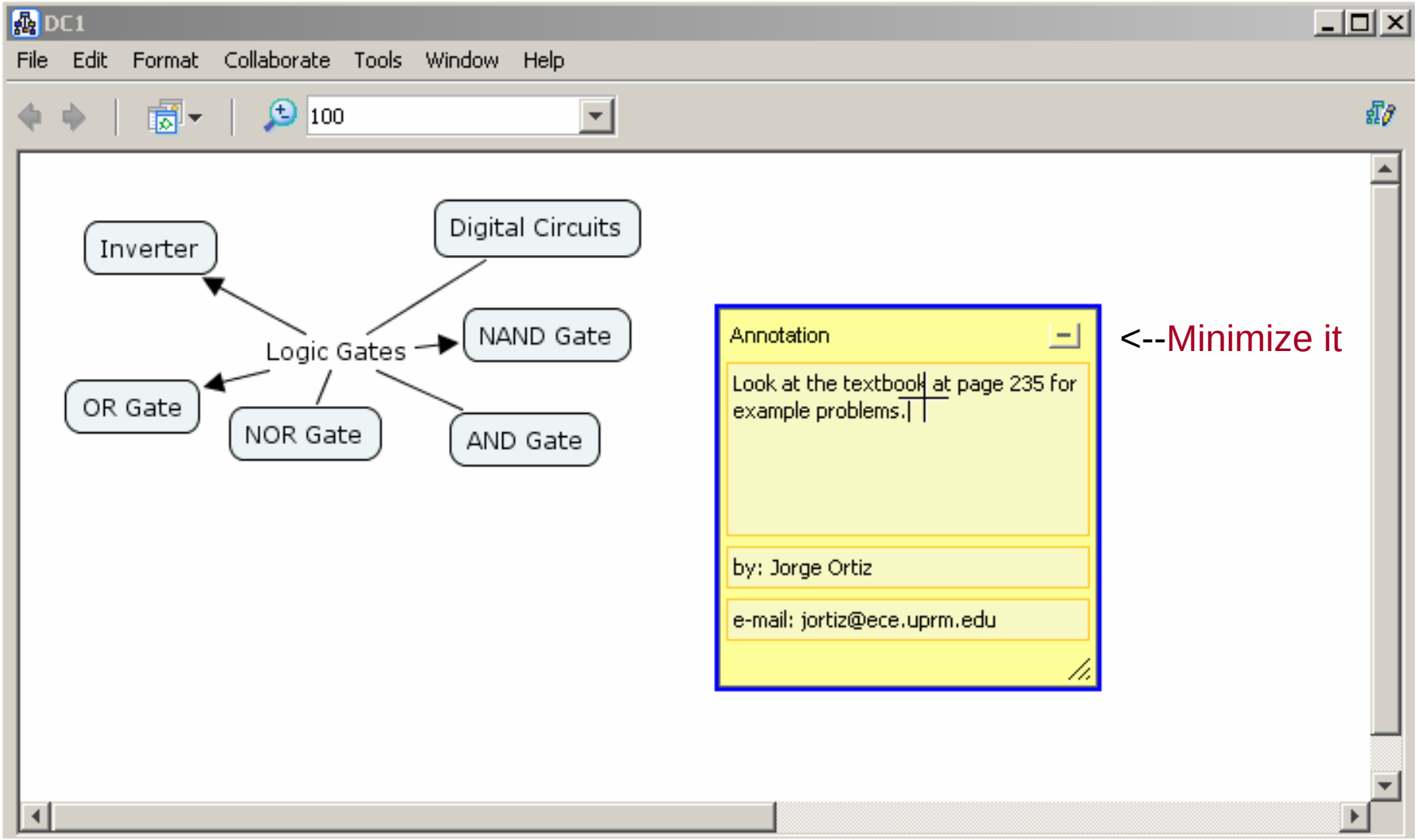

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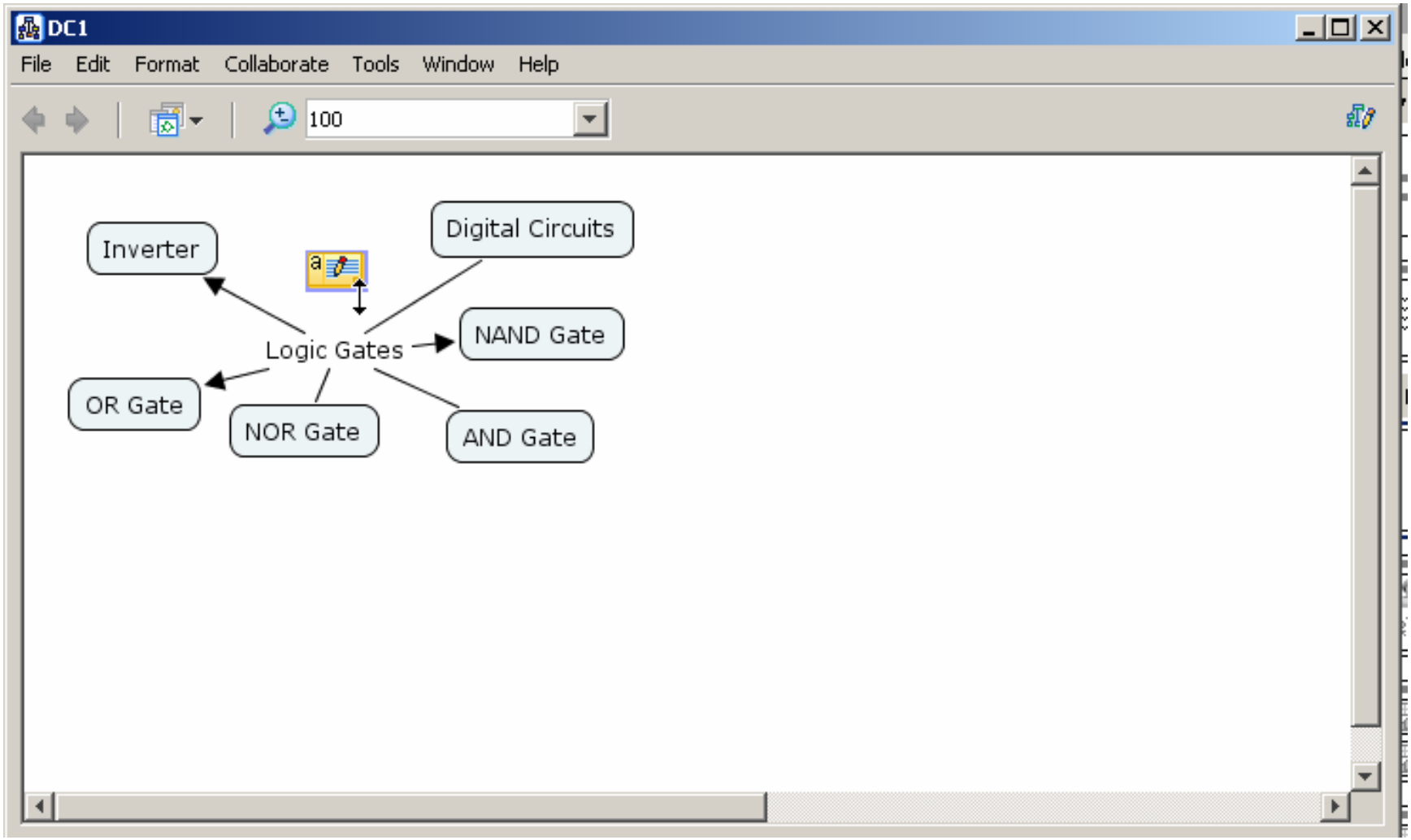

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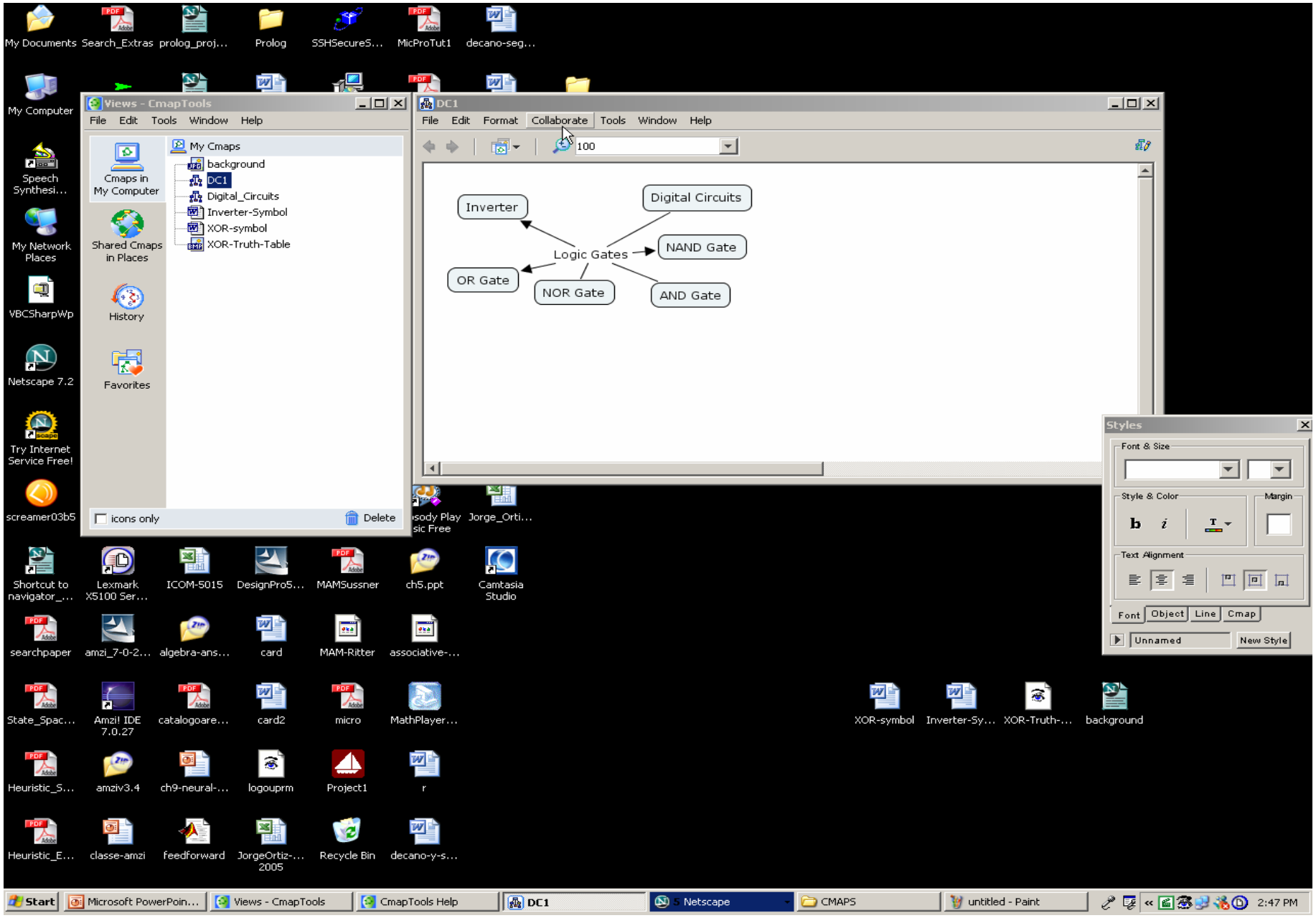
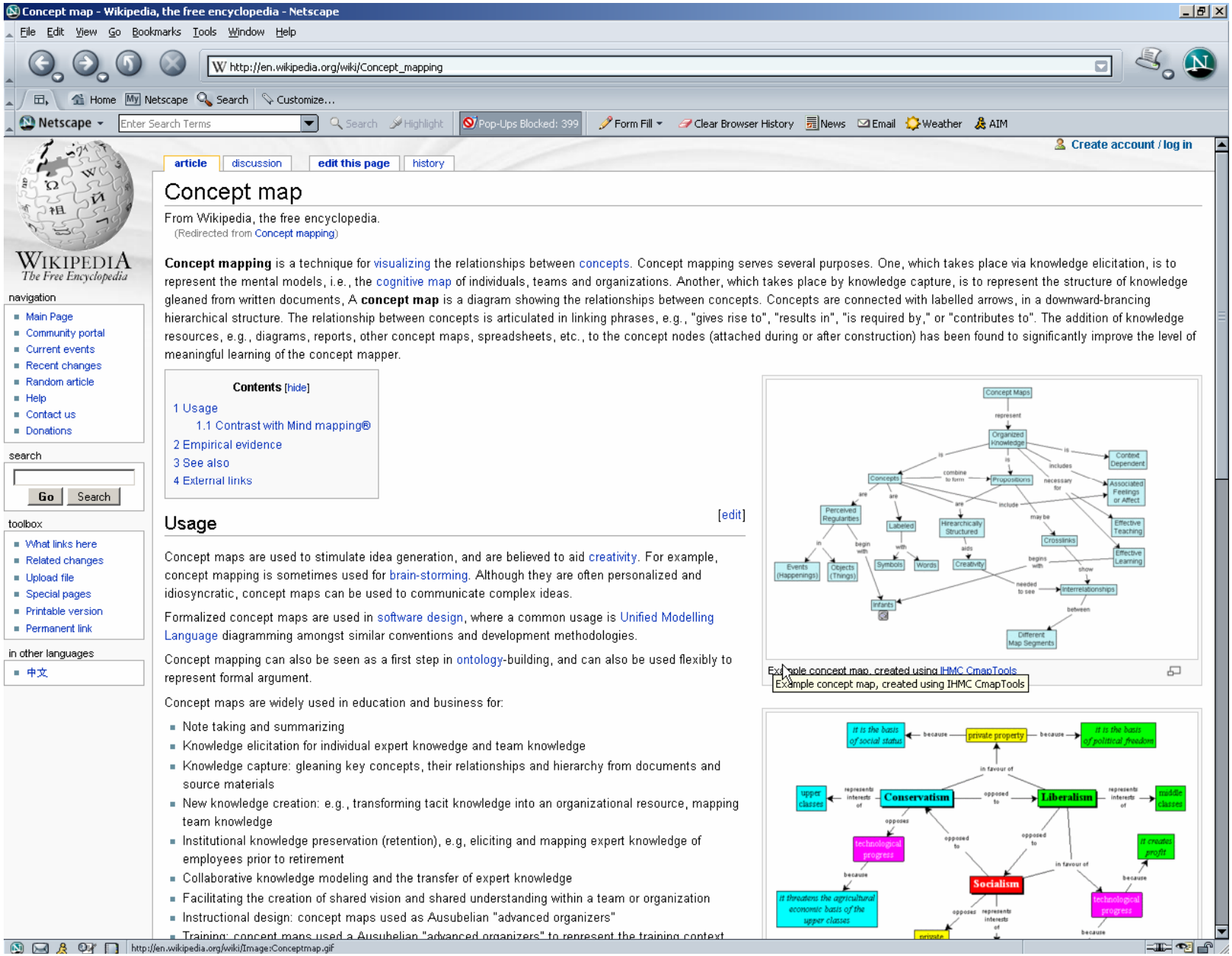


General information and Links to C-Maps



Practice to Draw a C-Map

- Select your own topic
- Open the C-Map window
- Start building your own C-Map