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In their paper 'Irreducible Divisor Graphs', Coykendall and Maney introduced the idea of irreducible divisor graphs of elements of a domain. We generalize this concept to commutative rings with zero divisors. In particular, the interplay of unique factoring and connected/complete graphs is explored. The diameter and girth of such graphs are also briefly discussed. (Received January 06, 2007)