

ebooks & ereaders

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What are ebooks

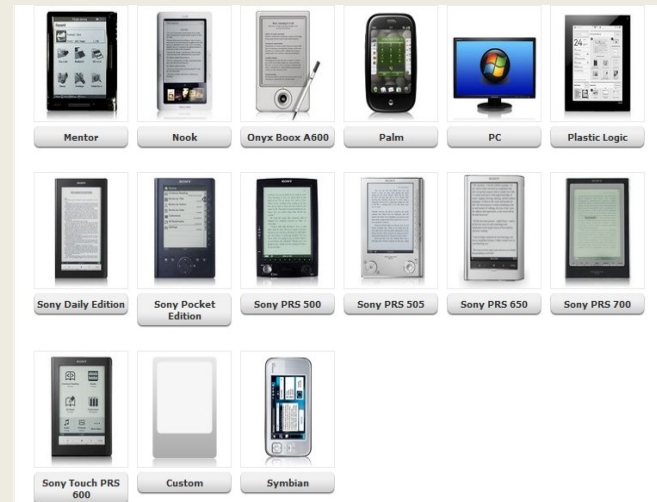
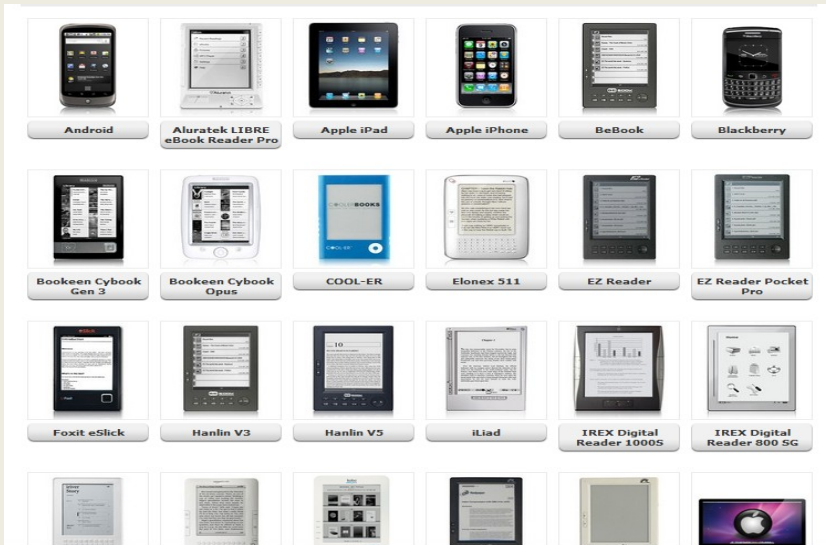
An **electronic book** (also **e-book**, **ebook**, **digital book**) is a book-length publication in digital form, consisting of text, images, or both, and readable on computers or other electronic devices.

The *Oxford Dictionary of English* defines the e-book as "an electronic version of a printed book," but e-books can and do exist without any printed equivalent. E-books are usually read on dedicated devices known as *e-Readers* or *e-book devices*. Personal computers and some cell phones can also be used to read e-books.



What is an ereader

An e-book reader, also called an e-book device or e-reader, is an electronic device that is designed primarily for the purpose of reading digital books and periodicals and uses e-ink technology to display content to readers. ...



This is only a few



Can I read ebooks on a computer

Yes without a doubt.

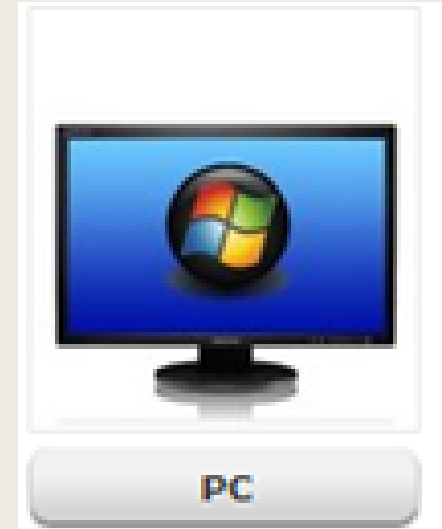
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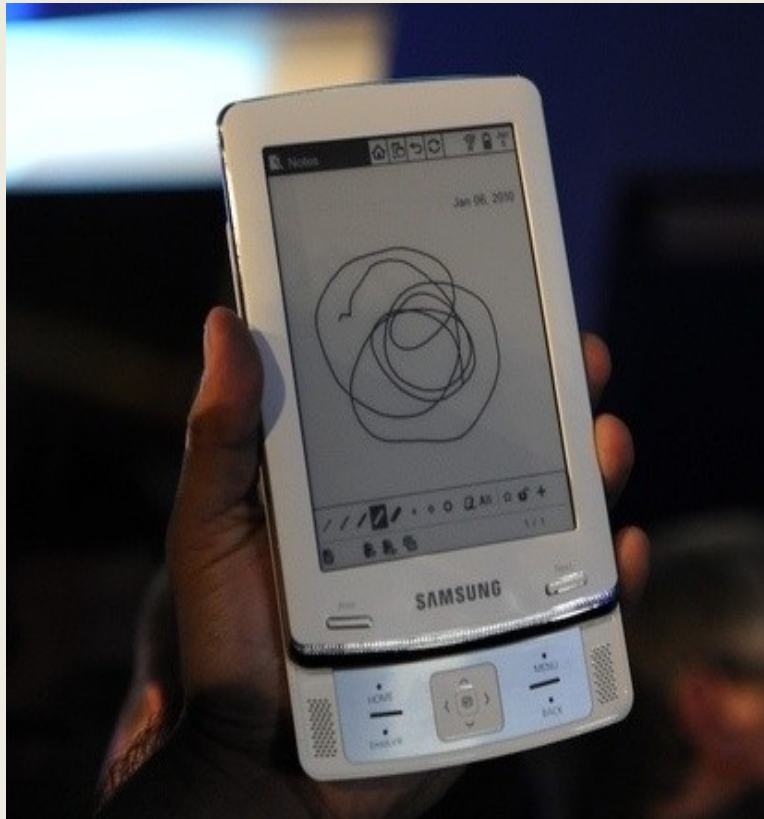
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For Sony, and Nook, download the software from their respective websites.

All the software is free.



What are the advantages?



Fonts in ebooks can be resized, making it easier to read for people with disabilities. This is especially an advantage for mature aged citizens.

Ebooks are portable. You can carry a whole library of hundreds of books with you, in a laptop, notebook or any ebook reader, without worrying about their weight.

Reduces the amount of trees, ink and manufacturing that goes into printing hard copy books



What are the Disadvantages?

Being able to actually touch a paper book is still a requirement for much of the world.

eReaders can't take as much of a beating as a printed book.

Books are bulky- carrying around all that extra weight is inconvenient

They're inflexible - you can't change the font size if your eye sight is poor.

They're not instant - you have to physically go out to buy a book, or wait around for it to be delivered

Ebooks are usually much cheaper, with many thousands being free.



What is calibre manager?



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has its own
ereader for use
on a computer.

Calibre Manager is an eBook manager which will keep all your books in order on your PC

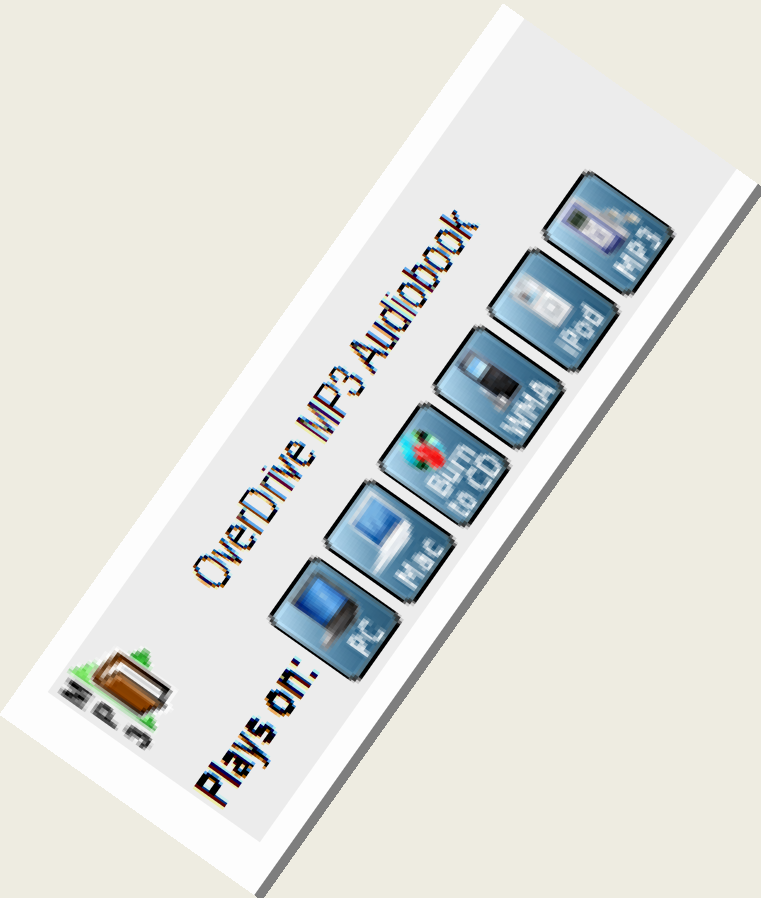
It will also convert many books to another format.

However it will not convert Library Books which are DRMed to allow you to read them on Kindle.

Calibre Manager will however convert Kindle formats to Mobi, and Epub.



Can I play Music and Audio Books on an eReader?



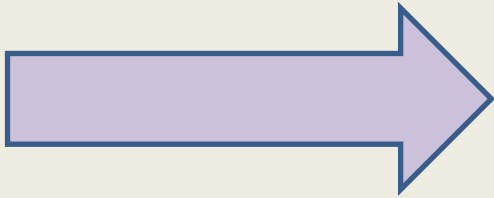
Many of the latest model eReaders, allow audio books and music to be played through the MP3 system.

Our local Library here in Port Macquarie, has quite a few audio books for download to your computer and eReader.

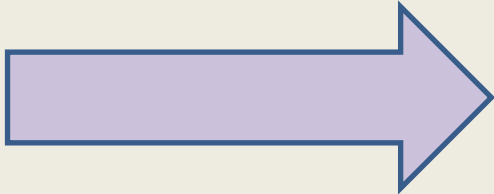
I have found the best method of utilizing this service is to download to your PC then transfer to the eReader. This is the same process as transferring to an MP3 Player.



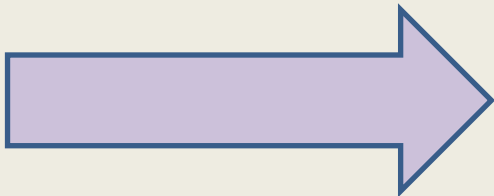
Do eReaders come with WiFi?



Yes – more and more eReaders are now equipped with WiFi - which will pick up “Hotspots”. Some also have a 3G system available. Naturally they are more expensive.



Some are programmed to logon to their respective book stores only. Others will allow searching on the web and checking of emails.



These are usually the eReaders which are not “attached” to a particular bookstore.



QUESTIONS



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