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# Kindle Previewer User Guide

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1 Introduction

Kindle Previewer is a free desktop application that enables authors, publishers, and eBook service providers to preview how their eBooks will appear when delivered to Kindle customers, and makes it easy to audit eBooks for different screen sizes, display orientations, and font sizes. Kindle Previewer supports previewing your eBook with the latest typographic and layout improvements that come with Enhanced Typesetting. Some of these improvements include higher quality images, better table formatting and font alignments, smoother word spacing, hyphenation, kerning, and ligatures.

Kindle Previewer is designed to help authors, publishers, and eBook converters produce the highest-quality Kindle eBooks. You can navigate through your eBook quickly and easily to confirm that it is ready to be published to the Kindle Store and downloaded to Kindle devices and applications.

1.1 Quick Start

See sections 1.2 and 1.3 for system requirements and installation steps. Once you have successfully installed Kindle Previewer, sections 1.1.1 through 1.1.3 provide examples of how you can preview eBooks with Kindle Previewer.

1.1.1 Opening Your eBook

To open your eBook, drag and drop the file into the dotted line box on Kindle Previewer (see Figure 1) or click File > Open Book to select the file.

Your eBook should be in one of the following formats: .epub, .mobi, .htm, .html, .xhtml, .opf, .kpf, .doc, or .docx. Support for .doc and .docx is currently limited to English language content.

Figure 1: Initial display
While your file is imported, Kindle Previewer displays a set of rotating screens that tell you more about the features.

When conversion finishes, thumbnail images of your eBook are displayed in the Thumbnail pane and an image of how your eBook will look on a tablet device is displayed in the Previewer pane (see Figure 2).

![Figure 2: Kindle Previewer Workspace (Windows)](image)

**Note:** If you see a tablet device window and no thumbnails, it might be because your eBook is fixed-layout or does not support Enhanced Typesetting (see section 2.1 for details).

In the **Preview Options** section, choose a device from the **Device Type** list and adjust the **Font** and **Size** to your preference.

### 1.1.2 Scanning through Your eBook

You can quickly scan through your eBook using the features of Kindle Previewer:

- Use the **Thumbnail** pane:
  - Scroll through the thumbnails to see how the overall layout of your eBook appears to a Kindle customer.
  - In the **Preview Options** section, use the **Page Size** slider to increase or decrease the size of the thumbnails. This adjusts the size of the preview page and does not affect the actual content in any way.
  - To get a full view of the thumbnails, set the **Page Size** slider in a position comfortable for you and close the **Previewer** pane.
  - To bring back the **Previewer** pane, click a thumbnail.
Use Auto-Advance View: Click the Auto-Advance View button in the Navigation section. When you click the Auto-Advance View button, Kindle Previewer navigates through your eBook automatically. You can pause, play, change speed, or click through pages manually from this view.

1.1.3 Previewing Select Aspects of Your eBook

To preview select aspects of your eBook such as images, tables, links, lists, or drop caps, click the View All menu and choose an option from the list (see Figure 3).

- **Examples:** If you choose Images, Kindle Previewer shows all pages with images in your eBook. If you choose Drop Caps, Kindle Previewer shows all pages with drop caps in your eBook.

![Figure 3: View All list](image)

- You can scroll through these pages in the Thumbnail pane, click through them manually using the arrows in the Previewer pane, or navigate through them automatically using Auto-Advance View.
- To search for pages with specific text, use Search at the top of Kindle Previewer and then use Auto-Advance View to automatically preview all pages with the search results.
- To preview pages corresponding to a specific location, use the Location box in the Navigation section.

1.2 System Requirements

- Windows 7 or later
- Intel Mac OS X 10.9 or later
1.3 Installing Kindle Previewer

1.3.1 Installing on Microsoft Windows® Systems

To install Kindle Previewer on a Microsoft Windows® system, do the following:

1. Download the Kindle Previewer installer to your computer.
2. Double-click the KindlePreviewerInstaller.exe file to launch the installer.
3. Review the Software End User License Agreement and then click I Agree.
4. Select the installation folder. The default path for installing Kindle Previewer on a PC is:

   \c:\Users\[user]\AppData\Local\Amazon\Kindle Previewer 3\`

   To install Kindle Previewer in different location on your computer, click Browse and select the target folder.
5. Wait a moment for the installation to complete. You can now launch Kindle Previewer.

1.3.2 Installing on macOS® Systems

To install Kindle Previewer on a macOS® system, do the following:

1. Download the Kindle Previewer Installer to your computer.
2. Double-click the KindlePreviewerInstaller.pkg file to launch the installer.
3. Select a language for the installer, review the Software End User License Agreement, and then click Continue.
4. In the confirmation pop-up, click Agree.
5. Select the disk where you want to install Kindle Previewer and then click Continue.
6. A confirmation message appears. Click Install.
7. When you are prompted to enter your username and password, enter them and then click Install Software.
8. Wait a moment for the installation to complete. You can now launch Kindle Previewer.

1.4 Changing Language Settings

Kindle Previewer is available in German, English, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Chinese, and Japanese. To change the language of the Kindle Previewer display, select View > Language and then choose your preferred language.

1.5 Supported Languages

Kindle Previewer 3 supports books in English, Chinese, Japanese, French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Malayalam, Tamil, and Arabic languages.

Enhanced Typesetting features are supported for English, Chinese, French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Malayalam, Tamil, and Arabic languages.
## 1.6 Importing and Exporting Files

### 1.6.1 Supported Import File Formats

Kindle Previewer can display eBooks created in the following file formats:

- .kpf
- .mobi
- .azw
- .epub
- .htm
- .html
- .xhtml
- .opf
- .prc
- .azw3
- .azw8
- .doc*
- .docx*

*Note: Support for this file format is currently limited to English language content.

### 1.6.2 Supported Export File Formats

Kindle Previewer can export eBooks to the following file formats:

- .mobi
- .azk

*Note: If you are previewing a .kpf file on Kindle Previewer, the export option is disabled. You can preview the file on Kindle Previewer and then upload the .kpf file to Amazon.

To export an eBook, click the menu and select **File > Export**, then choose the desired file format.

Export is typically used to sideload an eBook to a Kindle reading application or device. If your eBook supports Enhanced Typesetting, sideloading does not provide an accurate preview of those layout and typographic improvements. You can use Kindle Previewer to confirm that your eBook supports Enhanced Typesetting as described in section 2.1.

## 1.7 Kindle Devices Simulated

Kindle eBooks work uniformly across platforms, but may look different to readers depending on the screen size of the device. Kindle Previewer allows you to preview your eBook on the following device types:
- **Tablet**: Preview how your eBook displays on devices with larger screens, such as Fire tablets, Apple iPads, and Android tablets.
- **Phone**: Preview how your eBook displays on devices with a smaller screen, such as phones.
- **Kindle E-reader**: Preview how your eBook displays on Kindle E-readers such as Paperwhite, Voyage, and Oasis

### 1.8 Kindle Previewer Workspace

The following sections describe the features of the Kindle Previewer workspace, which includes the **Preview and Navigation Options** pane, the **Thumbnail** pane (when enabled), and the **Previewer** pane (see Figure 4 and Figure 5).
1.8.1 Preview and Navigation Options Pane

The Preview and Navigation Options pane changes how your eBook is displayed in the Previewer pane. By adjusting the options in the Preview and Navigation Options pane, you can preview your eBook in a variety of settings on the available device types.

- Use the options in the Preview Options section to change the Device Type, Orientation, Font, Font Size, and/or Page Size in the preview.

- If your eBook supports Enhanced Typesetting, the Enhanced Typesetting label is displayed under the Auto-Advance View option as shown in Figure 6.

- If your eBook supports Enhanced Typesetting, use the Page Size slider to adjust the zoom level in the Thumbnail pane (see Figure 6).

- Use the Table of Contents section to view and explore your eBook’s navigation file (see Figure 6). Clicking an entry takes you to that location.
1.8.2 Thumbnail Pane

When enabled, the Thumbnail pane displays small images of your eBook pages that you can use to:

- Scroll through the thumbnails to see how the overall layout of your eBook appears to a Kindle customer.
- In the Preview Options section, use the Page Size slider to increase or decrease the size of the thumbnails.
- To get a full view of the thumbnails, set the Page Size slider in a position comfortable for you and close the Previewer pane (see Figure 7).
- To bring back the Previewer pane, click a thumbnail.
Figure 7: Full view of thumbnails

**Note:** If you see a tablet device window and no thumbnails, it might be because your eBook is fixed-layout or does not support Enhanced Typesetting (see section 2.1 for details).

1.8.3 **Previewer Pane**

The *Previewer* pane emulates the appearance of your eBook on a selection of device types such as tablet, phone, and Kindle E-reader.

- By clicking the top menu, you can access options to open and close eBooks, change settings, navigate through your eBook, and view online help options.

- Use the *Preview and Navigation Options* pane to navigate through your eBook, turn on *Auto-Advance View*, and select *Auto Advance* speed.

- Use the *View All* list or the *Navigation* menu to navigate across aspects of your eBook, such as the Table of Contents, sections, images, lists, drop caps, and links.
  - The *View All* list is only available if your eBook supports Enhanced Typesetting as described in section 2.1.

- In the *Preview and Navigation Options* pane, use *Location* to go to a specific location.

- Use the *Search* box to find text in reflowable eBooks (see Figure 8*Error! Reference source not found.*). Select the *Match Case* option, if applicable. Clicking a thumbnail in the search results takes you to that page in the *Previewer* pane and highlights the corresponding text. From here, you can also use *Auto-Advance View* to automatically navigate through the search results.
1.9 Changing Default Device Settings

To change your default device, orientation, and/or aspect ratio

1. Select View > Preferences. The Preferences dialog box is displayed (see Figure 9).

![Figure 9: Preferences dialog box](image)

2. Click the Default device, Aspect ratio, and/or Default orientation options to change your settings.
   - When the Default device is Tablet, the Aspect ratio list is displayed as shown in Figure 9. If the Default device is Phone or Kindle E-Reader, the Aspect ratio option is not displayed because Kindle Previewer uses a single device ratio for each of those device options.

3. Click Save to save your changes.

1.10 Keyboard Shortcuts

You can use the following keyboard shortcuts in Kindle Previewer.

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1.11 Automatic Updates
When Amazon releases a new version of Kindle Previewer, the application automatically downloads it for you. When Kindle Previewer prompts you to install an update, Amazon recommends that you install the newest version to get all of the latest features. On Mac OS X, once the new version is downloaded, Kindle Previewer will be automatically updated when you close the application.

1.12 Other Authoring Tools
Please click here for additional authoring tools from Amazon:

- Kindle Create is a free tool that helps you automatically transform your completed manuscript into a beautifully formatted Kindle eBook. (MacOS or Windows PC)
- Kindle Create Add-in for Microsoft Word (Beta) is a free add-in for authors who prefer to format their books within Microsoft Word. It provides access to Kindle Create book themes inside Microsoft Word and allows you to publish your doc/docx manuscript as a Kindle eBook or paperback. (Windows PC for Word 2010 and above)

1.13 Kindle Publishing Guidelines
The Amazon Kindle Publishing Guidelines provide guidance on how to format and test eBooks, and suggest best practices for Kindle publishing. To view this .PDF file, click here.

1.14 Send Feedback
To send feedback to Amazon about Kindle Previewer, click the menu and select Help > Send Feedback. You can rate your overall experience with Kindle Previewer and give us any other feedback that you may have.

1.15 Frequently Asked Questions
For the most current FAQ and troubleshooting tips, please visit our Kindle Previewer page.
2 Previewing Your eBook

To preview your eBook:

1. Drag and drop the file into the Previewer pane or select File > Open Book and then select the file. Your eBook is imported and displayed in Kindle Previewer (see Figure 10).

![Figure 10: Imported eBook](image)

2. Page through your eBook in multiple device modes to test how it appears in Kindle devices and applications. Amazon suggests:

   - Use the options in the Navigation section of the Preview and Navigation Options pane to navigate through your eBook. You can also turn on Auto-Advance View and/or adjust Auto Advance speed.
   - Use the Preview Options section of the Preview and Navigation Options pane to change the device, orientation, font, and/or font size.
   - If your eBook can utilize Enhanced Typesetting, use the Page Size slider to adjust the zoom in the Thumbnail pane.
   - Use the Table of Contents section to view and explore your eBook’s navigation file.
   - Use the View All list or the Navigation menu to navigate across aspects of your eBook, such as the Table of Contents, sections, images, lists, drop caps, and links.
      - The View All list is only available if your eBook supports Enhanced Typesetting as described in section 2.1.
   - While previewing a tablet or phone, change the background color by selecting View > Color Mode and then choosing White, Black, Sepia, or Green to confirm your eBook’s readability on different background colors. (Note: Green is not available on iOS.)
Background colors cannot be changed on e-Ink devices.)

3. When you have finished previewing your eBook, click the Close button at the top of Kindle Previewer.

2.1 Enhanced Typesetting

Kindle Previewer allows you to determine if your eBook is able to utilize Enhanced Typesetting. Enhanced Typesetting is a series of typographical and layout features that improve readability and enforce more consistent display behavior across Kindle reading platforms, including phones, tablets, and Kindle E-readers. Some Enhanced Typesetting features include:

- Drop caps that dynamically adjust with font size
- Hyphenation and smoother word spacing*
- Kerning and ligature improvements*
- Enhanced image and table formatting
- Page Flip

*Note: These features might not apply to Japanese and Chinese content.

To determine if your eBook is able to utilize Enhanced Typesetting, first import your eBook into Kindle Previewer. If your eBook supports Enhanced Typesetting, the Enhanced Typesetting label is displayed in the Preview and Navigation Options pane as shown in Figure 11 and the Thumbnail pane is displayed as shown in Figure 12. If Enhanced Typesetting is not enabled, the Enhanced Typesetting label and the Thumbnail pane are not displayed.

![Figure 11: Preview and Navigation Options pane—Enhanced Typesetting enabled](image)
2.2 Viewing the eBook Metadata

You can view the eBook metadata for any eBook imported into Kindle Previewer 3 (see Figure 13). To view the metadata, click the menu and select View > Book Information.