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Getting Started with Kindle Previewer, version 1.0

Kindle Previewer lets you validate the content formatting for Kindle books created for the following Kindle devices and applications:

- Kindle
- Kindle DX
- Kindle for iPhone

Kindle Previewer makes it easy to preview the layout of a Kindle book so you can make sure its text displays properly for any orientation or font size. Kindle Previewer also lets you easily navigate a Kindle book and quickly turn pages so that you can verify how the book's content will look before you publish it in the Kindle Store. Publishers, eBook conversion companies, and individual authors can use Kindle Previewer as a companion to KindleGen to produce the highest-quality Kindle books.

System Requirements

The minimum hardware requirements for using Kindle Previewer are the following:

- 1GHz processor
- 512 MB of RAM
- 15-inch display size
- 1024 by 768 screen resolution

Kindle Previewer runs on the following operating systems:

- Macintosh OSX 10.5 or later
- Windows XP SP2 or later
- Windows Vista SP1 or later
- Windows 7

Supported File Formats

Kindle Previewer can display books created in the following Amazon Kindle formats:

- .azw
- .mobi
- .prc

For more information about creating books in these formats, see the *Amazon Kindle Publishing Guidelines* at this location:

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/kindlepub/AmazonKindlePublishingGuidelines.pdf>. The publishing guidelines also provide information on formatting and testing your books and using Kindle publishing best practices.

Downloading and Installing Kindle Previewer

You can download Kindle Previewer for Windows and Mac OSX at this following location:

<http://www.amazon.com/kindlepublishing>.

Installing Kindle Previewer on Windows

An administrator account is not required to install Kindle Previewer on a Windows computer.

To install Kindle Previewer for Windows, do the following:

1. Download the file `KindlePreviewerInstall.exe` to your desktop.
2. Double-click the file to start the installation. Kindle Previewer will be installed to the following location: `C:\Users\username\AppData\Local\Amazon\Kindle Previewer` (Windows 7 and Windows Vista) or `C:\Documents and Settings\username\Local Settings\Application Data\Amazon\Kindle Previewer` (Windows XP), where *username* is the name of the user who installed the program.
3. Once the installation completes, you can start Kindle Previewer by going to Start Menu>Programs>Amazon>Kindle Previewer.

Installing Kindle Previewer on Mac OSX

To install Kindle Previewer for Macintosh, do the following:

1. Download the file KindlePreviewer.zip to your desktop.
2. Drag Kindle Previewer from the Downloads folder to the Applications folder.
3. Start Kindle Previewer.

About the Kindle Previewer User's Guide

When you install Kindle Previewer, the Kindle Previewer User's Guide.pdf is provided in the same location as the application. You can also access the *Kindle Previewer User's Guide* from the Kindle Previewer Help menu.

About Creating Kindle Books

You use Kindle Previewer as a companion to KindleGen to create Kindle books. KindleGen is a free command-line tool that allows you to build a Kindle book from sources in HTML, XHTML, or IDPF 2.0 format (HTML content files with an XML .opf manifest file). KindleGen is the only tool officially supported by Amazon to convert files to the Kindle format.

See the *Amazon Kindle Publishing Guidelines* at this location:
<http://s3.amazonaws.com/kindlegen/AmazonKindlePublishingGuidelines.pdf>, for more information on using KindleGen. You can download KindleGen at the following location:
<http://www.amazon.com/kindlepublishing>.

The general steps to create Kindle books using KindleGen and Kindle Previewer are:

1. Follow the steps described in the *Amazon Kindle Publishing Guidelines* to create the Kindle book's source files.
2. Use KindleGen to create the Kindle book in one of the following formats: .azw, .mobi, or .prc.
3. Use Kindle Previewer to review how the book will appear on Kindle devices and applications.
4. Make any required changes to the book's source files.
5. Repeat steps 2 - 4 as necessary.

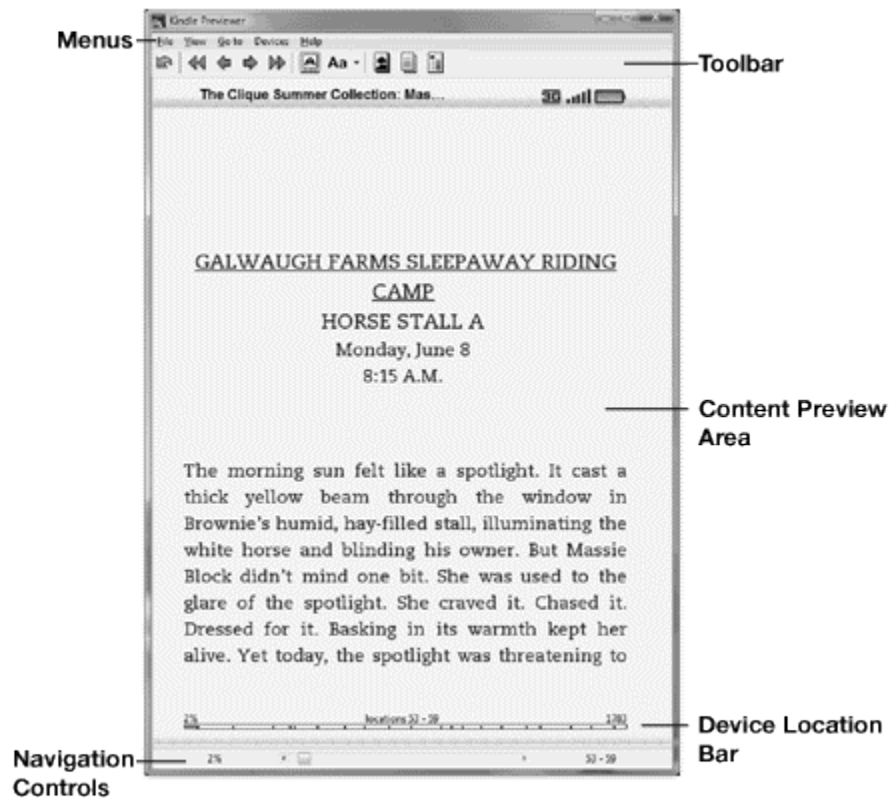
6. When you are ready to publish your Kindle book, follow the steps described in the *Amazon Kindle Publishing Guidelines*.

Using Kindle Previewer

The following sections provide information on Kindle Previewer features and how to use them.

Kindle Previewer Features

You use Kindle Previewer to preview a book's content, navigate to different locations in the book, and change display options.



Toolbar Buttons and Actions

You can use the toolbar to navigate in a book and change a book's display options.

Go Back: Returns to the page that was displayed before the last change in location.

Goto Prev Section: Displays the beginning of the previous section or chapter.

Goto Prev Page: Displays the previous page.

Goto Next Page: Displays the next page.

Goto Next Section: Displays the beginning of the next section or chapter.

Rotate Screen: Toggles the display between portrait and landscape orientation. This option is not available when the Custom skin is selected.

Set Font Size: Changes the text size to one of the six font sizes available on Kindle devices.

Cover: Displays the book's cover.

Table of Contents: Displays the first page of the Table of Contents.

NCX View: Displays the book's logical table of contents.

The File Menu

Use the File menu to open and close Kindle books and to exit the Kindle Previewer application.

Open Book

Opens an Amazon Kindle book file that's in one of the following formats: .azw, .mobi, .prc. You can also drag a book file into the Kindle Previewer window to open it. You cannot open encrypted Kindle books in Kindle Previewer.

Close Book

Closes the current book.

Open Recent

Displays a list of recently opened Kindle books. Select **Clear List** to remove all items from the list.

Exit

Exits the Kindle Previewer application.

The View Menu

Use the View menu to open a book's logical Table of Contents.

NCX View

Opens a book's logical Table of Contents, which is defined by the book's navigation control (.NCX) file. Double-click an entry in the NCX View to navigate to the selected location.

The .NCX file defines the hierarchical structure of a Kindle book, and also allows users to see their progress as they read a book. An .NCX file is required for all Kindle books. For more information on .NCX files and how to implement them, see the *Amazon Kindle Publishing Guidelines* at this location:

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/kindlepub/AmazonKindlePublishingGuidelines.pdf>.

The Go to Menu

Use the Go to menu to navigate to different locations in a book. In addition to the commands listed below, the Go to menu can also list additional locations if they were defined for the current book, such as the "start reading" location.

Location

Lets you enter a numeric location to go to directly to that location. Even if you change the font size, the numeric location remains the same.



Tip: To copy the numeric location of the current page to the clipboard, enter **Ctrl+U**. To go to Location 0 in the book (typically the first page after the cover page), enter **Shift+F**.

Table of Contents

Displays the first page of the Table of Contents.

Next Page

Displays the next page.

Prev Page

Displays the previous page.

Beginning

Displays the "start reading" location, as defined in the book's manifest (.opf) file. Typically this is the first page of the first chapter in the book.

Cover

Displays the book's cover.

The Devices Menu

The Devices menu lets you see how a book will appear on Kindle devices and applications.

Kindle

Displays a book as it will appear on the Kindle Global Wireless device, latest generation, with 6-inch display.

Kindle DX

Displays a book as it will appear on a Kindle DX Global Wireless device, latest generation, with 9.7-inch display.

Kindle for iPhone

Displays a book as it will appear in the Kindle for iPhone application.

Custom

Provides a freely resizable view so you validate that the book's content displays correctly using different screen sizes. Drag the view to resize it.

The Help Menu

The Help menu lets you send feedback on Kindle Previewer, displays a list of all keyboard shortcuts, and provides information about the application, such as software version number.

Send Feedback

Opens a new mail message in your default mail program, so you can send your feedback about Kindle Previewer to Kindle-previewer-feedback@amazon.com.

Keyboard Shortcuts

Displays a list of all keyboard shortcuts in the application.

Navigation Keyboard Shortcuts		
Task	Mac OSX	Windows
Go Back	Cmd+B	Ctrl+B
Go to Beginning	Cmd+S	Ctrl+S
Go to Cover	Cmd+R	Ctrl+R
Go to Location 0	Shift+F	Shift+F
Go to Location	Cmd+L	Ctrl+L
Go to Next Page	Left Arrow	Left Arrow
Go to Next Section	Cmd+Right Arrow	Ctrl+Right Arrow
Go to Prev Page	Right Arrow	Right Arrow
Go to Prev Section	Cmd+Left Arrow	Ctrl+Left Arrow
Go to Table	Cmd+T	Ctrl+T

of Contents		
NCX View	Cmd+N	Ctrl+N

Book Keyboard Shortcuts		
Task	Mac OSX	Windows
Close Book	Cmd+W	Ctrl+W
Exit	Cmd+X	Ctrl+X
Open Book	Cmd+O	Ctrl+O
Copy numeric location of current page to clipboard	Cmd+U	Ctrl+U
Display Keyboard Shortcuts	Cmd+K	Ctrl+K

Screen Keyboard Shortcuts		
Task	Mac OSX	Windows
Rotate Screen	Alt+R	Alt+R
Set Font Size	Cmd+n, where $n = 1 - 6$	Ctrl+n, where $n = 1 - 6$

Kindle Previewer Help

Opens the *Kindle Previewer User's Guide* in a new Kindle Previewer window.

About

Displays the application's software version number and copyright information.

Kindle Previewer Known Issues

- If a book contains characters in blue, they will display as black characters in Kindle Previewer but as light grey characters on a Kindle device.
- Books that contain nested tables, large tables, or table cells that contain paragraphs of text or large images will not display properly in Kindle Previewer or on Kindle devices. Consider reformatting such tables and refer to the table guidelines provided in the *Amazon Kindle Publishing Guidelines*.
- If a book contains tables, the tables may not display properly when navigating in the book using the Kindle for iPhone view.
- Some options (for example, changing the text color) that are available in the Kindle for iPhone application are not available in the Kindle for iPhone view in Kindle Previewer.
- The device location bar that appears inside the Kindle Previewer window is for display purposes only and cannot be used for navigating a book.
- External links in a book will not function when clicked on in Kindle Previewer.
- If an image has border lines, the border lines may not display correctly in Kindle Previewer or on Kindle devices.

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