# Installing and reading ePub formats on your tablet and smartphone

# 1. Reading PDF and ePub files on Android

Google lets you upload your personal reading content directly from your Android device. Make sure you have the latest Play Books app on your device as recent updates allow you to upload PDF and ePub files directly from Gmail or from the Downloads folder. You may also install the latest update directly from the Play Store app.

How to upload eBook to your device:

- First, locate a PDF or ePub file in your Downloads folder or Gmail messages (the Downloads folder can generally be accessed through the file explorer on your device. It is called My Files on most Samsung devices).
- Tap the file once to open or preview it.
- Select the **Upload to Play Books** option in the pop-up menu.

That's it! Now you can easily add and read content to your Google Books.

Note: There are many free ePub Readers on Android that you can search on the Play Books app, check the list at the end of this document.

## 2. Transferring eBooks to your iPad/iPhone for reading in iBooks

- Download the ePub title and save it on your desktop or in a folder.
- Launch iTunes, select Add to Library from the File menu.
- Select the downloaded eBook file and click the **Choose** button.
- Select **Books** from the list of libraries on the left-hand side menu, your book should be listed.
- Connect your iPad to the computer and select it from the list of devices on the left-hand side menu.
- Select the **Books** tab.
- Check the **Sync Books** checkbox if it isn't already enabled. If **All books** is selected then all your books will be transferred to the iPad/iPhone. If **Selected books** is selected then you will need to look for the newly added book and check the checkbox next to its title.
- Click the **Apply** or **Sync** button at the bottom right of the window.

Once the sync has been completed, open **iBook** on your iPad to read the newly transferred title.

#### 3. Transferring eBook to a Kindle

Download an eBook (.mobi File) or retrieve it from email, then link the Kindle to your computer using a USB cable or via email.

- 3.1 Adding a Mobipocket (.mobi) eBook to your Kindle:
  - Turn your Kindle on.
  - Drag and drop the ".mobi" eBook file into the Documents folder.
  - When the USB activity indicator stops flashing, select **Safely Remove Mass Storage Device** (Windows) or **Eject** (Mac).
  - When the USB activity indicator stops flashing, unplug the USB cable from your Kindle.

The new title/eBook should appear in the Kindle library.

3.2 Loading a Mobipocket (.mobi) eBook to your Kindle Fire:

- Turn your Kindle on.
- Connect the Kindle to your computer.
- Your Kindle screen will display the message: "You can now transfer files from your computer to Kindle".
- On your computer, the Kindle's hard drive should be mounted and displayed as **Kindle**.
- Drag and drop the (.mobi) eBook file into either the **Books** or **Documents** folder on your Kindle.
- Unmount the Kindle from your computer, select **Safely Remove Mass Storage Device** (Windows) or **Eject** (Mac).

Your books will show up in the Docs section of your Kindle Fire, as well as in the carousel.

3.3 Using the Mobipocket (.mobi) eBook with other devices:

The transfer process differs slightly from one tablet/manufacturer to another, so always check the user manual for your tablet device in order to familiarize yourself with the procedure.

## 4. Examples of ePub reader/viewer for Mac

- Book Reader (<u>http://macbookreader.com/wp/</u>)
- Ehon (<u>https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/</u>...)
- Murasaki (<u>http://genjiapp.com/mac/murasaki</u>...)
- Alice (<u>http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/a</u>...)
- Calibre (<u>http://calibre-ebook.com</u>)
- Adobe Digital Editions (<u>http://www.adobe.com/products/di</u>...)
- Nook (<u>http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/</u>...)
- Bookle (<u>http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/b</u>...)
- Kitabu (<u>http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/k</u>...)
- Sigil (<u>http://code.google.com/p/sigil/</u>)
- Clearview Reader (http://canoesoft.blog.com/)
- Scarlett (<u>http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/s</u>...
- FBReader (<u>http://fbreader.org/content/macos</u>)

# 5. Examples of ePub reader/viewer for Windows

- Adobe Digital Editions (<u>http://www.adobe.com/solutions/ebook/digital-editions/download.html</u>): an eBook reader software program from Adobe Systems
- Calibre (<u>https://calibre-ebook.com/</u>): an eBook library manager with built-in eBook viewer
- Cool Reader (<u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.coolreader&hl=en</u>): supports ePub and a few other formats
- EPUBReader FireFox extension (<u>http://www.epubread.com/en/</u>)
- FBReader (<u>https://fbreader.org/</u>): cross-platform, open-source eBook reader that can also read ePub files
- Sumatra PDF (<u>http://www.sumatrapdfreader.org/free-pdf-reader.html</u>): supports viewing mobi eBooks since version 2.1. It is a free, open-source program that supports many other formats, including PDF, mobi, XPS, DjVu, CBR and CBZ.