

How to Create an E-Book for the Kindle, Nook, iPad/iPhone/iTouch

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E-Book File Formats, Past & Present

tr2 fb2 mobi cbr
cbz chm aeh lbr
azw
pdf pdb lrf djvu lit
txt tr3 epub xeb
ceb opf lrx ps

Why .epub?

- . Free & Open International Standard
- . Developer-Friendly
(XHTML content, XML metadata)
- . Wide Range of Device Support
(notable exception: Kindle)

Inside an .epub File Archive

```
MIMETYPE
META-INF/
    CONTAINER.XML
OEBPS/
    CONTENT.OPF
    TITLE.HTML
    CONTENT.HTML
    STYLESHEET.CSS
    TOC.NCX
    IMAGES/
        COVER.PNG
```

"Build a digital book with EPUB"

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/edu/x-dw-x-epubtut.html>

WYSIWYG Editing Software

- . Adobe InDesign

<http://www.adobe.com/products/indesign>

- . Sigil

<http://code.google.com/p/sigil>

A Quick Sigil Demo

Tutorials & Guides on the Web

- . Sigil Wiki

<http://code.google.com/p/sigil/wiki/ConversionChart>

<http://code.google.com/p/sigil/wiki/BasicTutorial>

- . FiFoBooks.com

http://fifobooks.com/conversion_chart.html

http://fifobooks.com/basic_epub.html

For Kindles

Convert to .mobi format using Calibre

<http://calibre-ebook.com>

- . Calibre GUI

- . Calibre Command Line

```
$ ebook-convert MyBook.epub MyBook.mobi \  
--output-profile=[kindle | kindle_dx]
```

Loading to Your Device

. Kindle & Nook via USB mount

Kindle: `/path/to/usb/volume/Documents`

Nook: `/path/to/usb/volume/my%20documents`

. iPad/iPhone/iTouch via iTunes

. Other devices* via Calibre GUI

* Sony, Cybook, Illiad, Android phones, and more