VitalSource Accessibility Options

Bookshelf offers a variety of features you may explore to enhance your online reading, including: note taking, read aloud, and zoom and font size adjustments.

The Bookshelf app is available for Mac OS X, Windows, Android phones/tablets, Kindle Fire, iPad/iPhone/iPod Touch (iOS), and online.

For more information on Bookshelf Accessibility and platform specific information, as well as Keyboard Commands, visit: VitalSource Support Accessibility

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Note Taking

When you use Bookshelf’s **Notes** and **Highlights** features, your Notebook then contains your highlights and associated notes. You may also add a Bookmark and access all of your Bookmarks from the Bookmarks menu: [Making Notes & Highlights](#)

**Online**

In the lower navigation toolbar, you may turn on the fast highlighting option select your preferred color.

Or, you may highlight a word/section which will prompt the highlighting and notes feature.

To add and/or remove highlighters, go to Settings > Highlighters. *(Note: Highlighters with the people icon are shareable.)*

**Mobile**

**iOS:**

**Android:**

**Windows & Mac**

Use the toolbar or the Book menu options for making highlights or notes.

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Read Aloud

The Read Aloud feature (text to speech) may not be enabled on all VitalSource titles. If it is enabled on Bookshelf, it’s available for all platforms. **Note:** Contact VitalSource Support if you have any issues with your ebook.

**Online**

Use the **Read Aloud** options from the lower toolbar (scrubber bar) to utilize text-to-speech.

A. Use the **Play/Pause** button to read text aloud and use the Previous and Next Section buttons to navigate.

B. Click on **Settings** (gear icon) to access the **Read Aloud Settings**. You may adjust the **Reading Speed** by using the – or + buttons or moving the slider. You may **Change Voice** by using the dropdown menu. The options will depend on the voices installed on your device. You also have the option to **Read alt text**.

**iOS**

You may adjust the reading speed in Read Aloud Settings.

You may change the Read Loud voice by going to your device’s **Settings > General > Accessibility > Speech**.

*Using Bookshelf’s Read Aloud Feature* with iOS (Apple devices with VoiceOver)

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Android & Kindle Fire

You may adjust the **Reading Speed** in Read Aloud 🎧 *Settings* 🌓.

Your device may also allow you to adjust the text-to-speech output options, including preferred speech engine, rate, and pitch, as well as allowing you to listen to alt text for images if available.

Using Bookshelf’s Read Aloud Feature with Android & Kindle Fire

Windows

Use the **Start Reading** option in the toolbar:

You may adjust the **reading speed, pitch, and volume** (as well as the Read Loud **voice** by going to your PC’s **Control Panel > Ease of Access > Narrator > Personalize Narrator’s Voice**. **Note**: Quickly get to Ease of Access by clicking the Windows Key + U.

Using Windows Text to Speech

Mac

Use the **Start Reading** option in the toolbar:

You may adjust the **reading speed** and Read Loud **voice** in **System Preferences > Dictation & Speech > Text to Speech**.

Screen Readers

If you’re already using a screen reader, including mobile such as VoiceOver or Android TalkBack, use these: [keyboard tips](#).
Zoom & Font Size

There are two different types of VitalSource eTextbooks: **Reflowable** text VitalBooks and **Page-Fidelity** VitalBooks. How you increase the font will vary slightly in each type of book.

**Reflowable** eTextbook pages don’t maintain the layout of a traditional book. The text font size may be adjusted regardless of the size of the screen.

**Page-Fidelity** eTextbook pages look like a traditional book, where the screen size regulates the size of the text.

**Online**
Zooming in and out methods are browser dependent.
Most **Windows** browsers allow you to use Control (CTRL) and + or – to zoom in and out and Control and 0 to return to the default size. Or you may hold down the Control key and roll the mouse wheel up or down to adjust the zoom.
On a **Mac**, you’ll use the Command key and the + or – to zoom in and out.

**iOS**

[Reading Window Overview](#) (Bookshelf for iOS)

**Android & Kindle Fire**
Example of textbook with **reflowable** text:

[Image]

Example of textbook with **page-fidelity**:

With page-fidelity titles, you may still use the “pinch and zoom” gesture to adjust the size a bit.

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Windows & Mac

Use the Zoom In and Zoom Out (or Zoom to Fit) options on the navigation toolbar. Or, go to View > Zoom In (Ctrl +) or Zoom Out (Ctrl -).

Windows: For reflowable text titles, you may also hold down the Control key and roll the mouse wheel up or down to adjust the zoom.