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:
https://support.vitalsource.com/hc/en-us/categories/200184597

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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.


**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**:  
![iOS Highlighting Options]

**Android**:  
![Android Highlighting Options]

**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**.


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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.


**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**:

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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.

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Using **Enhanced Formatting** options from the lower toolbar (scrubber bar) allows you greater control over the visual aspect of your text.

a. **Text Size** (Small, Normal, Large, Extra Large)

b. **Font** (Default, Sans Serif, Old Style, Modern, Humanist, Monospace, OpenDyslexic)

c. **Mode** (Background and text color combination: Day, Night, Sepia, Cyan)

d. **Margin** (Margins affecting the line of text length: Small, Medium, Large)

e. **Line Height** (Space between lines of text: Small, Medium, Large)

**Note**: You may reset to publisher format (default), too.

iOS

**Reading Window Overview** (Bookshelf for iOS):
https://support.vitalsource.com/hc/en-us/articles/115015423407--Reading-Window-Overview

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Android & Kindle Fire

Example of textbook with reflowable text:

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.

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.