Kindle Tips & Tricks & Freebies & Service to Make Your eLife Perfect

There are lots of Kindle tips, tricks, freebies and service available to amplify our use of Kindle and help construct a perfect eLife system apart from Kindle's limited built-in apps. A host of tips & tricks as well as free software and service are covered in this guide.In all probability, you have used many of them as what I've written is a Kindle tip summary for the public not exclusively for Kindle geeks. Any comments will be terribly needed if they are instrumental for Kindle customers.

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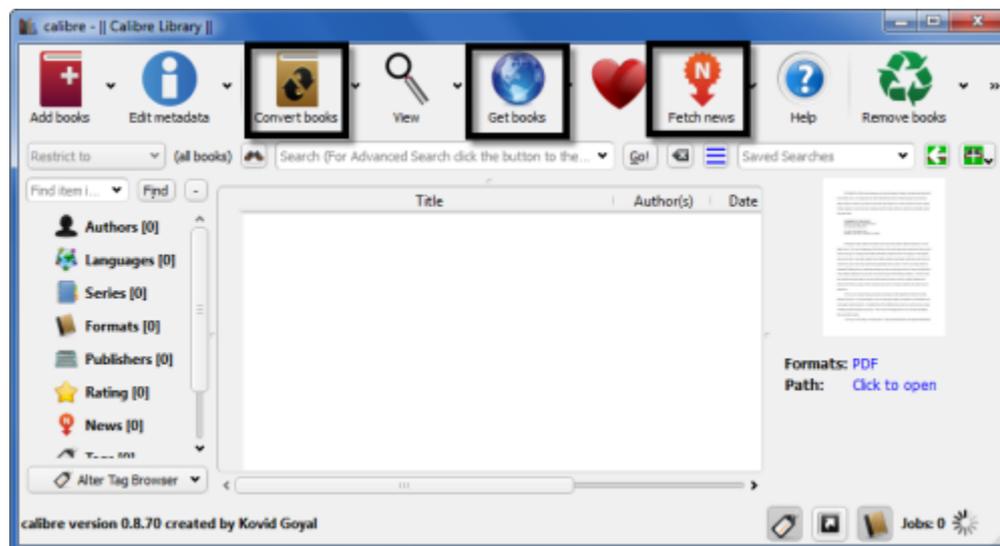
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Tips, freebies and service for Kindle

1. Calibre

Most Kindle users are familiar with this well-known freeware, Calibre, which is generally used to **convert eBooks from one format to another**. In fact, Calibre offers a variety of functions besides converting eBooks.

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How to use Calibre

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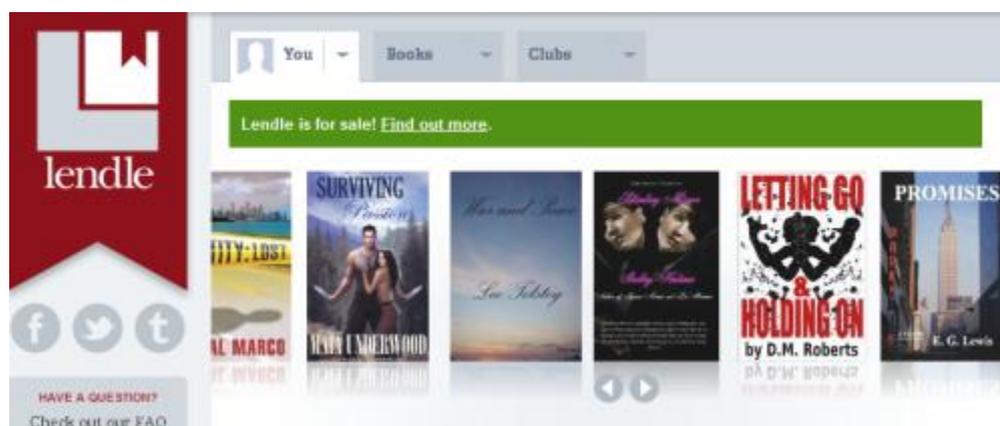
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How to use lendle for Kindle

3. Instapaper

Instapaper is a simple tool to save web pages for reading later, which can be installed on computers, apple series as well as android devices. Just register for free and you can save the URL of the interesting contents for reading later. An email address will be generated at random so that you can send links to this address. Accordingly, anything you send to this address will be added to your Instapaper account.

How to use Instapaper for Kindle

4. Google-related services

RSS
As with computer browser, Google Reader also works for Kindle browser. For best results, just log in, click on "All Items" and press **F** to shift to "Full Screen mode". Press **J** and **K** to move between posts.

Calendar
As part of our daily life, Google calendar would be useful for you though the interface is kind of plain. Just launch your browser and input **www.google.com/calendar/m**. Google Calendar empowers you to add your appointments within one month.

Email

Google Gmail, Hotmail alongside Facebook all contribute to Kindle.

The following URLs for mobile will be of help.

m.hotmail.com for Hotmail

m.gmail.com for Google Mail

m.facebook.com for Facebook

5. Quick translations: KindleFish

Well, this might be a miner trick for some people as there is Google Translation existing already. However, sometimes you will get perpetuated by its thumbnail characters and the inappropriate translations. KindleFish delivers big enough alphabets to satisfy our eyes and it does a perfect job on phrase translation. Nevertheless, KindleFish works perfectly for Kindle 3G while there are trivial limitations concerning characters for 1G & 2G & DX titles. Hit "**http://kindlefish.t15.org/**" and take a look at it.

How to use KindleFish

6. RSS: Bloglines

Together with Calibre, Google Reader, Bloglines is another good pick to subscribe RSS. Bloglines provides a friendly interface and actually attracts a cloud of Kindle

customers to its territory. Just register with a new Bloglines account, pick up interesting feeds given on the site or search for blogs to your taste and add them to your created folder. Hit "subscribe" to complete your subscription.

Go to the **www.bloglines.com** on your Kindle and sign in to reach your feeds. Bloglines brings a massive collection of feeds to you, though it is not as convenient as Kindlefeeder to some extent.

How to use Bloglines

7. RSS: Kindlefeeder
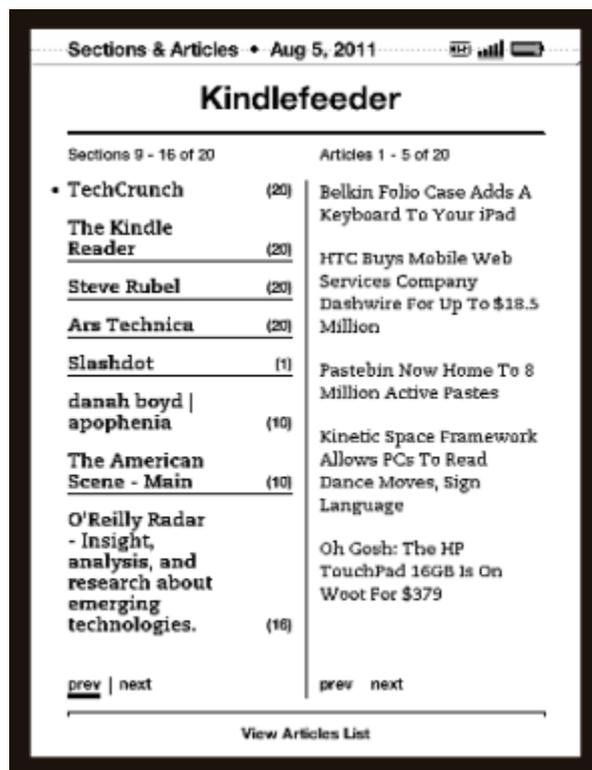
KindleFeeder is an easy-to-use feed aggregator, which is unquestionably designed for Kindle regarding its name. You can set a specified time for delivery and you will receive your RSS file on your Kindle device at that time. However, you are allowed to subscribe up to 12 feeds for free and only one file is sent to you at a time, which consequently accounts for its rapid delivery.

How to use Kindlefeeder

8. Audible Manager

Audible is a company based on Amazon. Its product, Audible Manager, has ascended to an indispensible tool to transfer your audio files to your Amazon Kindle. Make sure Audible Manager software is installed on your PC and activate your Kindle to your account with your Amazon username and password. Follow this guide to start with Audible Manager. Or refer to the Audible Manager user's guide.

How to use Audible Manager for Kindle
Audible Manager user's guide download

9. KinTweet

People who use twitter a lot latch onto KinTweet remarkably as it indeed does a better job than Kindle's homepage. Follow the steps below to get to KinTweet through the built-in browser on your Kindle device.
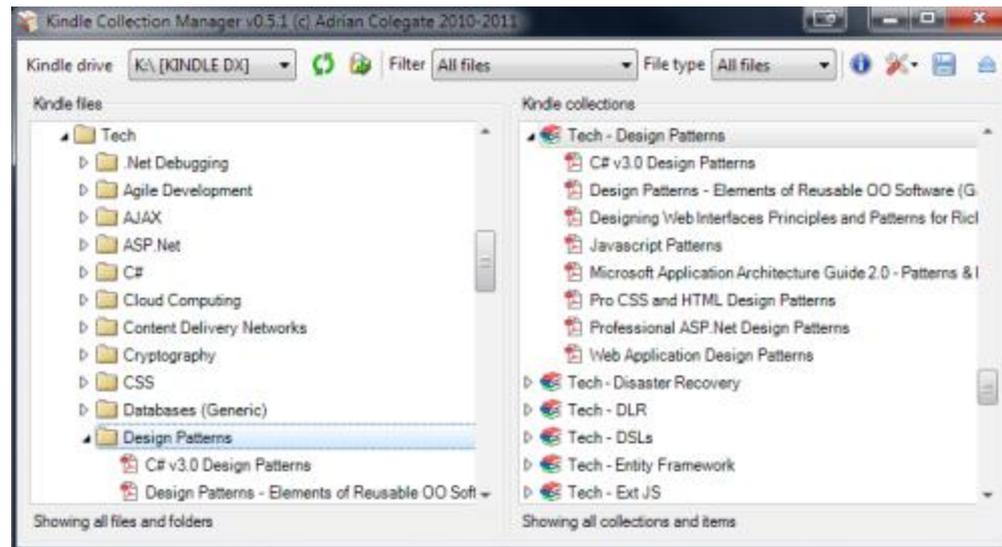
Kindle 3: Home ->Menu -> Experimental -> Launch Browser
Kindle 2: Home -> Menu -> Experimental -> Basic Web -> Menu > Advanced Mode
Navigate to **KinTweet.com** and press **S** to sign in once the page has been loaded totally.

More about KinTweet and its creator

10. Kindle Collection Manager

Kindle Collection Manager enables you to organize your Kindle titles including general eBooks and audio books collections on your computer. With various techniques supported, you are able to sort out your resources by simple drag-and-drop or copy-and-paste. You can create collections from folders as well as individual contents in multi-language including Russian, Chinese, Japanese, etc. One thing I have to point out is that you cannot launch Kindle Collection Manager on your computer unless your Kindle device has been connected to your computer via the USB cable. Even Kindle for PC is ineligible to drive this. Neither does Kindle Collection Manager act on Kindle Touch and Kindle Fire.
How to use Kindle Collection Manager

11. Send to Kindle

Send to Kindle is a software based on PC for sending personal documents to one's registered Kindle, official Kindle reading applications alongside Amazon Cloud. However, official Kindle reading apps supported by Send to Kindle are limited to Kindle for Android App (at least version 3.5) and Kindle App for iOS series (iPad/iPhone/iPod). Once you have Send to Kindle installed on your computer, you can send your documents via Windows Explorer or any Windows application

that offers printing function to your Kindle device. Supported File Types are DOC/DOCX/TXT/RTF/JPEG/JPG/GIF/PNG /BMP/PDF.

For sending documents via Windows Explorer, all non-PDF documents will be delivered in Kindle format while PDFs will remain the original format. For sending documents via any Windows application which supports printing, all documents are delivered in PDF format.

For converting PDF to Kindle format, refer to PDF conversion on Kindle.

12. ABC Amber LIT Converter

ABC Amber LIT Converter is an easy to use freeware aiming to convert LIT (Microsoft format) files to another popular format (PDF/HTML/HLP/RTF/CHM/TXT/DOC/WPD/RB/PDB/FB2) easily and quickly. ABC Amber LIT Converter supported DRM-protected LIT conversion, which brings along considerable convenience to customers. Multi files can be converted at one go.

However, it seems not to work well as I used it once and it failed. Then I tried Calibre and it worked effectively. Therefore Calibre is no double the first candidate for non-DRM eBooks. There is a parallel tool named ABC Ambe CHM Converter for converting CHM to PRC.
ABC Amber LIT Converter download.

13. Mangle

You must find it's quite inconvenient to read Manga books on Kindle as those Manga books are based on pictures rather than general docs. Here is a freeware, Mangle, which will help you convert Manga with Python's assistance.

How to use Mangle

Kindle-related tips and tricks

We collect a heap of regular tips and tricks for Kindle according to **Business Insider** and some other websites.

1. Little games: built-in Minesweeper & Gomoku

Hold down **ALT, Shift** together with **M** to enter Minesweeper.
Tap **G** to go to Gomoku from Minesweeper.

2. Check the free space of your Kindle

Tap the "Menu" button and the number of your kindle's free space will show up at the top left corner of your screen.

3. Faster to browse the web (have been mentioned above)

For web browsing, navigating to mobile pages instead of traditional ones makes your browsing even faster.
Mobile pages:
m.gmail.com
google.com/reader/m
mobile.twitter.com

4. Restart Kindle

Turn off your Kindle by sliding and holding the power button for around 7 seconds. Or directly keep holding your Kindle for 15 seconds' duration to restart the gadget.

5. Basic calculation through typing

For basic calculations like 100+100, just type the characters in the search bar and press **Enter** to get the output. You can also input a random URL, right click the 5-way controller and select "go to" to see what happens.

6. Capture Kindle's screen

Holding down **Shift**, **ALT**, and **G** all at the same time helps you capture Kindle's screen. The captured photo is typically saved in the folder named "Documents". You can copy the photos to your disc with your Kindle connected to your computer via the USB cable.

7. Consult a dictionary

Press **down** on the 5-way controller and locate your cursor on a word. You will see the definition at the bottom of your screen. Press **Enter** for detailed explanation and press **Back** button to return to the content.

8. Shortcuts

For playing music
In addition to the "experimental" MP3 player, following shortcuts will make your playing music convenient and flexible.
ALT + Space: stop or start music
ALT + F: skip to the next track
ALT + any top keyboard key: type numbers quickly

Other shortcuts
Alt + B: bookmark the current page
Alt + Shift + G: capture a screen shot for current screen
Alt + Shift + M: start little game "Minesweeper"
Alt + G: refresh the screen and eliminate ghosting;
Alt + R: reload current web page.

9. Turn your Kindle sideways for comfortable reading

Make sure to activate this function by tapping the "Aa" button in the bottom row of your keyboard.
Navigate down to "screen rotation" to select a horizontal orientation that suits you.

10. Send documents (PDF/DOC/TXT, images, etc.) to your Kindle

First, press "Menu"->"Settings" to get your device's email address (something like ***@kindle.com).
Second, add this email address to your contacts list on your computer.
Third, send the content you would like to read on your Kindle as attachments to your Kindle email address. The maximum of your attachments is 25.

Email error
If any error occurs, it's probably due to such a fact that the emails your Kindle received come from unapproved email addresses. Start your computer to go to Amazon's "**Manage My Kindle**" page, select "**Personal Document Settings**" item and then you can add or delete your "**Approved Personal Document E-mail List**".

PDF conversion
A trick to convert PDFs to Kindle format is enabled on Kindle email scheme. Set the subject of your email as "convert" with an attachment of PDFs and send to your Kindle address (***@kindle.com), you will receive your documents in MOBI format.

11. Add web page bookmarks to your Kindle home screen

In addition to browsing on Kindle, we can send web links to kindle via email. Create a document and add your interesting links to it. Convert the document to a PDF document and send it to your Kindle email address. Open the PDF, click any link for browsing.
An alternative is to connect your Kindle with your computer using the USB cable and copy the PDF to the "Documents" folder of your Kindle.

12. Specified prefixes for particular intentions (for Kindle 1 only)

For searching on Kindle 1, use special prefixes to redirect your search for particular intentions.
@help
@web
@wiki or @wikipedia
@store
@time
Pressing **Enter** on home screen will bring up a search window. If you use Kindle 2, navigate to right on the 5-way controller to select from those choices.

13. Listen to Kindle books (Text-to-Speech function)

Some people find their reasons to listen to Kindle books thus TTS (Text-to-Speech) constitutes a part of Kindle's function. To turn on this function, just open an Amazon Kindle book, press the **Menu** button and shift TEXT-TO-SPEECH setting to ON.

Male voice and Female voice are provided and select a mode as you like. You can set the rate of the speech to further your listening experience. With Text-to-Speech playing, Kindle turns your book pages automatically to ensure your following in the content.

14. Kindle email checking

At times we need to check emails on Kindle. Unfortunately, there is no built-in Kindle email app for sending and receiving emails as far as I know. The single solution is to achieve this through Kindle browser with the mobile version, which is marginally plain and restricted.

1. Menu - > Experimental - > Select
2. Type the address (mobile version) of your email provider into the URL box to **Submit**.
The address of mobile version comes easy. Just add an "**m**" to the head of the regular URL.
Examples:
m.gmail.com (Gmail)
m.hotmail.com (Hotmail)
3. Sign in with your username and password to check your email on Kindle.

15. Kindle user's guide series download

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Kindle

Kindle Touch

Kindle Keyboard

Kindle 2nd Generation (Free 3G)

Kindle 2nd Generation (U.S. Wireless)

Kindle DX (Free 3G) Graphite

Kindle DX (Free 3G)

Kindle DX (U.S. Wireless)

16. Send Kindle Clippings to computer

First **plug your Kindle device to computer via USB cable**, when they are connected, the Kindle screen will change to show you the device enters USB drive mode. Open the **"documents"** folder you can see the file **"My Clippings.txt"**. Then you can easily copy it and paste in your computer's hard drive, to edit it, manage it, organize it to your private quotations book, or print it out.

17. Delete books from Kindle permanently

We all know how to delete books on Kindle device. Just locate the cursor under the book and press the rocker to the left. Or press the middle button under a specified book and scroll down to select "delete".
But sometimes we need to delete Kindle eBooks for good. In this case, we have to go to "Amazon.com" to complete the operation.
1. Click "Your account", select "Manage My Kindle"
2. Select "Books" on the left "Your Kindle Library" zone. Locate the cursor on the "Actions…" button of the book you are to delete permanently and select "Delete from library".
3. Click "Yes" on the following warning window if you are sure you want to delete that book.

18. Zoom PDF on Kindle

Sometimes we find it annoying to read PDF files on Kindle. This guide covers how to zoom PDF on Kindle Step by step.

19. Print Kindle books

Imagine you have a recipe on Kindle, isn't it nice to have a paper copy at hand? Absolutely! However, there is even no "Print" button on Kindle for PC as we know. On the contrary, EPUB and PDF files are allowed to print on Adobe Digital Editions with print button supported.
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2) For DRM protected AZW/TPZ/PRC books, well, you have to remove Kindle DRM and then repeat last step.

How to print kindle books

20. Sync Kindle books

Kindle exclusively supports purchased Kindle eBook sync. For books purchased from Amazon, you are allowed to sync the page you left off and continue to read on another device installed Kindle app. For free books from public domains, there is actually a web-based eReader, ibis reader, which is able to help sync eBooks but not so ideal to some extent. Have a go if you are in need of this function. How to sync Kindle (EPUB/PDF) books

21. Manually transfer purchased books to Kindle device/app

Some people may meet this problem, they purchased a book from Amazon, but the book didn't show up in their Kindle device or app. Now you can manually transfer the book to your Kindle device or app.

First go to Amazon and enter "Manage Your Kindle"
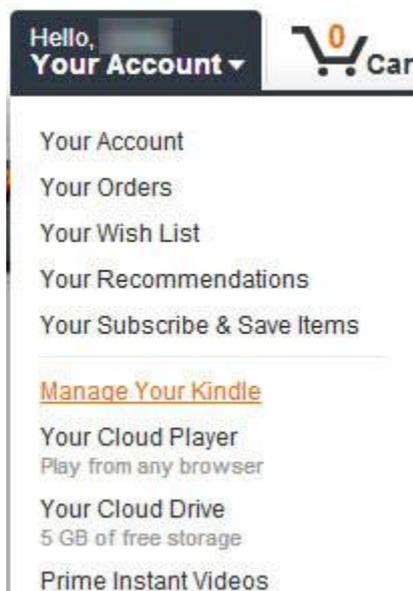
Then you can see all the items you have purchased, then click on the button right of the item's name, choose "Deliver to my..."

Then you can choose to which device or app you want to deliver this book, then go to the device or app and refresh your library.

22. Loan Kindle books

Not all Kindle books are allowed to be loaned and every book can be lent for 1 time at most. A kindle book can be loaned for 14 days. During this period the owner of the book cannot read that book.

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Go to the book page of Amazon's site, scroll down to the "Product Details" and check the "Lending" status. Lendable Kindle book will show "Lending: Enabled".

How to loan Kindle books.

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