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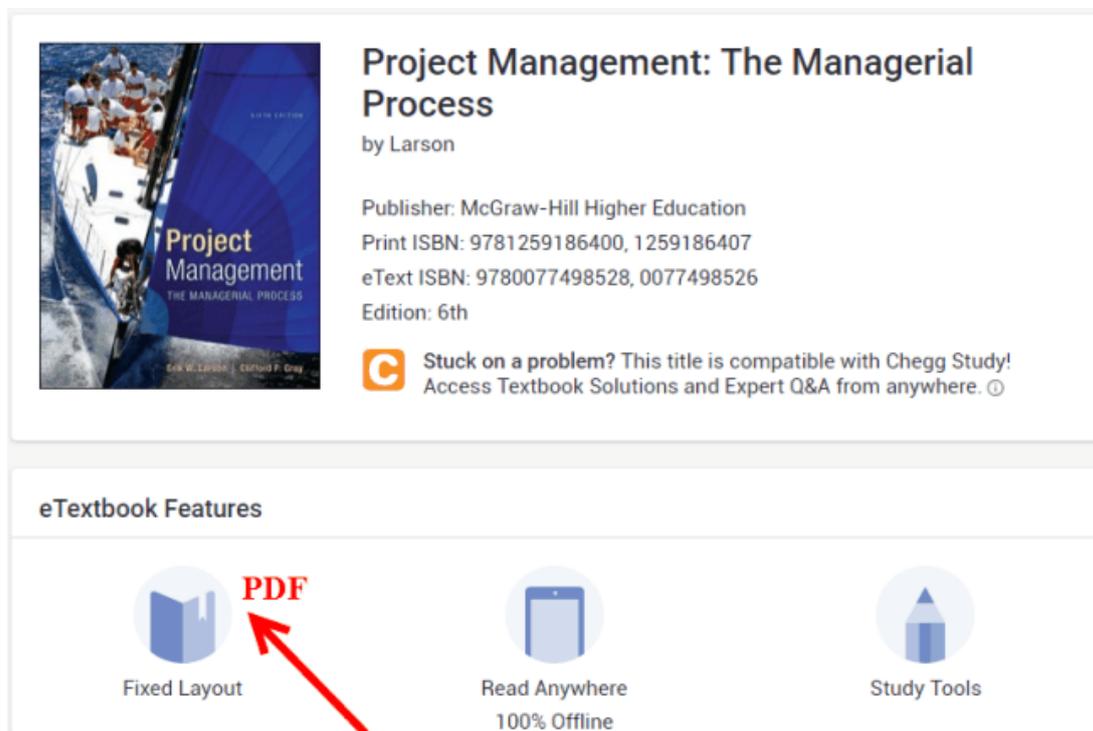*(Mac) \Users\Shared\Books\VitalSource Bookshelf\VitalBook Library*
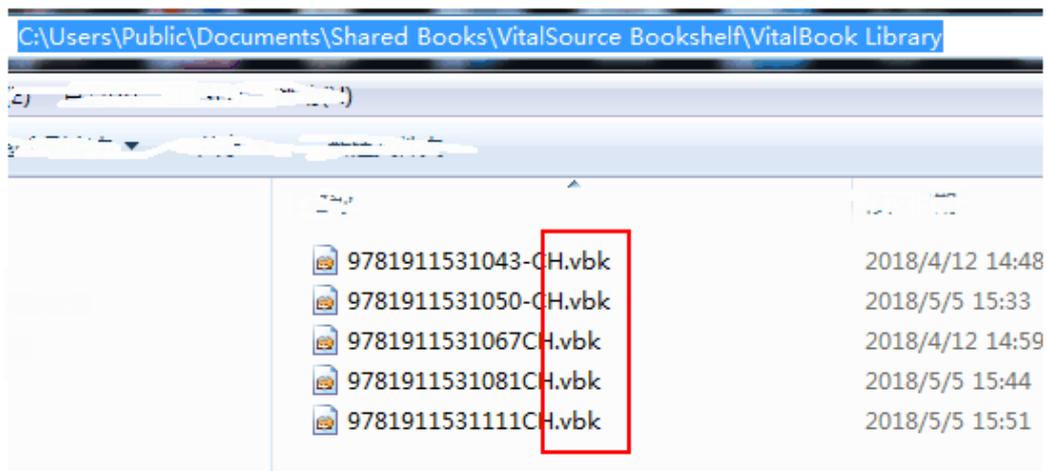
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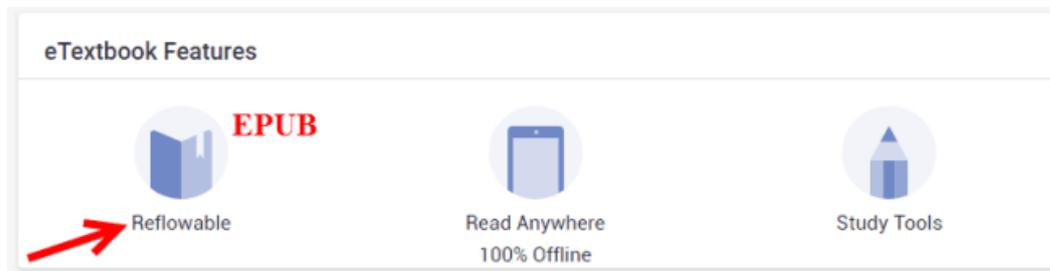
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Firstly you must make sure you have installed the Python 3.6 tool on your computer.

Step 2: Run the vitalripper.py

Once the python downloaded well please open a command terminal on your computer and type --

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pip install requests lxml fpdf pillow
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Once finished please also donwload vitalripper.py file to your computer and save it somewhere.

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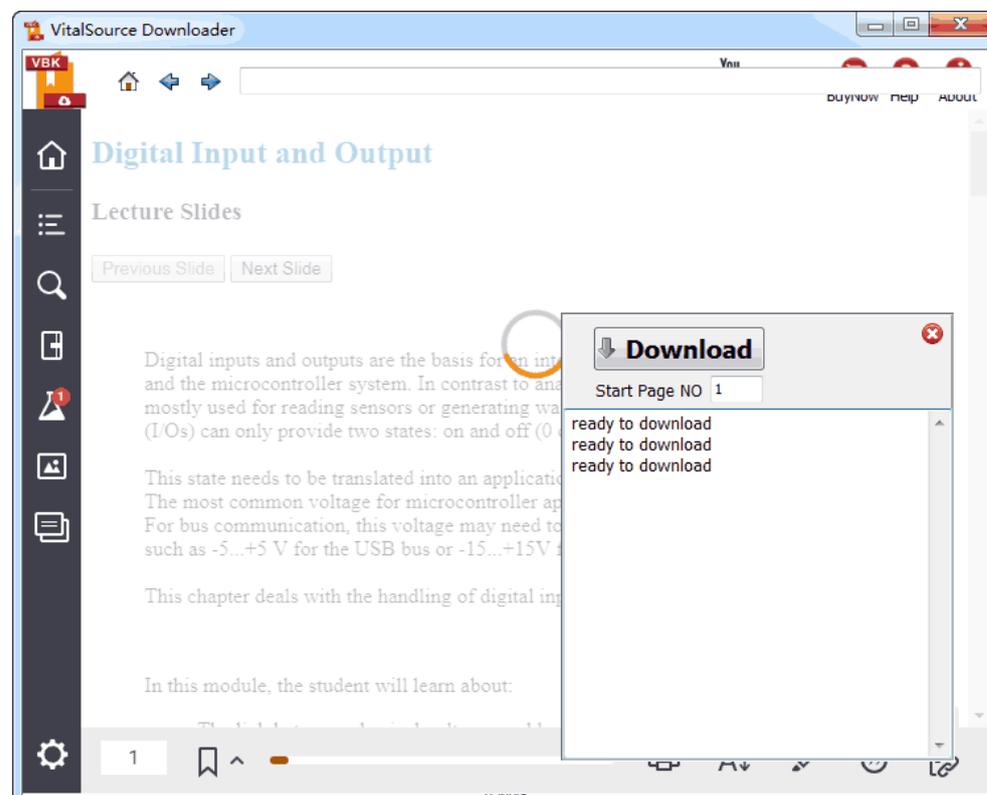
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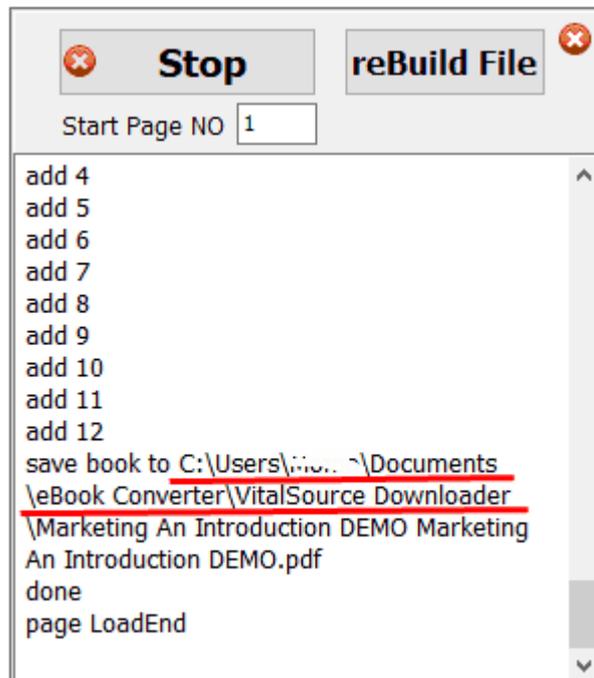
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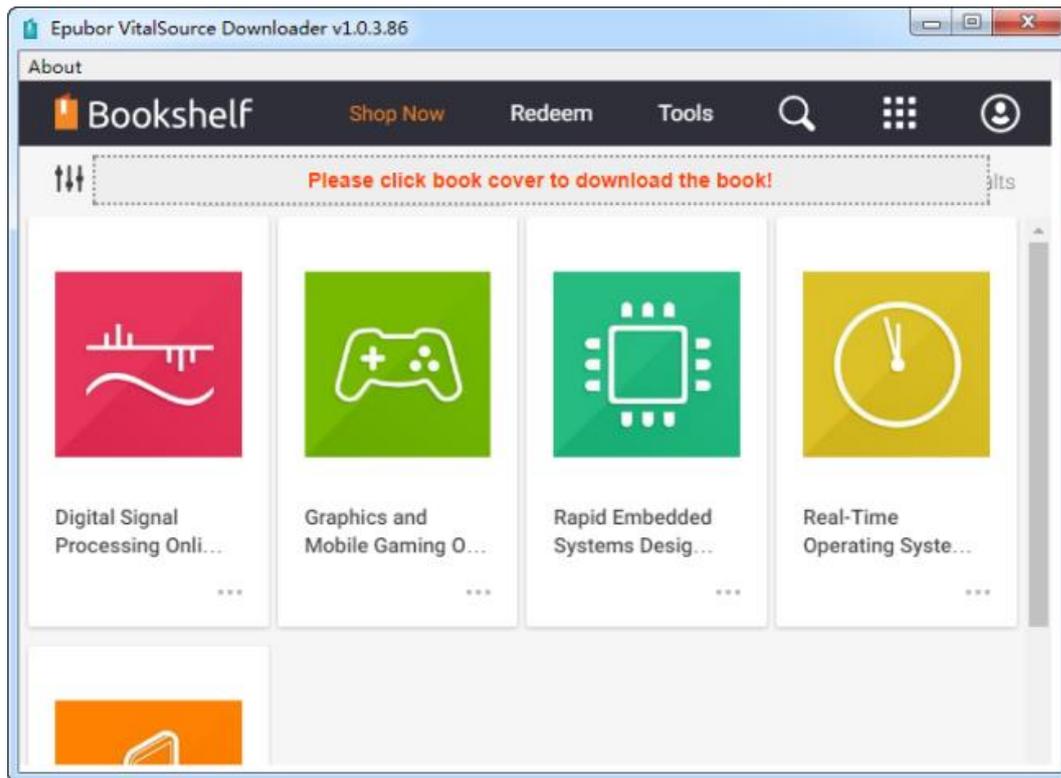
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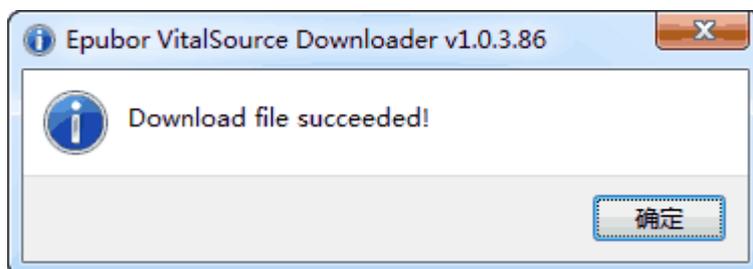
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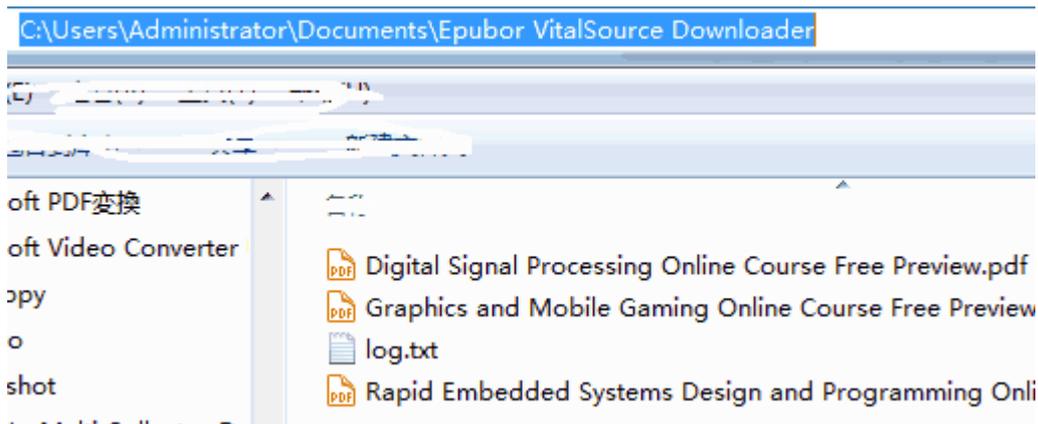
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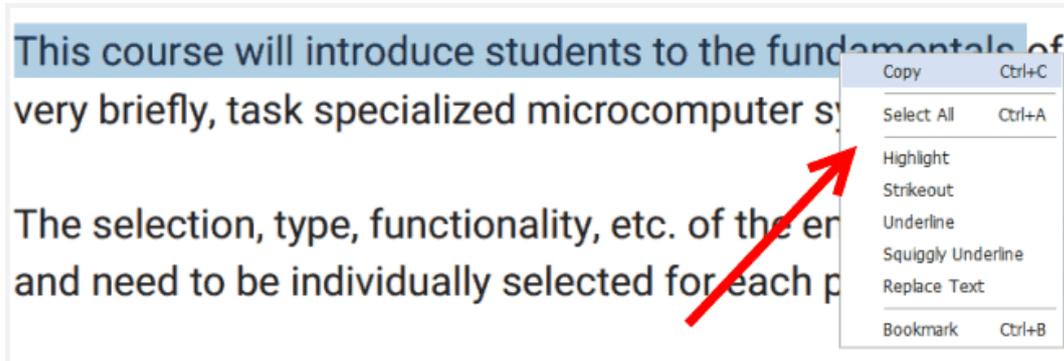
Conclusion: Just choose one tool to achieve your goals

These 3 tools I all tried, but here I won't recommend you to try one by one because it's a waste of time and in fact there is no need to do like so. Of course if you have much interest in them, do as what you want, that's also great.

Have a good look at this form that the comparison of these 3 tools supporting input format and output format.

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