

# Getting started with Adobe Digital Editions

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## What is Adobe Digital Editions (ADE)?

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## Adobe Digital Editions FAQ's

### What is ADE compatible with?

ADE is compatible with Windows and Mac devices.

### What formats of digital publications does ADE support?

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# Installing Adobe Digital Editions on Windows

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2. Click the download link for Windows.
3. Once the installer is downloaded, open and run it.
4. Follow the prompts in the setup wizard.  
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3. Once the installer is downloaded, open and run it.
4. Follow the prompts in the setup wizard.
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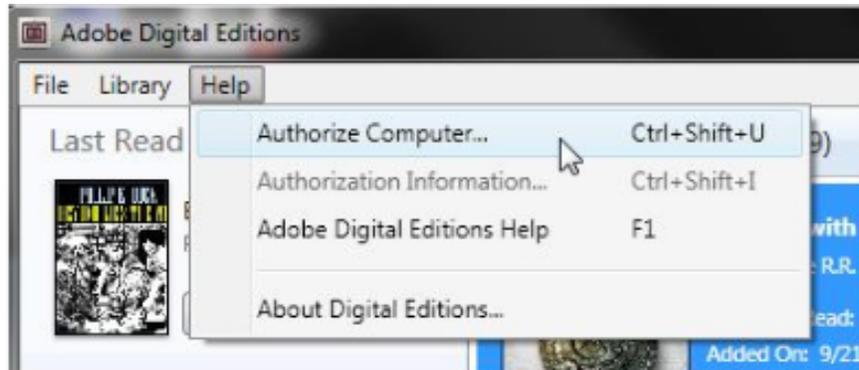
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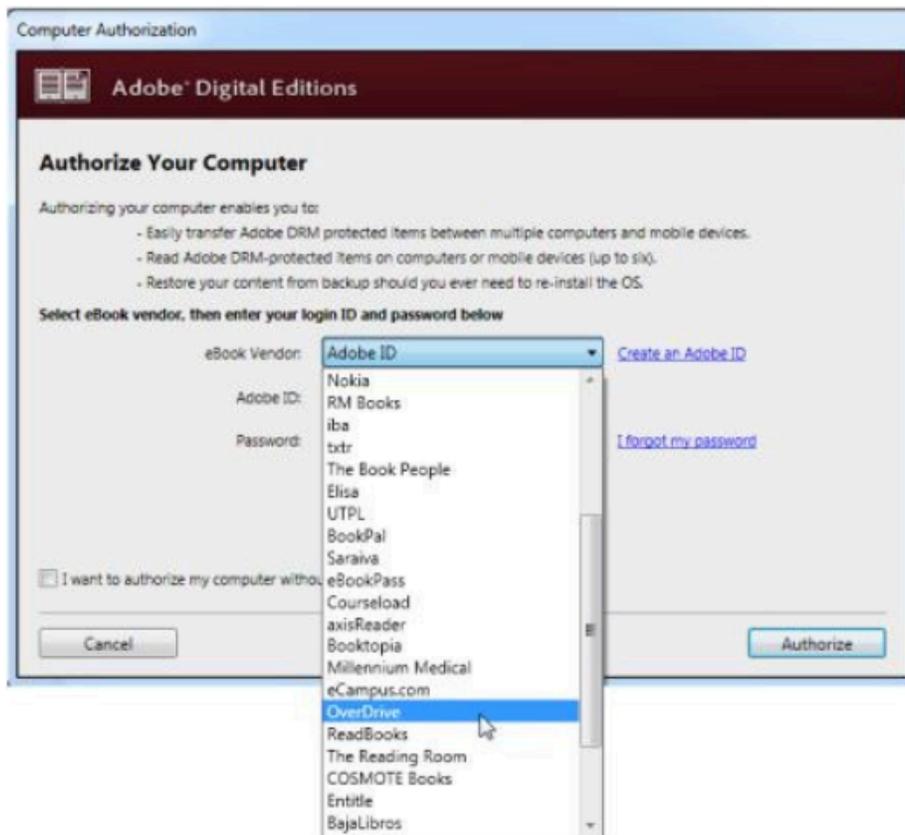
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3. Enter your email address (for Adobe ID section) and enter your password, then select Authorize.

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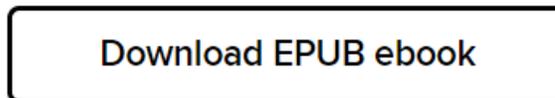
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6. A new box will appear and you will want to select “Download epub eBook” followed by clicking on the black button that says “Download EPUB eBook”.



7. After the download has been completed, the title should appear in your computer’s downloads file.

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3. A new page will pop-up and, from here, you will want to click on “authorize device” again. Click “OK” on the confirmation screen.
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### **Please note:**

- On a PC: Click the "E-Books" drop-down menu and select **Adobe Content Server Message**.
  - On a Mac: Click **Options**, then click **ACSM Files**.
6. After you click “add” your title will open on ADE. You can click on the phrase “Library” located at the top-left part of the screen to go back to the ADE homepage.
  7. Once at the home page, click on “All items”
  8. Click on the title you want to transfer and drag it to your preferred eReader’s bookshelf (listed on the left side under Devices).
  9. After this is completed, you can disconnect your eReader from your computer and the title will be uploaded to your device, ready to read!

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