

Frequently asked questions about Abdo Digital eBooks

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What is Abdo Digital?

Abdo Digital is a division of the ABDO Group that offers thousands of eBooks, Interactive Books, and Digital Databases for schools and libraries. Abdo Digital products are designed to offer children and young adults the best in digital resources for reading and researching, with easy access from anywhere.

What are the formats of your digital products?

Abdo offers 2 options for our eBooks. Our web-hosted eBooks are in a “flip book” format that allows the reader to turn pages, make the page larger, and to enjoy other interactive features. Links to our hosted eBooks can be embedded in your OPAC for easy access from home or school, with multiple user access, too. Our eBooks are also available in a single-user PDF format that schools and libraries can download for their own file management and circulation.

Abdo Interactive Books are in a Flash format, and can be purchased as a multi-user Web-hosted file, a single-user downloaded file, or on CD.

Our Digital Databases are web-based text, images, video, and games hosted by Abdo Digital.

[View our Product Comparison Chart.](#)

Will my students and patrons be able to access Abdo Digital from school and home computers?

Yes. If you select Abdo Digital’s secure web hosting, you will select a username and password to distribute to students, who will be able to log in anywhere as long as they have a computer connected to the Internet.

What are the features of Abdo eBooks?

Hosted eBooks are Flash-based “Flip Books.” With a lifetime subscription*, you get a username and password to access the books as many times as you like.

Features:

- Secure Web hosting with a customizable username & password
- 24/7 access from school, home, or anywhere with an Internet connection
- Page-turning “flip books” replicate book-reading experience for easy, intuitive usage by students of all ages and reading levels
- Administrator management to create user groups, access usage/circulation reports, and more

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- Each eBook sold as a site license with simultaneous access for multiple users
- Easy-to-use interface that allows browsing by subject, grade level, or format
- Embedded link in MARC records for easy access
- Table of contents linked throughout (most books)
- Easy keyword search
- Student-added bookmarks remembered only on individual machines
- SMART board compatible
- Titles with a copyright of 2010 or later can be viewed on tablet devices, including iPads, Kindle Fire, Nook Tablet, and other Android-based tablets
- Can NOT be viewed on e-reading devices (Kindle Touch, Nook, etc.)

Downloadable eBooks are single-user PDFs. We send you the files and you can distribute them within your building, either by downloading them on a school computer/device or putting them on a secure single-user server that is shared only with your building.

Features:

- Familiar, easy-to-use format
- Easy keyword search
- Table of contents added as bookmarks (most books)
- Can be viewed on e-reading devices and tablets

How many students or patrons can view an eBook at once?

All Abdo hosted eBooks are sold as a site license with simultaneous access for multiple users. This means any students who go to school in your building, or any patrons of your library branch, may view the eBook at any time. However, Abdo Digital's downloadable PDF eBooks are sold with single-user access.

Are there any annual hosting fees for Abdo Books?

No. Your initial purchase covers lifetime hosting fees.

I am interested in Abdo Digital's hosting service. Can you tell me about that?

When you purchase a hosted eBook or Interactive Book, you are buying lifetime access to Abdo Digital's secure web hosting*. Users will visit my.abdodigital.com and log in with a username and password to view their Abdo Digital Library. Products are categorized by subject, grade level, and format.

In addition to our friendly user interface, you can receive MARC records with the link to the eBook or Interactive Book embedded in the record for easy access from your OPAC. MARC records are FREE when you order \$350 or more from ABDO.

Your Abdo Digital Library is web-based and is accessible by anyone who has the login credentials and a computer connected to the Internet.

How can students or patrons access Abdo eBooks in my school or collection?

There are several ways to share your Abdo eBooks with students and patrons:

- You can circulate the link directly to the digital library: my.abdodigital.com.
- You can add an Abdo Digital icon to your school's library page or OPAC.

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- You can add Abdo MARC records with embedded eBook links in to your OPAC. (For this option, be sure to set up IP or referring URL authentication first.)

Is there a way for students to avoid the login screen?

Yes, Abdo Digital offers several options for accessing hosted products, depending on your school or library's specific needs:

- Unique username and password: Every Abdo Digital account will include a unique student username and password, as well as an administrator username and password. Administrators have access to change these passwords and set up additional student accounts.
- IP Authentication: If we add your school's IP address to your account, students who access your Abdo Digital Library from the school building will automatically be logged in and will not have to enter a username and password. This is a great option for schools that have eBook links available online, but not on a password-protected site. However, this is not an option for schools that share an IP address district-wide.
- Referring URL Authentication: If your school has a secure web-based password-protected site or OPAC, we can put the URL of your site on our list of approved URLs, and any time a student clicks on an Abdo link from your site - regardless of whether they are at school or at home - they will be automatically logged in.

What privileges does an Administrator have?

Every Abdo Digital account includes an administrator login. When they log in to my.abdodigital.com, administrators see a "My Account" link in the upper right hand corner of the page. By clicking on this link, administrators can update their contact information, run usage/circulation reports, add additional student usernames and passwords, and add IP ranges or referring URLs for authentication.

Can I track circulation on my Abdo Digital titles?

Yes, administrators can access usage reports directly. Simply log in with your administrator account, click on "My Account" in the upper right hand corner, and under Activity Report, enter a date range. Then click "Run Report." A CSV file will be generated that will include the users who accessed your account in the time period you entered, as well as the number of times each specific title was accessed. Geography information is also included, based on the users' IP addresses.

To download the file to your computer, right click on the link below and select either "Download Linked File As...", "Save Link As...", or "Save Target As..." (depending on your browser). The file may be opened in any spreadsheet software (Microsoft Excel, Numbers, Open Office, etc.).

Can I use Abdo eBooks on Nooks, Kindles, or other e-reading devices?

Both Nooks and Kindle Touches can read Abdo's downloadable PDF eBooks, as can most smart phones and tablet devices including the iPad and Kindle Fire.

Abdo's hosted eBooks do not work on most e-reading devices.

Do Abdo hosted eBooks work on an iPad or other tablet?

Yes. All titles with a copyright of 2010 or later are built in a dual-platform that is compatible with the iPhone, iPad, and other tablet devices.

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Do Abdo hosted eBooks work on smart phones?

Yes. All titles with a copyright of 2010 or later will work on iPhones and other smart phones.

What are the system requirements for Abdo eBooks?

Abdo's hosted eBooks and Interactive Books use Adobe® Flash® Player, and can be used on a Mac or PC platform. Required software for this product is [Flash Player 10.3 or higher](#). A minimum of 512 MB of RAM is recommended.

The following browsers are supported: Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.x, Firefox 17, Safari 5.x, and Chrome 5.x or later.

Other supported devices for hosted eBooks and eBoost products are the iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Kindle Fire, Nook Tablet, Nook HD, and other Android-based devices.

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