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Introduction to e-books

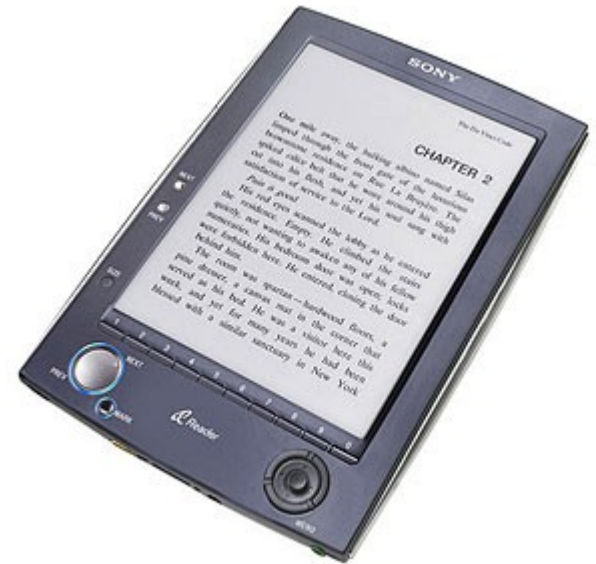
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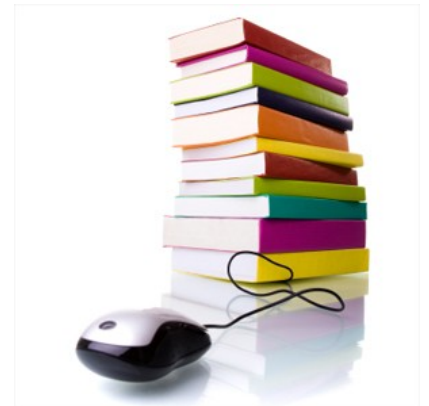
What do you know already?

- ❖ Are you already an e-book user?
- ❖ What are e-books?
- ❖ What are the advantages of e-books for learners and teachers?
- ❖ Any disadvantages?



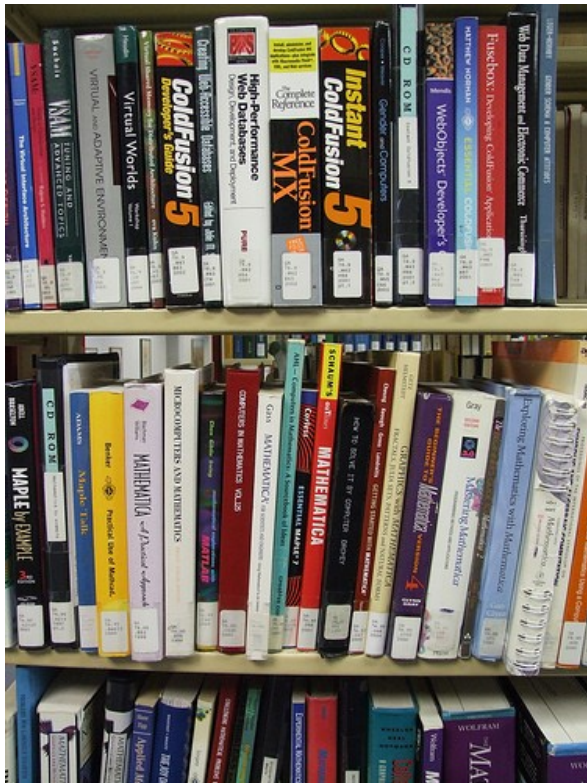
e-book characteristics

- ❖ A book in electronic format, that can be viewed via the Internet, 24 hours a day
- ❖ Viewable via a range of devices, including hand-held
- ❖ Costs vary from free to a premium paid over print
- ❖ Available from many suppliers and publishers
- ❖ Usually searchable; benefit from the advantages of Web delivery



E-books for FE

- ❖ Over 3000 e-books available free for 5 years (LSC/JISC funded)
- ❖ Unlimited concurrent access
- ❖ “Critical mass” of books supports all subjects
- ❖ Additional collection recently added
- ❖ e-select collection available to choose from at cost



Accessibility benefits

- ❖ personalise by adapting text size and colour
- ❖ text to speech available
- ❖ instant access to referencing tools and dictionaries
- ❖ copy and paste text into notes, reducing demand for typing (!)
- ❖ Short TechDIS video on e-books and inclusion:

<http://tinyurl.com/ebookvideo>



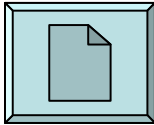
Using e-books

- ❖ e-books are just a raw material for learning and teaching
- ❖ Link to editions, pages, chapters from Moodle; incorporate in learning objects
- ❖ How will learners best use them?
- ❖ Promote! Promote! Promote!
- ❖ Choose a few gems...

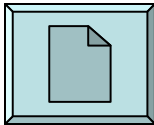
Resources:

<http://fe.jiscebooksproject.org/informa>

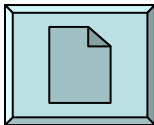




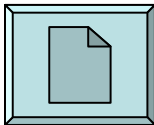
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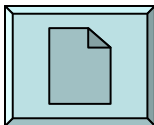
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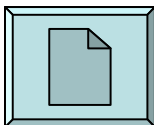
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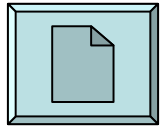
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