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THE KINDLE

Amazon's E-book reader

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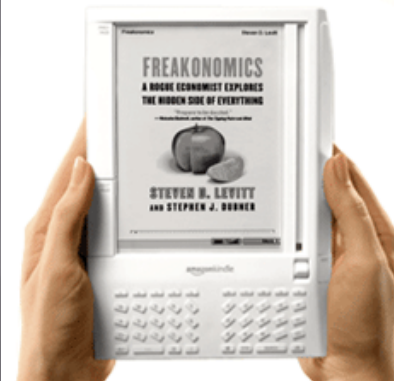
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What is Kindle?

- ▣ Kindle is the new e-reader from Amazon.com
- ▣ Over 200 books, as well as other types of documents, can be stored in its on-board memory

Kindle: Amazon's Revolutionary Wireless Reading Device



Amazon Kindle is a wireless, portable reading device with instant access to more than 130,000 books, blogs, newspapers, and magazines. Whether you're in bed or on the train, Kindle lets you think of a book and get it in less than a minute.

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What are some of its features?

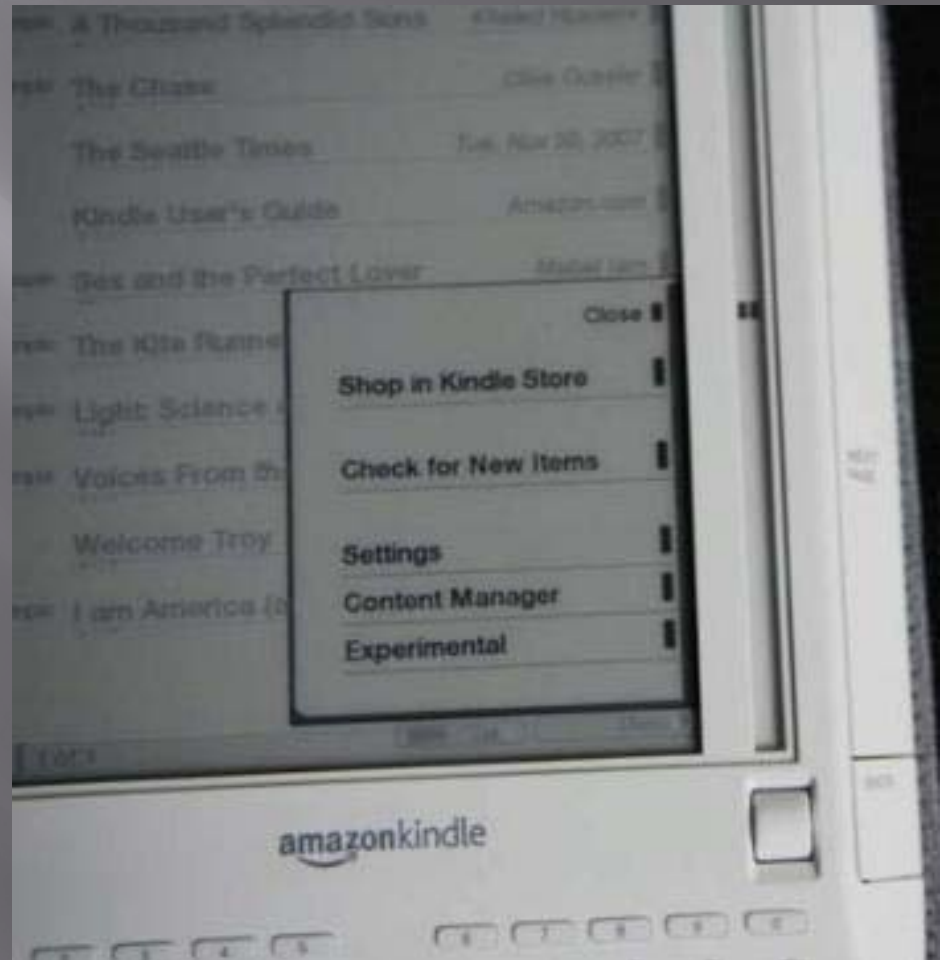
Shape/feel of a book

- ▣ Leather cover
- ▣ “Next page” and “Previous page”
Click Wheel -
QWERTY keyboard
- ▣ E-Ink technology
- ▣ Built -in Sprint
EV-DO “Whispernet”
- ▣ Audiobooks, mp3’s,
limited web browser
- ▣ SD card slot



Operating the Kindle

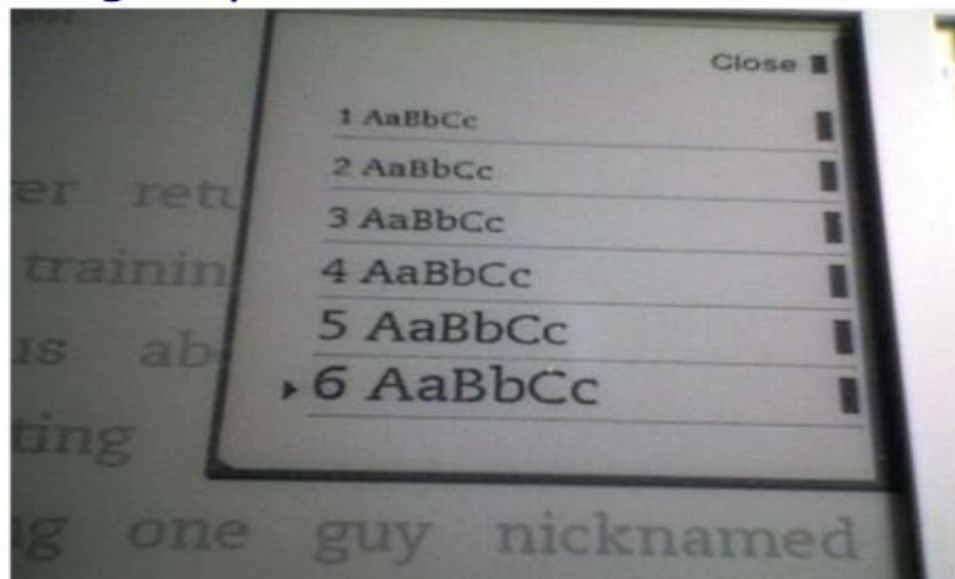
- ▣ On/Off buttons on back
- ▣ Need an Amazon.com account
- ▣ Click Wheel opens various menus...
- ▣ *Shop in Kindle Store



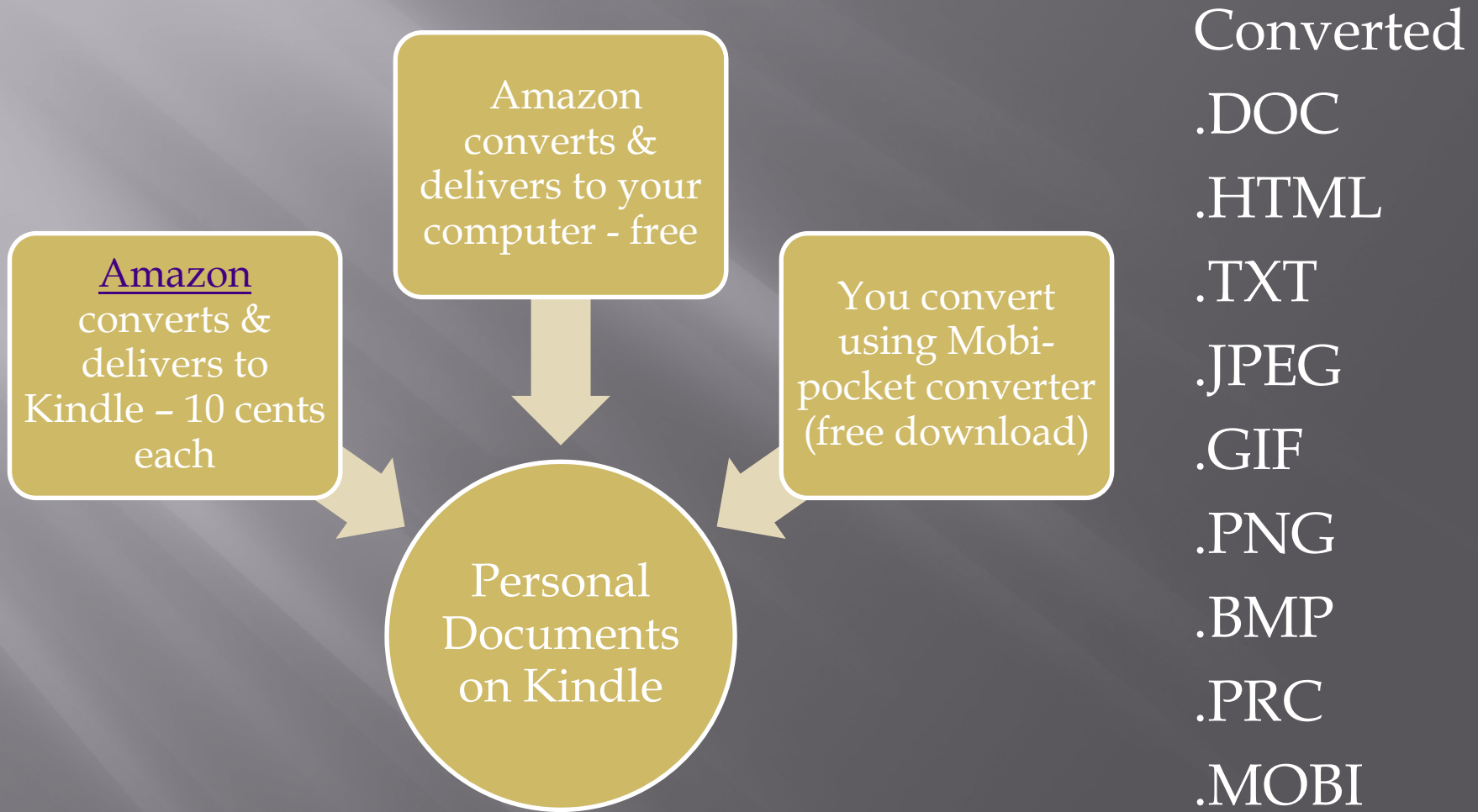
Reading a Book

- ▣ Download or Import a Book
- ▣ Click on Title
- ▣ Use Next Page/Back Page buttons
- ▣ Display is easy to read
- ▣ *Look up Words
- ▣ *Highlight Text
- ▣ *Annotate Text

The font sizing option is very good.
As a baby boomer over age 50
I can really appreciate the
larger options.



Can I add my documents?



Tips and Tricks

- ▣ Tip- Many users add Velcro® to keep it in the cover
- ▣ Example Alt T
- ▣ Many other “tips” and “hacks” on [Kindle Discussion Groups](#) at Amazon.com



What Kindle is NOT

- Not a phone or Smartphone
- Not a PDA
 - no calendar
 - cannot run outside applications
- Not an iPod or mp3 player
- Not a “useful” web browser
- Not an assistive device

Benefits in Higher Education

- Texts could be much cheaper for students
- Students can look-up words (built in dictionary)
- Students can annotate / make notes /clippings
- A single Kindle could replace pounds of textbooks (Good for environment)
- Instructors can self-publish texts or make handouts available for download to Kindle.

Downsides:

Cost- \$359.00

Limited Textbook availability

Limited to Audible.com
audiobooks

Cannot read and listen to
audiobook at same time-

Can listen to mp3 while
reading –but only shuffle mode

