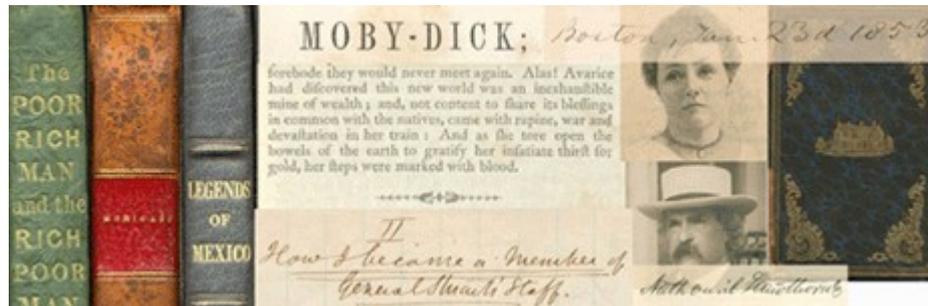


Ebooks or Etext



Universities and major corporations have huge projects that are attempting to put all books on the Internet.

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This presentation is divided into two parts: first, we are going to download a couple of E-TEXT READERS and briefly examine how they work and what they have to offer. Why 2 different text readers? As yet, there is no agreement about a standard format: books are save as .lit, .html, .txt, .doc, .pdf and a few other obscure formats.

Second, we are going to take a look at some of the major projects and what they have to offer.

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- a. Microsoft Reader Help
- b. Player
- c. Define a word - Encarta Pocket Dictionary



2. Tom's Etext Reader: <http://pws.prserv.net/Fellner/Software/eTR.htm>

a. Menu

b. TOC (table of contents)

c. Recent (files loaded)

d. Help

3. **Google** is making a major effort to save all printed books as e-text. They are saving the material in .PDF files, which are read by ADOBE READER. (#7 - the latest.)

A Few of the Major Projects

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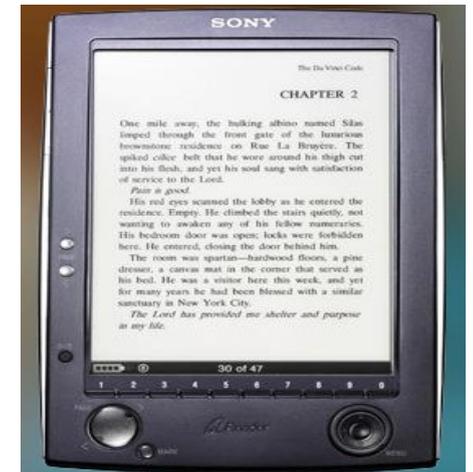


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