

Digital Text Options

Type of Resource	Description	Benefits	Limitations	Resources
Creating your own text	Creating digital texts from various resources such as adapting text books or web articles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can create with familiar software Highly customizable and flexible. Often times software is already owned or free option is available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be time and labor intensive Copyright concerns Relies on customized accessibility planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PowerPoint + PowerTalk, fullmeasure.co.uk/powertalk MS Word and Word Talk, wordtalk.org.uk Tarheel Reader, www.tarheelreader.org Bookbuilder, bookbuilder.cast.org
Scanning your own text	Using an optical scanner to convert paper based texts to a digital format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables the conversion of print based texts to a digital format. May already own the paper text. Robust software can be used to both scan and access the text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be time and labor intensive Can produce imperfect results Software can be expensive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kurzweil 3000, www.kurzweiledu.com Read and Write Gold, www.texthelp.com
Digital texts on the Internet	Using web content such as an article that is already in a digital format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often times web based texts and articles are free. Already in a digital format. Newest search tools make finding resources easier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formatting may be relatively fixed (ex. series of web pages) Key content such as textbooks may not be available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wikipedia, www.wikipedia.org Scholastic News, www2.scholastic.com/browse/scholasticNews.jsp National Geographic Kids, www.kids.nationalgeographic.com
Digital texts in consumer formats	Using software or web based tools to download and access books.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Texts are available on software that is widely available and free Inclusion factors Some accessibility features are built into the platforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited accessibility features at times Many texts cost money and have limitations on sharing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindle, https://kindle.amazon.com iBooks, apple.com/ipad/built-in-apps/ibooks.html Nook, barnesandnoble.com/nook
Digital text repository	Provides texts that are open to the public or are provided to individuals with qualifying disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A large amount of texts are available Texts can be obtained quickly Some repositories are free or free for individuals with qualifying disabilities Flexible formats Free software available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bureaucracy of signing up to participate in repository Often times pictures/ photos are excluded from these formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bookshare, www.bookshare.org Project Gutenberg, www.gutenberg.org The Accessible Book Collection, www.accessiblebookcollection.org