

# A Step-by-Step Guide to DRM

DRM is used by publishers to restrict what you can do with your ebooks. DRM controls which devices you can use to read your ebook, and stops you converting your eBooks from one format to another. This post gives instructions for installing the plug-ins needed for removing DRM and using applications, as follows:

- DeDRM plugin for Calibre
- DeDRM Application for Windows XP and above
- Mac OS X DeDRM application

Linux users should use the DeDRM plugin for Calibre, or can extract the individual tools if they wish. Specific Linux instructions are included in the README that accompanies the DeDRM plugin.

You can download the latest DRM removal plugin (DeDRM\_plugin.zip) here

--- > <http://www1.datafilehost.com/d/9f2e465f>

The DeDRM plugin can remove DRM from:

Kindle eBooks (but not rented Kindle ebooks, books download to a Kindle Fire or Fire HD, Kindle for Android, Kindle for iOS or the Windows 8 AppStore Kindle App), Barnes & Noble ePub ebooks, any ebooks using Adobe Digital Editions DRM (this includes eBooks from Kobo and Sony that are downloaded for Adobe Digital Editions), and the older Mobipocket and eReader ebooks.

## DeDRM plugin for Calibre

### Installing

Download the latest tools package, and unzip it. (On Windows, right-click and "Extract All..."; After extracting all, rename the tools\_vX.X.X.zip file to tools\_zipped\_vX.X.X.zip to prevent later confusion)

Run calibre. From the Preferences menu select "Change calibre behavior". (Do not click "Get plugins to enhance calibre", that option is reserved for 'official' calibre plugins.)

Click on Plugins (under "Advanced") — it looks like a jigsaw puzzle piece.

Click on the large "Load plugin from file" button

Navigate to the tools folder unzipped in step 2

Open the "DeDRM\_calibre\_plugin" folder

Select the DeDRM\_plugin.zip file in that folder

Click on the "Add" (sometimes "Open") button.

Click on the "Yes" button in the "Are you sure?" warning dialog that appears. A "Success" dialog will appear, saying that the plug-in has been installed. Click on "OK".

Customising the plugin with encryption key

Usually calibre will have automatically selected the DeDRM plugin after you add it.

If not, the DeDRM plugin can be found under "File Type plugins". It might be easier to find if you check the "Show only user installed plugins" checkbox. You might need to click on the triangle next to the "File Type plugins" label to show the list of File Type plugins.

If it's not already selected, click on the DeDRM plugin in the list to select it, and then click on the Customize plugin button. This will open that main "Customise DeDRM" dialog which contains a set of buttons describing different type and sources of ebooks. If you have DRM-ed ebooks that match the description on any of the buttons, you will need to click on the button and enter the required information in the sub-dialog that will pop up.

When all the configuration for your DRM-ed ebooks has been entered, click "OK" in the main dialog to save all the information you've entered. You're now ready to remove the DRM from your ebooks.

Please keep in mind that the DeDRM calibre plugin removes DRM from ebooks as they are imported into calibre. So to use the plugin, just import your DRM-ed ebooks into calibre, and the DRM will be removed. If you have already imported your ebooks into calibre, you will need to remove the DRM-ed ebooks and import them again!

Most of the work on converting the DRM removal scripts to a Calibre plugin has been done by DiapDealer and Apprentice Alf so all credits goes to them.

