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Adopting Kortext eTextbooks

Instructor's Guide

Kortext is an ebook platform that enables students to access their books both online and offline, on multiple devices. Kortext provides perpetual access to ebooks once they are downloaded, can be integrated through iLearn, and is publisher agnostic. Their features include note taking, highlighting, and faculty analytics.

Have you adopted an eTextbook from Kortext? This guide helps with integrating the eBook with iLearn. This guide has the following sections:

1. How eTextbooks are accessible in iLearn to students who already made a purchase
2. Adding an eTextbook Manually to your iLearn Course Site
3. Faculty Access to eBooks
4. Requesting a Review Copy of an eTextBook

1. eTextbooks Automatically Appear to Students After Purchase

Students who purchase the eTextbook will have access immediately through the **eTextbooks course module** on your course site.

As the course Home Page is set as the course entry point by default, students will always see the books they purchased once they access your course

The screenshot displays the Blackboard course interface for 'Fluid Mechanics(U21 Sec01)'. The top navigation bar includes the course title, a status message '(Course is unavailable to students)', and a 'Home Page' link. A left-hand sidebar lists navigation options: Home Page, Announcements, Blackboard Collaborate, Discussions, Course Messages, My Grades, Groups, Tools, and Student Help and Support. The main content area, titled 'Home Page', contains several modules: 'My Announcements' (no announcements posted in the last 7 days), 'My Tasks' (no tasks due), 'What's New' (no notifications), and 'Needs Attention'. On the right side, the 'eTextbooks' module is highlighted with a red rectangular box; it displays two book covers: 'Engineering Fluid Mechanics' and 'Accounting and Finance for Non-Specialists'. Below this, the 'To Do' section shows 'What's Past Due' (0 items) and 'What's Due' for the date 06/10/2021, with 'Nothing Due Today' and 'Tomorrow (0)' items.

2. Adding an eTextbook Manually to your iLearn Course Site

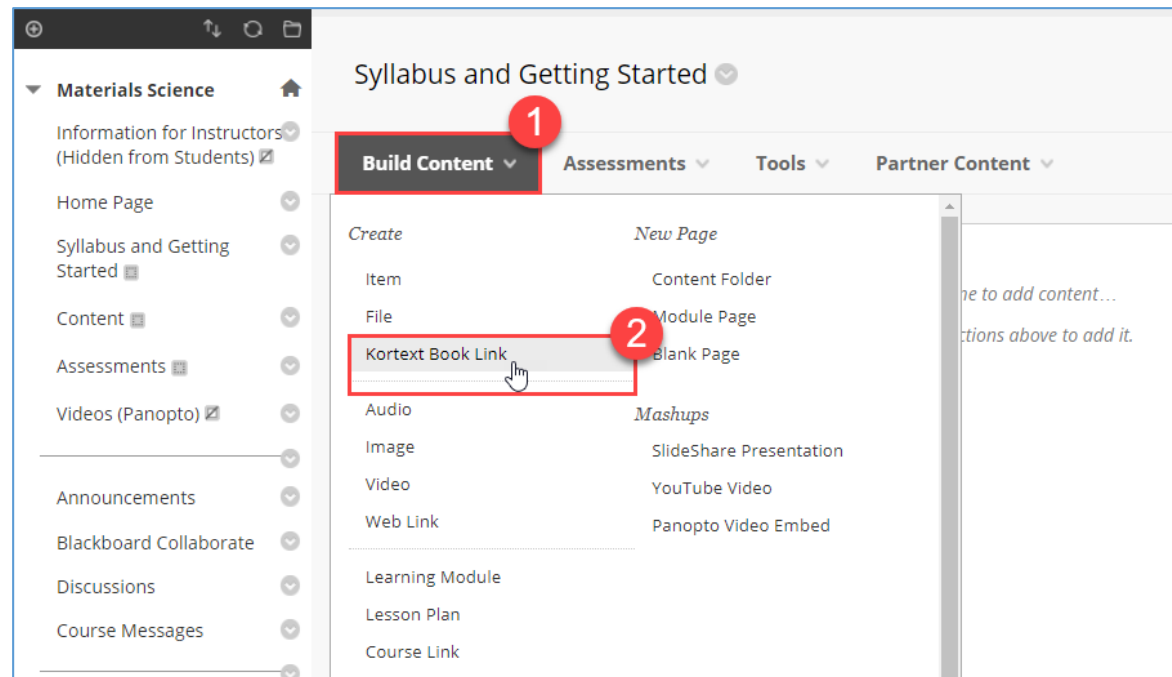
Before following the steps below, you may first need to create an account with **Kortext** and have the eBook added to your bookshelf before you are able to add the eBook to the course.

If you get the message “**No book found with ID**”, create an account with **Kortext** using your AUS email address through this link: <https://store.kortext.com/create-account>, then request your department to have the eBook added to your **Kortext Bookshelf**

STEP 1:

To manually add a link to an eTextbook from Kortext, you can do that in any content area in the course by clicking **Kortext Book Link** under **Build Content**

The next screen includes the information you will need to fill out.



STEP 2:

1. Provide the **Kortext Book ID**.
Get the ID from your department admin assistant
2. You can specify a specific page to open once student open the eBook through the link
3. Add a name for the eBook Link
4. You can add a link description
5. Once you are done, click the **Submit** button

The screenshot shows a web interface for adding a Kortext book. On the left is a sidebar with a 'Course Management' section containing links like 'Control Panel', 'Collections', 'Course Tools', 'Evaluation', 'Grade Center', 'Users and Groups', 'Enrollment Options', 'Guest and Observer Access', 'Properties', 'Quick Setup Guide', 'Teaching Style', and 'Tool Availability'. The main area is titled 'KORTEXT BOOK IDENTIFIER' and contains the following fields and elements:

- A note: "This is a required value. If you do not provide a name or description below, the Kortext catalog values will be used. A page number is optional."
- Field 1: "ID" with the value "150178" (marked with a red circle 1).
- Field 2: "Page" (marked with a red circle 2).
- Section: "NAME AND DESCRIBE YOUR LINK"
- Field 3: "Name" with the value "eTextbook: Accounting and Finance for Non-Specialists" (marked with a red circle 3).
- Field 4: "Description" with a rich text editor toolbar (marked with a red circle 4). The toolbar includes options for bold, italic, underline, strikethrough, paragraph style, font face, font size, bulleted list, numbered list, link, unlink, and other formatting tools. Below the toolbar is a text area containing the text: "This is the assigned book for this course. You can get the book through the AUS eTextbook Shop|".
- Field 5: "Submit" button (marked with a red circle 5).

At the bottom of the form, there is a message: "Click Submit to proceed." and a "Cancel" button.

Giving that the eBook ID is correct, the link will be added on the course page


In case you have any questions, please email itservicedesk@aus.edu

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eTextbook: Accounting and Finance for Non-Specialists ▾

This is the assigned book for this course. You can get the book through the AUS eTextbook Shop.

3. Faculty Access to eBooks

Your access to eBooks should be pre-arranged with Kortext. In all cases, you will need to create a Kortext Reader account by following this link:

<https://store.kortext.com/create-account>

Kortext

Already have an account? [Log in](#)

First name
Wissam


Last name
Kamal

Email Address
username@aus.edu

Password
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Confirm password
Top secret password

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[Privacy](#) - [Terms](#)

☒ Yes I have read and agree the Kortext Terms and Conditions of use and I have read the [privacy policy](#).

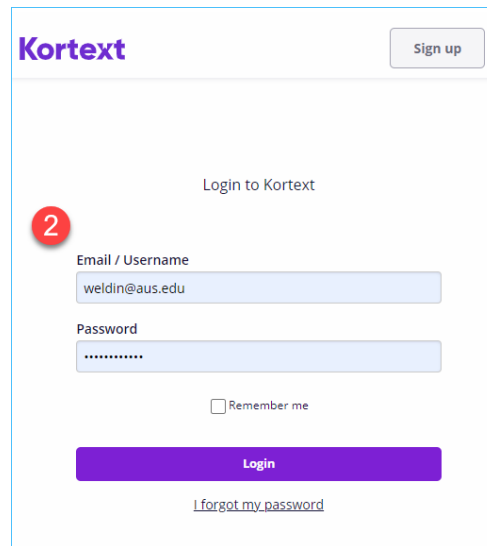
☐ Stay in the loop about the most relevant information and content to you.

Create an account

Once you create an account successfully, you can access **Kortext Reader**:

1. Clicking on the eBook link you added to the iLearn course site
2. Through the **Kortext Reader** website at

<https://store.kortext.com/login>



The image shows the Kortext login page. At the top left is the 'Kortext' logo. At the top right is a 'Sign up' button. The main heading is 'Login to Kortext'. Below this is a red circle with the number '2' next to the 'Email / Username' label. The email field contains 'weldin@aus.edu'. Below that is the 'Password' label and a password field with masked characters. There is a 'Remember me' checkbox. At the bottom is a purple 'Login' button and a link that says 'I forgot my password'.

Kortext

Sign up

Login to Kortext

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Email / Username

weldin@aus.edu

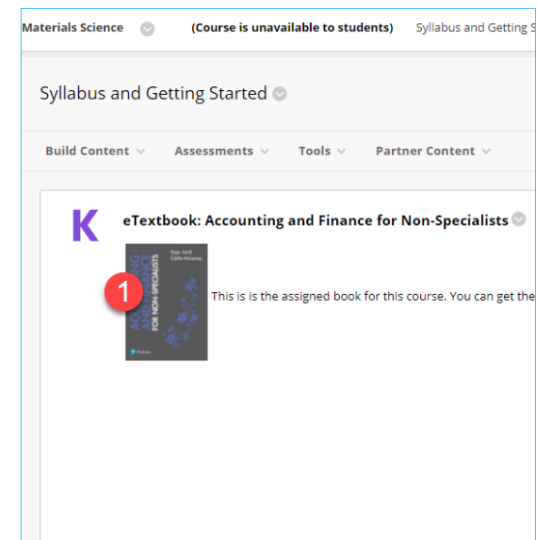
Password

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☐ Remember me

Login

[I forgot my password](#)



The image shows a Kortext course page for 'Materials Science'. At the top, it says '(Course is unavailable to students)' and 'Syllabus and Getting Started'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Build Content', 'Assessments', 'Tools', and 'Partner Content'. The main content area features a large purple 'K' logo and the title 'eTextbook: Accounting and Finance for Non-Specialists'. A red circle with the number '1' is next to the title. Below the title is a book cover image and the text 'This is the assigned book for this course. You can get the'.

Materials Science (Course is unavailable to students) Syllabus and Getting Started

Syllabus and Getting Started

Build Content Assessments Tools Partner Content

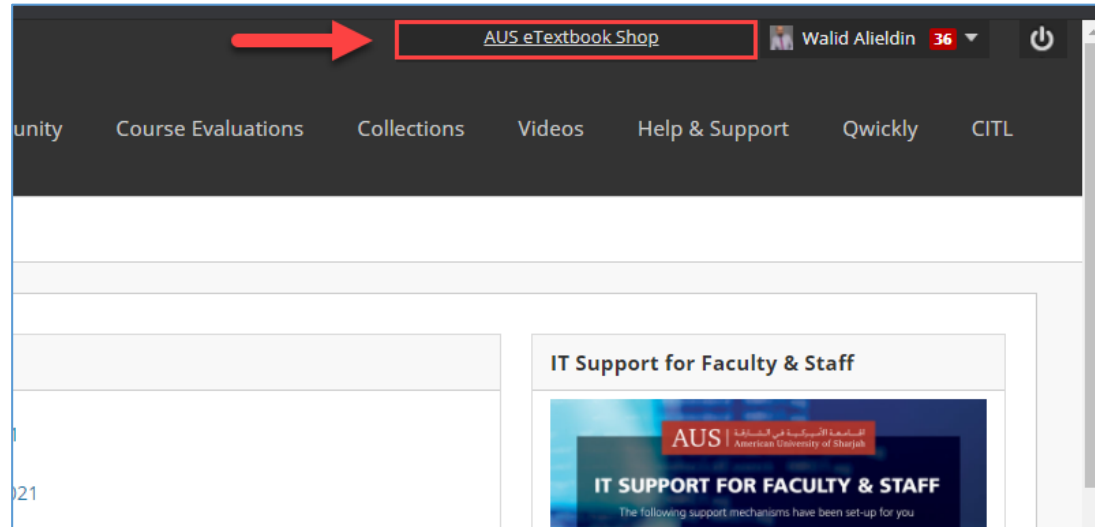
K eTextbook: Accounting and Finance for Non-Specialists

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This is the assigned book for this course. You can get the

4. Requesting a Review Copy of an eTextBook

You can request a review copy of an eTextbook through the AUS eTextbook Shop. The eTextbook Shop can be accessed by clicking the **AUS eTextbook Shop** on iLearn



The eTextbook shop will open in a new browser tab. You will need to create an account before being able to request a review copy any ebooks. Click on the **Register** link

The screenshot shows the homepage of the eTextbook shop. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About', 'Contact', and 'Help'. A red arrow points to the 'Register' link, which is highlighted with a red box. Next to it is a 'Login' link. Below the navigation bar, the AUS logo (American University of Sharjah) is displayed on the left, and the 'eTextbook shop' logo is on the right. A currency selector shows 'AED'. Below the AUS logo, there are links for 'Home', 'All TextBooks', and 'Request Review Copy *'. On the right side, there is a 'Wishlist' icon and a shopping cart icon showing '0.00 AED'. The main content area is titled 'All Available Textbooks' and shows a list of books. The first book is 'Renewable Energy E...' by Nicholas Jenkins, Janaka Ekanayake. The second book is 'Manufacturing auto...' by Yusuf Altintas. There are also book covers for 'ENTREPRENEURSHIP', 'Engineering Mechanics STATICS', 'Engineering Fluid Mechanics', and 'ENGINEERING DRAWING DESIGN'. A 'Trending Products' section is visible on the left. The page indicates 'SHOWING 1 TO 20 OF 49 TOTAL' books, with a 'show: 20' dropdown menu.

The registration form will open. Register using your official AUS Email address. This is essential and you should not use your personal email address. After registration, you will receive an email confirmation to complete the process and you will then be able to login

Be Our Family!
Register With Us

All fields are mandatory.

Email *

username@aus.edu

First Name *

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Last Name *

Kamal

Password *

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Confirm Password *

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Must contain at least 8 characters, an uppercase letter, a lowercase letter, and a special character.

By clicking the "Create Account" button below, I agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

Create Account

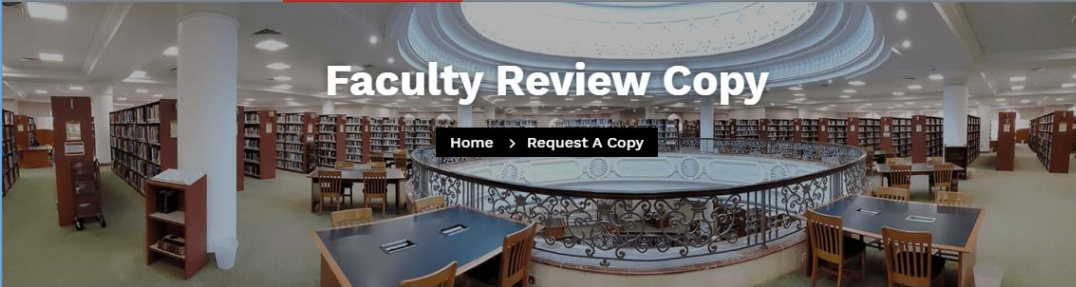
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