

Print-on-Demand Guide

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A reference for setting up an open textbook print-on-demand service

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Open Creation: In Progress

This guide is currently in the ¹*open creation* stage. Below is a list of the tasks left to complete.

- Add missing content to body and appendices
- Add screenshots and images
- Check for accessibility and add accessibility statement
- Copy edit and add style sheet
- Review and complete Book Info page

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About This Guide

This is one of many support guides from BCcampus Open Education. It is designed to supplement our main resource: the *Self-Publishing Guide* [New Tab].

Welcome to the BCcampus Open Education *Print-on-Demand Guide*. This support resource provides the what, why, and how of creating a printed copy of any openly licensed textbook found in the B.C. Open Textbook Collection. These same steps can be used to create a print-on-demand textbook from other collections providing you have access to the correct file types.

BCcampus Open Education began in 2012 as the B.C. Open Textbook Project with the goal of making post-secondary education in British Columbia more accessible by reducing students' costs through the use of open textbooks and other OER. BCcampus supports the post-secondary institutions of British Columbia as they adapt and evolve their teaching and learning practices to enable powerful learning opportunities for the students of B.C. BCcampus Open Education is funded by the British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training, and the Hewlett Foundation.

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This guide does not come with an index. Instead, use the search field located in the top-right of each page in the online version to locate a specific topic.

The BCcampus Writing Guidelines for Style and Tone and BCcampus Open Education Style Guide, along with the attached style sheet [Word file] – **to be added**, were referenced during the copy editing and proofreading phases of this toolkit.

If you find an error in this toolkit, please report it using the Report a Textbook Error form. For other feedback or comments, fill out the BCcampus contact form.

Introduction

Many open textbooks are available online or in other digital formats. However, sometimes, students and instructors prefer to use a printed, bound textbook. This guide allows you to address three of David Wiley’s “5 R’s of openness” : retain, reuse, and redistribute.

This *Print on Demand Guide* provides information on the what, why, and how of creating your own hard copy textbook of any openly licensed textbook found in the BC Open Textbook collection. However, these same steps can be used to create a print on demand textbook from other collections providing you have access to the correct file types.

In addition to cost to students, one of the biggest advantages of choosing an open textbook is it gives faculty and students the legal right to retain and make copies of the textbook without obtaining permission from the copyright holder. This is possible because the copyright holder has already granted permission by releasing their work using an open – or Creative Commons – license. This type of license gives users permission to use and reuse, share, copy, retain and modify the textbook without consulting the author.

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If this text does not meet your needs, please check out our full library at www.openlibrary.ecampusontario.ca. If you still cannot find what you are looking for, connect with colleagues and eCampusOntario to explore creating your own open education resource (OER).

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PART I

WHAT IS A PRINT-ON-DEMAND TEXTBOOK

Print-on-demand, or PoD, is a service or process by which individual copies of a textbook or other documents, usually available as digital files, can be produced. Prior to the digital age, providing individually printed and bound books was prohibitively expensive.

Print on demand with digital technology is used as a way of printing items for a fixed cost per copy, regardless of the size of the order. While the unit price of each physical copy printed is higher than with offset printing, the average cost is lower for very small print runs, because setup costs are much higher for offset printing.

PoD has other business benefits besides lower costs (for small runs):

- Technical set-up is usually quicker than for offset printing.
- Large inventories of a book or print material do not need to be kept in stock, reducing storage, handling costs, and inventory accounting costs.
- There is little or no waste from unsold products.

These advantages reduce the risks associated with publishing books and prints and can lead to increased choice for consumers. However, the reduced risks for the publisher can also mean that quality control is less rigorous than usual.¹

1. Retrieved July 6, 2016: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Print_on_demand

I. Permissions

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2. CC BY-NC (Non-commercial) Licences

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Is a bookstore or other print on demand service, permitted to print and bind open textbooks or other OER be if it is an NC license attached?

PART II

WHY CREATE A POD TEXTBOOK

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There's a need. More faculty than students...

We want to create easy access to print-on-demand open textbooks. Currently, students and faculty can order PoD books from SFU DocSol or other services for some books (e.g. Amazon for OpenStax). However, these suppliers cannot always provide a printed copy as quickly and cheaply as some students or faculty would like. One solution is to encourage/educate college and university bookstores to take on this role. The advantages include:

Familiarity and value.

1. Physical, printed open textbooks displayed or offered in a bookstore, provides greater visibility for these resources.
2. Placing printed open textbooks along side hard copies of traditional textbooks in a bookstore, normalizes them; makes them familiar; helps students and faculty become more comfortable with them.
3. Having a printed open textbook along side a traditional textbook allows students to more easily do a price comparison, and see the value of OTB.
4. Making printed open textbooks more available will likely increase their usage.

3. Statistics

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What do the stats say? (PoD numbers for BCcampus Open Ed, for example.

4. Faster and Cheaper

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- Immediate or quick access.
 1. The book is printed on campus where the student is.
 2. No need to wait for an outside service to process the order, print and bind the book, ship the book.
 3. Easier for students/faculty ordering from outside the province and country.

- Cheaper.
 1. No shipping cost.
 2. Rates are determined by the college or university bookstore.
 1. Consider providing guidelines for price setting.
 2. Want to ensure that students are still receiving textbooks that are significantly cheaper than traditional publisher textbooks.

5. Control and Flexibility

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- Bookstore has more control over printed open textbooks
 1. Each institution can brand their copies.
 2. Each institution can highlight the advantage of the open textbook and the course(s) that use it.
Promotion for the institution.
- Academic freedom and institutional relationships.
 1. Instructors can more easily request that their version of a textbook be made available to their students.
 2. It's easier for an instructor to work with their campus bookstore than with an outside service that is far away and doesn't know them.

6. Reselling Used Copies

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- Talk about how PoD of open textbooks can be sold as used textbooks, just as is done with publisher's textbooks. (Thanks to Karen Pikula from Central Lakes College, Brainerd, MN for this idea.)

PART III
HOW TO CREATE A POD TEXTBOOK

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7. Bookstores

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Bookstores, specifically those affiliated with a post-secondary institution – college, university, institute – often have an existing print-on-demand (PoD) service onsite.

Can choose to print only a select number of chapters depending on what the student or faculty needs/wants. Don't pay publisher prices for this sort of customization.

Or can have a faculty member who has revised an open textbook, that she/he doesn't plan to share with the broader community, and have printed for a reasonable cost.

- Instructions for bookstore
- Pricing guidelines for bookstore
- PDF file
- Cover file (as jpg)

8. Faculty

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Faculty may also see a need to have a hard copy of an open textbook on hand.

- for themselves
- for the classroom

One pager for faculty

1. What they need to do if they want bookstore to provide printed open textbooks for their course
2. What they need to do if they want a revised version of an open textbook available as a PoD through the bookstore
3. How to inform their students
4. Housekeeping: deadlines when bookstore needs this information, etc.

9. Students

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Students:

- can print out their own
- might want to go through their campus bookstore
- could use an independent service

Decide if they want:

- the whole book
- part of the book (give instructions on how to print portions of a PDF?)
- black and white, or colour

10. Libraries

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- Go through bookstore
- Have copies available as reference
- To show students and faculty

PART IV

OPEN TEXTBOOK COVER TOOLKIT

This toolkit can be used by authors publishing their own open textbooks to create a book cover for their open textbook. Bookstores providing print-on-demand services for open textbooks can also use the toolkit to create book covers for open textbooks which do not have one.

The open textbook cover template in this toolkit are different than typical textbook cover instructions and templates because the templates and all images used to create them are either released with an open-copyright licence (CC BY) or are in the public domain.

II. Toolkit Explained

What is the toolkit?

The Open Textbook Cover Toolkit has been created to give authors options to create book covers for the open textbooks they are writing and/or publishing. This toolkit has been created by BCcampus and released with a CC BY licence.

Book cover elements

Essential items for your book cover are:

- Title
- Author(s)

Additional elements:

- Photo
- Graphic

Other items that could be include:

- Tag line
- Logo

Contents of the toolkit

The toolkit contains three book cover styles to choose from:

- Simple
- Graphic
- Photo

A template file for each of these styles has been provided for you to copy or modify.

Template attribution statement

The textbook cover templates have been designed by Robyn Humphreys, Digital Designer for BCcampus, and are covered by the CC BY licence under which this guide is released. It is recommended that the attribution statement for the template is placed on the textbook's copyright page as follows:

The template used to create this textbook's cover is by BCcampus and used under a CC BY 4.0 International Licence.

12. How to Use the Templates

Template Files

There are two types of files:

- Visual Guide (PDF)
- InDesign Template

Visual Guide

The Visual Guide will help you see the elements of the book cover so you can copy their styles, size and placement. If you do not own or have access to Adobe InDesign, then you may use another program that you are comfortable with.

Please note: *Whichever program you use, you will need to export your cover to a JPEG image file to upload into Pressbooks to make the cover. Microsoft Word does not export to a high enough resolution to be usable.*

InDesign Template

InDesign is a layout program created by Adobe. If you own the program or have access to it, you can download the template and edit it with your book's information. You can also modify the template to personalize your book by changing the fonts and colours used. If you have selected the photo or graphic template then you can modify those elements as well to suit your book. If you are not an InDesign user, but have hired a designer to create your book cover, you may pass the template onto them to modify.

Book cover styles

There are three book cover styles to choose from:

1. Simple: colour cover and text
2. Graphic: pattern background and text
3. Photo: image and/or pattern background and text

Each book cover template has a screen or print version. The print version includes a spine and back cover. This is not required for screen viewing.

Book cover final files

When exporting your finished cover choose:

- PDF for print files
- JPEG for screen files

Resources

If you decide to use the Graphic or Photo cover template, you can find a list of openly-licensed and public domain graphics (vectors) and image [\[New Tab\]](#) in the BCcampus Open Education *Self-Publishing Guide*.

Images

When choosing an image for your work, you need to decide if you will be using it for print or for screen. Images for print require a larger resolution than images for screen.

See the Textbook Cover chapter [\[New Tab\]](#) in the *Self-Publishing Guide* for detailed information on choosing an image.

Attribution statement

Attribution may be required if you are:

- Adapting an open textbook
- Required to give credit for the graphic or image you are using
- Include the CC BY licence in your attribution statement

For more information on best practices for composing an attribution statements, see [Attributions \[New Tab\]](#) in the *Self-Publishing Guide*.

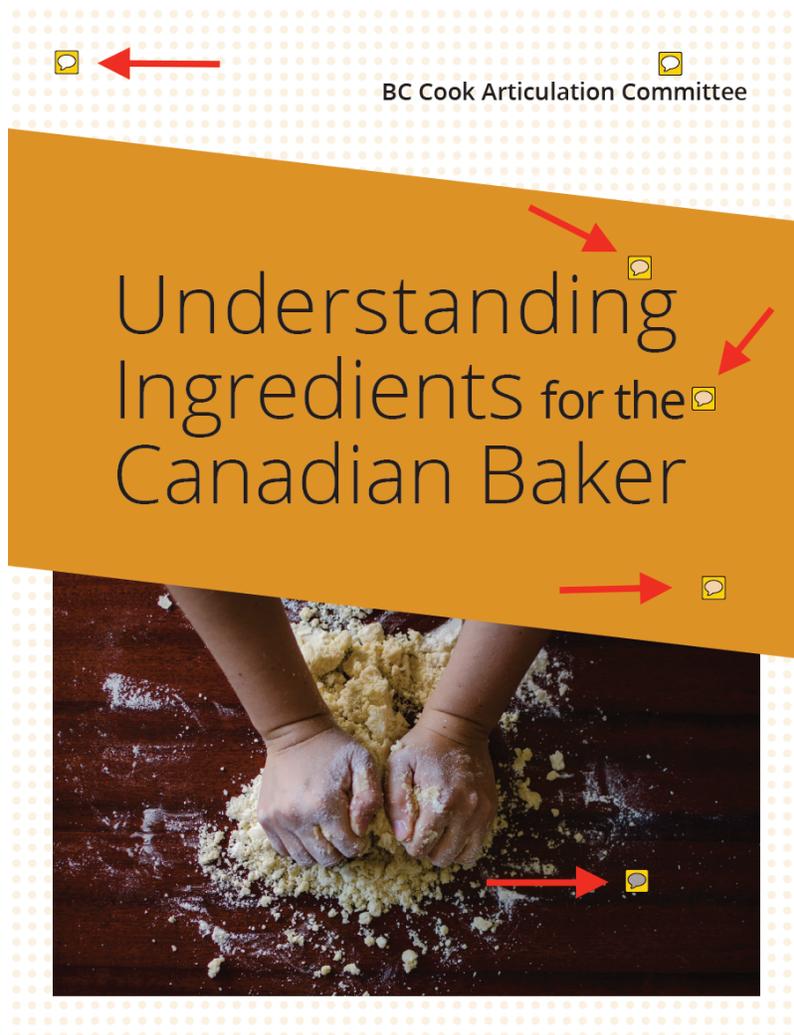
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13. Textbook Cover Templates

Find the files for download below.

The Visual Guide is a pdf file that gives you an example of how you can design your book cover if you are using a different program than InDesign. There are notes – accessed by hovering over the dialogue icons – in the file that show size and placement of the book cover's elements. The below example uses red arrows to identify the location dialogue icons for one of the textbook cover templates.



Look for the dialogue icons for notes about how to use this template

The InDesign Template is an InDesign file that you can use and/or modify to your liking.

There are three options for both the Visual Guide and InDesign file, depending on your needs.

Visual Guide

Print

- Simple
- Graphic
- Photo

Screen

- Simple
- Graphic
- Photo

InDesign Template

Print

- Simple
- Graphic
- Photo

Screen

- Simple
- Graphic
- Photo

Appendix A: PoD Services

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Independent PoD Services – list

- Canadian
- American

Appendix B: Pricing Guidelines for Bookstores

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Appendix C: Easy PoD Reference

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- One pager
- PDF can download
- can print from this guide

Appendix D: Style Sheet

Add this to a Word doc for posting in “About This Guide.”

General Guidelines

- Avoid overuse of bold, italics, capitalization and colons.
- Use one space between sentences.
- Ensure consistency within a document regarding all style formats.

Abbreviations

- Geographical locations take periods except if occurring without them as part of a proper noun or brand.
 - British Columbia is abbreviated as B.C. unless in a name such as BC Open Textbook Project or BCcampus.

Commas

- Serial commas should be used consistently throughout BCcampus documents. This means putting commas between the elements of a series and before the final AND, OR, or NOR.
- Commas should always follow “e.g.,” and “i.e.,” as well as, “for example,” and “for instance.”

Capitalization

- Capitalize all proper names, universities, agencies, ministries, associations, places and addresses.
- Where a reasonable choice exists use lowercase.
- Use lower case for “open education resources” (OER) and generic use of “open textbooks”.
- Use lowercase for descriptive Internet terms such as “email,” “website,” and “online”. Uppercase for proper names such as “Internet”.
- Capitalize all letters in abbreviations and acronyms: HTML, URL and RAM.
- Use lower case for file extensions as appended to a file name: .pdf, .docx.
- In main headings/titles capitalize the following:
 1. The first and the last word of the title
 2. Principal words such as nouns, pronouns (such as “you”), adjectives, verbs and adverbs
 3. Prepositions and conjunctions of four letters or more
 4. Lowercase the “to” in an infinitive (e.g., I want to play guitar)
- In sub headings use sentence case (only capitalize the first word).
- Pressbooks sections (parts, chapter, main body, front and back matter) are not capitalized unless the term is used as a name (e.g. ‘Part 1’) or is referred to as a selected menu item (e.g. “Add New Front Matter”).
- Pressbooks Views and Dashboard items are capitalized.

Lists / Bullets

- Introductory phrase: If the statement introducing the list is not a complete sentence* (a dependent clause) then a colon at the end should be used. Otherwise end a complete sentence with a period.
- List item punctuation:
 - If list items are complete sentences* use normal terminal punctuation (period, question mark etc.).
 - If items are sentence fragments or single words do not use terminal punctuation.
- Start each point in the list with a capital.
- Be consistent within a bulleted list for language and tense. All items should be syntactically and conceptually parallel. For example, start each bullet with a verb in present tense.
- Do not use hanging indents.
- Use a numbered list if documenting steps in a specific sequence otherwise use bullets.

*Note: Complete sentences require a subject, verb and complete thought. If one of these components is missing then it is a sentence fragment.

Bolding

- Bold the first use of a new key term and add it to the glossary.
- Define the term upon first mention within the text.

Hyphens

- Generic e-anything should be written with a lower case “e” and a hyphen before the word (e.g., e-reader) with exception for “email”.
- “Post-secondary” is always hyphenated.

Procedural documentation

- Limit the use of screen captures.
- Make the steps as brief as possible.
- Write in the present tense.
- Use boldface only upon first use of key terms that will be defined in the glossary.
- Use quotations to highlight names of menus, drop down selections and buttons.
- Use italics for fields or items that will be replaced with user text.
- Set off the text the user will insert with single quotes.
- Avoid using characters such as angle brackets (<>) or square brackets ([]) to designate text substitutions.

Example: From the “File” menu, select “Open”. In the “Open” text box, enter the URL below, substituting either ‘disk.dallas.utexas.edu’ for *server-address*, and your UT EID for *eid*.

Versioning History

This page provides a record of changes made to this toolkit. Each set of edits is acknowledged with a 0.1 increase in the version number. The exported files for this toolkit reflect the most recent version.

If you find an error in this toolkit, please fill out the [Report an Open Textbook Error form](#).

Version	Date	Change	Affected Web Page
1.0	November 17, 2016	Guide added as an open creation to the B.C. Open Textbook Collection.	
1.1	February 16, 2018	Added Open Textbook Cover Toolkit	Open Textbook Cover Toolkit
