eLIB
User Guide

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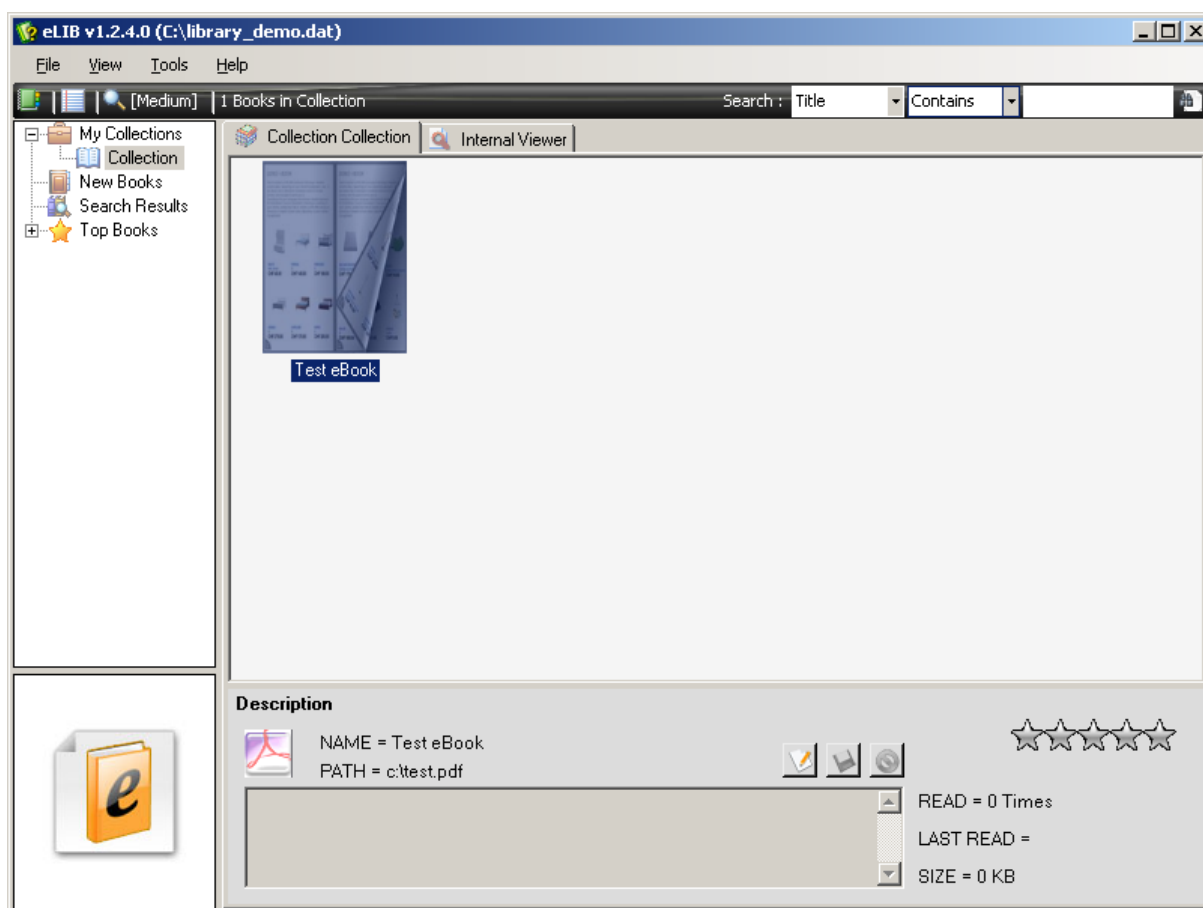
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Purpose of this tool

eLIB is mainly a file organizing tool, like many others, but differs from others with a specific feature : it generates covers of your files, instead of downloading them (works with CBZ, CBR, PDF and some MsOffice files). It also integrates a homemade CBZ, CBR viewer in parallel of a web viewer on which PDF, MsOffice and other compliant files can be displayed in.

eLIB's intuitive user interface lets you rearrange collections or books by simple drag and drop.

Of course there are lots of other features which eLIB can provide, and all of those are explained later in this document in "Main features" and "Advanced features".

Getting started

Scanning

On its first execution, eLIB will ask you to perform a scan. Enter one or several paths to scan, specify the extension(s) to look for, and click "scan".
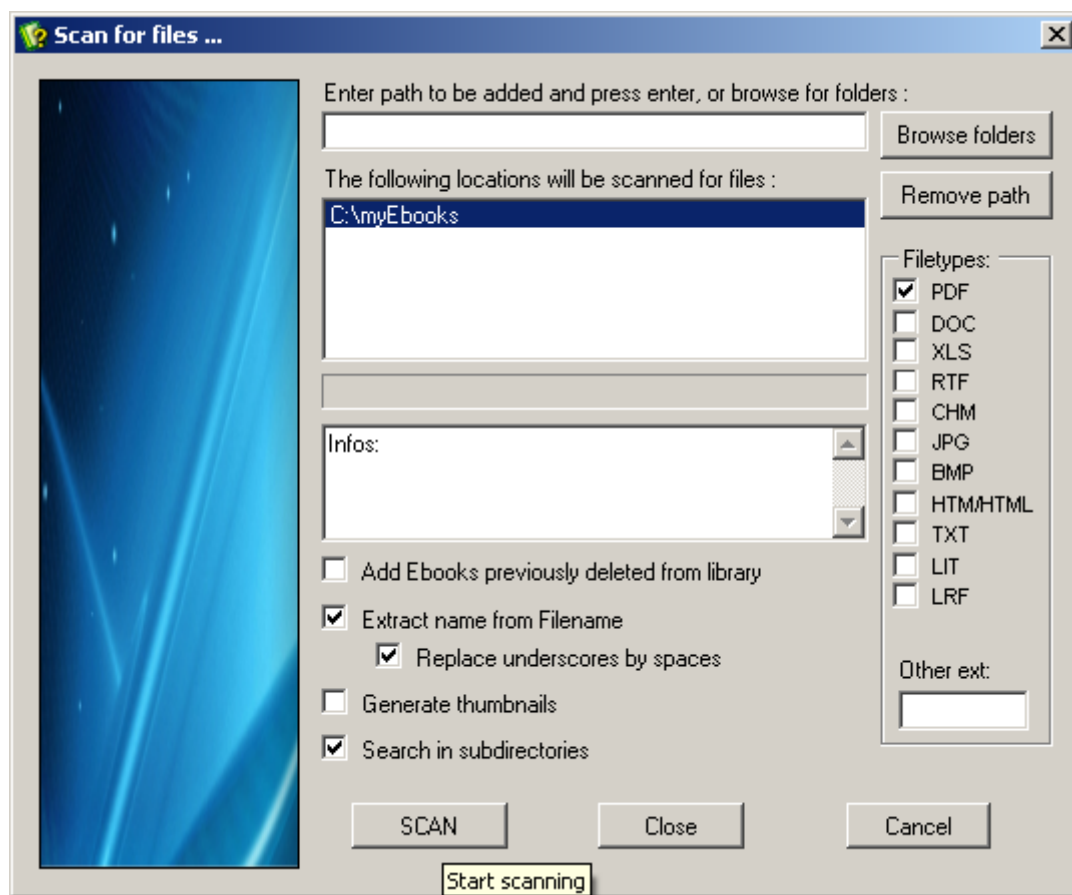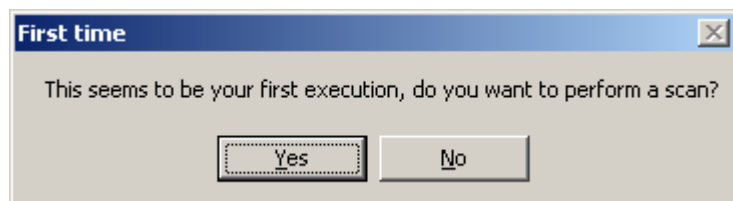
By default, eLIB is searching in subdirectories, and is not performing the generation of covers (thumbnails). But you can change this easily in the scanning options.

Once the first scan is performed, eLIB will keep all newly discovered files to "New Books" collection.

Organizing

Organizing books or files is the main purpose of this tool. Here are some different ways to perform your organization : creating collections, and copying books or files into them.

First, to create your own collection, right-click on "My Collections" and click on "Add New Collection". Then rename your collection if you wish. Press enter to finish creating your collection.
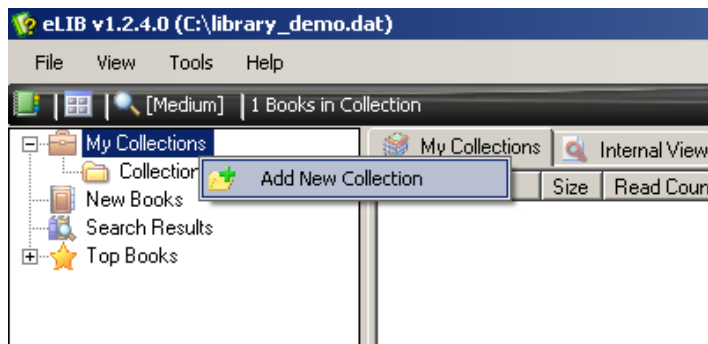
Click on "New books", select the books to be added to the new collection, and drag'n drop them into the collection:
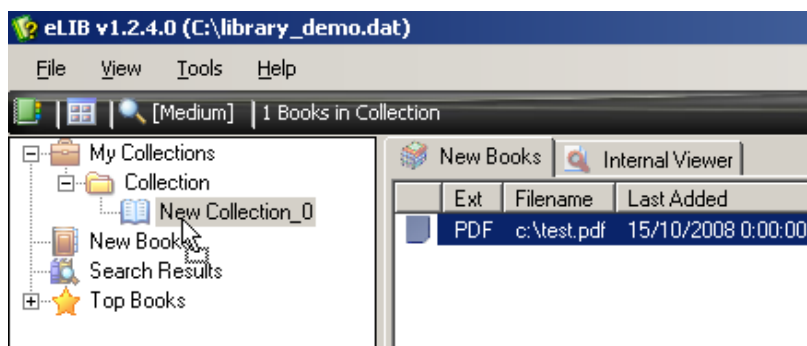
You can also click on discovered books under "New Books", select one or more and right-click. Then choose "Add to Collection"
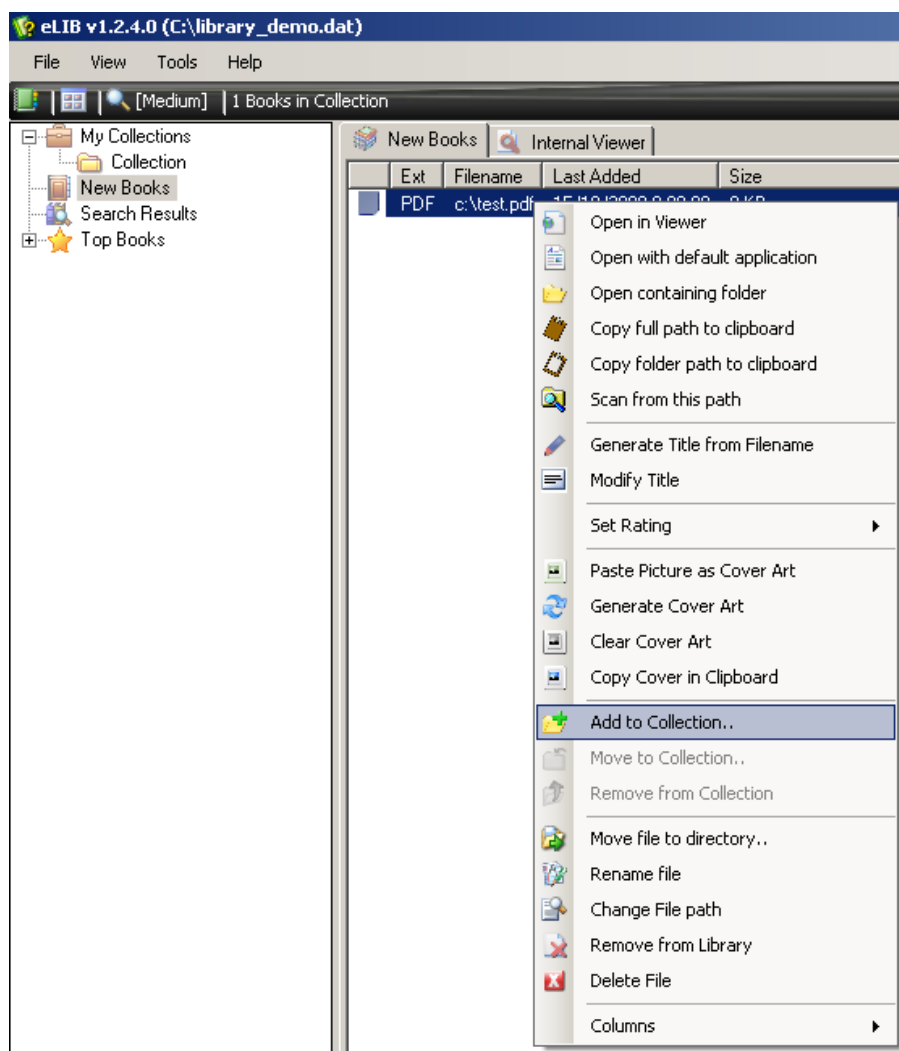
A window will appear and will let you create new collections.
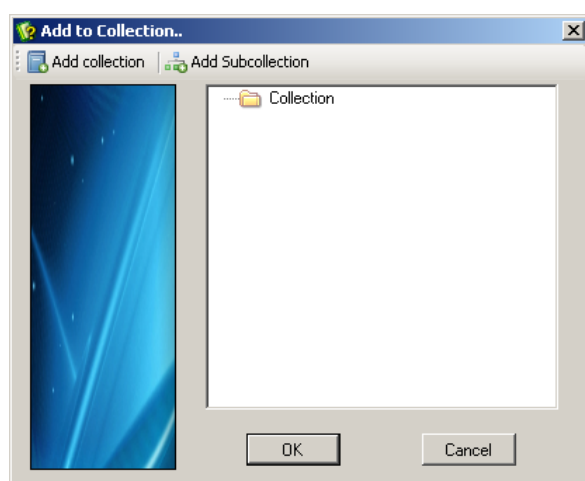
"**Add collection**" : adds a collection right under "My Collections"

"**Add subcollection**" : adds a collection under selected collection.

Once done, select a collection (or subcollection) and click "OK". The books will be added to this collection.

Main features

Most of operations that you will perform in eLIB are based on the collections or the books.

Collections

If you want to sort, delete, rename or even add a collection, simply right-click on a collection in the left pane and choose in the menu.
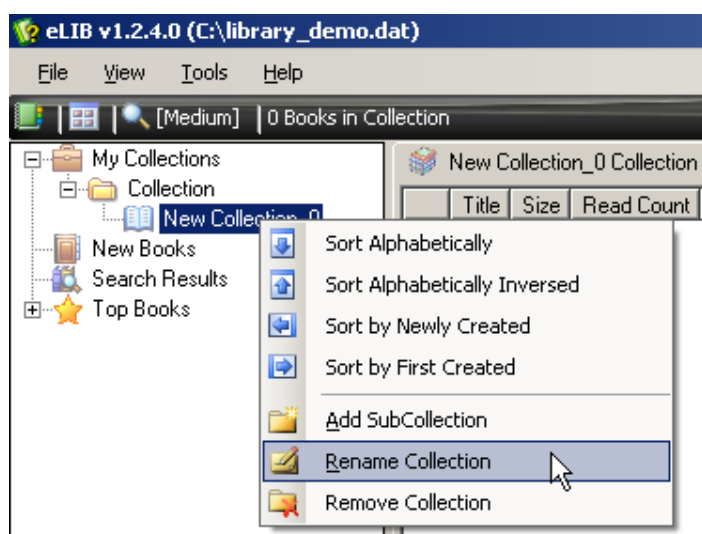
Some built-in collections like "My Collections", "New Books", "Search Results" or "Top Books" cannot be renamed, neither deleted.

You can also rename a collection by selecting it, then clicking once again on it at least one second later.

Collections can be rearranged as you wish. You can drag and drop collections into each other. There are some limitations of course :

-   A collection cannot belong to one of its subcollections

-   A collection can belong only to collections under "My Collections"

Books

By right clicking on one or several books, a menu appears with lots of functions. Some functions will work for one book only even if several are selected. The function will work for the first selected book, other books selected will be skipped.

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     Open in Viewer
     Open with default application
     Open containing folder
     Copy full path to clipboard
     Copy folder path to clipboard
     Scan from this path

     Generate Title from Filename
     Modify Title

     Set Rating                         ►

     Paste Picture as Cover Art
     Generate Cover Art
     Clear Cover Art
     Copy Cover in Clipboard

     Add to Collection..
     Move to Collection..
     Remove from Collection

     Move file to directory..
     Rename file
     Change File path
     Remove from Library
     Delete File

     Columns                            ►
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Open in viewer = this is the same action as a double click on a book. eLIB will try to open the file within the integrated viewer.

Open with default application = eLIB will open the file via the default application set in your windows installation (ex : PDF will be opened via Adobe Acrobat Reader, etc …)

Open containing folder = opens the folder in which the file is located

Copy full path to clipboard = copy the full file path (ex : C:\MyEbooks\MyFile.pdf) to the clipboard

Copy folder path to clipboard = copy the folder in which the file is located to the clipboard (ex : C:\MyEbooks)

Scan from this path = eLIB will show the scan window with the search folder parameter set to the selected book path.

Generate title from filename = eLIB will set as Title the filename without extension and underscores (ex : "My_File_v1.0.xls" will become "My File v1.0")

Modify title = shows an input box to modify the title of the file

Set rating = sets rating from 0 to 5 to selected files. You can also change the rating of a file by clicking on stars in the description pane.

Paste picture as cover art = sets the picture in clipboard as cover art for selected file

Generate cover art = eLIB tries to generate automatically the covert art for selected files. If the cover art cannot be generated, eLIB will try to generate the icon.

Clear cover art = erases the cover art set in the database for selected files

Copy cover in clipboard = eLIB will copy the file's selected covert art in the clipboard

Add to collection = eLIB will add selected files to collection

Move to collection = eLIB will move selected files from actual selected collection to other chosen collection

Remove from collection = eLIB will remove the selected files from the actual selected collection

Move file to directory = eLIB will move the files selected to chosen directory, and will update their new path in the database

Rename file = eLIB will rename the file (physically in windows) and will update its new filename in the database

Change file path = eLIB will change the file path only in the database (in the case you moved the file outside eLIB)

Remove from library = eLIB will set a flag in the database marking the file as "unused". You will be able to recover the file again in a scan by enabling "Add ebooks previously deleted from library".

Delete file = eLIB will delete the file physically and in the database

Columns = select which columns to display

Search module

You can perform lookup of books within the database with following criteria:

- Title (contains or equals)

- Filename (contains or equals)
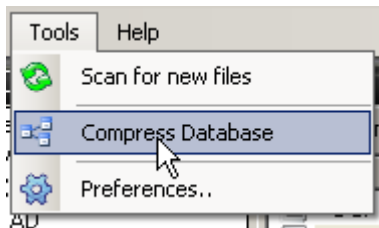
- Rating (equals, greater than, less than)

Tips & Tricks

This is pure SQL search. Enter % character (percent) for advanced search.

Ex : you look for all files on which title contains words (keeping order)"ISBN" and "Book" : enter ISBN%Book

Advanced features

Compress database (menu Tools -> Compress Database)

If your database grows too much, you can compress it. Warning, this feature erases completely from the database the files "removed". In fact, those files are not really removed, they are just marked as "removed". So if you perform a scan after a compress, all removed files will be found again.

Show hide collection tree

The collection tree placed on the left of the screen can be hidden. Simply click the green book icon.
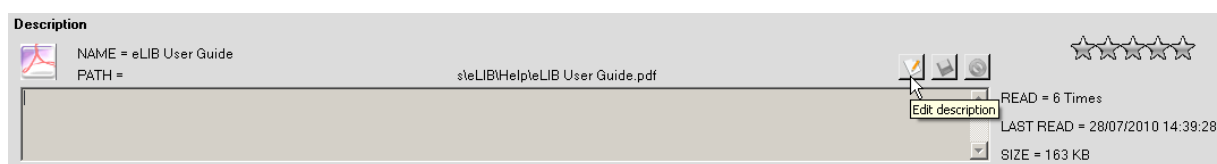
List view / thumb view

You can switch your books view, from list to thumbnail mode. Simply click the switch button.

Display Small/Medium/Big/Huge covers

In thumbnail mode, you have the choice to display the size of the covers. Click on the zoom button to swap the sizes. You can also have a look in the preferences to adjust each size as you prefer.

Set description for a file

For each book (or file) you select, you can set a specific description in the lower pane.

Click the Edit button to activate the description.

Click on the Save button to save your description.

Click on Cancel button to cancel your changes.

Bugs, requests

If you find a bug, or if you need a specific feature to be developed, feel free to post your questions/remarks to the Facebook group, or on my twitter account.

"Hoping eLIB will be as useful to you it is to me every day."