

Exercise #1

HTML vs. PDF

In this exercise you will observe the differences between e-books in the two predominant formats: html and pdf.

Instructions: Notice the differences between e-books in html and pdf.

A. First try a Netlibrary e-book in PDF

1. Go to plsinfo.org/getanswers/databases.htm#ebooks.
2. Click on **Netlibrary**.
3. Enter your PLS card number and click **Submit Query**.
4. Click on **eBooks** on the right-hand side of the screen.
5. Select a title of interest, and click on **Show Details** for that title.
6. Make sure you have selected a title in Adobe PDF. Under Viewing Requirements, you should see the version of Adobe Reader required. Some of the older Netlibrary titles are still in other formats such as html. Notice the ability to “Check Out & Download this eBook.” Click on **View This eBook**.
7. Click on the **Show Acrobat Tools** button. Note that you would use these tools for printing, etc.

B. Then try a Gale Virtual Reference e-book in HTML

1. Go to smcl.org/research/databases.asp#eBooks.
2. Click on **Virtual Reference Library**. Because you have entered your library card already, you shouldn't have to enter it again.
3. Click **Show All** to see a list of publications.
4. Select a title, and click on **eTable of Contents** to browse the e-book. Note that once you get to a specific section you can open a PDF view, which replicates the original print layout.