Core Functions: Using the Adaptive Book™

It is important to understand, unlike an eTextbook, that the AdaptiveBook™ platform can be used by the author, editor, and production as well as by instructors and students. The native functions far exceed what is available in Adobe or Microsoft products. The AdaptiveBook™ is a full XML (Microsoft .Net and C#) solution, one of the first eLearning solutions to use Microsoft’s .Net. The basic user functions, discussed below in detail.

**MARK-UPS**

Mark-Ups include Highlighting, Annotating and Linking In or Linking Out. These features can be saved as Mark-Up sessions or editions. They can be e-mailed or saved as learning objects. A Mark-Up edition can include annotations to one part or all of a book.

**HIGHLIGHTING**

The highlighting function allows text to be highlighted in various colors. (This mark-up feature can be stored by its XML tags and managed in a repository, e-mailed to others, or archived. The software creates a tag for the mark-up. This mark-up can be included with other mark-up functionality such as Annotations and Linking-In/Linking Out or custom functions as specified by the publisher.)

**ANNOTATING**

Text pages can be annotated by placing an icon next to a text passage. Clicking on the annotation icon will open the annotation. (This mark-up feature can be stored by its XML tags and managed in a repository, e-mailed to others, or archived. The software creates a tag for the mark-up. This mark-up can be included with other mark-up functionality such as Basic Highlighting and Linking-In/Linking Out or custom functions as specified by the publisher.)

**LINKING-IN/LINKING-OUT**

Links Out to websites or Internet addresses and Links-In to resources on the hard drive (files, media, etc) is part of the Mark-Up capability. This functionality is also saved as an XML file. (This mark-up feature can be stored by its XML tags and managed in a repository, e-mailed to others, or archived. The software creates a tag for the mark-up.

**PAGE NOTE-TAKING**

A separate note-taking function exists for every page in the book. By clicking on the Note icon, a space opens up in the bottom of the AdaptiveBook™ frame for taking notes that are associated with each page. These can be e-mailed or saved on to the computer hard drive.

**BOOKMARKING**

In the upper right corner, bookmarks can be made and saved. The navigation for bookmarks is always on display and can take a user directly to bookmarked pages.

**DIGITAL REVIEW SHEETS**

As discussed previously, DRS’s are unique and allow the publisher and end-user to create separate or personally edited information from the text and elsewhere to assist in learning.

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