



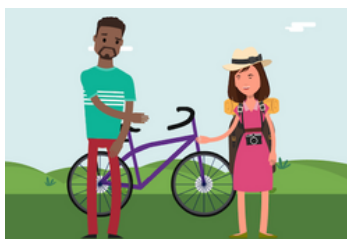
Digital Bible Library (DBL)

What is the DBL?

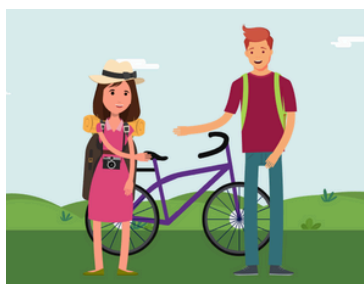
The Digital Bible Library (DBL) is a global platform that provides **access** to Scripture in thousands of languages. It securely safeguards and licenses Scripture, empowering ministries to share God's Word worldwide.

Copyright & Licensing

Think of copyright and licensing like borrowing a bicycle. The owner (the copyright holder) decides who can use it and how it can be used.



With DBL, we make sharing easy by licensing everything under Creative Commons (CC-BY-SA), which is like saying, "You can borrow the bicycle, but you have to give credit and share it with others the same way."



This ensures that Scripture remains accessible and can be shared widely, with proper credit.

The Process

STEP 1.

A DBL Admin must be added as a **Consultant** in Paratext for each project.



STEP 2.

Inform the DBL Admin if the upload is a complete Old or New Testament or a partial upload with a list of ready books.



STEP 3.

Books must pass **error-free** "Basic Checks" in Paratext before uploading.



STEP 4.

Provide the **copyright** holder's name, whether it's the partner organization, to ensure proper setup.



Essential Criteria

- Approval by a FOBAI-recognized Bible translation consultant.
- The text must be encoded in USFM format.
- The copyright holder agrees to a Creative Commons license (CC BY SA) or confirm that no license applies.

Why the DBL?

The DBL offers fast, secure **access** to Scripture for apps, audio, and print, with global recognition as the formal archive, helping ministries reach people with God's Word quickly and easily.



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Who will upload?

Seed Company?



Other curator?



The Process

COPYRIGHT & LICENSING

- The copyright holder can be the field partner and/or Seed Company if needed.
- We also need to confirm the Creative Commons licensing options you prefer for distribution.

CHECK FOR ERRORS

The text must pass Basic Checks in Paratext without errors.

- If errors appear, they must be fixed before we can proceed.
- When errors are fixed, print the text to PDF format using [PTXPrint](#). Our Investors love to see your progress; this is a great way to share it with them! 😊

PARATEXT PROJECT ACCESS

We need access to the project in Paratext.

- Please add **SC DBL Admin** to the project with the Consultant/Archivist role.
- This permission level is required for us to complete the upload.

WHAT TO UPLOAD?

Please confirm which books are ready for DBL.

- We can upload an entire testament or individual books that have completed consultant checking.

When to upload

- After consultant-checking
- Iterative uploads are encouraged
- Discourage waiting until completion of all project goals or testament
- Teams should always be running basic checks

How to upload

1. Field Technology Website > Request Forms
2. Go to <https://bit.ly/dbl-pub-form>

