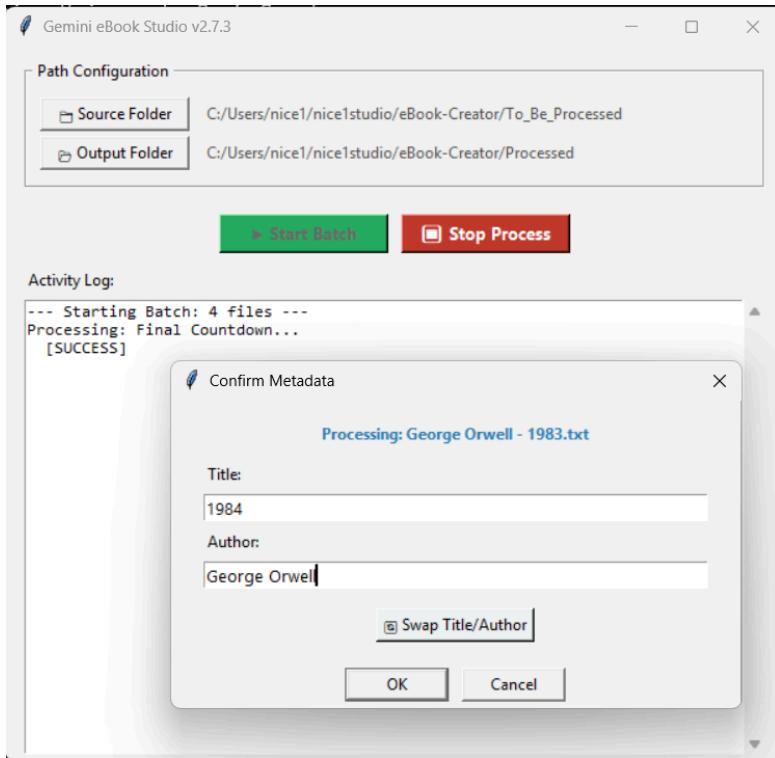


ePub Creator v2.7.4 – User Documentation



1. Overview

ePub Creator is a streamlined desktop utility designed to convert text-based documents into professionally formatted ePub files. It automates metadata retrieval and cover art fetching while keeping the user in total control of the final output through a "Human-in-the-Loop" verification process.

2. Installation & Setup

2.1 System Requirements

- **Python 3.10 or higher:** Ensure Python is installed and the "Add to PATH" option was selected during installation.
- **Pandoc:** This is the core engine used for conversion. **The app will not function without it.** * Download the installer from: <https://pandoc.org/installing.html>

2.2 Python Dependencies

The app requires the `requests` library to communicate with the Google Books API. Open your terminal or Command Prompt and run: `pip install requests`

3. Getting Started

3.1 Folder Configuration

Upon launching the app, you will see the **Path Configuration** section.

- **Source Folder:** Click this to select the directory containing your raw documents (`.txt`, `.rtf`, `.docx`, or `.html`).
- **Output Folder:** Click this to select where your finished ePub files should be saved.
- **Persistence:** The app automatically saves these paths in a `config.json` file so you do not have to select them again the next time you open the program.

3.2 File Naming Best Practices

To achieve the highest metadata accuracy, name your source files using the following convention:

Author Name - Book Title.extension (*Example: J.R.R. Tolkien - The Hobbit.rtf*)

4. The Processing Workflow

4.1 Running a Batch

Click the green ▶ **Start Batch** button. The app will scan your source folder for compatible files and begin the metadata lookup.

4.2 Mandatory Review (Confirm Metadata)

For every file, a popup window will appear. This is your chance to ensure the ePub is perfect:

- **Verify:** Check the Title and Author fields populated by the AI.
- **Edit:** Manually correct typos or remove internal filing codes (e.g., "LE1050").
- **Swap:** If the Title and Author are in the wrong boxes, click  **Swap Title/Author**.
- **Submit:** Click **OK** to generate the ePub or **Cancel** to skip that specific file.

4.3 Activity Log & Stopping

The **Activity Log** at the bottom of the window provides real-time status updates (SUCCESS, FAILED, or SKIPPED). If you need to stop a large batch, click the red  **Stop Process** button to safely end the session after the current file finishes.

5. Troubleshooting

- **Internet Connection:** An active connection is required for fetching covers and metadata. If offline, the app will default to the filename information.
- **Pandoc Errors:** If files fail to convert despite correct metadata, ensure Pandoc is properly installed and accessible via your system's Command Prompt.
- **Missing Covers:** If a book is rare or obscure, the Google Books API may not return a cover image. The ePub will still be created with the correct text metadata.