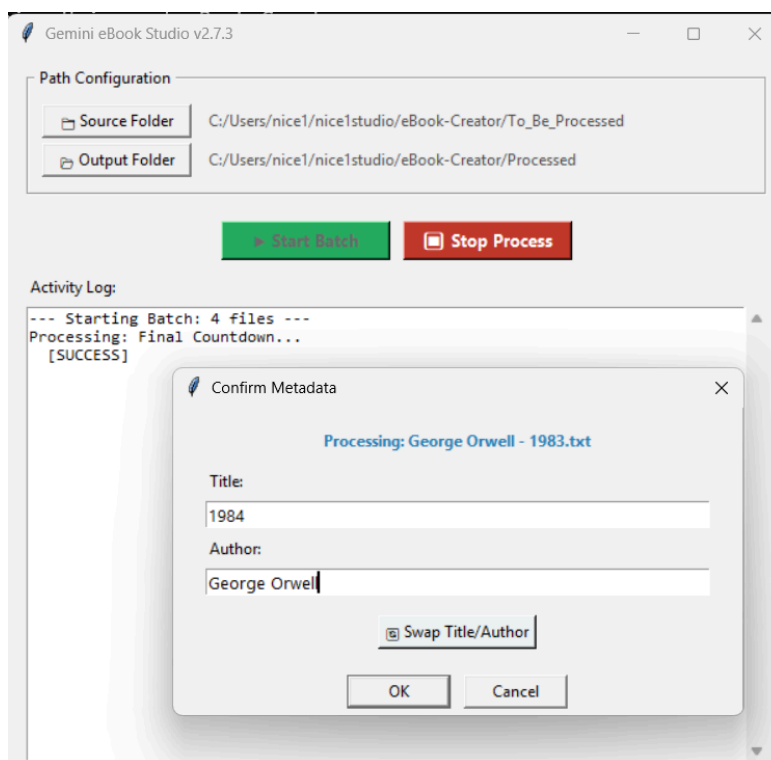


# ePub Creator v2.7.4 – User Documentation



## 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`

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## 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*)

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## 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.

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## 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.