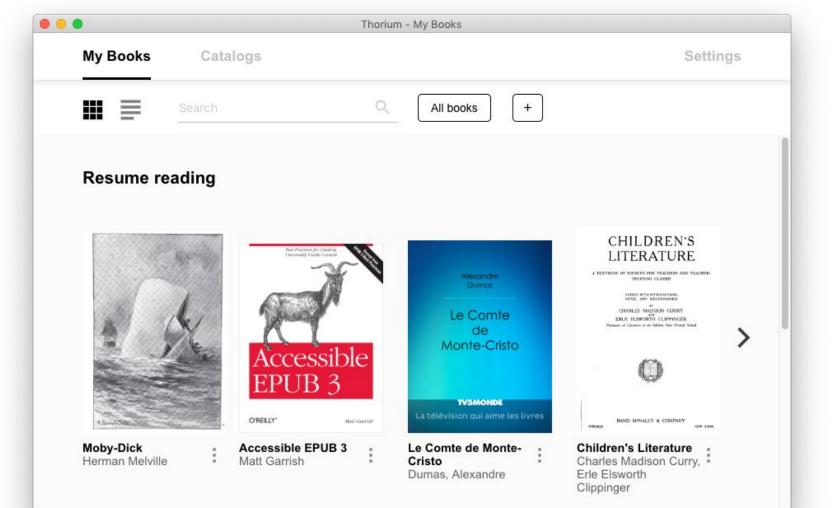


Thorium

"desktop" reader app made with the **Readium** SDK

- "Desktop" reader app
 - Windows
 - Mac
 - Linux
- Free (of charge)
- Free (Open Source Software)
- Developed by EDRLab

















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A Few Key Features

- Accessible User Interface
 - blindness, low vision, dyslexia
 - keyboard use, screen readers, high-contrast
- Organized bookshelf (publication metadata, user tags, sorting, filtering, searching)
- Customizable text layout / formatting
- Text To Speech (TTS) read aloud
- Bookmarks, annotations / highlights

Supported Formats

- EPUB
 - fixed layout, reflow
- LCP (DRM)
- OPDS (feeds / online catalogs)
- PDF, audio books, comics
- W3C Web Publications





Technologies (Under the Hood)

- Made with Readium desktop SDK
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- Built with Electron (Chromium)
 - User Interface = Web technologies
 - HTML + CSS + SVG + Javascript
- React UI (with in-house custom components)
- Redux + Saga + DB (store management / state infrastructure)

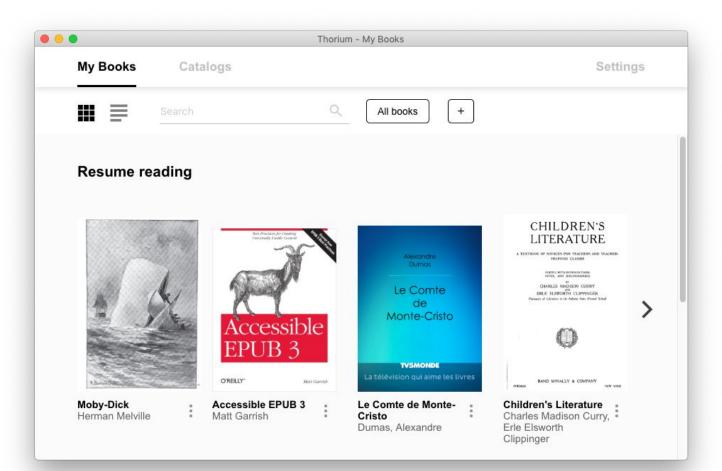
Work in Progress

- BETA release (public testing)
- Microsoft helping (Windows store integration)
- Improving screen reader support
 - Narrator, NVDA, JAWS, VoiceOver
- Fixing user interface bugs
- Tweaking language localization
 - English, French, German



Bookshelf vs. Reader Views

two main windows minimalist, distraction-free environment

















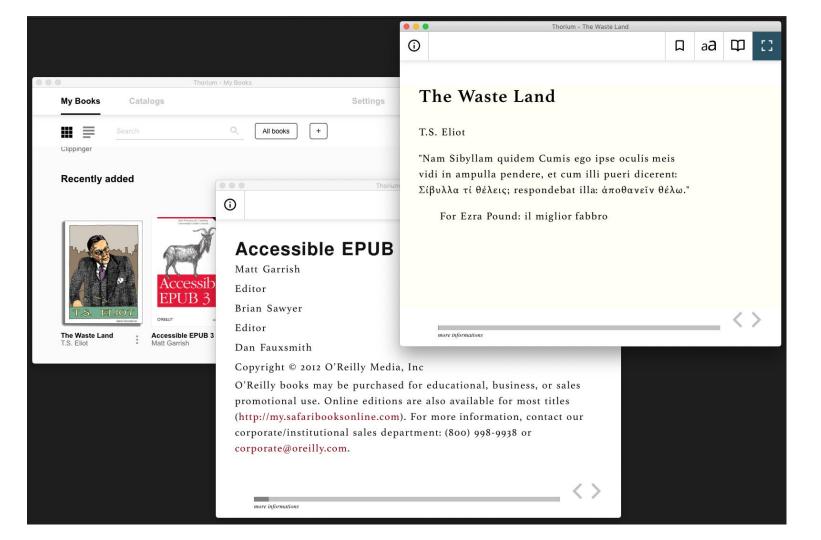
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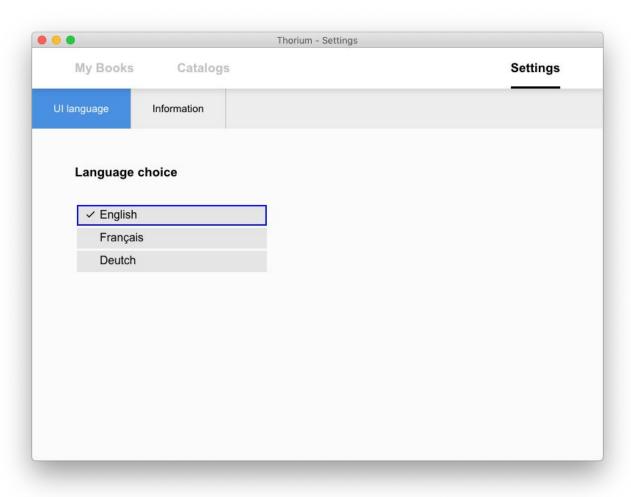
Multiple Reader Windows

e.g. comparative book study large / extended display



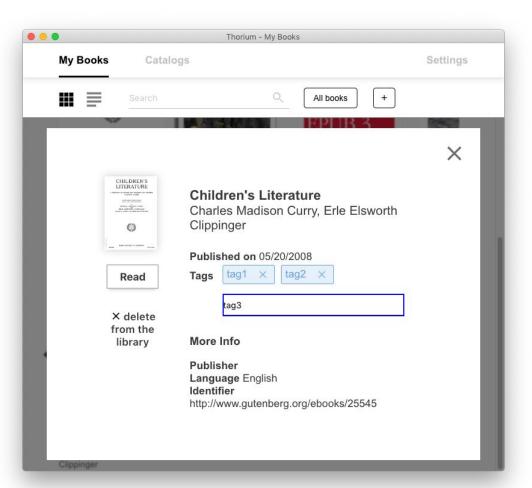
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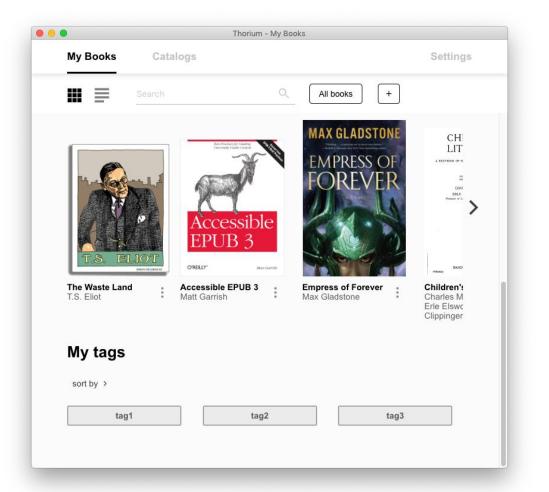
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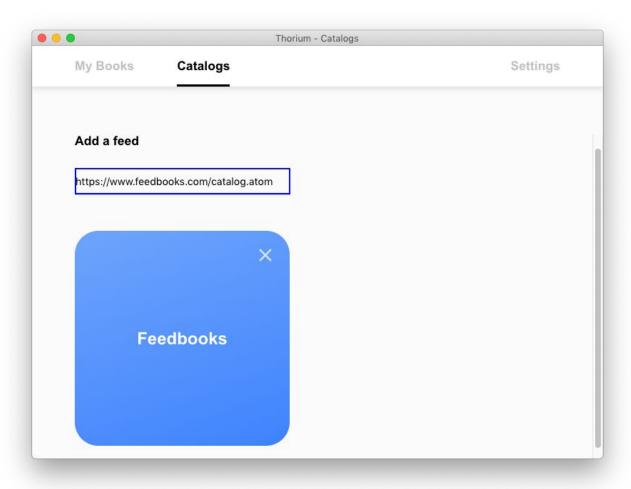
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custom user labels / tags, filtering, sorting, searching





OPDS publication feeds, online catalogs





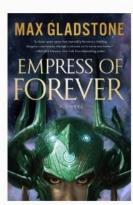
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Empress of Forever Max Gladstone



Montauk Nicola Harrison

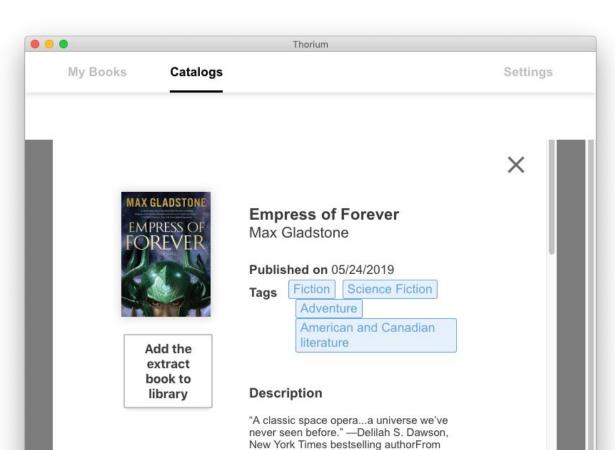


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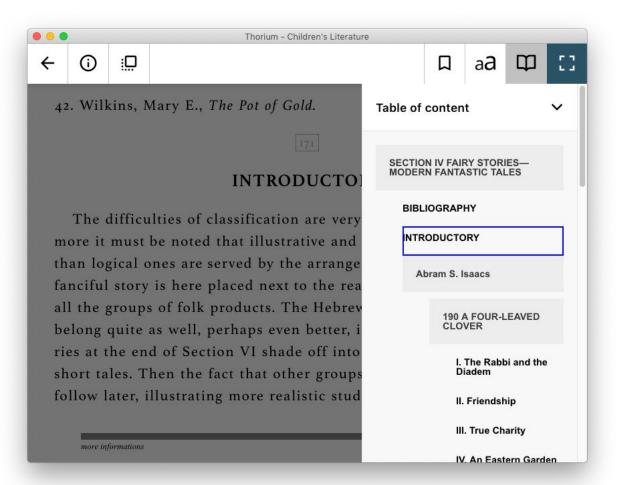




Hugo Award finalist Max Gladstone comes

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Keyboard Navigation

outlined document hyperlinks automatic page turn











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more; and now the water closed over the soldier's head. Then he thought of the pretty little Dancer, and how he should never see her again; and it sounded in the soldier's ears:

Farewell, farewell, thou warrior brave, For this day thou must die!

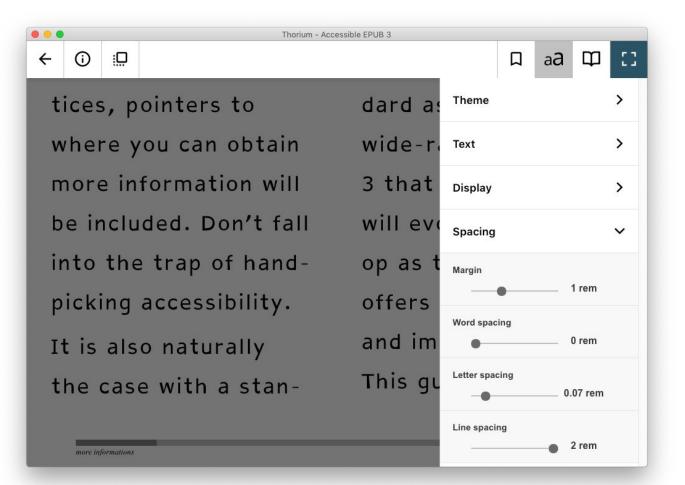
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Oh, how dark it was in that fish's body! It was darker yet than in the 203 drain tunnel; and then it was very narrow too. But the Tin Soldier remained unmoved, and lay at full length shouldering his musket.

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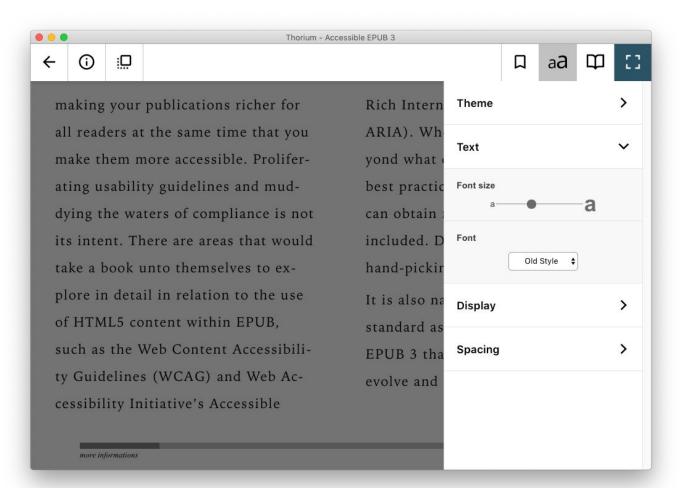
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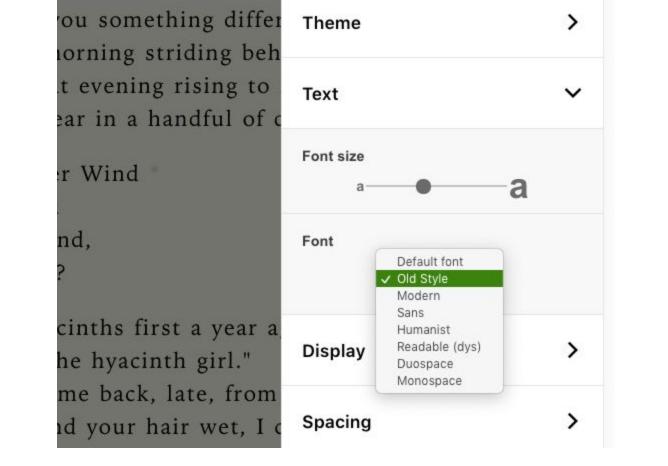
text layout, formatting, colour themes, typography etc.



Custom Fonts

preloaded selection, includes dyslexia font + system font, web fonts





Dark Mode

(soon, User Interface too)









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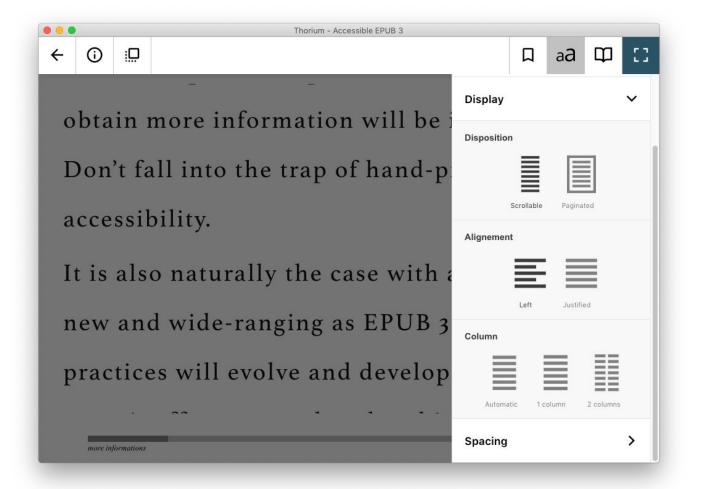
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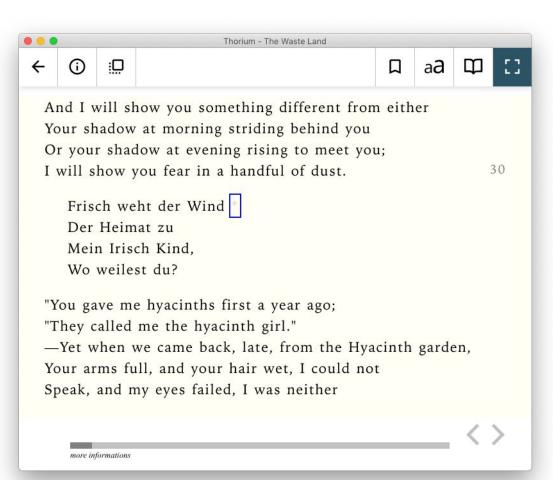
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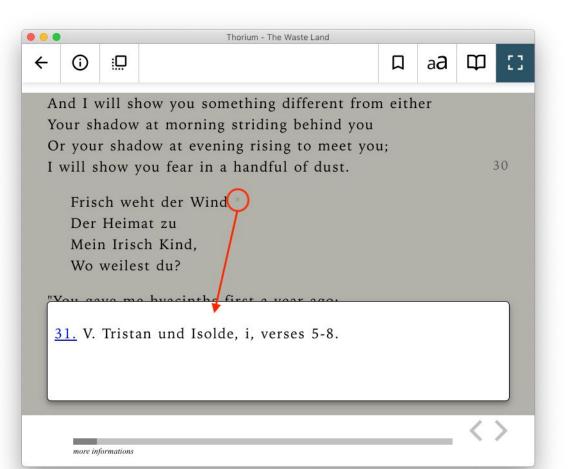
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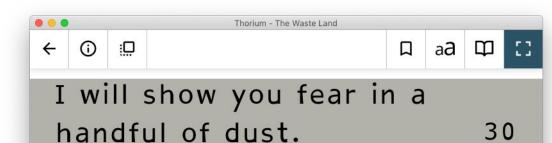


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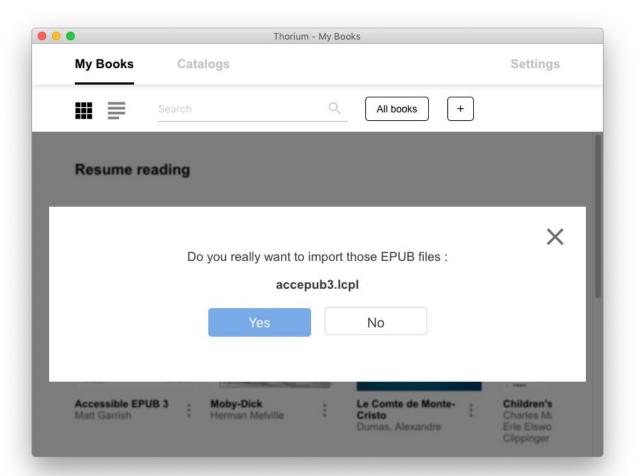


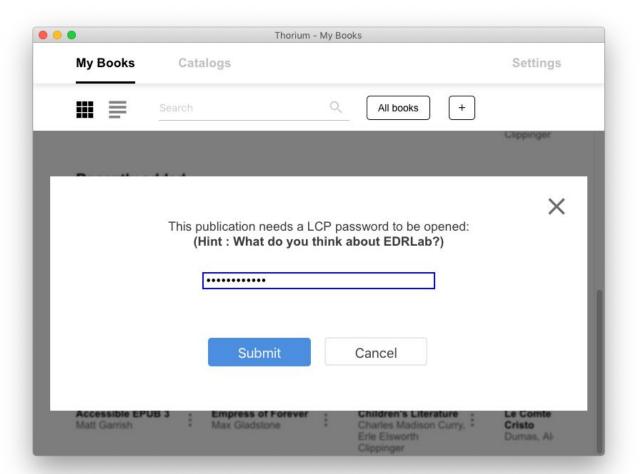
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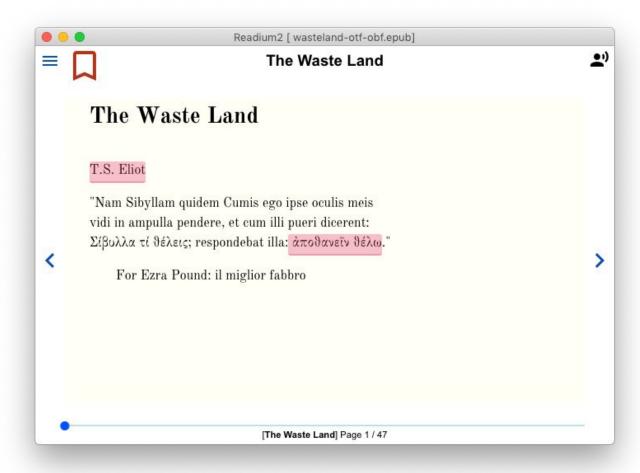
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Selection Highlights / Annotations

("test app" prototype, will come to Thorium)



Selection Highlights / Annotations

- Fixed layout, reflow (scrolled and paginated)
- DOM-friendly transparent drawing
- Fast SVG / HTML rendering
- Mark styles (underline, strike-through, etc.)
- JSON serialization / interchange format
- Compatible with W3C Annotations

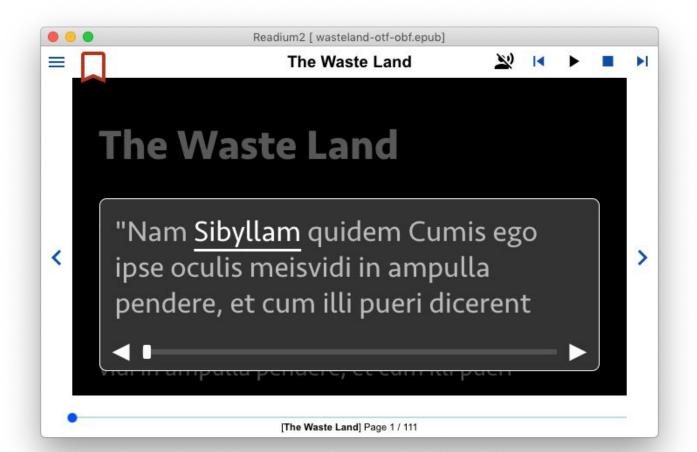
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Text To Speech (TTS) Read-Aloud

- Support for mixed languages
- Word-level highlighting / emphasis
- Linear timeline control (quick seek and play)
- Sentence detection
 - breaks down long text into short utterances
 - o pause/resume, previous/next navigation
- Configurable text styling / formatting



Learn More ...

GitHub

- https://github.com/readium/readium-desktop
- Note: will soon move from /readium to /edrlab
- "readium desktop" is the SDK
- Thorium is an app based on the SDK

EDRLab

https://edrlab.org

