What is Flat World Knowledge?

Flat World Knowledge was created to address dissatisfaction with traditional textbooks. We kept what works — peer‑review, expert authors, editorial development, and teaching supplements. We fixed what doesn’t.

* Our books are free online, with affordable offline options for students including:
  + - Web-Based Book (HTML)
    - Printed Books (PDF High-Res)
    - Print-it-Yourself Books (PDF Low-Res)
    - Mobile Reader Books (ePub & .mobi for iPad, Kindle, etc)
    - Audio Books (.MP3)
    - Accessible Books (Daisy-Readable and Digital Braille)
* New editions are on your terms. Flat World never forces you into a new edition.
* Our books are open and customizable.

How do I customize my book?

Step 1:

To customize, first you’ll need to login and create an account if you haven’t already done so. Then locate the book you want to customize from our catalog and choose the ‘Customize this Book’ link.

Step 2:

At this point you will be brought to our “Book Customizer.” Our platform provides several customization options including:

* Rearrange chapters by dragging and dropping
* Rearrange sections within chapters by dragging and dropping
* Delete/omit entire sections or chapters
* Insert annotations.
  + - Just click ‘annotate’ within the section you want to make notes. This takes you to the pages of the book in that section. Wherever you see a plus (+) sign, you can expand the material and insert notes, such as “this will be on the test”. When finished making your annotations, just click ‘save’. All your annotations will be automatically captured for your review later in your ‘My Flatworld’ account.

Step 3:

When you’re finished customizing, click ‘save for web’ at the top. At this point we’ll create your custom book via copying the original book file with your changes and annotations. This takes just a couple of minutes.

Once this is complete, you might notice that some of the chapter/section numbers and links do not match. That’s OK. These will be updated once you ‘save for print’ from the customize page. When a book is copied, it becomes available immediately in your ‘My Flatworld’ account. When customization is complete, and you’ve ‘saved for print,’ check your account for your customized books’ ISBN equivalent, to provide that to your school’s bookstore so they can order copies.

You can continue to customize and make revisions as many times as you’d like, but we highly recommend you finalize the book prior to the start of classes. Otherwise, if you customize mid-term, students who already ordered an offline copy won’t have your latest revisions.

Step 4:

Finally, and most importantly, you MUST ‘Adopt the Book’ when finished. Click the ‘Adopt this Book’ link so that your customized book is placed into the Class Finder tool for students.

(View our video demonstration on customization at <http://www.flatworldknowledge.com/Customize-Tutorial>)

Questions?

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