

LCP & Thorium – Frequently Asked Questions

EBSCO has adopted a new Digital Rights Management (DRM) solution for EBSCO eBooks, Radium LCP DRM, offered by EDRLab. This strategic move brings significant benefits to publishers, libraries, and their patrons, enhancing the overall user experience and ensuring better content protection.

At a high level, what functionality does Thorium offer?

Besides the expected functionality of being able to navigate through an e-book, Thorium offers the following:

- Note taking
- Highlighting
- Bookmarking
- Changing background color, font type, point size, spacing, and layout
- Text to speech
- Progress indicator
- Searching within the e-book
- Light and dark modes
- Opening any LCP-DRM-encrypted e-book and DRM-free e-books from any provider

Please note: Not all functionality is available for e-books in PDF format.

For a full list of features, visit EDRLab's site at <https://thorium.edrlab.org/en/>.

How many devices can I use to access an LCP-encrypted e-book?

EBSCO allows users to access e-book licenses on up to six devices, such as desktop computers.

Can I access Thorium on my mobile device?

No, Thorium does not currently have a mobile app available, though the iOS version is in development and Android is next on EDRLab's roadmap. Users on mobile devices will still be able to read full e-books in the online viewer and can download e-book chapters and full DRM-free e-books as well.

Will a patron's experience downloading an e-book from EBSCOhost change if the e-book is encrypted with LCP?

Most of the patron's download experience will remain the same. The locations where a patron can download an e-book in EBSCOhost, such as from search results and from the eBook viewer, won't change. The patron will still be able to choose to download a PDF or EPUB, if available, and that download will still have a checkout duration associated with it.

The only changes are that users will need to have Thorium Reader installed. EBSCOhost will present the patron with a passphrase to copy to open the e-book in Thorium, and we will no longer direct a patron to use Adobe Digital Editions to access the e-book offline.

How does the passphrase work? What if I forget my passphrase or need to open an e-book on another device?

Since Radium LCP does not require the creation of a third-party account, you must activate e-book licenses with a unique passphrase. This passphrase will be generated upon full-text download of an LCP-DRM e-book and can be used on up to six devices simultaneously for access to active checkouts. Thorium Reader will remember all your previous passphrases, so you will not need to reenter your passphrase each time you open the Thorium app on the same device.

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What guidance and documentation are available for Thorium?

EDRLab, which maintains the open-source e-book reader Thorium, has a host of information on its site about the application. From its [Support page](#), one can get the following information:

- Thorium user guide
- Technical specifications, which includes details about:
 - Supported operating systems and hardware/software requirements
 - Downloading, installing, and registering the Thorium application
 - Supported publication formats
 - Thorium features
 - App security
 - Troubleshooting
 - Legal
 - Keyboard shortcuts for the app
 - App FAQs
 - Accessibility
 - Separately from the [Support page](#), EDRLab has also posted an accessibility statement and accessibility conformance report for Thorium.
- Contact information for questions

Accessibility Statement: <https://www.edrlab.org/accessibility/>

Accessibility Conformance Report: https://rawcdn.github.com/edrlab/thorium-reader-doc/4c82692352c92c2f3890522c16ce759689a181b8/content/en/th3/900_about_Thorium/903_thorium-vpat.html

EDRLab Support page: <https://thorium.edrlab.org/en/th3/>

Is LCP compliant with accessibility regulations?

Yes, LCP is compliant with European Accessibility Act (EAA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II accessibility regulations. Radium LCP adheres to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards for e-book encryption and accessibility.

Read the ISO Standards at: <https://www.iso.org/standard/84957.html>

Who do I contact if I'm having trouble installing or using Thorium?

EDRLab is available to address any issues or questions specific to Thorium, and they can be contacted at contact@edrlab.org or via their GitHub issue tracker, which is linked here: https://thorium.edrlab.org/en/th3/400_resources/904_issues/