

## Adding a VitalSource Published e-Text to Online Course Shell

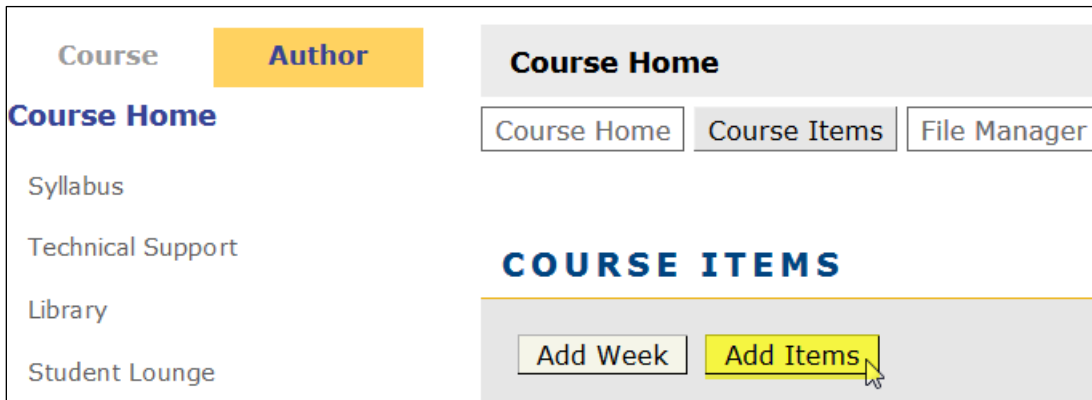
### Overview

Based on the Academic Department's rental/payment agreement with the publisher, the company provides a ISBN to the instructor for the current term.

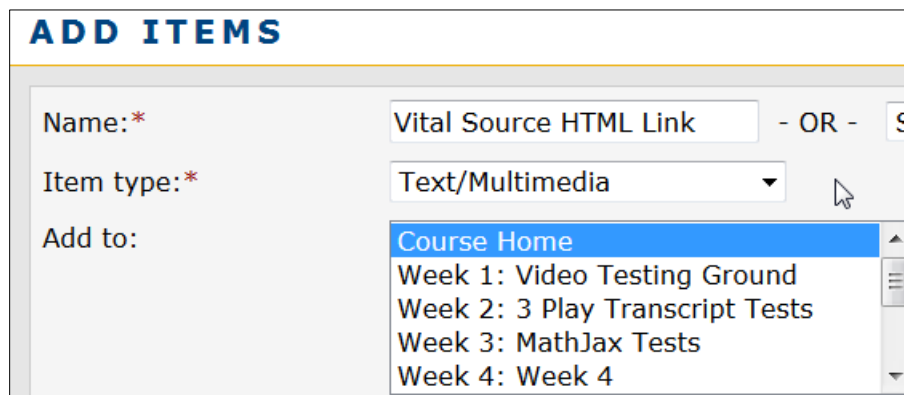
This ISBN is combined with a few lines of HTML code in the course shell to facilitate the students accessing the text book via a web link.

### Step By Step Instructions

1. Instructor contacts VitalSource requesting the ISBN number
2. VitalSource representative provides the ISBN and any details on the rental period.
3. In the course shell using "Author Mode", the Instructor creates a new course item under the preferred module.



4. Type in the Name, select "Text/Multimedia" from the "Item Type" drop down menu, and select course home from the "Add To" area. The Course Home module is recommended, so that the link to the text book is prevalent. Select "Add Items" in the bottom right corner.



- In the left hand navigation menu, select the recently created item under appropriate module, while remaining in “author mode.” Switch to HTML mode in the visual editor and insert the code snippet indicated below and “save changes.”

The screenshot shows the course editor interface. On the left is a navigation menu with items like 'Syllabus', 'Technical Support', 'Library', 'Student Lounge', 'Virtual Office', 'VoiceThread', 'Vital Source HTML Link', and 'Week 1'. The 'Vital Source HTML Link' item is highlighted in yellow. The main content area is titled 'Course Home - Vital Source HTML Link' and contains a 'Content' field with a 'Toolbox' button. Below this is a yellow banner with the text 'COURSE HOME - VITAL SOURCE HTML LINK' and a 'Save Changes' button. A blue arrow points to the 'Save Changes' button. Below the banner is a text area with the instruction 'Please select the web link below to access your text-book:' followed by an HTML code snippet: `<br /><a target="_new" href="http://toolmanagement.next.ecollege.com/tools/thirdparty/bti.ed?launch=LS:VitalSourceBC:VitalSource_TAMUC_DirectBookLink:LINKID:LINKTEXT:0077825977R60">Vitalsource Textbook</a>`. A blue arrow points to the 'HTML' mode button in the bottom toolbar. The bottom of the editor shows 'Visual Editor | Plain Text Editor' and a 'Zoom' control.

- Check the item in “Course” view to verify the link is saved.

The screenshot shows the course view interface. The top navigation bar has 'Course' and 'Author' tabs. The main content area is titled 'Course Home - Vital Source HTML Link'. On the left is a navigation menu with items like 'Syllabus', 'Technical Support', 'Library', 'Student Lounge', 'Virtual Office', 'VoiceThread', and 'Vital Source HTML Link'. The 'Vital Source HTML Link' item is highlighted in yellow. The main content area contains the text 'Please select the web link below to access your text-book:' followed by a blue hyperlink labeled 'Vitalsource Textbook'. A blue arrow points to the 'Vitalsource Textbook' link, and a mouse cursor is hovering over it.

## HMTL Code Snippet

Update the highlighted ISBN number for the correct textbook:

Please select the web link below to access your text-book:

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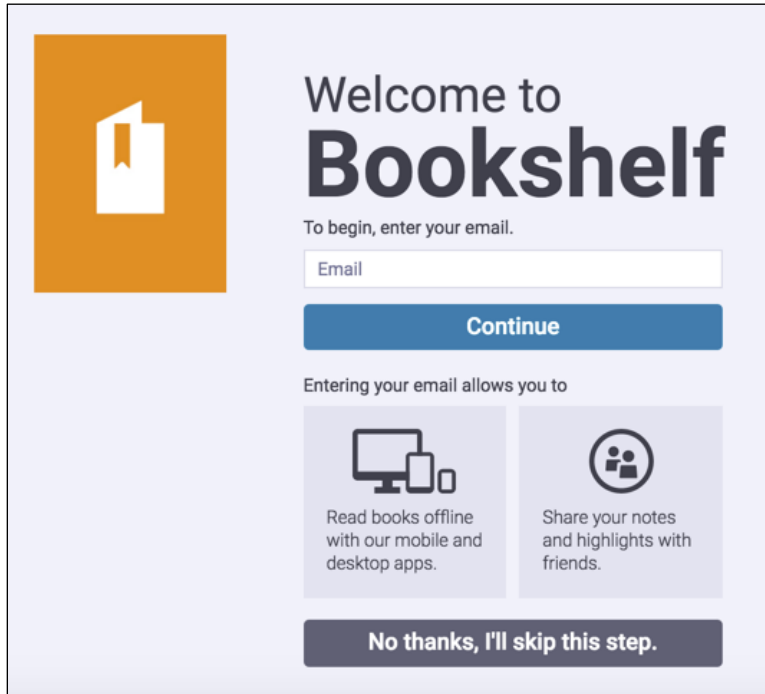
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href="http://toolmanagement.next.college.com/tools/thirdparty/blti.ed?launch=LS:VitalSourceBC:Vital  
Source_TAMUC_DirectBookLink:LINKID:LINKTEXT:0077825977R60">Vitalsource Textbook</a>
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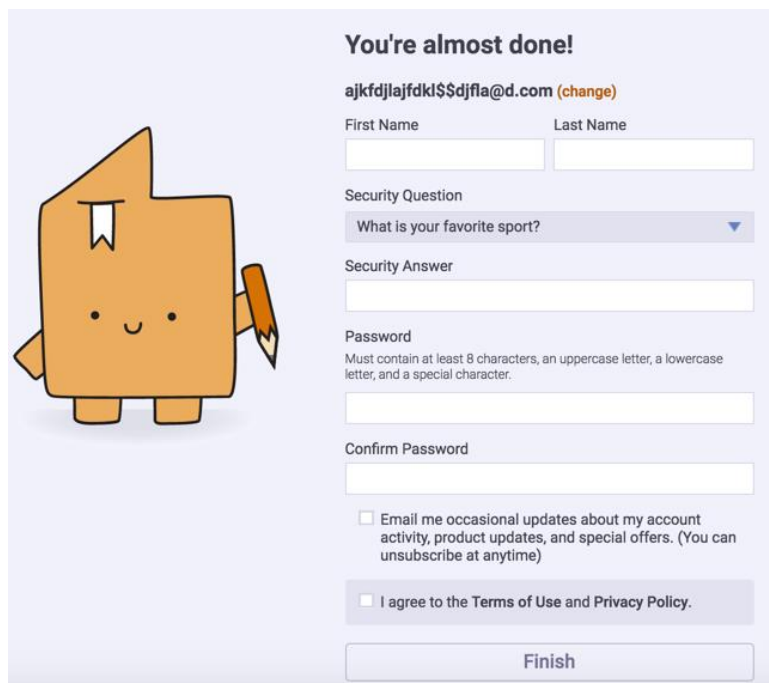
Select "save" and test the link.

## Student Experience

When students first access the text book link from within the course shell, they may be prompted to create a Vital Source account. Screen shots of this are below:



This screenshot shows the initial registration page for 'Bookshelf'. On the left is an orange square with a white book icon. The main heading is 'Welcome to Bookshelf'. Below it, the text says 'To begin, enter your email.' followed by an email input field and a blue 'Continue' button. A section titled 'Entering your email allows you to' features two icons: one for mobile and desktop apps with the text 'Read books offline with our mobile and desktop apps.', and another for social sharing with the text 'Share your notes and highlights with friends.' At the bottom is a dark grey button that says 'No thanks, I'll skip this step.'



This screenshot shows the final registration step, titled 'You're almost done!'. On the left is a cartoon orange book character with a bookmark and a pencil. The form fields include: a pre-filled email address 'ajkfdjlajfdki\$\$djfla@d.com' with a '(change)' link; 'First Name' and 'Last Name' input fields; a 'Security Question' dropdown menu currently set to 'What is your favorite sport?'; a 'Security Answer' input field; a 'Password' input field with a note: 'Must contain at least 8 characters, an uppercase letter, a lowercase letter, and a special character.'; a 'Confirm Password' input field; a checkbox for 'Email me occasional updates about my account activity, product updates, and special offers. (You can unsubscribe at anytime)'; and a checkbox for 'I agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.'. A 'Finish' button is at the bottom.

Students do **not** have to create an account to access the text within the course shell. Creating an account enables some features otherwise not available, detailed below.

## Benefits of Students Creating a Vital Source Account

- 1) Download the Bookshelf Mobile and Desktop applications. Downloading both Bookshelf and your eBooks to your mobile and desktop allows you to access your books even without Internet access. You will also have your books at your fingertips and be able to access your books anytime you want, from any device.
- 2) Have the ability for your book to be read to you by taking advantage of Text-to-Speech. The Text-to-Speech option is available by downloading the book to your mobile or desktop device. Text-to-Speech enables the book to be read aloud to you.
- 3) Share the Highlights and Notes you make in your book with other students in your class. Without a Bookshelf account, you can only make Highlights and Notes. Creating an account allows you to share those Highlights and Notes with other students in your class to make your eBook experience more interactive.
- 4) Should you experience an issue and need to reach out to the Bookshelf support team at [support.vitalsource.com](mailto:support.vitalsource.com), the support team will be better able to assist you if you have a full Bookshelf account. They will easily be able to look up your account and better able to help you troubleshoot any issues.