

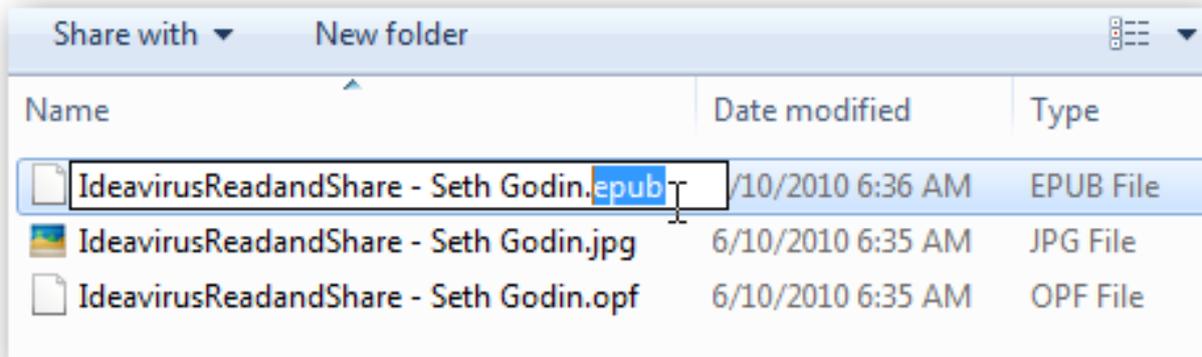
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ePub eBooks are increasingly popular today, but often they've been made by converting other file formats. Here's how you can edit ePub books to remove irregularities and make them better for reading on your devices.

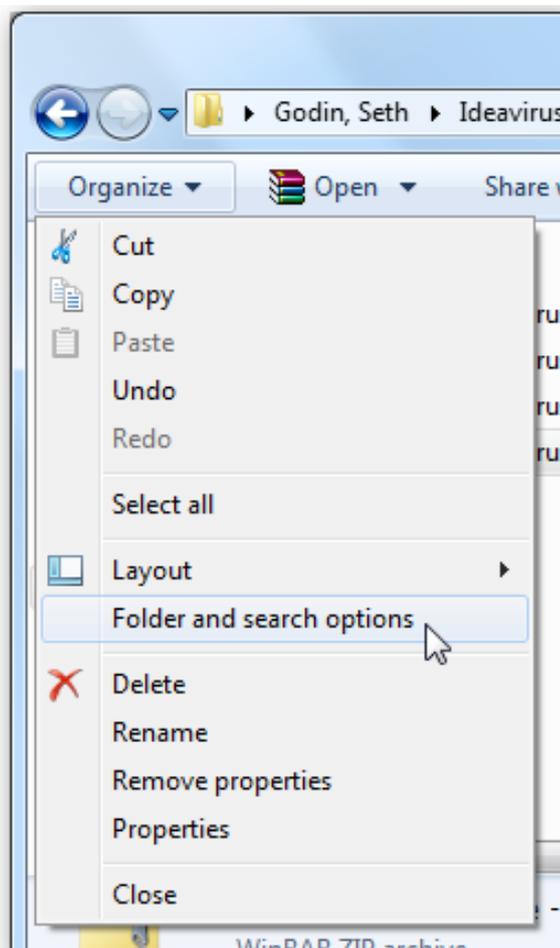
ePub 's are actually a zip file containing images, XHTML files with your text, and more with the .epub extension. You can make them better by editing the XHTML files directly. Code gurus can edit the code directly, but even if you have never edited HTML, you can still quickly make changes with a WYSIWYG editor.

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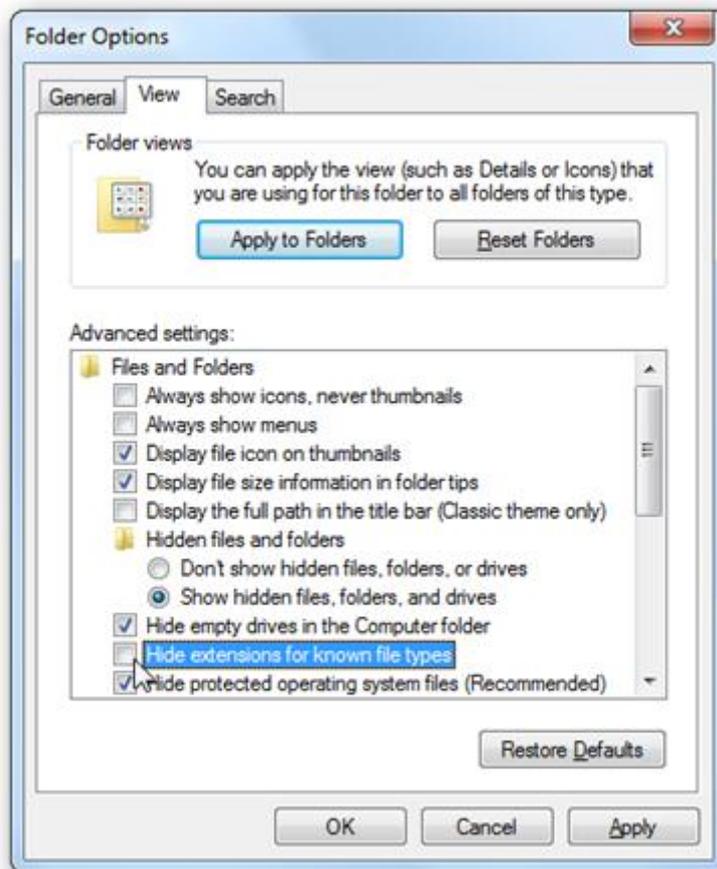
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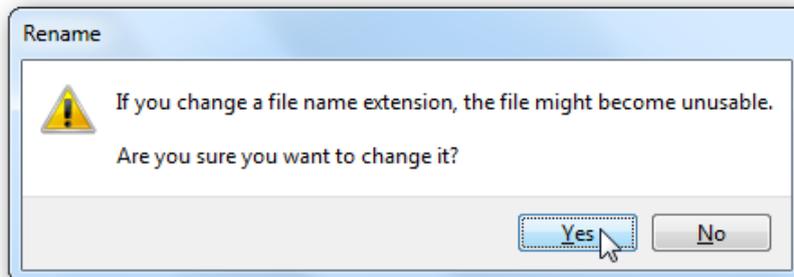
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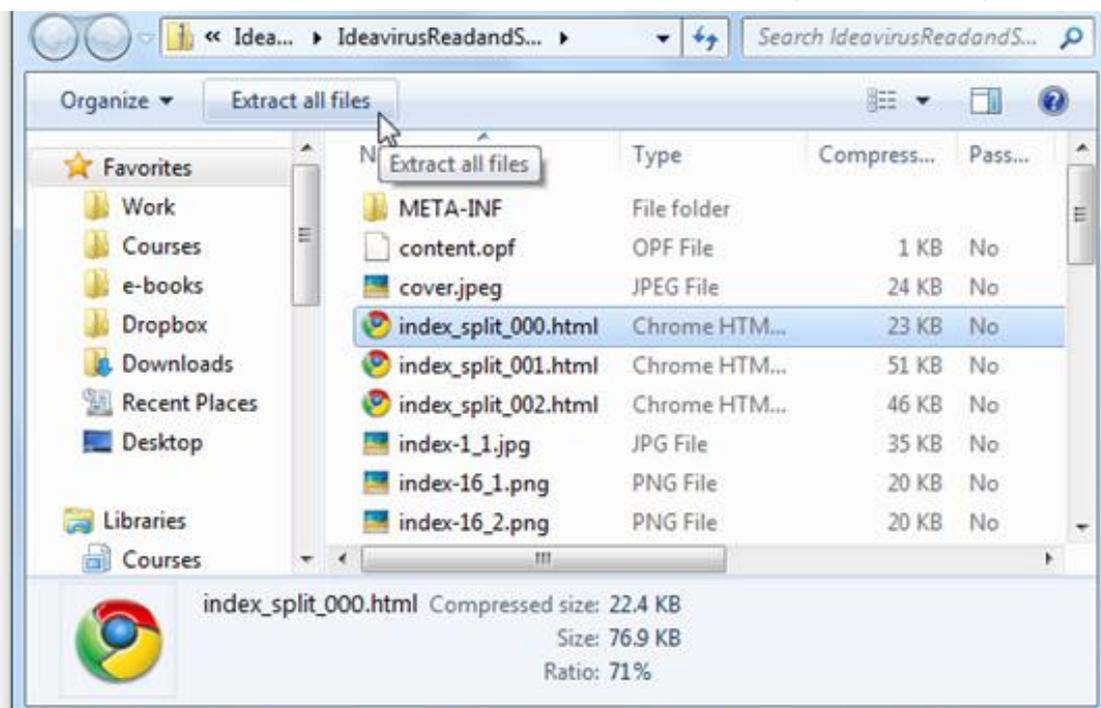
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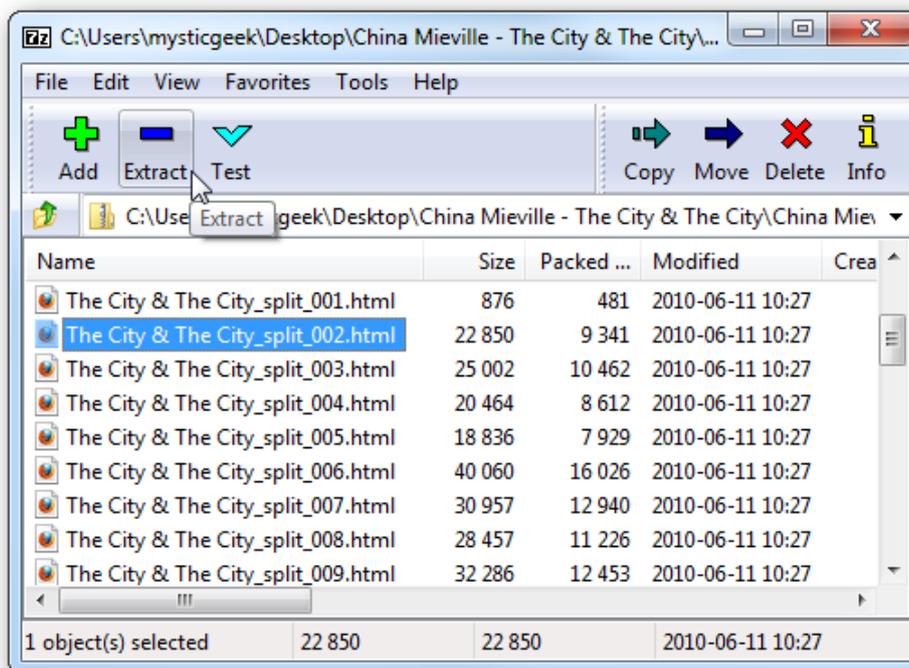
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Now you can browse the files of the ePub file. Notice that it contains mostly HTML or XHTML files and images. Click **Extract all files** to save them all in a folder so you can easily edit them.

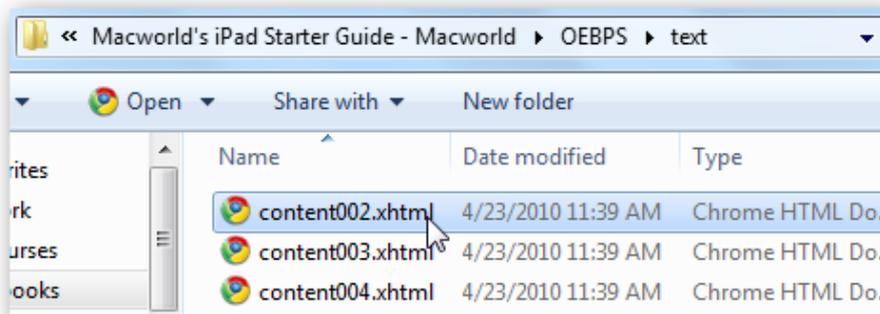


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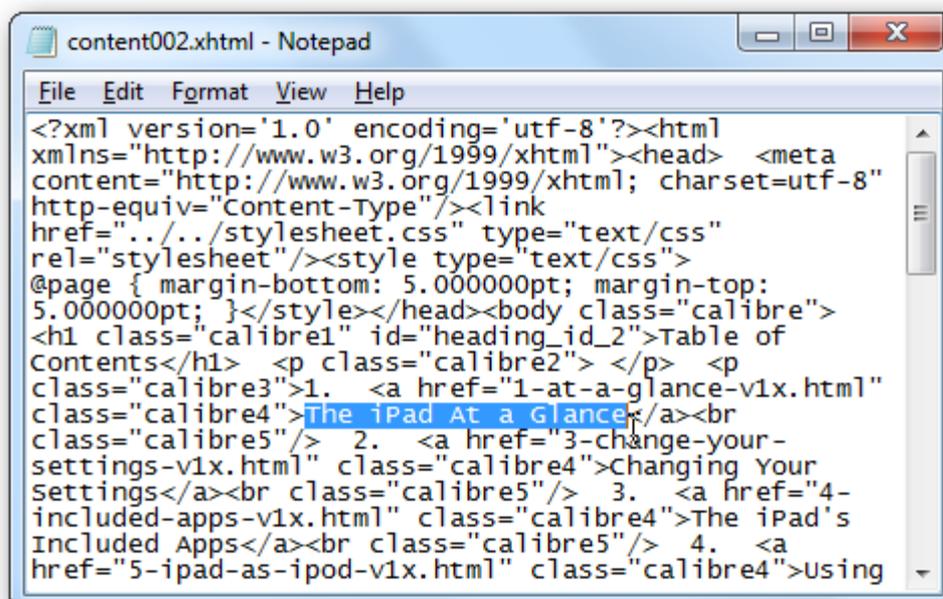


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The actual ebook contents are stored in HTML or XHTML files. These may be stored on the top folder of you ePub file's directory, or they may be stored in `\OEBPS\text` in the file.



To change the contents of your eBook, you'll want to edit these files. Often there may be separate files for each chapter, so you may have to use trial and error to find the one you need to edit. You could edit them by hand in Windows using Notepad if you don't have an HTML editor installed.

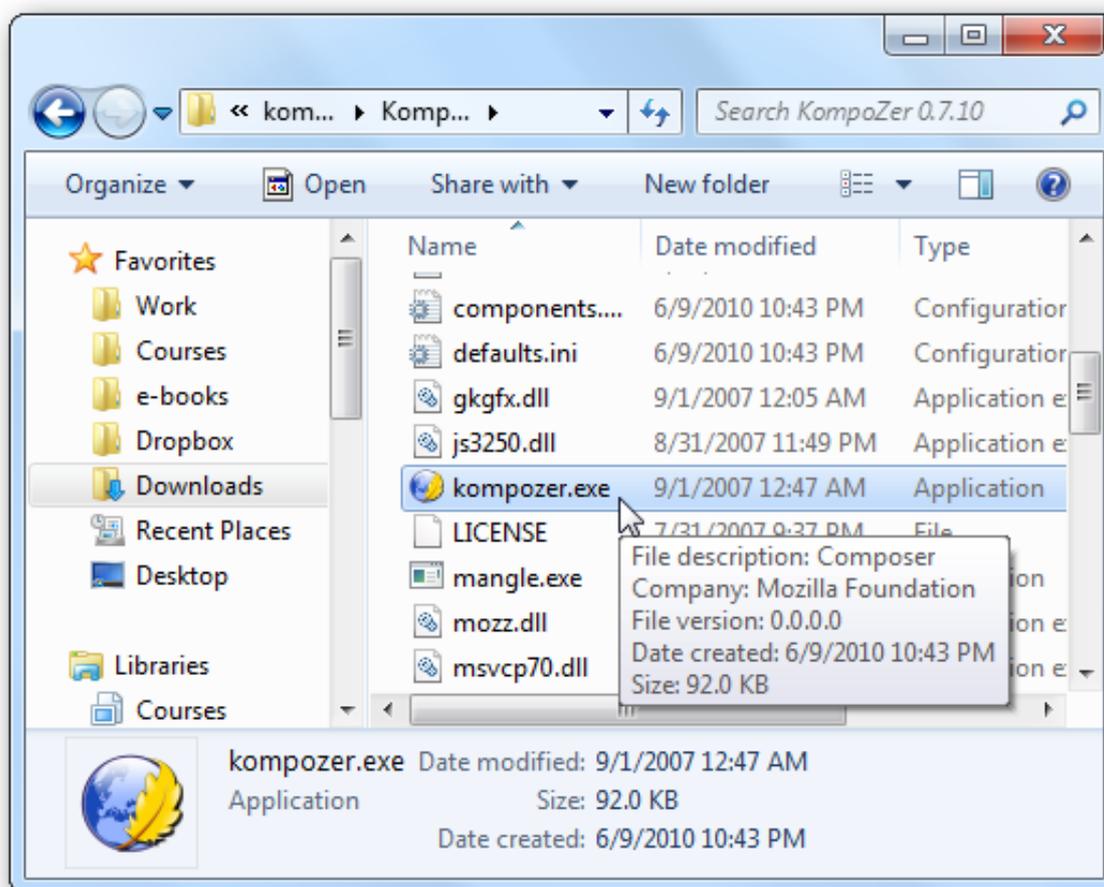


A better option would be to use an HTML editor. Here we'll use the free KompoZer program to edit the files just like we'd edit a document in Word.

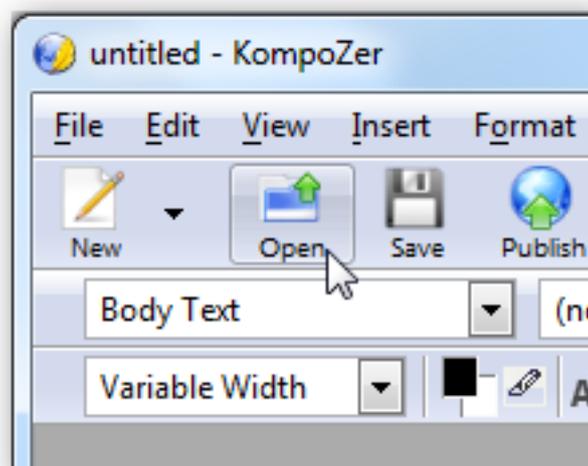
Download KompoZer (*link below*), and unzip the files.

Then open the new folder and launch kompozer.exe; you don't even need to install it. In fact, you could even store KompoZer on a flash drive so you could edit HTML files from any computer.

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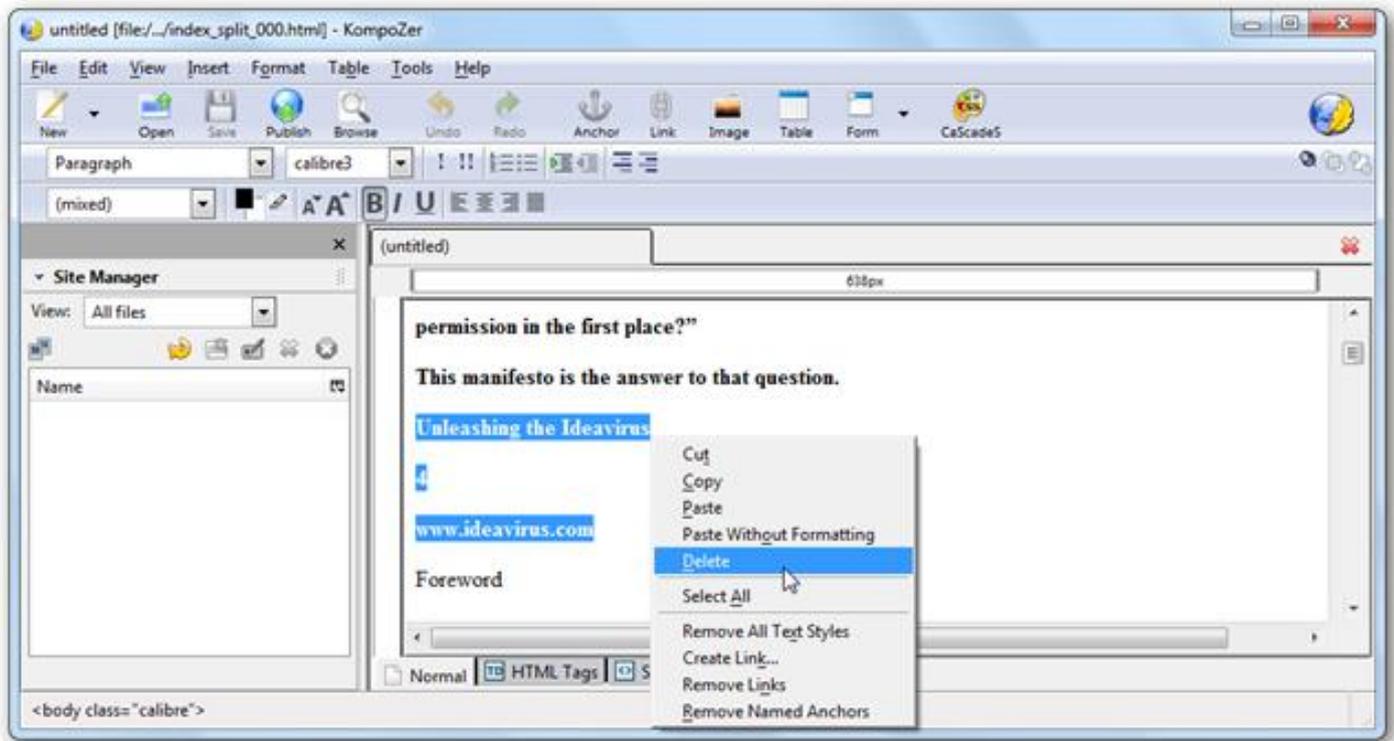


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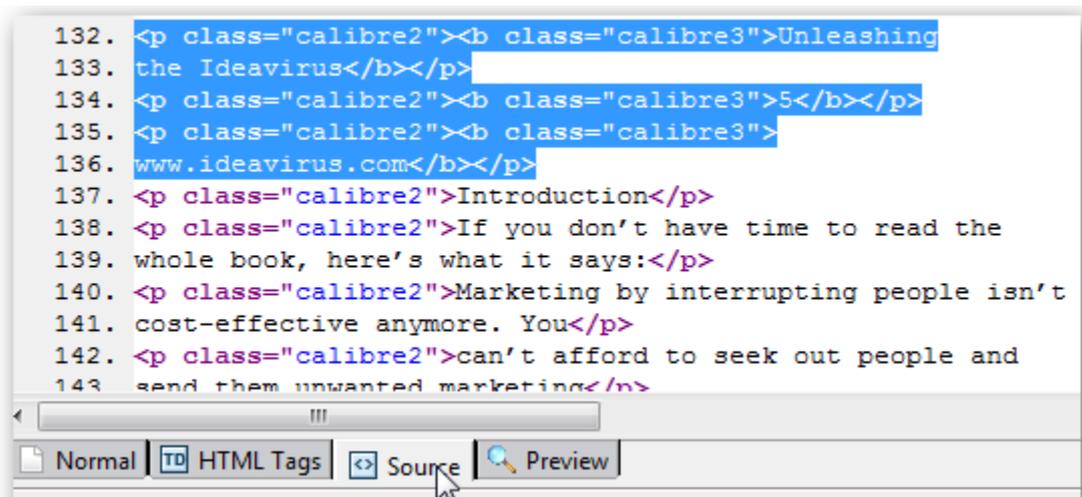


Now you can edit the file just like you would edit a document in Word. Remove extra and unneeded text, make titles stand out, correct misspellings ... anything you want! This is especially helpful if your **ePub file was created by converting a PDF** as these often have many small errors.

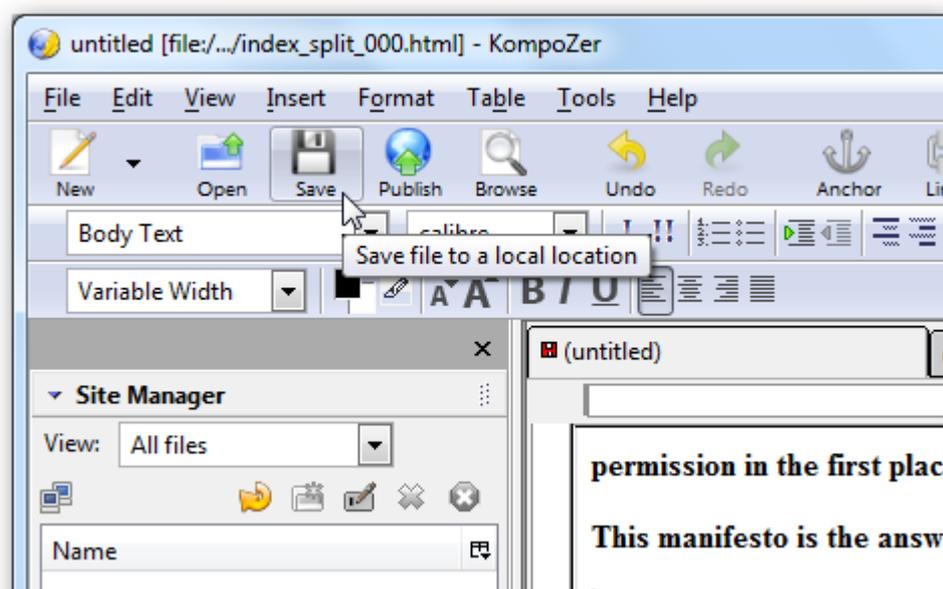
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Or, if you'd rather edit the code itself, select the **Source** tab and edit as you wish.

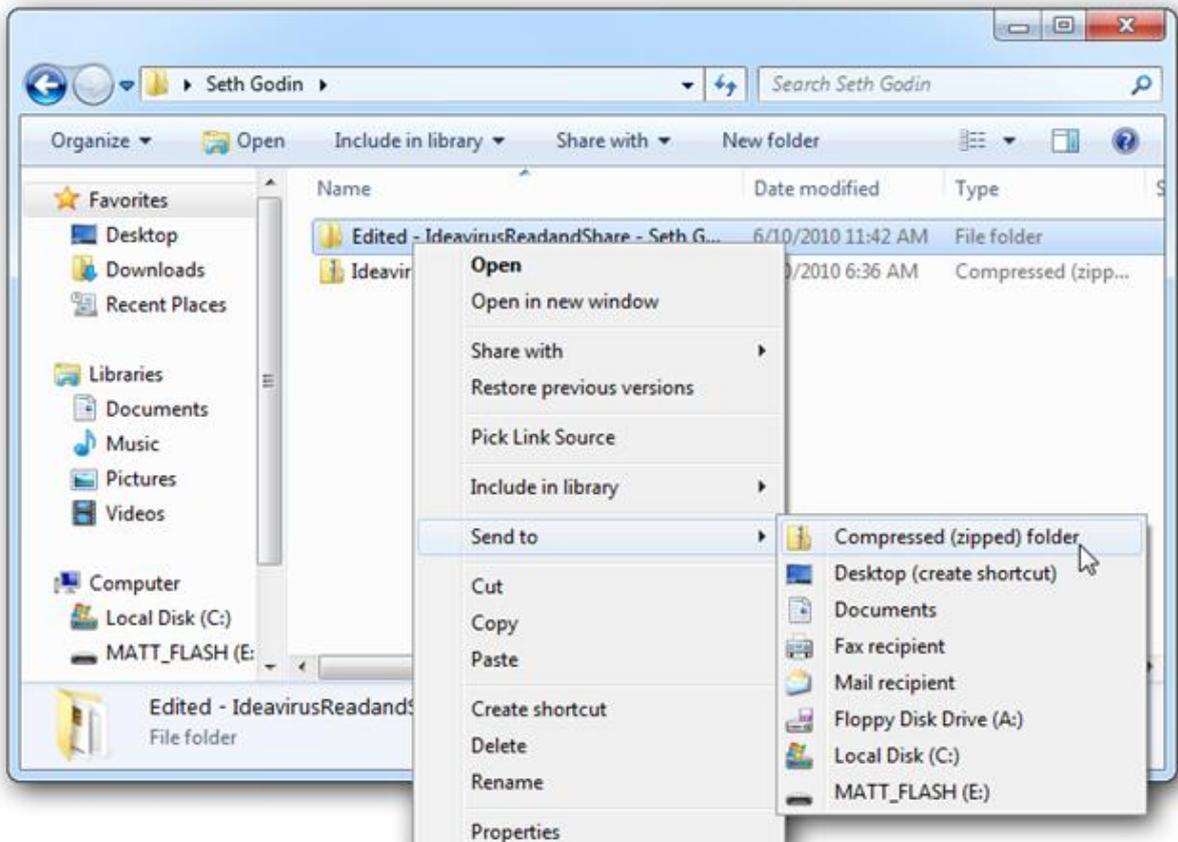


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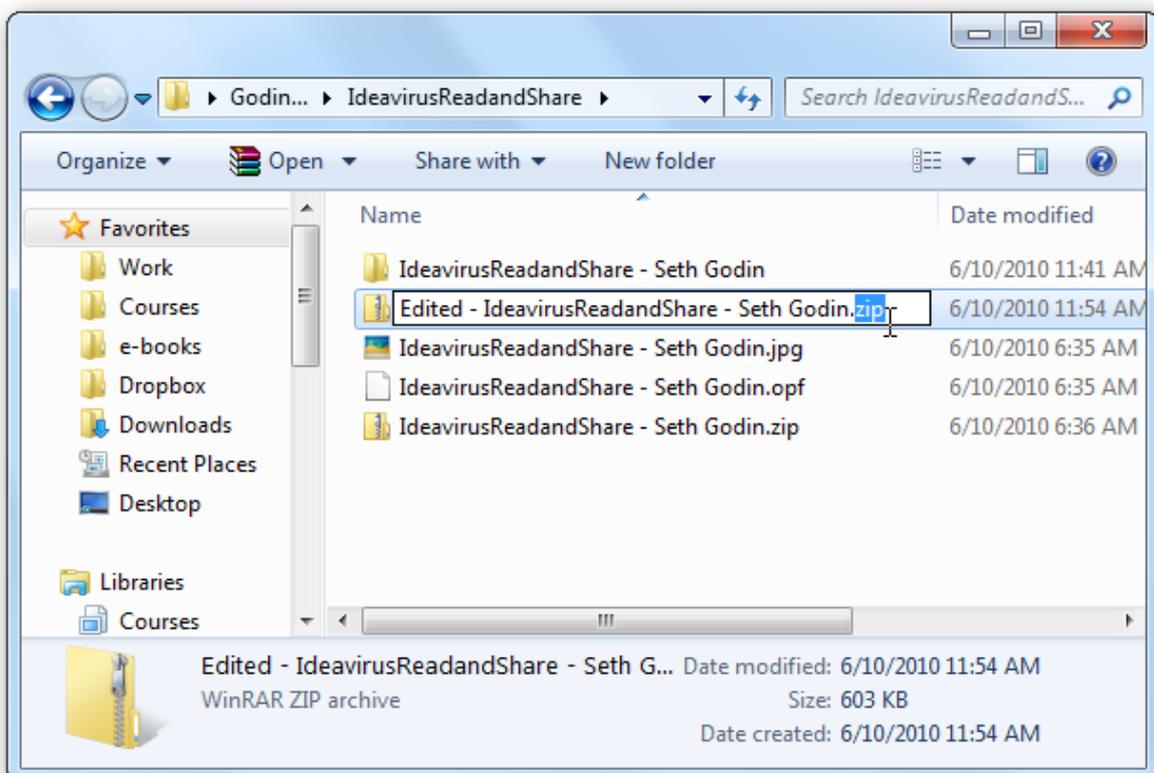


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Once you've made all the changes you wanted, it's time to turn this folder of files back into ePub. Make sure you change the name of the folder if it still has the same name as the original ePub or zip file so you don't mix them up or have trouble with overwriting the old files. Zip the folder using Windows Explorer or your favorite archival utility. If you are using another archival program, make sure to compress it as a zip folder; other compression methods will render the ePub unreadable by your eReader app.



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Whether you need to remove an odd, misplaced character or need to do fine editing, using an HTML editor is a great way to make your ePub eBooks look just like you want. Also, with an editor like KompoZer it's not even difficult.

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