Kindle Collection Manager Information

Information collected from the <u>Kindle Collection Manager for Windows</u> thread on <u>MobileRead</u> Forums.

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1) It is recommended to uninstall the previous version before installing the new one.
- 2) You must register your Kindle in order to create collections. Collections cannot be created on an unregistered device.
- 3) As of 7 October 2010, v0.41 of the Kindle Collection Manager for Windows, can be downloaded from http://www.megaupload.com/?d=1099DLO7.

Kindle Collection Manager for Windows, Version 0.3

- Manage existing collections (create, rename, update and delete)
- Explore your Kindle folders and drag and drop books into one or more collection
- Create collections from folders of books

I've attached some screenshots so you can see the app in action.

The app has been built using the .Net Framework v4.0 (Client Profile) and if not installed will prompt for you to download and install it.

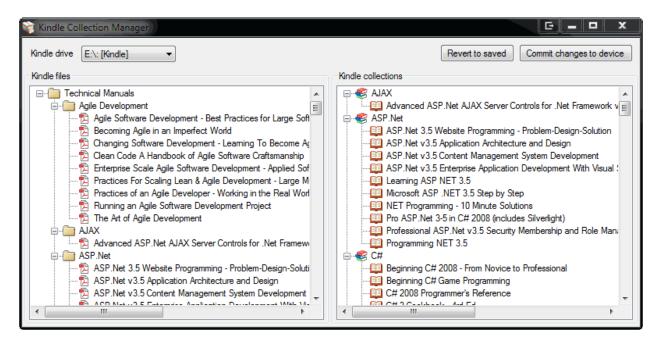
I'm almost ready to release v0.4 which has a number of bug fixes and sports these new features...

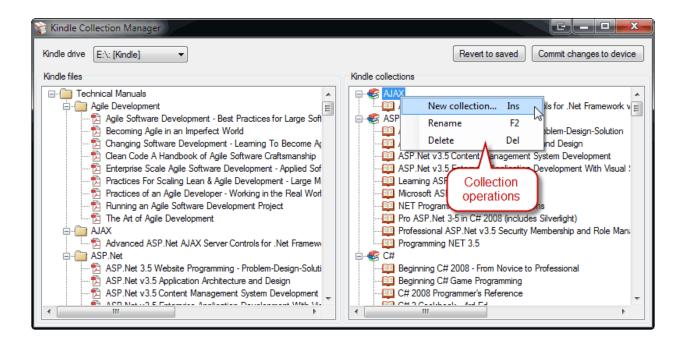
- App now supports AZW, PRC TPZ and AZW1 files
- App checks for the Kindle before committing. It may have been ejected by Windows or just unplugged.
- New "options" dialogue.
 - o Set whether folders expand automatically after being created.
 - o Set whether collections are expanded automatically after being created.
 - Switch between physical filename and metadata book title for DRM titles in files & collections.
- "New look" toolbar :-)

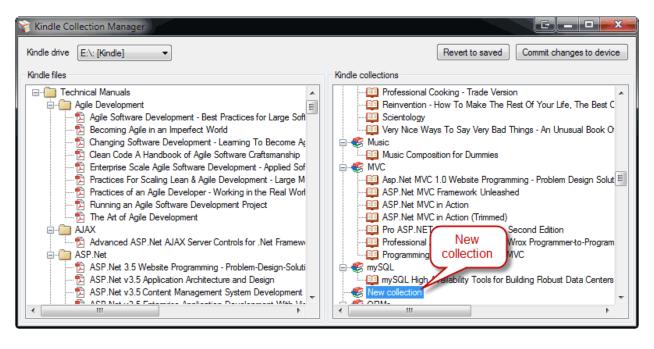
For v0.5, I'm thinking of adding these new features...

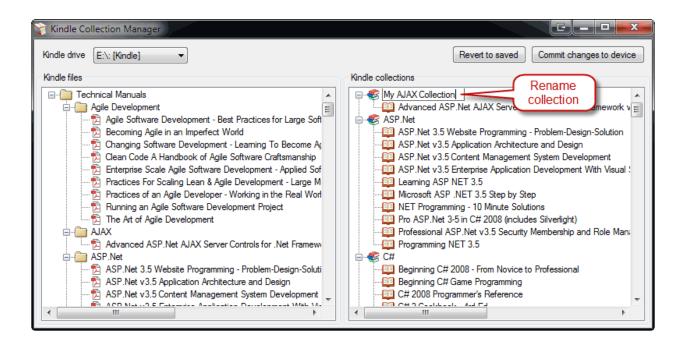
- Detect Kindle insert.
- Drag and drop new document files into the app and/or collections which automatically copy to the Kindle.
- Rename and delete files which update the Kindle and items in collections.
- Drag and drop files between folders on the kindle, while maintaining their existence in any collections.
- "Sync" feature that sets up collections for an entire folder of documents and their contents.

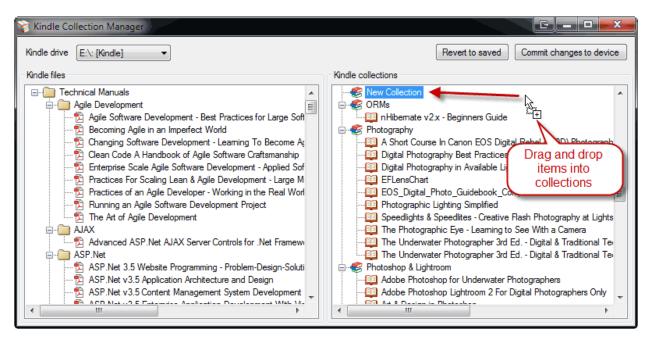
Screen Shots

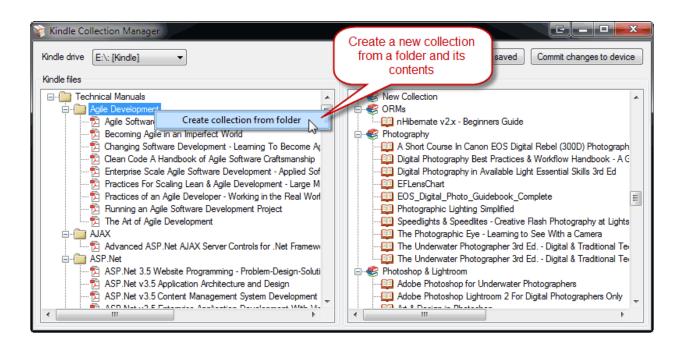


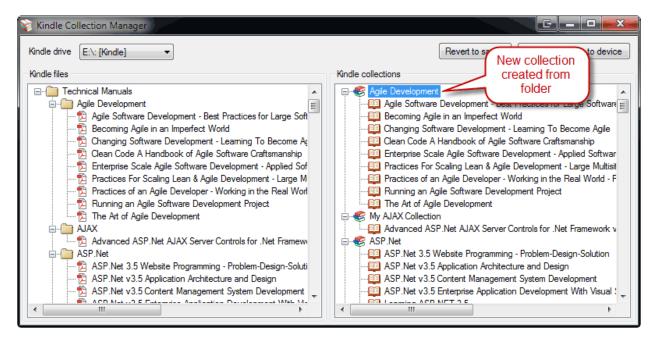


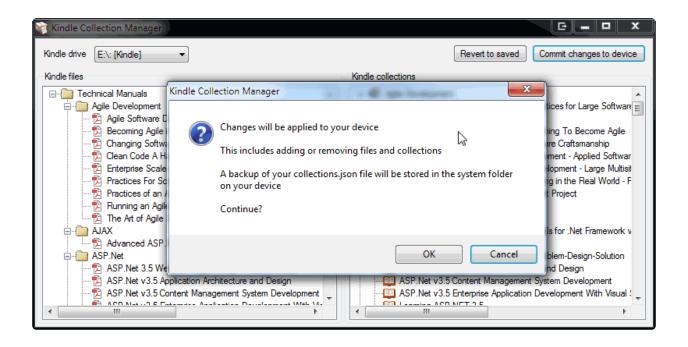












Kindle Collection Manager for Windows, Version 0.4

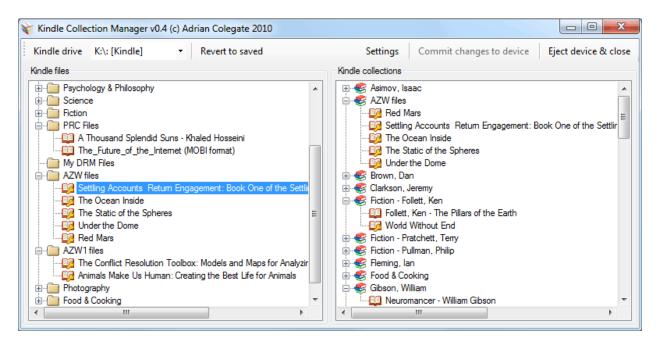
This is the one everyone's been asking about...

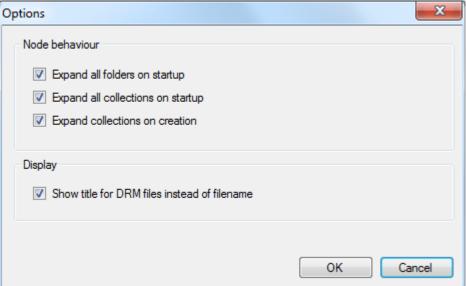
The big feature that's occupied most of my time between v0.3 and v0.4 has been adding support for all Kindle-compatible DRM files. To this end, the app now supports PDF, MOBI, AZW, AZW1, PRC and TPZ files (phew!)

There have also been some cosmetic enhancements including a new look button bar, new look dialogues, an "about" box, and an "options" form.

I've also changed the Kindle detection code which previously prevented the app from starting if the Kindle had never had a collection created before ;-) Also, the commit and eject functions have been tweaked and the dialogue boxes simplified.

- App now supports AZW, PRC TPZ and AZW1 files
- App now checks for the Kindle before committing. It may have been ejected by Windows or just unplugged.
- New "options" feature and dialogue.
 - o Control whether folders expand automatically after being created
 - o control whether collections are expanded automatically after being created
 - Switch between physical filename and metadata book title for DRM titles in files & collections
- New look button bar





Forthcoming features in v0.5

- Add an indicator to show if a file is already a member of a collection.
- Show number of files / items in a collection in brackets after the folder / collection name with an option to turn on off item count suffix for folders / collections.
- Multi-select items in trees.
- Add a "Sync" button that synchronises folders and their contents into collections.

- File / folder management
 - o Create folder (creates folder on the device)
 - o Rename folder (renames folder on the device)
 - o Delete folder (deletes the folder and its contents from the device)
 - o Drop a file into a folder from outside the app (adds a file to the device)
 - o Rename file in a folder (renames file on the device)
- Add support for MP3 files.

Future investigations

- See if the order of items in collections can be set.
- See if the installer can uninstall a previous version automatically.
- Look into how Calibre plugins work and see whether the app could be built as a plugin.

Changes from v0.4 to v0.4.1

- Added support for TXT files.
- Added a solution for handling duplicate eBooks with DRM File IDs. This allows duplicates to be "tidied up" or ignored.

As more information becomes available, it will be added to the information document.

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