# Introduction to Bloom 3.0

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Bloom is a literature production tool that is designed to take the pain out of publishing. You and your users can focus on writing or translating stories, while letting Bloom handle the complexities of formatting and publishing. Bloom was designed with new computer users in mind. It has special features to guide them. People can get started with very little training.

Because of this, Bloom can help more people can get involved in building a large collection books in the local language. Later, other people can use Bloom to translate those books into other languages.

We know that it takes many books to make reading worthwhile and fun. A successful literacy program also requires many books in order for readers to be motivated to read and be able to get enough practise.  If it is difficult to publish stories and books, then it will be difficult to create the content needed for a successful literacy program. That is why Bloom was created.

## Overview of Bloom

- Shell Books

  A growing collection of Creative Commons-licensed shell books help you grow your library quickly. Just add a book to your vernacular library, then type in translations.

- Template Books

  Bloom isn't just for shell books. To create a brand new book, we use what Bloom calls a template. For most books, the "Basic Book" template is enough. It contains templates pages with the most frequently used layouts. There is also a Picture Dictionary template and Wall Calendar template.

- Effortless PDF Booklets

  Click on Bloom's Publish tab, and voilà! You have a PDF file laid out as a booklet, ready for saving or printing.

- Multilingual Books

  For each box of text, Bloom stores text in any a number of languages. You can then tell it to show one, two, or three of those languages to make monolingual, bilingual, or trilingual versions of the publication.

- All your Books, a Click Away

  Bloom never asks you to find things in the computer's file system. It just shows your library and books that you can add to it when you're ready.

- Pictures from the Art of Reading Collection

  After you install our free Art Of Reading Collection, it's easy to find hand-drawn illustrations from around the world.

## Objectives of these Training Materials

When you have completed these modules, you should be able to create a Bloom Collection, add books to them, be familiar with some basic controls that you see often and publish your book. In addition, you will be familiar with different ways to get books from others and share books with them.

## Training videos

A series of videos about Bloom have been posted on Vimeo.  https://vimeo.com/channels/bloomlibrary

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