

## Sony PRS 500 and Sony PRS 505

This document deals with installing and using **Calibre** to convert .PRC (mobi) files to .LRF (sony) files for reading on your PRS 500/505, using **MAC**.

Calibre does not only convert mobi files. For a full list of files see the calibre web page.

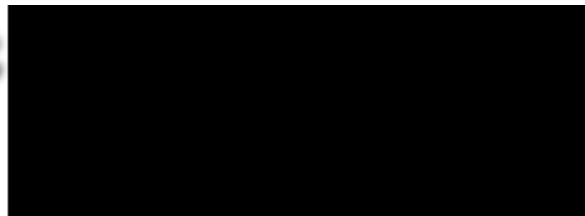
Calibre can be downloaded for free from <http://calibre.kovidgoyal.net>

### To download:

1. Go to <http://calibre.kovidgoyal.net>
2. Select *Getting Started* > *Get Calibre*
3. Double click on the MAC OS X icon (X)



4. Select *OS X universal dmg* (note there is some info on this page I didn't understand so I just noted it and plodded on).
5. Download Calibre.
6. Open and Follow the instillation instructions.
7. On your desktop there should now be a file called **Calibre-0.4.77.dmg** ( or whatever version you have) click on that.
8. A box comes up that has calibre icon in it. **I copied/dragged this icon to my mac desktop.**
9. There should now be a *calibre* icon on your mac desktop.



### Start using Calibre

1. Open your *calibre* desktop icon. Note there is no need to log in as administrator on the mac version of *calibre*.
2. **Add Books** to the calibre library
  - a. -Click on the *Add Books* tab and select the file you wish to add to your library.
  - b. The file should now appear as a book in *calibre*.
  - c. Calibre will assign it a library number and should complete the *title, author, size and publisher* fields.
  - d. If it doesn't do this don't worry you can change this at any time before sending it to your device.
3. To **change book details** – double click on the area you wish to change and *calibre* will allow you to change it.
4. **Convert eBook from .prc or .html to .lrf file**
  - a. click on the file name that you wish to convert until the entire line highlights.
  - b. Select drop down arrow next to the **Convert eBook** tab.
  - c. select **convert individually**. I suggest you practice converting individually at first as I did not, and ended up with a hell of a job to fix it all up.
  - d. A box should appear that says **Convert PRC to LRF**. Note: In this box you can also change the book details.
  - e. Then click **OK**.
  - f. An hourglass at the bottom right of your screen will now spin until the conversion is complete.
  - g. When you click on the book details now (yes do it again to update) you will see a book icon at the bottom left of your screen, this will now have **Formats: lrf, prc, html** etc.
  - h. If an error box appears during conversion the <http://calibre.kovidgoyal.net> site has lots of tips and tricks. My suggestion would be to check that the file you are trying to convert is the correct format ( it is a PRC or other supported file) and check you have the latest version of Calibre.
5. **Saving converted files** – after converting it is a good idea to save the new files to your computer. I created another Folder for this.

6. **Connecting** your PRS 500/505 to your computer – just connect the USB cables and you are set.
  - a. Up the top section of the *calibre* window an icon should appear to represent your device.
7. **Sending to Device** – once again I suggest you do this individually the first few times.
  - a. Highlight book within calibre library, select **send to device** and download begins.
8. **Disconnecting Device** once you have finished downloads don't just pull the USB plug out.
  - a. Check that your sony reader does not have a **do not disconnect** warning or a **circle with a line through it**.
  - b. Disconnect by going to Macintosh HD selecting the device and clicking on the eject icon, in the same manner you safely remove any other device from your mac.
9. You should have now successfully converted a non encrypted mobi (.prc) file to Sony (.lrf) file; saved it to your computer; and sent it to your device.