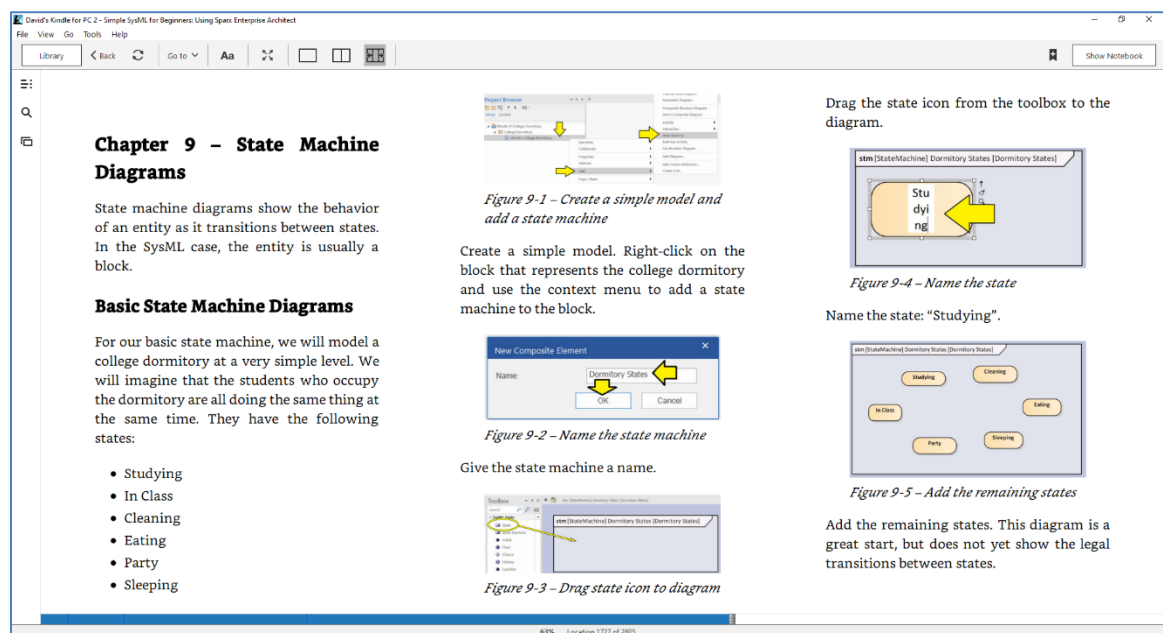


## Asatte Press Engineering Books

Asatte Press engineering books like the “Simple SysML for Beginners” series are available only for the Amazon Kindle platform because the Apple iBooks platform forbids images with embedded text – making it impossible to offer a book containing extensive use of screen captures.

For such screen-capture intensive tool-oriented instructional books, a key consideration for effective study is whether and how conveniently the images can be zoomed. That is, the user interfaces of the tools are quite intricate, and readers will find themselves wanting to zoom the images to get a closer look at the small icons in the images.

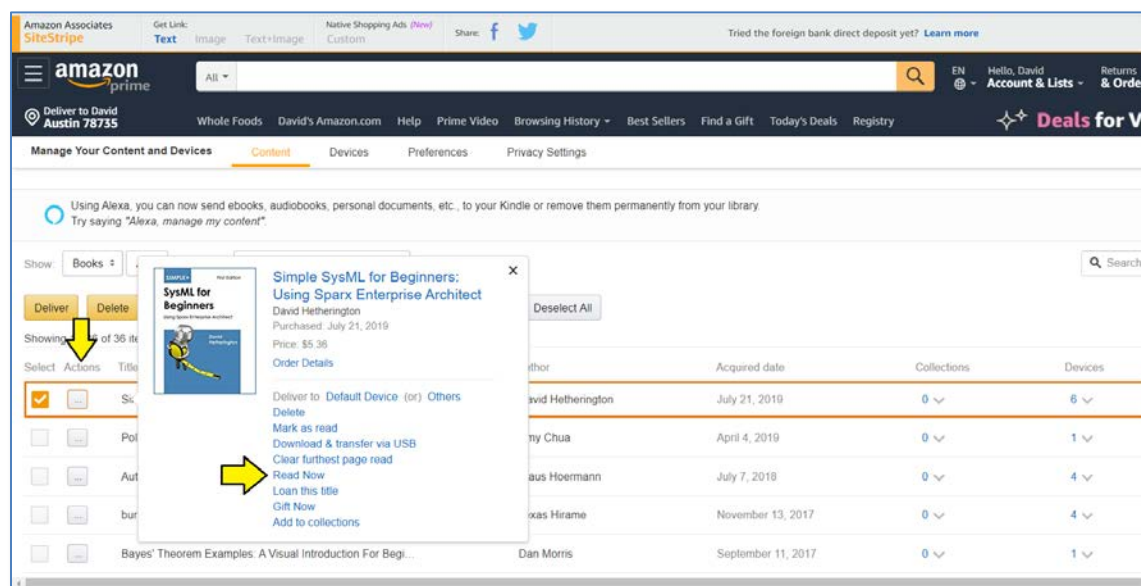
- **Kindle Fire HD** – Asatte Press has tested on this platform and (not surprisingly) this is a very nice reading platform. Images can be zoomed easily.
- **Kindle Paperwhite** – Not recommended.
- **Kindle Reader for iOS** – Asatte Press has tested on an iPad 2 and an iPhone 6 with satisfactory results. Book reading is smooth, and the images can be zoomed easily.
- **Kindle Reader for Android** – Asatte Press has tested on a Google Nexus 10 tablet and a Samsung Galaxy S7 Edge with satisfactory results. Book reading is smooth, and the images can be zoomed easily.
- **Kindle Reader for Windows** – Highly recommended as of Version 1.28.0. In the latest version of the Kindle Reader for Windows, there is no image zoom function, but book viewing area now expands to the full width of the screen which yields a very nice reading experience with images very easy to see. The current version of the Kindle Reader for Windows looks like this:



## eReader Application Note

Note that the reading experience on previous versions of the Kindle Reader for Windows was so poor as to make the software unusable because the book viewing pane could not be expanded and covered at most 30% of the screen. If your version of the Kindle Reader for Windows does not look like the screenshot above, download the latest version of the software and reinstall it.

- **Kindle Cloud Reader** – Good for customers of Amazon.com in the United States. Once you have purchased the Kindle version of the book, whether you have deployed it to an actual Kindle device or not, you can also read it directly from your Amazon account. Go to your Amazon account online, pull down the menu and select "Your Content and Devices", Select the book, pull down "Actions" and select "Read Now". Like this:



While there is still no zoom function, this reader automatically expands all images to the full width of the column. If you adjust the width of your web browser, the reader will switch into single-column mode while using about 70 percent of the screen. At this size, the images are quite easy to see.

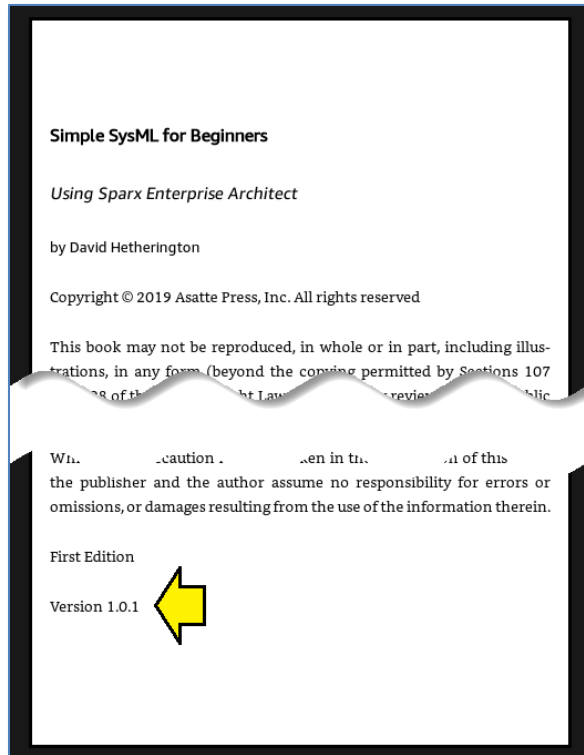
Unfortunately, customers in Germany and Switzerland have reported that the Kindle Cloud reader on Amazon.de refuses to open Asatte Press books. After a web conference to compare notes, one of those customers followed up with Amazon Germany and opened a support ticket. That customer was told that for some reason, Amazon.de serving Germany, Austria, and Switzerland uses a different software base for its Kindle Cloud Reader than Amazon.com in the United States. If you purchase your book from one of the Amazon sites outside the United States, you may or may not be able to use the Kindle Cloud Reader depending on which base of Amazon Cloud Reader software is in use by that country.

- **Kindle Extension for Chrome** – Asatte Press has not tested this configuration, but readers have reported that this extension works quite well and again enables a dual-monitor or laptop+desktop configuration.

## Getting Kindle Book Updates

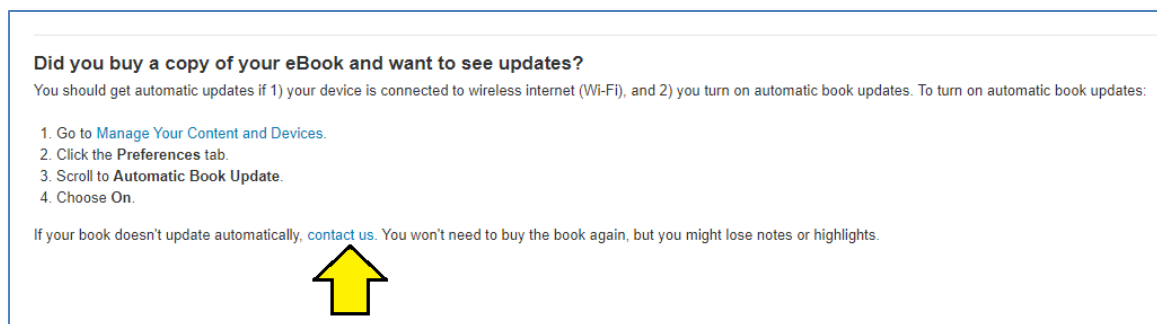
From time-to-time, Asatte Press releases updates to correct typos and other minor problems reported by readers. For example, our book *Simple SysML for Beginners, Using Sparx Enterprise Architect* was updated to Version 1.0.1 on 28 September 2020.

Asatte Press generally tries to synchronize such maintenance updates so that updated print editions start shipping at the same time the updated Kindle edition becomes available. For both the print edition and the Kindle edition, the current version can be confirmed on the copyright page.



Amazon's policy on updating existing customers to new versions of previously purchased books is a little confused. The official policy is available here:

[https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/help/topic/G200966010](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G200966010)



## eReader Application Note

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From the text in the webpage, it might seem like you can set your device to receive automatic updates. However, Asatte Press experience is that such automatic updates are *not* in fact delivered, regardless of device settings. However, other Kindle customers on the internet report that if you call Amazon (yellow arrow above) they will manually push a book update to your device for you.

### Texas Hirame Books

Texas Hirame books are available for:

- Amazon Kindle
- Apple iBook

The Apple iBook versions contain embedded audio prompts. The Amazon Kindle versions do not contain embedded audio prompts as many of the Amazon Kindle readers do not support audio.

### Asatte Kids Books

Asatte Kids Books (the Cooper's Adventure Japanese/English bilingual series) are not yet available in electronic format. However, electronic versions of these books are planned for release in 2021.