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Problem
The advent of tablets has led to a new type of content delivery, especially digital content. This has increased the demand for electronic books, which are often available for download. However, there is a lack of expertise in accessing and managing digital content.

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Petting Zoo Highlights
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