

Language Science Press business model

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Introduction LangSci Press

-) founded 2014
-) Diamond OA
-) only books, only linguistics, only CC-BY
-) 150 books published (1000+ authors)
 - > 1187932 downloads as of January 2021
 - top books at 60k downloads





Introduction LangSci Press

- discipline-specific
-) international
- values: excellence, transparency, community
-) initial grant had a position for an economist
- > read the Cookbook for Open Access books
 (https://zenodo.org/record/1286925) and our annotated
 business model (https://zenodo.org/record/1286972)



Revenue 2020

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    113k€ revenue
    105k€ consortial funding via Knowledge Unlatched
    8k€ varia
    print margin, donations, BPCs
    funding 2018-2020: 105 institutions (1000€/year)
    funding 2021-2023: 115 institutions (1000€/year)
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) 120k€
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-) 90k€ salaries
-) 6k€ rent
-) 20k€ service providers



	+	commercial _
flexible +	+ GmbH (≈Ltd.) UG (≈micro-Ltd)	Uni Verein (≈association) gUG (≈charitable micro-Ltd)





-) we have registered our trademark/logo
- > secure your brand
-) don't sell your brand





Workflows: production

community based
 29 autonomous series (peer review)
 400 community proofreaders
 streamlined and automated workflow
 standard templates (docx and tex)
 no XML
 docx→tex conversion pipeline
 LATEX→ pdf
 collaborative production on Overleaf





Automation

We automate most processes as far as we can

- doc2tex conversion
-) adherence to guidelines
-) upload to Zenodo
-) upload to print-on-demand
- > report generation



Dissemination

- Zenodo -> OMP
-) KU -> DOAB
-) GitHub
-) Paperhive
-) VLB
-) Amazon
-) GoogleBooks
-) EBSCO
- Scopus



-) project at the Technische Informationsbibliothek Hannover
- \rangle Koala = Konsortiale **OA** Lösungen **a**ufbauen
- $\rangle = \text{establishing consortial OA solutions}$
- goal: provide a blueprint for consortial funding for scholar-led presses
-) looking for: presses interested in becoming a pilot project
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