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An Introduction to Springer eBooks: Business Models, Product, and Lessons Learned

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Agenda



Springer E-books defined

Product Demo

Business Model

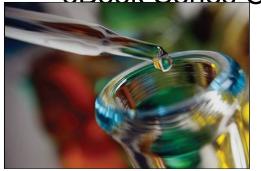
Lessons Learned

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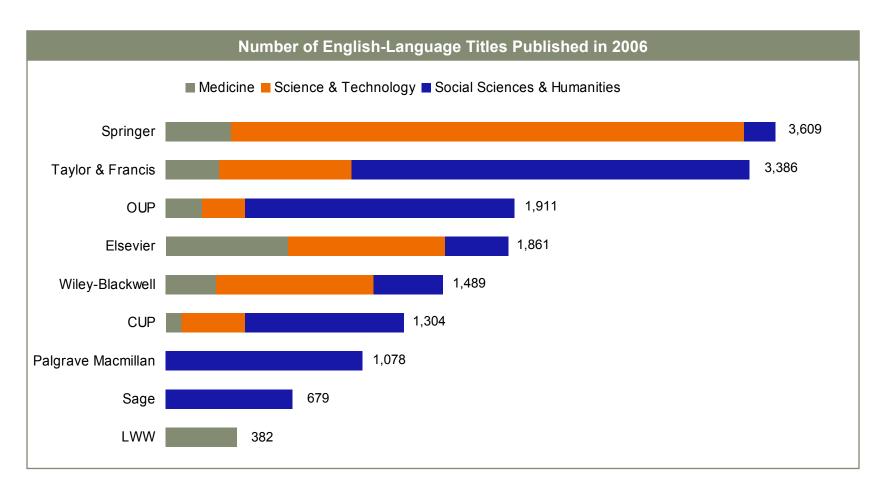
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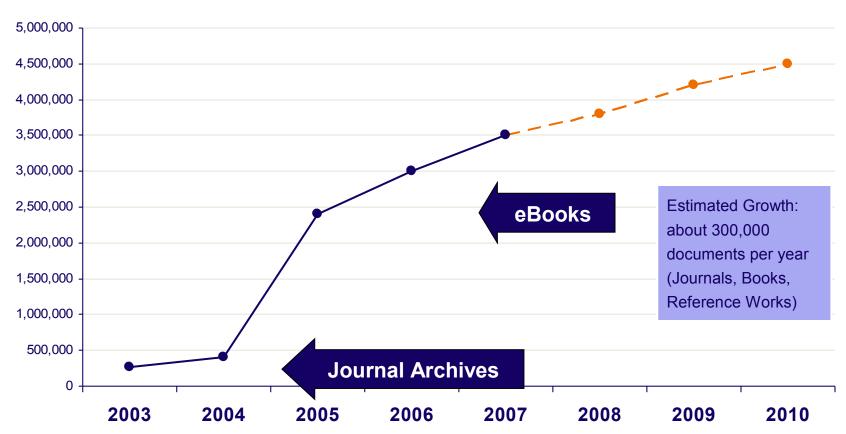


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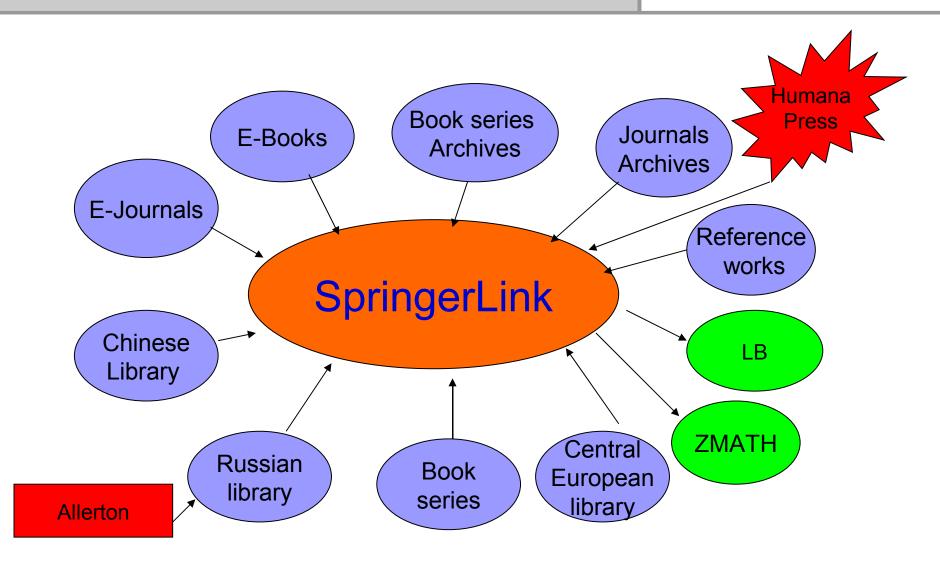
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- Product consists of
 - More than 6,000 imprints from 2005 & 2006
 - Growing collection from 2007
 - All imprints transferred from NetLibrary
 - KAP Major Reference Works
 - Currently more than 20,000 titles
- Product Highlights
 - Chapter level approach (DOI)
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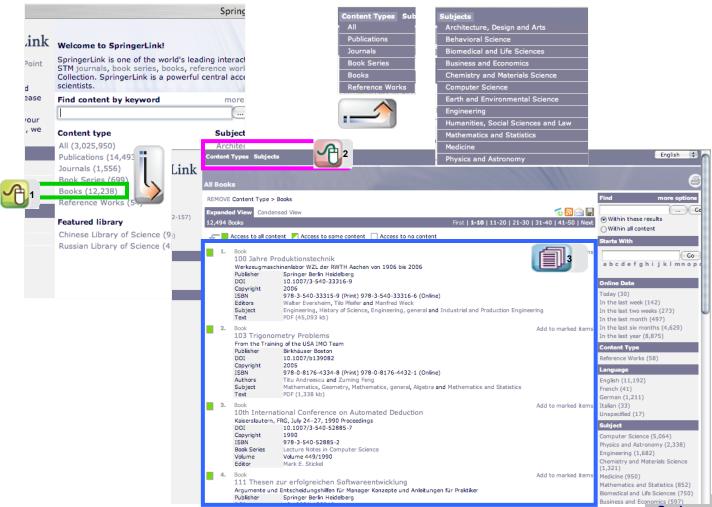




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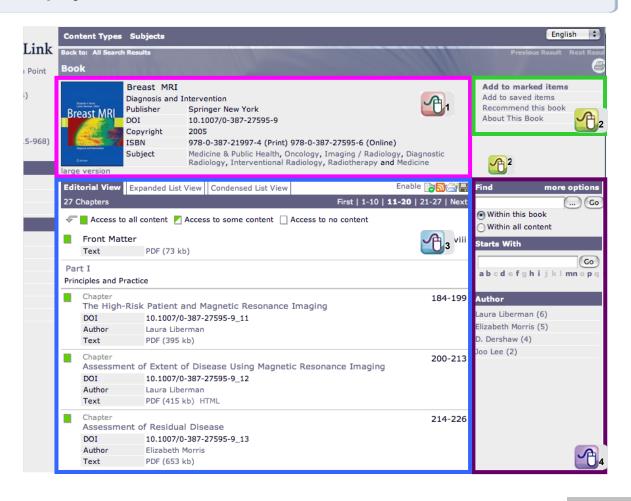
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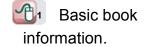
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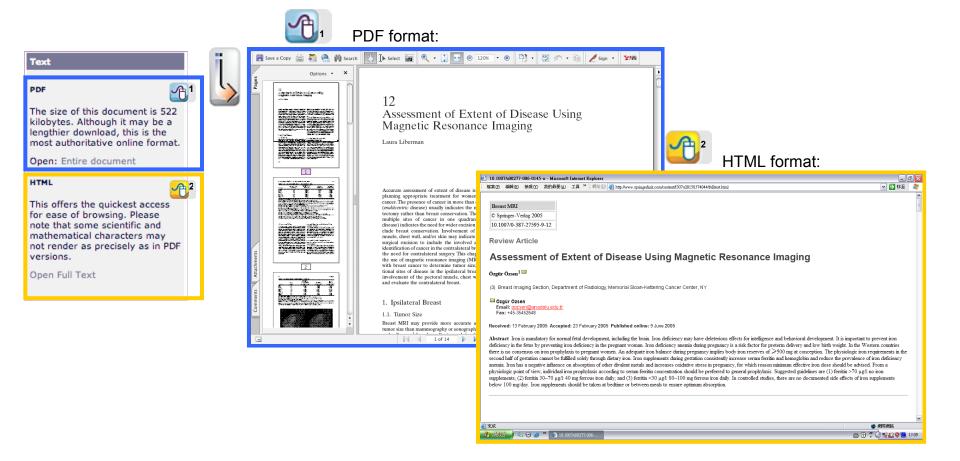


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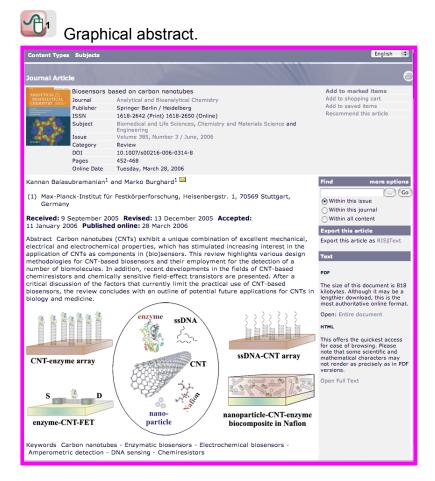


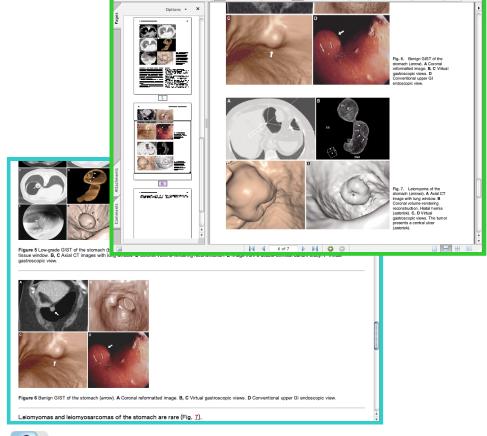
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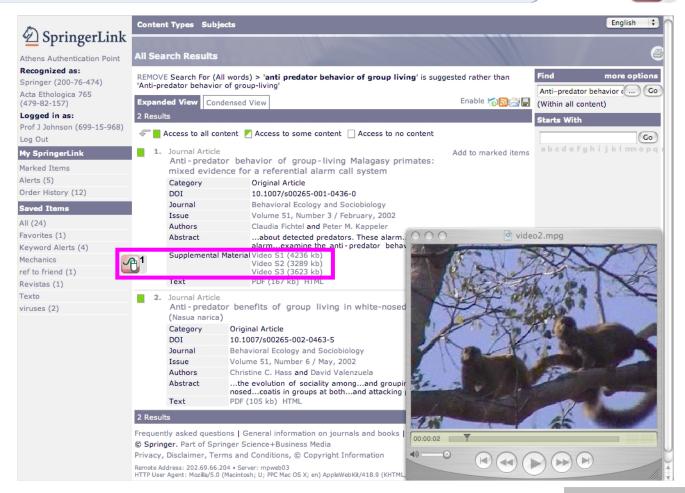
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Business Model – Multi Channel approach



Direct Channel

- Collection based through Springer Library Relations
- Pick & Choose Book Series & Reference Works

Indirect Channel

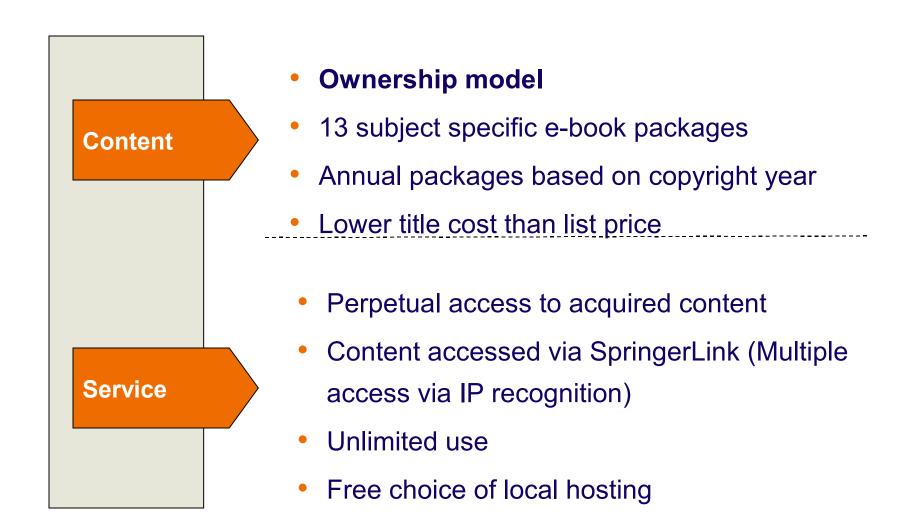
- Collection Based through vendor's
 - EBSCO, YBP, Coutts etc

-3rd Party Vendor Channel

- Pick and Choose Monographs & Reference Works
 - Ebrary, Netlibrary, MyiLibrary, eBooks.com

Direct/Indirect collection Business model for e-books





3rd Party Business model for e-books



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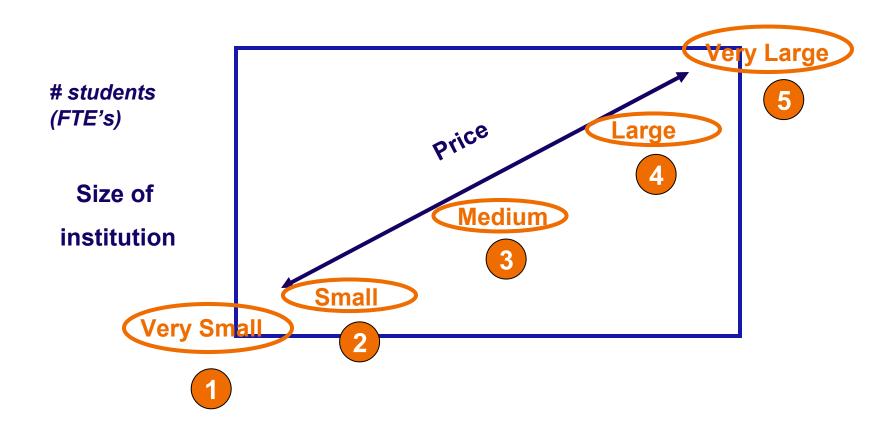
- Flexible: Pick and Choose Monographs & Ref Works (excl. Textbooks & eBook Series)
- Not an ownership model
- Higher title cost than list price

Service

- No Perpetual access to acquired content unless purchased at a premium.
- Content accessed via chosen platform (Netlibrary etc)
- May have limits on use (seats, number of copies etc).

Pricing model based on size and type of institution







13 Subject Collections

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Subject Collections	
Architecture and Design	35
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Computer Science	845
Earth and Environmental Science	155
Engineering	340
Humanities, Social Science & Law	175
Mathematics and Statistics	350
Medicine	280
Physics and Astronomy	250
Professional Computing and Web Design	160
Total	3340

E-book Pricing



2008 Springer eBooks	V-Large	Large	Medium	Small	V-Small
2008 Springer eBook Collection	€ 362,545	€ 315,305	€ 215,195	€ 104,015	€ 88,265
Subject Collections	Springer List Price				
Architecture and Design	€ 2,635	€ 2,295	€ 1,535	€ 755	€ 645
BehavioralScience	€ 4,015	€ 3,495	€ 2,345	€ 1,155	€ 975
Biomedical and Life Science	€ 52,895	€ 45,995	€ 30,815	€ 15,175	€ 12,875
Business and Economics	€ 21,265	€ 18,495	€ 12,395	€ 6,095	€ 5,175
Chemistry and Materials Science	€ 37,945	€ 32,995	€ 22,095	€ 10,885	€ 9,235
Computer Science	€ 76,995	€ 66,995	€ 44,885	€ 22,095	€ 18,755
Earth and Environmental Science	€ 26,675	€ 23,195	€ 15,545	€ 7,655	€ 6,495
Engineering	€ 51,745	€ 44,995	€ 30,145	€ 14,845	€ 12,595
Humanities, Social Science & Law	€ 37,945	€ 32,995	€ 22,105	€ 10,885	€ 9,235
Mathematics and Statistics	€ 36,675	€ 31,895	€ 21,365	€ 10,525	€ 8,935
Medicine	€ 44,265	€ 38,495	€ 25,795	€ 12,695	€ 10,775
Physics and Astronomy	€ 37,945	€ 32,995	€ 22,095	€ 10,885	€ 9,235
Professional Computing and Web Design	€ 22,185	€ 19,295	€ 12,925	€ 6,365	€ 5,395
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Online library discount



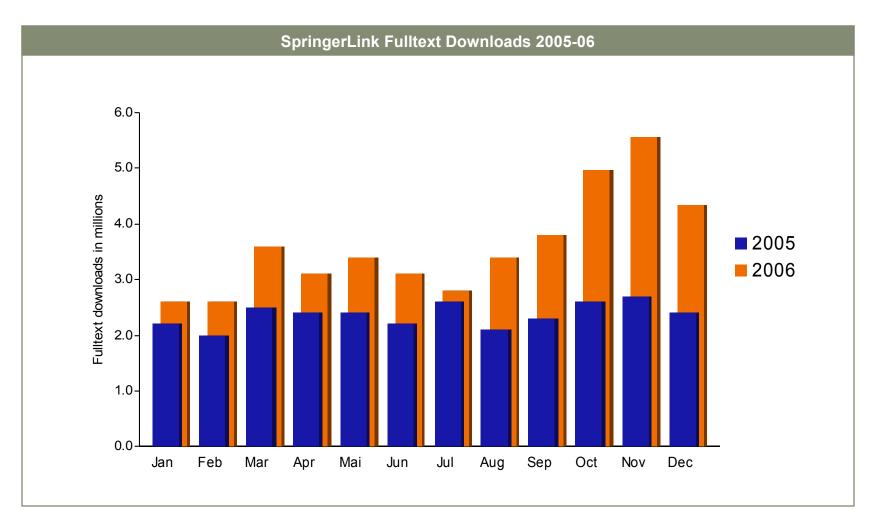
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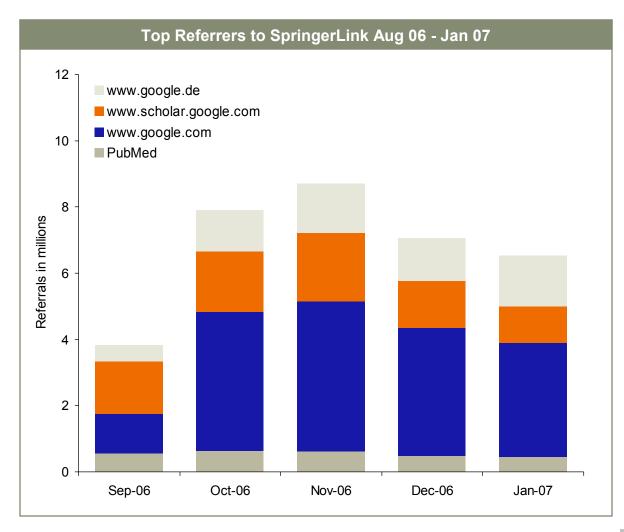
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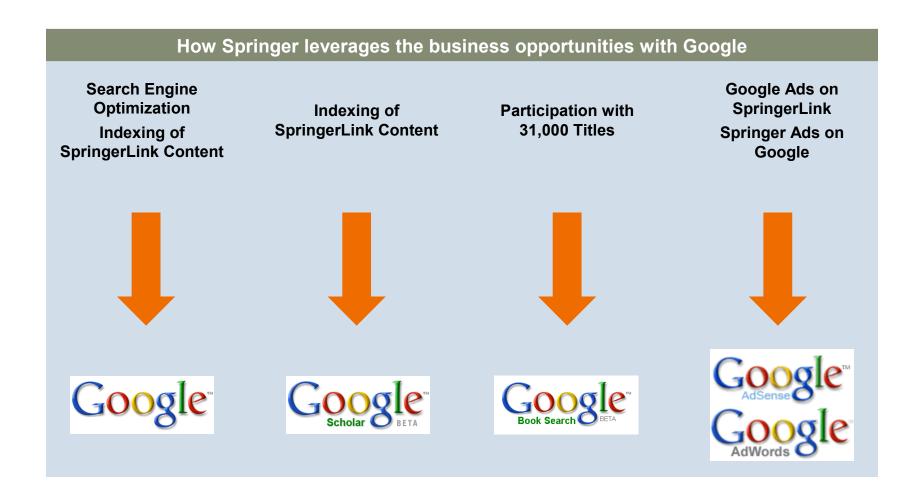




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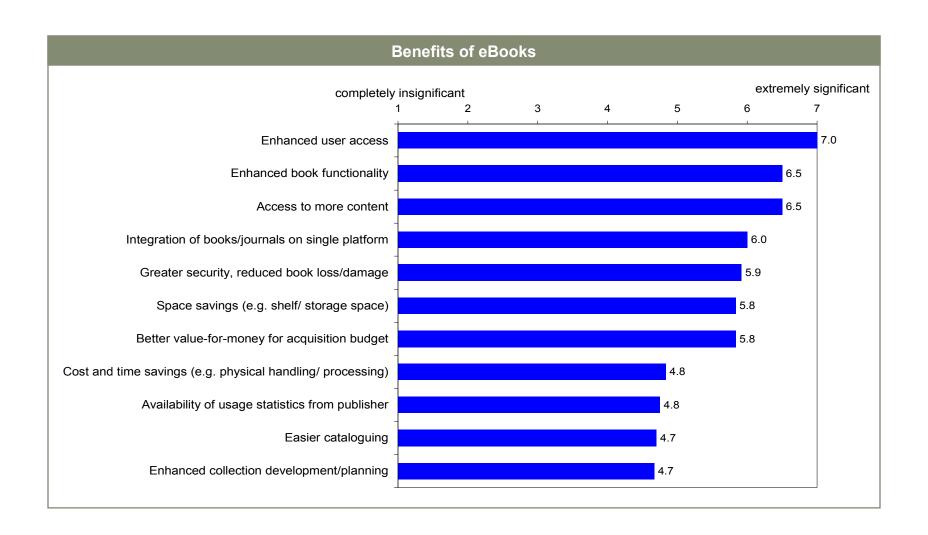
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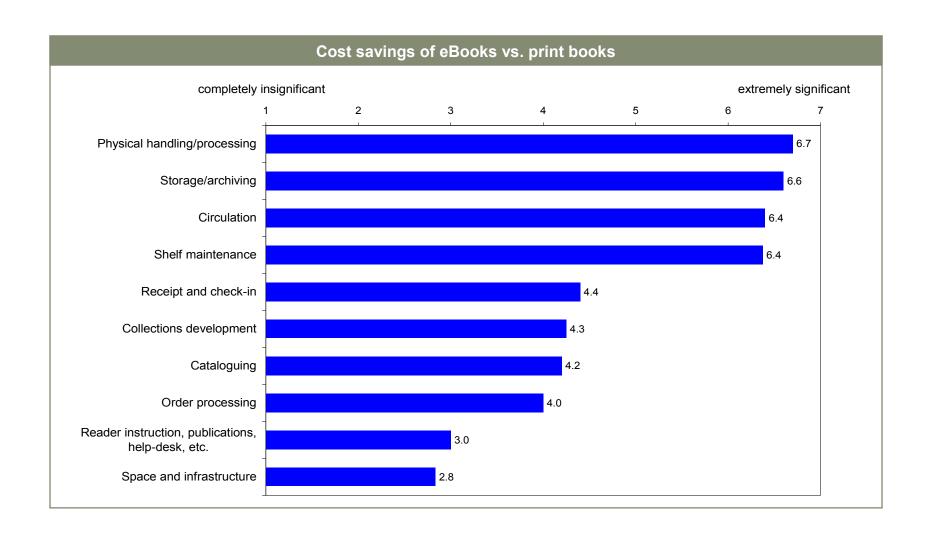
Benefits to Academic and Research Libraries





Cost savings of eBooks vs. print books





Lessons learned



- Well accepted business model with unlimited access and no DRM
- Librarians like the pricing model based on tiers and not linked to print holdings
- Packages offering work well
- Integrated SpringerLink platform is innovative and well positioned
- Strong PR and Marketing efforts lead to Springer as perceived leader of e-Book market
- New markets evolve: corporate, small academic, emerging markets





Advantages	Challenges
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