# Welcome to Lightning Source Sharjah

Spearheading POD in the Middle East







# What is Lightning Source Sharjah?

Lightning Source Sharjah is one of the first large-scale Print-on-Demand (POD) operations in the Middle East. It offers a cost-effective book printing solution in the UAE to promote sustainable publishing in the region.



## Who does Lightning Source Sharjah work with?

A wide range of local & global publishers from the smallest self-published author to the largest publishers around the world





### Where does Lightning Source Sharjah reach?



## Why print with Lightning Source Sharjah?



#### Speed

Books are printed within 48 hours ready to ship to customers in the Middle East and North Africa region.



#### **Global Reach**

Your books can reach readers, retailers, & libraries around the world through our affiliation with Ingram Content Group!



#### Flexible

Only print the exact quantities you need when you need them!



### Sustainable

Reduce your book's environmental impact with local print-on-demand!



### Reliable

Join a growing cohort of authors, publishers, & retailers who trust us to deliver their books to readers anywhere!



## Virtual wholesale

#### How it works

- 1. Upload your digital files into your Lightning Source<sup>®</sup> account
- 2. We process your files, and you get an e-proof to review
- 3. You approve your e-proof and turn on distribution
- 4. Information about your book goes to local & regional retailers that work with Lightning Source Sharjah
- 5. Retailers view this information & can order your book
- 6. We print your book with Lightning Source's Print-On-Demand technology
- 7. We deliver your book to retailers

No need to warehouse or ship books yourself. We pay **YOU** for every book we sell!

- We only print when orders are placed.
- Orders can come from:
  - Booksellers
  - You (the publisher) for your own supply this is called 'Publisher Direct'
- When a bookseller places an order for your books we sell at the price you set with a wholesale discount, which you control (all booksellers require a discount).





# **Pricing example**

- List price of your book = \$15
- Wholesale discount = 40% of list price (40% of \$15 is \$6)
- Print cost = \$4 (what we charge to print the book)
- List price Wholesale discount Print cost = Publisher compensation
- \$15 \$6 \$4 = \$5
- You would earn \$5 on every copy of this book sold by us

You don't need to ship your books around the region - we do that for you! Shipping is covered by the wholesale discount you provide.

## You get paid for the sale

- Print orders
  - We pay you when a bookseller orders your book from us
  - List price Wholesale Discount Print cost = Publisher compensation
- Publisher Direct Orders (books you order for your own needs)
  - You enter your customer orders in our system
  - No discount to give away
  - You only pay print and shipping fees, and we ship direct to you or your customers, wherever they are in the world!





## Who can buy my books?

- Retailers in the Middle East & North Africa engaged with Lightning Source Sharjah
- Reach customers in the region without having to ship books or fill a warehouse
- Major booksellers Lightning Source Sharjah connects with regionally include:









# ipage<sup>®</sup> in the Middle East

- Retailers will be able to order from Lightning Source Sharjah in USD
- Booksellers will see available titles with the relevant flag which indicates the country of printing origin

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## File security

Lightning Source uses industry security controls for storing printing files. This includes:

- Encrypting files at rest and in transit
- Authentication on publisher accounts
- Removing files once the printing is completed

Thousands of publishers around the world trust Lightning Source with their files.



# Ready to sell globally and run a more efficient business?

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