Providing modern e-learning applications and tailored support to help you develop an attractive range of training and further education opportunities is both our day-to-day business and our passion.

We have dedicated ourselves to this passion for the past 10 years, and we would now like to use this brochure to give you an insight into our company and what we have learned about collaboration and mutual success. Even if you already know about us, there still is certain to be some new information that is of interest to you. And if you don’t know about us, please take some time to find out what we do.

Our company was founded in 2004 by a group of 11 universities, with the aim of becoming a central provider and developer of digital media and software solutions for Saxon universities. Today we work in many different areas within the fields of training and further education. As a technology service provider, we bring together a wealth of experience gained from working on an extremely wide range of e-learning projects with international organizations and companies, private training providers and universities. We combine our comprehensive, practical expertise and our particularly close relationships with our university clients. This transfer of innovations has constantly helped us to develop an economically sustainable business.

We are proud of the journey we have taken with our customers so far. Why don’t you join us? We look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Your Team at BPS Bildungsportal Sachsen GmbH
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Close customer relationships, customer satisfaction and transparency in all areas of our business dealings are the key values that guide the way we work. We always face new challenges head-on. We want to support our customers in the same way that trainers and physiotherapists support athletes – by enabling them to concentrate on the most important thing: improving their own performance. This is why we believe it is so important to listen to our customers and to accommodate their individual requirements and needs. Only by doing this we can develop tailored application solutions while also receiving feedback to help us improve the service we provide.

Achieving these goals takes a great deal of motivation and dedication from all of our employees, which is created both as a result of the positive feedback from our customers as well as the flexible, family-friendly working environment we provide. Many of our employees have been working towards our mutual success ever since the company was founded, and new colleagues always bring in new experience and motivation.

"As an academic institution, we expect e-learning service providers to give us powerful products, high-quality service and fast response times. But it is equally important for them to understand academic structures and options. We are very satisfied with the way that BPS GmbH meets these requirements."

Dr. Angela Peetz, Head of E-Learning at the University of Hamburg
Our development
Milestones and turning points.

- **2004**: Company founded as a result of the "Bildungsportal Sachsen" project.
- **2007**: Professional involvement in the Arbeitskreis E-Learning task force – developing the standardised e-learning platform for all Saxony universities, universities of applied science and vocational academies.
- **2009**: Software range opened up to universities outside of Saxony and to companies worldwide.
- **2011**: Company joins edu-sharing e. V. – works with the association to develop the ideas surrounding the sustainable exchange of digital learning content.
- **2013**: "ONX Testsuite" established as an internationally recognised e-assessment solution.
- **2014**: "OPAL Schule" is officially provided to all Saxon schools by the Saxon State Ministry of Education.

- **2006**: Introduction of "OPAL" as a standardised learning platform for all Saxony universities, universities of applied science and vocational academies.
- **2007**: Market launch of the "ONX Testsuite" e-assessment solution and the "MAGMA" video distribution tool.
- **2008**: "ONYX Testsuite" is established as an internationally recognised e-assessment solution.
- **2011**: Market launch of our own learning management system product line – "OLAT Campus" and "OLAT Enterprise".
- **2012**: The "OPALmobil²" and "useOPAL" projects pave the way for a mobile-ready and more user-friendly learning platform.
- **2014**: "BLok" online report book as a quality assurance tool for vocational training.
A single learning platform for almost every university in a state. Impossible? This has been a reality in Saxony since 2006. We have worked closely with Saxony’s universities and vocational academies to create the OPAL learning platform. Over 75,000 lecturers and students use the standardised platform for day-to-day teaching and learning – making it the top solution in use at German universities.

E-portfolios, online tests and virtual classrooms are just three of the features that can be integrated into a lecture in just a few clicks. Inter-university lectures are now as commonplace as the joint strategic development of the OPAL learning platform. The platform can be integrated seamlessly into systems such as the universities’ internal timetabling systems, module catalogues and administrative systems, simplifying day-to-day processes dramatically.

OPAL-School is a similar central learning platform we have created for all teachers and schoolchildren in Saxony, which makes it possible for online-supported teaching and learning methods to be used throughout the entire education system. Connecting these two platforms promotes collaboration between schools and universities in teacher training, offers schoolchildren information and supplementary courses to help them in their studies and allows them to take their learning portfolio with them as they enter further education and beyond – this is something that has only been achieved in Saxony, and represents an important milestone on the road to digitally connecting educational institutions.

“...We have been using the flexible services provided by BPS GmbH since the very beginning and can’t imagine working without their dedicated, creative employees.”

Prof. Dr. Klaus Hering,
Dean of the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics and Natural Sciences at Leipzig University of Applied Sciences
Well-educated, motivated employees make an important contribution to the success of the companies at which they work. A targeted combination of in-person sessions and online phases is key to providing an attractive range of further training opportunities to help them in their roles. OLAT Enterprise is based on these values and offers comprehensive support for developing and implementing modern training programmes. The high efficiency and methodological variety offered by the learning platform have been developed over many years of work in a university context. We have collaborated with companies from an extremely wide range of sectors to tailor the OLAT Enterprise application for internal vocational training. Training programmes offered by private education providers and training measures designed by franchises can be made more effective through the use of the learning platform, and the platform can also be used to optimise training management for companies with many thousands of employees across the globe. From automatically assigning each employee to current training opportunities to providing continuous information about their progress and issuing certificates, the application makes easy work of managing all day-to-day training-related tasks, while also saving on resources. We adapt the application to suit each of our customers, ensuring individuality and seamless integration into the company’s internal processes. Whether it is used across the company, in a specific department, for specific employees or a combination of these applications – OLAT Enterprise never sets any limits for its users.

“We have always found BPS to be a very reliable and competent partner. They implement our requirements quickly and innovatively, always focusing on the key issues, and have positively surprised us”.

Andrea Altmeier, E-Media Project Manager, Georg Thieme Verlag KG
Our company by numbers
10 years of dedication to our customers.

We support **150 customers** worldwide
with over **240,000 Users**
on **80 application systems.**

We have successfully implemented more than **90 projects**
and over **230 updates**
and monitor **1,680,000 lines of source code** every single day.

We have drunk **85,000 cups of coffee,**
receive an average of **500 emails** per day
and have already **moved office 5 times.**

Our **23 employees** are focused on our customers’ satisfaction!
You can’t learn without tests, and you don’t get a degree without passing exams. Throughout our lives, we experience many different forms of performance evaluations – from simple review questions and self-assessments through to crucial final examinations that ultimately define our futures. The intuitive ONYX Testsuite solution supports test authors and training providers by helping them to create and develop content for their exercises and tests. Candidates can receive an immediate response regarding their performance and have a clearer idea of where they are in the learning process. For supervisors and tutors, ONYX Testsuite generates individual insights into the results and enlightening statistical analyses.

The ability to design complex test and examination questions is the greatest asset of any test author or teacher.

Our objective is to use ONYX Testsuite to promote the reuse and exchange of existing test content, which can only be done by using established e-learning standards. This is why we have been a member of the IMS Global Consortium since 2007. ONYX Testsuite is entirely based on the internationally recognised e-assessment standard IMS QTI, which has led to ONYX Testsuite becoming one of the first applications in the world to be certified by IMS in 2014. This is just one of the reasons why ONYX Testsuite has become an internationally established, multi-award-winning e-assessment application.

"We are pleased by the dedication BPS has shown to IMS and their commitment to implementing open, interoperable standards to improve education."

Dr. Rob Abel, Chief Executive Officer of IMS Global
Our users worldwide
Worldwide acceptance.

Our users in Germany
Regional strengths.

Products
- OLAT
- OLAT Campus/Enterprise
- ONYX
- ONYX Testsuite
- BLOK
- Online-Reportbook
The dual vocational training system has been an incredibly successful concept in Germany, and is also gaining recognition from other European countries. Trainees collaborate with their trainers at vocational schools and companies as part of a cooperative process which forms the basis of a solid education. For many years, the paper-based report book has been an established part of daily life for the trainees. It is where they record their tasks, activities and what they have learned. Despite this comprehensive documentation of their learning process, some potential in terms of cooperation between training sites and quality assurance has been overlooked until now.

The online report book, BLok, can be used to develop this potential in order to benefit all stakeholders in the dual vocational training system – training sites become better connected, learning documentation can be reused more easily and the process of comparing learning objectives and results is simplified. BLok has been on course for success ever since its national launch. Many companies, vocational schools, chambers and of course the trainees themselves have been impressed by the opportunities provided by the digital report book. For us, it has opened up another area of education – initial vocational training. We intend to drive its integration into school-based training and internal training within companies.

“Our trainees are required to submit a monthly report, and BLok – the online report book, provides them with a modern tool to help them do just that. It takes their individual training practice into account and has the potential to easily connect the different teaching locations involved in the dual system”.

Michael Härtel, Head of the “VET Personnel, Digital Media, Distance Learning” Division, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)
Our award-winning products

Your satisfaction is our greatest success!

**OLAT Campus**

**OLAT Enterprise**

**ONYX Testsuite**

**E-Learning Journal Award 2015/Category “Media competency”**
The annual e-Learning Journal eLearning Awards are given as part of the annual Didacta education trade fair, and in 2015 our approach to a joint project with the Dresden University of Technology lead to our nomination in the “Media competency” category, where the approach was named the deserving winner.

**E-Learning Journal Award 2014/Category “Education portal”**
In 2014, the “physiofortbildung” learning platform, developed in collaboration with Georg Thieme Verlag KG, received the eLearning Journal eLearning Award in the “Education portal” category, confirming its status as a trailblazing project. It is one of the first in the world to support the training of physiotherapists.

**IMS GTI/APIP Award 2011/2014**
The IMS Global Learning Consortium officially announced that ONYX Testsuite fulfills the requirements for Question and Test Interoperability (QTI) v2.1 Conformance and awarded it the Platinum award in the “QTI” category in 2014. ONYX Testsuite had also been awarded the Silver award in 2011.

**ONYX Testsuite certification 2014**
Also in 2014, ONYX Testsuite was awarded certification from the IMS Global Learning Consortium for “Question and Test Interoperability (QTI)” v2.1 Conformance, meaning it is now recommended by the IMS Consortium as a standardised e-assessment solution.

**Digita 2013 nomination**
Due to its exceptionally tailored features, online report book BLok was nominated for the digita 2013 Deutscher Bildungsmedien-Preis award in the category: Vocational training and studies/Training division. The 2013 digita prize was awarded at Diadacta in Cologne, under the auspices of the Minister for Schools and Further Training for the state of North-Rhine Westphalia.

**Innovationspreis IT (2012 – 2015)**
The INNOVATIONSPREIS IT is awarded by Initiative Mittelstand to companies that produce innovative IT solutions and that greatly benefit medium-sized business. The expert jury awarded BLok—the online report book—the title of “BEST OF” in the Human Resources category four years in a row (2012–2015).

**Comenius EduMedia Award 2013**
Since 1995, the Society for Pedagogy and Information (Gesellschaft für Pädagogik und Information e. V. — SPI) has used the Comenius EduMedia awards to recognize ICT-based educational media that excels in terms of pedagogical success, content and design. The BLok online report book was awarded a Comenius EduMedia Award in 2013. This demonstrates to authors and publishers its high-quality teaching and media features.
Planning for the future means learning from experience, keeping the parts that work and driving forward new ideas in a targeted manner. Our distinctive understanding of what it means to provide a service, our focus on customer satisfaction and the supportive, family-friendly working atmosphere we have created are all key factors in our success so far. These values will also guide us on the road ahead.

Developing our strategic efforts to connect customers with similar goals is equally important to us. By doing this, we will be able to make existing synergies available to our customers. We want to further develop this recipe for success with future innovations and new products. Our e-learning applications will be a valuable tool in this respect. As always, ensuring that individuals are motivated and learn successfully, and improving our customers’ efficiency will continue to be at the forefront of what we do. We will contribute to this by implementing innovative ideas and keeping our eyes open for new approaches and changes.

Would you like to learn more about us? Just get in touch!

“Praise is never a given. Receiving positive feedback from a customer for the work we have done for them fills me with great pride and is what drives me every day. Working on this will continue to be one of our most important tasks going forwards”.

Sven Morgner, Director of BPS Bildungsportal Sachsen GmbH
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