

Make your voice count with the LinkAhead Future Pass

LinkAhead is made for the scientific community and we at IndiScale want our development efforts to reflect this. For this purpose, we created the **LinkAhead Future Pass**, which allows you, the community stakeholders, to decide about the direction of LinkAhead's development.

How does the LinkAhead Future Pass work and how can you become part of it?

- **LinkAhead Pro** subscriptions include a **LinkAhead Future Pass**, but it is also possible to **acquire Future Passes** separately.
- There is a separate **pool of development resources** and the LinkAhead Future Pass holders can decide on how these resources are spent.
- Part of the LinkAhead Pro fee, and the full LinkAhead Future Pass fees, fill up this development pool.
- There will be regular **community meetings** where IndiScale informs about past LinkAhead development and where the **Future Pass holders** **decide about priorities** for spending the development pool.



LinkAhead Future Pass explained



IndiScale



All Future Pass holders
(subscriptions and direct FP sales)



Future Pass holders
prioritize future
enhancements.

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LinkAhead Enhancements have different sizes. IndiScale implements according to priority until development pool hours are depleted.

Why do you do this?

We (that is IndiScale) want LinkAhead to be the best solution for data management, and to fulfill its users' needs.

We believe that the best way to achieve this is to ask you directly: what do you need the most? Which direction should the development take next? Which issues are the most pressing?

And we want to give you actual power in decision taking, and a tool to join forces.

Are there several LinkAhead Future Pass levels?

Yes indeed. There will be the following levels, and they have different numbers of votes in the decision process:

- Starter: 3 votes
- Bronze: 10 votes
- Silver: 20 votes
- Gold: 30 votes

I have LinkAhead Pro, what is my Future Pass level?

That depends on the number of users of your LinkAhead Pro subscription. This is how we map LinkAhead Pro fees to automatic LinkAhead Future Pass levels:

Level	LinkAhead Pro fee	Votes
Starter	under 1000 (yearly)	3
Bronze	1000€ or more (yearly)	10
Silver	2000€ or more (yearly)	20
Gold	10000€ or more (yearly)	30

What exactly, is this development pool?

The development pool is a collection of development hours, and IndiScale will work this amount of time on the decided LinkAhead development.

The pool has two sources: LinkAhead Pro and custom LinkAhead Future Pass sales. Half of the LinkAhead Pro fee goes into the pool and all of the custom LinkAhead Future Pass fees. This amount of money is then converted to development hours, at IndiScale's development quota hourly rate ("Entwicklungskontingent"). IndiScale then tops this with another 25%.

So in the end, the development pool consists of development time that will be spent on wherever the LinkAhead community sees the largest benefits.

Where can I find more information?

Even more information can be found at our website: indiscale.com/future-pass



LinkAhead: Research data management for the community