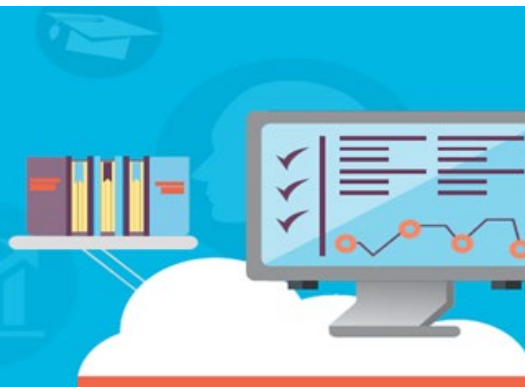


Chest Update

March 2023

What's new in Chest since December 2022



The Team at Chest negotiate preferential licence agreements for commercially available software on behalf of Jisc's members and customers. It can be used to benefit the entire institution to support academic research, teaching and learning, as well as administrative functions.

Chest software agreements include software from Microsoft and Adobe, in specialist areas such as GIS, statistics and maths, in qualitative and quantitative data analysis, mind mapping and training, and tools for software asset management and security.

You can browse, purchase and manage your subscriptions to all the software licensed via Chest agreements through the Chest website – www.chest.ac.uk

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Renewal News

Adobe



Negotiations with Adobe are underway for a new ETLA Agreement, to start this August and run for three years. Our current Adobe CLP Framework is due to end in May. We have agreed with Adobe to renew for two more years and are awaiting contractual paperwork to proceed.

Esri - expires 31/7/2023



A joint Jisc/Esri initiative of community updates and consultations started last summer around the upcoming renewal of the [Esri Chest Agreement](#).

Bandings will most likely stay the same, with price increases currently under consideration. The existing products licensed will remain (and will be added to by new products), the main exception being that ArcMap/ArcGIS Desktop will be retired in March 2024. Esri is supporting those sites who are still to move their desktop users over to ArcGIS Pro. Information will be added to the [Renewal News page](#), as and when it becomes available. We are hoping to have the new agreement in place by early May and will communicate directly with licensed institutions once it is live on the Chest website.

Examity - expires 30/4/2023



Time flies! The [Examity Chest Agreement](#) is fast approaching the end of its first three-year term. Recognising the importance of Online Assessment solutions to institutions, we are working to renew this Agreement in advance of its 30 April end date. Check out the [Renewal News page](#) on the Chest website for the latest information on the renewal; we'll update the Agreement webpage as soon as everything's confirmed.

Maplesoft and Maple Learn for FE & Schools - expire 30/4/2023



Negotiations are almost complete for extending the existing [Maplesoft](#) and [Maple Learn for FE & Schools](#) Chest Agreements for a further five years. It is looking likely that the products and bandings will stay the same, with a pricing adjustment to accommodate the change in pricing since it was last fixed in 2018.

Updates will be posted on the [Renewal News page](#), with contacts at existing licensed institutions being notified directly as soon as the new agreements are in place. Note that, under both these agreements, institutions are licensed for three years from sign-up which means that their terms and conditions and annual pricing won't change until they renew under the new agreements.

Microsoft - expires 31/12/2023



Our current Microsoft EES Framework ends on 31 December. Negotiations for its renewal with Microsoft are due to start around Easter and we are currently gathering requirements from the community for the new agreement. We are also seeking clarity from Microsoft around their recently announced bi-annual price changes.

SAS: expires 31/7/2023



Negotiations are well underway to renew the [SAS Chest Agreement](#) for a tenth term. Initial impressions are that not much is likely to change compared to previous version, but until the contracts are signed nothing is confirmed.

We'll keep the [Renewal News page](#) updated as and when we have anything definitive to share, and once the new Agreement is in place we'll email all licence-holding institutions.

Agreement News

Citavi: Reference Management Solution



Citavi is an all-in-one referencing and note-taking solution, designed for individuals and teams. With Citavi you can search resources from around the world, create tasks, analyse texts, save quotations and ideas, create outlines for drafts, and write reports, articles, or books. More popular than its primary competitor in much of Europe, it's an excellent reference management solution (check out the reviews) that's well worth considering if your current solution doesn't tick all the boxes. It's also the only

reference management program for teams that gives you the option of storing your information on your own server instead of in the cloud.


The [Citavi Chest Agreement](#) offers heavily discounted pricing for the academic community, with unlimited site licences based on combined FTE and fixed three and five-year pricing. Citavi is brought to you by Lumivero (formerly QSR), the company behind NVivo and related products; Citavi purchases can also be bundled in with NVivo if required. Catch a recording of the webinar [Speed up the publishing process with Citavi and NVivo](#).

If you'd like to learn more, or to arrange a free trial, please contact help@chest.ac.uk.


Chest Agreements for EDINA Services

Over the last couple of years, Chest have worked with EDINA to put in place Agreements for their Noteable and STACKED Services.


Noteable

 [Noteable](#) is a cloud-based computational notebook service which provides access to the most commonly used computational notebooks including Python and R. Notebooks available within Noteable come with a large number of libraries and extensions already set up. Noteable also comes with an autograding feature enabling teachers to set assignments for a class of learners with defined rules around automated marking of the code that the learner has written. The [Noteable Chest Agreement](#) provides both Site Licence and Per User Licence options, allowing an institution to either license use at scale or to license a cohort associated with a particular course. Testimonials of existing use across a range of disciplines can be found at the bottom of the Agreement's [Product Information tab](#); a short Noteable User Story recording, given by a Lecturer in Programming for Business at the University of Edinburgh, is also available via [EDINA's Noteable YouTube Channel](#).

STACKED

 [STACK](#) is an online assessment system for mathematics and science which accepts mathematical answers and provides sophisticated feedback. Working closely with Professor Chris Sangwin, STACK creator and Chair of the STACK International Advisory Board, EDINA have developed [STACKED](#) - an up-to-date Moodle and STACK installation in a scalable, robust architecture, giving all the benefits of STACK without the administrative burden of managing a STACK/Moodle instance. The [STACKED Chest Agreement](#) offers an annual site licence, covering up to 50 courses at up to 1,000 users per course. A range of demos and case studies of STACKED can be found on the [STACK website](#).

Maple Learn for FE & Schools: Online tool for teaching mathematics

 [Maple Learn](#) With over 30 years of experience of working with educators to bring software to the mathematics classroom, Maplesoft has developed [Maple Learn](#), an online teaching and learning environment that puts all the visualisation, solving tools, and interactivity you want at your fingertips, while also giving you the flexibility to work through steps like you would on paper. It provides a single, familiar environment that supports and enriches how you teach, making it easy to bring the benefits of technology to your students. To see some of what Maple Learn can do, explore the [Maple](#)

[Learn Example Gallery](#) or watch the bite-sized [Introducing Maple Learn video](#). You can also try the basic version for free, no sign-up is required, at <https://learn.maplesoft.com>.

The [Maple Learn for FE & Schools Agreement](#) provides a site licence for Maple Learn, allowing access for all your students and staff from both institutional and personal devices, for £630 + VAT per year. Check out the Agreement webpages if you want to find out more information or place an order.

Oxmetrics: Econometric software for economists and business students



OxMetrics is a family of software packages providing an integrated solution for the econometric analysis of time series, forecasting, financial econometric modelling, or statistical analysis of cross-section and panel data. OxMetrics consists of a front-end program called OxMetrics, and individual application modules such as Ox, CATS, PcGive, STAMP and G@RCH.

Examples of typical tasks a user might perform are:

- Opening, browsing, saving and importing databases
- Managing and transforming databases
- Creating graphs and tables of descriptive statistics to analyse the key properties of time series
- Estimating single equation models and running model diagnostic checks with PcGive15
- Performing Automatic Model Selection with Autometrics

OxMetrics 9 was recently released, bringing a whole host of new features. [Find out more](#).

The [OxMetrics Chest Agreement](#) provides a three-year fixed-price licence at the lowest price available, with free software upgrades and access to training webinars. To find out more or arrange a free trial, please contact help@chest.ac.uk.

Practice Labs: Virtual machines containing live-lab environments



What if your students, your staff and your IT team could all develop their hands-on digital skills in a safe, live environment – without any risk to your critical business systems? Now they can. The [Practice Labs Private Cloud](#) hosts hundreds of pre-configured virtual machines containing live-lab environments – from entry level guided labs covering fundamental computer skills and cyber awareness through to technical labs and freestyle sandboxes for your IT staff to utilise for testing and experimentation. [Watch a short demo of a Practice Lab](#).

The [Practice Labs Chest Agreement](#) offers a choice of Single Lab or an Unlimited Library, and named or concurrent user models, with bespoke/custom Lab or Sandbox development also available. Pricing is for a one or three-year term, with an additional discount available to Institutes of Technology who place multiple orders above a certain threshold.

QSR NVivo Suite: Qualitative Data Analysis



In addition to Citavi (see above), QSR also offers NVivo, NVivo Transcription, and NVivo Collaboration through Chest:

NVivo is the leading qualitative data analysis solution, allowing users to analyse data, discover patterns, identify themes, glean insight and draw meaningful conclusions. The [NVivo Chest Agreement](#) continues to

be one of the most popular Chest Agreements, offering an unlimited site licence with heavily discounted pricing banded by FTE numbers, with separate pricing for FE and HE. A new version of NVivo, V14, will be being released very soon; this new version will only offer NVivo Plus, so unfortunately NVivo Pro users will either be unable to move to the latest version, or will have to upgrade to Plus. Contact help@chest.ac.uk for more information.

NVivo Transcription is powerful automated transcription from QSR that gives users the freedom to focus on their analysis. The [NVivo Transcription Chest Agreement](#) allows institutions to purchase as many or as few hours as they'd like, to allocate as appropriate.

NVivo Collaboration comes in two flavours, Collaboration Server and Collaboration Cloud. Both simplify the process of securely sharing data, expertise, and insights across research teams. Find out more about both, including the differences between Server and Cloud (besides the obvious!) on the [Agreement webpages](#).

Worth noting, QSR recently merged with two other software providers, Palisade and Addinsoft, to create a new company, Lumivero. [Find out more about Lumivero](#). Same product, different name, at some stage in the near future we'll be obliged to update names, logos etc.

Tanium: Endpoint Security



Tanium defends every team, endpoint and workflow against the largest attack surface in history by delivering the industry's first convergence of IT management and security operations with a single platform under a new category, Converged Endpoint Management (XEM). Find out more about the products offered through Chest on the Agreement webpages; the [Useful Resources tab](#) is frequently updated and contains a range of recorded webinars and other videos. If you'd like to find out more or be put in touch with Tanium, please contact help@chest.ac.uk.

The [Tanium Chest Agreement](#) was launched in the first half of last year, offering institutions a unique academic unlimited site licence for a simplified product bundle, with a choice of on premise or cloud licences. The pricing model is based on Jisc Banding, with two and three-year licences available plus the opportunity to pay annually or upfront.

Verbit: Transcription and Captioning Services



Verbit serves as a one-stop-shop for all institutional transcription and captioning needs. They provide seamless integrations and real-time service at competitive pricing that doesn't compromise on accuracy or speed. They make captions not just an accommodation feature, but a learning feature to benefit all students. Their transcriptions and captions are up to 99% accurate, and supports compliance with Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations (2018) for recorded video.

The [Verbit Chest Agreement](#) came out in 2022, and offers [Captioning](#), [Transcription](#), [Live Captions](#) and [Audio Description](#). The Agreement also offers a unique licensing model that allows institutions complete control over their spend – institutions purchase credits and then call off services as required. Find out more on the Agreement webpages, including the "Useful Resources" tab which has links to a number of videos and on-demand webinars.

Potential New Business

Here at Chest, we're in conversation with a number of software vendors about potential new Agreements. We'll only put Agreements in place if we know they'd be of interest to institutions, so please do have a look at the below and let us know by emailing help@chest.ac.uk.

- **Allyable** is a digital accessibility compliance product, designed to support every major CMS platform to ensure that all your digital assets are meeting compliance guidelines on a continual basis. [Read more](#)
- **Codebashing**, from Checkmarx, is an **Appsec Training platform** that helps to train computer science students and coders with that is related to software development and security. [Find out more](#)
- **Domo: Business Intelligence & Data Platform**, a provider of industry standard cloud-based data intelligence tools that give organisations better insight to all their data. [More information](#)
- **MatLogica** offers a **C++/Python library** that delivers automatic differentiation, enabling researchers to develop innovative computationally-intensive software much faster, with sizable consequent savings of grid/cloud/supercomputing costs. [Read more](#)
- **Otter** provides faculty and students with **real time captions and notes** for in-person and virtual lectures, classes or meetings. Conversations around institutional licences are very early stage - please share your interest by emailing
- **Qualys** helps your institution automate the full spectrum of auditing, compliance and protection of your IT systems and web applications. Early stage conversations - please share your interest by emailing
- **Smowltech** is a European online proctoring company creating innovative technological solutions to make online evaluation as secure as on-premise exams and tests. [Find out more](#)

We're also very keen to hear about any other software you'd be interested in seeing an Agreement in place for. If there's anything, please send details to help@chest.ac.uk.

Events

Sharing knowledge with the academic community and suppliers is a vital part of the Chest Agreement process. Details of focus groups, special interest groups, webinars, conferences and exhibitions will be added to the [Chest Events page](#) as and when we have them.

At time of going to press, the page featured an Academic Applications Forum online meeting, a Tanium event in London, and a webinar from Timberlake about their OxMetrics 9 release, but content is very fluid, so please check out the page on a regular basis.

Other

Did you know Chest send out a fortnightly newsletter, featuring latest news on our Agreements plus any events coming up? Register to receive a copy at the bottom of the [Chest Home Page](#) or by emailing help@chest.ac.uk.