

Chest Update

September 2023

What's new in Chest since June 2023

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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New Agreements

ABBYY

Introducing the new ABBYY FineReader PDF Chest Agreement

We are pleased to introduce the new 3-year [ABBYY FineReader PDF Chest Agreement](#) for Further and Higher Education institutions in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.


ABBYY FineReader PDF is a versatile PDF tool, based on AI-driven OCR technology, which makes it easier to digitise, retrieve, edit, protect, share, and collaborate on all kinds of documents. The Chest Agreement offers the following benefits:

- 3-year site licence with fixed pricing
- Price banding based on size of institution
- ABBYY FineReader PDF Corporate Windows and ABBYY FineReader PDF for Mac licences provided
- Virtualisation and remote access rights included
- Bespoke Chest Addendum to the international ABBYY End User Licence Agreement

Over the coming months we will be looking to run a launch webinar in partnership with ABBYY. In the meantime, if you've got any questions around this new Agreement, please contact help@chest.ac.uk or take advantage of the [free 30-day trial available](#).

FeedbackFruits – Digital Teaching Tools

Please share this with any colleagues with an interest in student experience/satisfaction.

 **FeedbackFruits** We're delighted to announce the new [FeedbackFruits Chest Agreement](#) is now available to order.

FeedbackFruits created a VLE-integrated tool suite of 15 pedagogic tools to boost student & instructor engagement and collaboration in all modalities. FeedbackFruits is currently working with 100+ institutions globally including the **University of Leeds, Falmouth University and the University of Bath** in the UK. [Check out their use cases](#) to learn more about how institutions transformed their teaching & learning with the FeedbackFruits tools.


The FeedbackFruits Chest Agreement offers:

- Institution-wide unlimited usage
- Exclusive and advantageous discounting for all HE & FE institutions in the UK & Ireland
- Simplified banded pricing depending on the number of students
- A 12-month pilot licence if required


Want to find out more? FeedbackFruits ran a launch webinar in August - you can [catch that recording here](#). They also ran another webinar on the 12 October, with speakers from Imperial and University of Bath, which will be added to the Agreement webpages very soon.

Renewal News

Microsoft EES Negotiations

 **Microsoft** Negotiations with Microsoft for the renewal of the EES Agreement, which ends on 31 December, are under way. We have created a webpage about the progress of the negotiations, which can be found here: <https://beta.jisc.ac.uk/about-the-microsoft-agreement-negotiation>

MindGenius Chest Agreement Renews for a Further 3-Year Term

 **MindGenius** The longstanding [MindGenius Chest Agreement](#) has renewed for a further 3-year term, with the new Agreement running from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2026 and the pricing remaining the same.

MindGenius is a mind mapping application that allows staff and students to capture and visualise ideas and information, whilst MindGenius Online brings the ability of team collaboration to MindGenius. The MindGenius Chest Agreement offers:

- 3-year supported licence including home use rights, major product upgrades, and support
- Annual perpetual licence maintenance (for those institutions who previously bought a perpetual licence)
- Price banding based on size of institution • MindGenius and MindGenius online licences
- Standard Chest Licence for Software terms and conditions

Trials are available at <https://desktop.mindgenius.com/download> and <https://app.mindgenius.com/signup> for those who are new to the products. There is also a useful webinar recording about "The Benefits of Using

MindGenius Online within Microsoft Teams”, which we have recently added to the [Useful Resources tab](#) of the Agreement webpages.

SAS Chest Agreement 2023



In case you’ve missed it elsewhere, the SAS Chest Agreement renewed this summer for a ninth term. This time, it’s for one year only, through to summer 2024. We’ll be starting to talk to SAS about 2024-2027 later this month.

If your institution’s licence still needs renewing, you can do so via the Agreement webpages. Apart from the shorter Agreement term, everything else remains the same. If you have any questions, please contact help@chest.ac.uk.

General News

Annual Hexagon Geospatial Chest Agreement Webinar



HEXAGON
GEOSPATIAL

Geospatial Insight, the UK Supplier for Hexagon Geospatial, recently ran their annual Chest webinar, which is specifically for institutions who currently subscribe to the Chest Agreement or are interested in finding out more about the software covered. This year, the Chest webinar’s theme was “ERDAS IMAGINE Spotlight: Spatial Modeler”. A recording of the webinar can be found on the [Useful Resources tab](#) of the Agreement webpages.

Chest welcomes two new starters to the team

We're absolutely delighted to welcome Hannah Lawrence and Holly Maxwell to the Chest team. Both have joined us over the summer as Junior Licensing Managers, and are very quickly getting up to speed with all things Chest and Jisc. Moving forwards, they'll be getting more and more involved in our day-to-day activities, so if you haven't already we're sure you'll be interacting with them before too long.



Potential New Business

As we move on from the summer rush, we’re picking up conversations with a number of vendors about potential new Agreements. These include software asset management vendors, accessibility and assistive technology tools, assessment products galore and much more besides. As and when it’s appropriate we’ll share details of these in our weekly newsletters and via other mediums.

If there are any vendors in particular you’d like us to look at putting Agreements in place for, please don’t hesitate to [let us know](#).

Events

[The Events Page](#) is where we'll add any events relating to our current portfolio of Agreements and relevant to the HE and FE communities. Please do keep an eye on it if you're keen to learn more about some of our Agreements.

Other

Chest Newsletter

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 <mailto:help@chest.ac.uk>.