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Introduction

Chesspertise is a modern chess training platform designed to help players improve their game wherever they are. It is the only chess database solution available across **Windows, Mac, iPad, and Android**, giving players access to the same powerful training environment on all major platforms.

At the heart of Chesspertise is **Opening Master**, widely regarded as one of the strongest chess databases in the world, from www.openingmaster.com. By combining this world-class database with advanced training and analysis tools, Chesspertise aims to give chess players around the world a practical and effective way to study, prepare, and improve.

Chesspertise offers a wide range of features for both study and training. Players can search the database by position, explore and study games, edit positions, and create their own training logbooks or study books. The platform also includes both an **offline chess engine, Publius**, and an **online engine, Stockfish**. On **Windows and Mac**, users can also integrate Stockfish or other chess engines for even deeper and more powerful analysis.

Beyond database study, Chesspertise allows users to train directly against the computer, including the ability to emulate the style of specific chess players. It also helps players analyse an opponent's style, prepare openings and plans against particular opponents, and build their own opening repertoires for training and practice.

Chesspertise's vision is simple: to create a complete chess improvement tool that helps players of all levels study better, train smarter, and become stronger.

Getting Started with Chesspertise

This section explains the basic steps needed to start using Chesspertise. It covers how to create your profile, connect your online chess accounts, download your games, create a study plan, download a database, and search within a database. More advanced features will be explained in later sections.

Create your Profile and link to chess.com and lichess

Once you have downloaded Chesspertise, the homepage should look like this:



You should notice that the **Create Profile** card is blinking. This is because Chesspertise requires a few details before you can start using all of its features.

Click the **Create Profile** card. You should then see the following page:



Welcome to Chesspertise



Create Your Profile

Tell us about yourself to personalize your experience

Personal Information

Chess Accounts (Optional)

Link your chess accounts to automatically fetch your ratings

Enter your current FIDE rating (update monthly)

[Create Profile](#)

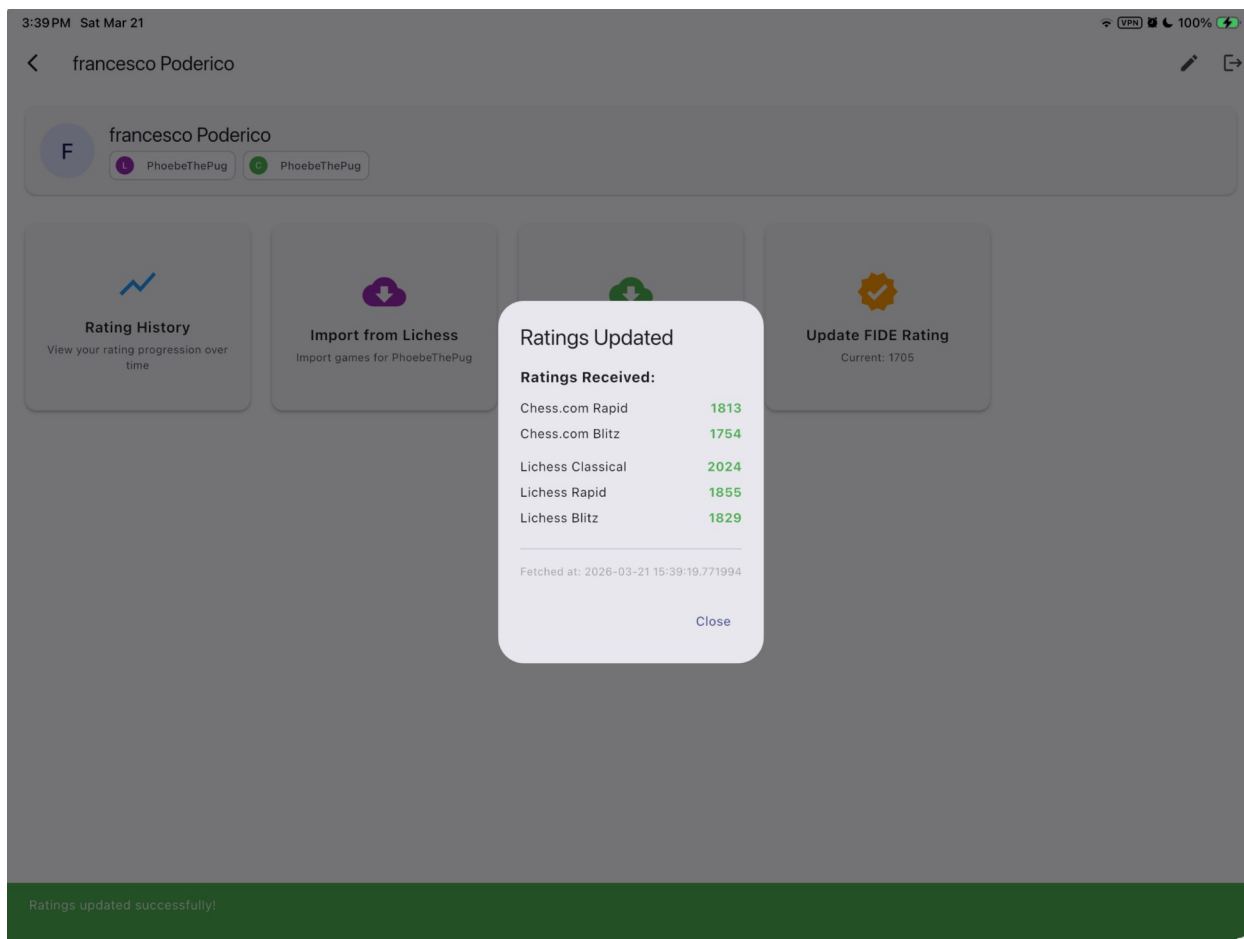
* Required fields

We recommend updating the **First Name** and **Last Name** fields with your name. This information is visible only to you. However, it is not mandatory to use your real name or your real surname.

If you have a **FIDE rating**, you can also enter it here.

You can also enter your **Chess.com** and **Lichess** usernames. This information will be useful later, as Chesspertise can use it to download your games from Lichess and Chess.com. These games can then be used to build your database and help you study your mistakes and improve your play.

Click on **Create Profile**. You should see a page similar to this:



On this page, you should be able to see your **Chess.com Rapid** and **Blitz** ratings, as well as your **Lichess Classical, Rapid, and Blitz** ratings.

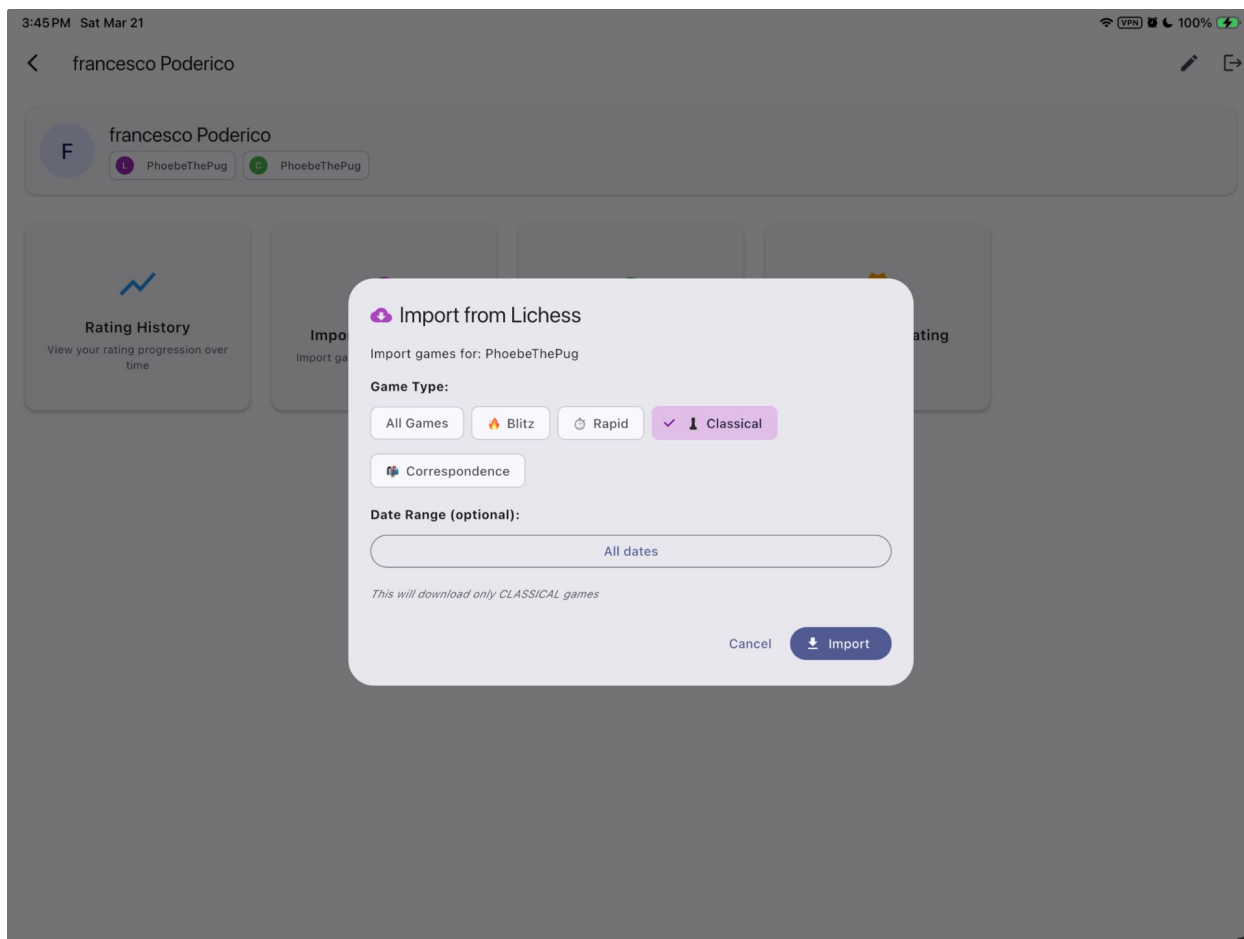
Click **Close**. You will now see your **Rating History**.

At first, this section (the rating History) will usually be blank. Your rating history will be updated every day using your latest **Lichess** and **Chess.com** ratings. You can click on the **Rating History** card at any time to view your progress over time.

You will also see three additional cards:

- **Import from Lichess**
- **Import from Chess.com**
- **Update FIDE Rating**

If you click **Import from Lichess**, you should see a page similar to this:

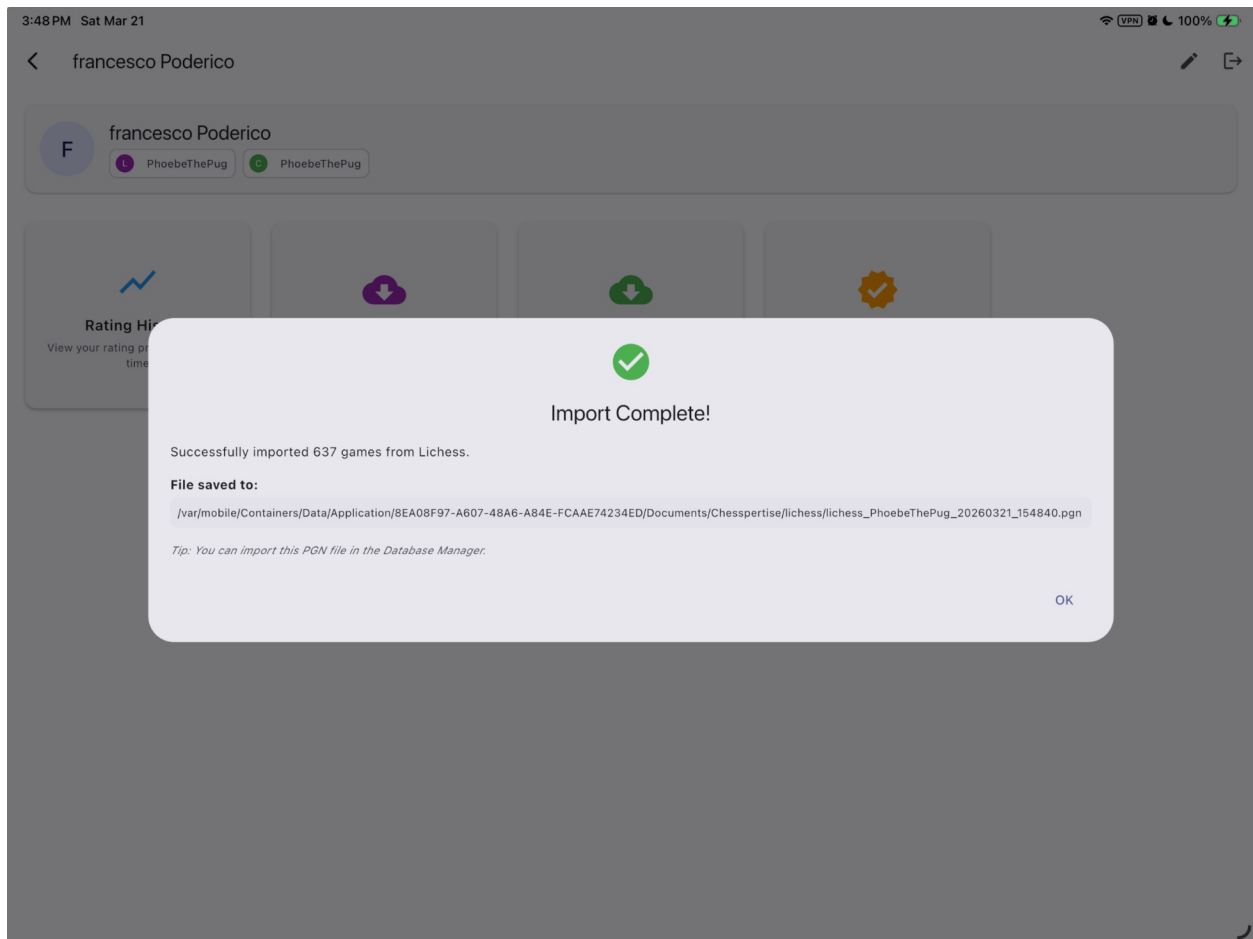


From this page, you can ask Chesspertise to download all of your Lichess games. However, we recommend downloading one category at a time, for example **Classical**.

You can choose to download all the games you have ever played. To do this, leave the dates unchanged, or click **All Dates**. You can also select a specific date range if you only want Chesspertise to import games from a particular period.

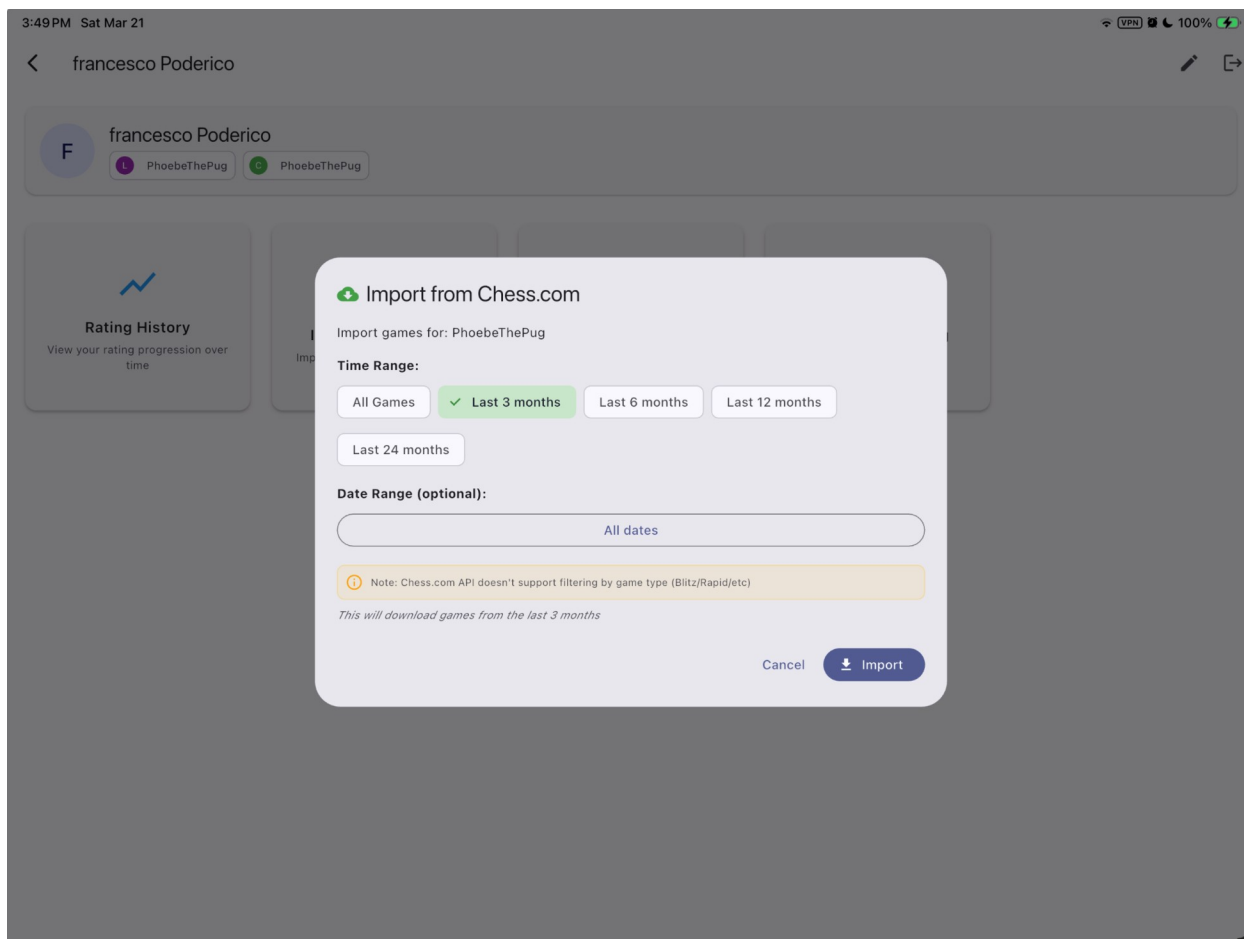
Once you are ready, click **Import**.

When the download has finished, you should see a screen similar to this:



Click **OK** to continue, then repeat the same process for **Chess.com**.

The **Chess.com** import screen provides fewer options than the **Lichess** import screen, as shown below:



Select the date range you want to import, for example **Last 3 Months**, then click **Import** to download your Chess.com games.

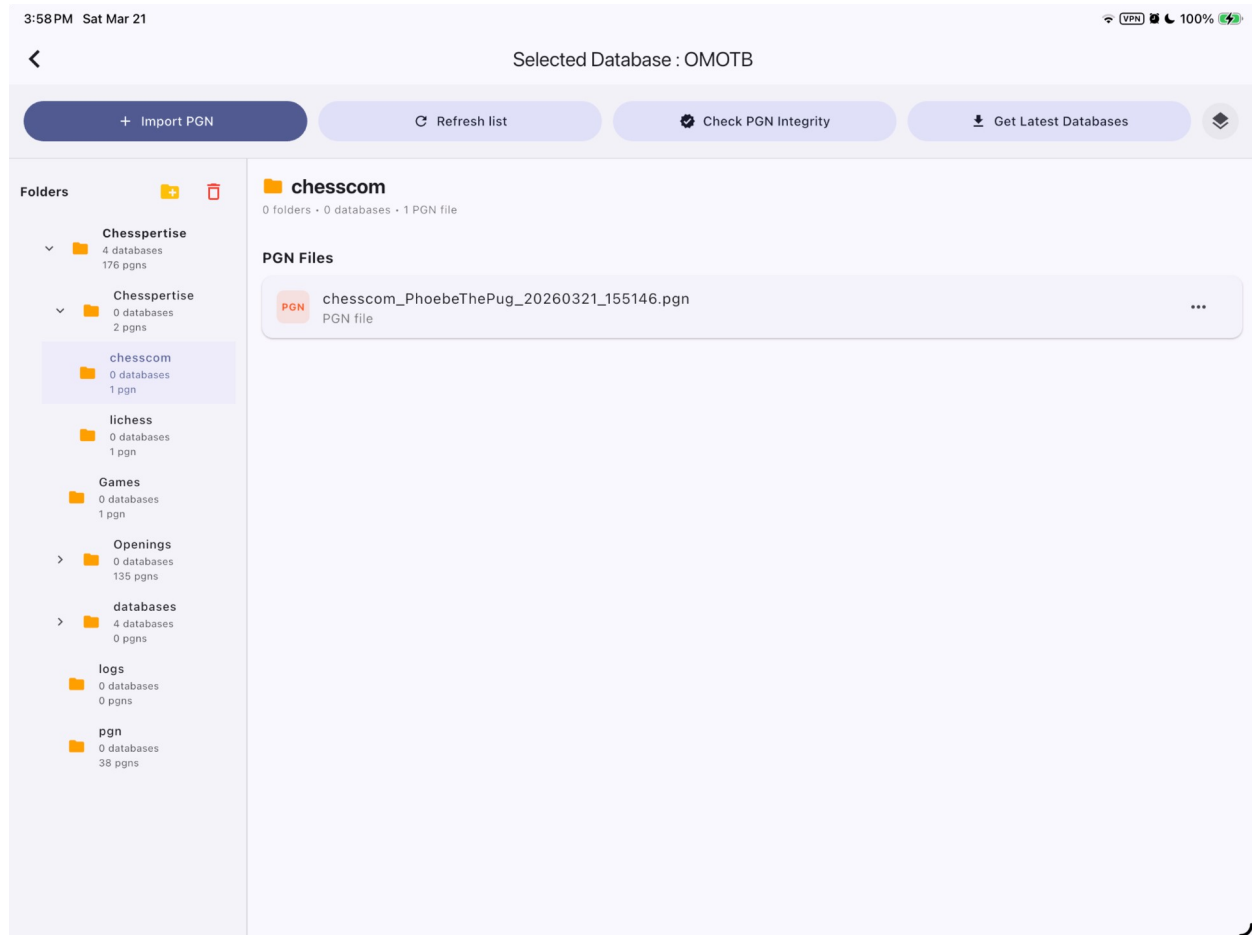
Click **OK**. Then click the **back arrow** in the top-left corner to return to the home page.

Create Your first Database

One of the most useful features of Chesspertise is the ability to create your own personal database from your **Chess.com** and **Lichess** games. This allows you to review your games, identify recurring mistakes, and track your improvement over time.

Once you have linked your accounts and downloaded your games, you are ready to begin.

From the **Home Page**, click the **Databases** card. A page similar to the one below should appear:



If you want, I can also help you write the next paragraph describing what the user sees inside the **Databases** page.

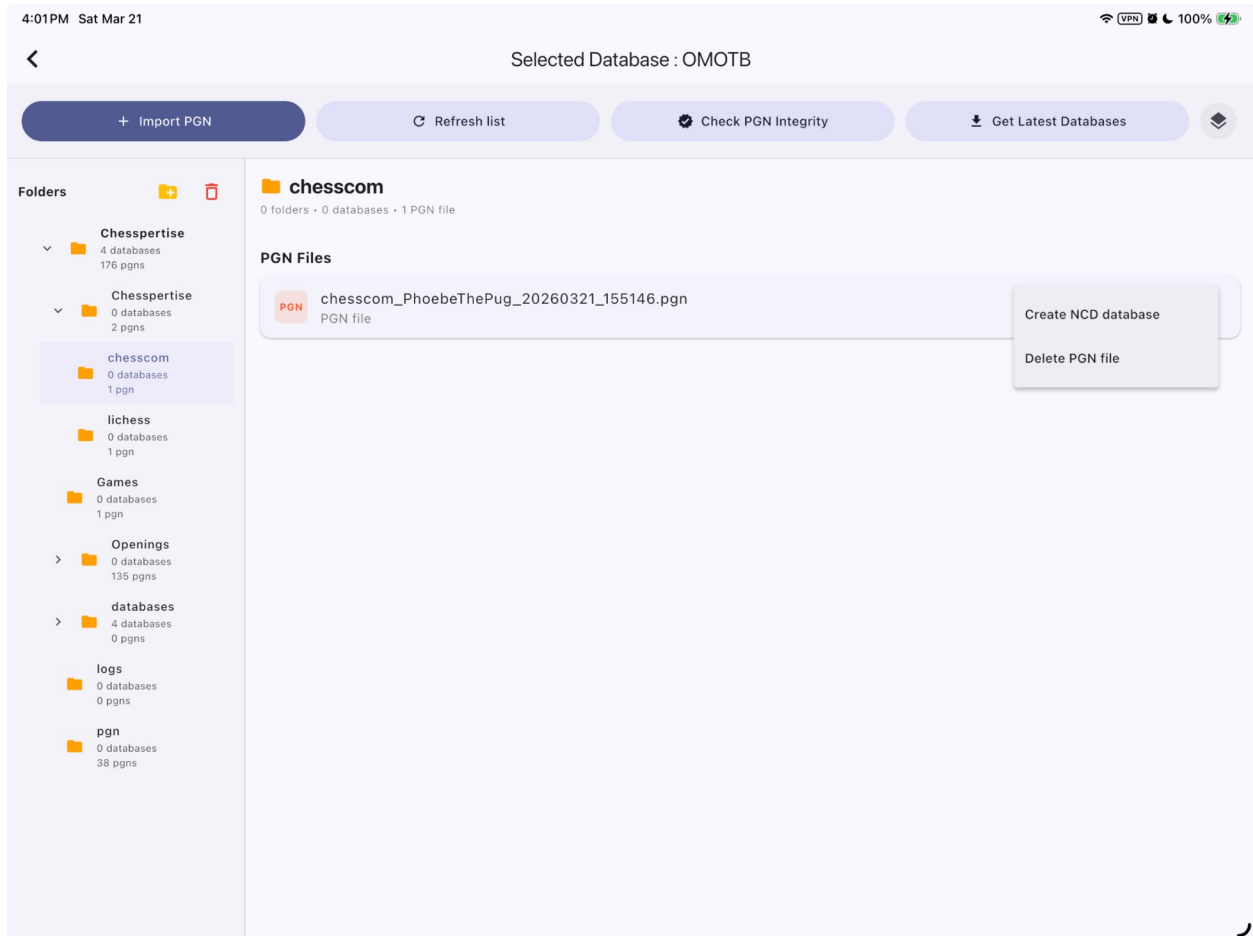
If no folders are visible, click **Refresh List**.

In the left-hand panel, navigate to either:

- **chesspertise / chesspertise / chess.com**
- **chesspertise / chesspertise / lichess**

In the chesscom folder, you should find a card named **chesscom_username_date.pgn**.

Click the **three-dot menu** on that card and select **Create NCD Database**.



After this step, a new database card should appear, similar to the one shown below:

Selected Database : chesscom_PhoebeThePug_20260321_155146

+ Import PGN Refresh list Check PGN Integrity Get Latest Databases

Folders

- Chesspertise (5 databases, 176 pgns)
- Chesspertise (1 database, 2 pgns)
- chesscom** (1 database, 1 pgn)
- lichess (0 databases, 1 pgn)
- Games (0 databases, 1 pgn)
- Openings (0 databases, 135 pgns)
- databases (4 databases, 0 pgns)
- logs (0 databases, 0 pgns)
- pgn (0 databases, 38 pgns)

chesscom
0 folders · 1 database · 1 PGN file

Databases: chesscom_PhoebeThePug_20260321_155146

- chesscom_PhoebeThePug_...**
760 games
Not indexed - Menu → Build Index
Modified: 2026-03-21 16:02
Folder: Chesspertise/chesscom

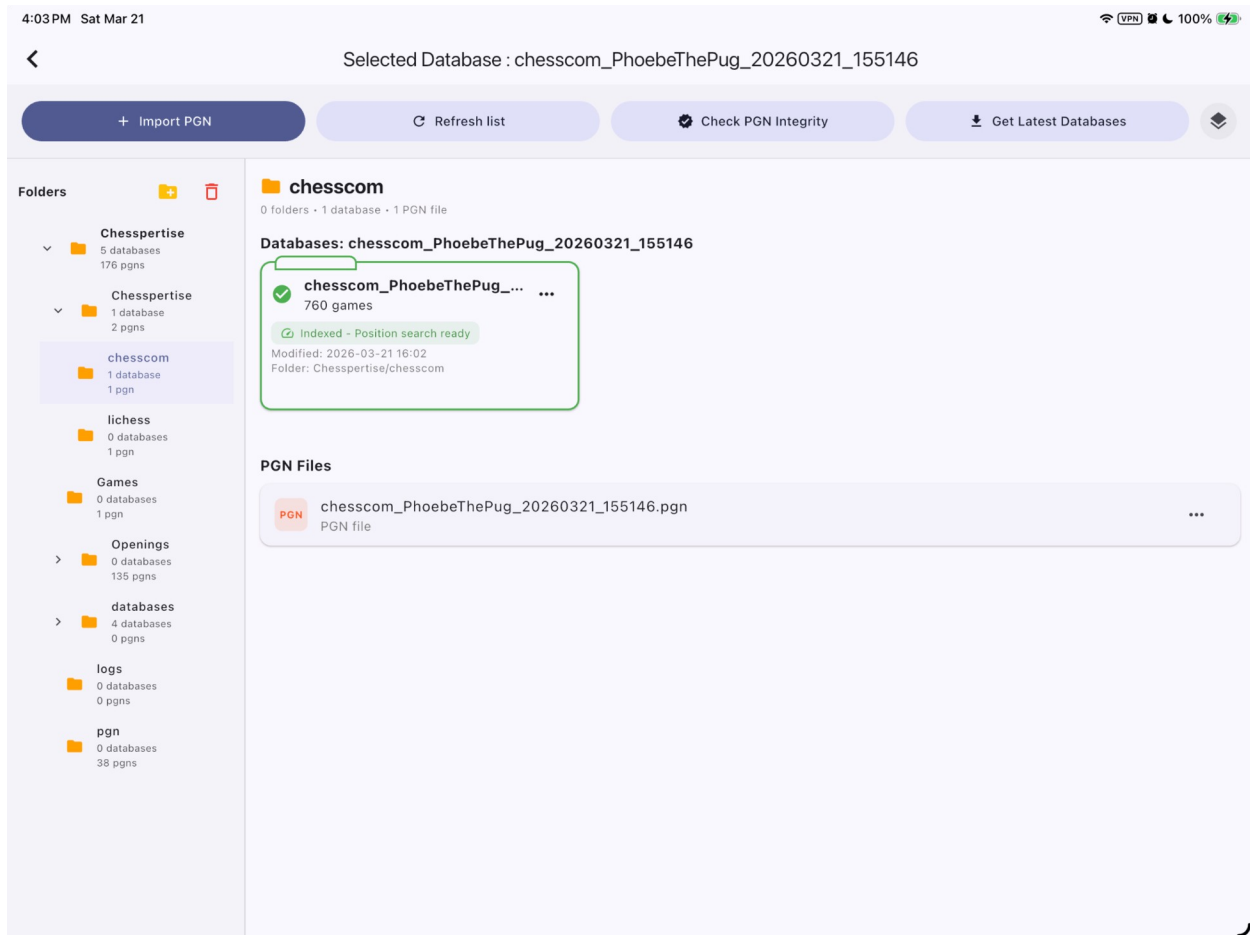
Open
Build Index
Remove from list
Delete files

PGN Files

- PGN** chesscom_PhoebeThePug_20260321_155146.pgn
PGN file

Open the **three-dot menu** on the new **NCD database** card and click **Build Index**.

If the process completes successfully, the card will turn **green**, as shown below:



You have now created your first database.

How to Download the Opening Master Databases

Chesspertise comes with two major databases:

- **Opening Master OTB** (*Over-the-Board*)
- **Opening Master Correspondence**

To download these databases, go to the **Databases** page and click **Get Latest Databases**.

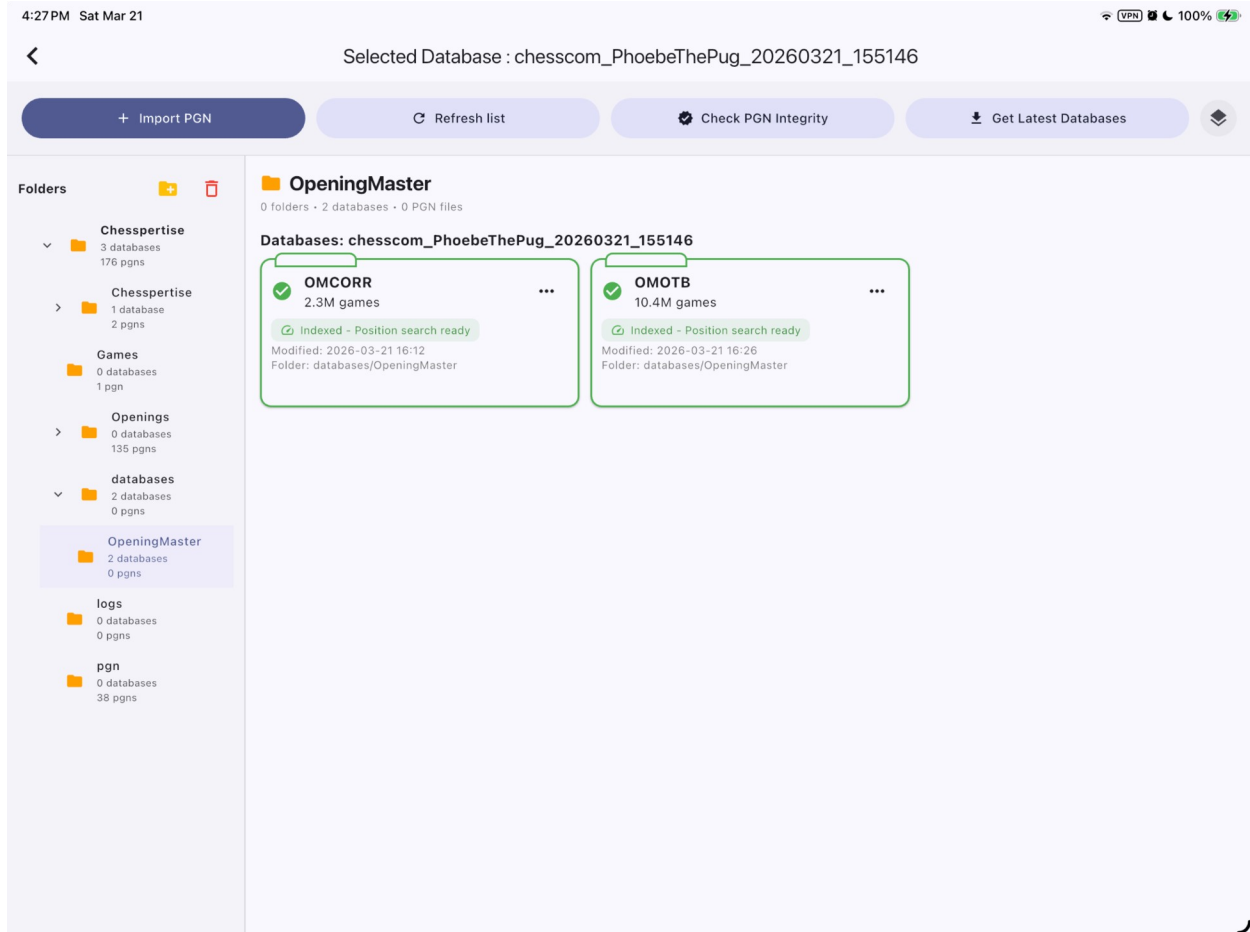
Because these files are large, the first download may take some time. This is normal. The good news is that the full download only needs to be completed once. After that, Chesspertise provides monthly updates, and updating the databases usually takes only a few seconds.

We recommend downloading both databases.

Once the download has finished, navigate in the left-hand panel to:

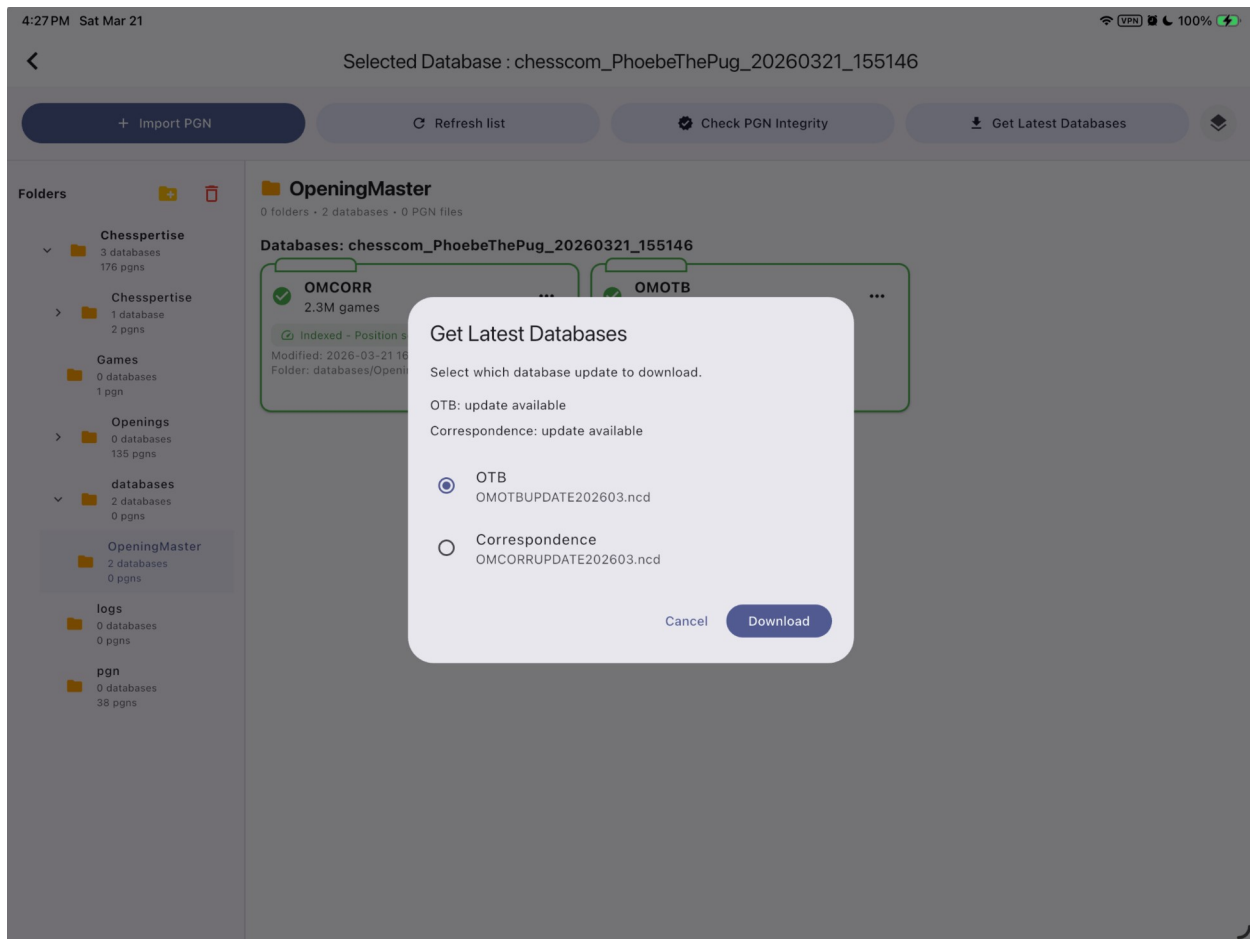
Chesspertise / Database / OpeningMaster

The folder should look similar to this:



Please note: the OTB database may take between **10 and 20 minutes** to download, depending on your internet connection, network conditions, and device performance. Please wait until the process has fully completed before continuing.

After both databases have been downloaded, click **Get Latest Databases** once more to check whether any additional updates are available. If updates are found, download them.



When the process is complete, the **OpeningMaster** folder should look like this:

+ Import PGN Refresh list Check PGN Integrity Get Latest Databases

- Folders**
- Chesspertise
5 databases
176 pgns
- Chesspertise
1 database
2 pgns
- Games
0 databases
1 pgn
- Openings
0 databases
135 pgns
- databases
4 databases
0 pgns
- OpeningMaster**
4 databases
0 pgns
- logs
0 databases
0 pgns
- pgn
0 databases
38 pgns

OpeningMaster

0 folders · 4 databases · 0 PGN files

Databases: chesscom_PhoebeThePug_20260321_155146

- OMCORR**
2.3M games
Indexed - Position search ready
Modified: 2026-03-21 16:12
Folder: databases/OpeningMaster
- OMCORRUPDATE202603**
6K games
Indexed - Position search ready
Modified: 2026-03-21 16:28
Folder: databases/OpeningMaster
- OMOTB**
10.4M games
Indexed - Position search ready
Modified: 2026-03-21 16:26
Folder: databases/OpeningMaster
- OMOTBUPDATE202603**
19K games
Indexed - Position search ready
Modified: 2026-03-21 16:28
Folder: databases/OpeningMaster

- OTB_2026_03**
2 databases · 10.5M games
Search and statistics only (sequential)
Modified: 2026-03-21 16:28
- CORR_2026_03**
2 databases · 2.3M games
Search and statistics only (sequential)
Modified: 2026-03-21 16:28

Well done! You now have the best chess database in the world!

How to Create a Study Plan

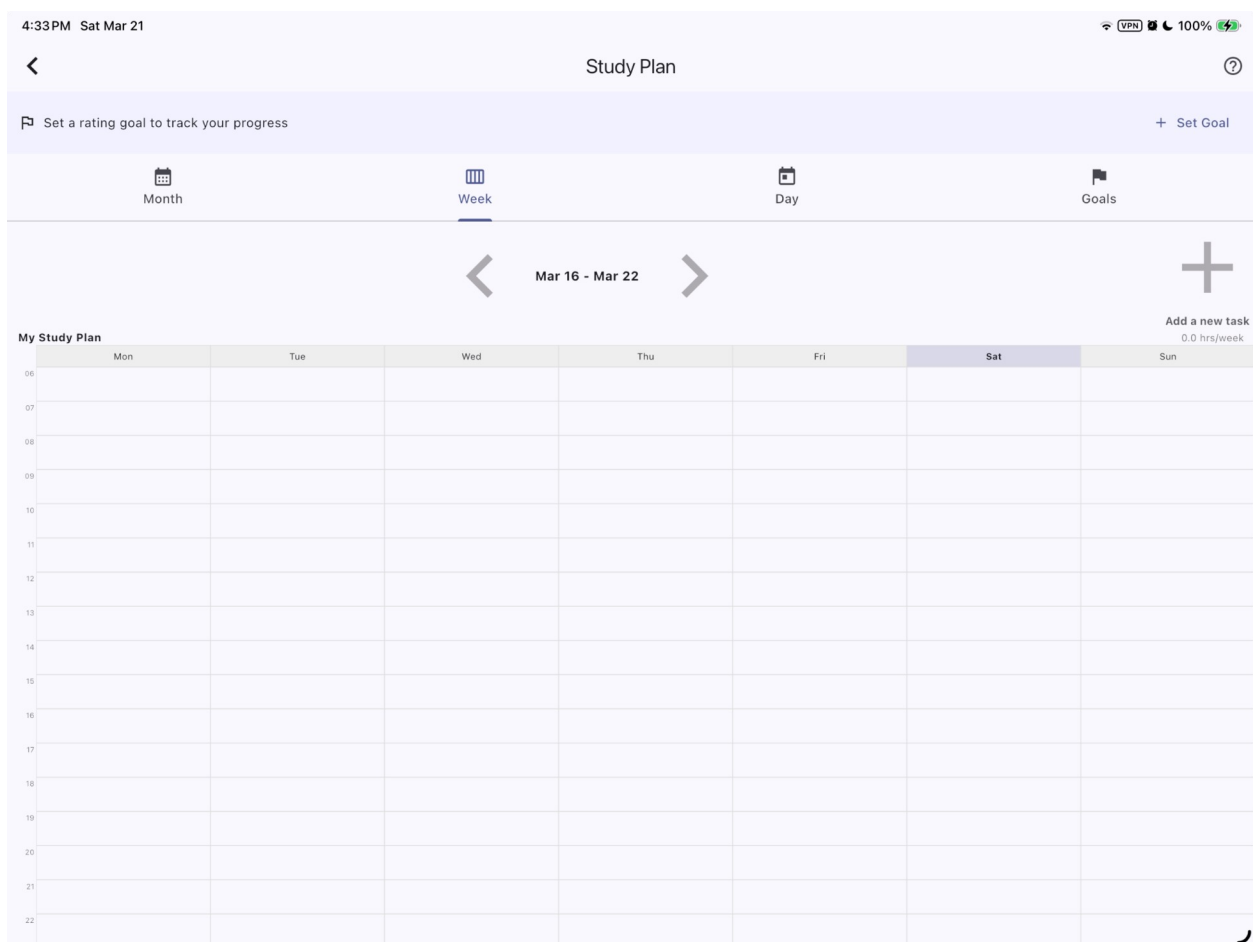
If you are using Chesspertise, you are serious about improving your chess. Lasting improvement does not happen by chance. It requires clear goals, regular practice, and a structured plan that you can follow consistently.

Chesspertise has been designed to help you organise your training in a practical and realistic way. With the **Study Planner**, you can set a goal, schedule your training sessions, and build a study routine that fits your needs.

In this section, you will learn how to create your first study plan.

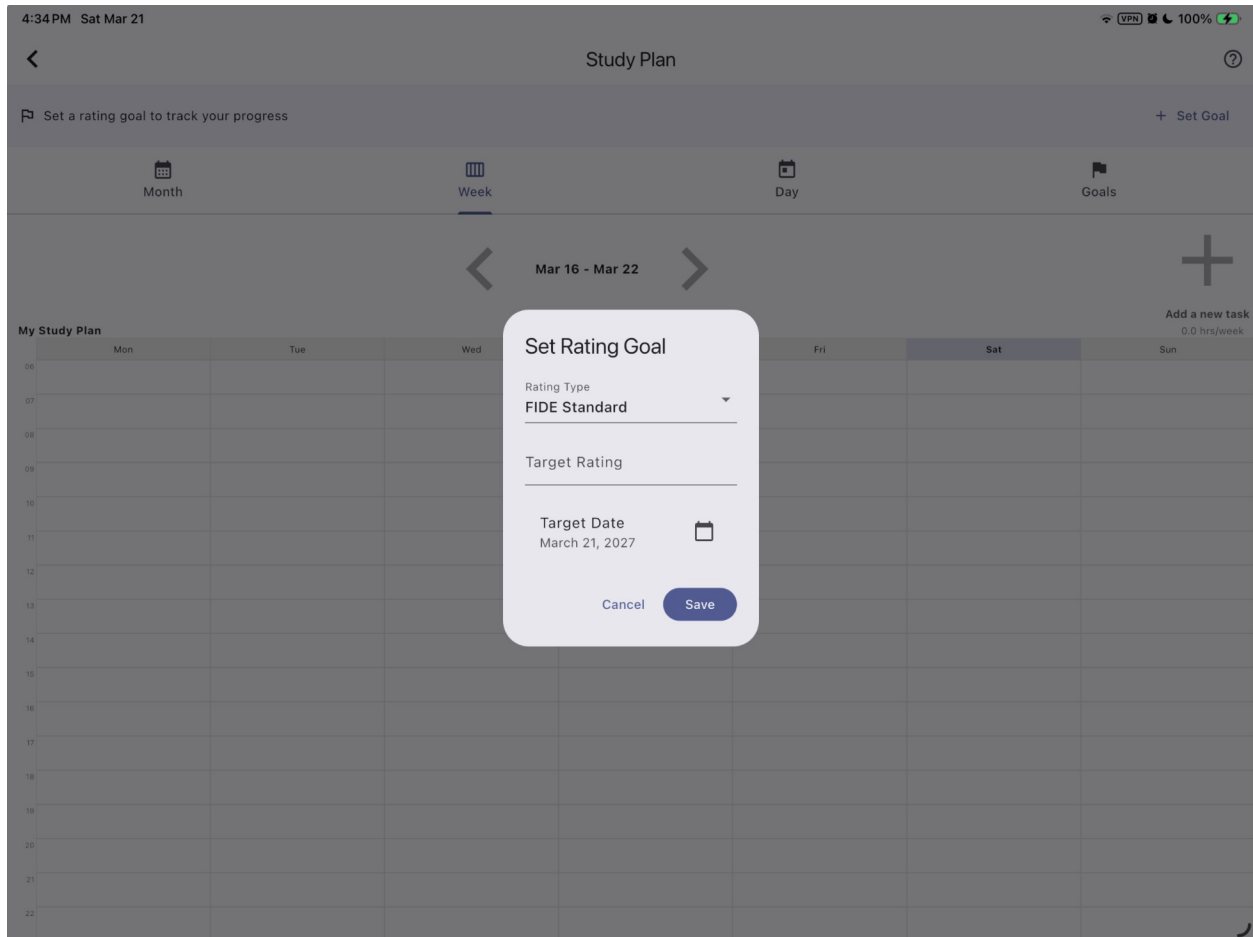
Step 1: Open the Study Planner

From the **Home Page**, click **Study Planner**.



Step 2: Set Your Goal

The first step is to create a goal. For example, you may want to reach a **2000 rating**.



Click **+ Set Goal** in the top-right corner. You should see a page similar to this:

Once you have created your goal, it will be shown each time you open the **Study Planner** page. This helps you keep your target in mind and stay focused on your progress.

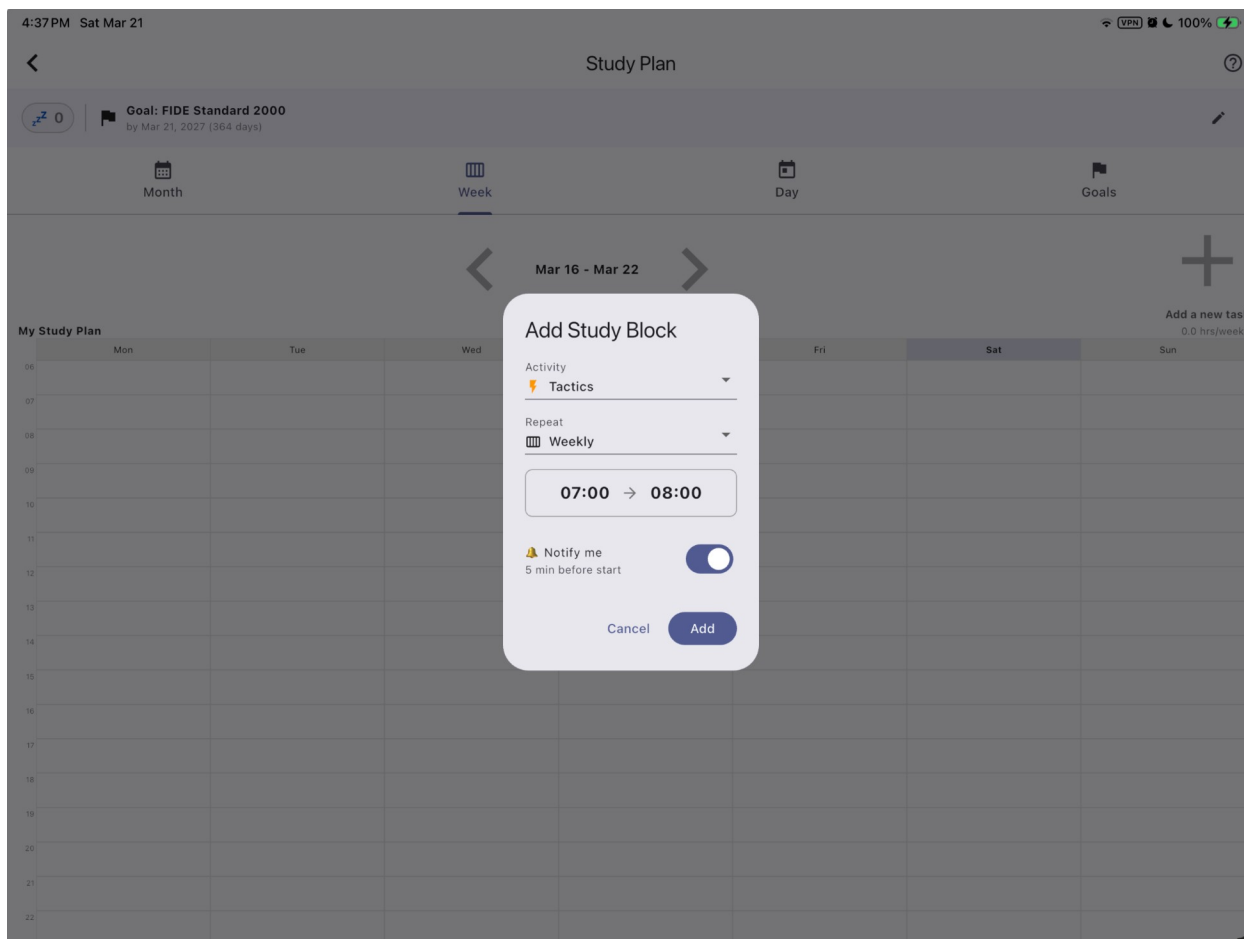
Step 3: Create a Study Task

Now that your goal has been created, you can begin building your study plan.

Click the **Week View** button, then select one of the available squares in the calendar, for example **Monday at 7:00**.

Please note: it is not possible to add a task to a past day.

After clicking on a time slot, you should see a page similar to this:



Step 4: Choose the Activity

You can now select the type of activity you want to schedule. The available activities are:

- **Tactics**
- **Openings**
- **Endgames**
- **Middlegame**
- **Game Analysis**
- **Puzzle**
- **Visualisation**
- **Calculation**
- **Strategy**
- **Playing Games**
- **Watching Video**
- **Reading Book**
- **Custom**

These categories allow you to organise your training in a balanced and structured way.

Step 5: Set the Repetition

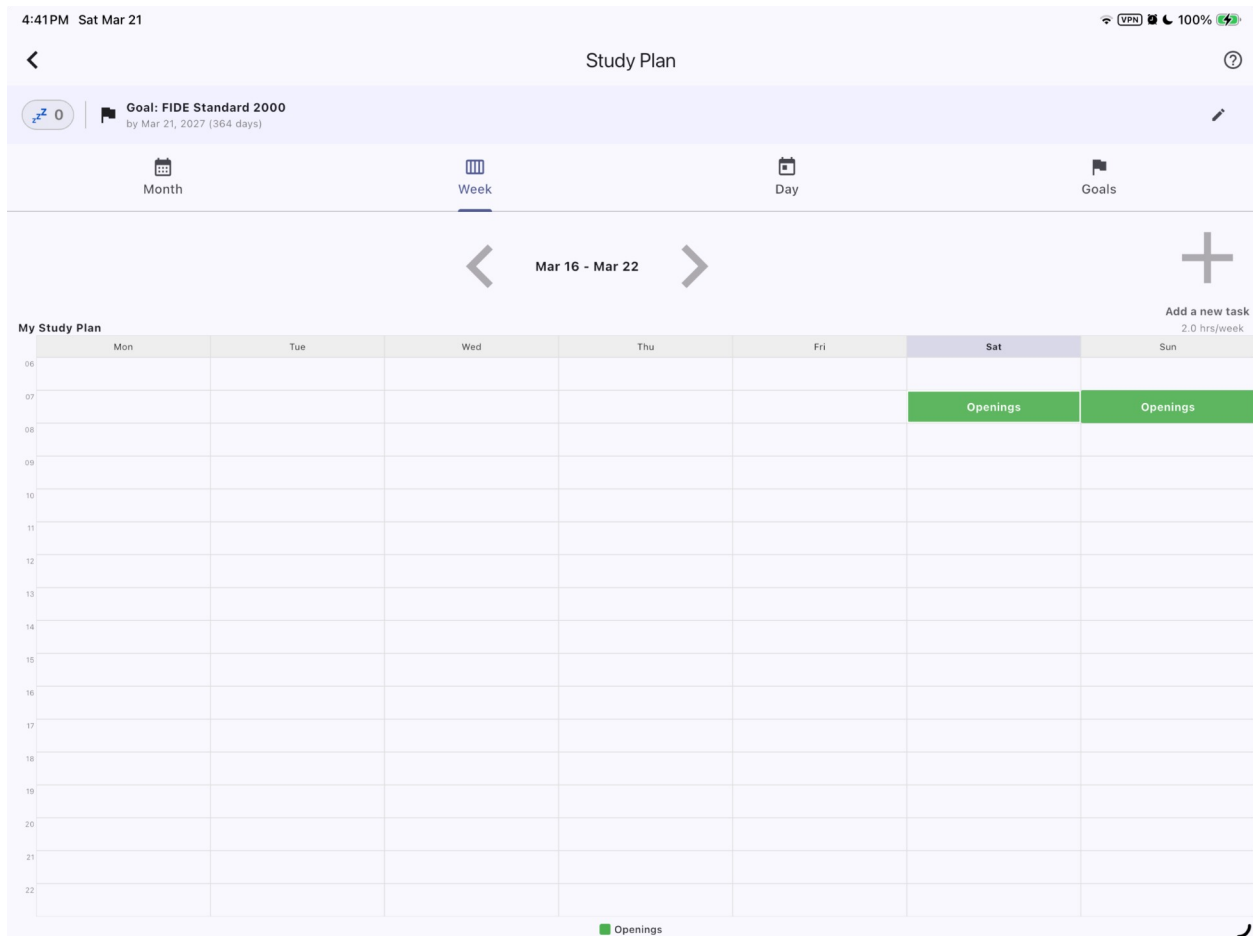
You can also choose whether the task should repeat. The available options are:

- **Never** — the task is created only for that day
- **Daily** — the task is repeated every day
- **WeekDays** — the task is repeated from Monday to Friday
- **Weekends** — the task is repeated on Saturday and Sunday
- **Weekly** — the task is repeated once a week
- **Custom Days** — you can choose the specific days manually

This allows you to build a study routine that matches your schedule.

Example

In the example below, the activity selected is **Openings**, scheduled for the **weekend** between **7:00 and 8:00**:

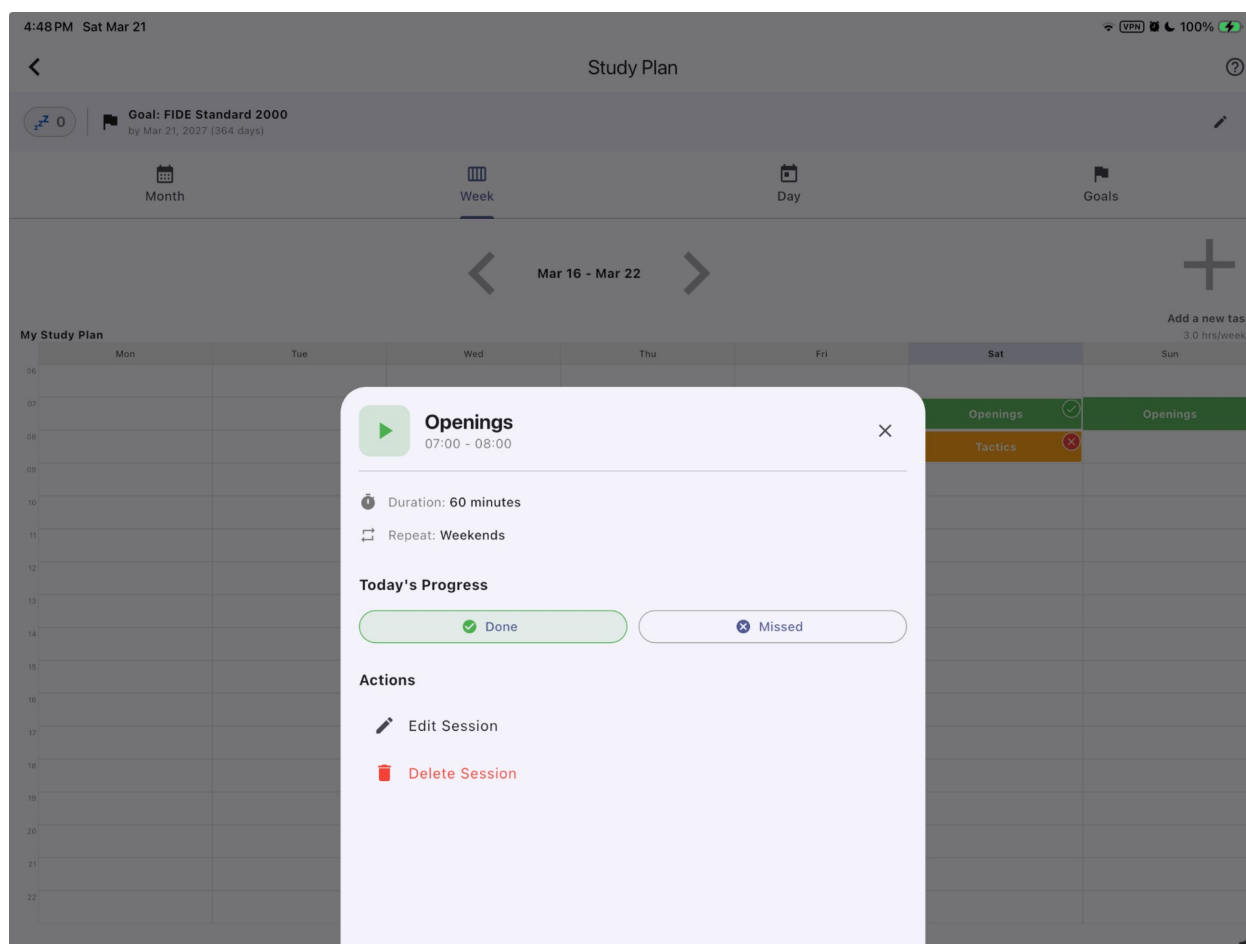


Once your task has been saved, it will appear in your planner and become part of your regular study schedule.

A good study plan should be realistic and consistent. It is better to create a plan that you can follow every week than one that is too ambitious to maintain. Even a few well-planned sessions each week can make a big difference over time.

This activity is best planned with the help of your coach.

At the end of each day, you should update your progress in the **Study Planner**. To do this, go back to the study session you created and click on it again. This time, Chesspertise will ask whether you **completed** the task or **missed** it, as shown below:



It is important to update your progress every day. This helps you measure how consistently you are following your study plan and gives you a clear picture of whether you are moving towards your goal.

A goal is not achieved simply by setting it. It is achieved by following the work required to reach it. If you are studying regularly, your progress will reflect that. If you are not studying consistently, Chesspertise will help you recognise this early.

This is one of the most valuable parts of the Study Planner: it allows you to be honest with yourself. If you are improving, you will see the habits that are helping you succeed. If you are not improving, you will also be able to understand why. In this way, Chesspertise helps turn a goal into a real training process rather than just a wish.

From this point on, whenever you open the **Study Planner** home page, you will be able to see your **streak**, how many tasks you have completed today, and how many you have missed.

These indicators are designed to help you stay aware of your training habits and maintain consistency over time. A strong streak and a high completion rate are clear signs that you are following your plan and investing regular effort in your improvement.

The goal of the Study Planner is not simply to fill your schedule, but to encourage productive study habits. For many players, it is easy to spend time playing blitz without following a structured training routine. Chesspertise helps you keep your focus on the work that leads to real improvement: regular study, consistent practice, and steady progress over time.

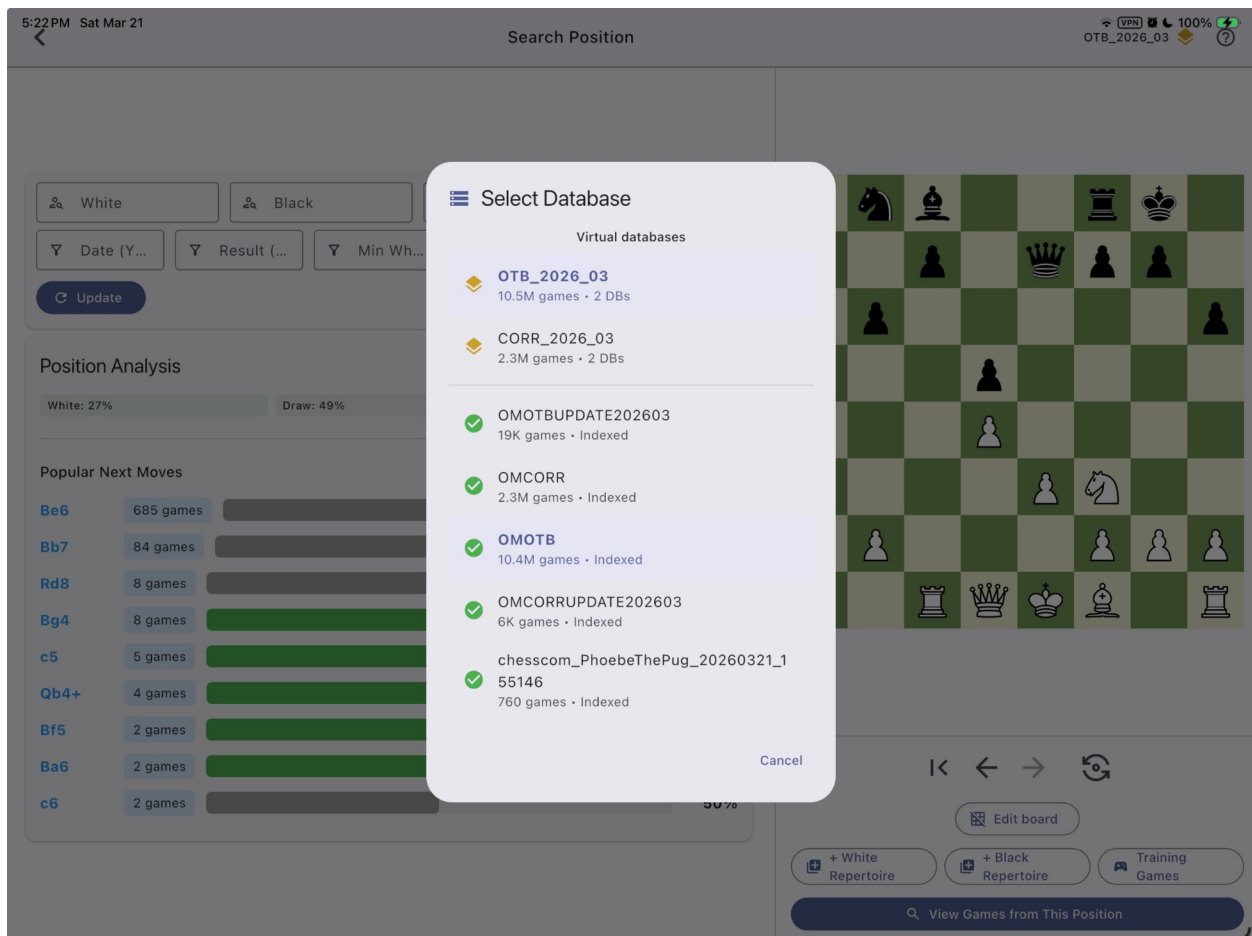
Search Position

One of the most powerful features of Chesspertise is the ability to search a position in a database of more than **10 million games** in just a few seconds.

At this point, you should already have installed a few databases. In this section, we will learn how to perform some basic position searches.

From the **Home Page**, click **Search Position**.

In the top-right corner, near the ? icon, you will see a **blue or yellow icon**. Click on it. You should then see a page similar to this:



If you do not see any **OTB** database, please read the section on **how to download the Opening Master databases** first, then return here.

Understanding the Database Colours

You will notice that some databases are **green** and others are **gold**.

In Chesspertise, a **gold** database is called a **virtual database**. A virtual database is created by combining two or more **NCD databases**. For example, **OTB Gold** is made up of the **OTB** database together with the **OTB Update** database.

For this reason, we recommend using the **virtual databases**, because they include all the games available from Opening Master.

Once you have selected the database, you should see something like this:

5:15 PM Sat Mar 21 Search Position OTB_2026_03

White Black Tournament

Date (Y... Result (... Min Wh... Min Bla... Clear all

Update

Position Analysis 806 games

White: 27% Draw: 49% Black: 24%

Popular Next Moves

Move	Games	Percentage
Be6	685	49%
Bb7	84	57%
Rd8	8	56%
Bg4	8	81%
c5	5	80%
Qb4+	4	100%
Bf5	2	100%
Ba6	2	100%
c6	2	50%

Edit board

+ White Repertoire + Black Repertoire Training Games

View Games from This Position

For example, from the initial position you may see:

10,460,484 games from the initial position

How to Search a Position

To begin a search, you can either:

- move the pieces on the board, or
- click one of the **popular next moves**

Each time you make a move, Chesspertise updates the results immediately. You will be able to see:

- the score for **White**
- the score for **Black**
- the overall score for each candidate move

For example, after the moves:

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6

you may see results such as:

- **3.c4** scoring **60%**
- **Bf4** scoring **56%**
- **e3** scoring **54%**

This allows you to continue exploring the position until you reach the line you want to study.

In the next example, we reach a popular line from the **Queen's Gambit Declined**:

5:15 PM Sat Mar 21 Search Position OTB_2026_03 100%

White Black Tournament

Date (Y... Result (... Min Wh... Min Bla... Clear all

Update

Position Analysis 806 games

White: 27% Draw: 49% Black: 24%

Popular Next Moves

Move	Games	Percentage
Be6	685 games	49%
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Bg4	8 games	81%
c5	5 games	80%
Qb4+	4 games	100%
Bf5	2 games	100%
Ba6	2 games	100%
c6	2 games	50%

Edit board

+ White Repertoire + Black Repertoire Training Games

View Games from This Position

View Games from the Position

From this position, click **View Games from this Position**.

You will then move to a page like this:



This view allows you to see the games that reached the selected position.

To return to the **Search Position** page, click the < icon in the top-left corner.

Training from the Position

Once you are back on the **Search Position** page, you can also click **Training Games**.

This allows you to start a training game against the computer from the selected line, as shown below:



When you want to return again, click the < icon in the top-left corner.

What Have You Learned So Far?

So far, you have learned how to perform a basic position search and how to move between the different views available in Chesspertise.

In particular, you have learned:

- how to search for a position in the database
- how to move from the **Search Position** page to the **Training** page and back again
- how to move from the **Search Position** page to the **Chess Editor**

Important: the < button always takes you back to the previous page.

These are the basic navigation tools you will use often while working in Chesspertise, so it is worth becoming familiar with them before moving on to the more advanced features.

A slightly more polished ending could be:

At this stage, you already know how to begin exploring a position, open related views, and return easily to where you started. These are the foundations for using Chesspertise effectively.

Advanced Search

In addition to basic position search, Chesspertise allows you to refine the results by applying advanced search filters.

The available filters include:

- **Player Name for White**
- **Player Name for Black**
- **Tournament**
- **Date**
- **Result (1-0, 0-1, or 0.5-0.5)**
- **Minimum White Elo**
- **Minimum Black Elo**

By combining these filters, you can focus your research on very specific types of games and positions.

Once you have entered the filters you want to use, click **Update** to apply the search.

To remove the advanced filters and return to the default search, click **Clear All**.

At the current stage of development, we recommend reaching at least **move 4 or move 5** before applying advanced search filters. This usually gives more meaningful and more precise results.

For example, suppose you want to know how **Capablanca** continued from a specific position. Starting from that position, enter **Capablanca** in the **White Search** field. After a few seconds, Chesspertise will show you how many times Capablanca reached that position.

5:32 PM Sat Mar 21 Search Position VPN 100% OTB_2026_03

Position Analysis 2 games

White: 0%

Draw: 100%

Black: 0%

Popular Next Moves

b6	1 games	<div style="width: 50%; height: 10px; background-color: #ccc;"></div>	50%
Nbd7	1 games	<div style="width: 50%; height: 10px; background-color: #ccc;"></div>	50%



In this example, the results show that Capablanca played this position **twice**. If you click **View Games from this Position**, you can see the games in which it occurred. In this case, Chesspertise shows that Capablanca reached this position once against **Tartakower** in **1922**, and once against **Eliskases** in **1937**.

If you click the **<** button (top left), you will return to the **Search Position** page.

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Chess Editor

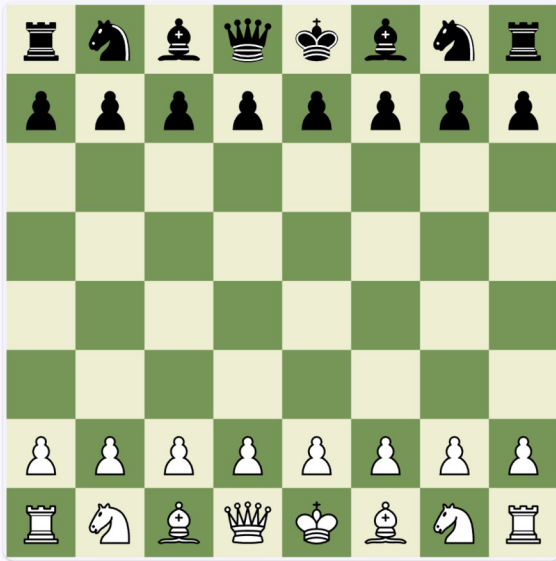
OTB_2026_03

Load PGN New PGN

1 Capablanca, Jose Raul
Tartakower, Saviely
BCF Congress 15th
1922 D58 1/2-1/2

2 Capablanca, Jose Raul
Eliskases, Erich Gottlieb
Semmering/Baden
1937 D63 1/2-1/2

Engine Analysis Depth: 14



+ White Repertoire + Black Repertoire Training Games

What Masters Do

Moves

1. d4 ♠f6 2. ♠f3 d5 3. c4 e6
4. ♠c3 ♠e7 5. ♠g5 O-O 6. e3
h6 7. ♠h4 b6 8. cxd5 exd5 9.
♠b3 ♠e6 10. ♠d1 c6 11. ♠c2
♠e4 12. ♠xe7 ♠xe7 13. ♠xe4
dxe4 14. ♠xe4 ♠b4+ 15. ♠d2
♠xb2 16. ♠d3 g6 17. ♠f4 ♠g7
18. h4 ♠d7 19. ♠e4 ♠xa2 20.
h5 g5 21. ♠g3 ♠a5+ 22. ♠e2
f5 23. ♠xg5 hxg5 24. ♠xg5+
♠f7 25. h6 ♠g8 26. ♠h5+ ♠e7
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♠h4+ ♠d6 34. ♠f1 ♠e6 35.
♠c2 a5 36. ♠h2+ ♠e7 37. ♠e2
♠e4 38. ♠d2 c5 39. ♠d3 ♠g2
40. ♠h4+ ♠g5 41. ♠xg5+ ♠xg5
42. ♠b1 f4

Annotate/Edit View Book Mode

You can also use advanced search to study how stronger players handle a position. For example, if you want to know what **2500+ rated players** play from the same position, enter **2500** in **Min. White**. After a few seconds, Chesspertise will display the results.

5:39 PM Sat Mar 21 Search Position OTB_2026_03

Position Analysis 3561 games

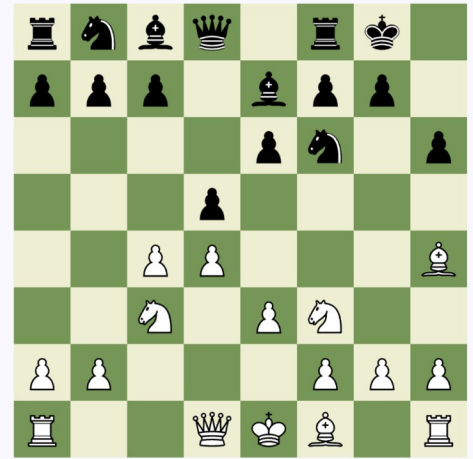
White: 31%

Draw: 59%

Black: 10%

Popular Next Moves

b6	2320 games	<div style="width: 60%; height: 10px; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	60%
Ne4	965 games	<div style="width: 60%; height: 10px; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	60%
Nbd7	227 games	<div style="width: 58%; height: 10px; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	58%
c6	25 games	<div style="width: 76%; height: 10px; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	76%
a6	7 games	<div style="width: 86%; height: 10px; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	86%
dx4	7 games	<div style="width: 50%; height: 10px; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	50%
c5	4 games	<div style="width: 63%; height: 10px; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	63%
Nc6	2 games	<div style="width: 50%; height: 10px; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	50%
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g5	1 games	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	100%



In this example, the search returns **3561 games**, with a score of **60% for White**. This suggests that the position may be easier for White to handle than for Black.

From there, you can continue your investigation by studying Black's most common plans, such as **...b6**, **...Ne4**, and **...Nbd7**.

This is one of the strengths of Chesspertise: it allows you to carry out this kind of research directly and independently. Instead of relying only on outside material, you can explore the database yourself, examine how strong players handled the position, and build your own understanding step by step.

Chess Editor

The **Chess Editor** has been designed to make game annotation simple and practical. Its purpose is to help you create clear, book-style notes without the need for complicated software.

In this section, we will see how to study and annotate a game.

Opening the Chess Editor

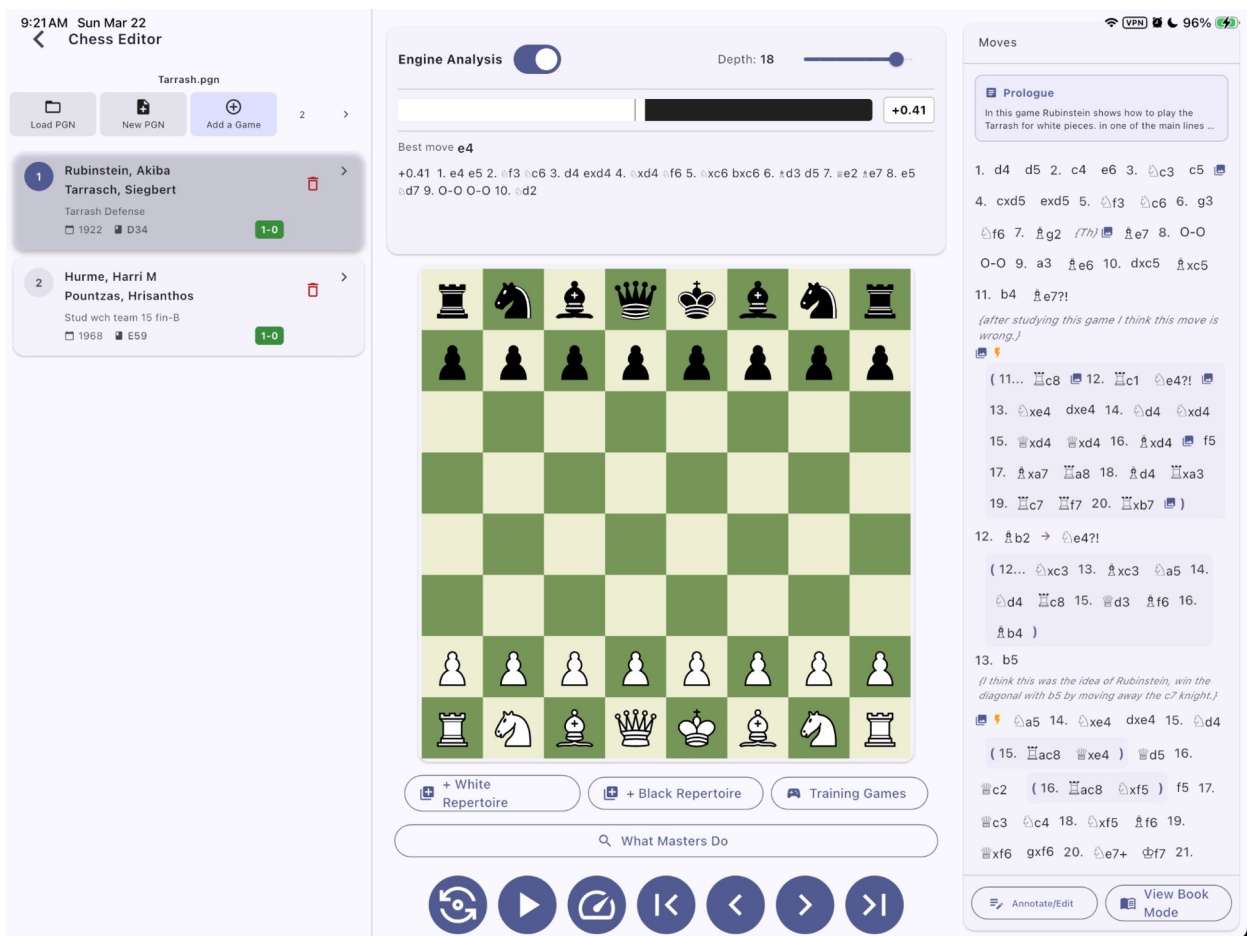
From the **Home Page**, click the **Chess Editor** card.

You are now in the **Chess Editor** page.

From here, you can:

- load a **PGN**
- create a new **PGN** file
- edit the current game view

If you have followed the previous steps in this manual, you should already see a view similar to this:



If not, go to the **Search Position** page, search for a position, and then click **View Games from This Position**.

Understanding the Layout

In the Chess Editor:

- the **left panel** shows the game details, including the **result, player names, tournament, and year**
- the games are organised by **date**, with the **oldest games first**
- the **centre** of the screen shows the chessboard, and we have the engine toggle.
- the **right panel** shows the notes area

The games are arranged in chronological order because we believe that, to understand an opening line properly, it is useful to understand how that line developed over time.

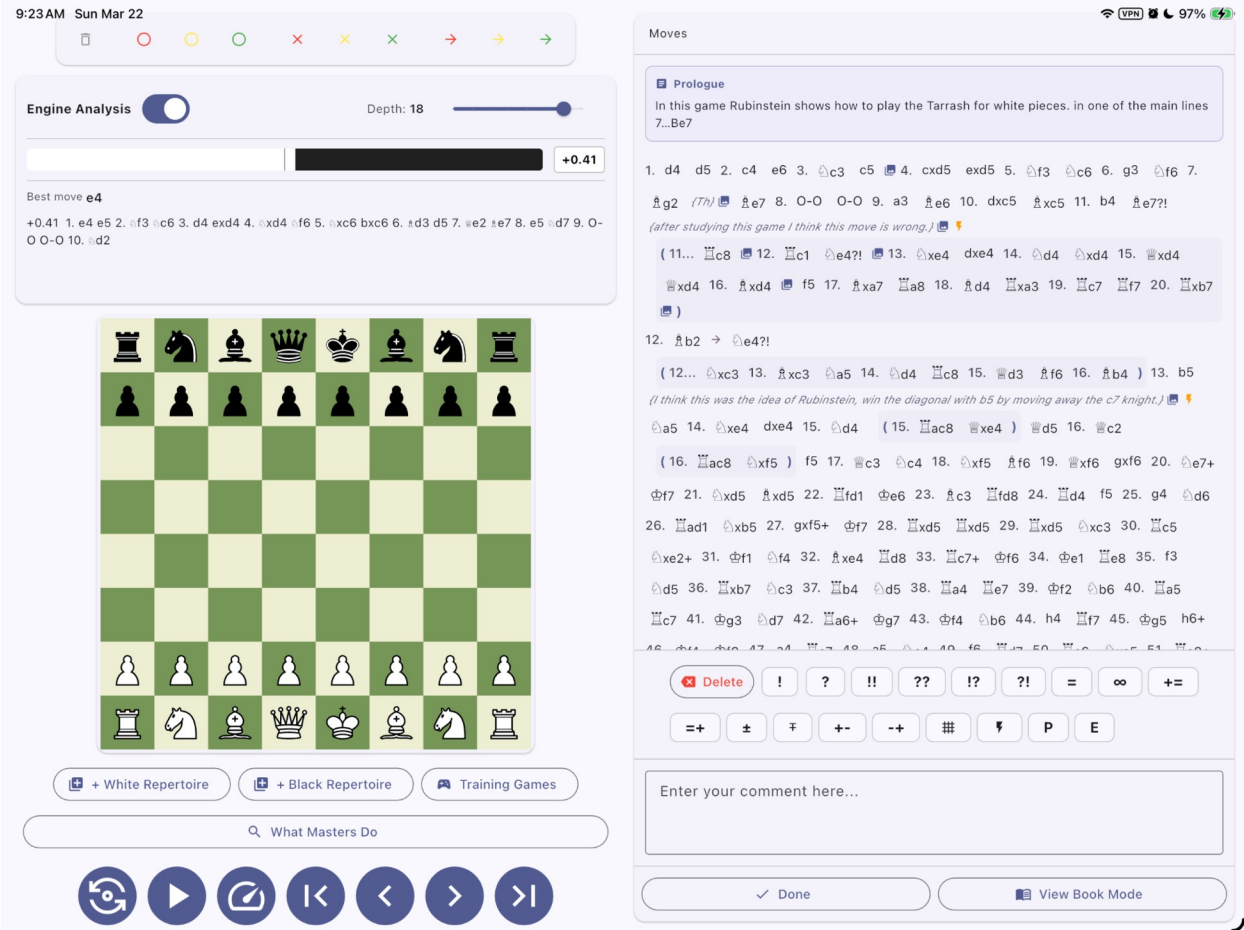
Annotating a Game

At the bottom right of the screen, you will find two buttons:

- **Annotate/Edit**
- **View Book Mode**

Click **Annotate/Edit**.

You can now begin annotating your games.



When we read a well-annotated chess book, we usually find three parts:

- a short **introduction** to the game
- the **game itself** with notes and annotations
- a final **conclusion**

In Chesspertise, this same structure can be created as:

- **Prologue**
- **Game**
- **Epilogue**

To write a **Prologue**, click the button labelled **P**.

To write an **Epilogue**, click the button labelled **E**.

This allows you to present your analysis in a clean and structured way, similar to a professionally annotated chess book.

At anytime we want to see how our book looks like we press **View Book Mode**.

TARRASH DEFENSE

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Tarrash Defense · 1922.10.04 · 1-0

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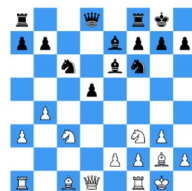
1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. ♘c3



c5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. ♙f3 ♘c6 6. g3 ♙f6



7. ♗g2 ♗e7 8. O-O O-O 9. a3 ♗e6 10. dxc5 ♗xc5 11. b4



♗e7?! after studying this game I think this move is wrong.

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12... ♖c8 ♖c1

Using the Chess Engine

During annotation, you can turn the chess engine on or off whenever needed.

On **iPad** and **Android tablets**, Chesspertime provides:

- an **online chess engine (Stockfish)**
- an **offline chess engine (Publius)**

On **Mac** and **Windows**, Chesspertime also allows you to add external engines, for example Stockfish. This can be useful if you want deeper analysis of a specific position.

To turn on engine analysis, simply enable **Engine Analysis**.

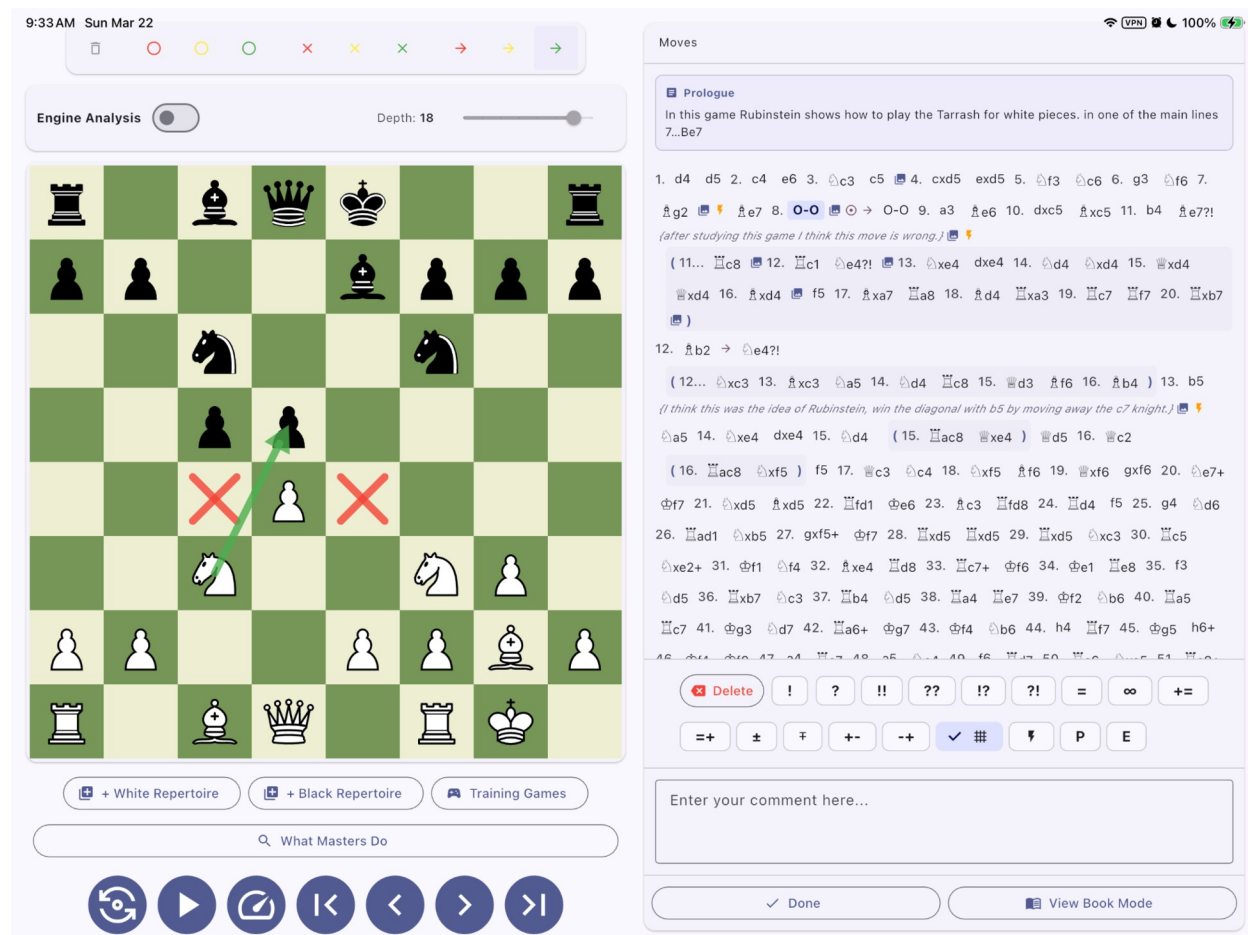
You can then select the **depth** of the analysis. The maximum available depth depends on the engine being used, whether it is online or offline.

On **Windows** and **Mac**, Chesspertime can display several best lines. On **iPad** and **Android**, only one best line is currently shown.

During your annotation work, you can add **arrows**, **circles**, and **X marks** directly on the board.

These drawing tools are useful for highlighting key ideas, marking important squares, and remembering the main plans in a position at a glance.

To add a drawing, click the **Drawing** button above the chessboard, as shown below:



Whenever you want to place a new visual marker on the board, simply click the **Drawing** button and choose the annotation you want to add.

If you feel that a position is especially important, you can also save it as a **flash card** for later review. To do this, click the button with the **flash symbol**, as shown below:

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Engine Analysis Depth: 18



+ White Repertoire + Black Repertoire Training Games

What Masters Do

Moves

Prologue
In this game Rubinstein shows how to play the Tarrash for white pieces. in one of the main lines 7...Be7

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. ♖c3 c5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. ♗f3 ♗c6 6. g3 ♗f6 7. ♗g2 ♗e7 8. O-O O-O 9. a3 ♗e6 10. dxc5 ♗xc5 11. b4 ♗e7?!
(after studying this game I think this move is wrong.)

(11... ♞c8 12. ♞c1 ♗e4?! 13. ♗xe4 dxe4 14. ♗d4 ♗xd4 15. ♞xd4 ♞xd4 16. ♗xd4 ♗f5 17. ♗xa7 ♞a8 18. ♗d4 ♞xa3 19. ♞c7 ♗f7 20. ♞xb7)

12. ♗b2 → ♗e4?!
(12... ♗xc3 13. ♗xc3 ♗a5 14. ♗d4 ♞c8 15. ♞d3 ♗f6 16. ♗b4) 13. b5
(I think this was the idea of Rubinstein, win the diagonal with b5 by moving away the c7 knight.)

♗a5 14. ♗xe4 dxe4 15. ♗d4 (15. ♞ac8 ♗xe4) ♞d5 16. ♞c2
(16. ♞ac8 ♗xf5) ♗f5 17. ♞c3 ♗c4 18. ♗xf5 ♗f6 19. ♞xf6 gxf6 20. ♗e7+ ♗f7 21. ♗xd5 ♗xd5 22. ♞fd1 ♗e6 23. ♗c3 ♞fd8 24. ♞d4 ♗f5 25. g4 ♗d6 26. ♞ad1 ♗xb5 27. gxf5+ ♗f7 28. ♗xd5 ♗xd5 29. ♗xd5 ♗xc3 30. ♞c5 ♗xe2+ 31. ♗f1 ♗f4 32. ♗xe4 ♞d8 33. ♞c7+ ♗f6 34. ♗e1 ♗e8 35. f3 ♗d5 36. ♞xb7 ♗c3 37. ♞b4 ♗d5 38. ♞a4 ♗e7 39. ♗f2 ♗b6 40. ♞a5 ♞c7 41. ♗g3 ♗d7 42. ♞a6+ ♗g7 43. ♗f4 ♗b6 44. h4 ♞f7 45. ♗g5 h6+ 46. ♗f4 ♗f6 47. ♗d4 ♗e7 48. ♗e5 ♗a4 49. ♗e6 ♗c5 50. ♗c6 ♗e5 51. ♗c7

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This allows you not only to annotate your games, but also to build a collection of important positions for future training.

Book Mode

Once you have finished your annotations, you may want to present your work in a more structured format, either for your own study or for your students. By clicking **View Book Mode**, you can switch to a layout designed to display your notes in a book-style format.

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< Book Mode - Tarrash.pgn



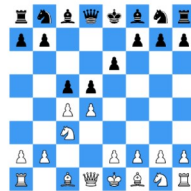
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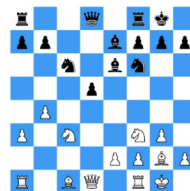
Position after 4...c5

c5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. ♗f3 ♗c6 6. g3 ♗f6



Position after 7.Bg2

7. ♗g2 ♗e7 8. O-O O-O 9. a3 ♗e6 10. dxc5 ♗xc5 11. b4



Position after 12...Be7

♗e7?! after studying this game I think this move is wrong.

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Position after 12...Rc8

12... ♖c8 ♗c1

In **Book Mode**, all the diagrams you previously added are displayed together with your annotations. Please note that the **main line** and the **side lines** are shown in different ways. This makes the analysis easier to read and helps avoid confusion when reviewing the material later.

You can also customise the appearance of the diagrams for both the main line and the side lines. In particular, you can choose different **colours** and **sizes** for the diagrams, so that the distinction between main analysis and variations is always clear.

Flashcards

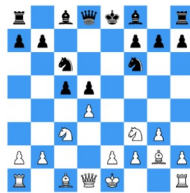
If you scroll to the very bottom of the game in **Book Mode**, you will see all the **flashcards** you created during your annotation work.

Any position that you consider important and worth remembering can be saved as a flashcard. This allows you to review key positions quickly and easily at a later stage.



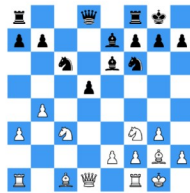
WHAT TO REMEMBER

Flashcard 1



7.Bg2

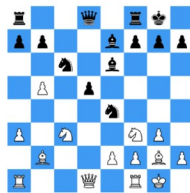
Flashcard 2



12...Be7

after studying this game I think this move is wrong.

Flashcard 3



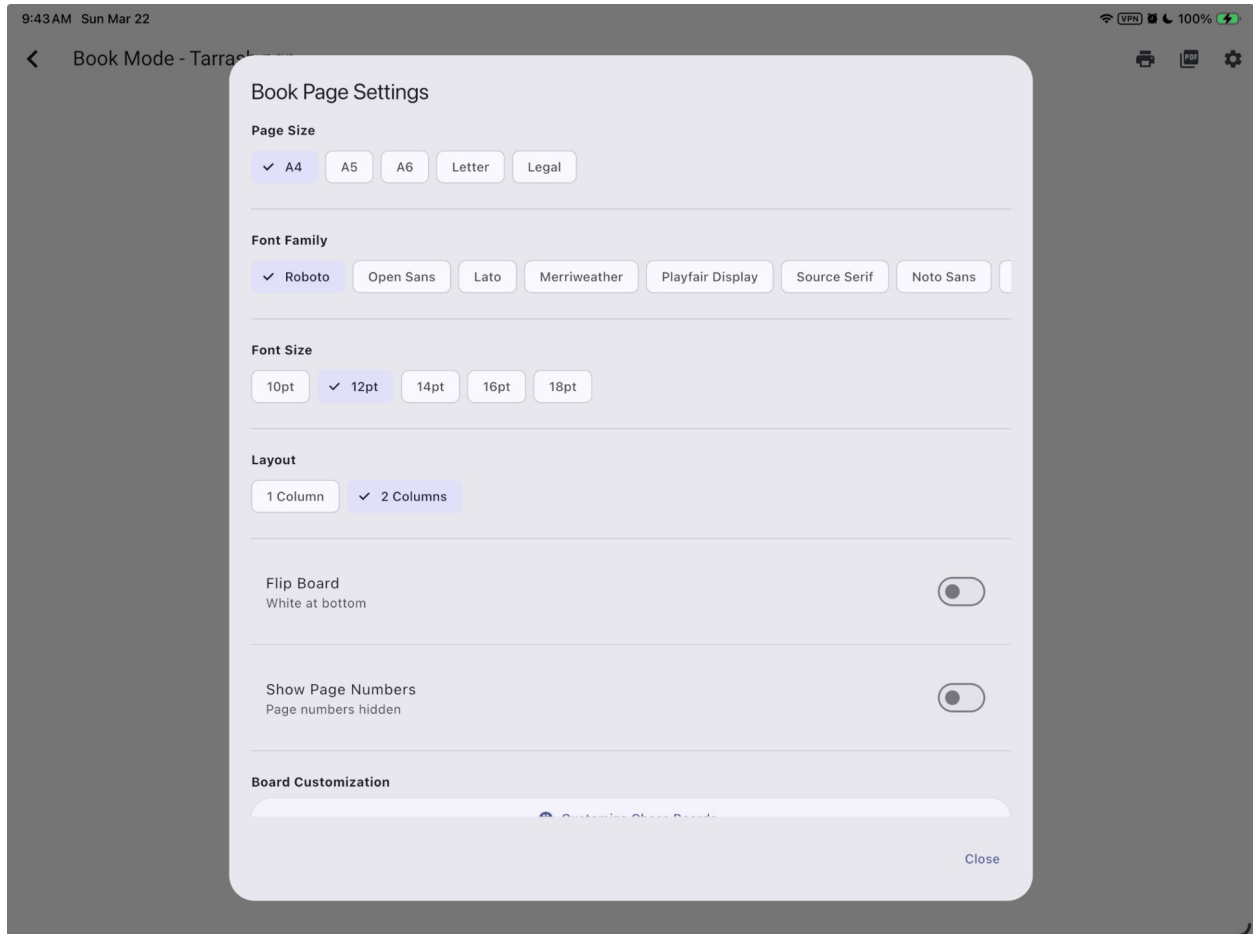
13.b5

How to Set Up your page, how to print

At the top-right corner of the **Book Mode** page, you will see three icons:

- a **printer** icon, used to print the book exactly as it is currently displayed
- a **PDF** icon, used to export the book as a PDF
- a **gear** icon, used to customise the layout and appearance

If you click the **gear** icon, you should see a page similar to this:



From this menu, you can customise several important settings, including:

- **Book style**
For example, you may choose **A4**
- **Font family**
- **Font size**
- **Layout**
You can select either **1 column** or **2 columns**
- **Flip board**

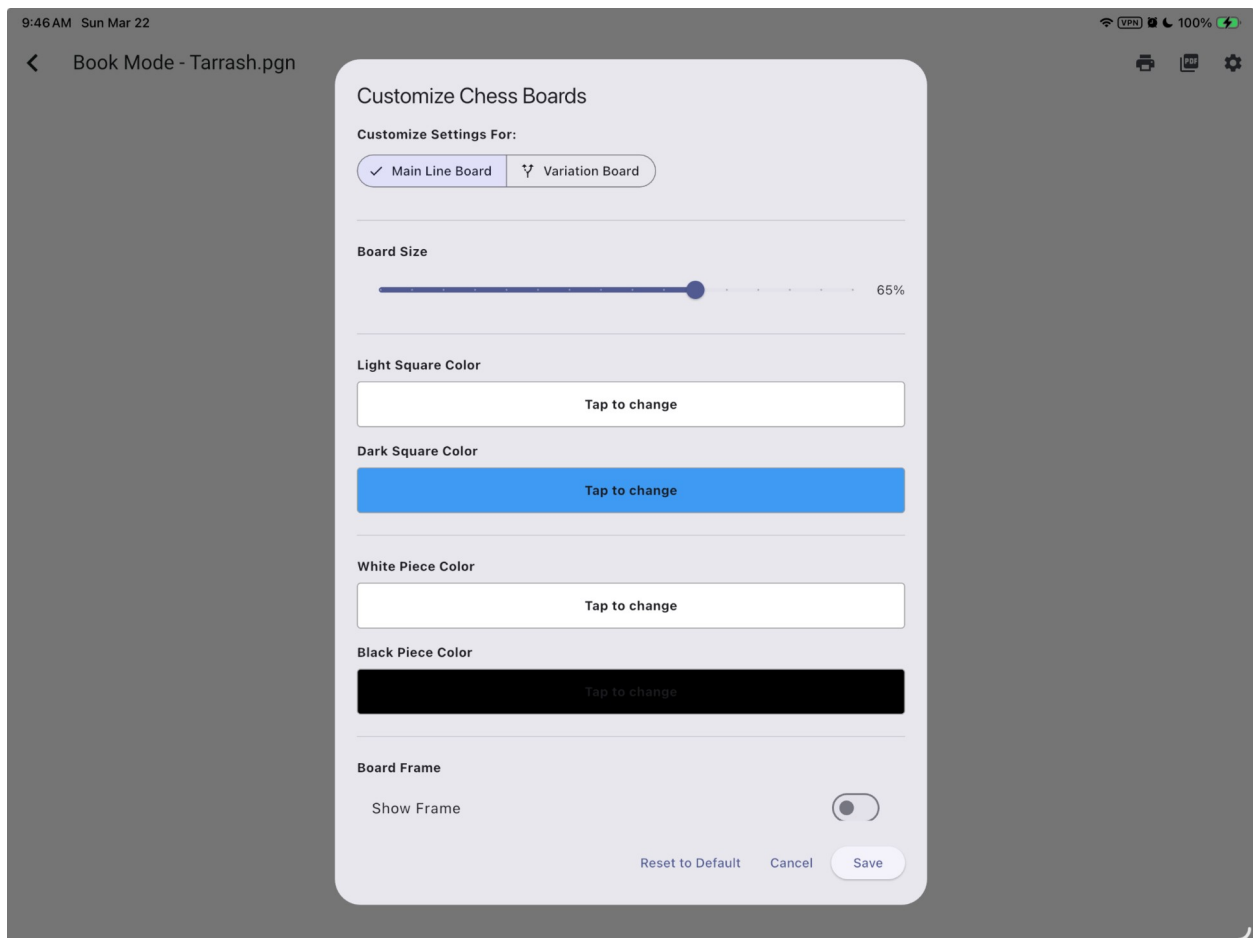
The **Flip Board** option is particularly useful. For example, if you are writing a book from **Black's perspective**, you can enable this option so that all diagrams are shown from Black's side.

This makes the material easier to read and more natural to follow when the analysis is intended from Black's point of view.

Customising the Chessboards

An important feature of **Book Mode** is the ability to customise the chessboards used for both the **main line** and the **side lines**.

If you click **Customise Chess Board**, you should see something like this:



This menu allows you to choose:

- the **light-square colour**
- the **dark-square colour**
- the **board size** for the **main line**
- the **board size** for the **side lines**

This gives you full control over the appearance of your material and allows you to create book-style notes that are clear, consistent, and pleasant to read.



Position after 12...Rc8



Position after 15...Rxb7

12... ♖c8 ♜c1



Position after 12.Ne4

♞xb7)

12. ♗b2 ♖e4?!

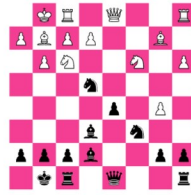
(13... ♜xc3 ♗xc3 ♖a5 13. ♖d4 ♜c8 14. ♞d3 ♗f6

♗b4)

12. ♖e4?! ♖xe4 dxe4 13. ♖d4 ♖xd4 14. ♞xd4 14. ♞xd4



Position after 14.Bxd4



Position after 13.b5

14. ♗xd4 ♖5 ♗xa7 ♞a8 ♗d4 ♞xa3 ♜c7 ♞f7

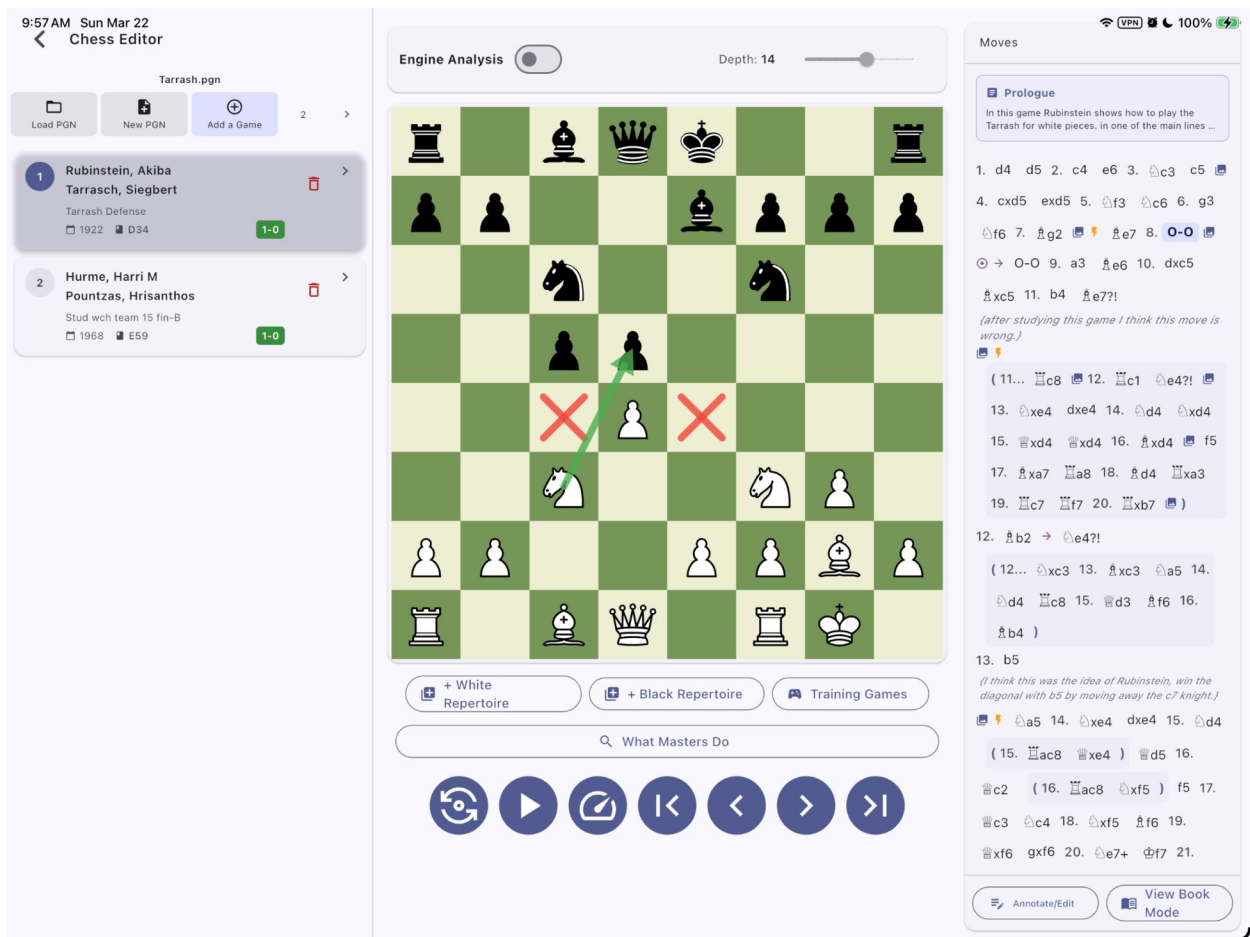
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Training Games

Chesspertime has been designed to help you improve your chess in a practical and focused way.



Whenever you come across an interesting position, it is often useful not only to analyse it, but also to test yourself by playing it. One of the best ways to do this is to train directly from that position against the computer.

You may already have noticed that both the **Search Position** page and the **Chess Editor** page include a button called **Training Games**.



Whenever you click this button, Chesspertime starts a training game from the current position and takes you to the **Training** page.



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Press "New Game" to start

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[▶ Start Game](#) [🔍 What Masters Do](#)

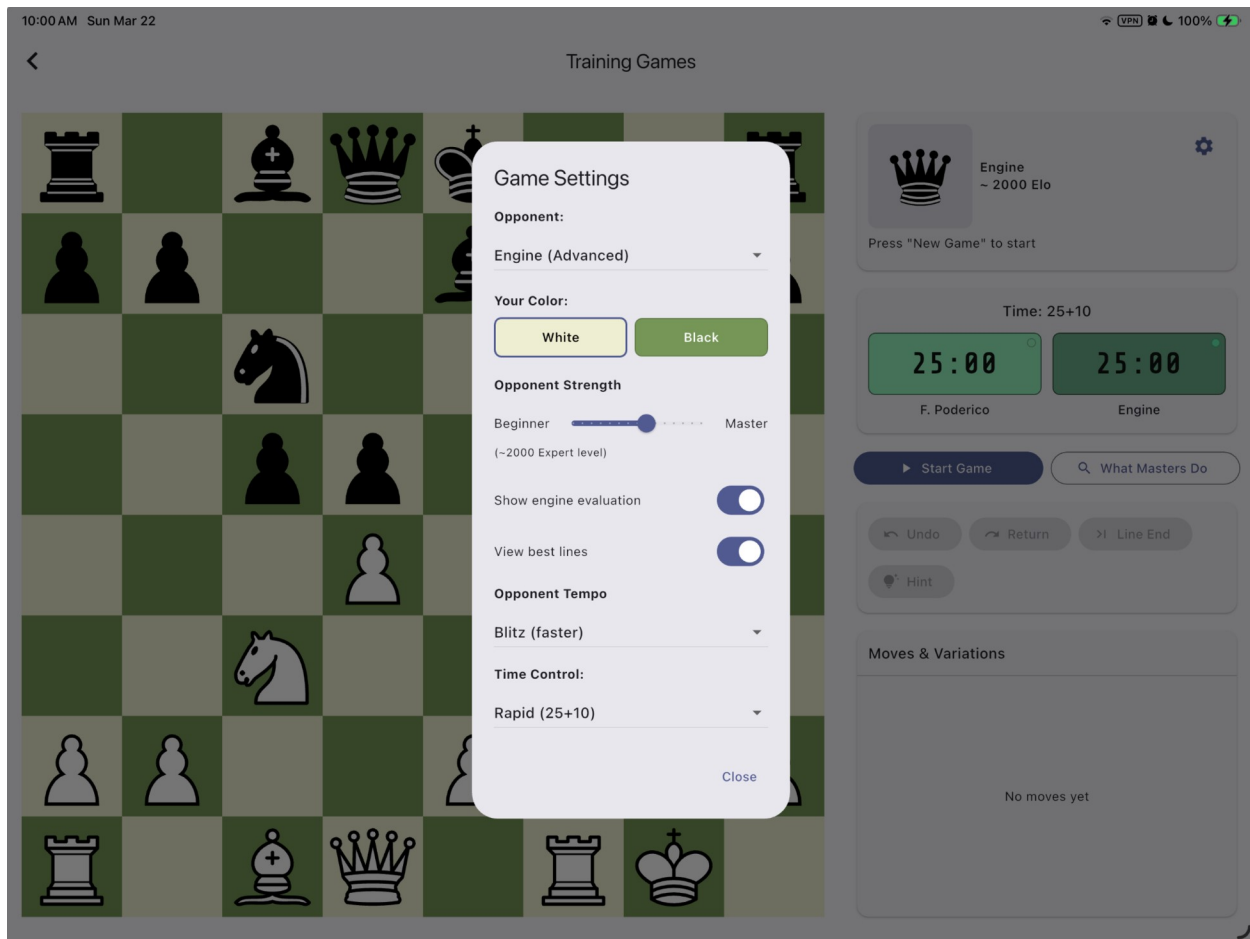
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Moves & Variations
No moves yet

Customising the Training

Chesspertime has not been designed simply for playing blitz games. Its purpose is to help you improve, so the training mode has been created to reproduce a more serious and thoughtful playing experience.

If you click the **gear** icon near the **Engine** section in the top-right area of the page, you can customise the training settings.



In this section, the opponent can be set either as:

- the **computer**, or
- a **human profile**

How to Play Against a Legend

One of the most interesting features of Chesspertise is the ability to play against a player profile taken from the selected database.

This means that, as long as the player is present in the database you are using, Chesspertise can use that player's historical opening choices during training.

To do this, first make sure that you have selected the database you want to use. To select a database, go to the **Database** page and click on the database you want to work with.

For example, if you want to play against **Tarrasch**, select **Opponent Human Profile**, then choose **Tarrasch** as the opponent.

From that point on, Chesspertise will use one of the opening moves played by Tarrasch in that position, allowing you to experience the opening phase in a way that reflects his historical games.

This feature is designed to make training more realistic and more engaging. Future versions of Chesspertime will improve this functionality even further.

Choosing the Strength and Time Control

You can also choose the opponent's **strength** and other training settings.

We do not recommend using **Blitz** mode, as performance in this mode may be less effective for serious training.

Once you have finished adjusting the settings, click **Close** and begin the game.

You can now play the selected position against the chosen opponent profile.

Saving the Games

Every training game you play is automatically saved in **myGames.pgn**.

This makes it easy to review your training games later and keep track of your practice.

How a Grandmaster Would Play the Position

If you are not sure how a position should be handled, you can click the **What Masters Do** button.

This takes you back to the **Search Position** page. As long as you have an **Opening Master OTB** or **Opening Master Correspondence** database loaded, you can investigate how strong players handled that position in real games.

This is a useful way to compare your own ideas with master practice and improve your understanding of the position.

Important: to return to the **Training** page, click the < button from the **Search Position** page.

What Have You Learned?

So far, you have learned:

- how to start a training game from a selected position
- how to move from the **Search Position** page or the **Chess Editor** page to the **Training** page
- how to customise the training settings using the **gear** icon
- how to train either against the **computer** or against a **human profile**
- how to use a player profile from the selected database, such as **Tarrasch**
- how to save your training games automatically in **myGames.pgn**
- how to use **What Masters Do** to return to the database search and study how strong players handled the position
- how to return from the **Search Position** page to the **Training** page using the < button

At this stage, you already know how to turn a position into an active training exercise, customise the type of opponent, and compare your own play with master practice. This makes the training mode one of the most practical tools in Chesspertise for converting study into real improvement.

Opponent Preparation

If you are preparing for a tournament and want to study a specific opponent, Chesspertise includes a dedicated **Opponent Preparation** section to help you do this.

From the **Home Page**, click **Opponent Preparation**.



Then click **Player Dossier**.

You should see a page similar to this:

Search players...

Players: 393251

- A A Ali, Sali Abbas >
- A A La, Teng Hua >
- A A Rajah, Abdul Shukor >
- A Aab, Manfred >
- A Aabdul Minim, Alsayed >
- A Aaberg, Anton >
- A Aaberg, Mikael >
- A Aaberg, Tomi >
- A Aabhas Kumar, Srivastava >
- A Aabid, Ryaad >
- A Aabling Thomsen, Jakob >
- A Aadeli, Arvin >
- A Aadhya, V. >
- A Aadik Theophane Lenin >
- A Aadik Theophane, Lenin >
- A Aadish, Shah >

A A Ali, Sali Abbas

10 games
Sep 2, 2016 - Sep 13, 2016 (1 years)

<p>🏆 Win Rate</p> <p>30.0%</p> <p>+3 =3 -4</p>	<p>👤 Avg Opponent</p> <p>1857</p> <p>Average rating</p>
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🧠 Playing Style

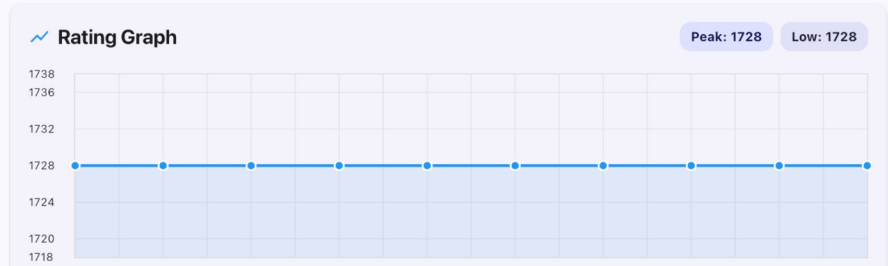
Positional Strategic **Versatile**

Aggressiveness 43% Decisiveness 70%

Versatility 70%

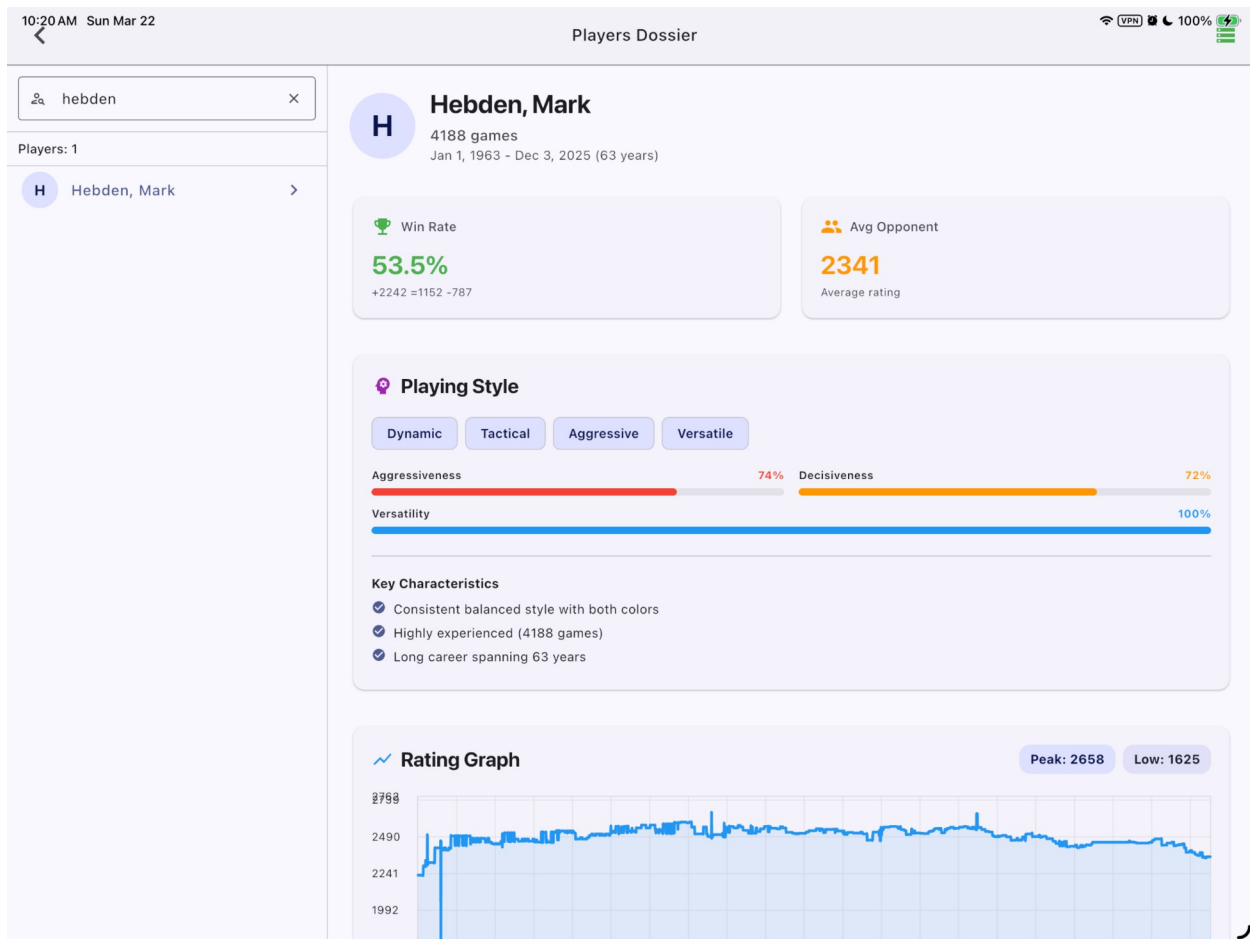
Key Characteristics

- Consistent tactical style with both colors



In the search bar, start typing the surname of the player you want to study. For example, if you want to prepare against **Mark Hebden**, type **Hebden**.

Chesspertime will then display a page similar to this:



Here you can view useful information about the player, including:

- performance by **year**
- performance by **colour**
- an approximate **playing style**

Scroll down until you see the **Player Card** section.

Creating the Player Card

Click **Create "Player" Card**.

Chesspertise will then create four items for you:

- the player's **opening repertoire as White**
- the player's **opening repertoire as Black**
- **all games with White**
- **all games with Black**

Once this has been done, click the < button to go back.

Now click the **Players Analysis** card.

On this page, you should see the four cards that Chesspertise has just created.

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Players Dossier

Hebden, Mark

Players: 1

- Hebden, Mark

Performance by Color

Color	Games	Percentage
As White	2090	57.7%
As Black	2098	49.4%

Player Card

Generate a player card with opening repertoires and game access for Hebden, Mark.

Create "Hebden, Mark" Card

Opening Repertoire

As White + Add to Repertoire

Opening	Games	Score	Success Rate	Percentage
Queen's Pawn Game	199	+117 -21	73.9% success	10%
Various Flank Openings	153	+83 -44 -26	68.6% success	7%
Queen's Gambit	121	+65 -36 -20	68.6% success	6%
Various Flank Openings	72	+36 -21 -15	64.6% success	3%

Exploring a Player's Openings

In the example below, cards have been created for **Hebden** and **Rubinstein**.

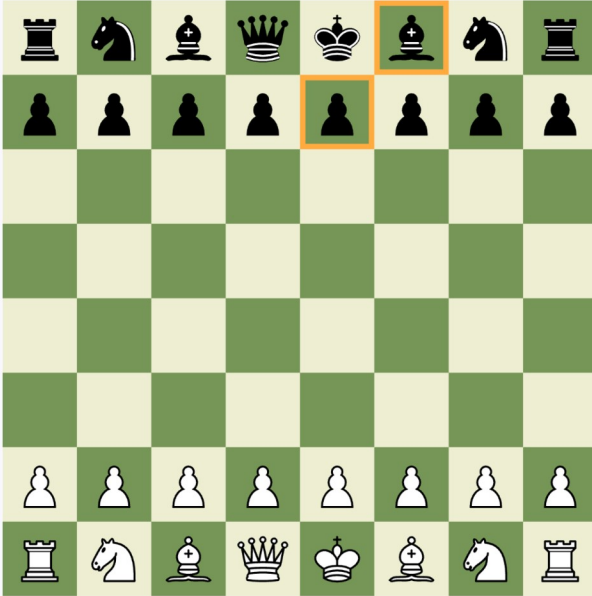
Suppose you want to see what **Rubinstein** used to play with **White**. Click the **Rubinstein** card, then click **Opening**.

You should see something like this:



Rubinstein, Akiba - White

454 lines · Move 0



Move Tree

- 1. f4 - d5 - 2. Nf3 - c5 - 3. e3 - Nf6 - 4. b3 - e6 - 5. Bb2 - Be7 - 6. Be2 - Nc6 - 7. O-O - Bd7 - 8. Qe1 1 games 100%
- 1. > d4 361 games 36%
- 1. > c4 38 games 98%
- 1. > e4 57 games 78%
- 1. > Nf3 9 games 83%

From here, you can click the > arrow to expand the lines and view Rubinstein's opening repertoire in a more graphical and structured way.



Rubinstein, Akiba - White

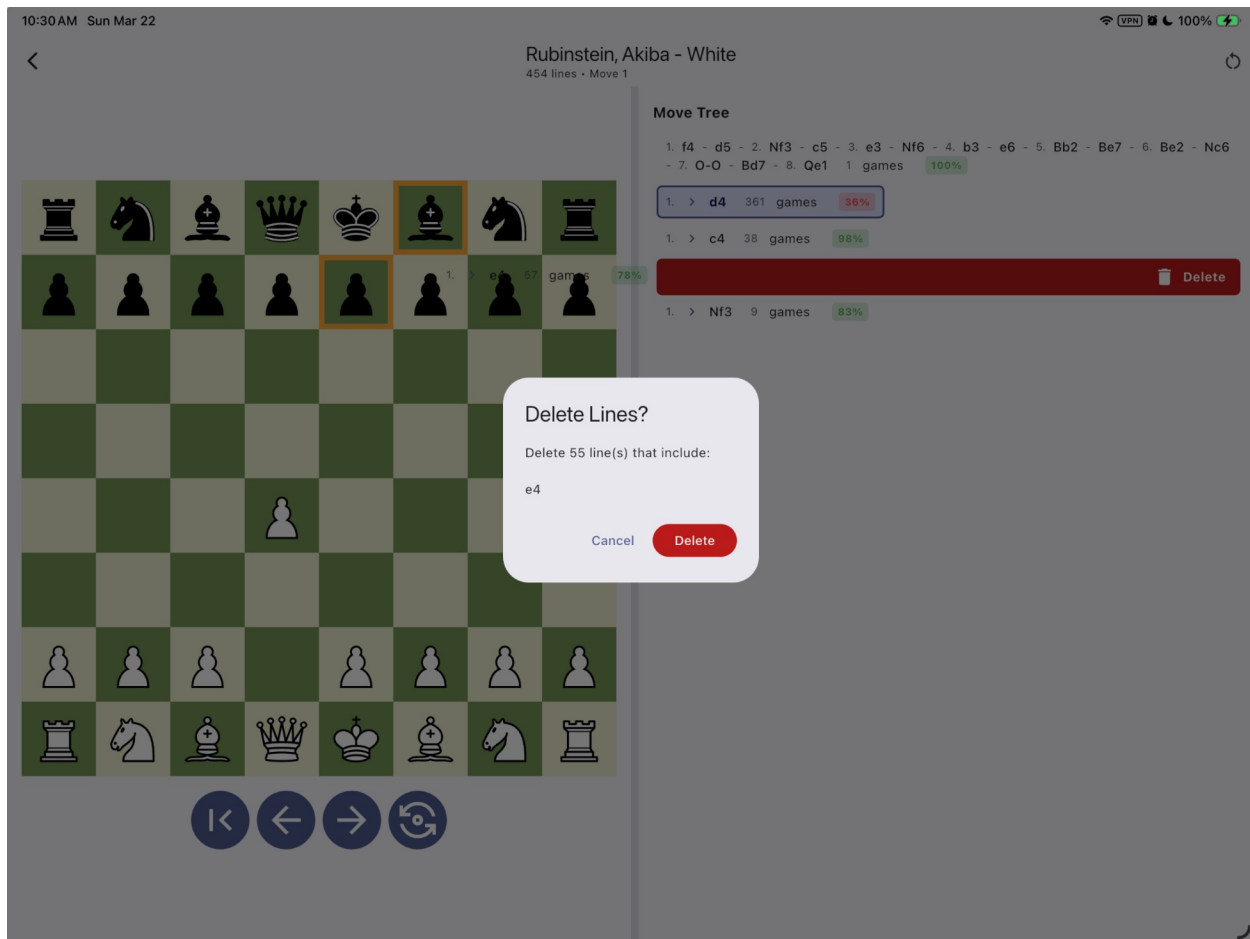
454 lines · Move 4



Move Tree

- 1. f4 - d5 - 2. Nf3 - c5 - 3. e3 - Nf6 - 4. b3 - e6 - 5. Bb2 - Be7 - 6. Be2 - Nc6 - 7. O-O - Bd7 - 8. Qe1 1 games 100%
- 1. d4 361 games 38%
- Nf6 130 games 36%
- 2. Nf3 58 games 66%
- e6 32 games 67%
- e3 12 games 86%
- Bf4 5 games 65%
- Nbd2 10 games 71%
- g3 - c5 - 4. Bg2 - Nc6 - 5. O-O - d5 - 6. b3 - Be7 - 7. Bb2 - O-O - 8. dxc5 1 games 50%
- c4 4 games 68%
- c5 - 3. d5 3 games 100%
- b6 6 games 92%
- g6 7 games 99%
- d6 6 games 53%
- d5 4 games 56%
- 2. c4 72 games 47%
- e6 35 games 24%
- c5 - 2. d5 4 games 31%
- c6 4 games 93%
- f5 13 games 44%
- d5 172 games 67%

If there is a line you are not interested in, you can delete it, as shown below:



What Have You Learned?

So far, you have learned:

- how to open the **Opponent Preparation** section
- how to search for a player using **Player Dossier**
- how to view a player's performance by year, by colour, and by playing style
- how to create a **Player Card**
- how Chesspertise automatically creates four study resources for that player
- how to open a player card and study that player's opening repertoire
- how to expand opening lines for a more detailed view
- how to remove lines that are not relevant to your preparation

This gives you a practical way to prepare against a real opponent by studying their games, their opening choices, and their general style before the tournament.

Opening Preparation

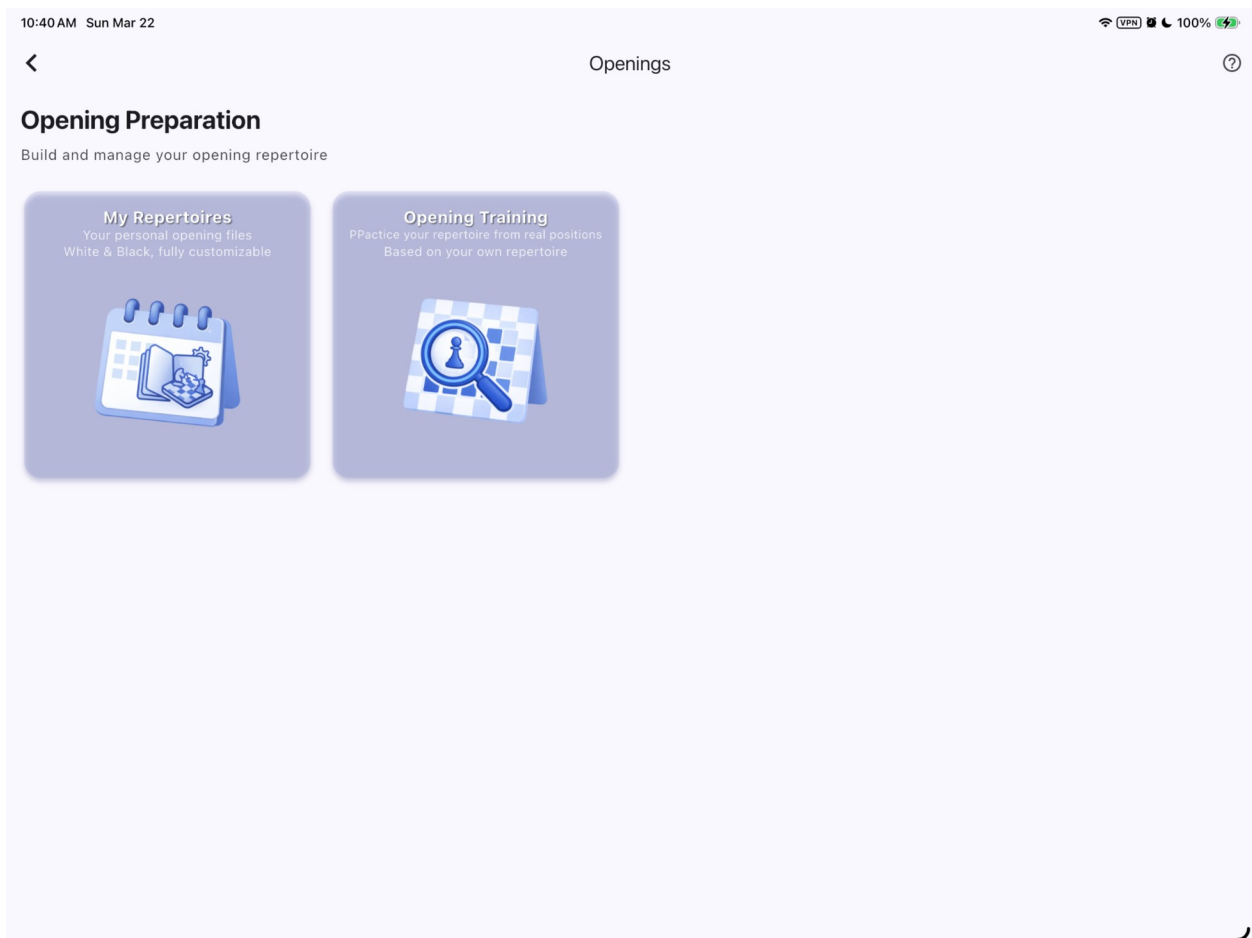
Chesspertise can help you build an opening repertoire in just a few minutes.

Each time you create a **Player Card**, Chesspertise also creates that player's opening repertoire for **White** and for **Black**. These repertoires are automatically saved in the **My Repertoire** section.

From the **Home Page**, click **Opening Preparation**.

You should then see two cards:

- **My Repertoire**
- **Opening Training**



If you click **My Repertoire**, you will see all the repertoires created so far for both **White** and **Black**, based on the player dossiers you created earlier.


For example, in this case, the repertoire includes the openings of **Rubinstein** and **Capablanca**.



My Repertoires

4 total

As White 2

 **Rubinstein, Akiba - White**
399 lines Today ...

 **Capablanca, Jose Raul - White**
530 lines 2/13/2026 ...

As Black 2

 **Rubinstein, Akiba - Black**
387 lines Today ...

 **Capablanca, Jose Raul - Black**
335 lines 2/13/2026 ...

By clicking any of these cards, you can explore in a visual way the opening repertoire for **White** and **Black** of any player.

Opening Training

Once you have created your opening repertoires for **White** and **Black**, Chesspertise also allows you to train against them.

To do this, click **Opening Training**.

You can then select the repertoire you want to practise:



Select Repertoire

Rubinstein, Akiba - White (399 lines) ▾

Play as

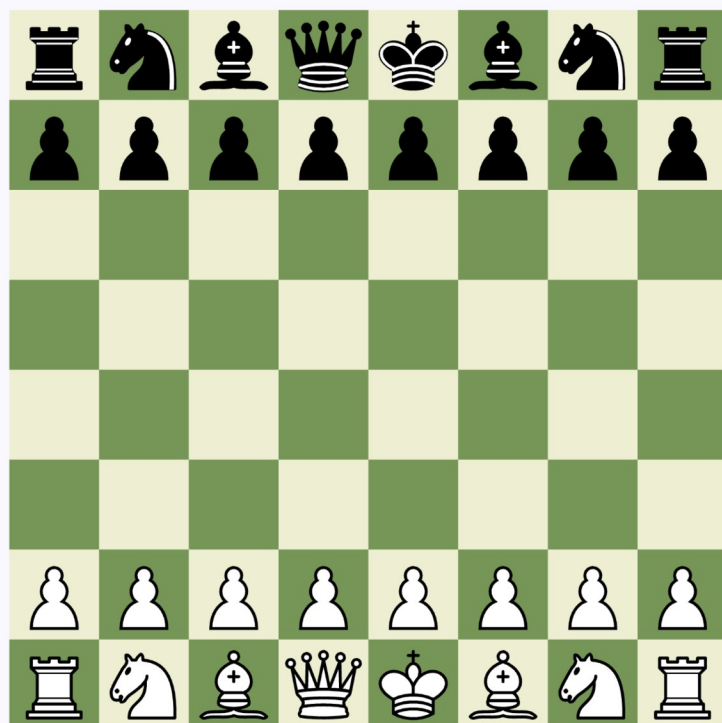
White

Black

Note: The repertoire is for white. You can practice as either color.

▶ Start Training

After selecting the repertoire, you should arrive at a page where you can begin training the opening you are interested in.



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Training mode Sequential ▾

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Repertoire Tree

Show Tree

- 1. b4
 - e6 - 2. Bb2 - Nf6 - 3. a3 - d5 - 4. e3 - c5 - 5. bxc5 - Bxc5 - 6. d4 - Bd6 - 7. c4 - dxc4 - 8. Bxc4
 - d5 - 2. Bb2 - Bf5 - 3. e3 - e6 - 4. f4 - Nf6 - 5. Nf3 - Bxb4 - 6. Nc3 - Nbd7 - 7. Ne2 - Ng4 - 8. c3
- > 1. f4
- > 1. Nf3
- > 1. e3
- > 1. c4
- > 1. d4
- > 1. e4

This allows you not only to collect opening lines, but also to practise them directly and turn them into a real part of your play.

Create Your Own Opening

Whenever you are studying a game or searching for a position, you also have the option to add that line to your own repertoire.

You can do this by clicking either:

- + White Repertoire
- + Black Repertoire

This makes it easy to build your own personal opening repertoire gradually, one line at a time, as you study and analyse games.

What Have You Learned?

So far, you have learned:

- how to open the **Opening Preparation** section

- how to view the repertoires stored in **My Repertoire**
- how to explore a player's opening repertoire for both **White** and **Black**
- how to use **Opening Training** to practise a selected repertoire
- how to add a line to your own repertoire while studying a game or searching for a position

At this stage, you already know how to collect opening lines, organise them, and train them inside Chesspertise. This makes it possible to turn opening study into a practical training routine rather than just passive reading.

Adding a Chess Engine

If you are using Chesspertise on a **Mac** or **Windows** computer, you can add an external chess engine.

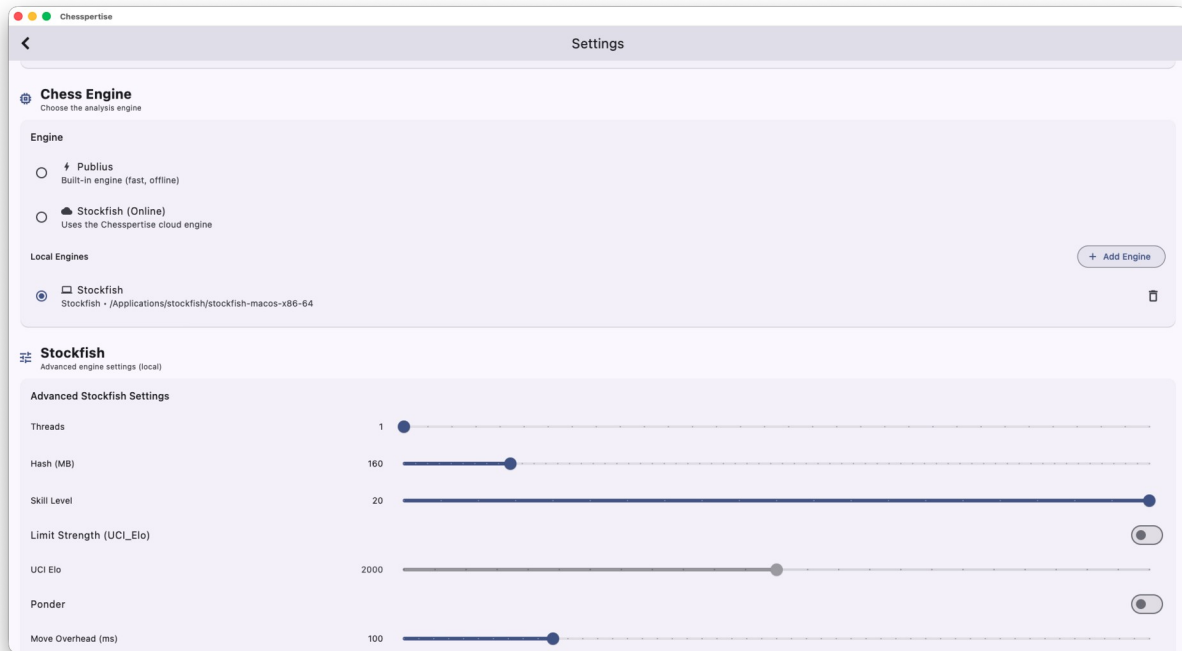
To do this from the homepage, click **Settings**, as shown below:



You should then arrive at the **Settings** page.

This page allows you to customise your Chesspertise experience in several ways. One of these customisation options is the **chess engine**.

Assuming that you have already installed **Stockfish** or another compatible engine on your computer, click the **+ Add Engine** button:



Once the engine has been added, you should see a number of configuration options, including:

- **Number of Threads**
- **Hash Size**
- **Skill Level**
- **UCI Elo**
- **Ponder**
- **Move Overhead (ms)**
- **Best n Lines**

These settings are used during analysis. From this point on, whenever you return to the **Chess Editor** or the **Training Games** page, the engine will use the parameters you selected.

This gives you greater control over the analysis experience and allows Chesspertise to become a more flexible training tool, adapted to your own preferences and hardware.

What Have You Learned?

So far, you have learned:

- that external engines can be added on **Mac** and **Windows**
- how to open the **Settings** page
- how to add an engine using the **+ Add Engine** button
- which engine parameters can be customised
- that these settings are then used in the **Chess Editor** and **Training Games**

At this stage, you now know how to make Chesspertise more powerful by connecting it to an external engine and adjusting the analysis settings to suit your needs.

One wording point to verify before using this in the manual: only keep the exact list of options if those labels appear exactly as written in the app.