

Paratext announces *nest*[®] - a new suite of library comparison metrics for *bird*[®]

Middleburg, VA – October 30, 2024. Paratext is pleased to announce *nest*, a groundbreaking suite of comparative library analytics built upon the platform of *bird*.



nest will premiere at the 2024 Charleston Conference Vendor Showcase on November 12, 2024.

Launched in February 2024, *bird: Base Inventory of Research Databases* is developed and maintained by research librarians. *bird* provides subject selectors and collection strategists with the only comprehensive profile of 7,700+ commercial and Open Access (OA) research databases, spanning 177 academic disciplines, 34 formats and over 1,900 suppliers.

nest enhances *bird*'s capabilities, offering one-touch peer institution and consortia comparisons for real-time benchmarking. *nest* is built upon the foundation of *bird*, so libraries can view results with their local research database holdings and peer holdings in a unified view.

nest elevates collection insights by comparing a library's holdings with another institution, consortia member, IPEDS peer and even select libraries you choose who may be outside these categories.

Library and collection leaders gain the market insight needed to measure progress, spot emerging trends, identify duplication, and make smart budget decisions.

Eric M. Calaluca, President of Paratext, noted that, "through *nest*, Paratext provides tools for libraries to analyze their collections and produce dynamic dashboards that illustrate how they compare against peer institutions. Synchronized queries via *bird* and *nest* offer instant current awareness of all relevant content, refine areas for institution growth initiatives, and support research and grants."

bird is produced and published by Paratext, in technology partnership with Compendium Library Services. Trial use for library personnel is available on request at birdofparatext.com.

About Paratext:

Founded in 1993, Paratext is an independent database and analytics company based in Middleburg, Virginia. The company is known for their award-winning databases used in libraries all over the world including *Eight Centuries*[™], *Reference Universe*[™], and *United States Masterfile*[™].

About Compendium Library Services:

Compendium Library Services specializes in cloud-based public services solutions, including *Desk Tracker* and *Space Tracker*. Compendium was founded in northern Colorado in 2006.

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