Chess Forge takes advantage of the public Web API offered by leechess dot org.

The following functionality is available directly from Chess Forge if your computer is connected to the Internet:

* Openings Explorer,
* Top games import
* and endgame tablebases. Let’s quickly review them.

Make sure that the Explorers toggle is in the on position.

The Opening Explorer displays statistics for the games played from the currently selected position. It shows the moves most commonly made in the position, the number of games and the percentages of draws and wins by either side.

You can click moves in the Explorer to add them to your currently active variation tree.

In the title bar, the name of the opening variation is displayed.

Next to the Opening Explorer, there is the Top Games list. These are the highest rated games in the current position, from the leechess’s masters database. You can either right click a game to invoke the context menu or left click to immediately open the game preview dialog. Let’s do the latter.

The auto-replay starts immediately. You can stop it or select a different speed at any time.

The preview is intended to help you decide whether you want to import the game into your workbook or not. If you choose to import it, it will be added to the currently selected chapter.

If you click the leechess logo or label, your default browser will open the game directly on the leechess site.

If the number of pieces on the board is 7 or less, the Opening Explorer view is replaced with the information from tablebases. Just as it is done on the leechess site, you will see moves that are winning, drawing and losing in a given position. Additionally, the number of moves to check mate or to zeroing the 50-move counter will be shown, if applicable.