Do you want to use University of Helsinki Library's books, articles or magazines anywhere online?

If you're a student or a member of the staff at the University of Helsinki, you do not need to come to the campus; you can also use the material remotely.

You're going to need two things to access the library’s electronic collections. The material can be accessed outside the University of Helsinki network when you have a valid University of Helsinki user ID. Your username is the key to remote use.

Helka is the easiest route to the e-resources purchased by the University of Helsinki Library. You may find a book or article in the collections of the University of Helsinki in other places, but the material might be inaccessible. If you want to use the library’s material, it is easier to search for the material from Helka instead of Google. Through Helka, you can also access databases purchased by the library, e.g. Scopus or Web of Science.

First go to helsinki.fi/helka. By logging in to Helka, you can access all the features of the search interface. For example, you can make reservations or save your searches. The material links are automatically functional when you are logged in to Helka with your user ID.

The text ‘available online’ by a book, article or magazine indicates that it is an e-material. You can also see buttons that give you direct access to the material.

Sometimes, the material cannot be accessed directly. If so, you can view the material from available online. In the box show online you can view the material's availability. There may be several options. Click on the link to access the material.

If a window opens asking for authentication, enter your username and password to access the material. Now you can proceed to the material that is in use at the University of Helsinki.

Please note that you have an obligation to comply with the terms of use of the material.

More detailed instructions for the use of e-resources can be found at the library website.

Would you like to link the material to the students of the University of Helsinki, or other members of the university community?

You might want to copy the link from Helka's information, from the permalink. Once you have copied the link from Helka, you can attach it to the Moodle area, for example. The permalink does not change, even if the availability information changes.

Alternatively, you can use the material from the University of Helsinki Library with a VPN.

First, make sure you've installed a VPN program on your computer. In the future, it's enough to turn on the VPN. With the VPN connection, you can access the library's e-resources even outside the university network. When you turn on the VPN, select the option: uh-vpn-allroute. Another option, uh-vpn-helsinkifi-only blocks access to library material, even if you've logged in to Helka.

You can find instructions for installing and using VPN at the University of Helsinki under IT-Helpdesk. Remote use of e-materials does not require a VPN, you can use the materials through Helka.