

Access to Online Media (E-Books, E-Journals, databases)

One can find E-Books, E-Journals, and scientific papers via the web catalogue and the databases of the Aalen University library.

These can be accessed as follows:

On-Campus:

For university members, E-Media is automatically accessible within the university network. External library users receive a guest account.

Off-Campus via OpenVPN:

Students and other members of Aalen University can also access E-Media off-campus via OpenVPN. In order to do so, a university account is required and the OpenVPN client has to be installed on your device. For questions regarding software and login to the university network, please contact the Campus-IT help desk via the following E-Mail address: helpdesk@hs-aalen.de.

Off-Campus via Shibboleth:

Some providers allow using E-Books and databases via the personal university account without any prior PC configuration.

How it works:

- Search for *institutional login* or *Shibboleth login* on the provider's website.
- If a region or a group is requested, choose „German Higher Education“ and „DFN-AAI“.
- Select „Hochschule Aalen“ or „Hochschulbibliothek Aalen“ as your institution.
- Sign in with your university account via the provided login page.
- Afterwards, you should be able to access licensed content.
- When logging out, please close all browser windows.

The following E-Book collections and databases are accessible via Shibboleth:

E-Book collections:

Beck eLibrary, Cambridge University Press, Campus, Content Select, Ebook-Central, EBSCO, Elsevier, Hanser, Hogrefe, JSTOR, Pearson, Schäffer-Poeschel, Springer, Thieme, UTB, Vahlen, Wiley-Online-Library

Databases:

ABI/INFORM Collection, Academic Search, ACM Digital Library, ACS Publications, Brockhaus Enzyklopädie Online, Business Source, Cinahl, Cochrane Library, Emerald Insight, F.A.Z, IBISWorld, IEEEExplore, JSTOR, Landesrecht BW, Library Information Science & Technology, Psycarticles, Psynindex, Regional Business News, Römp-encyclopaedia of Chemistry, Science Direct, SpringerLink, Statista, Wiley-Online-Library, Web of Science, WISO

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Whenever working on a public computer, please check the browser settings before logging out or closing your browser, whether the cookies are deleted when closing the browser - otherwise someone else could use your login details.

Exceptions and limitations:

- **External users** can only use E-Media on site in the library due to licensing reasons.
- **Printing and Downloading E-Books:** Some publishers only allow limited printing and downloading.
- **Database Beck-online:** When using the Beck-online database, the Open-VPN client and a personal user account are required – read more via <https://rsw.beck.de/beck-online-service/services/studenten/studenten-vpn>
- **LinkedIn Learning E-Videos:** The video platform does not require a login via Shibboleth or OpenVPN, but an account has to be created via an activation link.