# Using our electronic information resources from campus network or remotely

* In campus network without additional logging in
* Remotely with VPN without additional logging in (VPN: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/establishing-a-remote-connection-vpn-to-an-aalto-network>)
* Remotely from Aalto-Primo (must log in with Aalto credentials): <https://primo.aalto.fi/discovery/search?vid=358AALTO_INST:VU1&lang=en>
* Remotely from Business Guide (must log in with Aalto credentials): <https://libguides.aalto.fi/business>
* There are some rare exceptions, for example Financial Times (ft.com) in which you need to create a user account with your Aalto credentials even if you are in Aalto network

# Aalto-Primo

* Aalto-Primo is our collection search portal: <https://primo.aalto.fi/discovery/search?vid=358AALTO_INST:VU1&lang=en>

**Searching books, thesis etc.**

* Type search words to Aalto-Primo and choose “**Search for books, journals and theses**” to find books etc.
* Type search words to Aalto-Primo and choose “**Search Aaltodoc publication archive**” to find Aalto University publications such as bachelor theses, master’s theses etc.

**Searching articles**

* **Article search** covers a huge amount of journals from many different publishers
* Type search words to Aalto-Primo and choose “**Search for international articles**”
* Choose “Peer-reviewed journals” from article search results to only include results from scientific journals
* Choose “Advanced search” and combine more than one search word to make your search more accurate
* Aalto-Primo article search is also useful for finding a particular article. Just copy/paste article title to Aalto-Primo article search.

**Journal search**

* **Journal search** at the top of the page

**Database search**

* **Database search** at the top of the page

# Business Guide

* Business Guide contains links to business related databases and other information resources (the same database links are in Aalto-Primo): <https://libguides.aalto.fi/business>

**E-books**

* It’s possible to make full text searches (search covers the whole books, unlike in Aalto-Primo book search which only searches from book titles, authors, keywords etc.) in e-book databases: <https://libguides.aalto.fi/c.php?g=410651&p=2796660>

**Articles**

* Article databases: <https://libguides.aalto.fi/c.php?g=410651&p=2796901> Aalto-Primo article search covers articles from many of these databases, but not necessarily all of them

**Reference databases**

* Scopus and Web of Science are reference databases that do not contain full text articles but useful information about articles references, citations, related articles etc. Click “ViewIt@Aalto” in search results to see if we have access to full text articles from some other database

**Research methods**

* See Sage Research Methods for literature on research methods: <https://libguides.aalto.fi/c.php?g=410651&p=2797341>

**Other information resources**

* See also other types of databases and other information resources if needed, such as company and market information, legal information, business news etc.: <https://libguides.aalto.fi/business/>

**Additional help**

* Additional help in case you can’t find what you are looking for: <https://libguides.aalto.fi/c.php?g=410651&p=2797468>

# Google Scholar

* Google Scholar is Google's search engine specialized in searching for scholarly information.
* Google Scholar is also useful for finding a particular article. Just copy/paste article title to Google Scholar.
* When you are using Google Scholar within Aalto University network, the search results include direct links to electronic full text articles, provided that they are subscribed by Aalto University. Results can also contain plenty of open access material.
* More information about Google Scholar (such as using it outside of Aalto University network): <https://libguides.aalto.fi/e-resourcelinking/google-scholar>

# Some tips about search techniques

* Use advanced search/tarkennettu haku in databases to combine search word. The AND operator for example is used to retrieve results that contain all search terms used. Aalto-Primo advanced search for example: <https://primo.aalto.fi/discovery/search?vid=358AALTO_INST:VU1&lang=en&mode=advanced>
* If you want to search a phrase (two or more words in a specific order), use quotation marks around the words. Without quotation marks, many databases are looking for search words individually, and the results may contain irrelevant material. E.g. ”artificial intelligence”, "sustainable design"
* Truncation is particularly useful for languages with case endings, as it allows you to include all the inflected forms of the search term in the search. The symbol used for truncation may vary between databases, but \* is maybe the most common. E.g. the word processor can be truncated as follows: process\* will search for process as well as variations such as processor, processing, processed, process, processes and processors

# Other Guides

* <https://libguides.aalto.fi/en>
* See for example Guide for information retrieval. This guide contains tips about search techniques, evaluating search results etc.: <https://libguides.aalto.fi/informationretrieval>
* Ebook guide contains information about using e-books (downloading, printing, saving e-books for offline use for example): <https://libguides.aalto.fi/e-books>