Remote Access via Shibboleth and VPN
Shibboleth and VPN enable access to licensed electronic resources of the University of Erfurt from outside the university network in Erfurt and Gotha.
Remote or off-campus access to licensed databases, e-journals or e-books is possible for staff and students of Erfurt University.
Shibboleth does not require any additional software. The eduVPN client is needed for a VPN connection. Both services work independent of location and device.
What does Shibboleth mean?

An Internet-based authorization and authentication process that verifies membership in the university...
... and after logging in with the university login (= ELVIS login) unlocks access to the e-resources of the library.
How does Shibboleth work?

The first step is to log in as a member of the University of Erfurt. The institutional login is usually hidden behind "Shibboleth Login", "Institutional Login" or "Login via Institution".
Select the University of Erfurt and log in with your university login (= ELVIS-Login). Accept the privacy policy as the last step.
You now have access to the electronic content licensed (= purchased) by the library.
Shibboleth does **not allow active logout**, which means you cannot log out of the system yourself. After the session is over, you could delete your private data from the **browsing history**.
What does VPN mean?

VPN enables **access to the university network**. A secure connection makes the mobile device part of the university network.
How does VPN work?

Download the client for the eduVPN from the eduVPN website or from the Play Store/App Store and install it on your device.
After the installation, start the client, enter "Erfurt" in the search and select the "University of Erfurt/Universität Erfurt". Afterwards a browser window opens, which asks for your university login (= ELVIS login).
Now you can **start and end the VPN connection with the slider**. At the computer select "Zugang Studierende/Mitarbeiter" and then start eduVPN.
VPN enables access to the university network in its entirety. **Multiple logins** for different services **are not necessary** (in difference to Shibboleth).
The most electronic resources (e-books, e-journals and databases) are accessible with Shibboleth or via VPN from off-campus.
Some databases, e-journals and e-books have *special rules for the remote access*. If you have any further questions about it, feel free to contact us.
Hints and hacks

The library has not always licensed the requested full text. Then you will not get access even after logging in with Shibboleth or VPN.

Then feel free to contact us to talk about other possible ways to get your requested literature.

On the library website you will find all important information about remote access via Shibboleth and VPN.
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