Accessing the Library for Online Programmes via virtual desktop

If you are seeing slow, unresponsive or blank results – due to regional network infrastructure, workplace VPN, proxy or firewall restrictions, you can access the Library via virtual access options. Whilst you are using these options will appear to be logged into the University MWS network as if you were on-campus.

Students located in the following regions can experience network infrastructure issues and may need to use VPN style options to access our network:

Zimbabwe, Malaysia, most Middle East regions, most East African regions, most North African regions, Nigeria, China, Russian Federation.

Using Opera Web Browser as a VPN solution

The Opera Web browser ([http://opera.com](http://opera.com)) provides basic VPN functionality when configured to use the ‘off road mode’ (previously called ‘turbo mode’), using Opera in this way can overcome some infrastructure or workplace proxy problems and can provide a simple alternative to the normal VPN options described below, please see this Opera guide. Note – when you use Opera you will still need to log into the Library using your normal University login details.

Opera also provides an [in-built VPN client](#) which may also assist in overcoming connection problems.

How to access the Library via our client

We provide a client which connects you to the University network, once you have 'connected' your computer will run as if it is a University computer, so you can browse the Internet and use the Library for Online Programmes Web site to browse for protected resources without needing to log in. You can obtain further advice on the Computing Services Department [Web site](#).