

# What is a VPN and why do I care?

VPN stands for Virtual Private Network and it is invaluable when you want to use UCLA licensed resources from off-campus machines.

Specifically, the UCLA Library and the California Digital Library have licensed many different bibliographic and research databases that are restricted to UCLA machines.

If you have cable modem or DSL from home the [BruinOnline VPN](#) enables you to login and access those databases as if you were in your office at UCLA.

Note: UCLA MFA enabled users should consult [Authenticating Using Multi-Factor Authentication on the Campus VPN](#).

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