Finding information &
How the Library can help

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So before I start… a couple of quick questions for you…

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My aim today is to answer these questions...

- What information resources does the library have?
- How can I find information on these library resources?
- What can I do if I can’t find the full text article?
- How can I manage my references?
What RESOURCES does the library have?
Types of Resources

Journals
- Lecture Notes in Computer Science

Books
- Safari Books Online
- ProQuest

Statistics
- Bloomberg

Websites
- arXiv

Databases
- IEEE Xplore
- WEB OF SCIENCE™
We have lots of resources!

LibrarySearch
http://librarysearch.rhul.ac.uk

Library Subject Guides
http://libguides.rhul.ac.uk/ComputerScience

Online resources (Eresources)
Full listing of resources can be found here: http://libguides.rhul.ac.uk/az.php
How can I FIND information?
Combining Keywords

**AND** – narrows results by returning results with both terms listed as keywords

**NOT** – narrows results by returning results with only one term listed as a keyword

**OR** – broadens results by returning results with either term listed as keywords
Use wildcard characters ($ ? * - #) to replace letters in search terms

Examples:

verificat* - finds verificated, verification etc.

organ?ation - finds organization, organisation, etc.

NB: Help pages in online databases will explain which character is used as the wildcard
Beware of alternative words...

PÂTISSERIE

ECLAIR

cakes, bakery, pastries, French pastries...

PROFITEROLE, choux pastry, choux bun

GATEUX, cake
No full text access?

Don’t worry – we’ve got your back!
Are you off-campus?

Royal Holloway ‘Campus Anywhere’ (VPN)

The only way to access all of our electronic resources off campus is to use the Virtual Private Network (VPN) service, known as 'CampusAnywhere'.

How to set up the VPN connection: http://www.rhul.ac.uk/it
(or click the link at the bottom of any Royal Holloway home page)
What is an Inter-Library Loan?

How long does it take?
• The short answer? It can depend...

Is there a charge?
• No charges to you (though it does cost us money)

How can I make an ILL loan?
• Log into LibrarySearch (see top right hand side)
• Click on the Inter-Library Loans button

For further information on interlibrary loans, check out the Library Webpages HERE.
Is it available via Senate House Library?

Senate House Library
Russell Square, London WC1E 7HU
Apply online for membership, visit for full access.

SCONUL Access Scheme
Apply online for membership/visitor access to university Libraries.
How can I MANAGE my references?
Selecting & saving results & full text

Most databases allow you to:

• Save results to a ‘folder’
• Save, print, download or email results
• Save search ‘histories’ & re-run them
• Create alerts and / or set up RSS feeds
• Some allow you to download BibTeX files of your references (e.g. INSPEC, Web of Science, etc)

Always make a note of your search queries and which database you used.
Reference Management Tools

- Save and organise references in one place
- Bibliographies and reference lists created in a flash!

For further information, check out the Citing & Referencing Guide:  http://libguides.rhul.ac.uk/ComputerScience
Summer arrangements

• You can now borrow up One Week and Three Week items from the library and they won’t be due back until the start of term in September.

• 24 hour loans will be One Week loans over the Summer

• The Library will continue to be open 24/7
Before I scoot off, my last few questions...
Want further help?

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1-2-1 Sessions (email me! 😊)