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How to Connect to Wi-Fi on a Mac

Connecting a Mac to Wi-Fi takes about a minute. This guide walks you through it on macOS 27 Golden Gate, and the same steps work on recent versions like macOS Tahoe and Sequoia.

Before you start, you'll need:

- ☐ Your Wi-Fi network name
Also called the SSID
- ☐ Your Wi-Fi password
Often printed on a sticker on your router, labeled "Wi-Fi key" or "WPA key"

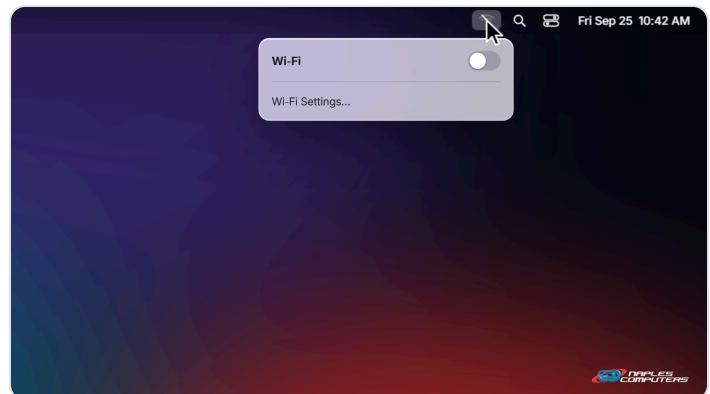
Step by step

1 Click the Wi-Fi icon

It's in the menu bar at the top-right of your screen and looks like a fan of curved lines.

WHAT TO DO

Click the Wi-Fi icon to open the Wi-Fi menu.

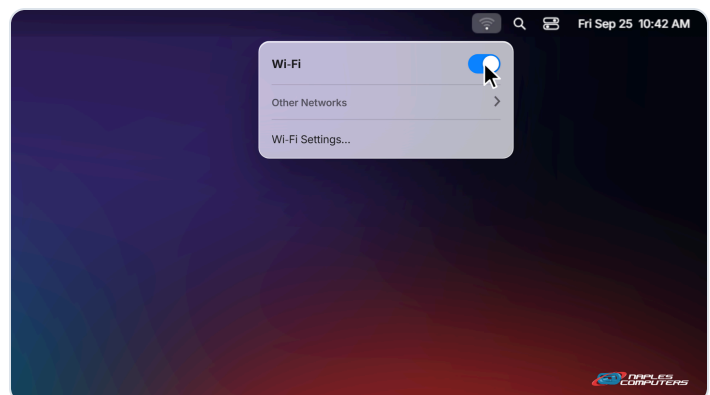


2 Turn Wi-Fi on

The switch at the top of the Wi-Fi menu should be blue.

WHAT TO DO

If the switch is gray, click it to turn Wi-Fi on.

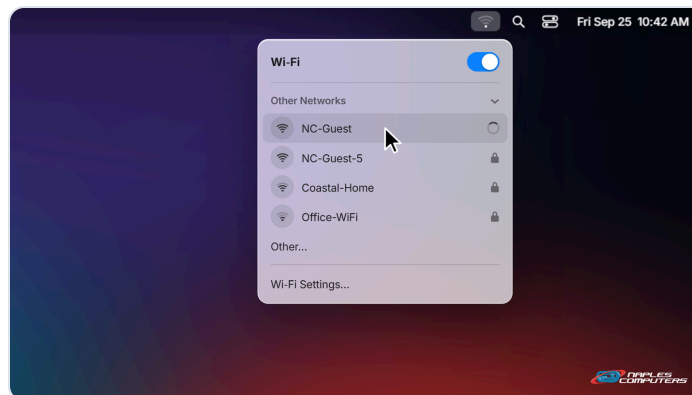


3 Choose your network

Click Other Networks to see the Wi-Fi networks near you.

WHAT TO DO

Click the name of your network.

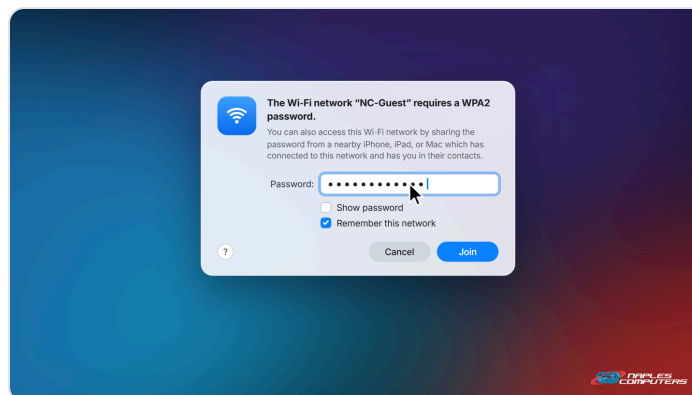


4 Enter the password and click Join

Passwords are case-sensitive, so watch your capital letters. Leave "Remember this network" checked.

WHAT TO DO

Type the Wi-Fi password, then click Join.



DONE ✓ You're connected

The Wi-Fi icon in the menu bar turns solid.

WHAT TO DO

Click the Wi-Fi icon any time: your network is listed at the top with a blue icon.

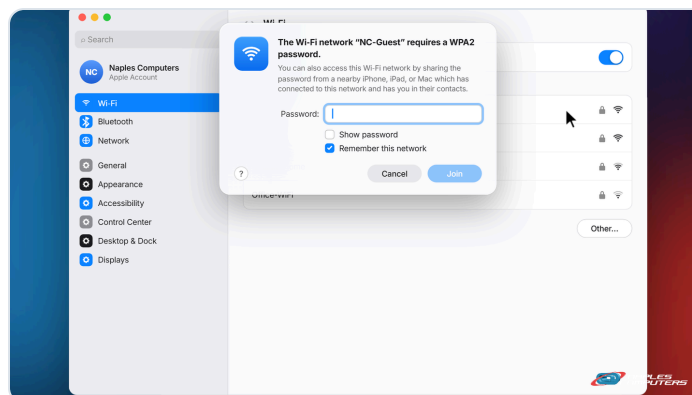


ANOTHER WAY + Another way: System Settings

Apple menu → System Settings → Wi-Fi.

WHAT TO DO

Point to your network and click Connect, then enter the password.



Won't connect? Try this.

- ☐ No Wi-Fi icon in the menu bar
System Settings → Control Center → Wi-Fi → Show in Menu Bar
- ☐ Wrong password?
Check Caps Lock, or tick "Show password" to see what you typed
- ☐ Can't see your network?
Move closer to the router, or restart the router and your Mac
- ☐ Connected, but no internet?
Restart your router. Still stuck? Call us: 239-513-1960

On the go? Public Wi-Fi tips

- ☐ Only join networks you recognize
Ask staff for the exact name. Scammers set up look-alike networks.
- ☐ Save banking for a trusted connection
Or use a VPN on hotel, airport and coffee-shop Wi-Fi
- ☐ Businesses: give visitors a guest network
Keep your office computers on their own secured network

Recap: connect in 4 steps

- ☐ Click the Wi-Fi icon in the menu bar
- ☐ Open Other Networks and click yours
- ☐ Make sure Wi-Fi is on (blue)
- ☐ Type the password and click Join

Keep your Wi-Fi password somewhere safe. If your router still uses the password printed on its sticker, consider changing it. We can help set up a secure home or office network.



Need help with your Mac, or your home or office Wi-Fi?

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