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How to Connect to Wi-Fi on Windows 11

Connecting a Windows 11 PC to Wi-Fi takes about a minute. This guide walks you through it on Windows 11 version 25H2, and the same steps work on earlier versions of Windows 11.

Before you start, you'll need:

- ☐ Your Wi-Fi network name
Also called the SSID
- ☐ Your Wi-Fi password
Windows calls it the "network security key". It's often on a sticker on your router.

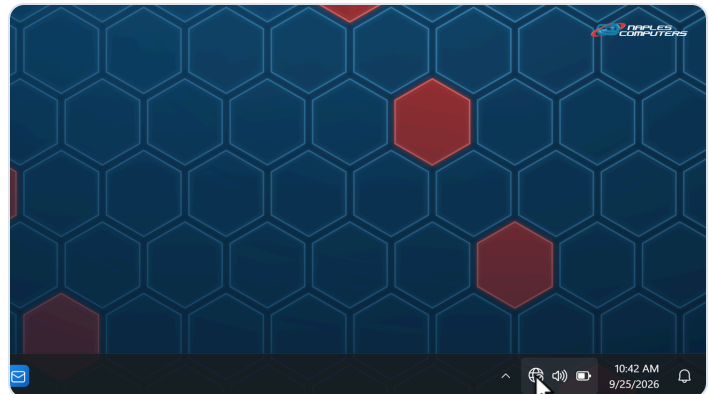
Step by step

1 Click the network icon

It's at the bottom-right of the taskbar, next to the clock. If you're not connected it looks like a small globe; once connected it shows Wi-Fi bars.

WHAT TO DO

Click the network icon to open Quick Settings.

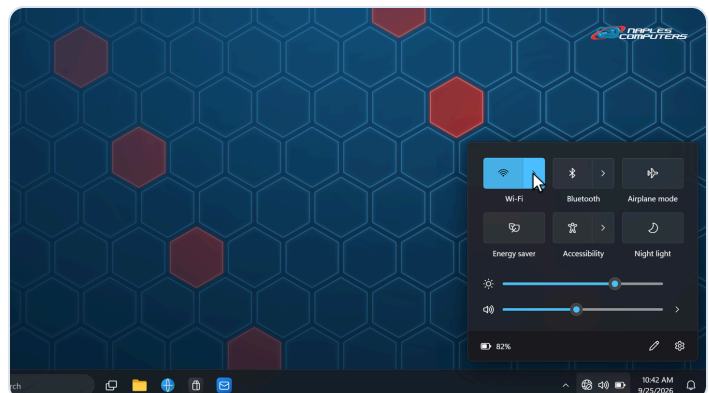


2 Turn Wi-Fi on

The Wi-Fi button in Quick Settings should be blue.

WHAT TO DO

If it's gray, click it. Then click the arrow (➤) next to Wi-Fi to see the networks.

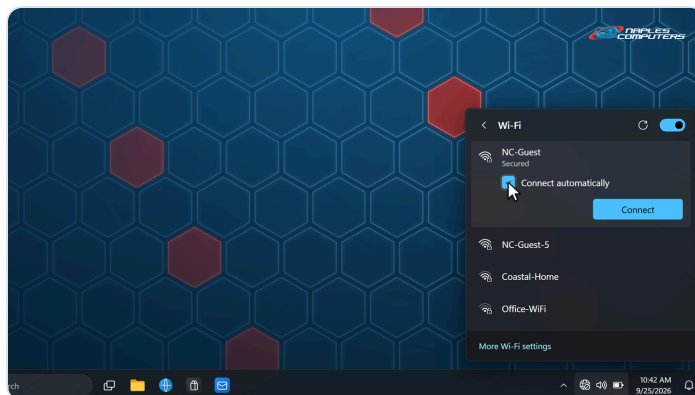


3 Choose your network and click Connect

Click your network's name. Leave "Connect automatically" checked so your PC reconnects on its own.

WHAT TO DO

Click your network, then click Connect.

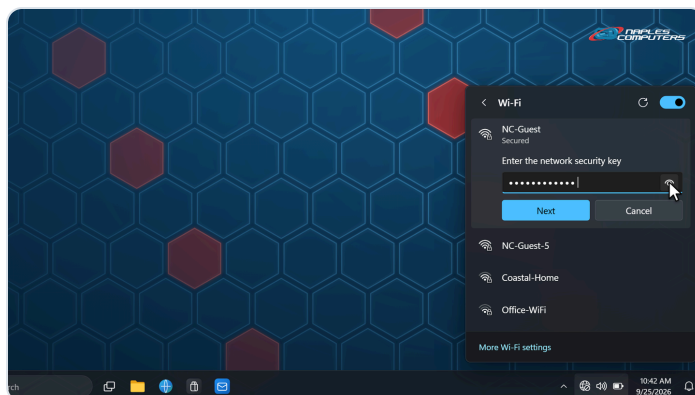


4 Enter the security key and click Next

The network security key is your Wi-Fi password. It's case-sensitive, so watch your capital letters. Press and hold the eye icon to check what you typed.

WHAT TO DO

Type the security key, then click Next.



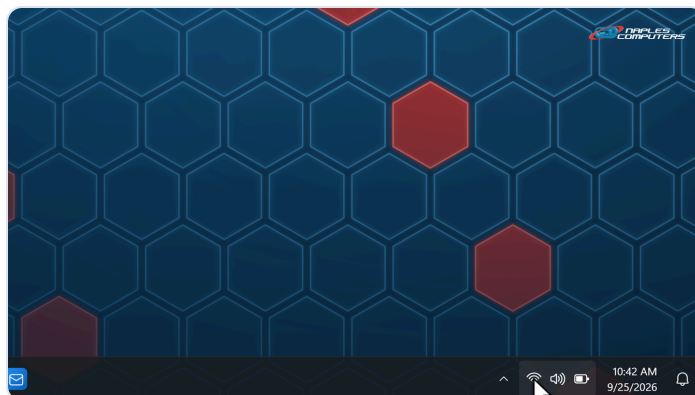
DONE

✓ You're connected

Your network shows "Connected, secured", and the network icon on the taskbar changes to Wi-Fi bars.

WHAT TO DO

Click anywhere on the desktop to close Quick Settings.



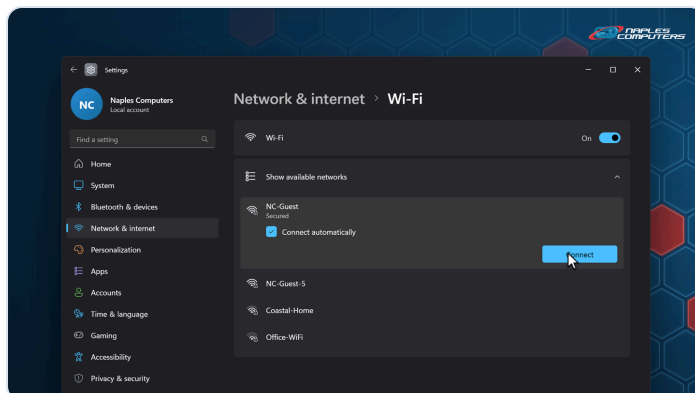
ANOTHER WAY

+ Another way: the Settings app

Start → Settings → Network & internet → Wi-Fi → Show available networks.

WHAT TO DO

Click your network, click Connect, then enter the security key.



Won't connect? Try this.

- ☐ Airplane mode on, or no Wi-Fi button?
Turn Airplane mode off. On a laptop, check for a Wi-Fi key or switch.
- ☐ Security key rejected?
Check Caps Lock, and use the eye icon to see what you typed
- ☐ Can't see your network?
Move closer to the router, or restart the router and your PC
- ☐ Connected, but no internet?
Settings → System → Troubleshoot → Other troubleshooters → Network and Internet. Still stuck?
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On the go? Public Wi-Fi tips

- ☐ Only join networks you recognize
Ask staff for the exact name. Scammers set up look-alike networks.
- ☐ Keep public Wi-Fi set to "Public network"
If Windows asks, choose Public. It hides your PC from others on the network.
- ☐ Businesses: give visitors a guest network
Keep your office computers on their own secured network

Recap: connect in 4 steps

- ☐ Click the network icon on the taskbar
- ☐ Click your network, then Connect
- ☐ Make sure Wi-Fi is on, then click the arrow
- ☐ Type the security key and click Next

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.



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