Connect to Wi-Fi on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch

Home wifi internet is made possible via a wireless router, which is basically a box that transmits and receives wireless signals between an internet connection and internet-enabled devices.

To communicate with a router and connect to wifi, a device must have a wireless adaptor. Most internet-enabled devices today come with a wireless adaptor built in — but older computers may require a plug-in adaptor in order to get online wirelessly.

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### Step-by-step guide - Windows 10

The following steps run through the general steps that anyone needs to take to get connected to the internet via wifi.

**Step 1:** Locate yourself in a property or public space that has a wireless router. I.e. Somewhere where a wifi signal is being transmitted.

**Step 2:** Make sure that the device you're going to use is a.) Capable of connecting to the internet and b.) Capable of connecting to wifi.

**Step 3:** Find out the name of the wifi network that the router in your location is transmitting. That's right, each wifi network has its own unique name. Sometimes this can be a sequence of random numbers and letters if it was set by default on the router.

- Click the Start button.
- Right-click Computer.
- Click Properties.

- Click Device Manager.

- Click the arrow next to ‘Network Adaptors’ to see if there’s a wifi adaptor listed. If there is a wifi adaptor, a wifi icon should also appear in the system tray in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen. In Windows 10, it looks like the one on the right.

If you don’t have a wireless adaptor, you’ll need to buy one to plug into one of your computer’s USB ports. The adaptor should be supplied complete with instructions on how to use it to connect to a wireless network.

For laptops select the Network icon on the taskbar. The icon that appears depends on your current connection state. If you don’t see one of the network icons below or a similar one, select Up arrow icon to see if

**Step 3:** To connect to a wireless network, click the wifi icon. You should now see a list of available networks – an example is on the left.

**Step 4:** To connect to a network, just click on its name. If it’s a secure network and it’s the first time you’ve used it, you’ll need a password. If it’s your home network, your internet provider will have given you a password — sometimes it’s printed on a sticker attached to the router.

If you’ll be using the same connection regularly, you can tick the box to connect automatically.

**Step 5:** The first time you connect to a network, you’ll be asked to choose whether it’s a home, work or public network.

‘Warning: Be very careful if you connect to unsecured wireless networks such as wifi ‘hotspots’ in public places. While on them, it’s important not to use websites that require you to enter personal or financial details as other users of the network could gain access to these details.

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