

How to Find the MAC Address of Your Computer

A MAC (Media Access Control) address is a number that identifies the network adapter(s) installed on your computer. The address is composed of up to 6 pairs of characters, separated by colons, e.g. 04:A3:43:5F:43:23. You may need to provide your MAC address to a router in order to successfully connect to a network. To find your MAC address on any system with a network connection, use one of the following methods.

For Windows 7 or 8

1. Open the command prompt. Press the [Windows] + [r] keys and type “cmd” into the Run field. Press [Enter] to start the Command Prompt. In Windows 8, press [Windows] + [x] and select Command Prompt from the menu.
2. Run IPConfig. At the command prompt, type “ipconfig /all” and press [Enter]. This will display configuration information for all of your network connections.
3. Look for “Physical Address” . Make sure you get the physical address of the correct network adapter - usually there are several listed. For example, your wireless connection will have a different MAC address than your Ethernet connection.

For iOS (iPhone, iPod, and iPad)

1. Open your “Settings” . You can find the “Settings” app on your Home Screen. Tap the “General” category.
2. Tap “About” . This will list information about your specific device. Scroll down until you see “Wi-Fi Address” . This is the MAC address for your iDevice.

For Android OS

1. Open your “Settings” . When looking at the Home screen, push your Menu button and select “Settings” .
2. Scroll down to “About Device” . This is typically located at the bottom of the Settings menu. In the “About Device” menu, tap “Status” .
3. Find your “MAC address” . Scroll down until you find the “Wi-Fi MAC address” entry. This is your device’ s MAC address.