

3 ways to turn Network Discovery on or off in Windows

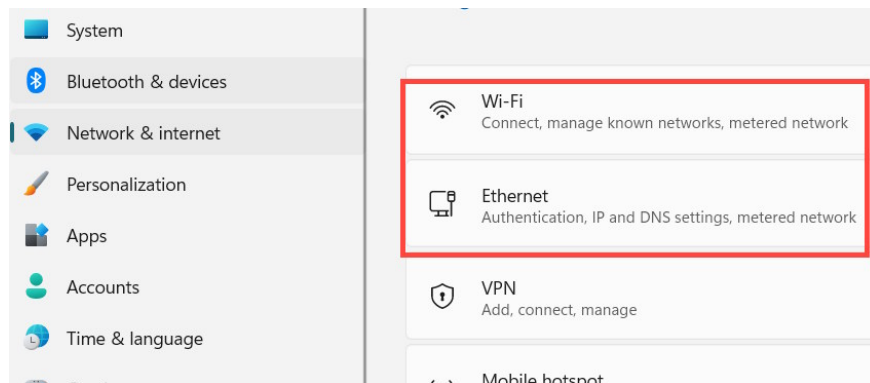
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Windows Network Discovery allows your computer to find other computers and devices on the same network, and allows them to see your device as well. Depending on your needs for file sharing, using network printers, and accessing shared media, you can enable or disable Network Discovery on Windows. Below are instructions on how to enable or disable Network Discovery in Windows.

Turn Network Discovery on or off via Settings

Step 1:

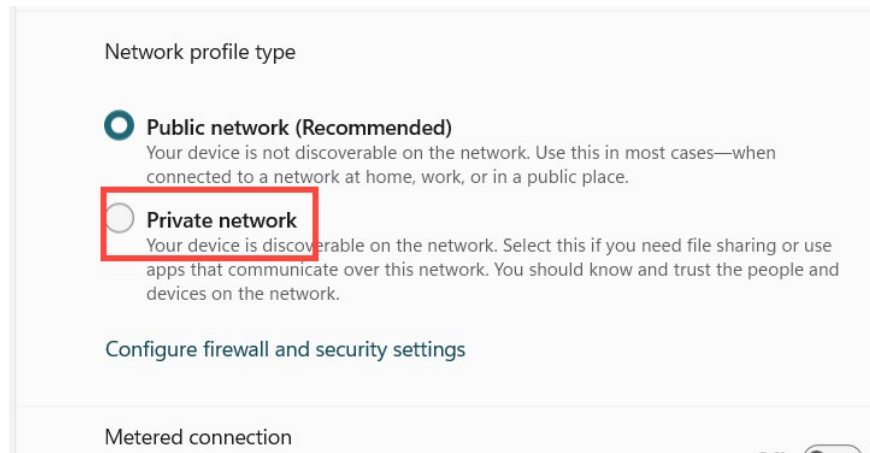
Open **Settings** on your computer, then click on **Network & internet** . On the right, select **Ethernet or Wi-Fi** , depending on your connection.



Step 2:

Click on **the name of the network your computer is connected to** . Under Network profile type, select **Private** to **enable Network Discovery** for trusted networks such as your home or work network.

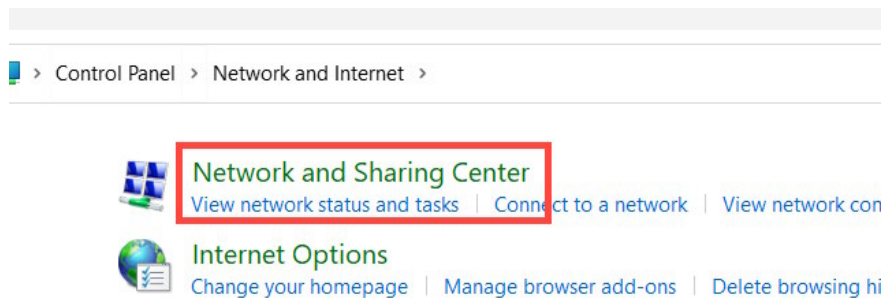
If you want to **turn off Network Discovery** , click **Public network (Recommended)** .



Use the Control Panel to turn Network Discovery on or off.

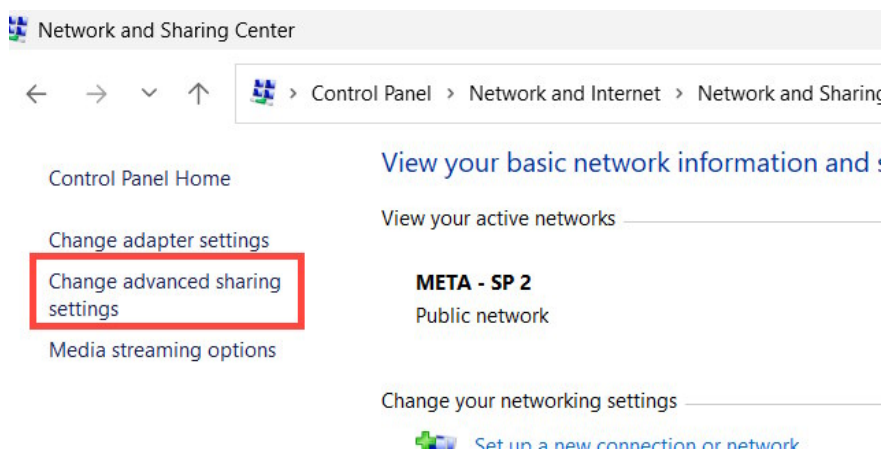
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Open the **Control Panel** on your computer and select **Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center**.

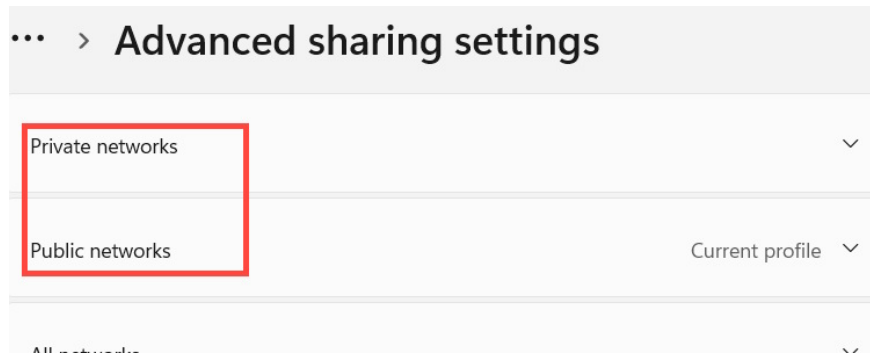


Step 2:

On the new interface, users select the **"Change advanced sharing settings"** option.

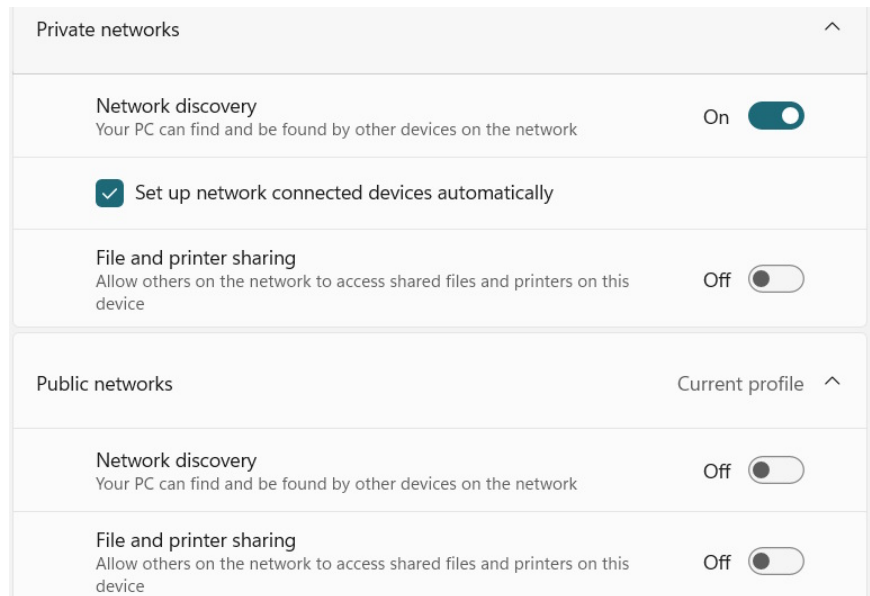


On this interface, you can expand your current network configuration to **Private or Public**.



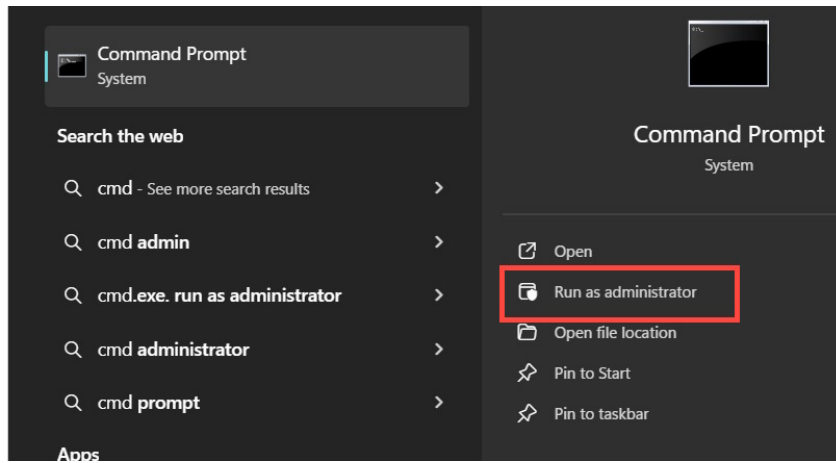
Step 3:

Here you can turn Network Discovery on or off as you wish.



Use Command Prompt to turn Network Discovery on or off.

First, type cmd into the search bar and then run it as administrator to open Command Prompt.

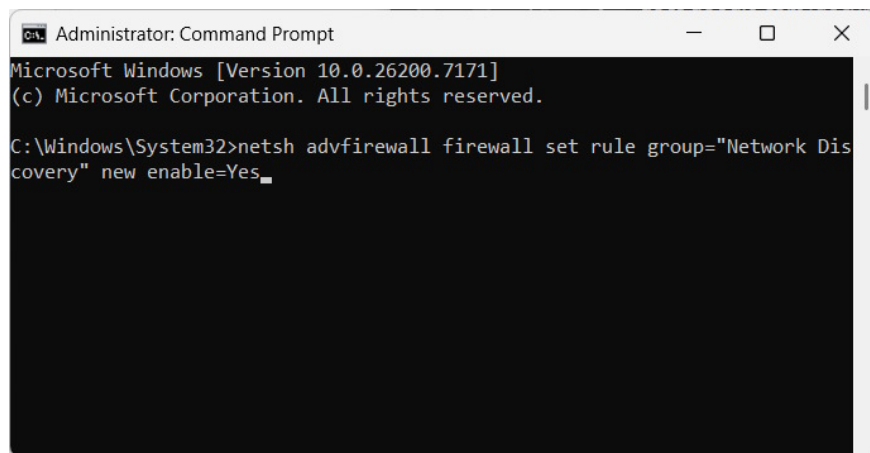


To **enable Network Discovery** , enter the following command and press Enter.

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netsh advfirewall firewall set rule group="Network Discovery" new enable=Yes
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To **turn off Network Discovery** , enter the command below.

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netsh advfirewall firewall set rule group="Network Discovery" new enable=No
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