

# How to hide WiFi network in Windows 10

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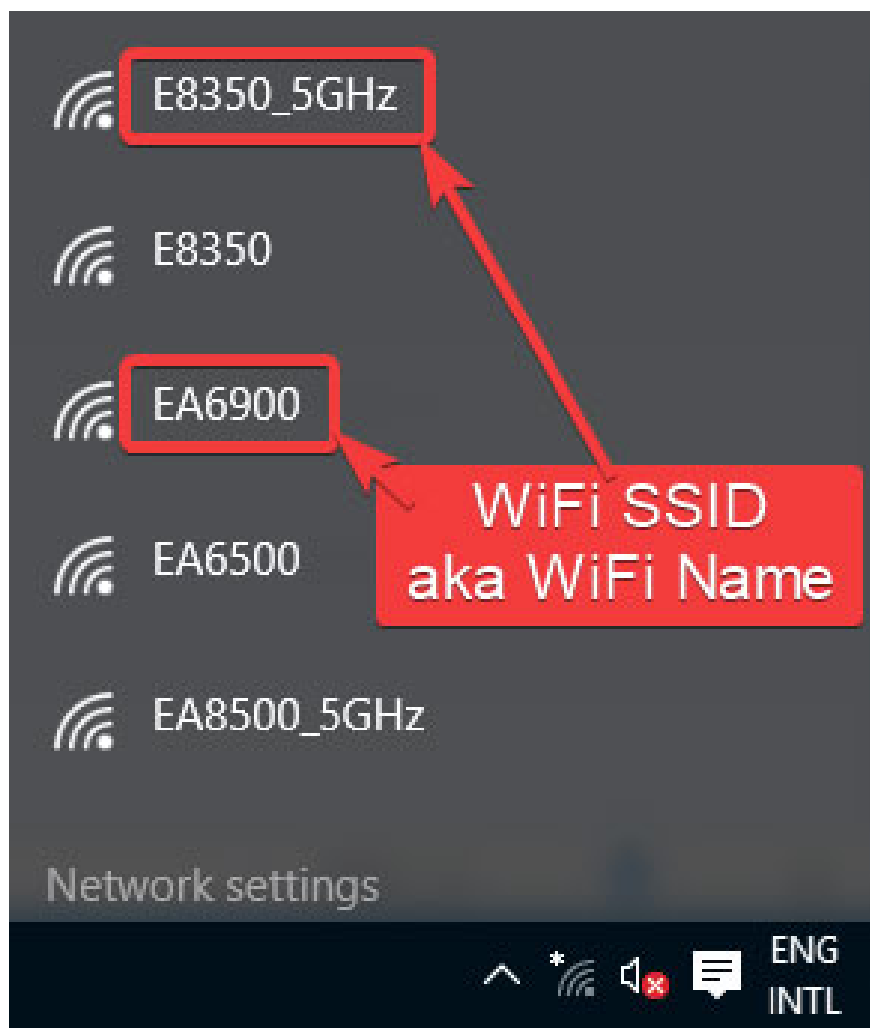
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## Find the WiFi SSID name

To hide WiFi network, you need to know its SSID name. Put simply, SSID is the name of the WiFi network.

To find the SSID name of WiFi network, click on the network icon on the taskbar and you will see all available WiFi networks, along with their names. Note the SSID of the WiFi network you want to hide.



Find the WiFi SSID name

## Steps to hide WiFi network in Windows 10

1. Open the **Start** menu .
2. Open Command Prompt with admin rights.
3. In the **Command Prompt** window , execute the command below. Don't forget to replace "**WIFI\_NAME**" with the SSID you found earlier.

```
netsh wlan add filter permission=block ssid="WIFI_NAME" networktype=infrastructure
```

As soon as you execute the command, Windows will hide the network. You will see the message *"The filter is added on the system successfully"* .

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Windows\system32>netsh wlan add filter permission=block ssid="windowsloop" networktype=infrastructure
The filter is added on the system successfully.
C:\Windows\system32>
```

You will see the message "The filter is added on the system successfully"  
From now on, you will no longer see that WiFi network in the network menu.

## Unhide WiFi network in Windows 10

If you want to unhide the previously hidden WiFi network, simply replace **"add"** in the above command with **"delete"**. After replacement, the command will look like below. Again, replace **WIFI\_NAME** with the actual WiFi SSID.

```
netsh wlan delete filter permission=block ssid="WIFI_NAME" networktype=infrastructure
```

When you unhide, the Command Prompt will display a *"The filter is added on the system successfully"* response



```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Windows\system32>netsh wlan delete filter permission=block ssid="windowsloop" networktype=infrastructure
The filter is removed from the system successfully.
C:\Windows\system32>
```

The Command Prompt will display the response "The filter is added on the system successfully"

## View all blocked WiFi networks and allowed in Windows 10

Not everyone can remember the previously hidden WiFi SSID. This is especially true if you have been blocking a WiFi network for a long time. For such situations, Windows has a pretty neat command.

Just execute the command below in Command Prompt and it will show all WiFi networks that you have blocked or allowed.

```
netsh wlan show filters
```

If you've hidden a WiFi network before, you'll see that WiFi name in the block list.

Command Prompt

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18272.1000]
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C:\Users\WindowsLoop>netsh wlan show filters

Allow list on the system (group policy)
-----
    <None>

Allow list on the system (user)
-----
    <None>

Block list on the system (group policy)
-----
    <None>

Block list on the system (user)
-----
    <None>

C:\Users\WindowsLoop>
```

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