

# How to Share Files Wirelessly Between Android Devices and PC

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Google has renamed Nearby Share to Quick Share in partnership with Samsung, making wireless file sharing on Android faster and more user-friendly. Quick Share now supports file transfers between Android phones, as well as Android to Windows PCs and Chrome OS devices. Learn how to use Quick Share to quickly and easily move files between your devices!

## What is Quick Share on Android?

Google and Samsung teamed up in 2024 to streamline their file sharing tools by combining Nearby Share and Quick Share into a cross-platform solution called Quick Share. This feature combines the best of everything to deliver a unified sharing experience.

Android's wireless sharing feature allows Android users to exchange files, apps, and even long videos with one or more nearby devices.


The feature is similar to Apple's AirDrop in that it's a cross-platform file-sharing mechanism that includes Android smartphones and tablets, as well as Windows PCs and Chrome OS devices. Of course, it's exclusive to Android phones and isn't compatible with Apple's iPhones or iPads (at least for now) and vice versa.


## Set up Quick Share on Android


Before starting a new Quick Share session, first make sure Bluetooth and location are enabled on your Android phone. The recipient's device must also have Bluetooth and location enabled for the app to work.


Now, open the Settings app on your phone and navigate to **Connected Devices** .


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
 Network & internet  
Mobile, Wi-Fi, hotspot


 Connected devices  
Bluetooth, pairing


 Apps  
Assistant, recent apps, default apps


 Notifications  
Notification history, conversations

 Sound & vibration  
Volume and haptics

 Modes  
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 Display & touch  
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 Wallpaper & style  
Colors, themed icons, app grid

 Storage  
55% used - 58.15 GB free

Tap **Connected preferences** .



# ← Connected devices



## Other devices



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+ Pair new device

## Saved devices

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 Alex's iPhone 

 Samsung CU [redacted] 

> See all

Connection preferences

Bluetooth, Android Auto, NFC





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
Select **Quick Share** .





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
 Bluetooth


 NFC  
On

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Not connected

 Printing  
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 Chromebook  
Your phone is not linked to a Chromebook

 Quick Share  
Share files with nearby devices

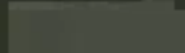
 Android Auto  
Use apps on your vehicle screen

Here you can configure a few things. For example, you can change the device name or choose which Google account you want to start the transfer from.



# Quick Share

## Account

 @gmail.com



## Device name

Alexandra's phone

## Who can share with you

Contacts

## Use mobile data

Continue sharing if your device can't connect over Wi-Fi. Data charges may apply.



Quick Share uses Bluetooth scanning to find nearby devices. [Learn more about Quick Share](#)



Most importantly, however, you can choose who can share with **you** .



# Who can share with you

Visible to nearby devices



## Your devices

Only devices signed in to arici.alexandra@gmail.com



## Contacts

Only your contacts with a Google Account. [View contacts](#)

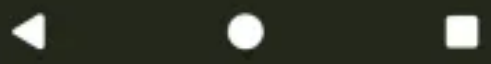


## Everyone

Anyone nearby



Only for 10 minutes



Here you have 3 options:

1. **Your devices** : Allows you to share with other devices you own when you are signed in with the same Google account.
2. **Contacts** : Allows you to share only with contacts who have a Google account (contacts associated with the Google account you're currently signed in to on your Android device).
3. **Everyone** : Share with anyone nearby. Due to privacy concerns, if you decide to use this option, don't forget to check the **Only for 10 minutes** option .

Android's Quick Share also recently added the option to continue an ongoing file transfer even if the sending or receiving device can't connect to Wi-Fi. To take advantage of this feature, turn on the **Use mobile data** toggle .

## Send files between Android devices

Now you're ready to start sending your first files using Quick Share. Find something you want to transfer, like a photo or document. This tutorial will send a photo.

Open the photo in the gallery app and tap the **Share** button .

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Share



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Edit



Trash



Select **Quick Share** . If you don't see the option right away, tap the **More** button .

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Upload to Photos



WhatsApp



Quick Share



More



On the next screen, select the device you want to share with from the **Send to Nearby devices** section . The other device should be visible here, but if not, instruct the other party to turn on their device screen and move closer. Also, ask them to toggle the Quick Share setting to allow sharing from **Everyone** .


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# Quick Share

You'll share as

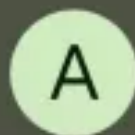
 Alexandra's phone

## Send to your devices



Alexandra's PC  
Computer

## Send to nearby devices



Alex's Pixel 4a  
Phone



Don't see the right device?  
Try these steps on the other device



If the device is visible, tap it. The sharing screen will appear immediately.

On the receiving device, a Quick Share pop-up will appear at the bottom, alerting you that another device wants to share with you. Tap **Accept** to receive the file. If you find the request suspicious, you can always decline (tap **Decline** ).

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## Quick Share

From Alexandra's phone



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PIN: 7842

Decline

Accept



Once the file is downloaded on the receiving device, you will see a **Received** notification with the options **Open** and **View downloads** .

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## Received




From Alexandra's phone



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[View downloads](#)

 [Open](#)



There is also the option to generate a QR code for the file you want to share.

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# Quick Share

You'll share as



Alexandra's phone

## Send to your devices



Alexandra's PC  
Computer

## Send to nearby devices



Alex's Pixel 4a  
Sent



The other person simply needs to scan the QR code with their device to start transferring files between the two Android phones.


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# Quick Share

You'll share as

 Alexandra's phone

Send to your devices




Alexandra's PC  
Computer

## Share using QR code

Ask the other person to scan with their Android device



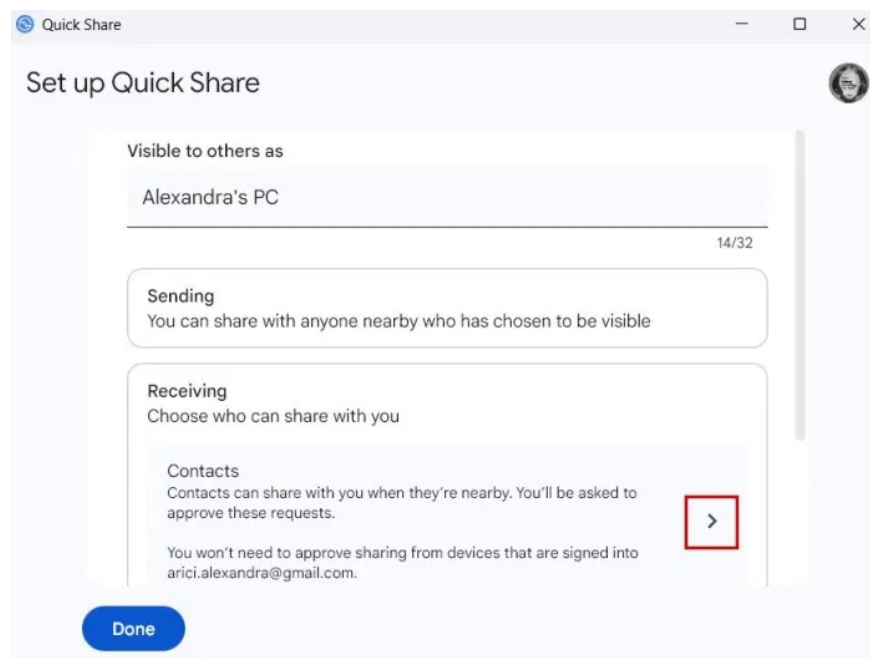
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# Send files between Android and Windows

Quick Share also makes it easy to transfer files between Android and Windows. To do so, you'll need to download Quick Share for Windows (10 and 11) on your PC. Unfortunately, Quick Share isn't officially available on Mac or Linux at the moment. Although Google is reportedly working on expanding Quick Share's availability on Mac. In the meantime, Mac and Linux users may want to check out RQuickShare – a Rust implementation of Quick Share for their operating systems.

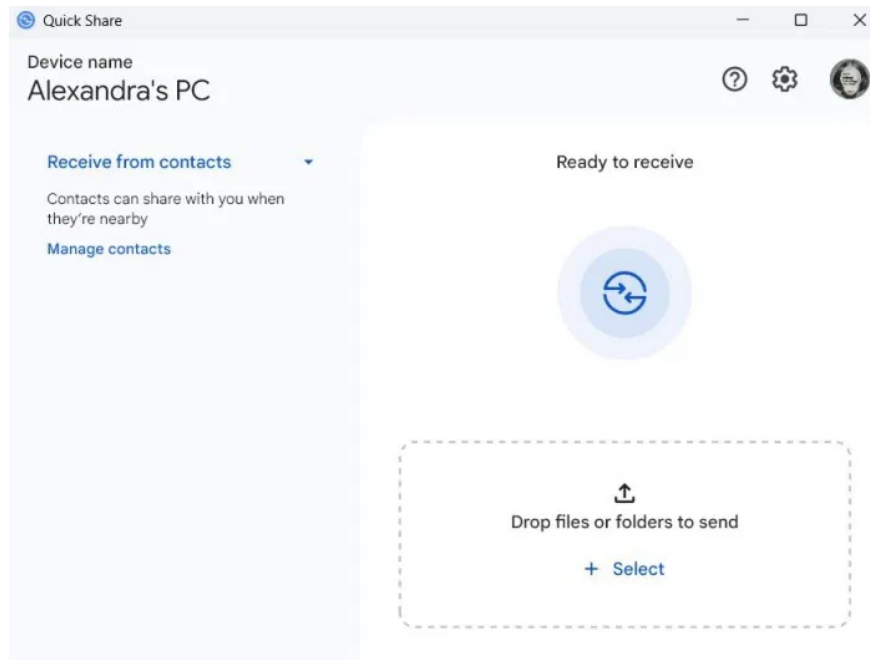
Go ahead and install Quick Share on your laptop. Launch the program and sign in with your Google account. For example, I chose to use the same account on my main phone.

On the 'Set Up Quick Share' screen, go ahead and select who can share with you under **Receiving** . The options are the same as above, with an additional option called **Device is hidden** . Click the arrow to toggle between options.



You can also rename your device if you want, then tap **Done** .

Next, you'll be taken to the main Quick Share screen. Your PC is now ready to receive files.



On your Android phone, open the file. In this case, let's say you opened a GIF file . Tap the **Share** button as before and select **Quick Share** .

On the next screen, tap PC when you see it. Since you're signed in with the same Gmail account on both your phone and PC, you'll see your computer under **Send to your devices** .


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# Quick Share

You'll share as


 Alexandra's phone

Send to your devices



Alexandra's PC  
Computer

Send to nearby devices

 Use QR code

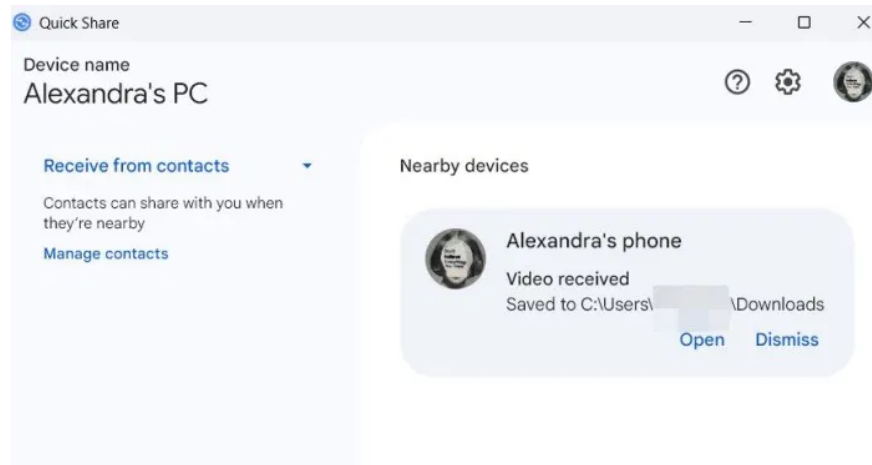
Looking for nearby devices...



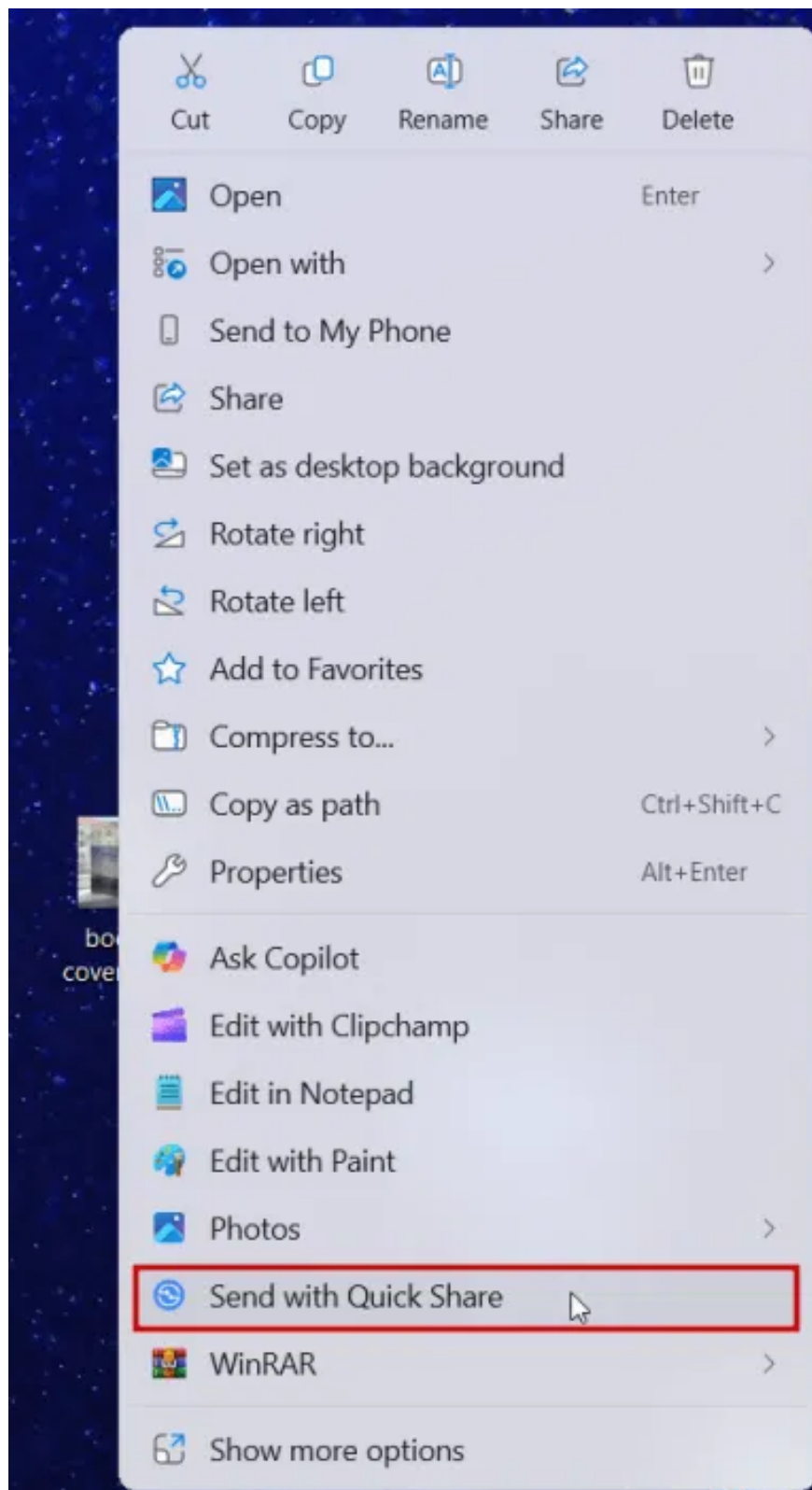
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Try these steps on the other device



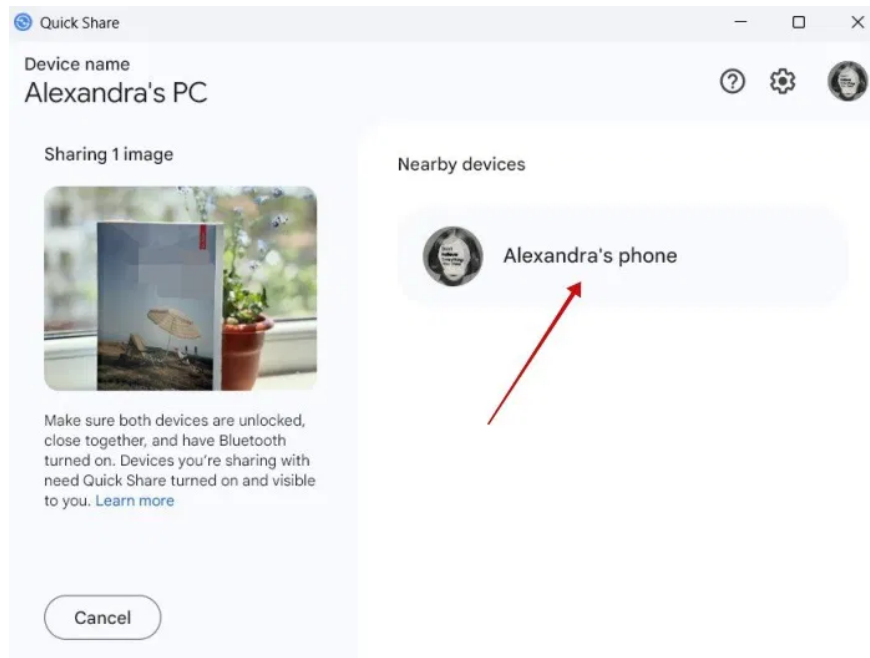
You'll immediately see in Quick Share on your PC that you've received the file. You can open it from there.



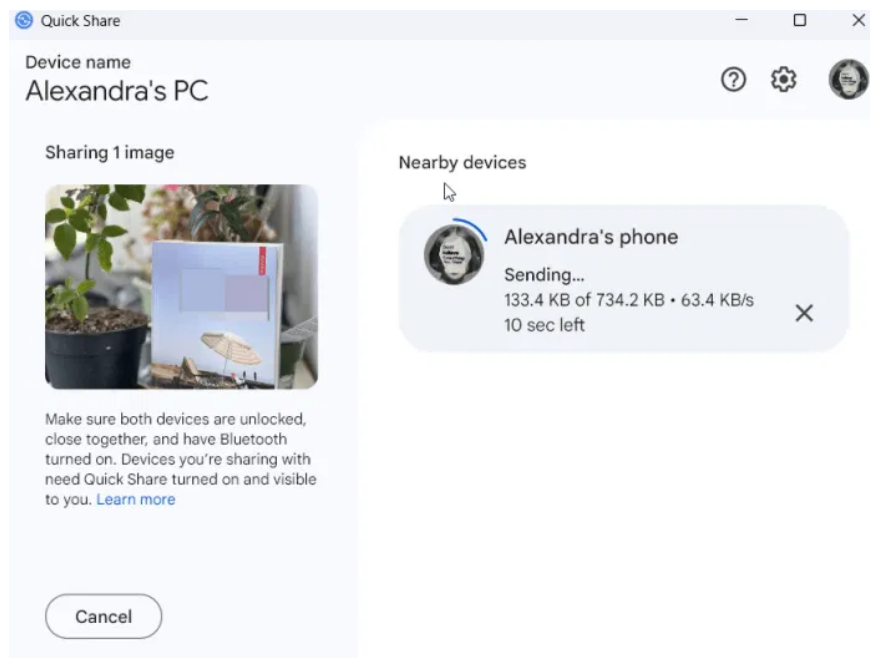
On the other hand, if you want to send something from your PC to your Android phone, that's also easy to do. Find the file you're looking for and right-click it to bring up the context menu. Select **Send with Quick Share**.



In Quick Share on PC, select your phone to start the transfer session.



Wait for the process to complete.



**You will see the Recieved** window appear at the bottom of your Android screen.

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Gallery



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Duolingo



WhatsApp



Reddit



Authentica...



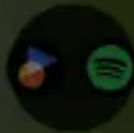
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Yahoo Mail



LinkedIn



Audio

## Received



From Alexandra's PC



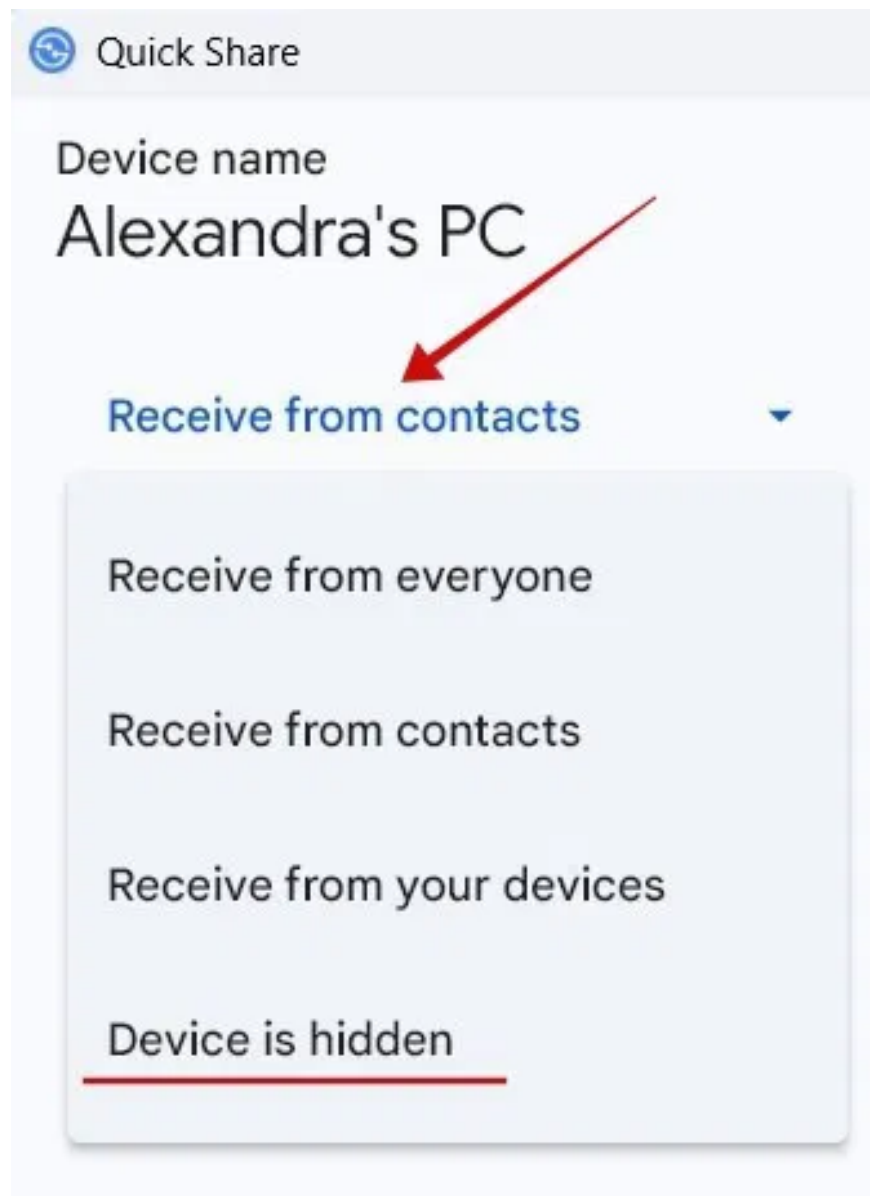
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Additionally, you can drag-and-drop fields into Quick Share on PC.

Once you're done transferring files, click below your PC's name and change the status to **Device is hidden**.



## Send files between Android and Chrome OS

Quick Share is also available on ChromeOS laptops. Before you start transferring, you'll need to click the time in the lower right corner of your Chromebook to open quick settings.

From there, you should enable the **Quick Share** tile.

Now, when you try to share a file from your Android device, the option to send to your Chromebook will be available.

Additionally, when sharing from Chromebook to Android, the **Quick Share** option will appear in the context menu after you right-click on a file.

If you regularly need to send files between your Android phone and Windows device, you might consider installing Microsoft's own Phone Link solution. It also gives you access to SMS messages, all photos, and calls. On the other hand, if you're trying to send files between Android and iPhone , check out these app solutions.

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