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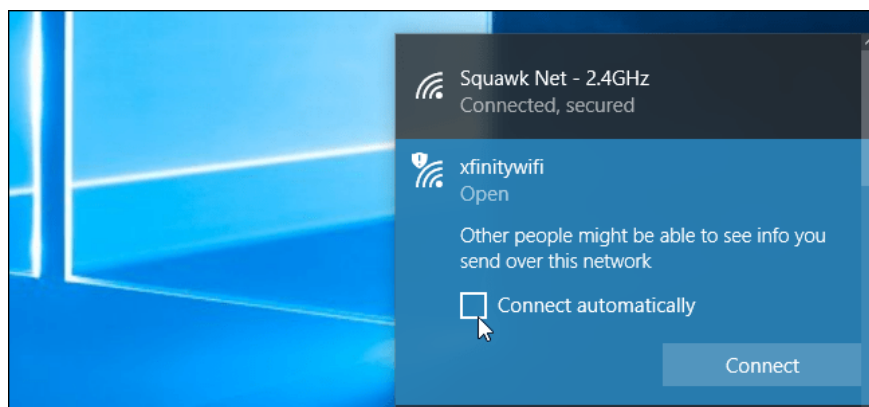
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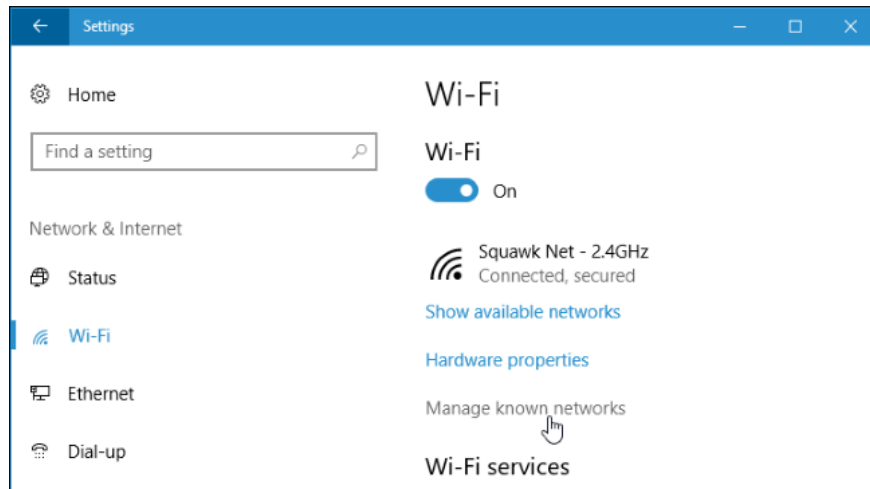
To prevent Windows from connecting to Wi-Fi automatically, simply follow the steps below.

When you select the network in the pop-up menu that opens, uncheck the **Connect automatically** box before clicking the **Connect** button .

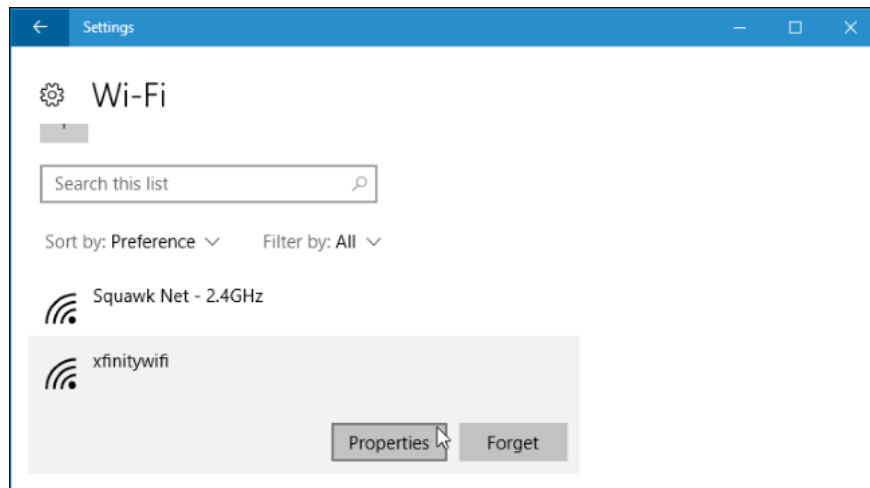


If you are not near the Wi-Fi network, it will not display and you will have to edit the Wi-Fi configuration saved on the system to change the settings.

To do that, you need to access **Settings> Network & Internet> Wi-Fi** . Then click the link **Manage known networks** .



Select the network you want to edit in the list, then click **Properties**. You can use the search box or filtering options to find the exact network you are trying to edit.

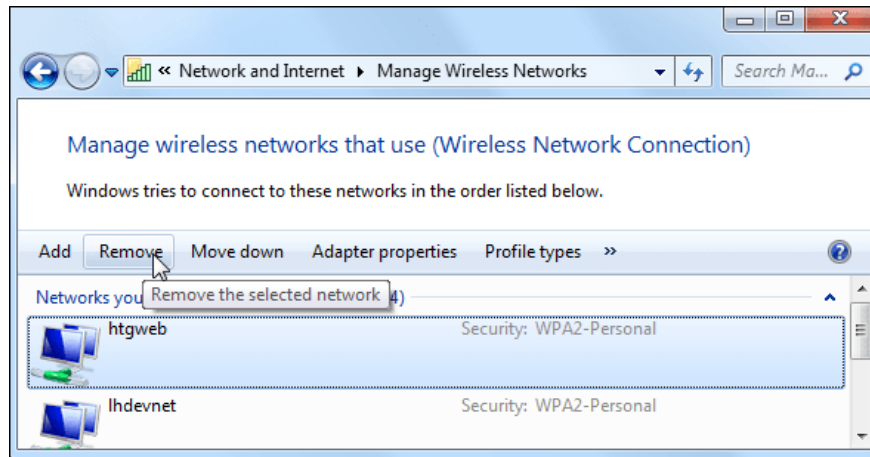


Set the option to **Connect automatically when in range** to **Off**. Windows will no longer automatically connect to that Wi-Fi network, but you can connect manually without updating your password or any other settings.

How to turn off Wi-Fi connection automatically on Windows 7 and 8

Unlike Windows 10, the only way to prevent Windows 7 and 8 from automatically connecting to Wi-Fi is to ask the system to forget the saved Wi-Fi network. This means you will have to re-enter your password and other information if you want to use that Wi-Fi network again in the future.

In Windows 7, go to **Control Panel > View network status and tasks > Manage wireless networks** . Select the Wi-Fi network you want to forget and click **Remove**.



In Windows 8, you must use the **netsh** command from the Command Prompt to delete the saved Wi-Fi network.

First you need to start the Command Prompt window and run the following command, replacing *'WiFiName'* with the Wi-Fi network name you saved.

netsh wlan delete profile name = "WiFiName"

After running the above command, your computer will forget that Wi-Fi network and will not connect automatically the next time.

Good luck!

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