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Nearby sharing in Windows lets you share documents, photos, links to websites, and more with nearby devices by using Bluetooth or Wi-Fi. You can share files between PCs that are running Windows 10 or Windows 11.

Notes:

- If the PC you're sharing *from* is running the latest version of Windows 11, you can share over Wi-Fi if the Windows 10/11 PC you're sharing *to* is connected to the same private Wi-Fi network. Otherwise, you can share over Bluetooth.
- To share files with a PC that's running Windows 10, it must be running Windows 10 version 1803 or later. To find out which version of Windows you have installed, see [Which Windows operating system am I running?](#)

Share a document



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files with everyone, or only your own devices (where you are logged in with your Microsoft account). Do the same thing on the PC you're sharing to.

2. On the PC that has the document you want to share, select **Search** , type **file explorer** in the search box, and then select the document you want to share.
3. In **File Explorer**, select the file you want to share, then select **Share**  from the toolbar at the top.

Tip: There's another way to share—right-click (or select and hold) the file you want to share, then select **Share**  from the shortcut menu.
4. Select the name of the device you want to share with.
5. On the device you're sharing with, select **Save & open** or **Save** when the notification appears.

Share a link to a website

1. On the PC you're sharing from, select **Start** , and then select **Settings**  > **System**  > **Nearby sharing** . Choose whether you'd like to be able to share and receive files with everyone, or only your own devices (where you are logged in with your Microsoft account). Do the same thing on the PC you're sharing to.
2. On the PC you want to share from, open **Microsoft Edge** , and then go to the webpage you want to share.
3. In Microsoft Edge, select **Settings and more**  > **Share**  > **Windows share options** , and then select the name of the device you want to share with.
4. On the device you're sharing with, select **Open** when the notification appears to open the link in your web browser.

Share a picture

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1. On the PC you're sharing from, select **Start** , and then select **Settings**  > **System**  > **Nearby sharing** . Choose whether you'd like to be able to share and receive files with everyone, or only your own devices (where you are logged in with your Microsoft account). Do the same thing on the PC you're sharing to.
2. On the PC that has the photo you want to share, open the **Photos** app, select the picture you want to share, select **See more**  > **Share** , and then select the name of the device you want to share with.
3. On the device you're sharing the photo to, select **Save & open** or **Save** when the notification appears.

Change your settings for nearby sharing



1. Select **Start** , and then select **Settings**  > **System**  > **Nearby sharing** .
2. Under **Nearby sharing**, choose the devices you want to be able to share or receive content from.

Note: If you choose **Everyone nearby**, the Bluetooth MAC address and name of your PC are made available to other devices around you so you can share with other PCs nearby. This info could be used to link your PC to you.

3. To change the place where files you receive are stored, under **Save files I receive to**, select **Change**, choose a new location, and then select **Select folder**.

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