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If you're having problems sharing by using nearby sharing, here are some things to try to get things working. For more info about nearby sharing and how to use it, see [Share things with nearby devices in Windows](#).

I don't see the device I'm looking for



Make sure both PCs—the PC you're sharing from and the one you're sharing to—support nearby sharing. Nearby sharing requires the following:

- Windows 11. [Check your version of Windows](#)
- Bluetooth 4.0 (or later) with Low Energy (LE) support. To find out if Bluetooth LE is supported, on each PC, select the **Start** button, type **device manager** and select **Device Manager** from the list of results, expand **Bluetooth**, and then select the name of your Bluetooth radio adapter. Right-click it, select **Properties**, select **Details**, and then select **Bluetooth radio supports Low Energy Central Role** under Property. Make sure the value is listed as True.

Make sure that both devices are set up for nearby sharing. On each device, select the **Start** button > **Settings** > **System** > **Nearby sharing**. Under **Nearby sharing** at the top, make sure **Everyone nearby** is selected.

The device is discovered, but I can't share to it

Move the devices closer together and try sharing again. If the devices are too far apart, nearby sharing won't work.

The files are sent slowly

This likely means that the files are being sent over Bluetooth, not Wi-Fi. Files are sent much faster if you connect to Wi-Fi and make sure that:

- Both devices are connected to the same Wi-Fi network.
- The network connection profile is set to **Private** on both devices. To check the network connection profile, select the **Start** button > **Settings** > **Network & internet**. Select **Properties** at the top for the Wi-Fi network you are connected to, and ensure **Network profile type** is set to **Private**.

Notes:

- To use nearby sharing, you don't need to pair both PCs over Bluetooth first. Both PCs just need to have nearby sharing turned on. (When nearby sharing is turned on, Bluetooth is turned on.)
- In general, it takes more time for files to be transferred over Bluetooth compared to Wi-Fi. When sharing files over Bluetooth using nearby sharing, make sure large amounts of data aren't already being sent over Bluetooth, such as streaming audio over a Bluetooth speaker.

I don't see any nearby sharing notifications

First, try to send the files again and see if that works. If it doesn't, on the device you're sharing to, select **action center** on the right side of taskbar and check for the notifications there. In some cases, notifications appear in action center, but not on your screen. For example, this can happen if focus assist is turned on.



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