

Finding your IP address on Windows XP, Vista, 2000.

Windows 2000, XP, and Vista, using the command prompt

Note: The Windows XP default desktop view and Start menu are different from the Windows Classic View (e.g., in Windows 2000). Therefore, navigating to certain items can be different. In the interest of broad applicability, most Knowledge Base instructions assume you are using Classic View. For information about switching your Windows XP default view to Classic View, see [In Windows XP, how do I switch to the Windows Classic View, Classic theme, or Classic Control Panel?](#)

Click Start, and then select **All Programs (XP and Vista)** or **Programs (2000)**.

Click Accessories, and then **Command Prompt**.

At the command prompt, enter: ipconfig

The IP address (**or IPv4 address, if you are using Windows Vista**) will be a series of numbers following the pattern xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx (i.e., 156.56.27.32).

Note: If you are using PPP with a modem at home, your IP address will change each time you log in.

Windows Vista, without using the command prompt

From the Start menu, right-click Network, and then select **Properties**. This opens the Network and Sharing Center.

If you want to view the IP address of a wired connection, click View Status to the right of Local Area Connection.

If you want to view the IP address of a wireless adapter, click View Status to the right of Wireless Network Connection.

Click Details... . Look for the address next to "IPv4 IP Address".

Windows XP, without using the command prompt

From the Start menu, right-click My Network Places, and then click **Properties**.

If you want to view the IP address of a wired connection, double-click Local Area Connection.

If you want to view the IP address of a wireless adapter, double-click Wireless Network Connection.

Click the Support tab, and then click Details... . The window that appears will display the IP address.