# **How to access a website running on localhost from a mobile phone**

Step 1

**Connect both devices to the same network**

You'll need to connect both devices to the same network. So make sure your mobile phone is connected to the same Wi-Fi network that your computer is using.

Step 2

**Find the IP address of your computer**

For Windows, you can find the IP address by visiting Control Panel. In the search box, search for "adapter". Click on **View Network Connections**. Select the active network connection and click **View status of this connection**. Click **Details** and the IP address should be found next to **IPv4 Address**.

For Mac, open the Network Utility. You can find this quickly with Spotlight by typing *cmd + space* and then start typing "Network". With Network Utility open, your IP address can be found next to the label **IP Address**.

Step 3

**Find the host name of your computer**

If you prefer, instead of using the IP address, you can use the hostname. This might be preferable so you don't have to keep looking up the IP address every time you change networks.

On Windows, click **Start**. Then right-click on **Computer** and select **Properties**. Then click the **Computer Name** tab.

On Mac, open **System Preferences** and click **Sharing**. Look for the text that reads: *Computers on your local network can access your computer at: computer-name.local*.

Step 4

**Open your mobile browser and visit the IP address or host name**

Using your mobile browser, simply type the IP address or host name into the URL bar. Make sure to include any necessary ports or paths required to view your website.

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