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Automatically connecting to a saved Wi-Fi network saves time. However, it may be annoying when your device keeps auto-joining known Wi-Fi without permission. Also, this can raise security threats if you're on the move and your device connects to public networks. Fortunately, you can stop automatically connecting to Wi-Fi, so your devices never connect to a network without your permission. In this blog, I will share how to stop Wi-Fi auto-join on your iPhone, iPad, and Mac.



# How to turn off Wi-Fi auto-join on iPhone or iPad

- 1. Launch **Settings**  $\rightarrow$  Select **Wi-Fi**.
- 2. Tap the **info icon** next to the saved network.
- 3. Now, toggle off Auto-Join.



The process does not require you to stay connected to the network; you can disable the automatic network connection as long as it is saved. Besides, you must delete the saved public networks to prevent automatic Wi-Fi connections.

# How to forget Wi-Fi network on iPhone or iPad

- 1. Open **Settings**  $\rightarrow$  Navigate to **Wi-Fi**  $\rightarrow$  **Edit.**
- 2. Enter the **passcode** of your device to proceed.
- 3. Tap the **minus (-) icon** next to the network.



4. Hit **Delete**  $\rightarrow$  **Done**  $\rightarrow$  Select **Remove** when prompted.



# How to disable Wi-Fi Auto-Join on Mac

Now that you know how to stop Wi-Fi from auto-connecting on your iPhone, you must do the same on your Mac. Follow the steps below.

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1. Click the **Apple logo** ([])  $\rightarrow$  **System Settings**.

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2. Navigate to the **Wi-Fi**  $\rightarrow$  Press **Details** for the network you're connected to.



3. Now, toggle off **Automatically join this network** → Click **OK**. *Enter your* **Mac password** *if* prompted.

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Limit IP address tracking Limit IP address tracking by hiding your IP address from known trackers in Mail and Safari.	
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4. If you're not connected to the network and still want to stop Wi-Fi auto-connect, click the **three-dot icon** next to the network and uncheck **Auto-Join**.



#### **Monterey and earlier**

1. Click the **Apple logo** ([])  $\rightarrow$  **System Preferences**.



2. Access **Network** from the menu.

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3. Select the **network** from the drop-down menu.

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4. Uncheck Automatically join this network.



# How to forget Wi-Fi network on Mac

Alternatively, you can avoid the threat of cyberattacks or data breaches by removing open networks from your Mac.

#### Ventura and later

- 1. Navigate to the Apple logo ([])  $\rightarrow$  System Settings.
- 2. Go to **Wi-Fi**  $\rightarrow$  Click **Details** next to the connected network.
- 3. Press **Forget This Network**. If you're not connected to the network, click the **three-dot icon** and press **Forget**

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4. Hit **Remove** when prompted.



#### **Monterey and earlier**

- 1. Click Apple logo (□)→ System Preferences→ Network.
- 2. Select Advanced.



3. Select the **network** you prefer to remove → Hit the **minus (-) icon**. Additionally, disable auto-connect for other saved networks by unchecking **Auto-Join**.

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4. Hit **OK**  $\rightarrow$  **Apply**.

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#### Save yourself!

The automatically connect to Wi-Fi networks feature is convenient yet dangerous, as your device may pair with an unsecured network. So, you should take the necessary precautions to avoid becoming a victim. You may reset your network settings if you face issues disabling the auto-join Wi-Fi feature.

#### **Read more:**

- How to use Lockdown mode on iPhone, iPad, and Mac
- What are passkeys and how to use them on iPhone, iPad and Mac
- NordLayer review: Simple and secure VPN for your business