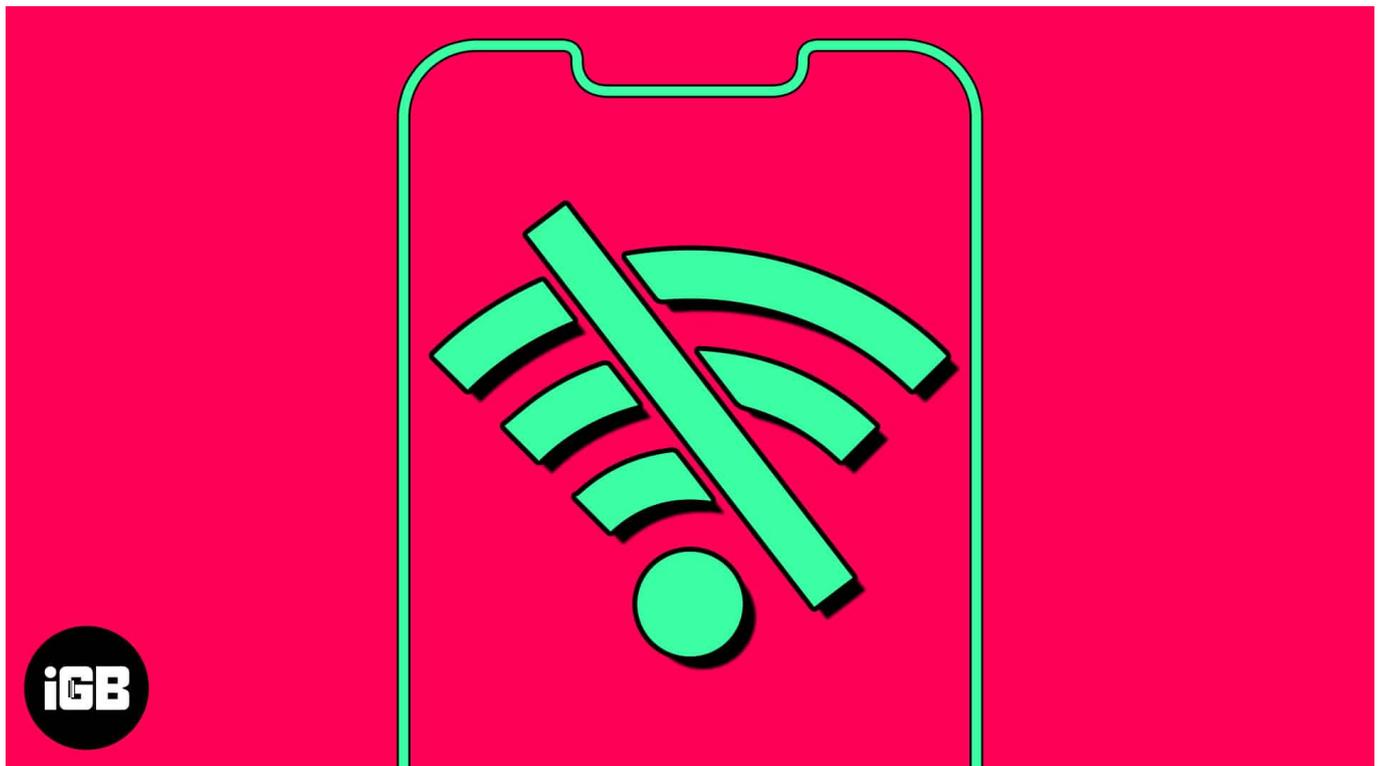
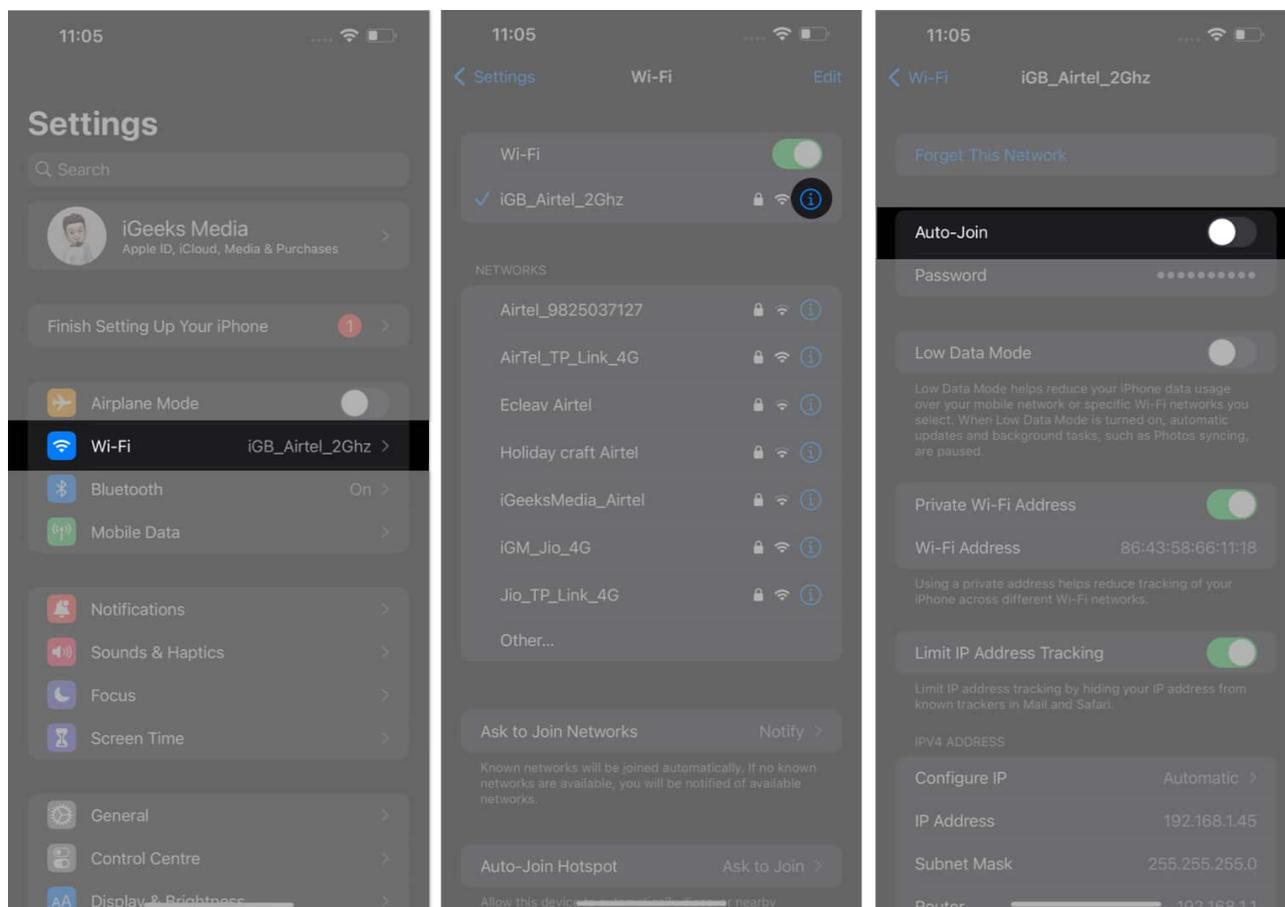


Automatically connecting to a saved Wi-Fi network saves time. However, it may be annoying when your device keeps auto-joining known Wi-Fi without permission. Also, this can raise security threats if you're on the move and your device connects to public networks. Fortunately, you can stop automatically 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

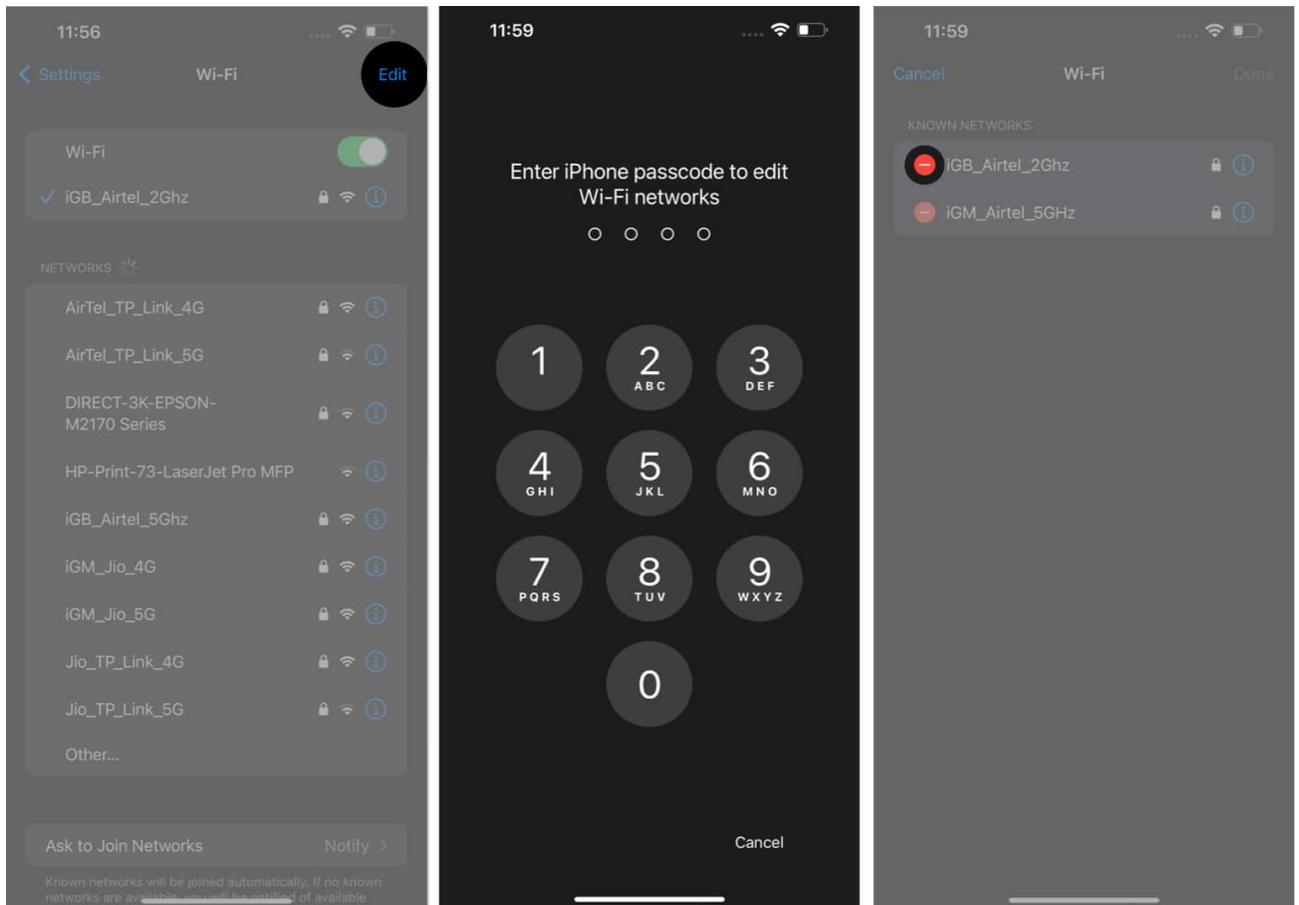
1. Launch **Settings** → Select **Wi-Fi**.
2. Tap the **info icon** next to the saved network.
3. Now, toggle off **Auto-Join**.



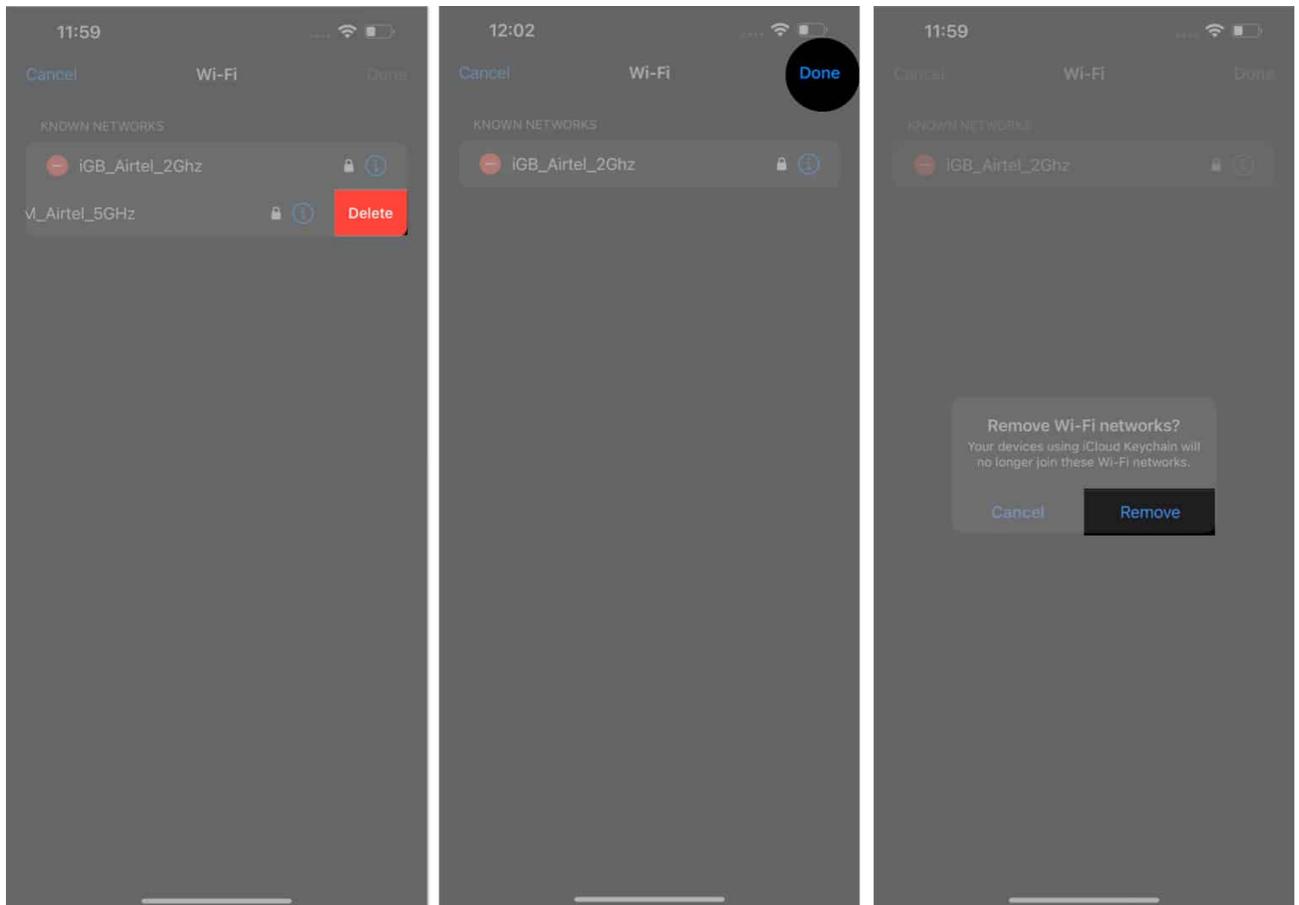
The process does not require you to stay connected to the network; you can disable the automatic network connection as long as it is saved. Besides, you must delete the saved public networks to prevent automatic Wi-Fi connections.

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

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



4. Hit **Delete** → **Done** → Select **Remove** when prompted.

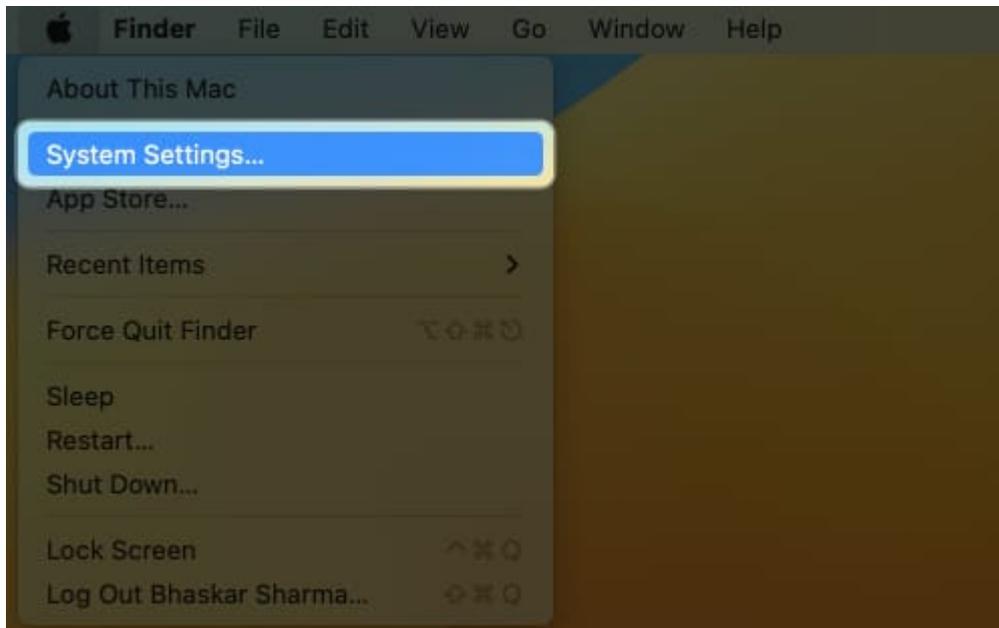


## How to disable Wi-Fi Auto-Join on Mac

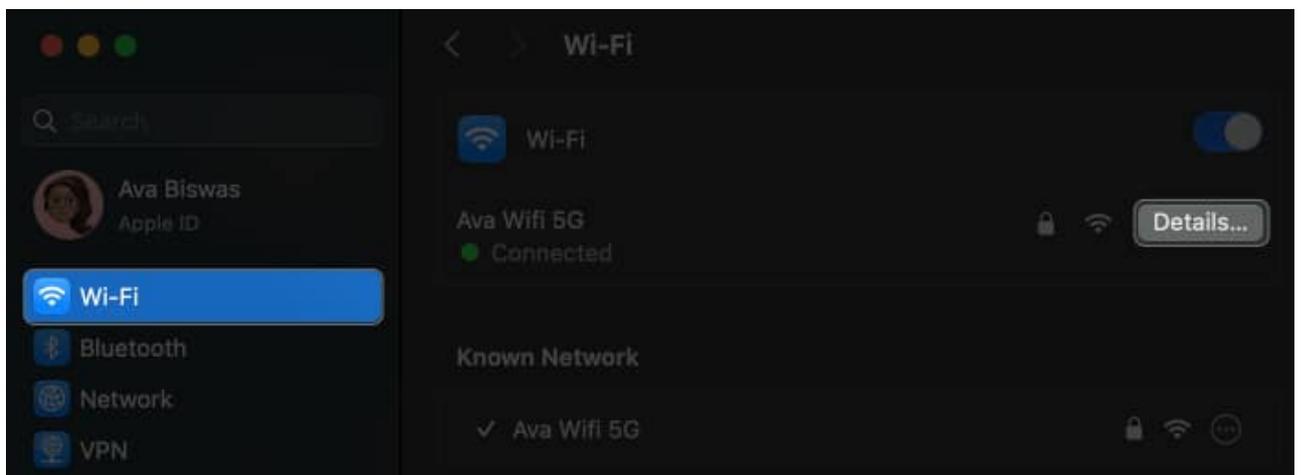
Now that you know how to stop Wi-Fi from auto-connecting on your iPhone, you must do the same on your Mac. Follow the steps below.

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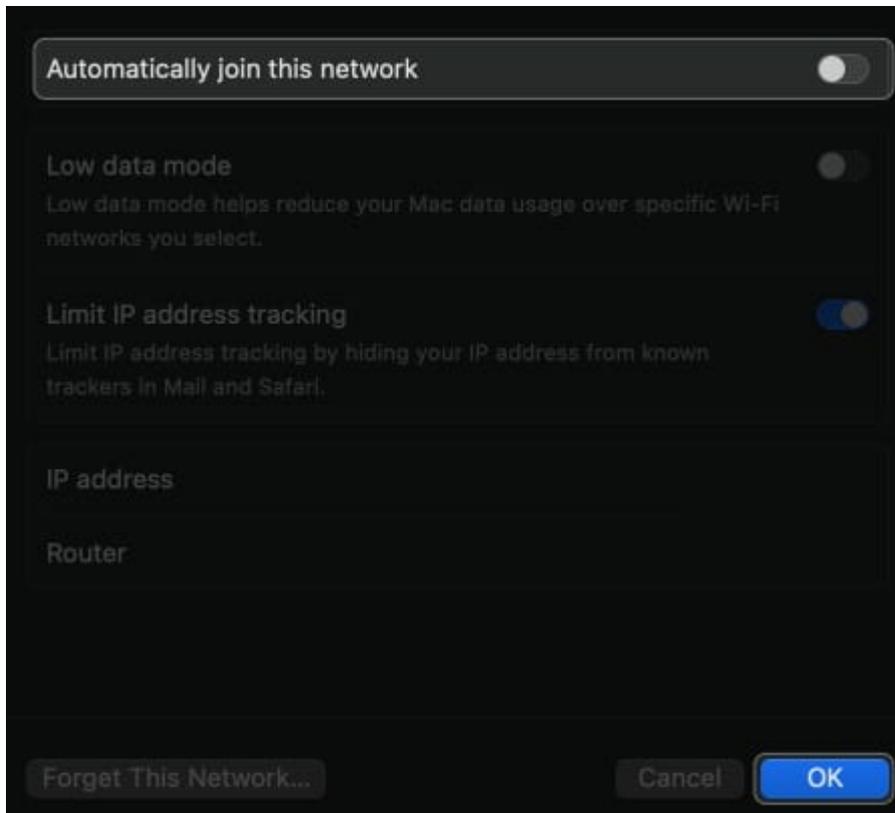
1. Click the **Apple logo** () → **System Settings**.



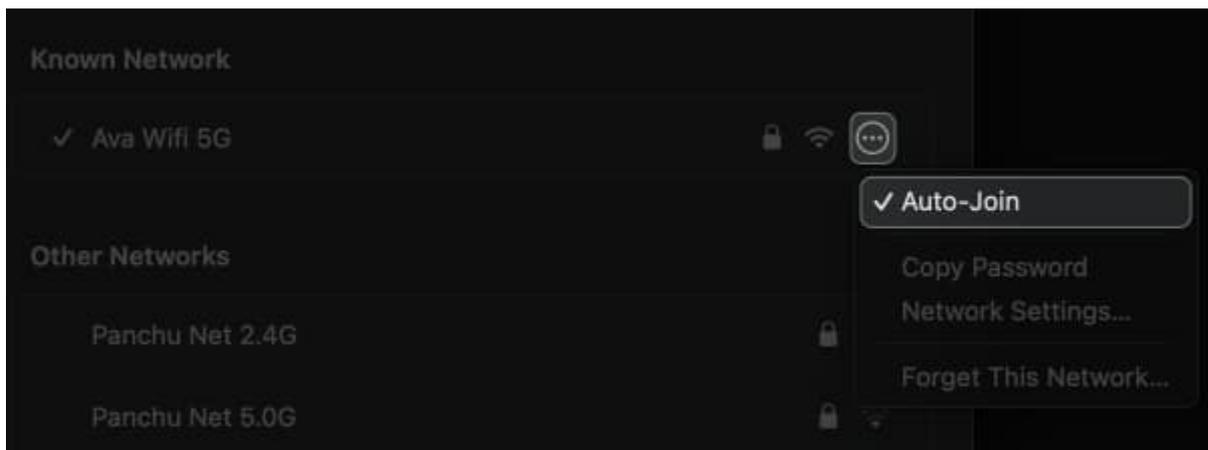
2. Navigate to the **Wi-Fi** → Press **Details** for the network you're connected to.



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



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**.

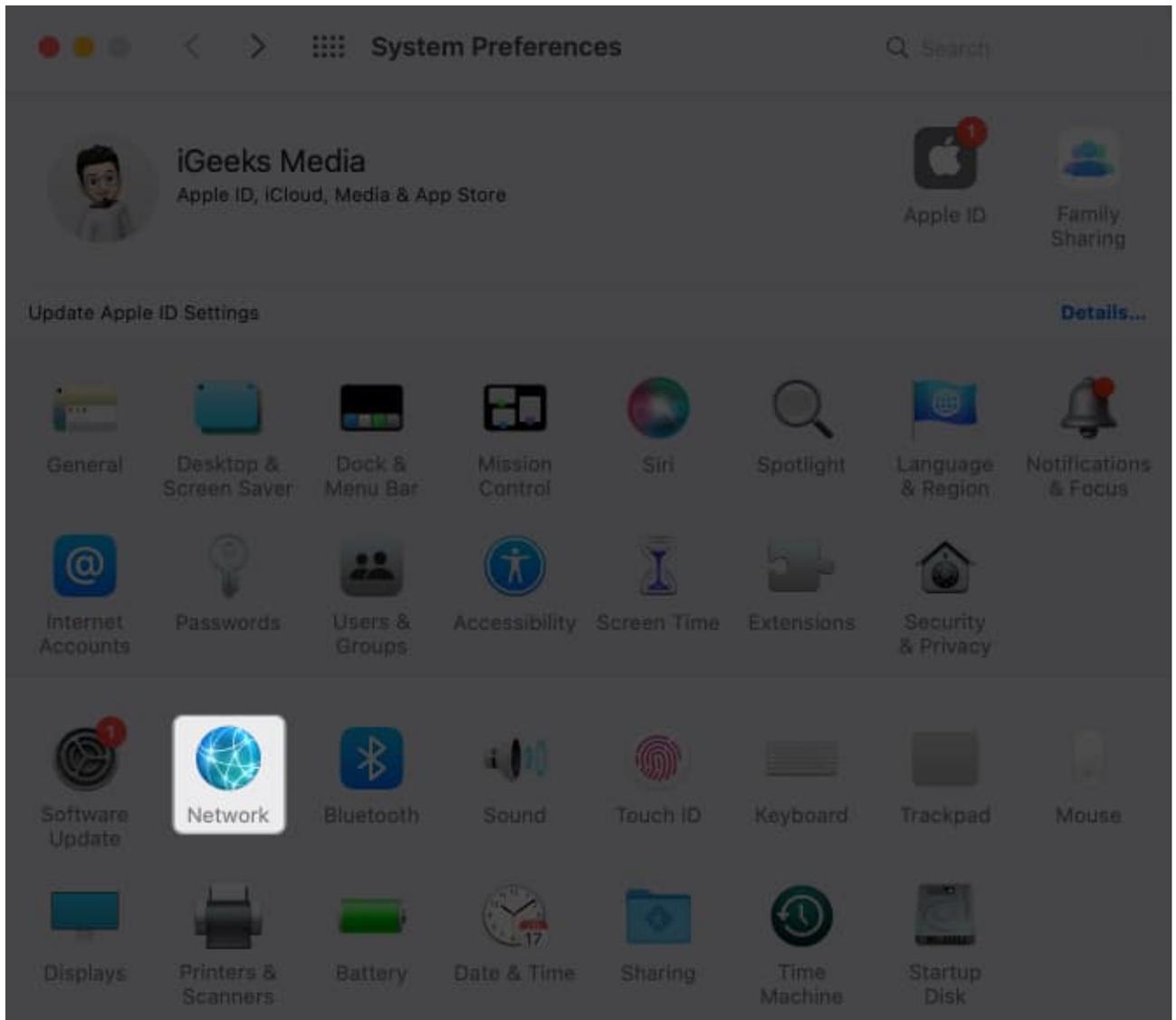


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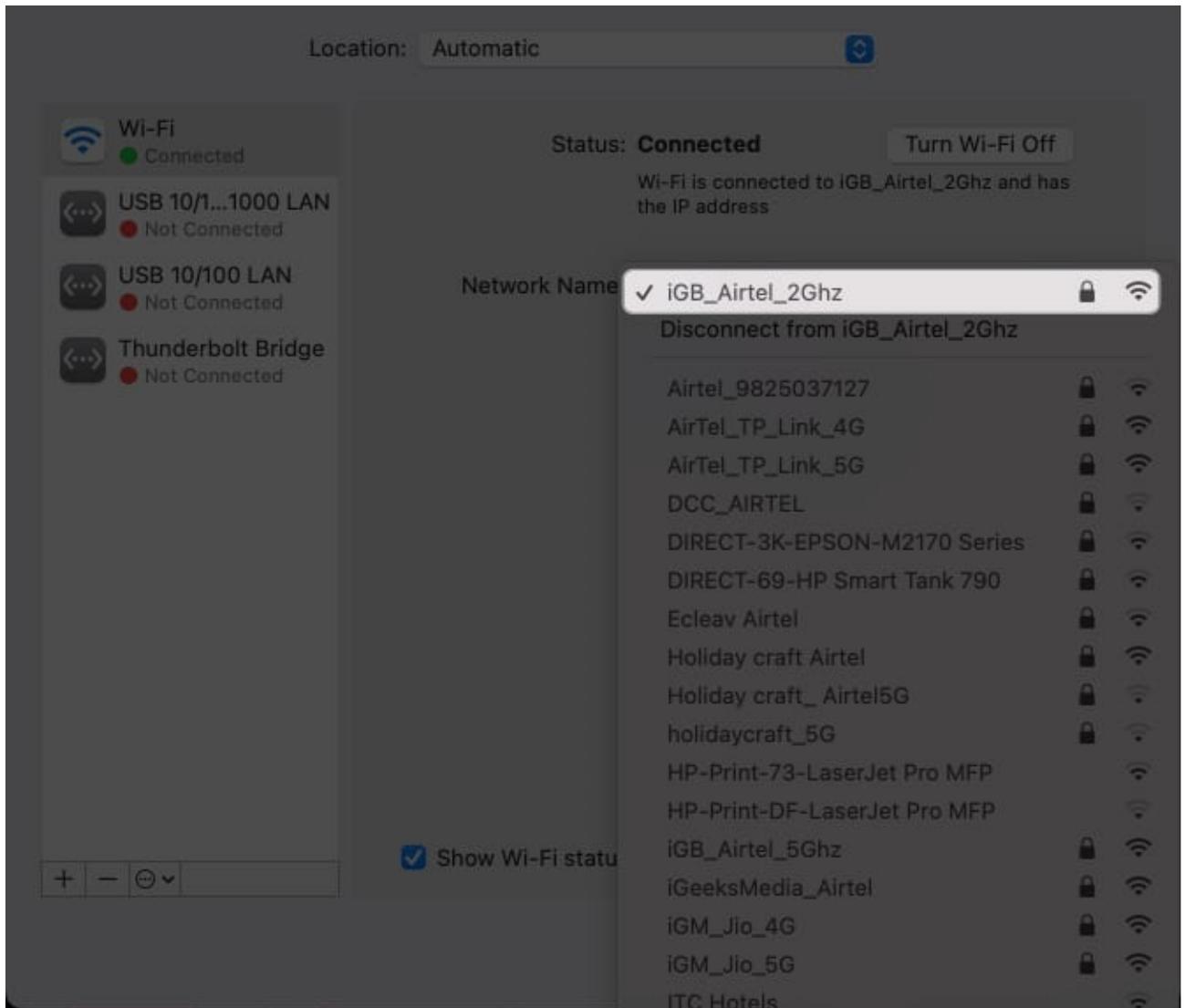
1. Click the **Apple logo** () → **System Preferences**.



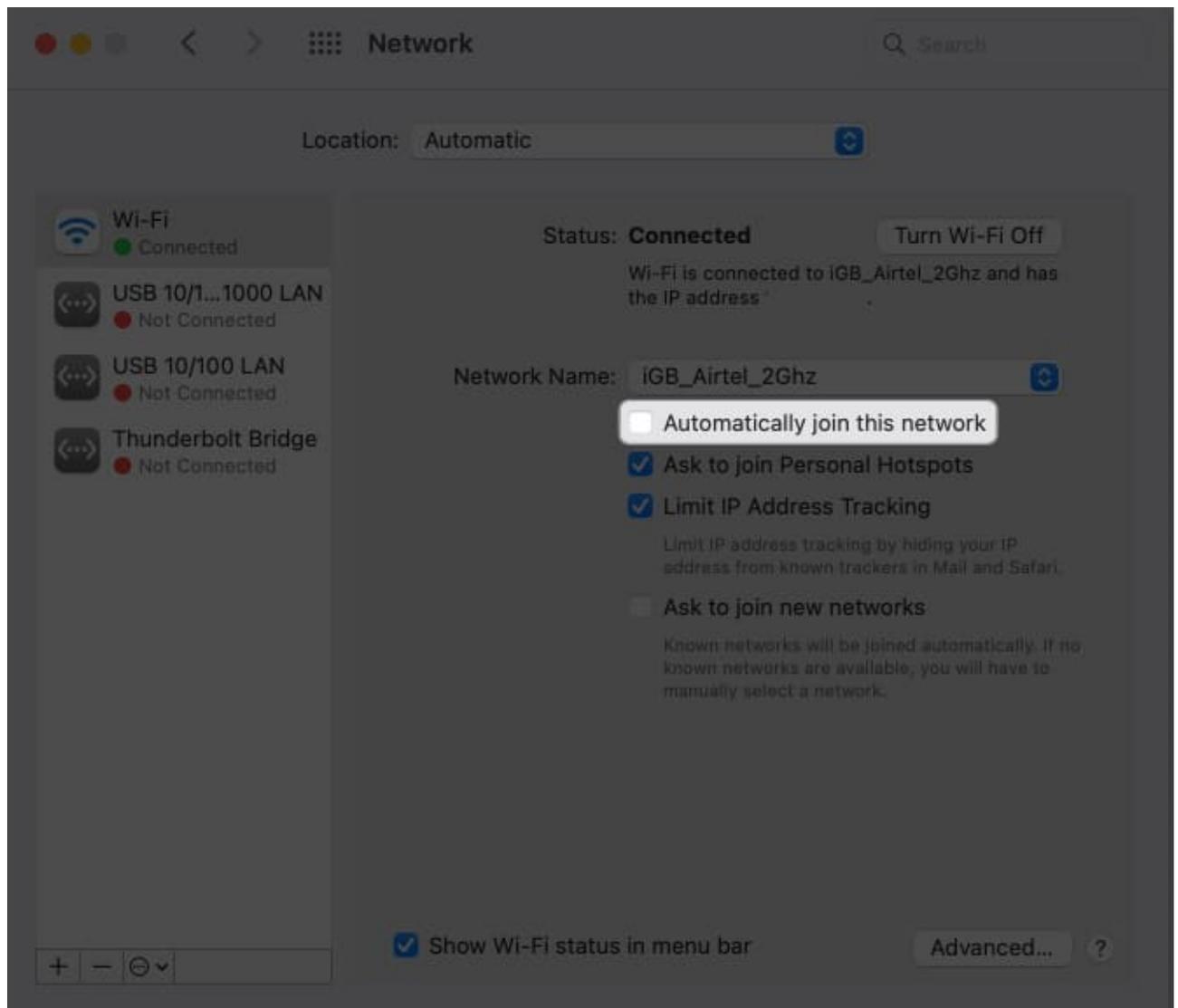
2. Access **Network** from the menu.



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



4. Uncheck **Automatically join this network.**



## How to forget Wi-Fi network on Mac

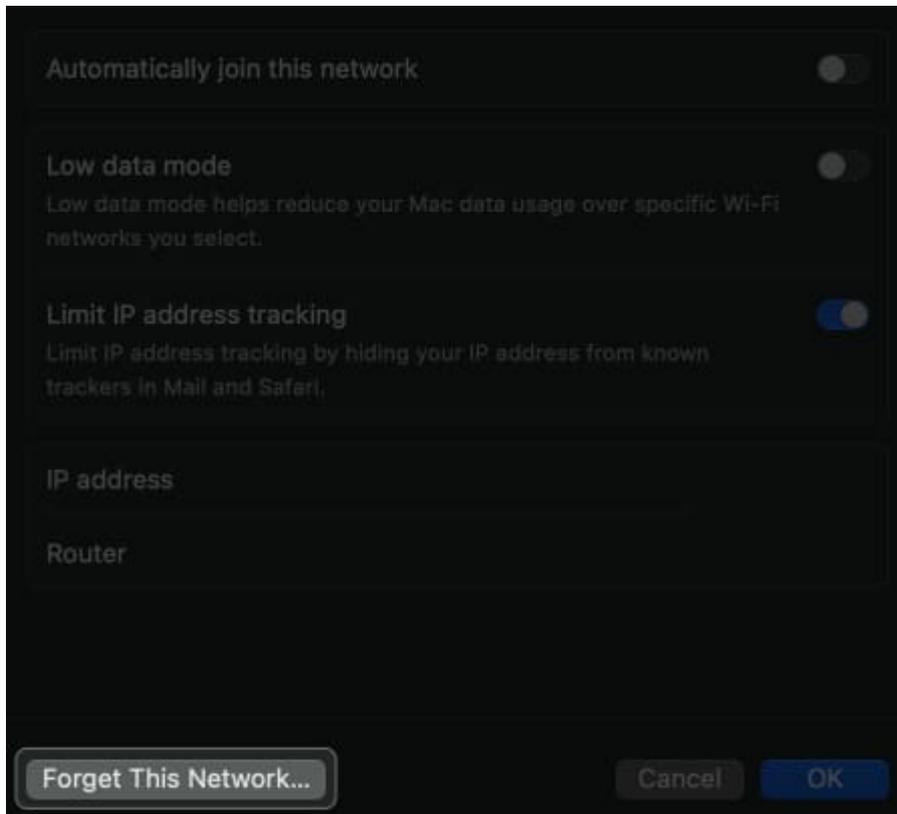
Alternatively, you can avoid the threat of cyberattacks or data breaches by removing open networks from your Mac.

### Ventura and later

1. Navigate to the **Apple logo** () → **System Settings**.
2. Go to **Wi-Fi** → 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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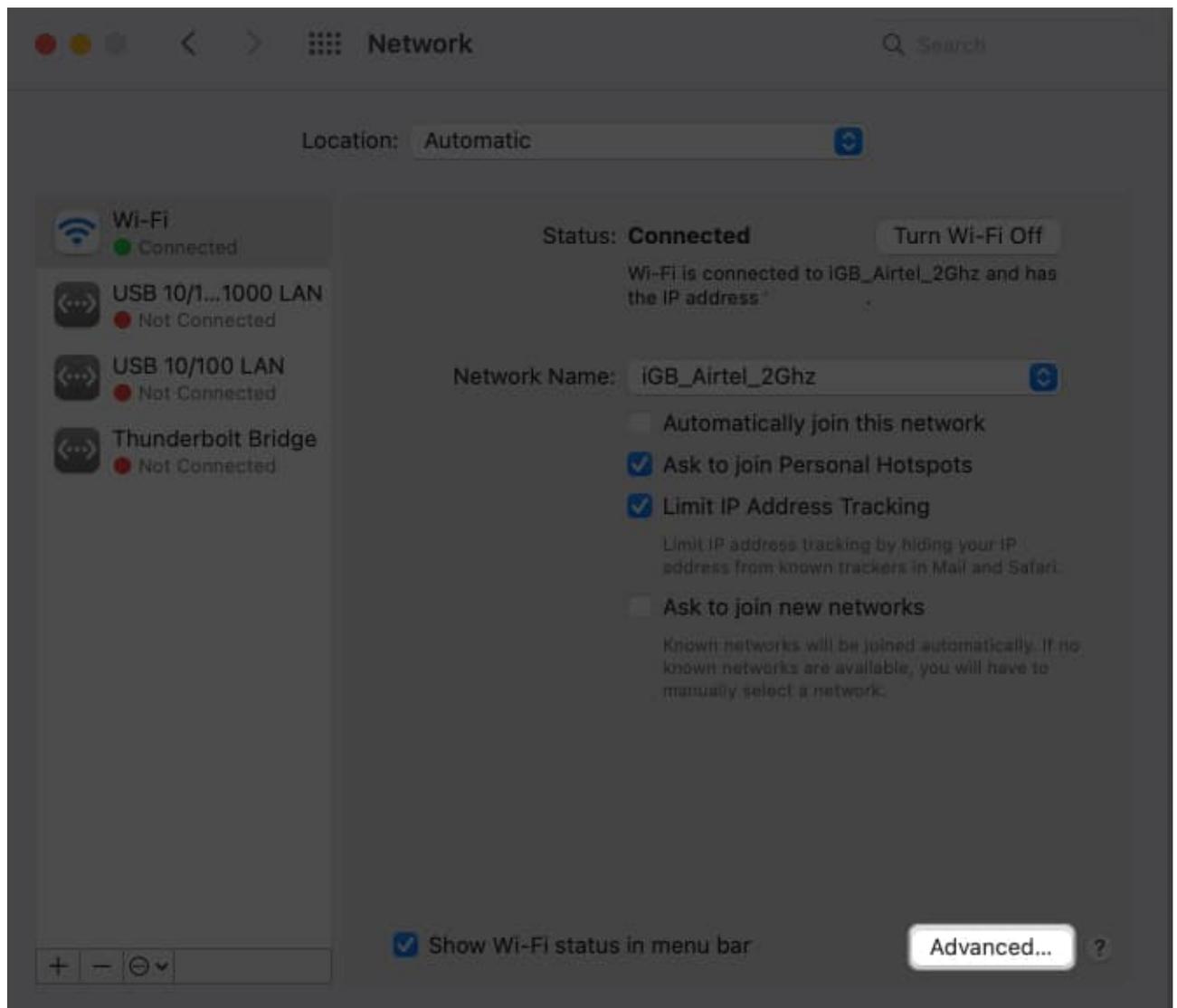


4. Hit **Remove** when prompted.

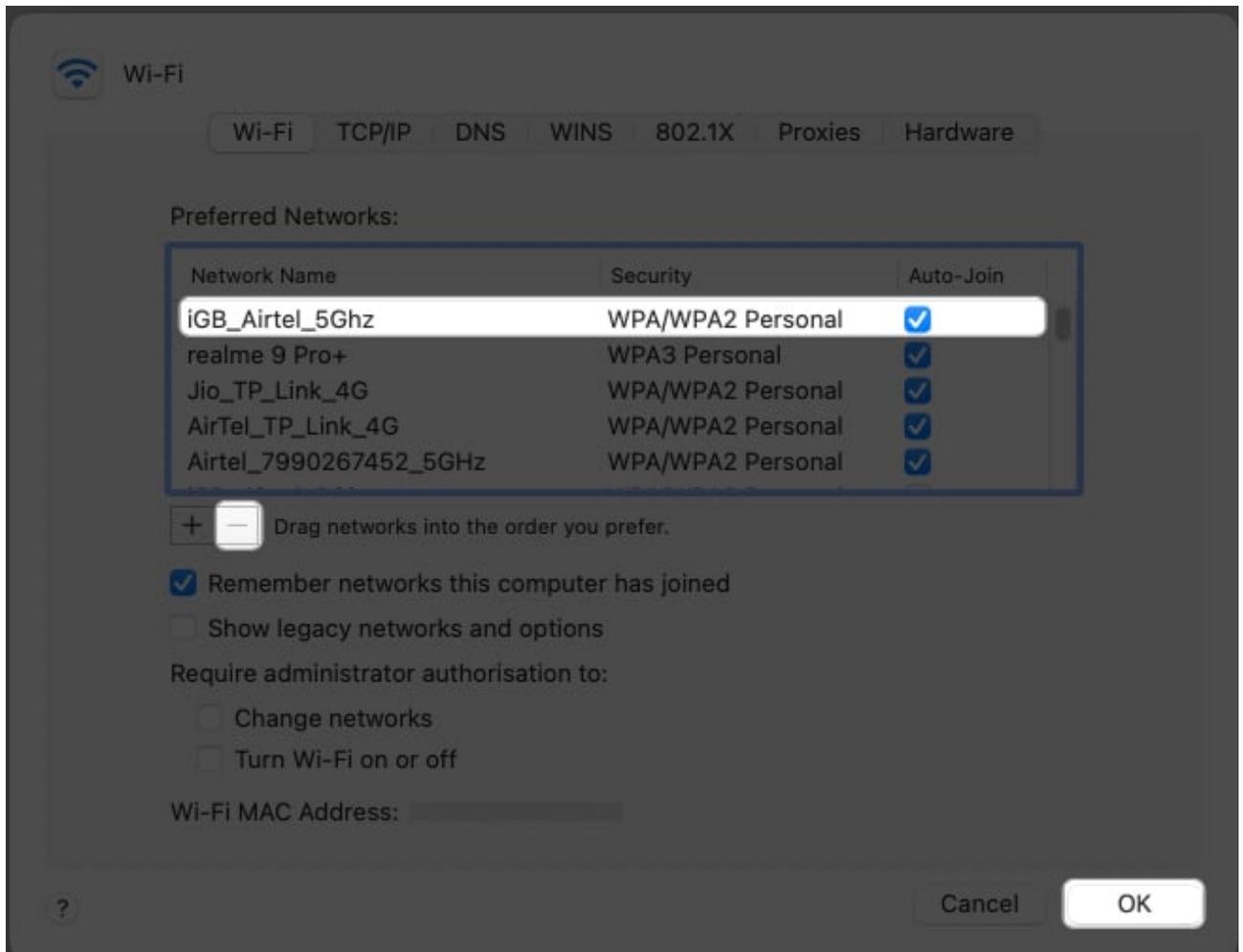


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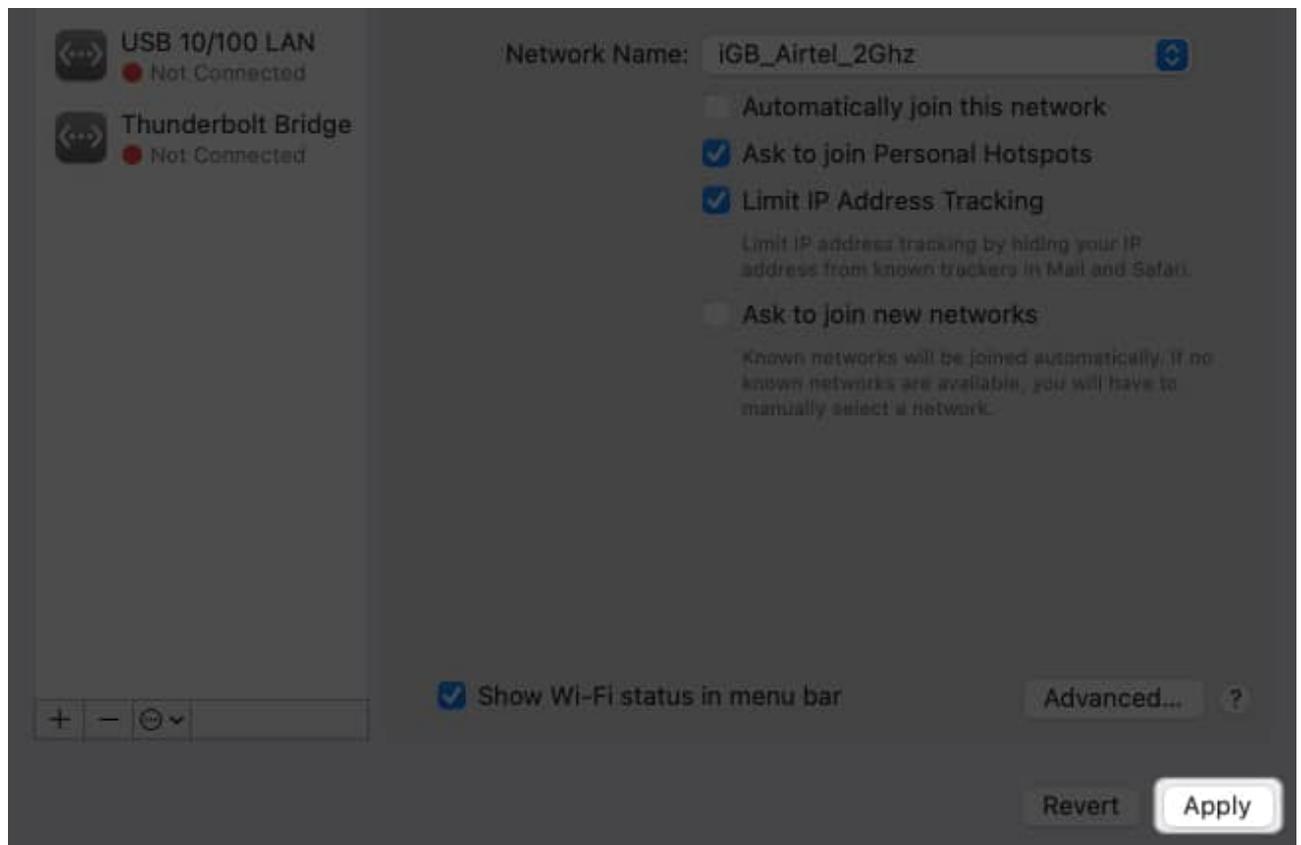
1. Click **Apple logo** () → **System Preferences** → **Network**.
2. Select **Advanced**.



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



4. Hit **OK** → **Apply**.



## 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](#)