

WhatsApp is one of the world's most widely used messaging apps, and its convenience has extended beyond smartphones. This guide has everything you need to know about using WhatsApp on your Mac. Let's get started!

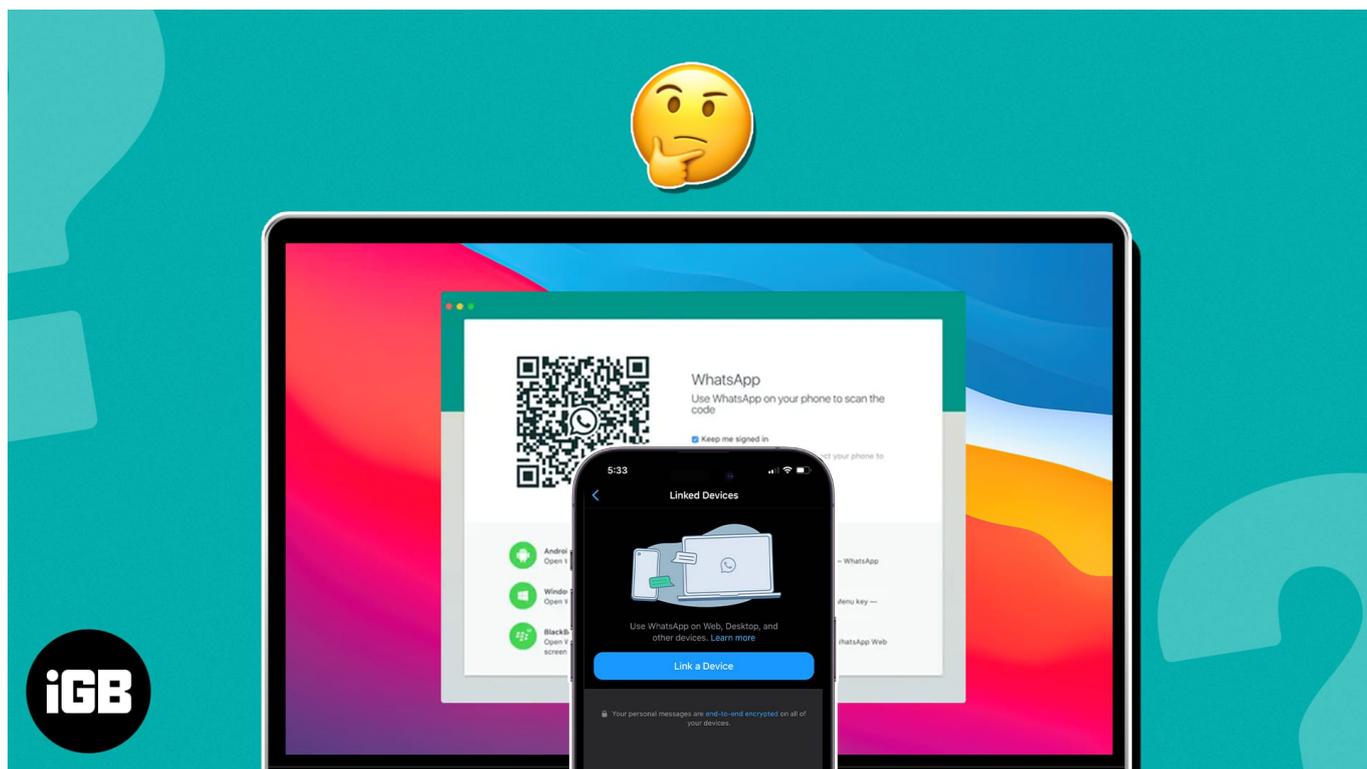


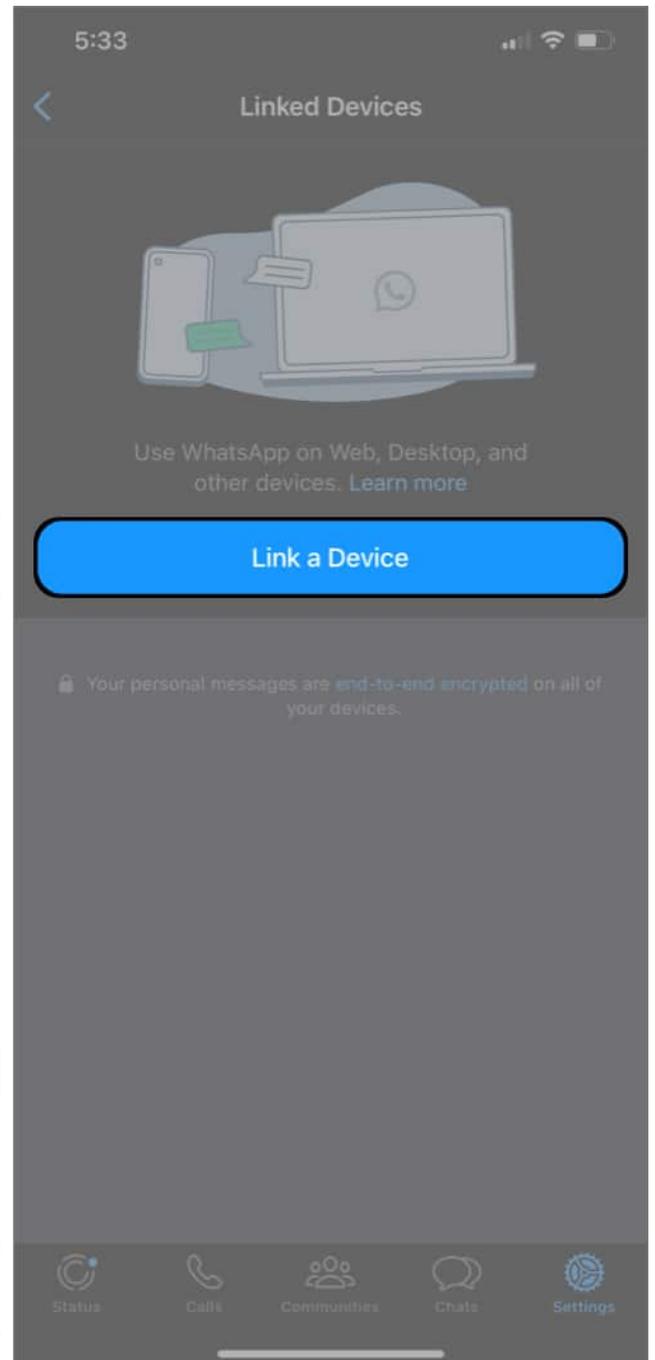
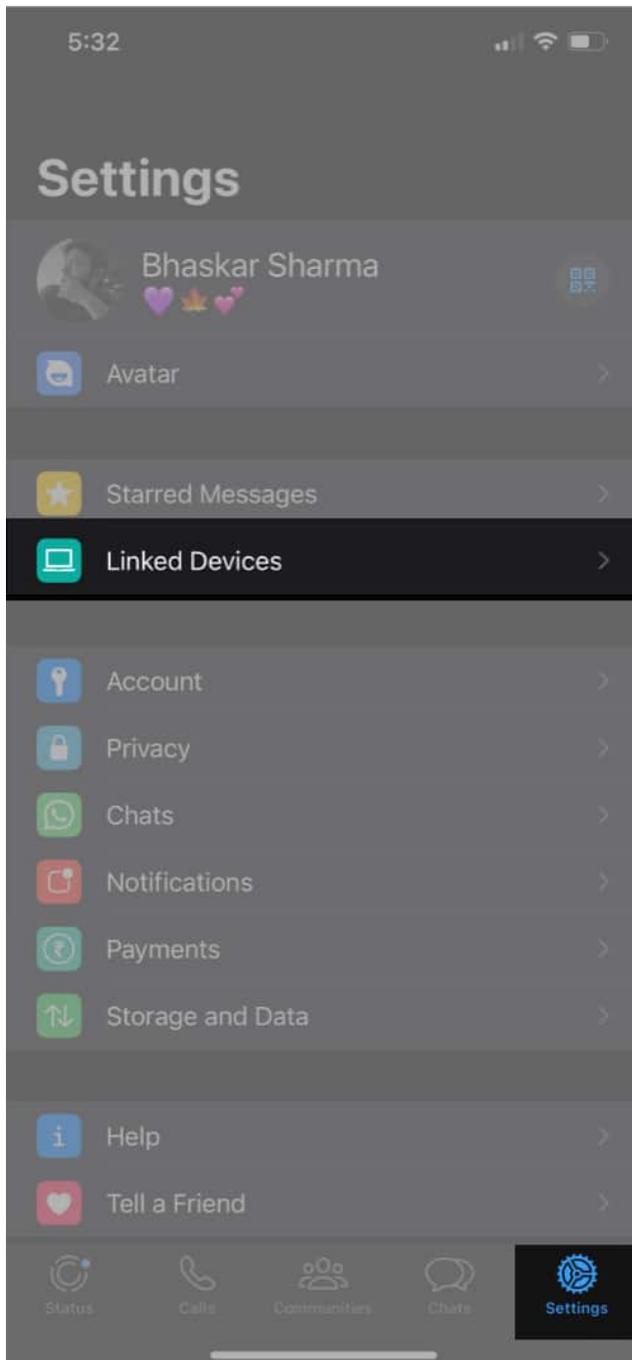
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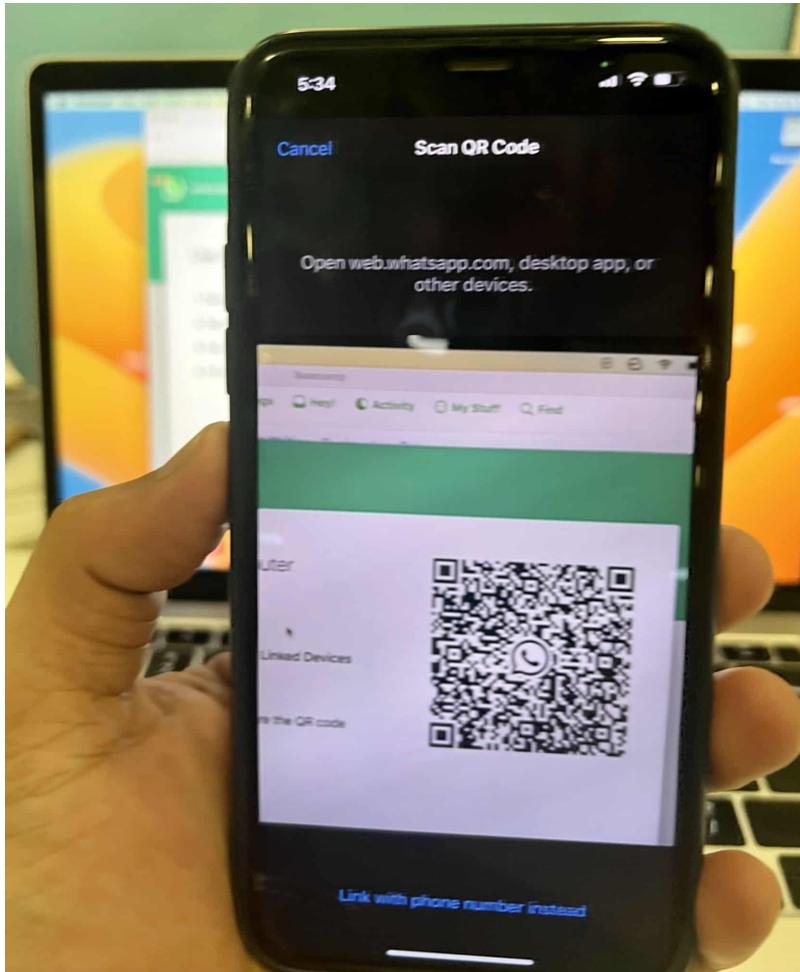
How to use WhatsApp Desktop app on Mac

1. Download and install the WhatsApp Desktop app from the Mac App Store.
2. Open the **WhatsApp Desktop** app.
3. On your iPhone, launch **WhatsApp**.

4. Head to the **Settings** tab → **Linked Devices** → **Link a Device**.



5. Now, scan the **QR code** displayed on your Mac WhatsApp Desktop app using an iPhone camera.

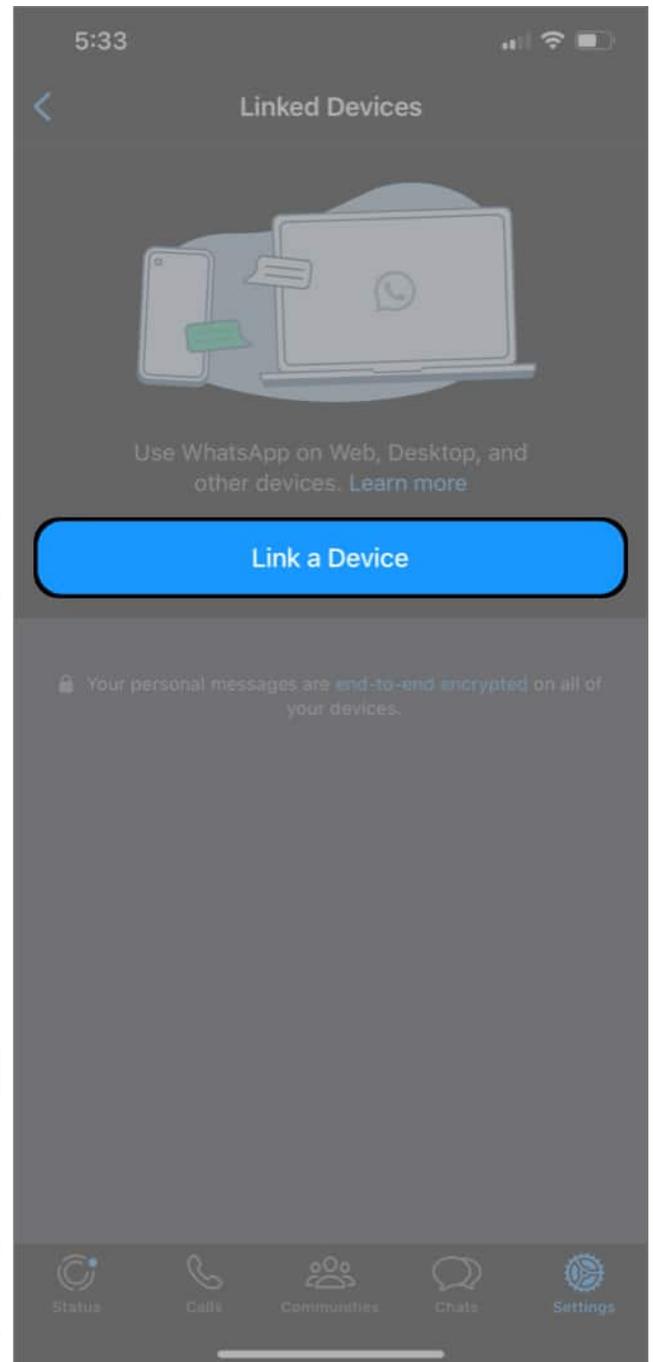
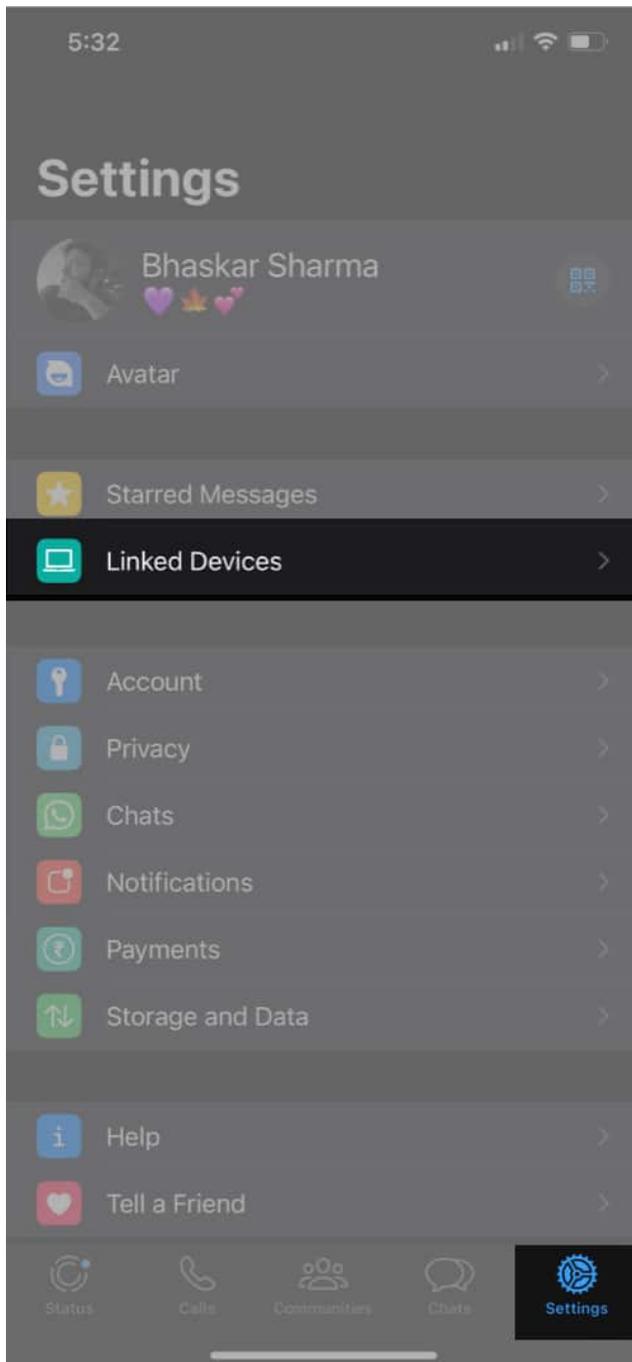


6. Now, WhatsApp will take a few minutes to connect to your Mac app and sync the content. Once it's done, you're good to go!

You can now chat with your contacts or even make an [audio or video call](#) with them.

How to set up WhatsApp web on Mac

1. Launch any **web browser** on your Mac → Head to [WhatsApp web](#).
2. Now, on your iPhone, open the **WhatsApp app**.
3. Go to **Settings** → **Linked Devices** → **Link a Device**.



4. Using the iPhone camera scan the **QR code** displayed on the website.

WhatsApp will take a few minutes to connect to fetch your chats and sync the content. After that, you're good to go.

Alternate method:

You can also use your phone number to log in to your WhatsApp web in case you're facing troubles like the [iPhone camera freezing](#) on your device. Follow the steps below to do so.

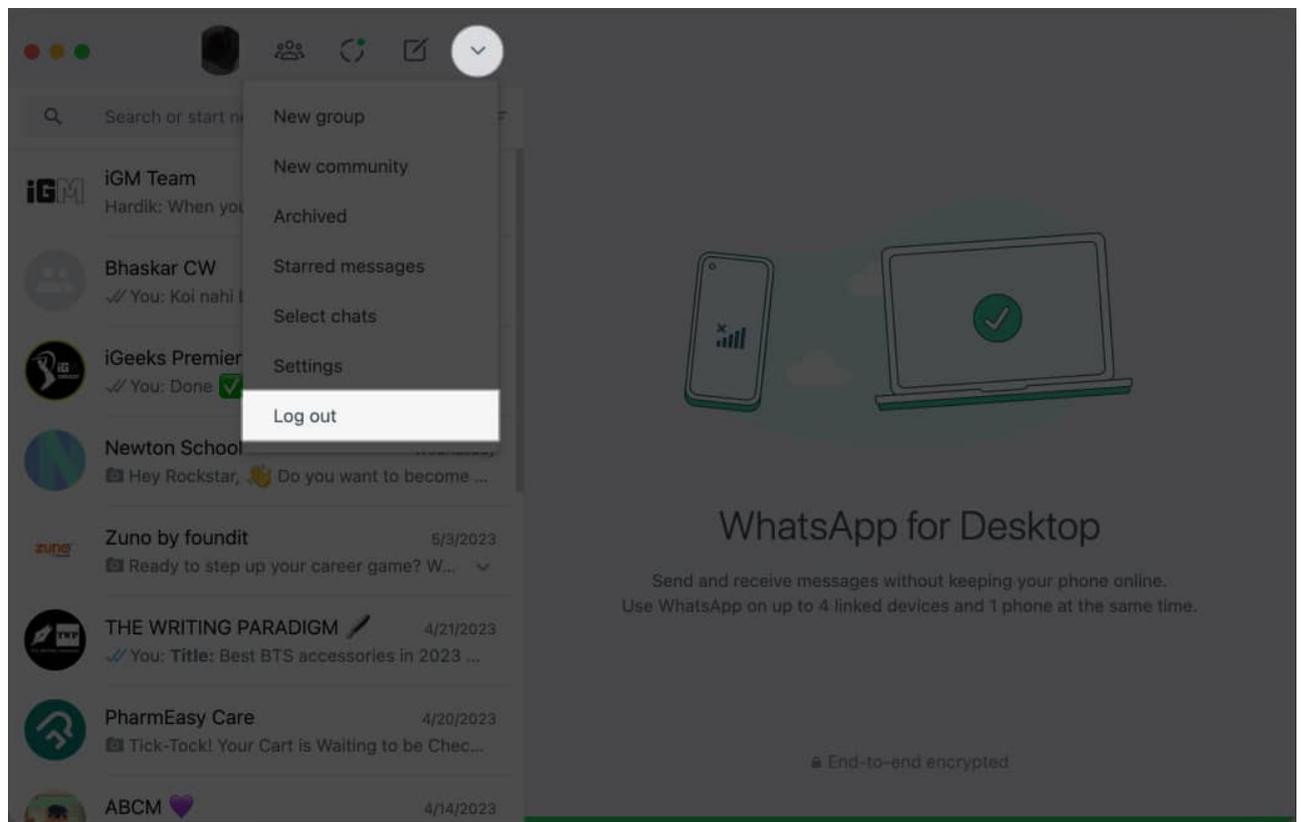
1. Head to **WhatsApp website**.
2. Click the **Link with phone number**.
3. Select your **country** and **enter your phone number** → Click **Next**.
4. Now on your iPhone, **Launch WhatsApp**.
5. Navigate to **Settings** tab → **Linked Devices** → **Link a Device**.
6. Tap the **Link with phone number instead**.
7. Enter the **code displayed on the WhatsApp website** → Hit **return**.

How to unlink WhatsApp web/desktop

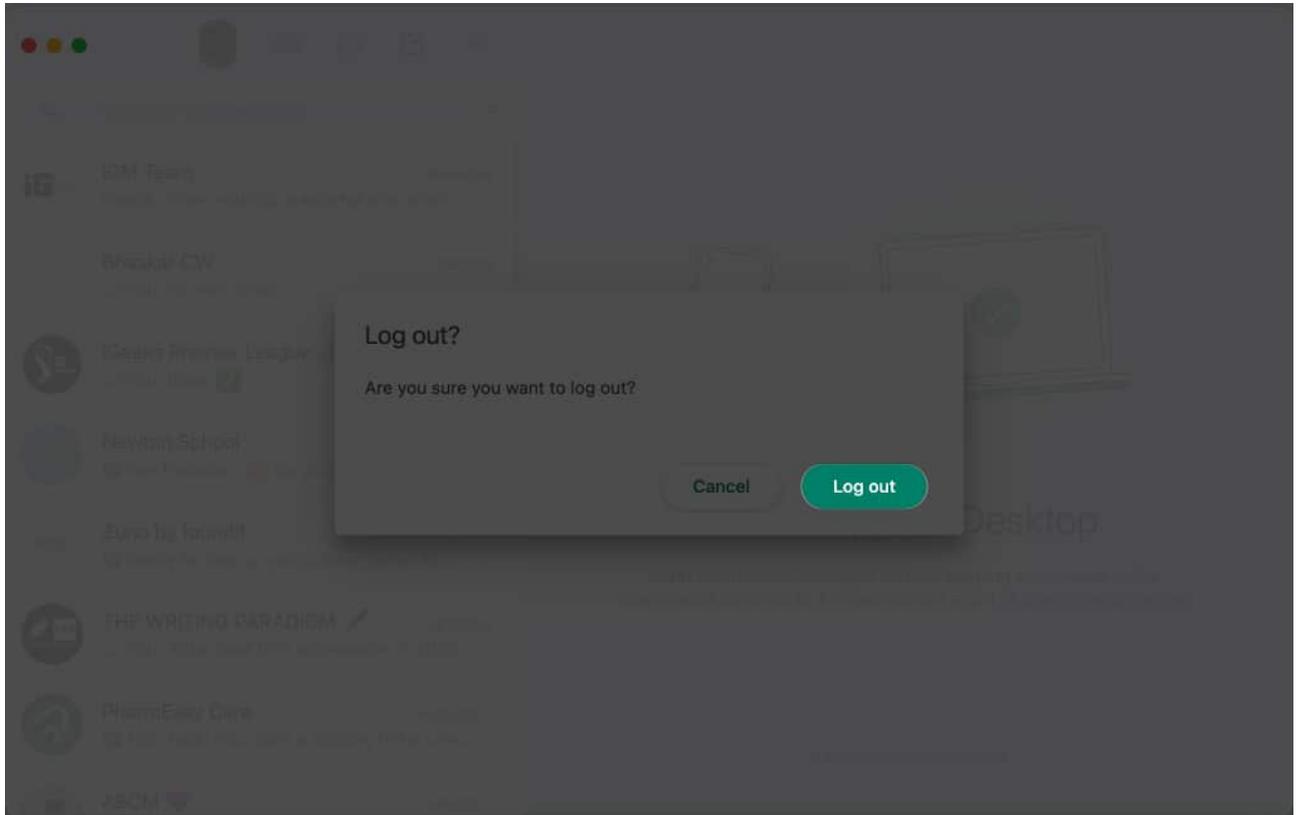
If you don't want your WhatsApp account to be connected to any devices you've signed in to, you can easily unlink them using the methods below.

Method 1: Unlink WhatsApp from Mac

1. Launch **WhatsApp** (browser or official app).
2. Click the **three dots icon/down arrow**.



3. Choose **Log out** → Confirm by selecting **Log out**.

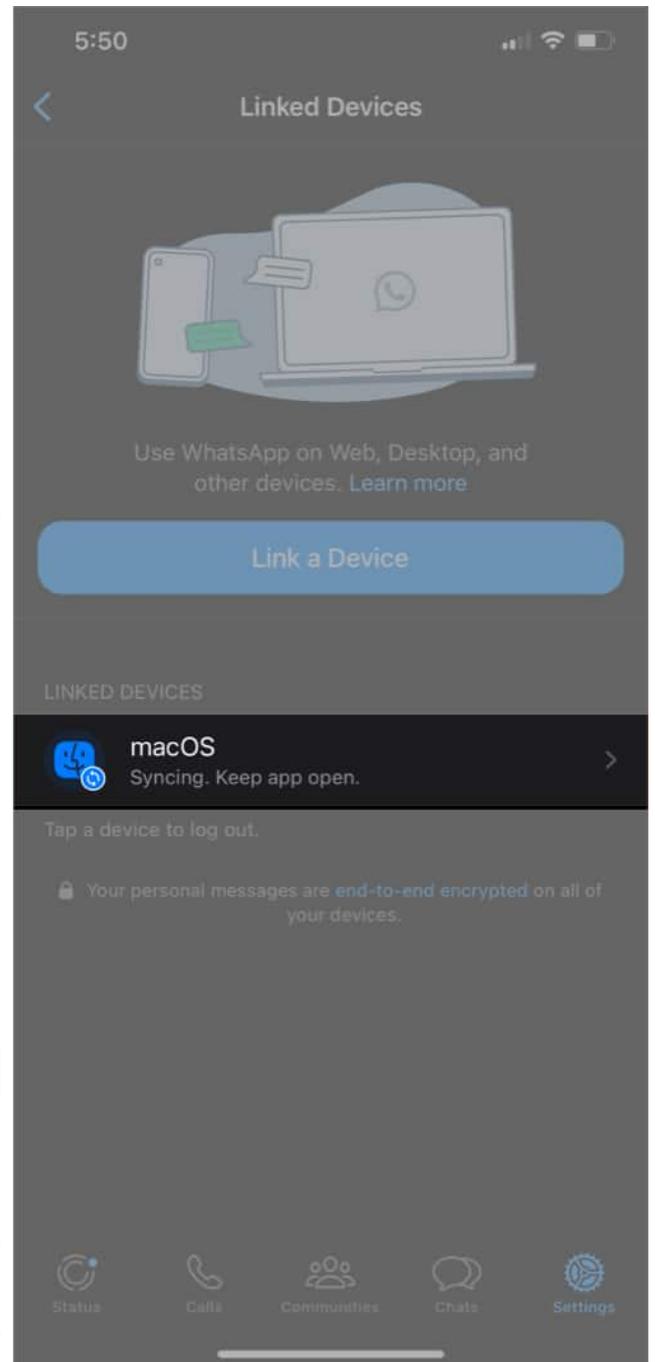
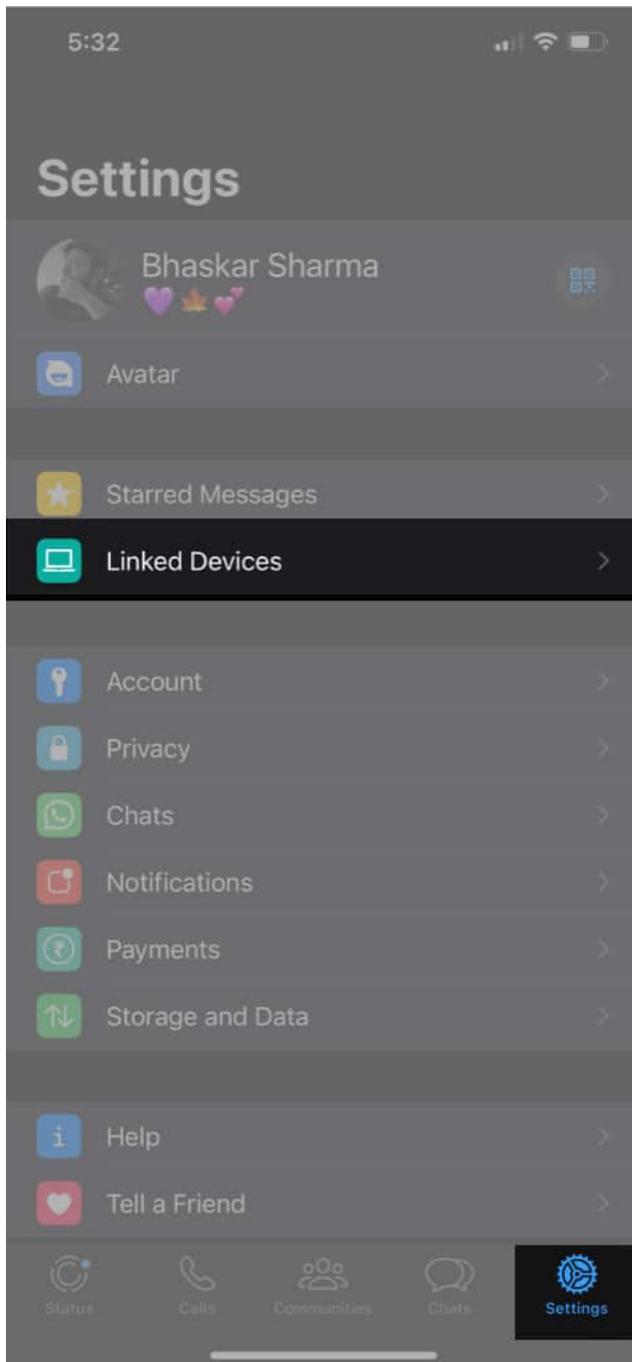


You'll be logged out of your WhatsApp account on Mac.

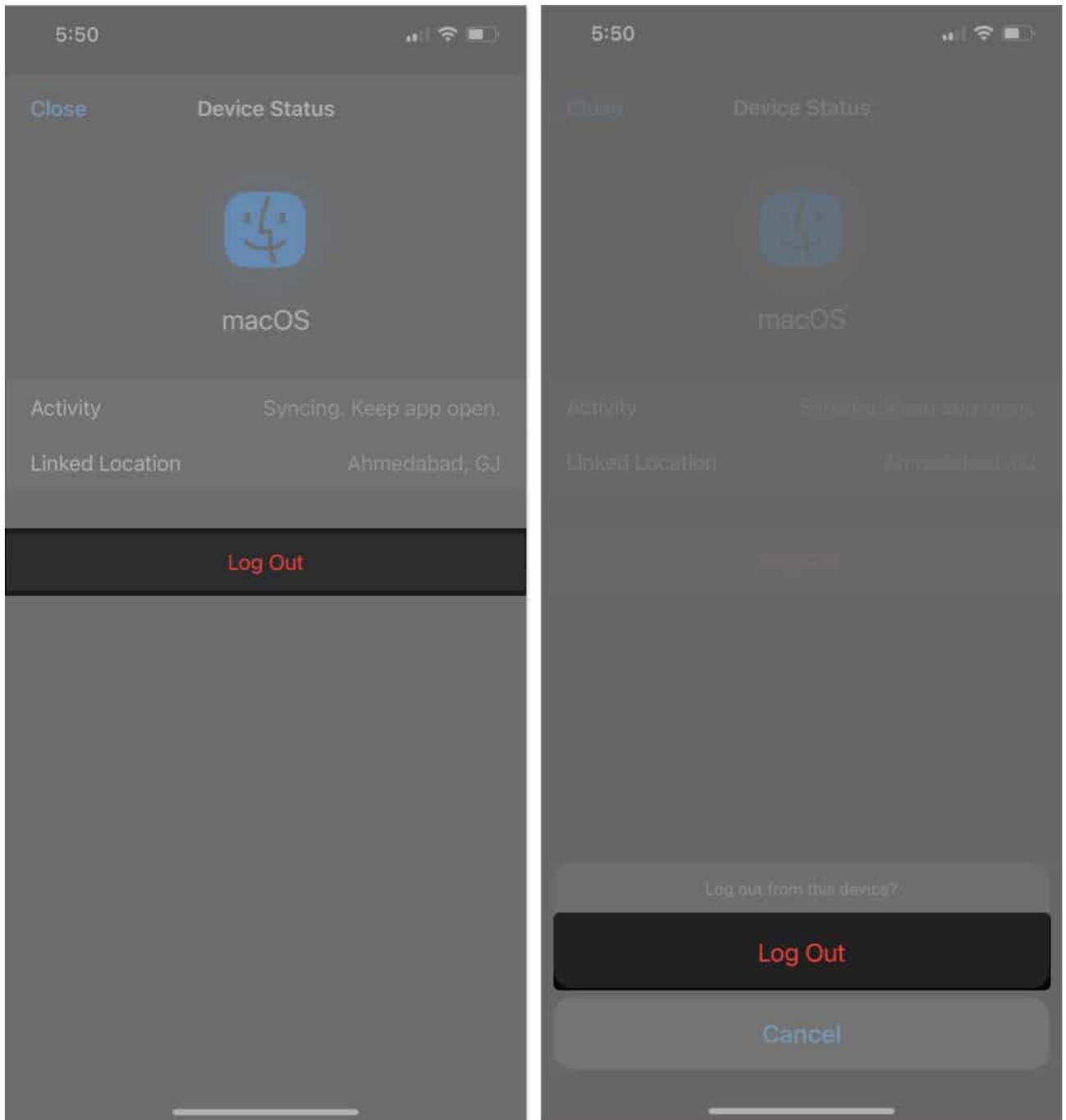
You'll be able to see the list of devices using your WhatsApp account by going to **WhatsApp** → **Settings** → **Linked Devices** on your iPhone. To unlink those devices, follow the steps below.

Method 2: Unlink WhatsApp from iPhone

1. Open **WhatsApp**.
2. Head to the **Settings** tab.
3. Choose **Linked Devices** → Select the **device** you want to log out from.



4. Tap **Log Out** → Confirm by tapping **Log Out**.



That's it!

Benefits of WhatsApp web on Mac

[WhatsApp has many tips and tricks](#) up its sleeves. However, the web-based app now

provides you with somewhat similar functionalities to the app's mobile version. Some of the most notable features of the web version are listed below.

- Synced messages
- Native notifications
- Keyboard shortcuts
- File sharing
- Group chats
- Sticker packs
- Status updates

Limitations of WhatsApp web on Mac

Like every coin has two sides, the WhatsApp web version has some limitations. Here are a few of them.

- **Chat history:** You cannot access your WhatsApp chat history using the web version. It would be best if you used your iPhone to view all previous messages.
- **Export chats:** The web version of WhatsApp does not offer a direct option to save or export chats. It would help if you used your iPhone to preserve your conversations.
- **Location sharing:** To inform someone of your whereabouts, you must use your phone, as location sharing is impossible when using WhatsApp on a desktop.
- **Adding new contacts:** If you receive a message from an unfamiliar number while using the desktop app, you cannot add it to your contacts directly.

WhatsApp desktop app vs. WhatsApp web - Key differences

Feature	WhatsApp desktop app	WhatsApp web
Setup	Requires download and installation	No setup required
Compatibility	Windows, macOS, and Linux	Web browser (Computer, Mac, Phone, iPhone)
Features	Feature-rich	Limited
Performance	Faster	Slow
Ease of Use	Easy	Easy

Wrapping up...

Using WhatsApp on your Mac is simple. If you need help following the steps above, please comment. I'll be happy to help. And remember to check out the read more section for more interesting content.

FAQs

Why isn't WhatsApp working on my Mac?

One common reason WhatsApp is not working on your Mac is that your device might [not be connected to Wi-Fi](#). Try getting a stable internet connection, and you should be good to go.

Can I open WhatsApp on Safari?

Yes, you can open WhatsApp on Safari. However, you cannot make or receive calls or video calls using the Safari version of WhatsApp.

Can I use WhatsApp on my Mac without connecting to my iPhone?

Yes, you can use WhatsApp on your Mac without connecting to your iPhone.

Read more:

- [How to change WhatsApp security code on iPhone and Android](#)
- [How to send disappearing messages in WhatsApp on iPhone](#)
- [Fix WhatsApp not showing 'send option' on iPhone](#)
- [How to use WhatsApp on your Apple Watch](#)