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Speeding “Ticket” Scam



Text scam seeking unauthorized payments under Automated Speed Enforcement program

The City of Ottawa is warning residents of recent scam text messages seeking payment for alleged speeding infractions under the City's Automated Speed Enforcement program.

Under the legitimate [Speed Enforcement Program](#), tickets are mailed to the registered plate owner of the vehicle.

The City does not solicit payments via text messages.

If you have received this scam text and provided any personal information, please contact the Ottawa Police Service immediately at 613-236-1222.

Karen

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Hydro Ottawa payment/refund scam



- Hydro Ottawa does **not**:
 - use texts or emails demanding payment or offering a refund
 - request payment by credit card or gift card
 - ask for credit card information over the telephone
 - meet customers at random locations to receive payment
 - access your home for reward eligibility
 - hire contractors for re-connection/disconnection for overdue accounts
- When in doubt, call 613-738-6400



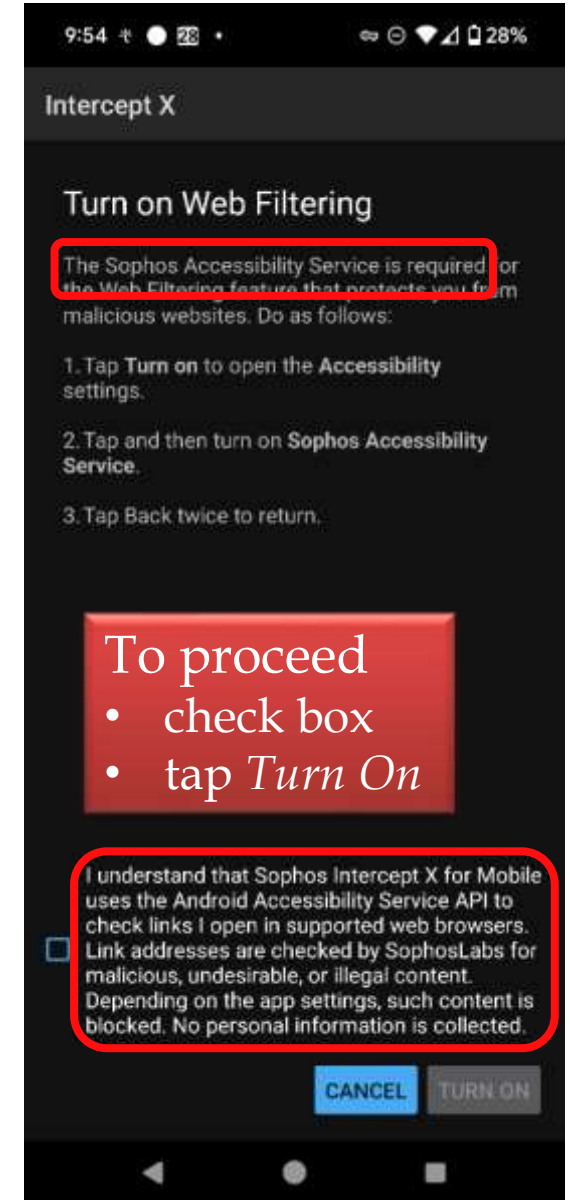
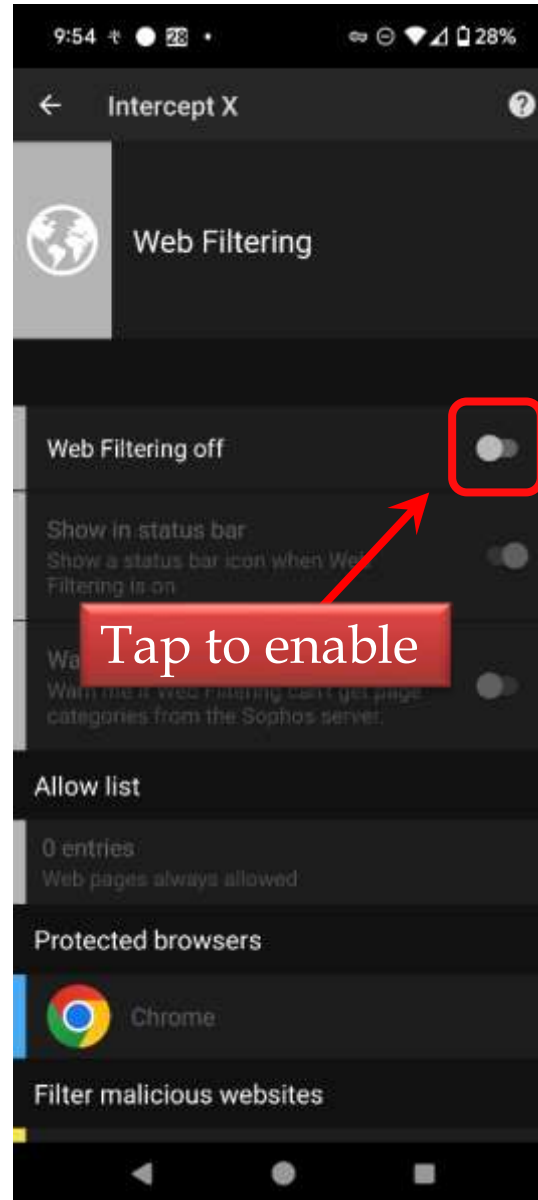
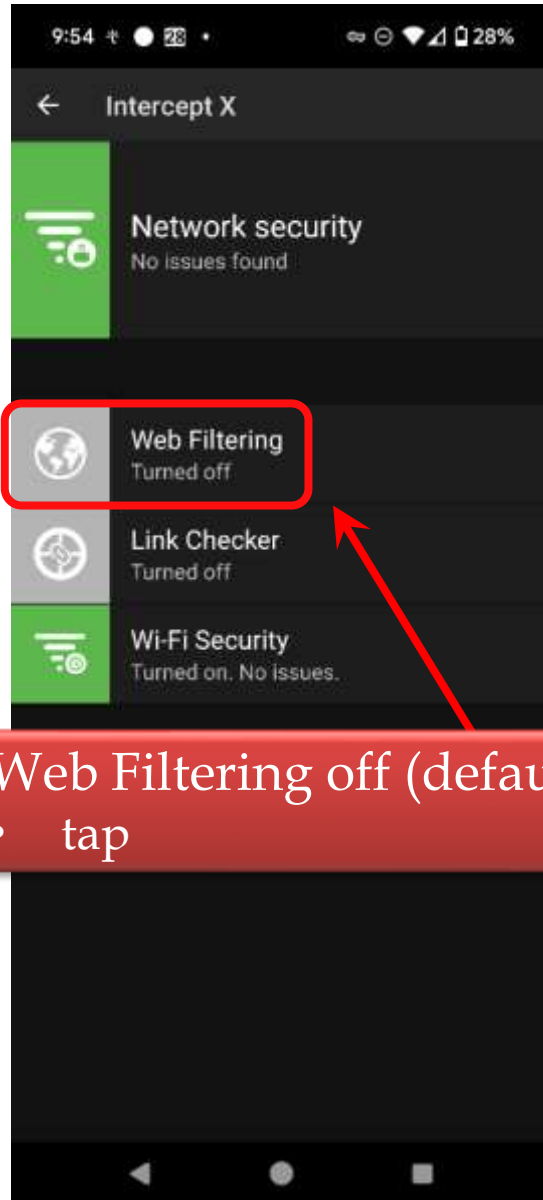
Sophos Intercept X permissions

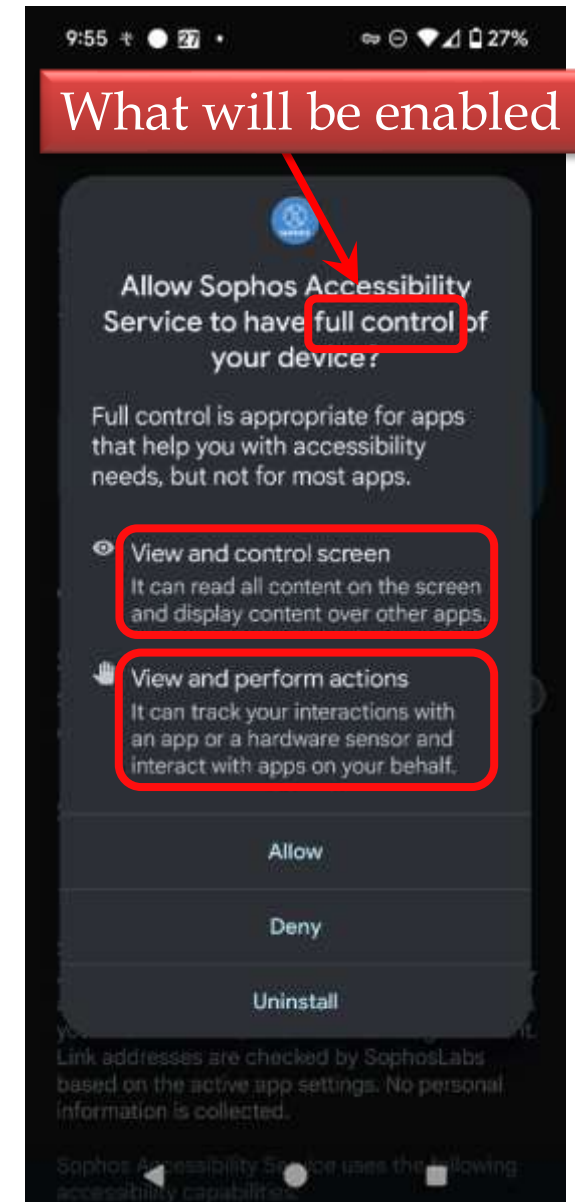
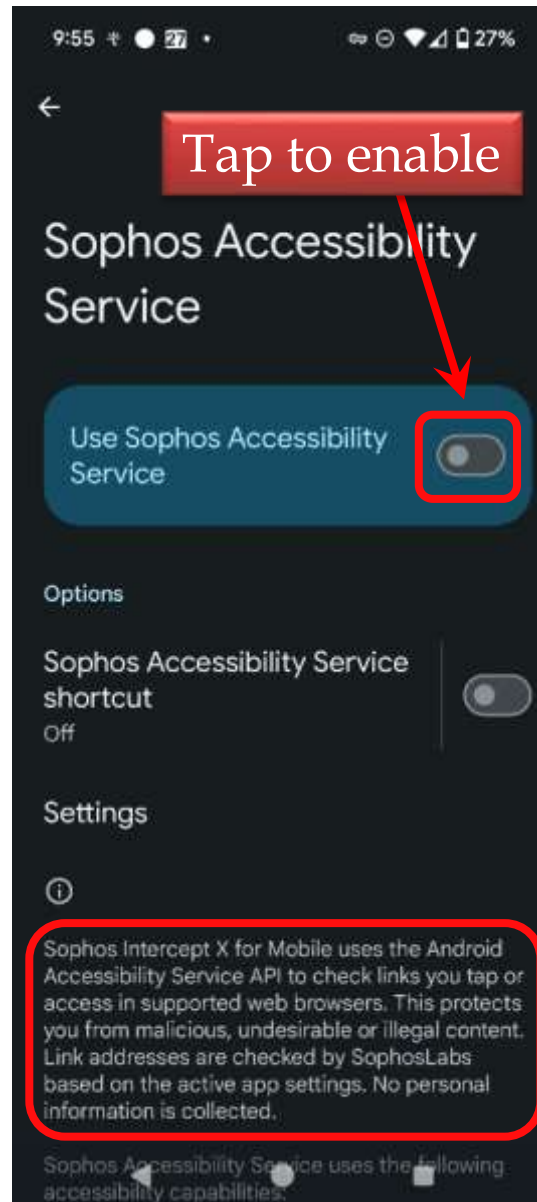
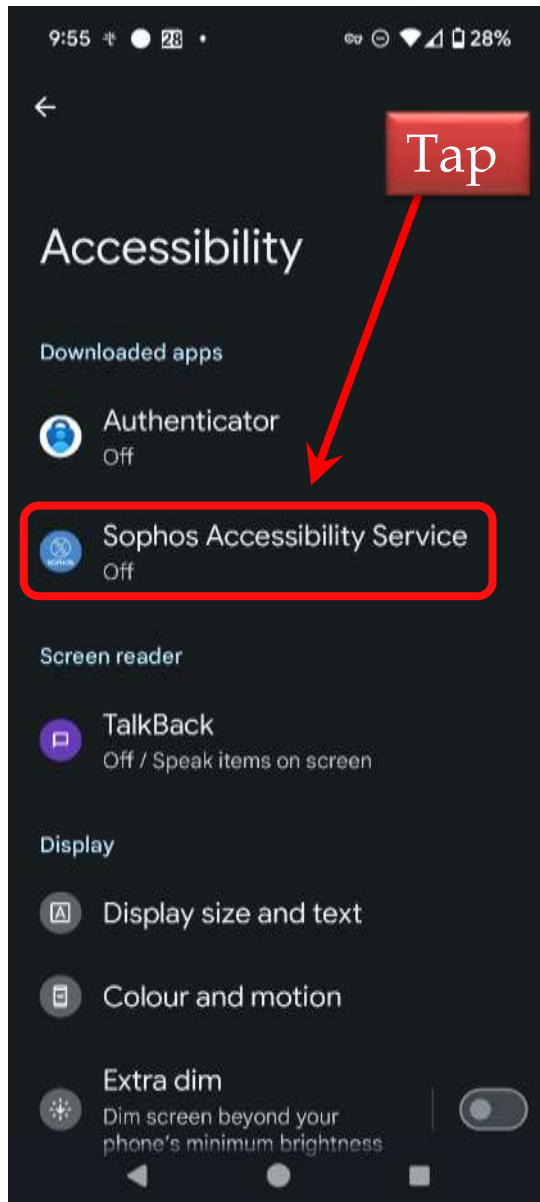


- Installed *Sophos Intercept X* on Android phone
- Enabled web filtering
- Notified permission must be granted to:
 - *View and control screen*
 - *read all content on the screen*
- Reluctant to give permission to read screen
 - especially when signed into sensitive accounts e.g. banking
- How much protection is lost if I don't give *Sophos Accessibility Service* full control of my phone?



Let's see...







Is full control reasonable?

- Sophos says it needs the permission to do web filtering
- Do you trust *Sophos Intercept X* to not do nefarious things
 - Yes?
 - enable web filtering
 - No?
 - don't enable web filtering
 - and you should probably uninstall *Sophos Intercept X*
- Security is a cost—benefit analysis
- You have to decide if:
 - the benefit (protection from malicious websites) outweighs
 - the cost (potential that *Sophos* will misuse your data)

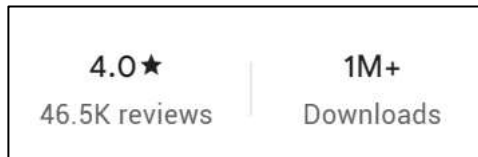


Should you trust *Sophos Intercept X*



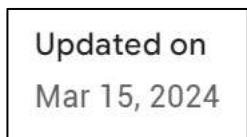
Could research on web to see if Sophos

- is trusted by other
- is flagged by anyone as malicious
- has products that are worthwhile



Not proof it is safe, but

- 4.0 stars in 46,500 reviews not bad
- over 1 million downloads not bad



Recently updated

- actively maintained app is a good thing

Ultimately, only you can or should decide if you trust an app



YouTubeTech

5 things you didn't know your old phone could do!



- Security camera
- Wireless track pad or mouse
- Secondary display
- Webcam
- Dashcam

Liron Segev (#thetechieguy)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MsyWOpfISc>

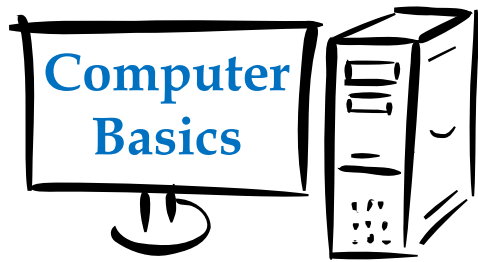


YouTubeTech

Things you can make from old, dead laptops



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Sharing files – part 3

- Good article from Window Intelligence
- Four options listed to share files in Windows

- wireless Nearby Sharing
- share files in the cloud
- network attached storage
- LocalSend (I added this one)

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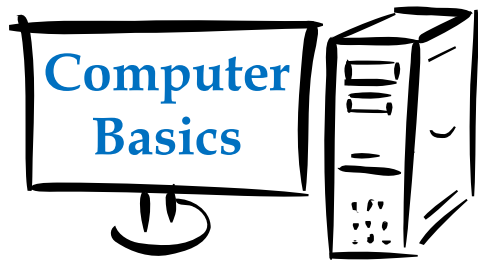
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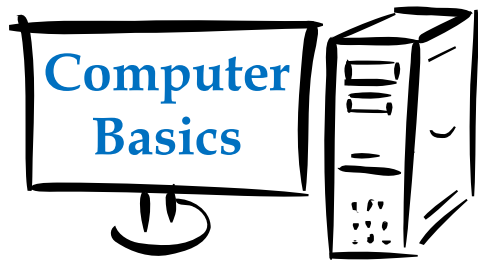
- traditional Windows network file sharing

This week



Traditional Windows network file sharing

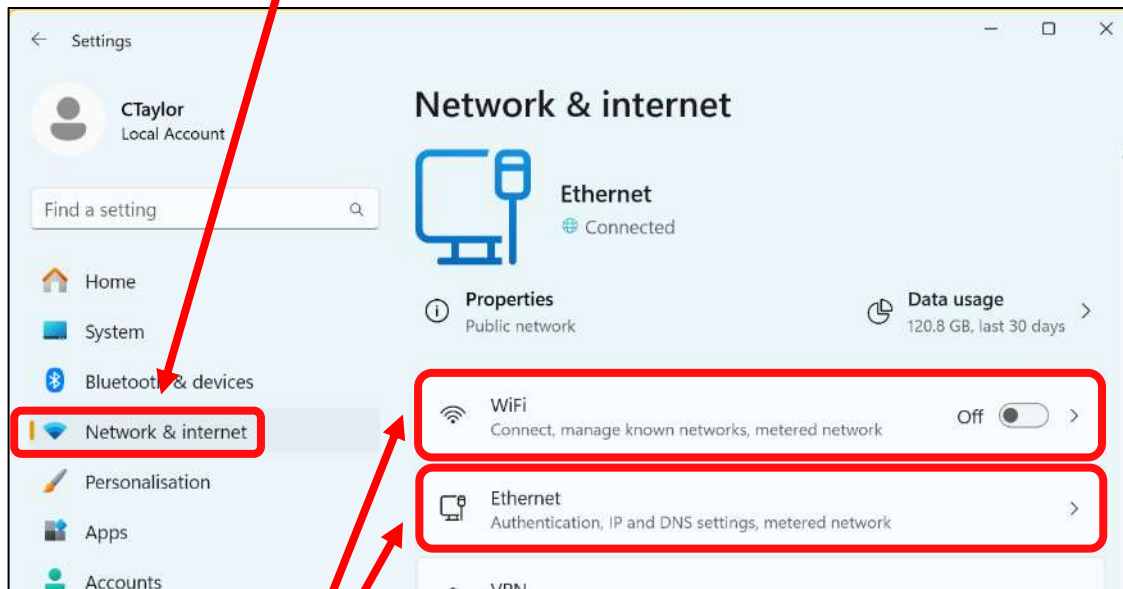
- On every computer on network
 - set the network profile to *Private*
 - turn on *Network discovery and file sharing*
 - *Share* folders
 - optionally: map drive letters to shares



Set network profile to *Private*

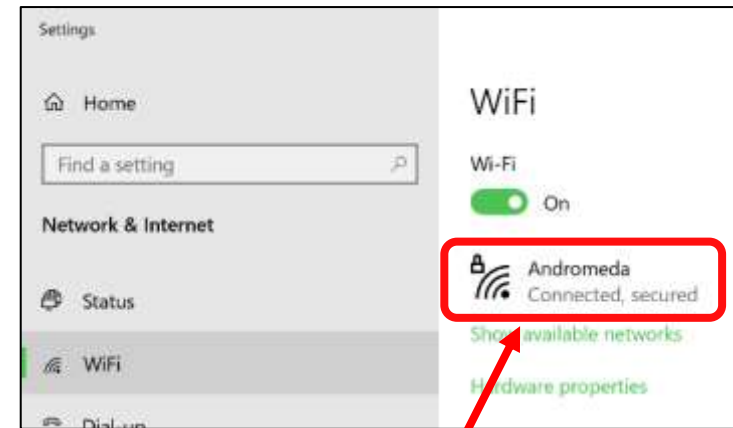
Settings > Network & internet

On every computer where you want file sharing

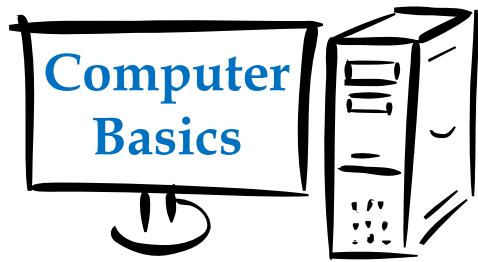


Choose active network connection

- *WiFi* or
- *Ethernet*



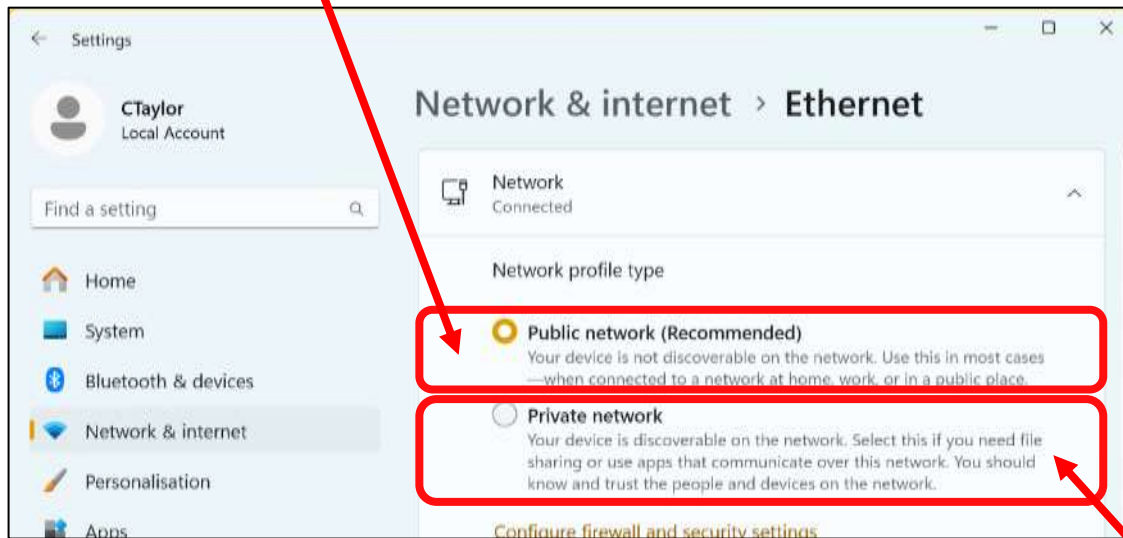
Click on your network



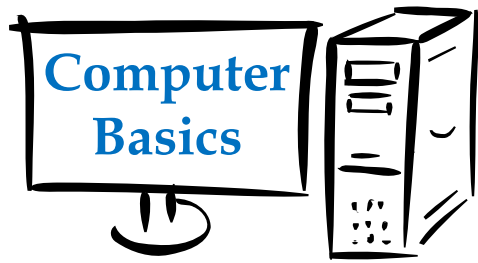
Enable *Network discovery & file sharing*

On every computer where
you want file sharing

Default *Public network (Recommended)*



Change to
Private network

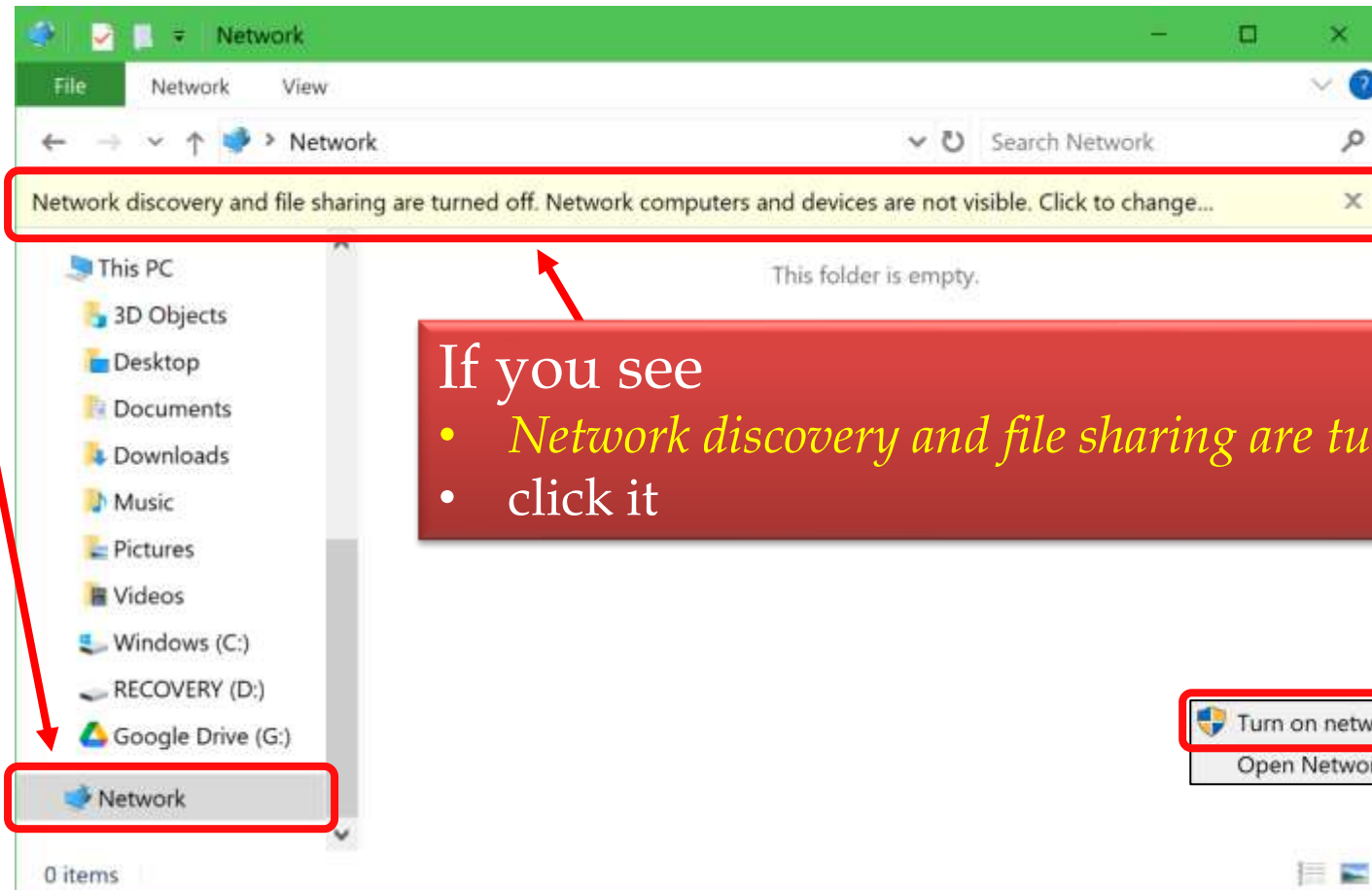


Enable *Network discovery & file sharing*

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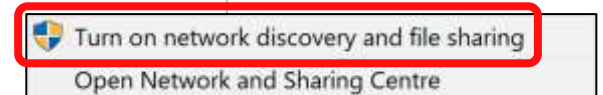
In File Explorer

- select **Network**



If you see

- *Network discovery and file sharing are turned off*
- click it



Computer Basics

Share folders

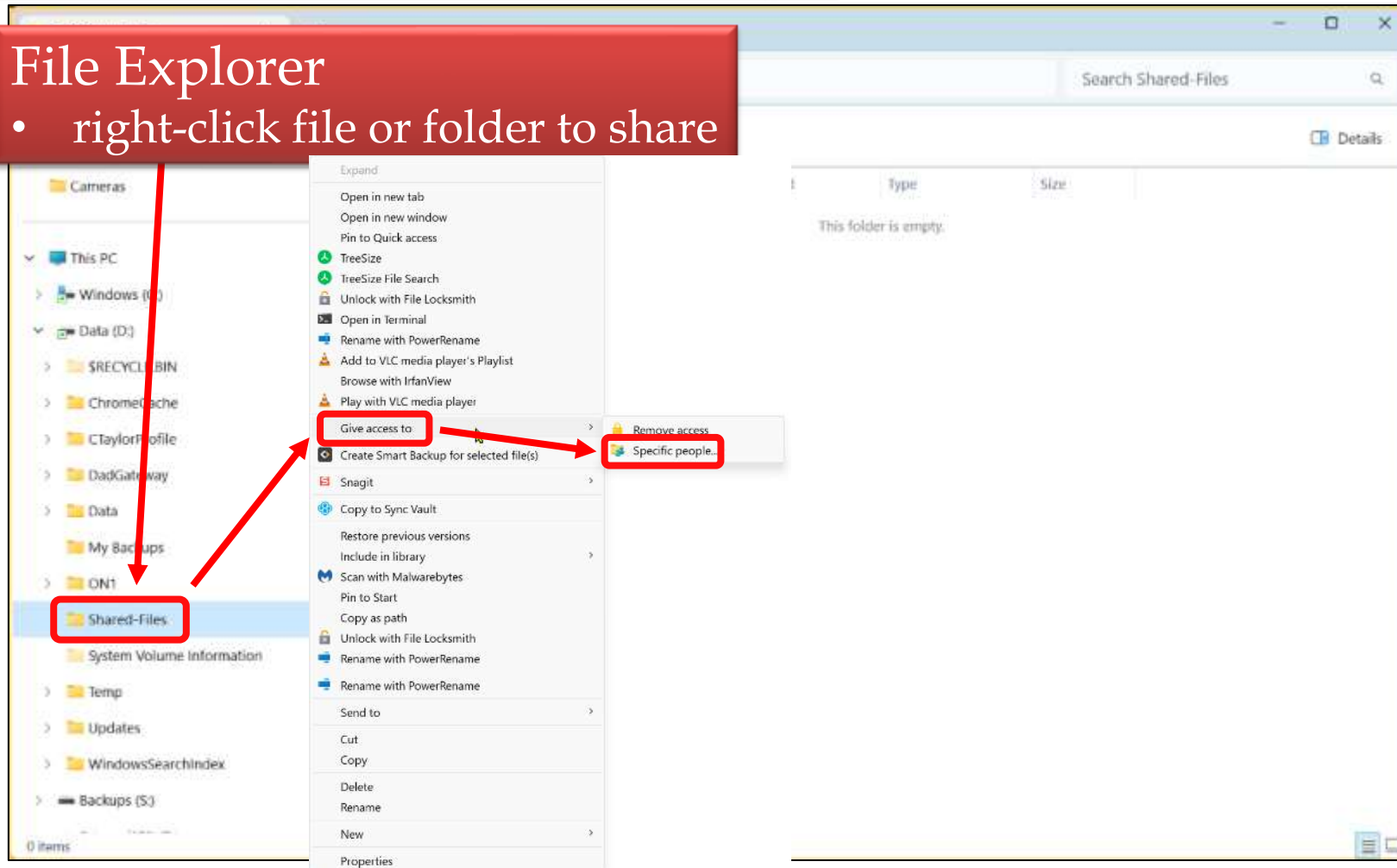
At this point

- file sharing is ready
- you won't see any shared files

On every computer where you want file sharing

File Explorer

- right-click file or folder to share

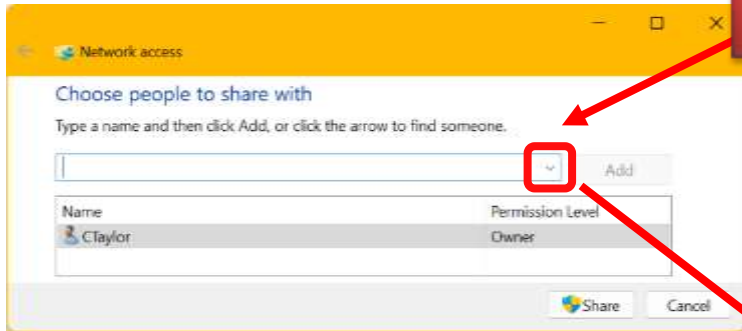


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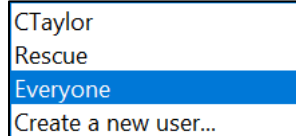


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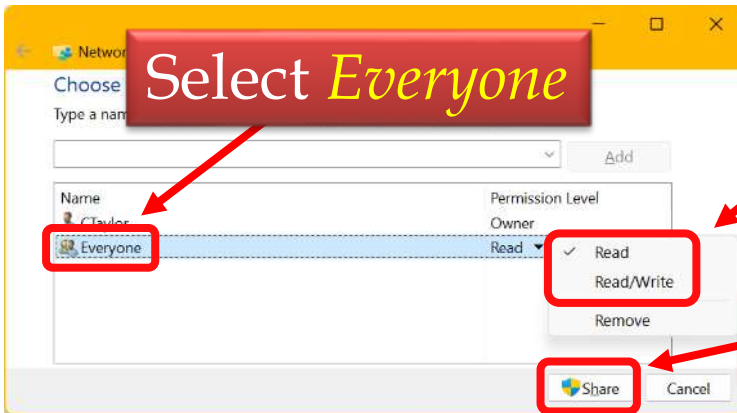
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Choose *Everyone*



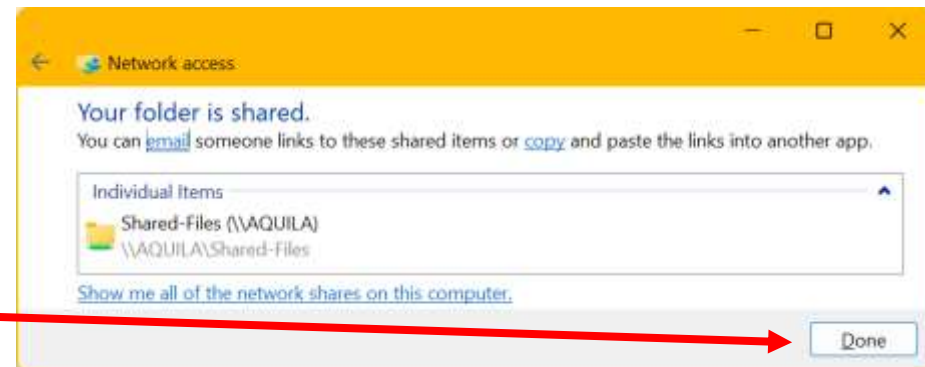
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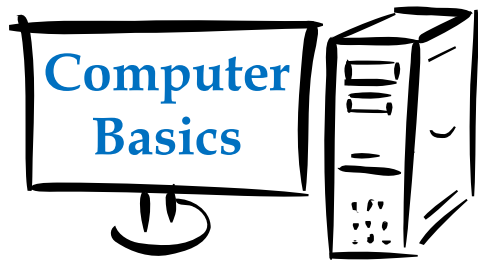


Set *Permission level*

Click *Share*

Click *Done*



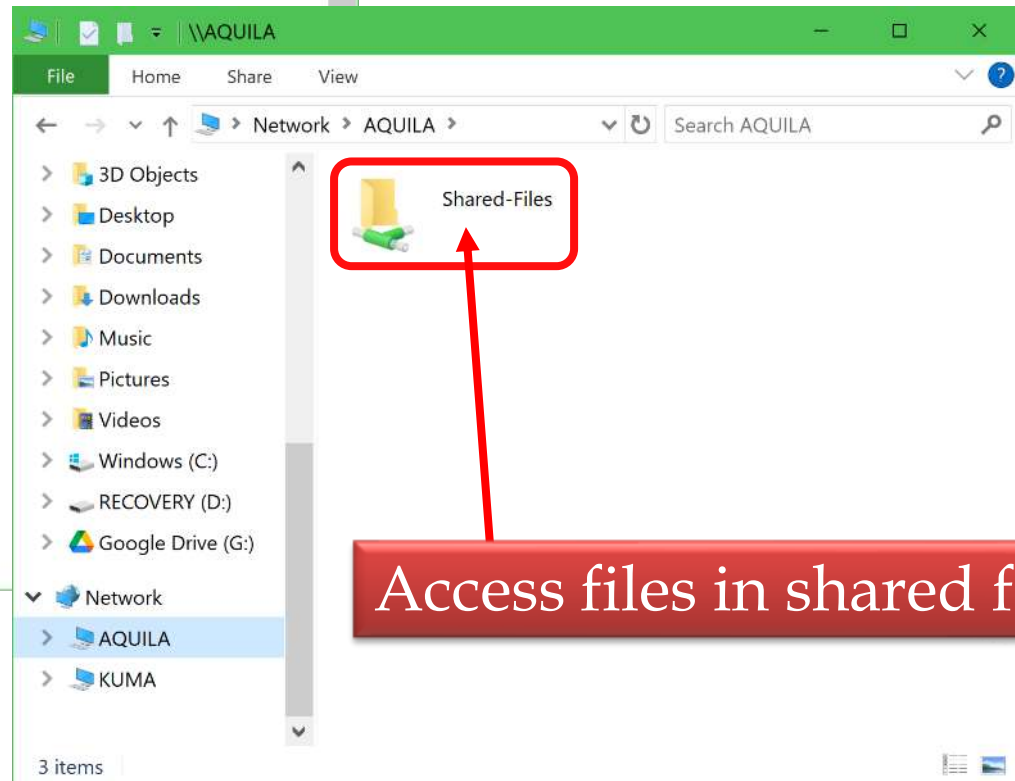
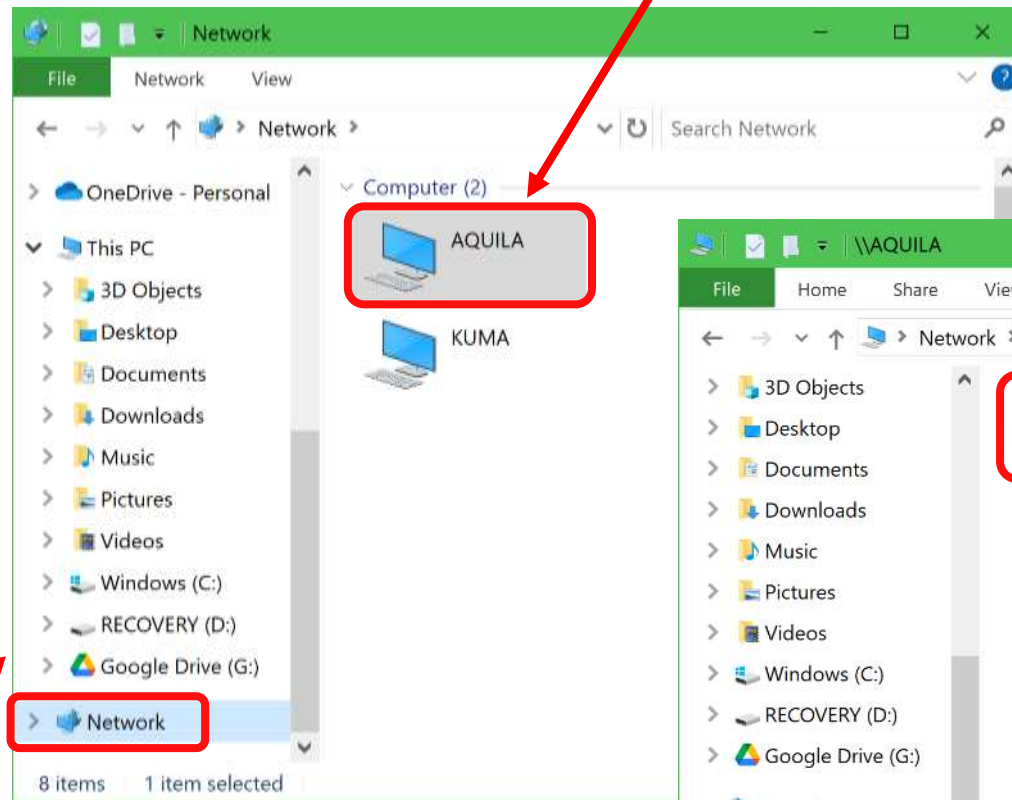


From other computers on network

In File Explorer

- select **Network**

Double-click other computer

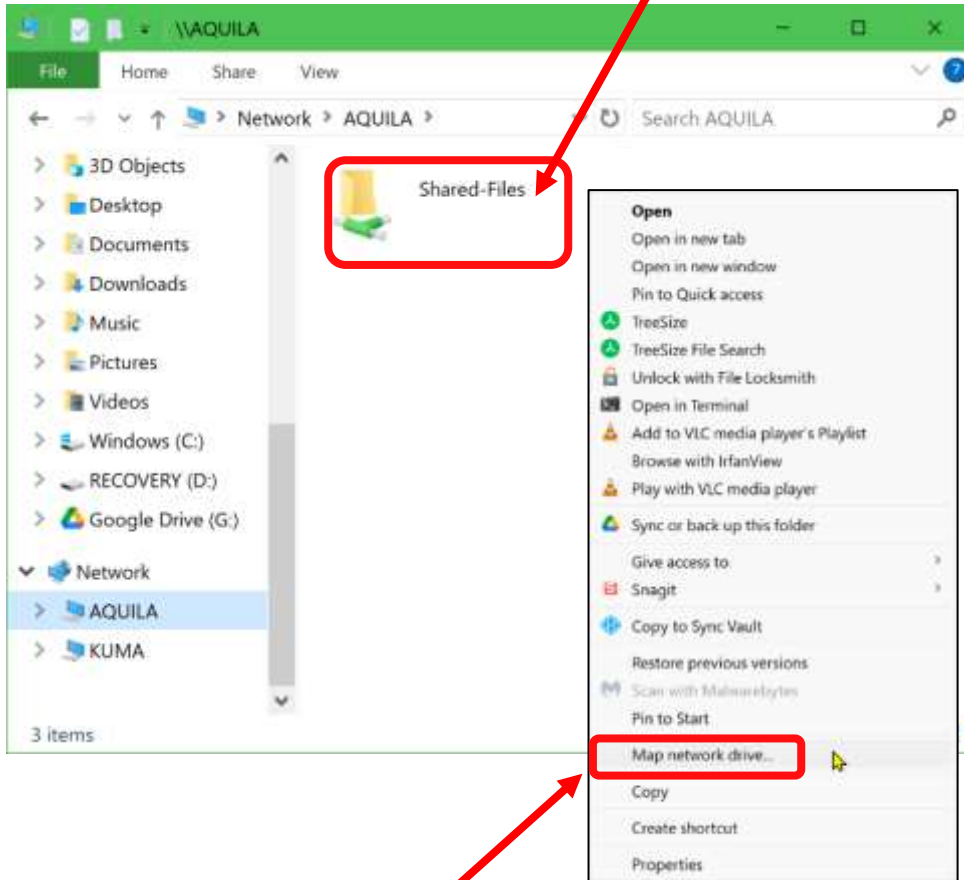


Access files in shared folder

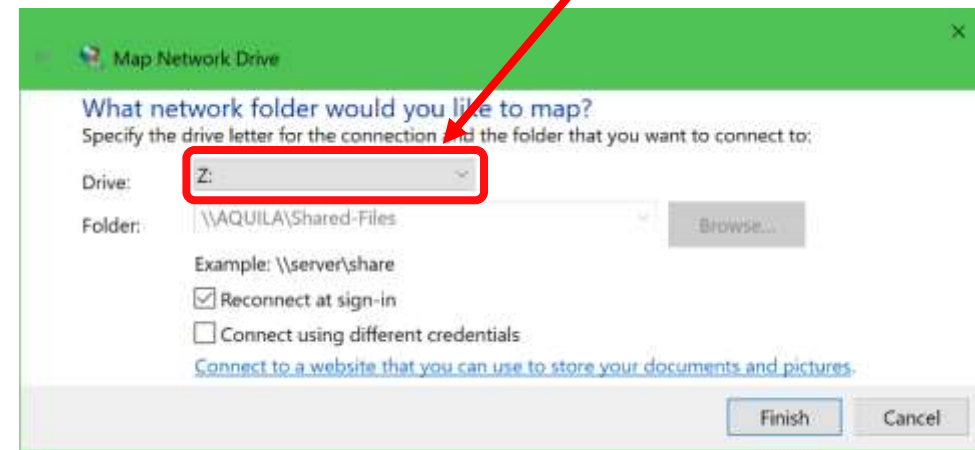
Computer Basics

Map drive letter for easy access

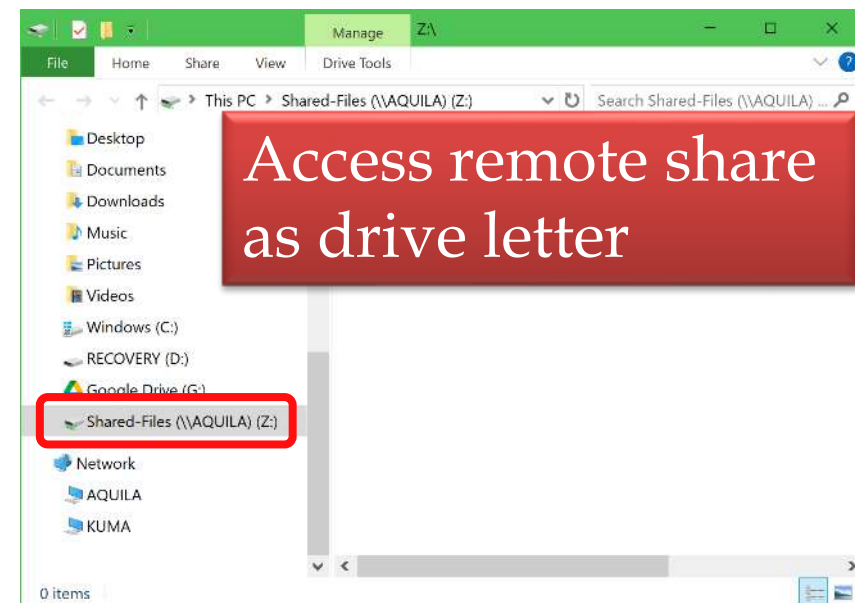
Right-click shared folder



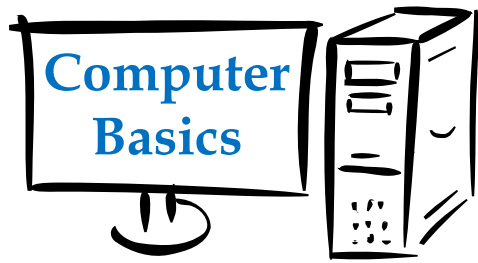
Choose a drive letter



Choose *Map network drive*

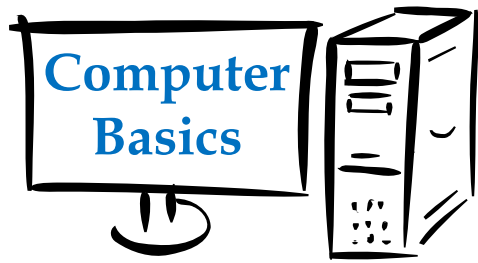


Access remote share
as drive letter



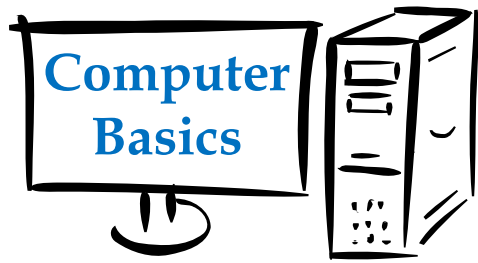
Recommendation

- Configure a single *Read* access folder on each computer
 - prevents accidental modification of someone else's computer
 - make files available to someone on another computer
 - copy files to the single shared folder
 - other person accesses the files in that shared folder
- As you become more comfortable with sharing concepts
 - open the one shared folder for *Read/Write* access
- If you become *very* comfortable with sharing concepts
 - share entire drives for *Read* access
- If you become *VERY VERY* comfortable with sharing concepts
 - share entire drives for *Read/Write* access



Traditional Windows network file sharing summary

- Good
 - access shared files at any time
 - easily read/write many files
 - always have drive letter pointing to folder on other computer
- Bad
 - more work to configure (once)
 - computers must be on for others to access files
 - unlike a NAS
 - or
 - cloud sharing (which is like a remote NAS)



Sharing files – series wrap up

- Five methods covered

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- Call to action

- many other options for sharing files between devices
- do you have a different method you use?
- can you let your fellow members know?
- let us know at SuggestionBox@opcug.ca

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~~News Readers~~ News Generators!

- Stop reading Fake News
- Start making your own News!



Introducing

Two Free Websites to Generate your own News

Website # 1 of 2



Breaking News Generator!



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Breaking News Generator!

News Channel

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No news today

Description

Huw Edwards doesn't even have a story ab

Date

2017

Place

Cardiff

Upload a (draggable!) Image

Choose File No file chosen



Tweet

Next sample

Download Image

In seconds... **you will have**



A graphic is okay, but I need an **AI Generated Video**

Website # 2 of 2



Create Free AI Videos in 1 Minute

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Blue News Conversation



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Blue News Conversation



Scenes (1)



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Edit as my template



Use this template

We now go to



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for over 40 years*

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GlassWire for Android



- GlassWire best known for their desktop program
 - works with Windows Firewall to manage traffic, block programs from accessing the Internet, discover devices on your WiFi network, and more
- GlassWire for Android
 - free
 - details of volume of data sent/received for mobile network & Wi-Fi
 - chart of which apps are using mobile carrier or WiFi
 - allow or deny app connections to the network
 - alerts on data limits
 - polite and safe
 - doesn't send/receive data itself
 - no usage data ever leaves your phone

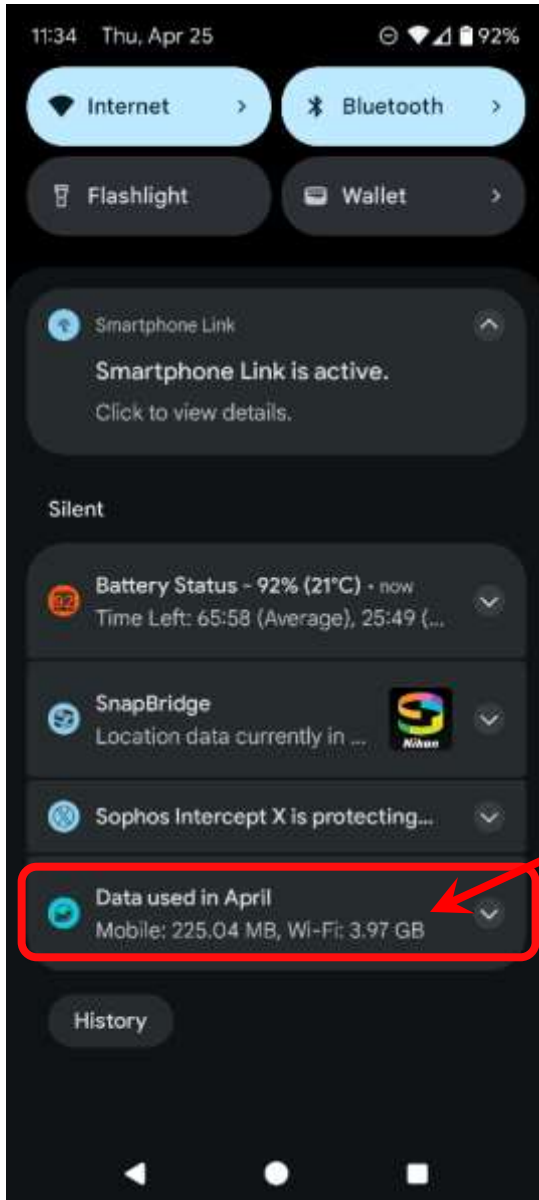
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Help: <https://www.glasswire.com/android-help/>

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Android notification screen

Pull down notifications from top of screen



GlassWire reports total data on Mobile and WiF networks for the month

Tap notification to open GlassWire app

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GlassWire main screen

Period for data/graph

- day/week/month/custom

Total data for period

- download/upload

Data use by program

- blue: download
- green: upload

Network for data/graph

- Mobile, Wi-Fi, both

Data volume for period

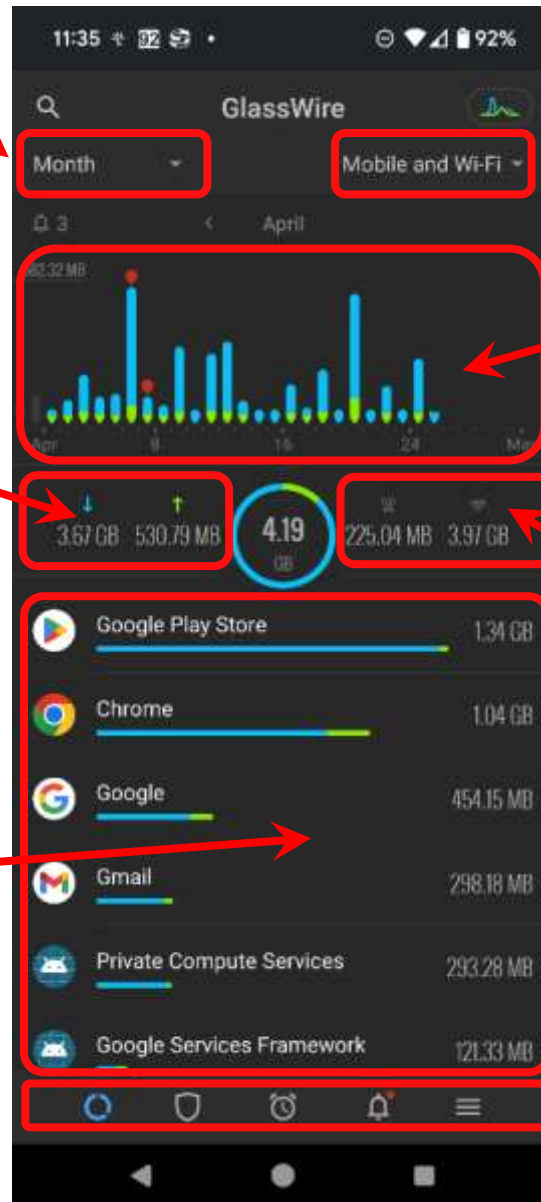
- blue: download
- green: upload

Total data for period

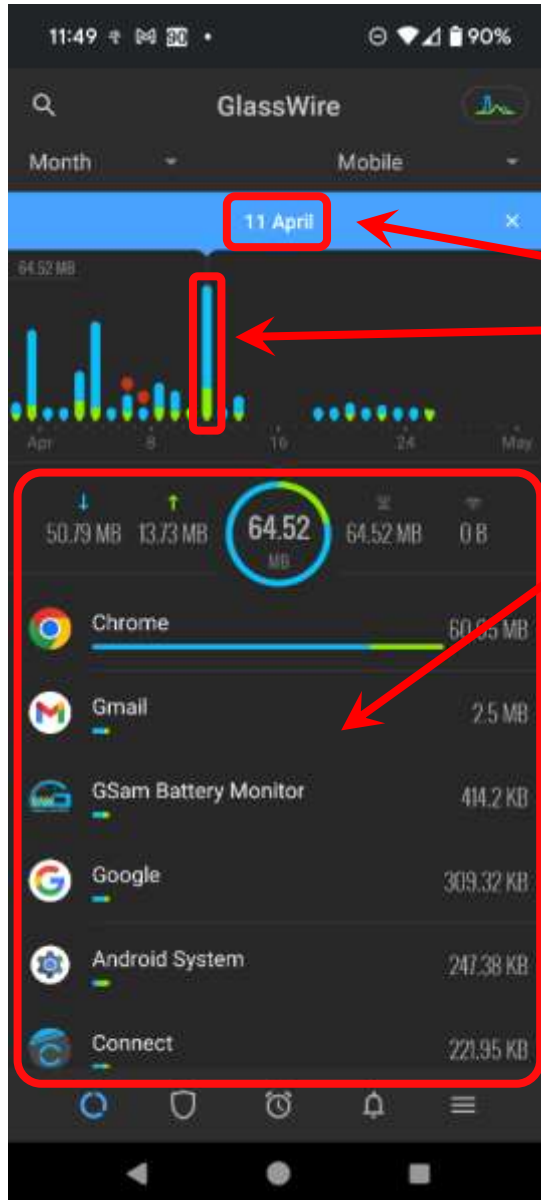
- Mobile / Wi-Fi

Functional areas

- main screen
- firewall
- data plans
- alerts
- menu



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Tap any data bar

- all data updates for just that period

Week / month view

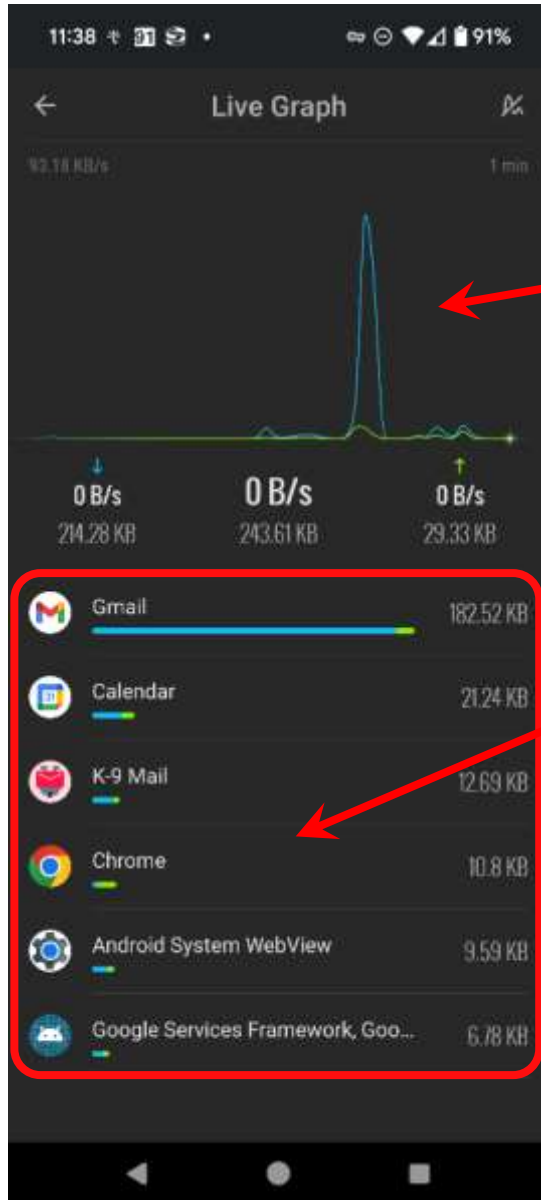
- each bar is a 1-day period

Day view

- each bar is a 3-hour period

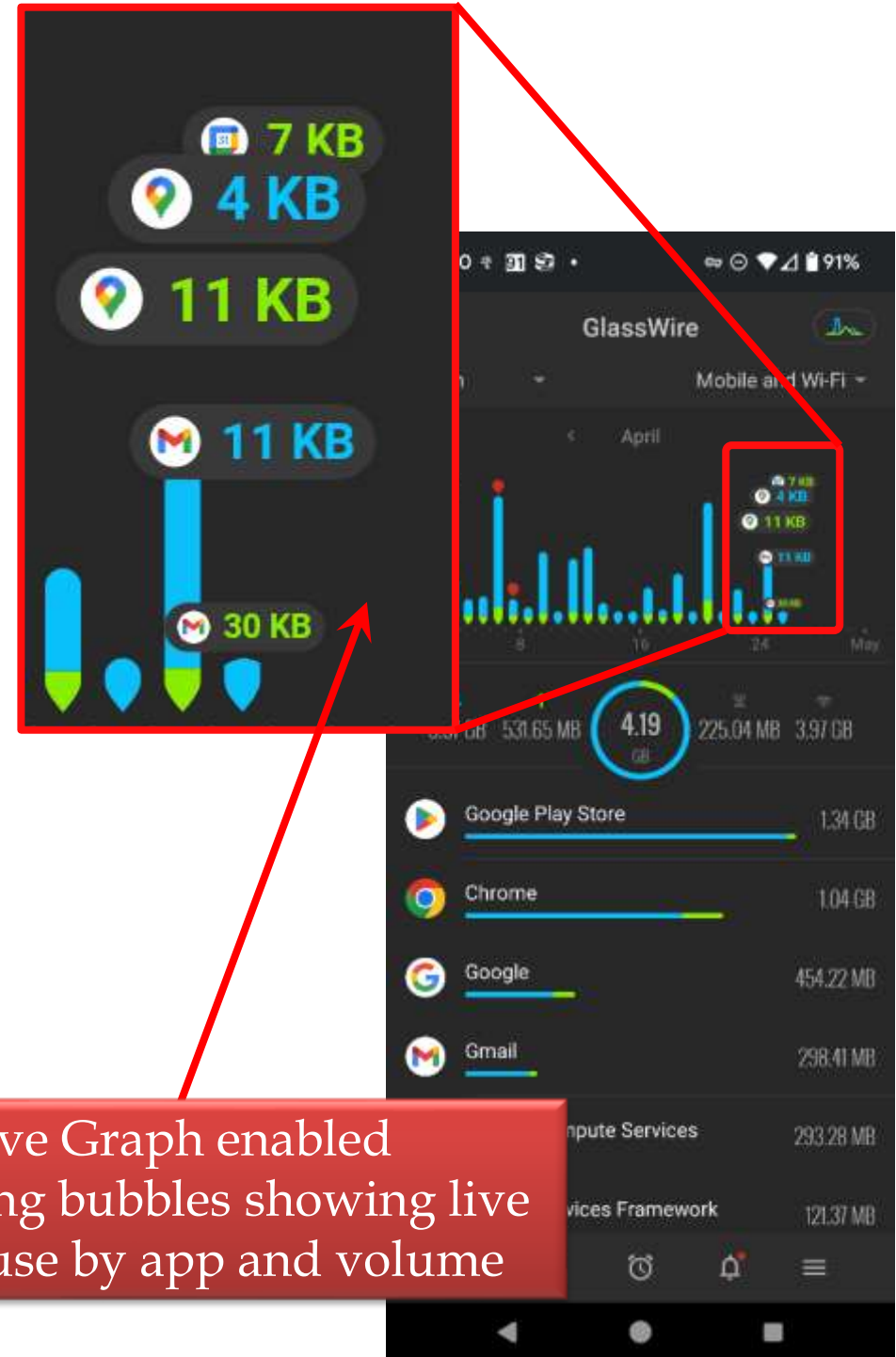
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Live Graph



Moving graph of last minute

Apps using data in last minute

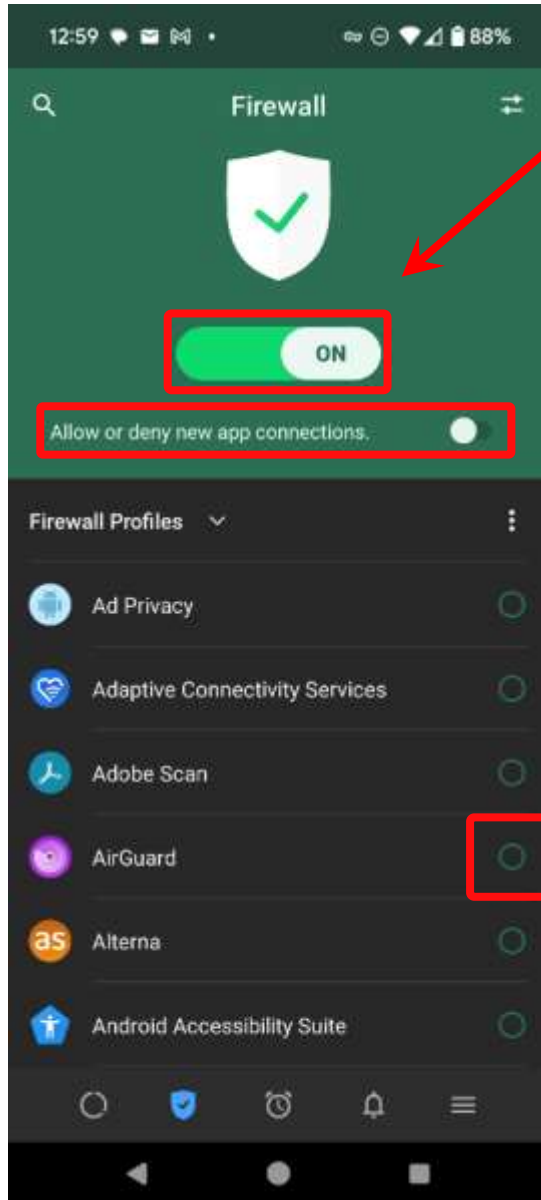


When Live Graph enabled

- floating bubbles showing live data use by app and volume

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Firewall

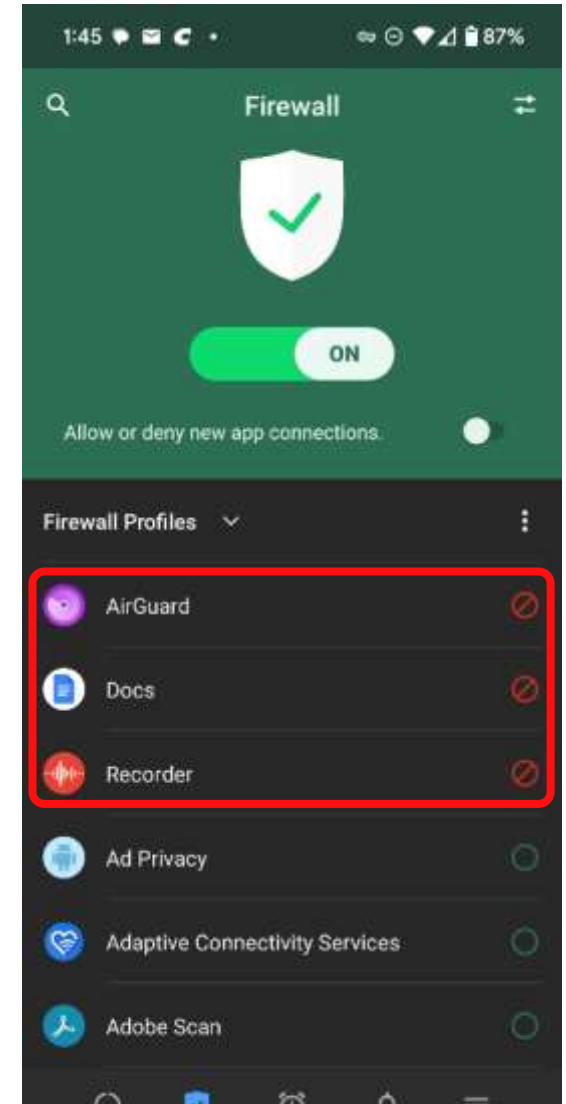


Toggle firewall on/off

Toggle on to block new apps from accessing network

- you get an alert
- can say yes/no to allow/block app

Tap circle to block any app from accessing network

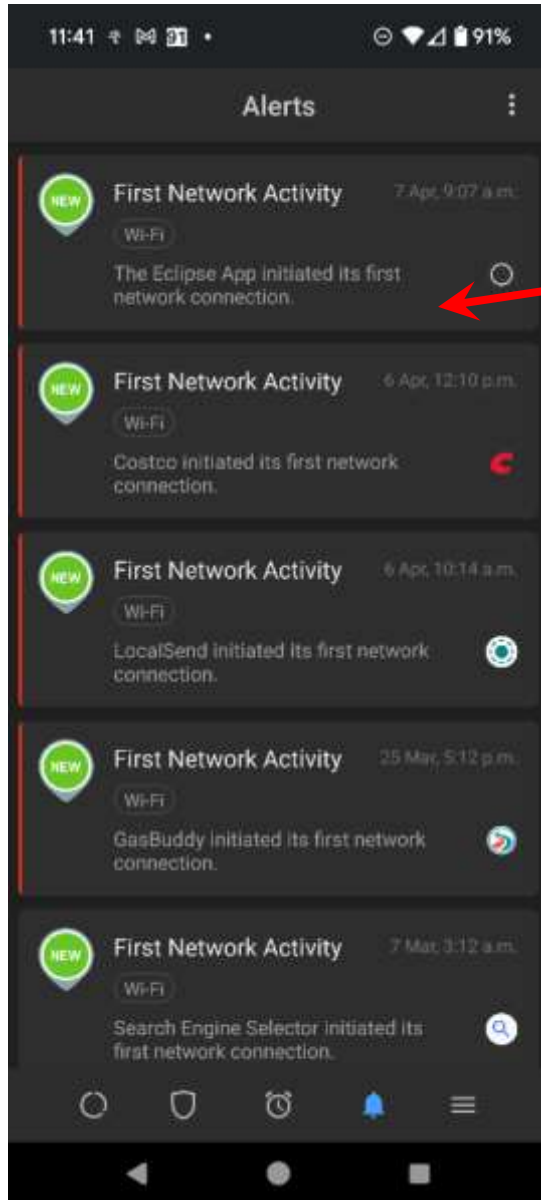


Blocked apps go to top of list

- easy to find blocked apps

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Alerts

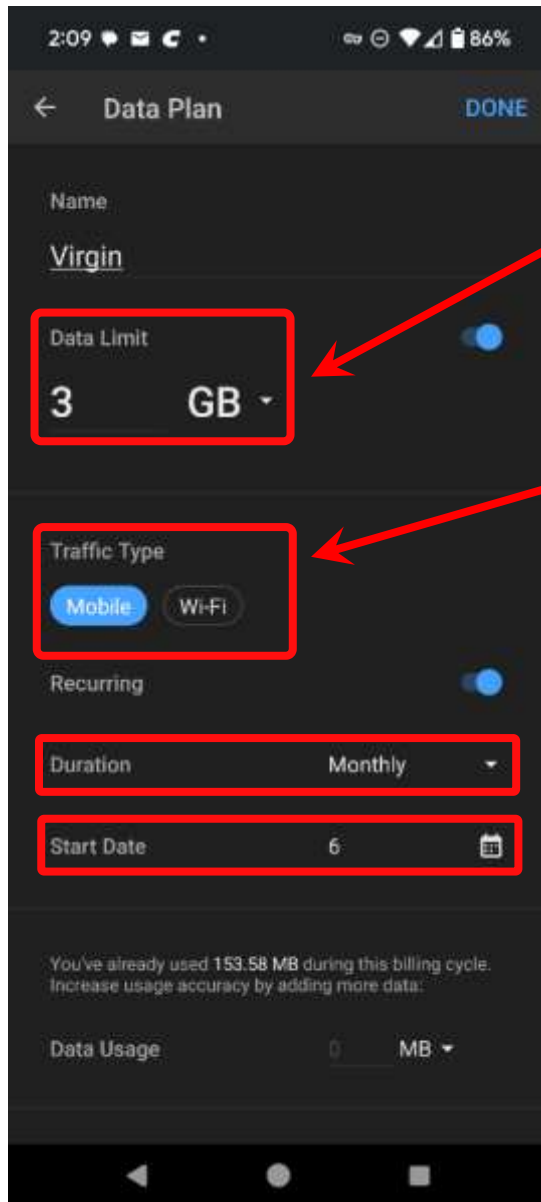


I don't find Alerts particularly useful

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Data limits

- avoid overage charges



Set data limit

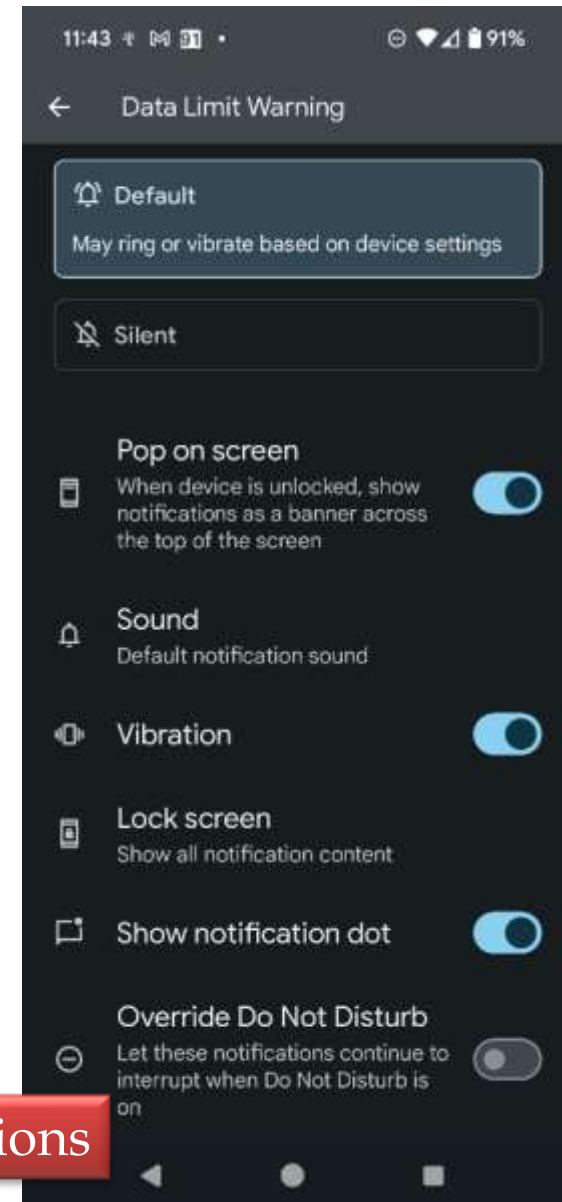
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Measure Mobile data,
Wi-Fi-data or both

Duration: monthly,
weekly, daily, other

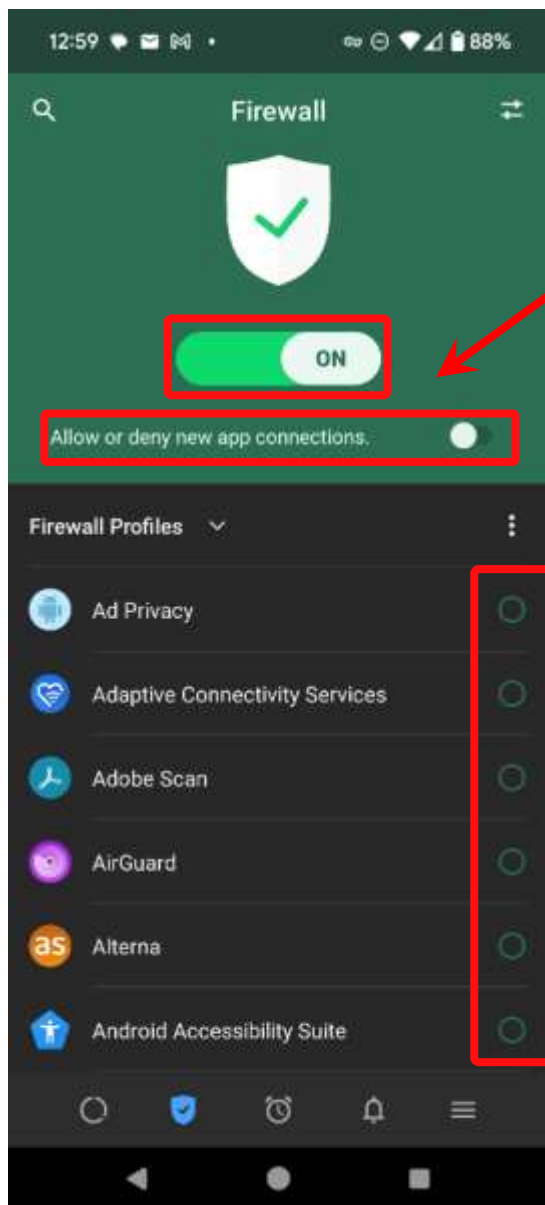
Start date for cycle

Flexible notifications



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A bug?



If you **enable** the firewall

- doesn't matter if *Allow or deny new apps* is on/off

And you use **K-9 Mail**

- any communications (sending and receiving) with the email server seems to take forever
- mail does eventually go through

Note that nothing related to email is blocked

Bugged with GlassWire

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Reporting works

From: Support <mobile@glasswire.com>
To: Chris Taylor <chris.taylor@opcug.ca>
Subject: [GlassWire] Re: In App User Feedback [3.0.388r]
11:37 a.m.

Sahar (GlassWire)
May 13, 2024, 16:37 GMT+1

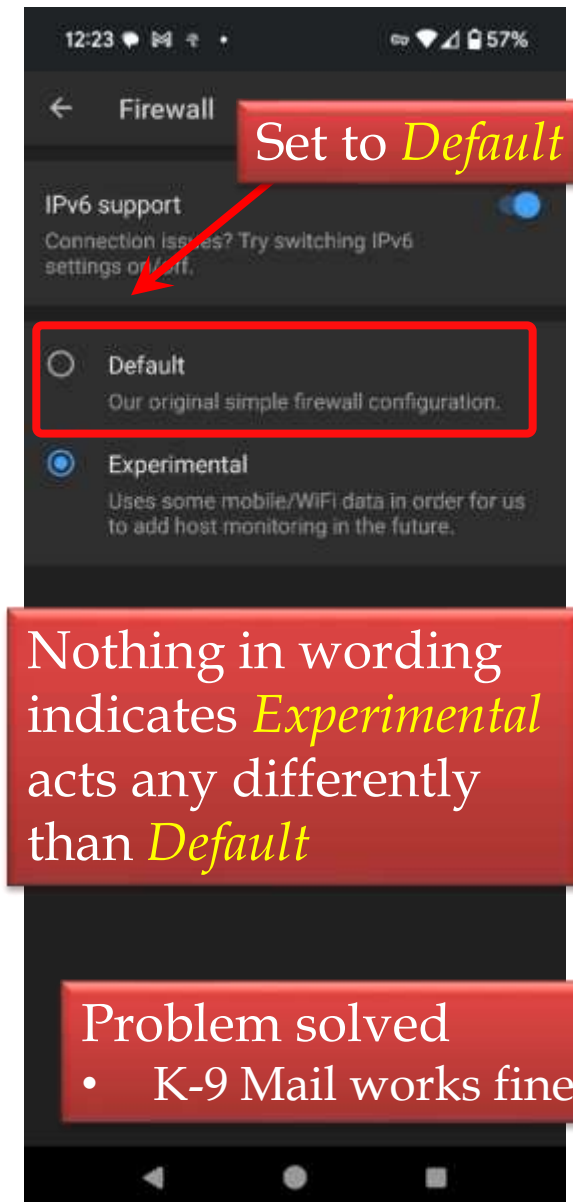
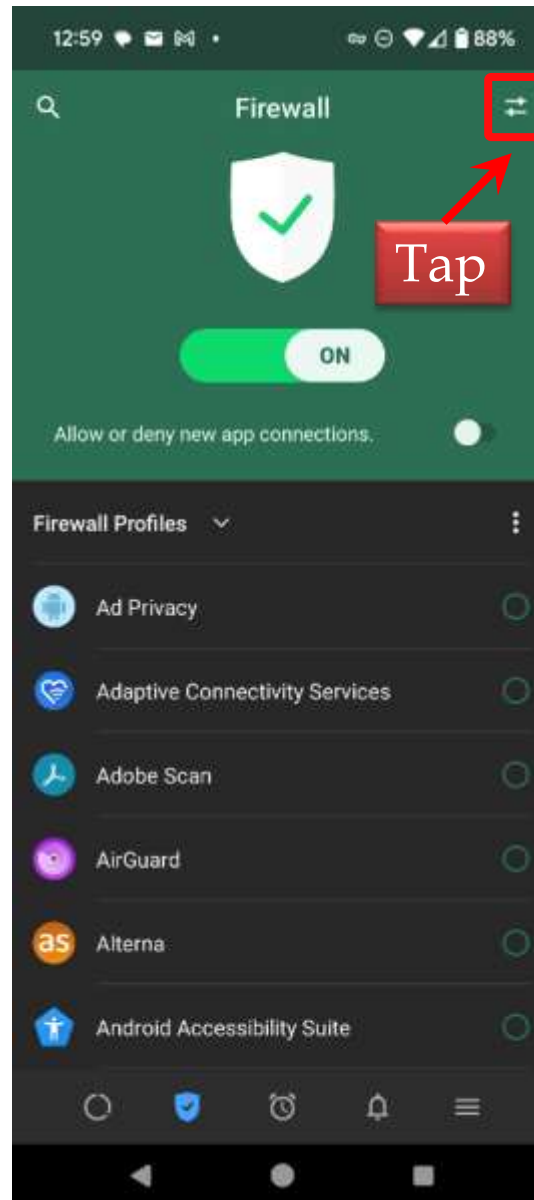
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Thanks for your patience.

Please consider switching the firewall from the experimental mode to the default one. You can do this in the GlassWire settings under the firewall section.

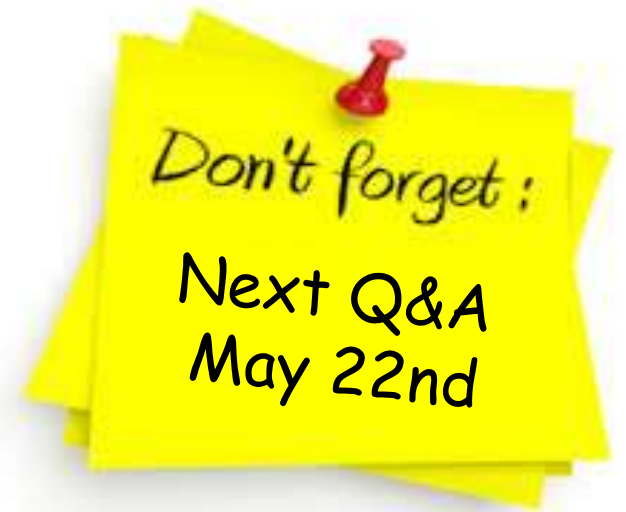
Please let me know if you need further assistance.

Kind regards,
Sahar Sahbaei
GlassWire Support Team





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Comments
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answers, and topics
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