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# MAKE YOUR WI-FI FASTER AND SEE WHO'S ON IT

## THE PROMPTS FROM BOTH OF MY WI-FI VIDEOS

*Claude can log into your router, run a speed test, find every app eating up your internet in the background and check if your neighbors' Wi-Fi is fighting with yours. Then it fixes what it found. And here's the part that surprises people: it can show you every device on your Wi-Fi, flag the ones that aren't yours, block them and lock your network down.*

The exact prompts from both videos

A speed test, the apps eating your internet and your neighbors' Wi-Fi

Every device on your network, with the unknown ones flagged

Block what isn't yours and lock your network down

Back up first and undo anything

Fixes if something doesn't work

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# Start Here: What You Need

**THE PLAN**

1. Open Claude's Code tab on your computer and tell it to connect to your router.
2. Say yes to the fixes and watch the speed test run again.
3. See every device on your Wi-Fi, block what isn't yours and secure your network.

## Before you start

**Your account:** The Claude desktop app on a Mac or Windows PC, with a paid Claude plan (Pro or higher).

**Your router:** The admin password from the sticker on the back or bottom.

**Your network:** Your own Wi-Fi, at home. Never a hotel, Airbnb, office or neighbor's network.

This runs from your computer, not your phone. Claude has to be on your Wi-Fi to test it and reach your router, and the phone app's Code tab runs in the cloud, where it can't see your home network.

| What | Details |
|---|---|
| A computer on your Wi-Fi | A Mac or Windows laptop, connected by Wi-Fi (not a cable), where you usually use the internet |
| The Claude desktop app | Free at claude.com/download |
| A paid Claude plan | Pro ($20 a month) or higher. Claude Code isn't on the Free plan |
| Your router password | The admin or router password on its sticker. It's not always the same as the Wi-Fi password |
| Your plan's speed | What you pay for, like 500 Mbps. It's on your internet bill or in your provider's app |

## Does your router have a login page?

| Your router | What Claude can do |
|---|---|
| AT&T or Verizon Fios gateways, older Xfinity gateways, most store-bought routers (Netgear, TP-Link, Asus) | Everything: log in, change settings, show every device, block devices |
| eero, Google Nest Wifi, TP-Link Deco, most Spectrum routers, T-Mobile and Starlink | Everything on your computer, plus the devices it can see. For router changes, it tells you exactly what to tap in your router's app |
| Newer Xfinity gateways | Turn on the admin tool in the Xfinity app first, then everything works |

On a Mac, everything Claude needs for the tests is already built in. Nothing to install.

# Copy This First: The Prompts From My Videos

Want it all at once? Open Claude's **Code** tab (Step 1 shows how), paste this and it runs every prompt from both videos for you, one after the other:

**ALL PROMPTS | COPY & PASTE**

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Do these in order and show each one under its own short heading:
1) Connect to my router and find everything that's slowing my Wi-Fi down.
2) Show me every fix you found, then make the ones I say yes to and run the speed test again.
3) Now show me every device connected to my Wi-Fi and flag anything you don't recognize.
4) Tell me what each one of these devices actually is and flag anything you can't identify.
5) Block anything I confirm isn't mine and secure my network for good so no one can hack into it.
Before you change anything, back up my router settings and ask me first. When you need my router password, open the router's login page and let me type it in myself.
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Or go one at a time, like in the videos. Start with this:

**PROMPT 1 | COPY & PASTE**

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Connect to my router and find everything that's slowing my Wi-Fi down.
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**TIP**

Claude doesn't know what speed you pay for, so it will ask. Have your plan's speed handy.

# Step 1: Connect Claude to Your Router

- **Open the Claude desktop app** and click the **Code** tab at the top.
- **Pick where it works.** Under the message box, choose **Local**, then click the folder button and choose **Open folder...**. Make a new empty folder called **WiFi** on your Desktop and pick it. Claude saves your router backup and notes there.
- **Send Prompt 1.**

Claude finds your router on your network. When it needs to log in, it opens your router's login page in a browser right next to the chat and asks permission to use it. Click to allow it, then **type the password from the sticker into the router's page yourself**.

## Approve as you go

Claude asks before it runs anything on your computer and before it changes anything. Read each one and approve what makes sense.

> **TIP**
>
> On a Mac, if a pop-up asks whether Claude can find devices on your local network, click **Allow**. Clicked Don't Allow? Open **System Settings > Privacy & Security > Local Network**, turn on **Claude**, then quit and reopen Claude.

> **HEADS UP**
>
> Never paste your router password into the chat. Type it into the router's login page, where it belongs.

# Step 2: Make It Faster

Here's what Claude checks:

- **A speed test**, compared with the speed you pay for
- **Every app eating your internet** in the background, like photo backups and file syncing
- **Your signal**, and whether you're on the slower 2.4 GHz band or the faster 5 GHz one
- **Your neighbors' Wi-Fi**, and whether it's crowding the same channel as yours
- **Your router's settings**, like the channel, the bands and its software

Then it lists every fix it found and asks before changing anything. When you're happy with the list, send:

**PROMPT 2 | COPY & PASTE**

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Yes, make those fixes and run the speed test again.
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Claude backs up your router settings, makes the changes, runs the speed test again and shows you before and after.

> **TIP**
>
> The biggest jumps come from moving to the 5 GHz band, a less crowded channel and stopping background uploads. Your Wi-Fi can't go past the speed your internet plan gives you, so if your speed test already matches your plan, the fix is a faster plan, not the router.

# Step 3: See Every Device on Your Wi-Fi

This is the trick. In the same chat, send this:

**PROMPT 3 | COPY & PASTE**

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Now show me every device connected to my Wi-Fi and flag anything you don't recognize.
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Starting fresh instead? Open a new chat in the Code tab and send:

**PROMPT 4 | COPY & PASTE**

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Log into my router and show me every device connected to my Wi-Fi right now.
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Claude pulls up every single device on your network: your phones, your TV, your speakers, all of it. Then ask it to figure out what they are:

**PROMPT 5 | COPY & PASTE**

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Tell me what each one of these devices actually is and flag anything you can't identify.
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Claude matches up every device it knows is yours and flags the ones it can't identify.

**HEADS UP**

Your own phones can look like strangers. iPhones and Android phones use private Wi-Fi addresses, so a family member's phone can show up with a random name. Check every flagged device against the phones, tablets, game consoles and smart speakers in your home before you block anything.

**TIP**

Not sure which one is which? Turn off Wi-Fi on one phone, wait a minute, and ask Claude: "Which device just disappeared?"

# Step 4: Block What Isn't Yours and Lock It Down

Tell Claude which devices are yours, then send:

**PROMPT 6 | COPY & PASTE**

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Block anything I confirm isn't mine and secure my network for good so no one can hack into it.
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## What "secure for good" means

- **WPS off.** That's the push-button connect feature people abuse to get on.
- **Strong security on.** WPA3, or WPA2 if some of your devices are older.
- **A new router admin password,** not the one printed on the sticker. Type it in yourself and save it in your password manager.
- **The router's software updated,** and remote management turned off.

> **TIP**
>
> Claude may suggest a new Wi-Fi password too. That's the strongest fix if a stranger knew your password, because a blocked device can come back under a new address. But every device in your home has to rejoin, the TV, speakers and printer included. So say yes only when you have the new password ready to type in everywhere.

On an eero, Google Nest Wifi or other app-only router, Claude tells you exactly what to tap in your router's app to pause or block each device.

# Stay Safe: The Rules That Matter

- **Your own network only.** Logging into someone else's router without permission can be illegal. No hotels, Airbnbs, offices, schools or neighbors.
- **The password is on the sticker.** Look for "Admin password", "Router password" or "Device access code". Type it into the router's page yourself, never the chat.
- **Back up first.** Claude saves your router settings before changing anything. Keep that file in your WiFi folder.
- **Read before you approve.** Claude asks before every change. If something sounds wrong, say no and ask why.
- **Undo is one prompt away.** If something stops working after the changes, open the same WiFi folder in the Code tab and send:

**PROMPT 7 | COPY & PASTE**

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Something stopped working after your changes. Put my router and my computer back the
way they were, using the backup you saved.
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**HEADS UP**

Locked out of your router completely? Hold the small reset button on the router for about 10 seconds (some need longer). It goes back to factory settings, with the Wi-Fi name and passwords on its sticker, and you set it up again from scratch.

# Common Mistakes and Quick Fixes

| If this happens | Try this |
|---|---|
| You don't see the Code tab | Claude Code needs a paid plan (Pro or higher) and the desktop app. It won't work from the phone app. |
| Claude can't reach the router | Make sure your computer is on your home Wi-Fi, not a hotspot or VPN. On a Mac, check **System Settings > Privacy & Security > Local Network** and turn on **Claude**. |
| The password doesn't work | Use the admin or router password on the sticker, not the Wi-Fi password. Changed it before and forgot? Ask your internet provider or reset the router. |
| Your router has no login page | You have an app-only router (eero, Nest, Deco, Spectrum, T-Mobile, Starlink). Claude still does the speed fixes on your computer and tells you what to tap in the app. |
| Xfinity won't let you log in | Turn on the admin tool in the Xfinity app first. |
| Your speed barely changed | Your Wi-Fi may already be fine and your plan is the limit. Ask Claude: "Is my plan the bottleneck?" |
| The device list looks short | Without a router login, Claude only sees devices your computer has talked to recently. Your router's app shows every one. |
| Your own phone got blocked | Ask Claude: "Unblock [DEVICE NAME]." Then check the rest of the list before blocking again. |
| A device came back after you blocked it | Change your Wi-Fi password, then rejoin your own devices. |
| Claude needs your computer password | It gives you a command to paste in Terminal. Type your password there, never in the chat. |
| Something stopped working | Send the undo prompt from the Stay Safe page. |

# Quick Reference: Faster, Safer Wi-Fi

| Step | Prompt | What you get |
|---|---|---|
| Connect | "Connect to my router and find everything that's slowing my Wi-Fi down." | A speed test and a list of fixes |
| Fix | "Yes, make those fixes and run the speed test again." | Before and after speeds |
| See devices | "Now show me every device connected to my Wi-Fi and flag anything you don't recognize." | Every device on your network |
| Identify | "Tell me what each one of these devices actually is and flag anything you can't identify." | The unknown devices flagged |
| Lock down | "Block anything I confirm isn't mine and secure my network for good so no one can hack into it." | Strangers blocked, network secured |

**DO THIS TODAY**

Find the sticker on your router and snap a photo of it. Then open Claude's Code tab on your laptop and send the first prompt. You'll have your speed test and your list of fixes in a few minutes.

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*Faster Wi-Fi, and only your devices on it.*