

How to Determine which Version of Windows is Installed

Follow the instructions for the operating system that you are running.

Windows 10

There are two methods that you can use to determine whether you are running a 32-bit or 64-bit version of Windows 10. If one method does not work, try the other method.

Method 1: View the About Section of the System window in the Settings Panel

1. Click/tap on the **Start** button on the taskbar or press the **Windows** key to open the **Start menu**
2. Click/tap on the Settings link at the bottom left
3. Click/tap on the **System** icon
4. Click/tap on **About** on the left side. Under **PC** on the right side, look to see if your **System type** is either a **64-bit operating system** or a **32-bit operating system**.

Method 2: View the System window in the Settings Panel

1. Click/tap on the **Start** button on the taskbar or press the **Windows** key to open the **Start menu**
2. Click/tap on the Settings link at the bottom left
3. Click/tap on the **System** icon
4. Under **System**, look to see if your **System type** is either a **64-bit operating system** or a **32-bit operating system**.

Windows 8

There are two methods that you can use to determine whether you are running a 32-bit or 64-bit version of Windows 8. If one method does not work, try the other method.

Method 1: View the System window in Control Panel

1. Swipe in from the right edge of the screen, and then tap **Search**. Or, if you are using a mouse, point to the lower-right corner of the screen, and then click **Search**.
2. Type **system** in the search box, and then tap or click **Settings**.
3. Tap or click **System**.
4. If you are running a 64-bit version of Windows 8, **64-bit Operating System** is displayed in the **System type** field under the **System** heading. If you are running a 32-bit version of Windows 8, **32-bit Operating System** is displayed in the **System type** field under the **System** heading.

Method 2: View the System Information window

1. Swipe in from the right edge of the screen, and then tap **Search**. Or, if you are using a mouse, point to the lower-right corner of the screen, and then click **Search**.
2. In the search box, type **system information**.
3. Tap or click **System**, tap or click **System Information**, and then click **System Summary**.
4. If you are running a 64-bit version of Windows 8, **x64-based PC** is displayed in the **System type** field under the **Item** heading.
If you are running a 32-bit version of Windows 8, **x86-based PC** is displayed in the **System type** field under the **Item** heading.

Windows Vista or Windows 7

If you have Windows Vista or Windows 7, there are two methods to determine whether you are running a 32-bit version or a 64-bit version. If one method does not work, try the other method.

Method 1: View the System window in Control Panel

1. Click **Start** , type system in the **Start Search** box, and then click **system** in the **Programs** list.
2. The operating system is displayed as follows:
 - For a 64-bit version operating system, **64-bit Operating System** appears for the **System type** under **System**.
 - For a 32-bit version operating system, **32-bit Operating System** appears for the **System type** under **System**.

Method 2: View the System Information window

1. Click **Start** , type system in the **Start Search** box, and then click **System Information** in the **Programs** list.
2. When **System Summary** is selected in the navigation pane, the operating system is displayed as follows:
 - For a 64-bit version operating system, **x64-based PC** appears for the **System type** under **Item**.
 - For a 32-bit version operating system, **x86-based PC** appears for the **System type** under **Item**.