

## 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**.