View your connection status

You can view the WiFi connection status using the adapter icon that displays in your Windows system tray or Mac menu bar. To view details about the WiFi connection, open the adapter software.

The color of the icon indicates the strength of your WiFi connection:

- **White**: Strong connection
- **Yellow**: Weak connection
- **Red**: No connection

If you remove your adapter, the adapter software becomes unavailable and the icon does not display. When you insert the adapter again, the icon returns.

Support and Community

Visit netgear.com/support to get your questions answered and access the latest downloads.

You can also check out our NETGEAR Community for helpful advice at community.netgear.com.

Regulatory and Legal

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For regulatory compliance information including the EU Declaration of Conformity, visit https://www.netgear.com/about/regulatory/.

See the regulatory compliance document before connecting the power supply.

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Applicable to 6 GHz devices only: Only use the device indoors. The operation of 6 GHz devices is prohibited on oil platforms, cars, trains, boats, and aircraft, except that operation of this device is permitted in large aircraft while flying above 10,000 feet. Operation of transmitters in the 5.925-7.125 GHz band is prohibited for control of or communications with unmanned aircraft systems.

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Quick Start

NIGHTHAWK®
AC1900 WiFi USB Adapter
Model A7000

NOTE: Download and install the adapter software or standalone driver from the NETGEAR website before inserting the WiFi adapter into your computer.

Package contents

WiFi USB adapter

USB 3.0 cable with magnetic cradle

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Install the Windows or Mac adapter software

The adapter software allows you to connect the adapter to a WiFi network. You can install the adapter software on Windows or Mac computers

Install the Windows adapter software

1. Visit https://www.netgear.com/support/download/?model=A7000 and download the latest software file for Windows.
2. Unzip the files from the `.zip` file.
3. Double-click the file that ends in `.exe` and does not include *Standalone* in the file name.
4. Follow the prompts to complete installation.

Install the Mac adapter software

1. Visit https://www.netgear.com/support/download/?model=A7000 and download the latest software file for Mac.
2. Unzip the files from the .zip file.
3. Double-click the file that ends in `.dmg`.
4. Follow the prompts to complete installation.

Install the Windows standalone driver

The Windows standalone driver allows you to use your computer's built-in Windows WiFi network settings to connect the adapter to a WiFi network instead of using the adapter software.

1. Visit https://www.netgear.com/support/download/?model=A7000 and download the latest software file for Windows.
2. Unzip the files from the `.zip` file.
3. Double-click the file that ends in `.exe` and includes *Standalone* in the file name.
4. Follow the prompts to complete installation.

Insert the adapter into your computer

After installing the adapter software or standalone driver, you can insert your adapter into your computer's USB port with or without the cradle:
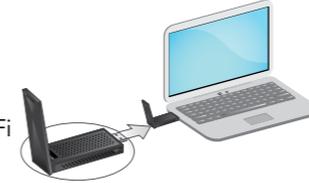
- **With the cradle**: Place the adapter into the cradle and connect the USB cable to the USB port on your computer.

  When the adapter is placed in the cradle, you can fold out the adapter to its maximum angle for increased WiFi performance.

  (!) **NOTE:** We recommend that you do not use another USB cable to connect the adapter to the USB port on your computer. Use the cradle that is supplied in the package. Using another USB cable might affect the performance of your adapter.

- **Without the cradle**: Insert the adapter into a USB port on your computer. Position the antenna to a 90-degree angle for increased WiFi performance.

Join a WiFi network

You can join a WiFi network using the Windows or Mac adapter software, the Windows computer's built-in Windows WiFi network connection settings, or Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) if your WiFi router supports it.

Join a WiFi network using the Windows adapter software

1. Make sure the adapter software is installed.

   For more information, see Install the Windows adapter software.
2. Insert the adapter into a USB port on your computer.
3. In the Windows system tray, click the icon to launch the adapter software.
4. Click the **Join a Network** button.
5. Select a WiFi network.
6. Click the **Connect** button.
7. If the WiFi network is secure, enter its password or network key.

   The adapter joins the WiFi network, which might take a few minutes.

Join a WiFi network using the built-in Windows WiFi network settings

1. Make sure the standalone driver is installed.

   For more information, see Install the Windows standalone driver.
2. Insert the adapter into a USB port on your computer.
3. Open the WiFi network settings on your computer and select a WiFi network to connect.

   For more information about how to connect to a WiFi network using your computer, see the Microsoft Windows support site.

Join a WiFi network using the Mac adapter software

1. Make sure the adapter software is installed.

   For more information, see Install the Mac adapter software.
2. Insert the adapter into a USB port on your computer.
3. Click the icon in your Mac's menu bar.

   A list of WiFi networks in your area displays.
4. Select a WiFi network.
5. If the network is secure, enter its password or network key, and click the **Join** button.

   The adapter joins the network, which might take a few minutes.

Join a WiFi network using WPS

1. Insert the adapter into a USB port on your computer.
2. Press and hold the **WPS** button on the adapter for two seconds.

3. Within two minutes, press the **WPS** button on your WiFi router or gateway.

   The adapter joins the WiFi network, which might take a few minutes. Your settings are saved in a profile.