

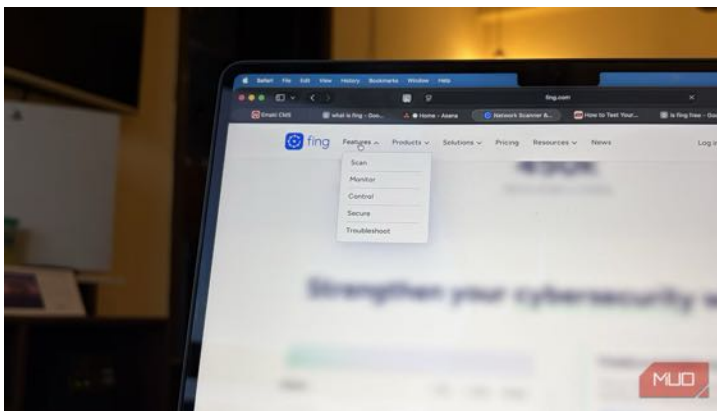


## You should run this 30-second scan to see who's actually on your Wi-Fi

### Summary

Fing is a network scanning and security app that helps identify all devices connected to your Wi-Fi network. It can detect unauthorized access, run internet speed tests, and monitor network security. The free version allows up to three manual scans per day, with more advanced features available in paid plans.

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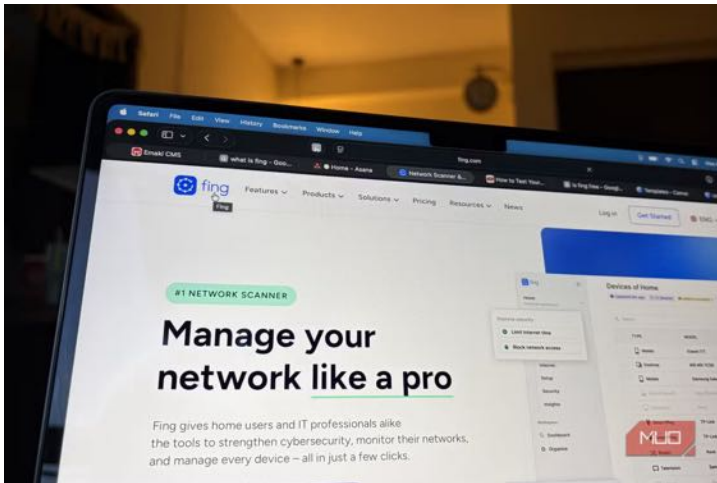
**I**t's annoying when you're shelling out money for a high-speed Wi-Fi plan, and your internet still crawls. You start questioning the provider and the router. If you're paying for fast internet, you should be getting fast internet, right? However, the problem isn't always the plan. Sometimes the slowdown happens because more devices are connected to your network than you realize. In my case, I have several phones lying around at home, and some of them could still be

connected to Wi-Fi without me even realizing it. On the contrary, it could even be a neighbor who once asked for your password and never really stopped using it. If the password hasn't changed since, they might still be connected without you realizing it. The more traffic your network handles, the more your speed gets divided.

But before you blame anyone, it's worth checking out who's actually using your Wi-Fi. This tool can scan your network in under a minute and show you every connected device. It can instantly reveal if someone is freeloading on your connection. I'd recommend, even if your speed seems fine, running a quick scan once in a while is a smart habit. You might discover unknown devices; if so, you can change the password and secure your network right away.

## A quick look at how this tool works

### The Wi-Fi detective that sniffs out every hidden guest



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Fing is a [network scanning](#) and security app designed to show you exactly what's happening on your Wi-Fi. Instead of guessing why your internet feels slow, it gives you a clear list of every device connected to your network. Once you run a scan, it identifies smartphones, laptops, smart TVs, smart speakers, and pretty much anything that can connect to Wi-Fi. It even labels devices intelligently, so you're not staring at a confusing list of numbers and IP addresses.

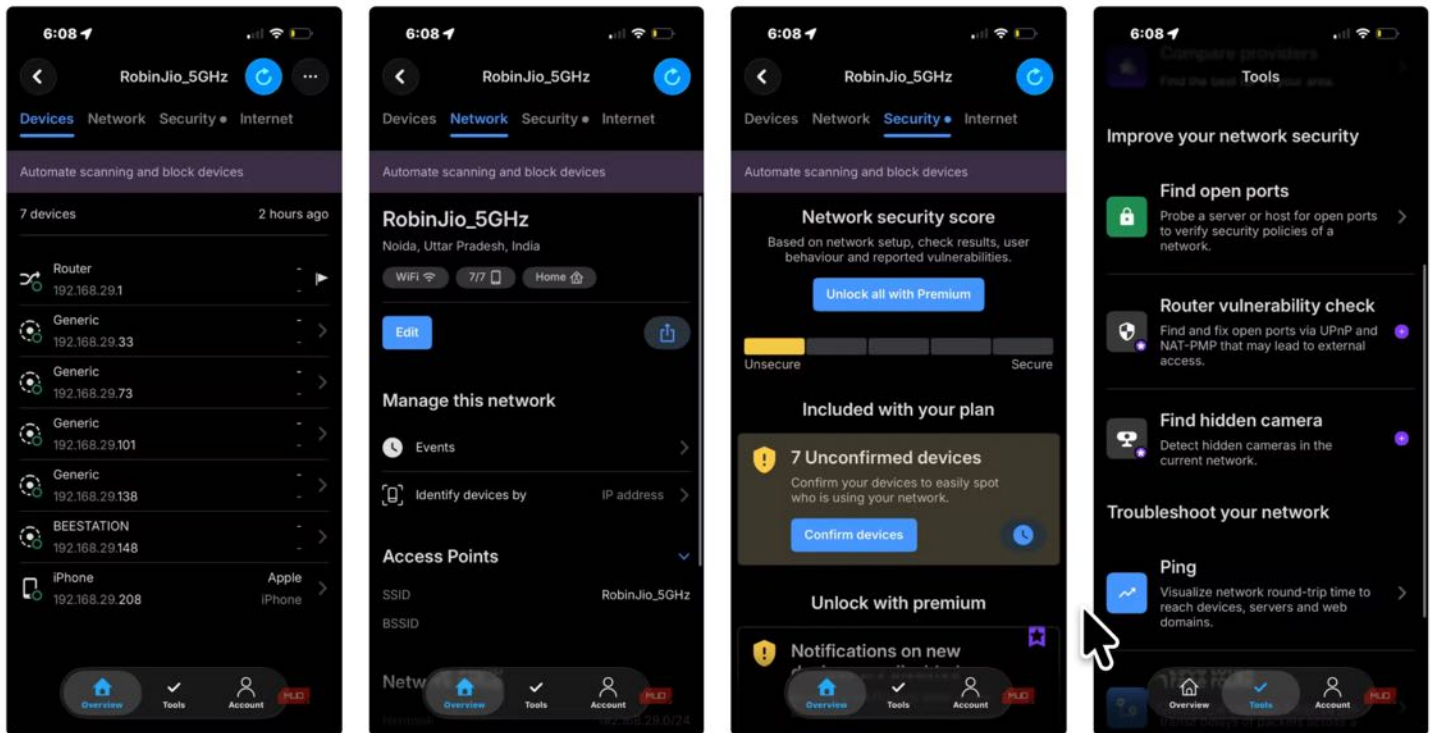
What's more is that it also runs internet speed tests to check whether you're actually getting the speeds your ISP (Internet Service Provider) promised. If there's an unknown device connected, it flags it. If a new device joins your network, you will be notified. It also monitors for potential security weaknesses, making it especially useful for households with multiple devices or small workstations that rely on a stable Wi-Fi connection.

And if you spot something suspicious, you can take action by blocking unknown devices directly from the app (depending on your setup). Another useful feature is performance monitoring. If your network traffic looks normal, but your [internet still feels sluggish](#), Fing can help you determine whether the issue lies with your ISP by running speed and performance checks, including buffer analysis.

It's available on iOS, Android, macOS, and Windows, so you can use it on almost any device you already own. This app will provide clarity whether you're troubleshooting slow speeds or just doing a routine check.

## How to run your first scan

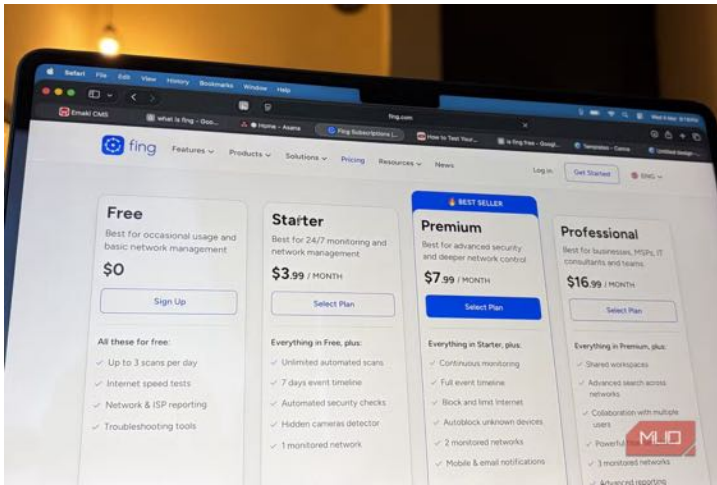
The moment your Wi-Fi tells the truth



To begin, download [Fing](#) on any supported device. I installed it on my iPhone, and the download only took a couple of minutes. Once it's installed, open the app, sign in with any account you prefer, and you're ready to start. The first thing you should do is run a network scan. In my case, it took less than a minute. When the scan finishes, you'll see a complete list of devices connected to your Wi-Fi. The app clearly shows which devices are online and which are offline, so you can quickly understand how busy your network is.

To check for new connections, tap the **Refresh icon** to scan again. You can also tap on any device to view more details, including its activity history and connection timeline. If you recognize a device, you can mark it as your own to keep things organized. If you notice something unfamiliar, you can block or remove it, depending on your router setup. You can also enable **alerts** for specific devices to get notified whenever their status changes, such as when they come online.

The app also displays the overall health and security status of your Wi-Fi network. For example, if your network is unsecured or has weak protection, it will highlight that so you can take corrective action. In the Internet section, you can run a [speed test](#) to see whether you're getting the speeds your ISP promised. If there's an outage in your area, the app can notify you as well.



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There are a few limitations to the free version. It allows up to **three** manual scans per day, which is usually enough for basic home monitoring. The network health check is basic, while more advanced security checks are available in the paid plans. The Starter plan begins at **\$3.99 per month**, followed by the Premium plan at **\$7.99 per month**, and the Professional plan at **\$16.99 per month**.

## Tip

For most home users, including myself, the free version is sufficient. However, if you manage a small office or business network, a paid plan may offer better value with its additional monitoring and security features.

## The truth is hiding in your network

If your Wi-Fi suddenly feels slower than usual, don't ignore it or assume it's just one of those days. Internet connections don't slow down without a reason. It could be a router that needs a restart, weak signal strength in certain corners of your home, too many devices streaming at once, or even someone quietly using your network without you knowing.

Instead of guessing, it's always better to check. And Fing does exactly that for you. It helps you move from assumptions to answers. Within minutes, you can see who's connected, how crowded your network is, and whether the issue is inside your home or coming from your ISP. It won't magically fix a bad router or an ISP outage, but it does remove the confusion.

Ever since I started scanning my network before jumping to conclusions, I've stopped blaming the wrong things. If there's a problem, you'll know where it's coming from. And if everything looks fine, at least you can rule out unwanted devices and focus on the real cause.

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