

# Open Port Checker

Check if a port on your device is open to the Internet (or not.)

## About the Open Port Checker tool

Most Internet-based applications, such as websites, communicate using a TCP/IP endpoint - that is, an IP address and port number.

If a remote computer cannot connect to your application or website's port number, it will be unable to use it.

Ports can be blocked using hardware- or software-based firewalls, which can restrict access conditionally based on the IP address or machine that is trying to connect.

## Use Cases

Use the Open Port Checker tool on Solid Tools for Developers to:

- See if your application's port can be accessed from the Internet
- Check if your firewall is correctly blocking an unknown IP address

## Usage

Enter a hostname, IPv4 or IPv6 address in the "Hostname or IP address" field.

To connect to a server if you don't know its IP address, enter its hostname (e.g. **www.google.com**) and select whether to use an IPv4 or IPv6 connection. If you select IPv6, the hostname must have an IPv6 (AAAA) DNS record.

To connect to a server using its IPv4 address, enter the IP address and ensure the IPv4 option is selected.

To connect to a server using its IPv6 address, enter the IP address and ensure the IPv6 option is selected.

Select one of the common TCP/IP port numbers from the list, or enter your own port number to connect to.

# Results

A successful connection will be displayed in **green**. This means the Solid Tools for Developers was successfully able to connect to the port - the port is open.

A failed connection will be displayed in **red**. This means the Solid Tools for Developers was unable to connect to the port - the port is either blocked or the application is not listening.

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