

# What is Ping and How Do I Use It?

`ping` is a software utility that allows you test if you can reach a host (such as another computer, or a website domain). It also measures the round-trip time between your computer and the host.

## Windows:

1. Open a command prompt.
2. Type `ping hostname.domain.com` or `ping <IP Address>`
3. If you get a reply, it means that you are connected to the network and able to contact the computer you are attempting to communicate with.

## macOS:

1. Open Terminal.app
2. Type `ping hostname.domain.com` or `ping <IP Address>`
3. If you get a reply, it means that you are connected to the network and able to contact the computer you are attempting to communicate with.

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