

Dell Mobile Connect 4.x for Android

User's Guide



Notes, cautions, and warnings

 **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.

 **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

 **WARNING:** A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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Introduction

Dell Mobile Connect enables you to connect your computer to a smartphone and create an integrated experience. You can work on the computer while you answer calls, send text messages or interact with your notifications. The application uses the keyboard, mouse, touch screen, speakers, and microphone of your computer. The software consists of a computer application that is preinstalled on supported Dell computers, and a smartphone app that you can download from the Google Play store. Dell Mobile Connect uses an Internet connection to transfer files, send and receive text messages, share contact information, establish a phone mirroring session, and send notifications. However, the application uses a Bluetooth connection to make and receive calls, control the phone while mirroring, and mark text messages as read.


Dell Mobile Connect consists of the following three software packages:

- Windows drivers—Preinstalled on your computer and are updated automatically.
- Windows application—Preinstalled on your computer and is updated automatically from Microsoft Store.
- Mobile app—You must download and install the app on your smartphone from the Google Play Store.

Dell Mobile Connect application features

The key features of the Dell Mobile Connect application are:

- Make and receive phone calls using the speakers and microphone on your computer.
- Access and display your contact list.
- Send and receive text or multimedia messages using the keyboard, mouse, and touch screen of your computer.
- Display notifications from your smartphone on the computer and interact with them.
- Mirror your smartphone to your computer and access the apps using the keyboard, mouse, and touch screen of your computer.
- View and open photos, music, videos, and documents from your smartphone.
- Transfer files between your computer and smartphone.

 **NOTE:** Both your computer and your smartphone must have an Internet connection to use the Dell Mobile Connect application.

Compatibility

Supported computers

- Dell G Series
- Dell Inspiron
- Dell XPS
- Dell Vostro

Supported Windows operating systems

- Windows 11 Home
- Windows 11 Pro
- Windows 10 Home November 2021 Update
- Windows 10 Pro November 2021 Update
- Windows 10 S November 2021 Update
- Windows 10 Home May 2021 Update
- Windows 10 Pro May 2021 Update
- Windows 10 S May 2021 Update
- Windows 10 Home October 2020 Update
- Windows 10 Pro October 2020 Update
- Windows 10 S October 2020 Update
- Windows 10 Home May 2020 Update
- Windows 10 Pro May 2020 Update
- Windows 10 S May 2020 Update
- Windows 10 Home November 2019 Update
- Windows 10 Pro November 2019 Update
- Windows 10 S November 2019 Update

Supported Android mobile operating systems

- Android 11.x
- Android 10.x
- Android 9.x
- Android 8.x

Setting up Dell Mobile Connect

Launch the Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer

Dell Mobile Connect application is configured to start automatically when you turn on your computer. If the Dell Mobile Connect application is running in the background, click or tap the Dell Mobile Connect icon on the **system tray** to restore the application.

If you do not see an icon for Dell Mobile Connect on the **system tray**, the application is not running. You can launch the application from the **Start** menu. If you have a Dell Mobile Connect desktop icon, you can also launch the application by double-clicking or tapping the icon.

Install Dell Mobile Connect on your computer

Dell Mobile Connect is preinstalled on supported Dell computers. If you can successfully launch the Dell Mobile Connect application, you can skip this task. This task is intended only for those users who need to reinstall the application.

Prerequisites

- Ensure that Windows 10 November 2019 Update (64-bit) or a later Windows version is installed on your computer.
- Ensure that your computer has Bluetooth 4.0 (or later) connectivity.

Steps

1. Click or tap the Search icon from the taskbar.
2. In the search field, type **Dell Mobile Connect**.
The search results are displayed.
i **NOTE:** If you do not see the Dell Mobile Connect application in the search list, go to step 4.
3. Click or tap the **Apps** tab, and select **Uninstall** under **Dell Mobile Connect**.
The Dell Mobile Connect application is successfully uninstalled.
4. Go to **Settings > Apps > Apps & features**.
The **Apps & features** window is displayed.
5. In the search field under **Apps & features**, type **Dell Mobile Connect**.
The search results are displayed.
i **NOTE:** If you do not have any search results, go to step 7.
6. Click or tap **Dell Mobile Connect Drivers**, and then click or tap the **Uninstall** button.
If you are using Windows 11, click or tap the three dots at the right and select **Uninstall**.
Dell Mobile Connect drivers are successfully uninstalled.
7. Go to **Settings > Devices > Bluetooth & other devices**.
i **NOTE:** If you are using Windows 11, go to **Settings > Bluetooth & devices**.
8. Click or tap the name that represents your phone from the list of saved Bluetooth devices, and click or tap **Remove device**.
You can skip this step if you do not see the name of your phone.
9. Restart your computer.
10. After you restart the computer, click or tap the Search icon.
11. In the search field, type **Microsoft Store**.
The Microsoft Store window is displayed.

12. Type **Dell Mobile Connect** in the search field of the Microsoft Store window and press the **Enter** key on your keyboard.
13. Select **Dell Mobile Connect 4.x** from the search results and click or tap **Get**.
The Dell Mobile Connect application is successfully downloaded and installed on your computer.

Install Dell Mobile Connect on your smartphone

Prerequisites

Android 8.x or later versions.

Steps

1. Go to **Play Store** on your smartphone.
2. Search for Dell Mobile Connect.
3. Tap **Install**.
Follow the steps on the screen to complete the installation. The steps may vary depending on your smartphone manufacturer.


Pair Dell Mobile Connect with your smartphone

This section helps you to pair the Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer with the Dell Mobile Connect app on your smartphone. The options, settings, and permission request screens that are mentioned in this task may differ depending on your smartphone manufacturer.

Prerequisites

- Ensure that both your smartphone and computer are connected to the Internet.
- Download and install the Dell Mobile Connect app from Google Play Store.

Steps

1. Open the Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer.
 **NOTE:** For information about launching Dell Mobile Connect, see [Launch the Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer](#).

If you are opening the application for the first time, you are presented with a screen that contains hyperlinks for the Terms and Privacy Policy.

2. Click or tap **GET STARTED**.



By using the app I agree to its [Terms](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

GET STARTED

Figure 1. Get started

The application launches, and the connection options are displayed. You can either scan the QR code that is displayed, using your smartphone or you can type the code manually.



CONNECT YOUR PHONE TO YOUR PC

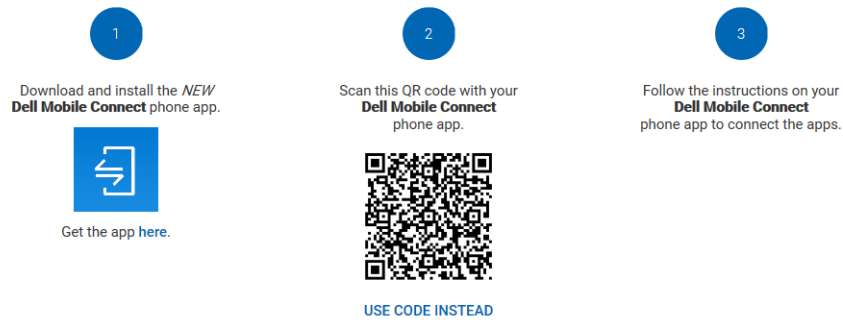


Figure 2. Connect your phone to PC

3. Open the Dell Mobile Connect app on your smartphone.
If you are opening the app for the first time, the highlighted app features along with the hyperlinks for Terms and Privacy Policy are displayed.
i **NOTE:** You can click or tap the **Get the app here** hyperlink to scan a QR code that redirects you to the app in Google Play Store.
4. Select the check box to accept the terms and conditions and tap **CONNECT TO PC**.



TEXT MESSAGING

Send and receive text messages using your PC keyboard, mouse and touch screen



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CONNECT TO PC

Note: Permissions are required for app functionality.

Figure 3. Connect to PC

The **CAMERA ACCESS** tab is displayed.

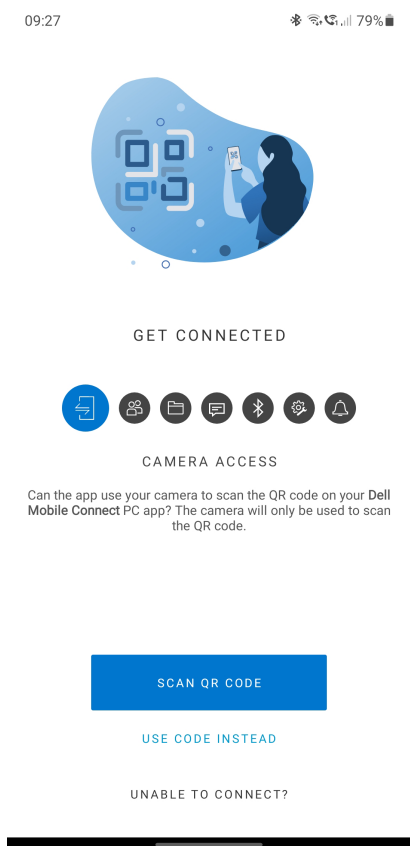


Figure 4. Camera access

5. Use either the camera of your smartphone to scan the QR code or type in the code manually to pair your smartphone with the computer.
 - a. To scan the QR code using the camera of your smartphone, do the following:
 - i. Tap **SCAN QR CODE** on your smartphone.
 - ii. Tap **Allow** if a permission request to access the camera is displayed.
 - iii. Scan the QR code that is displayed on your Dell Mobile Connect computer application screen.
 - b. To enter the code manually, do the following:
 - i. Tap **USE CODE INSTEAD** on your smartphone.
 - ii. A prompt is displayed on your smartphone to enter the code from your computer.
 - iii. Click or tap **USE CODE INSTEAD** on your computer to get the code.
 - iv. Enter the code on your smartphone, and tap **CONNECT**.
 - v. Click or tap **CLOSE** on your computer to return to the connection options window.
- NOTE:** When the connection is successful, you are presented with a series of permission requests on your smartphone from Dell Mobile Connect. You do not have to approve the permissions now. Dell Mobile Connect still works even if you skip one or more permission requests. However, the feature that is related to the skipped permission request is disabled until the permission is granted.
6. Tap **Allow** to grant permission to access contacts.
 7. Tap **Allow** to grant permission to access the files on your smartphone.
 8. Tap **Allow** to grant permission to make and receive calls on your smartphone.
 9. Tap **Allow** to grant permission to view and send text messages on your smartphone.
 10. Tap **Allow** to grant permission to detect your phone for establishing a Bluetooth connection with the computer.

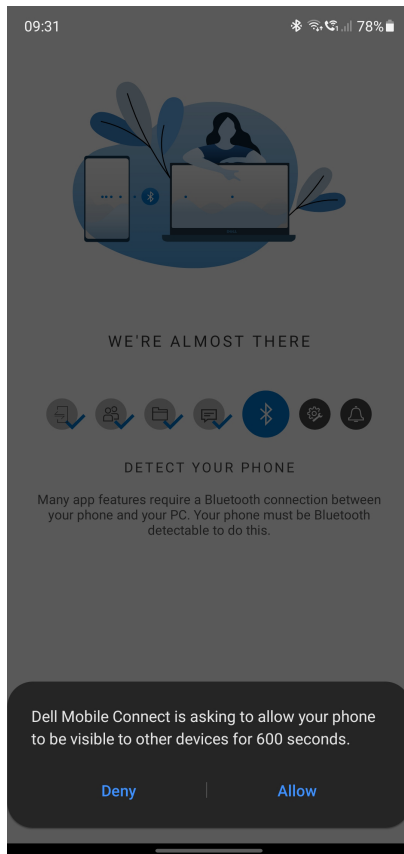


Figure 5. Permission request

The Dell Mobile Connect Bluetooth pairing screen is displayed on your smartphone.



WE'RE ALMOST THERE



PAIR BLUETOOTH

The app will use Bluetooth to pair your phone with your PC.

Tap **PAIR**, then approve the code on your phone and your PC.

PAIR

SKIP

Figure 6. Pair

11. Tap **PAIR** to pair your smartphone with the computer.
A message with a pairing code is displayed on your smartphone and your computer.

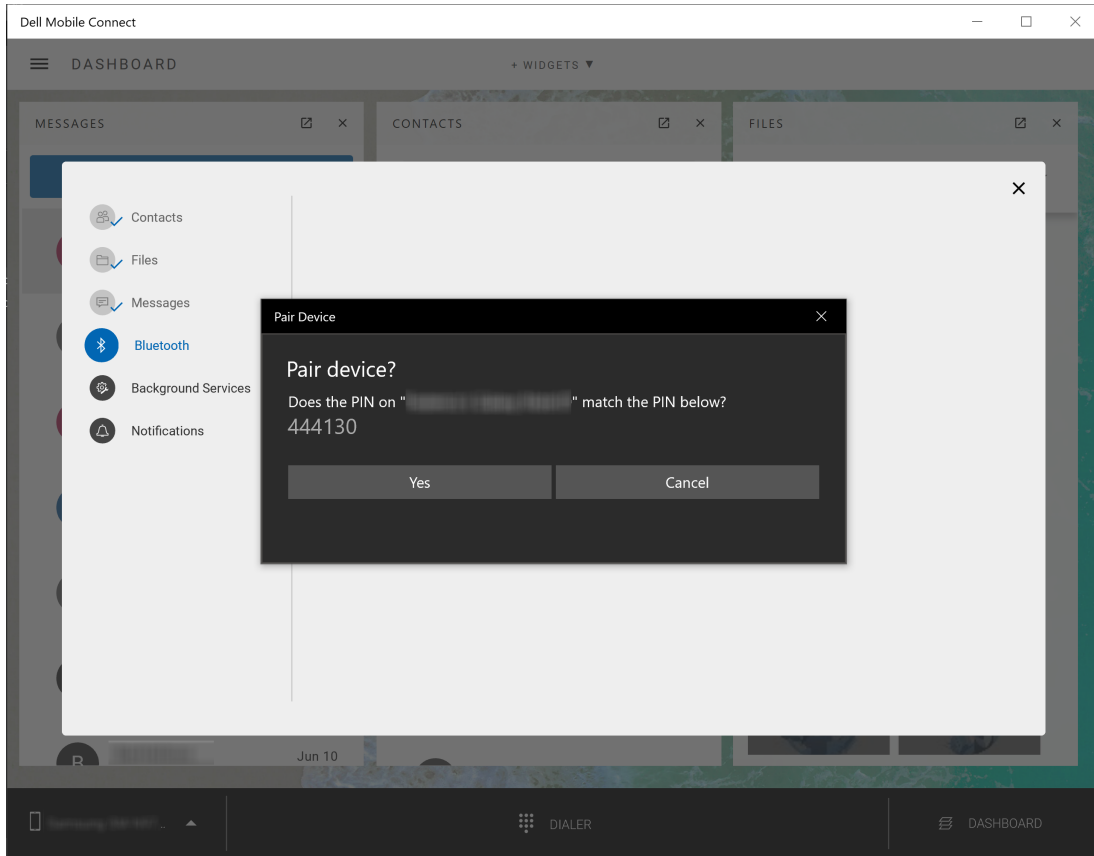


Figure 7. Pairing code on the computer

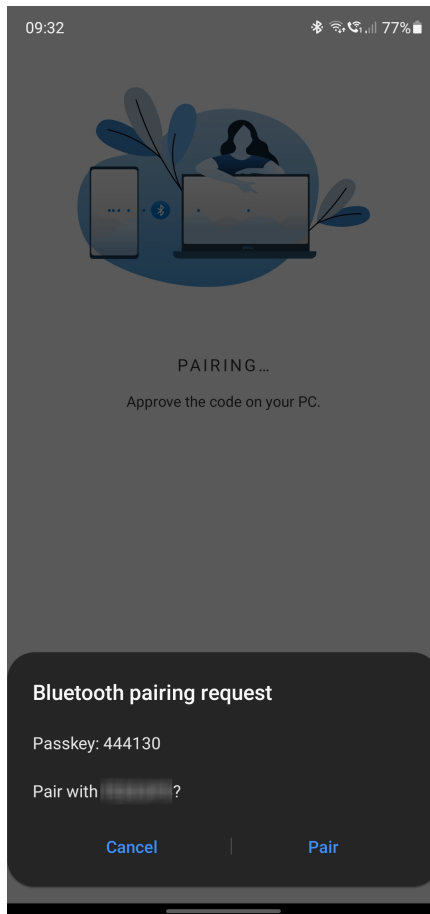


Figure 8. Pairing code on the smartphone

12. Verify the pairing codes and if the pairing codes on both the screens match, click or tap **Yes** on your computer.
13. On your smartphone, tap **Pair**.
14. Tap **Allow** to grant permission to link your smartphone and your computer.
15. Tap **Allow** to grant permission to access your notifications.
The name of the computer to which the phone is connected, is displayed on your smartphone.

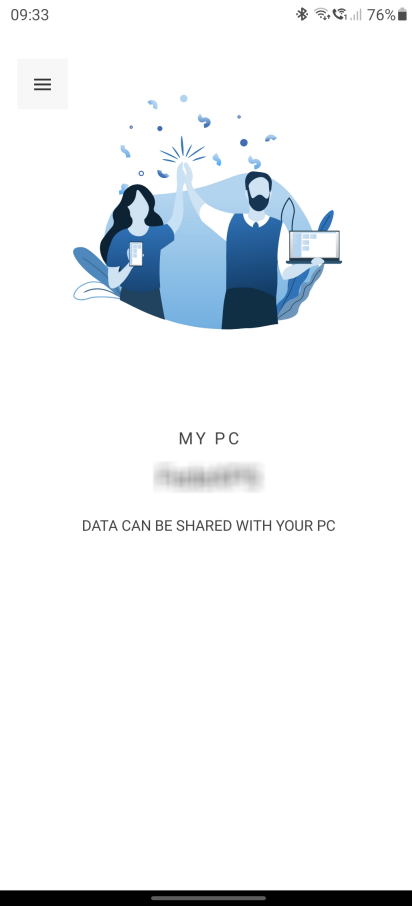


Figure 9. Paired computer

16. Click or tap **OK** on the computer.
A message that states **READY TO GO** is displayed on the computer.

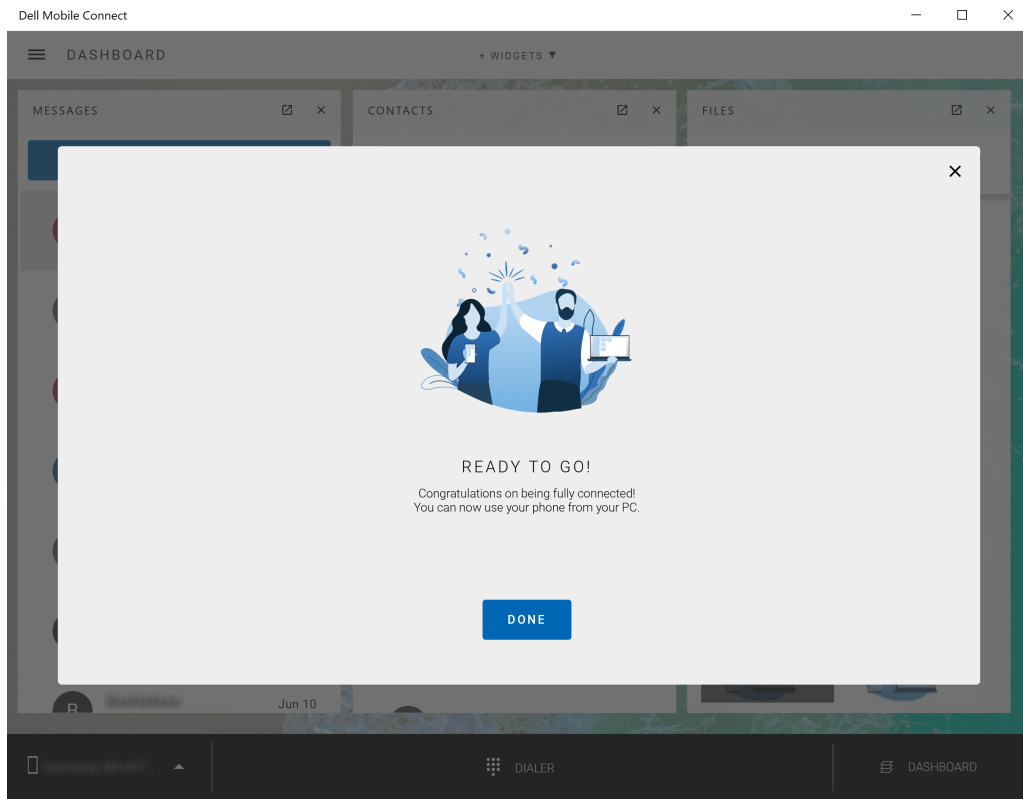


Figure 10. Ready to go

17. Click or tap **DONE** on the computer.
A screen that provides you a walkthrough of the tool is displayed.

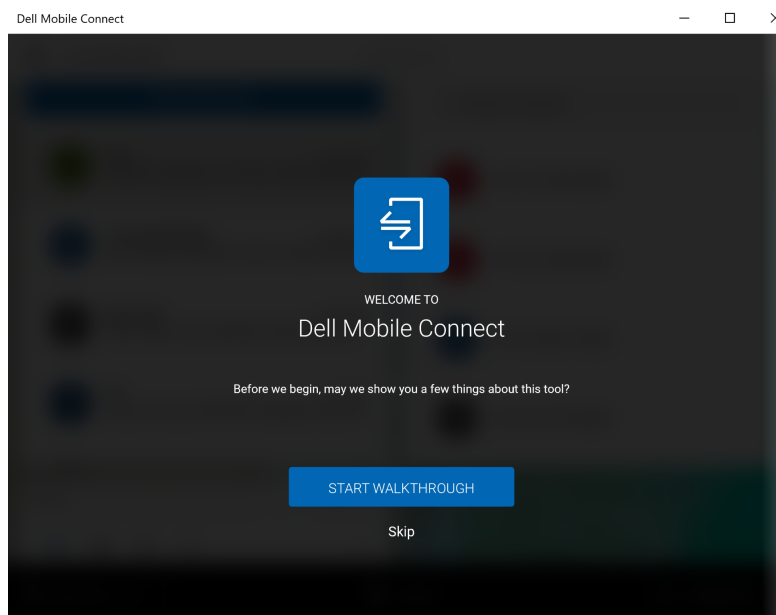


Figure 11. Walkthrough

18. Click or tap **START WALKTHROUGH** to read about the updated features.

i **NOTE:** You can click or tap **Skip** to skip the walkthrough.

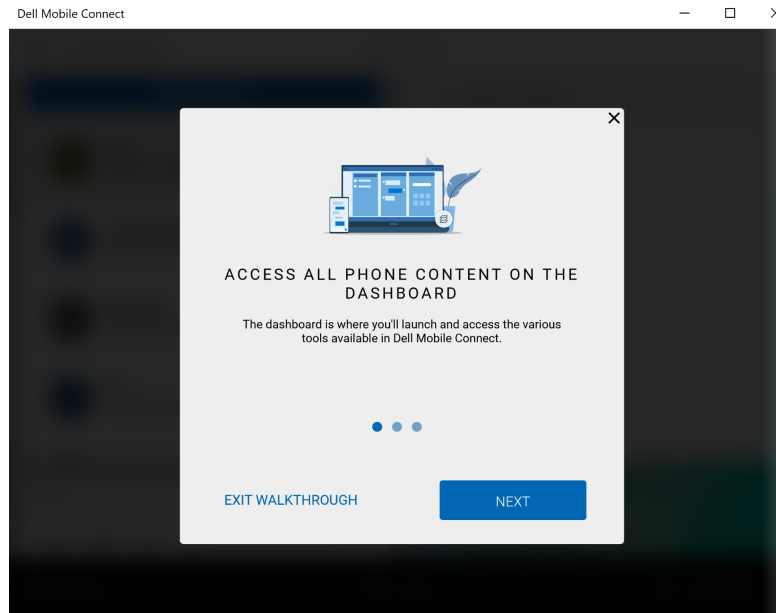


Figure 12. Walkthrough slides

19. Click or tap **NEXT** to view the next slide.
You can either exit the walkthrough in between by selecting **EXIT WALKTHROUGH** or continue to the next slide by selecting **NEXT**.

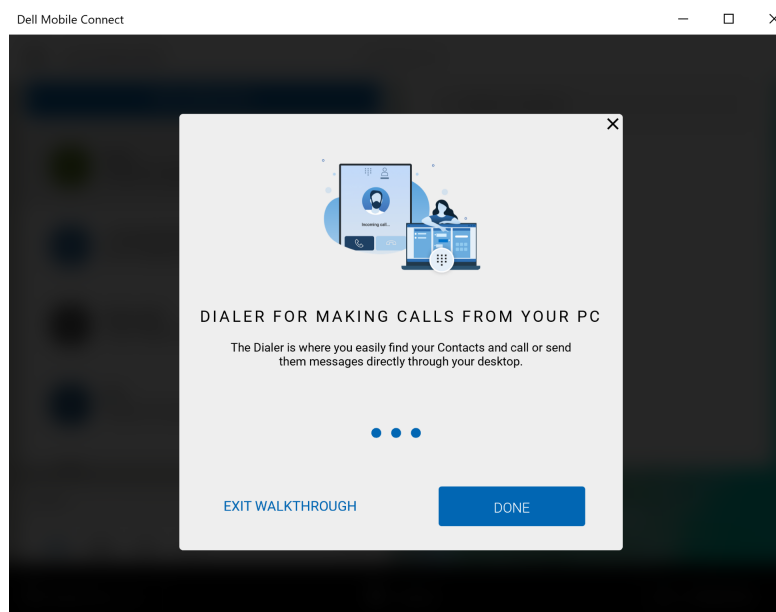


Figure 13. Last slide of walkthrough

20. Click or tap **DONE** at the last slide.
The Dell Mobile Connect **DASHBOARD** is displayed.

Results

Your Android smartphone is now paired with your computer, and you can use all the features that are available on the Dell Mobile Connect application.

Using Dell Mobile Connect

This section describes the various features of the Dell Mobile Connect application.

If your smartphone is paired using the Dell Mobile Connect application and if it is within the Bluetooth range, the smartphone connects automatically to the computer. If you manually disconnect your smartphone from the computer, it does not connect back automatically. The Dell Mobile Connect application on both the smartphone and the computer must be running for the features to work. However, the application on the smartphone or the computer does not necessarily have to run in the foreground.

The Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer contains seven tabs. You can click or tap the hamburger icon to extend the left pane to display the names of all the tabs.

Dashboard


DASHBOARD enables you to see all your phone functionality at a single place. You can add, move, and remove widgets to customize the **DASHBOARD**.

If you have a phone connected, **DASHBOARD** is displayed when you open the Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer. The default **DASHBOARD** layout includes the **Messages**, **Contacts**, and **Files** widgets. The functionality of each widget is identical to the functionality of the corresponding tab.

Add or remove widgets

Steps

1. Click or tap the **WIDGETS** drop-down menu on top.
A list of available widgets are displayed.
2. Click or tap the widget that you want to add.
The widget is added to the right-most available space on the **DASHBOARD**.
3. Select and drag the widgets to change the order in which they appear.
4. Click or tap the **X** at upper-right corner of a widget to remove it from the **DASHBOARD**.

 **NOTE:** You can also select the pop-out icon next to the **X** to open the corresponding tab from main menu.

Notifications

The Dell Mobile Connect application shows you all the notifications that you receive on your phone such as social media, weather, or email messages. You can see these notifications in the **NOTIFICATIONS** tab and on the **NOTIFICATIONS** widget in the **DASHBOARD**. The notifications are grouped by application. The group title shows the application name, the total number of notifications for that application, and the number of new notifications. By default, new notifications are displayed as pop-up messages in the notification area on your computer.

View and respond to notifications

Steps

1. Click or tap to expand an application name to see the individual notifications from that application.
2. Click or tap the available actions under each notification depending on the application type. For example, click or tap **MESSAGE** under a missed call notification to send a text message to the caller.

NOTE: If the notification has a reply option, you can reply directly from the pop-up notification. However, if you choose to reply to a Gmail notification, the **MIRRORING** tab opens, to compose email from the Gmail app on your smartphone.

3. Click or tap **X** next to a notification to dismiss the individual notification.
4. Click or tap **X** next to an application to dismiss all the notifications from that application.
You can also use the **DISMISS ALL** option above the notifications to dismiss all notifications from all applications. This action cannot be undone.

Enable or disable notifications

Steps

1. To disable notifications from a specific application, click or tap the notification icon next to the **X** icon.
All pop-up notifications from the particular application are disabled as well. To temporarily disable all notifications, click or tap the name of the connected phone at the bottom-left and click or tap the **Do not disturb** icon.
2. Click or tap the notification icon from an application where the notification is disabled, to enable it.
NOTE: Alternatively, you can go to **SETTINGS > NOTIFICATION SETTINGS** and select the **Show notifications** check box to enable notifications.

Phone calls

You can click or tap the **DIALER** icon to make and receive phone calls from your computer. Dell Mobile Connect uses the default microphone and speakers that are connected to your computer. You can use either of the following tabs:

- **Dialer**—Displays a keypad that you can use to dial a phone number.
- **Contacts**—Displays the contact list from your phone.

Make a call

Steps

1. Click or tap the **DIALER** icon.
2. Select a contact from your phone using the **Contacts** tab or click or tap the **Dialer** tab to dial a phone number.
If the contact has more than one telephone number, you can see all the available numbers.
3. Click or tap the call icon to dial.
The **Call** window opens at the upper-right corner of the tab.
4. You can expand the **Call** window during a call and use the following options:
 - **Mute**—Mutes the microphone.
 - **Keypad**—Opens the keypad.
 - **Use phone**—Switches the call to your phone.
 - **Hang up**—Ends the call.

Receive a call

When you receive an incoming call, an alert appears on your computer. You can choose any of the following options:

- **Accept**—Receives the call.
- **Decline**—Rejects the call.
- **Message**—Rejects the call with a text message. You can send the text message from a list of predefined messages or type your own **Custom Message**. When you select **Message**, the call gets disconnected.

After receiving the call, you can use the following options:

- **Mute**—Mutes the microphone.

- **Keypad**—Opens the keypad.
- **Use Phone**—Switches the call to your phone.
- **Hang up**—Ends the call.

Contacts

The Dell Mobile Connect application shows you a list of your phone contacts. You can see this list in the **CONTACTS** tab, the **CONTACTS** widget on the **DASHBOARD**, and when you are composing a new message. Scroll through the list, or use the **Search contacts** field at the top of the **CONTACTS** tab to find a specific contact. You can choose the following actions under a contact:

- **Call**—Select the **Call** icon to make a phone call.
- **Message**—Select the **Message** icon to send a message to a contact. Additional functionality might be available according to the apps installed on your phone such as **Message with WhatsApp**, **Message with Line**, **Message with Skype**, and so on.
- **Email**—If you have saved the email address of the contact in the contact details, you can send an email to the contact by using the default email application.

Messaging

The Dell Mobile Connect application shows you all the messages that you have sent or received, and enables you to message your contacts. You can see your messages in the **MESSAGES** tab, or in the **MESSAGES** widget on the **DASHBOARD**.

You cannot delete conversations or messages in the Dell Mobile Connect application. Perform this action on the phone.

Send text messages

Steps

1. Click or tap the **MESSAGES** tab.
2. Click or tap **NEW MESSAGE** to start a new conversation, or click or tap an ongoing conversation to reply.
You can also start either a group conversation or send a mass text depending on your messaging settings by selecting multiple recipients from your contacts. Click or tap **NEW MESSAGE** and then select **Start Mass Text** or **Start Group Conversation**, depending on your smartphone settings. After selecting the recipients, click or tap the **Compose** icon to compose your message.
3. Type your message, and click or tap the **Send** icon.
You can also go to the **CONTACTS** tab and click or tap the message icon to compose a message.

Files

Dell Mobile Connect enables you to view the files from your phone on your computer, and transfer files between your devices. You can perform these actions from the **FILES** tab, or from the **FILES** widget on the **DASHBOARD**. The **FILES** tab is split into four views:

- **Photos**—Shows the photos from your phone. This view is the default screen.
- **Albums**—Shows the albums from your phone. You can open an album to browse the photos.
- **Videos**—Shows the videos from your phone.
- **Other**—Shows all document and music files on your phone.

 **NOTE:** You can use the icons below the list of views to change the number of items shown on a page.

View photos or videos on the computer

You can click or tap a photo or a video thumbnail to view it in full size. A group of options are displayed below the file.

- **COPY TO PC**—Copies the selected photos or videos to the matching folder types such as Pictures or Videos in the Dell Mobile Connect folder.
- **SAVE AS**—Enables you to browse and select a folder on your computer to save the file.
- **DELETE**—Deletes the selected photo or video from your phone.
- **PROPERTIES**—Displays additional information about the photo or video.


You can click or tap the three dots on the right for additional options.

- **OPEN**—Open the photo or video in the default graphics application on your computer.
- **OPEN WITH...**—Select a graphics application on your computer with which to open the photo or video.
- **COPY**—Copy the photo to the clipboard.
- **SHARE**—Share the files with other users or devices accessible from your computer.

Copy photos from smartphone to computer

Steps

1. Open the **FILES** tab.
2. Select the check box that is displayed at the upper-left corner of the thumbnail.
When you select the check box, you can select additional photos, and a group of options appear at the bottom of the tab.
3. Click or tap **COPY TO PC** at the bottom of the thumbnail.

 **NOTE:** While the file is being copied, you can cancel the operation by clicking the small **X** that is displayed in place of the **COPY TO PC** icon on the photo.

If you have selected multiple photos, a group of options are displayed at the bottom of the tab.

- **COPY TO PC**—Copies the selected photos to the default folder.
- **SAVE AS**—Enables you to browse and select a folder on your computer to save the files.
- **DELETE**—Deletes the selected photos from your phone.

A progress bar appears at the bottom of the tab, and a confirmation message is displayed once the files are copied. Select the file name in the message to open the download folder. If the file cannot be copied, an error message is displayed.

Copy files from computer to smartphone

Steps

1. Click **COPY TO PHONE** in the **FILES** tab.
The **File Explorer** window is displayed.
2. Select the file that you want to copy.
A progress bar appears at the bottom of the tab, and a confirmation message is displayed once the files are copied. If the file is a photo or video, it is copied to Dell Mobile Connect album on your phone.
3. To view other copied file types such as PDFs or MP3s, open the Dell Mobile Connect app on your phone, and tap **My Received Files** from the app menu.
The files that you have copied to your phone other than photos or videos, are also displayed under **FILES > OTHER** in the Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer.

Mirroring

Screen mirroring enables you to mirror your smartphone to your computer and control it with your keyboard, mouse, or touch screen using Dell Mobile Connect application. The phone screen is displayed in the **MIRRORING** tab, and in the **MIRRORING** widget on the **DASHBOARD**. The following icons are available in screen mirroring feature:

- **Stop Mirroring**—You can stop the mirroring.
- **Share**—You can share files from the computer through the sharing menu on the smartphone, using the **MIRRORING** tab.
- **Rotate**—You can change the orientation of the mirrored screen.
- **Language**—You can change the input language when you type inside the mirrored smartphone window.
- **Mirroring Tips**—You can see different ways that you can navigate your phone using your computer.

Start the screen mirroring

Steps

1. Go to the **MIRRORING** tab, and click or tap **Activate** from the Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer.
If you are starting the screen mirroring for the first time, a permission request is displayed on your smartphone. Tap **Start Now**.
2. Tap **Start now** on your smartphone to allow the permission request.
In the Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer, the phone screen is displayed in the **MIRRORING** tab, and in the **MIRRORING** widget on the **DASHBOARD**.

Stop the screen mirroring

You can stop mirroring by selecting the **STOP MIRRORING** icon on the phone screen in the Mirroring tab or the Mirroring widget on the Dashboard.

Settings

The **SETTINGS** tab enables you to configure Dell Mobile Connect features and functionality. Any changes that you make to the settings are effective immediately. The following settings are available for your Android smartphone:

- **Profile Settings**
 - **Connected Device**—View the phone that is connected to the Dell Mobile Connect computer application. You can select **Disconnect** to disconnect the connected phone.
 - **Start Up**—Select whether Dell Mobile Connect application should start automatically when Windows starts. You can also choose to run the app in the background when you close it. Both these options are enabled by default.
 - **App Background**—Select the background that you prefer for the Dell Mobile Connect application tabs, from the available options.
- **Notification Settings**
 - **Pop-ups**
 - **Show pop-ups**—Enable or disable pop-up notifications. This option is enabled by default. Incoming calls are displayed even if you disable the option.
 - **Pop-up sound**—Enable or disable the sound when receiving a notification. This option is enabled by default.
 - **Display pop-ups in private mode**—Enable or disable private mode for notifications. In private mode, only the name of the application is displayed. The option is disabled by default.
 - **Missed Call Notifications**—Enable or disable the missed call notifications in the **NOTIFICATIONS** tab. The option is enabled by default.
 - **App Notifications**—For each of the applications on your phone that send notifications, select the three dots to choose the following options:
 - **Show notifications**—Enable or disable the notifications.
 - **Show pop-ups**—Enable or disable the pop-up messages for notifications.
 - **Private pop-ups**—Enable or disable private mode for pop-ups. In private mode, only the name of the application is displayed. The option is disabled by default.
- **Messages and Calls Settings**
 - **Handle Calls**—Enable or disable making and receiving calls from the Dell Mobile Connect application. This option is enabled by default.
 - **MMS Messages**—Change the settings and also the attachment size limit of an MMS.
 - **Mark as Read**—Select whether the messages that you read on your computer should be marked as read on your phone.
- **About**—The **About** section show the version of the Dell Mobile Connect application. You can view the privacy policy and terms of use and disable the option to send anonymous usage statistics from the application. The option to send anonymous usage statistics is enabled by default.

Close the Dell Mobile Connect application on your computer

Clicking or tapping the **X** at the upper-right corner of the Dell Mobile Connect application window does not close the application. The application continues to run in the background.

You can close the application completely by using the **Quit** option from the Dell Mobile Connect **system tray** icon on the **task bar**. Right-click (or touch and hold) the Dell Mobile Connect icon on the **system tray**, and select **Quit**.