

Unlocking the Lock Screen

The first screen you see after Windows 10 loads on your computer is the Lock Screen (Windows key + L). This concept was introduced in Windows 8 and continues in Windows 10. The Lock Screen is basically a full-screen wallpaper. By default, it shows you the time and the date and whether you're connected to a network. You can customize it to also show the detailed status of an app as well as small icons of your favorite apps so that you can see the status of those apps without leaving the Lock Screen. Along with all that, you can customize the Lock Screen's image.

How you **unlock** the Lock Screen depends on the type of computer you're using:

A Windows 10 desktop computer without touch:

- Press any key on the keyboard.
- Click the mouse anywhere on the screen.
- With your mouse, drag upward from the bottom of the screen.

A Windows 10 laptop with a touchpad:

- Press any key on the keyboard.
- Click the mouse or the left-click trackpad button anywhere on the screen.
- Hold down the left trackpad button and drag your cursor upward.

Any Windows 10 device with a touchscreen (such as a tablet or a 2-in-1 device):

- Place your finger anywhere near the middle or bottom of the screen and flick upward.