







What is an IP address?

 [Print this guide](#)

An IP address is an 'Internet Protocol address'. Each computer linked to the internet has a unique number, or address, assigned to it. In the same way that a person needs your address to send you a letter, a computer needs one to send and receive data across the internet to and from a specific computer.

Next steps

-  [What is a router?](#)
-  [What is an ISP?](#)
-  [What is a modem?](#)
-  [Keeping your children safe online](#)
-  [How to search the internet](#)

Want to help people learn Digital Skills?

[Find out about Digital Champions](#)