

Windows 11 computer it does not show himself

It is actually very common in Windows 11 for a computer **not to display its own name (DESKTOP-P6IID5F)** (As an example) inside the Network folder. This visual glitch is caused by a known loopback communication change built directly into Windows 11. As long as the two computers can actively share files using the **IP address method (\\192.168.0.11)** (As an example), your local LAN network configuration is fully operational, and the missing visual icon can be disregarded. However, if you explicitly want **DESKTOP-P6IID5F** to appear in the Network folder alongside your other machine, you can fix it by restarting the core background discovery services.

Step-by-Step Fix to Make Windows 11 Visible

Perform these exact steps on your **Windows 11 computer (DESKTOP-P6IID5F)**:

1. Configure the Background Discovery Services

Windows 11 turns off or delays the services required to broadcast its own name over a local network by default.

1. Press Win + R, type **services.msc**, and press **Enter**.
2. Scroll down the list and locate **Function Discovery Provider Host**.
3. Right-click it and choose **Properties**.
4. Change the **Startup type** dropdown menu to **Automatic (Delayed Start)**.
5. If the service status says "Stopped", click the **Start** button underneath it. Click **Apply** and **OK**.
6. Repeat steps 3, 4, and 5 for the **Function Discovery Resource Publication** service.

2. Confirm the Network Link Discovery Toggles

1. Open your Windows **Settings** (Win + I).
2. Click **Network & internet** on the left menu.
3. Click on **Advanced network settings**, then click **Advanced sharing settings**.
4. Under the **Private network** dropdown layout, make sure both **Network discovery** and **File and printer sharing** are toggled **On**.
5. Check the nested box that says **"Turn on automatic setup of network connected devices"**.

3. Refresh the View

Once you have adjusted those background services and settings, close your windows and open **File Explorer**. Click on the **Network** tab in the left sidebar and press **F5** on your keyboard to force a layout refresh. Both computer names should appear on the screen.

Windows 11 intentionally hides the computer's own name (**DESKTOP-P6IID5F**) from its own Network folder due to a security update that stops the computer from talking to itself in a loop loopback. If you want to force it to show up anyway, follow these steps on your Windows 11 PC:

1. Enable the SMB 1.0 Client

Windows 11 disables the older network discovery features by default. Turning on just the client portion often forces your own PC icon to reappear.

1. Press `Win + R`, type `optionalfeatures`, and press **Enter**.
2. Scroll down until you find **SMB 1.0/CIFS File Sharing Support**.
3. Click the + icon next to it to expand the list.
4. Check the box for **SMB 1.0/CIFS Client** (Leave *SMB 1.0/CIFS Server* unchecked for security).
5. Click **OK** and restart your computer when prompted.

2. Force Windows to Publish its Network Identity

If the background publishing service is running but lagging, you can force it to broadcast immediately.

1. Right-click the **Start Menu** and select **Terminal (Admin)** or **PowerShell (Admin)**.
2. Copy, paste, and run this command to refresh your network configuration:
`powershell
Register-EngineEvent -SourceIdentifier Windows.Network -
SupportEvent
Use code with caution.`
3. Close the window, open your Network folder, and press **F5** to refresh.

The Best Workaround: Accessing Yourself

If you ever need to access your own shared folders on **DESKTOP-P6IID5F** to see what you are sharing with the Windows 10 machine, you don't need the network icon.

- Simply press `Win + R`, type `\\localhost`, and press **Enter**. This instantly opens your own shared network folders.