

BlackBerry Desktop Software

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Basics

About the BlackBerry Desktop Software

The BlackBerry® Desktop Software is designed to link the data, media files, and applications on your BlackBerry smartphone or your BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet with your computer.

You can use the BlackBerry Desktop Software to do the following tasks with your smartphone or tablet:

- Synchronize your media files (music, pictures, and videos)
- Back up and restore your data
- Update your BlackBerry® Device Software or BlackBerry® Tablet OS
- Transfer your settings and data to a new smartphone or new tablet
- Manage multiple smartphones and tablets
- Charge your smartphone or tablet

Additionally, you can do the following tasks with your smartphone:

- Synchronize your organizer data (calendar entries, contacts, tasks, and memos)
- Manage and update your smartphone applications
- Use your smartphone as a modem to connect to the Internet from your computer

Features that aren't supported for the tablet won't appear on the BlackBerry Desktop Software screens when your tablet is connected.

The first time you open the BlackBerry Desktop Software, you're prompted to set some preferences, like starting the software when you connect your smartphone or tablet and automatically checking for software updates.

The home screen of the BlackBerry Desktop Software provides you with quick access to common tasks and provides information about your connected smartphone or tablet, such as the model information and the last dates that your data was backed up and synchronized. If you have used the BlackBerry Desktop Software with other smartphones or tablets, you can connect these smartphones or tablets and switch between them using the Device menu.

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Add your smartphone to the BlackBerry Desktop Software

You can start using the BlackBerry® Desktop Software by adding your BlackBerry smartphone.

1. On your computer, open the BlackBerry Desktop Software.
2. Connect your smartphone to your computer. If prompted, click **Yes** to make this smartphone the active smartphone.
 - To start using this smartphone, click **Get started with this device**.

- To switch from an existing smartphone, click **Copy data and settings from another device**. Follow the instructions on the screen to move your data to your new smartphone.
3. If your smartphone is associated with a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, do one of the following:
 - To use your corporate email account and email address, click **Add my enterprise email account**. Follow the instructions on the screen to associate your smartphone with your corporate email account that is on your computer.
 - To use a different email account, click **Don't add the account**.
 4. Type a name for your smartphone. This name is displayed in the BlackBerry Desktop Software on the home screen and in the Device menu.
 5. To start certain tasks automatically each time that you connect your smartphone, do any of the following:
 - To back up your smartphone data and settings, select the **Back up my device** check box. In the drop-down list, select how often you want to back up your smartphone data and settings.
 - To synchronize your calendar entries, contacts, memos, and tasks, select the **Organizer data** check box.
 - To synchronize your songs, pictures, and videos, select the **Media files** check box.
 - To keep your smartphone time synchronized with your computer, select the **My computer's date and time with my device** check box.
 6. If you want to synchronize your music, in the **Media on my Computer** section, select the music source for your music library.
 7. If your smartphone includes built-in media storage and you want to save your media files to this storage location instead of a media card, in the **Store media on** drop-down list, click **Device**.
 8. To delete existing media files from the storage location that is selected in the **Store media on** drop-down list, click **Delete all media**.
 9. Click **Finish**.

After your smartphone is added, keep it connected to your computer so that the BlackBerry Desktop Software can check for updated software that might be available.

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Add your tablet to the BlackBerry Desktop Software

You can start using the BlackBerry® Desktop Software by adding your BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

1. On your computer, open the BlackBerry Desktop Software.
2. Connect your tablet to your computer. If prompted, click **Yes** to make this tablet the active tablet.
 - To start using this tablet, click **Get started with this device**.
 - To switch from an existing tablet, click **Copy data and settings from another device**. Follow the instructions on the screen to move your data to your new tablet.
3. Type a name for your tablet. This name is displayed on the home screen of the BlackBerry Desktop Software and in the Device menu.
4. To start certain tasks automatically each time that you connect your tablet, do any of the following:
 - To back up your tablet data and settings, select the **Back up my device** check box. In the drop-down list, select how often you want to back up your tablet data and settings.

- To synchronize your songs, pictures, and videos, select the **Media files** check box.
5. To delete existing media files from your tablet, click **Delete all media**.
 6. Click **Finish**.

After your tablet is added, keep it connected to your computer so that the BlackBerry Desktop Software can check for updated software that might be available.

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Activate your smartphone with a BlackBerry Enterprise Server

Activate your smartphone with BlackBerry Enterprise Server for Microsoft Exchange Server

If your BlackBerry® smartphone is associated with a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, you can activate your smartphone to access your corporate email account.

You can also activate your smartphone with the BlackBerry Enterprise Server when you set up your smartphone with the BlackBerry® Desktop Software. If you use the BlackBerry Desktop Software to switch to a new BlackBerry smartphone, your activation settings are copied to your new smartphone.

For more information about the following settings, contact your administrator.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer that is part of your corporate network.
2. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Device > Device options**.
3. Click the **Enterprise Email** tab.
4. In the **Email system** drop-down list, click **Microsoft Exchange (Outlook Client)**.
5. Do one of the following:
 - If you have not selected a profile for Microsoft® Outlook®, select one in the **Profile Options** window when you are prompted.
 - If you have selected a profile and you want to change it, click **Change profile** to browse for a different profile.
6. Do any of the following optional steps:
 - To add the name of your email account on your smartphone, type the name in the **Service name** field.
 - To include a signature in your outgoing email messages, type a signature in the **Email signature** field.
 - To save copies of the email messages from your smartphone to the **Sent Items** folder in your Microsoft Outlook email account, select the **Save sent emails** check box.
7. Click **OK**.

Activate your smartphone with BlackBerry Enterprise Server for IBM Lotus Domino

If your BlackBerry® smartphone is associated with a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, you can activate your smartphone to access your corporate email account.

You can also activate your smartphone with the BlackBerry Enterprise Server when you set up your smartphone with the BlackBerry® Desktop Software. If you use the BlackBerry Desktop Software to switch to a new BlackBerry smartphone, your activation settings are copied to your new smartphone.

For more information about the following settings, contact your administrator.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer that is part of your corporate network.
2. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Device > Device options**.
3. Click the **Enterprise Email** tab.
4. In the **Email system** drop-down list, click **Lotus Domino (Notes Client)**.
5. Do one of the following:
 - If you have not selected a server, click **Select server > IBM Lotus Domino**.
 - If you have selected a server and you want to change it, click **Change server** to browse for a different server.
6. Do any of the following optional steps:
 - To add the name of your email account on your smartphone, type the name in the **Service name** field.
 - To include a signature in your outgoing email messages, type a signature in the **Email signature** field.
 - To save copies of the email messages from your smartphone to the **Sent Mail** folder in your IBM® Lotus Notes® email account, select the **Save sent emails** check box.
7. Click **OK**.

Prerequisites: Bluetooth connections

- Verify that your BlackBerry® smartphone is running BlackBerry® Device Software 4.1 or later.
- Verify that your computer is running Windows® XP SP 3 or later. For more information about the Bluetooth® adapters that are supported in Windows XP SP 3 or later, visit www.blackberry.com/support.
- If your smartphone is not paired with your computer, on your smartphone, verify that Bluetooth technology is turned on. For more information about pairing, click **Help** on your smartphone.

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Connect your smartphone to your computer using Bluetooth technology

If you don't want to connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer with a USB cable, you can connect using Bluetooth® technology. If you're using Bluetooth technology to connect to your computer, you cannot update your smartphone software, add, update, or delete your applications or media files, or switch smartphones using the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.

1. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Tools > Add Bluetooth device**.
2. Do one of the following:
 - If your smartphone is paired with your computer, in the **Bluetooth® Devices** window, click your smartphone. Click **OK**.
 - If your smartphone isn't paired with your computer, click **Add**. Click a smartphone with Bluetooth connectivity turned on. Click **OK**. Follow the prompts to pair your smartphone. After the smartphone is paired, in the **Bluetooth® Devices** window, click your smartphone. Click **OK**.
3. Click **OK**.

Start tasks automatically when you connect your smartphone

You can set certain BlackBerry® Desktop Software tasks to start when you connect your BlackBerry smartphone to your computer.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Device > Device options**.
3. On the **General** tab, in the **When I connect my device** section, do any of the following:
 - To back up your smartphone data and settings, select the **Back up my device** check box. In the drop-down list, click how often you want to back up your smartphone data and settings.
 - To synchronize your calendar entries, contacts, memos, and tasks, select the **Organizer data** check box.
 - To synchronize your songs, pictures, and videos, select the **Media files** check box.
 - To keep the date and time on your smartphone synchronized with the date and time on your computer, select the **My computer's date and time with my device** check box.
4. Click **OK**.

Delete all data on your smartphone

Before you delete the data from your BlackBerry® smartphone, consider backing up your data so that you have a copy on your computer. If you have turned on encryption, the process for deleting all smartphone data can take up to an hour to complete.

CAUTION: You cannot stop the process for deleting all data after you start it. If you reset your smartphone, the process continues after the smartphone restarts.

Research In Motion recommends that you regularly create and save a backup file on your computer, especially before you update any software. Maintaining a current backup file on your computer might allow you to recover smartphone data if your smartphone is lost, stolen, or corrupted by an unforeseen issue.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Device > Delete data**.
 - To delete all your smartphone data, click **All data**.
 - To delete specific data, click **Selected data**. Select the check box beside one or more databases.
3. If necessary, do any of the following:
 - If your smartphone includes built-in media storage, select the **Delete files in your built-in media storage** check box.
 - To create a backup file for your smartphone data, select the **Back up data before deleting** check box. To encrypt the backup file, select the **Encrypt backup file** check box. Type a password.
4. Click **Delete**.

Reset the BlackBerry Desktop Software settings

You can reset all the settings in the BlackBerry® Desktop Software to the default settings.

1. Connect your BlackBerry device to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Tools > Desktop options**.
3. Click the **General** tab or **Bluetooth** tab.
4. Click **Reset default settings**.
5. To revert any settings that you might have changed for the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click the **Desktop options and settings** check box.
6. To receive message prompts again that you previously chose to stop receiving, click the **Don't show this message again options** check box.
7. Click **Restore**.

Remove your settings from the BlackBerry Desktop Software

If you want to stop associating your BlackBerry® smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet with the BlackBerry® Desktop Software that is installed on your computer, you can remove your current settings.

1. On your computer, open the BlackBerry Desktop Software.
2. In the **Device** menu, click the name of your smartphone or tablet.
3. Click **Device > Forget device > Forget**.

If you want to reassociate your smartphone or tablet with the BlackBerry Desktop Software, connect your smartphone to your computer and complete the steps to add a new smartphone or new tablet.

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Check for BlackBerry Desktop Software updates

1. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Help > Check for updates**.
2. If an update is available, review the information on the screen and if you want to install it, click **Get update**.
3. After the update is downloaded, close the BlackBerry Desktop Software when you are prompted to.
4. Open the BlackBerry Desktop Software again to complete the installation.
5. Click **Close** when the update is complete.

You might need to restart your computer after the update is installed.

Find more information

You can visit the following websites for more information about the BlackBerry® Desktop Software:

- <http://na.blackberry.com/eng/support/software/desktop.jsp>: View support information, including Knowledge Base articles and forums.
- www.blackberry.com/desktop/docs: View the latest help associated with this release.
- <http://docs.blackberry.com>: Find the latest user guide for your BlackBerry device or click **Help** on your device.

Troubleshooting: Basics

My computer doesn't detect my smartphone or tablet

1. If your computer doesn't detect your BlackBerry® smartphone, try the following:
 - If you're using a USB cable to connect your smartphone to your computer, verify that the USB cable is not damaged. If it's not damaged, disconnect and reconnect the USB cable.
 - If you're using Bluetooth® technology to connect your smartphone to your computer, verify that the Bluetooth connection is turned on and your smartphone is paired with your computer. Verify that your smartphone is within range of your computer (a typical range is approximately 10 m).
 - Verify that your smartphone is charged.
 - Verify that mass storage mode is turned on.
 - Verify that you have a media card or built-in media storage.
 - If your smartphone is running BlackBerry® 6 and Wi-Fi® music sync is turned on, verify that your smartphone is connected to the same Wi-Fi network as your computer.
 - On your computer, turn off synchronization applications or antivirus applications temporarily.
2. If your computer doesn't detect your BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet, try the following:
 - If you're using a USB cable to connect your tablet to your computer, verify that the USB cable is not damaged. If it's not damaged, disconnect and reconnect the USB cable.

- Verify that your tablet is charged.
- On your computer, turn off synchronization applications or antivirus applications temporarily.

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Backup and restore

About backing up and restoring data

You can back up and restore most of the data on your BlackBerry® smartphone and BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet, including settings, fonts, saved searches, and browser bookmarks.

If you're using a smartphone, you can also back up your messages and organizer data.

If you're using a tablet, you can also back up your media files.

Research In Motion recommends that you regularly create and save a backup file on your computer, especially before you update any software. Maintaining a current backup file on your computer might allow you to recover smartphone data if your smartphone is lost, stolen, or corrupted by an unforeseen issue.

Back up smartphone data or tablet data

If you're using a BlackBerry® smartphone that includes built-in media storage, mass storage mode must be turned on.

1. Connect your smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Device** > **Back up**.
3. Do one of the following:
 - To back up all your smartphone data or tablet data, click **Full**.
 - To back up all your smartphone data except for email messages, click **Quick**.
 - To select which types of smartphone data or tablet data to back up, click **Custom**. Select the check box next to the data you want to back up.
4. If your smartphone includes built-in media storage and you want to back up data that is stored there, select the **Files saved on my built-in media storage** check box.
5. Do any of the following:
 - To change the default name for the backup file, in the **File name** field, type a new name.
 - To encrypt your data, select the **Encrypt backup file** check box. Type a password.
 - To save your settings so that you aren't prompted to set these options again when you back up your smartphone or tablet, select the **Don't ask for these settings again** check box.
6. Click **Back up**.

Restore smartphone data or tablet data

If you're using a BlackBerry® smartphone that includes built-in media storage, mass storage mode must be turned on to restore your smartphone data.

CAUTION: When you restore data to your smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet, all files that are stored on your smartphone or tablet are deleted before the backup file is restored. If there is data on your smartphone or tablet that is not in the backup file, this data will be lost.

1. Connect your smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Device > Restore**.
3. Select a backup file that contains the data you want to restore.
 - To restore all your smartphone data or tablet data, click **All device data and settings**.
 - To select which smartphone data or tablet data you want to restore, click **Select device data and settings**. Select the check box beside the data type that you want to restore.
 - If your smartphone includes built-in media storage, and you want restore it, select the **Files saved on my built-in media storage** check box.
4. If the backup file is encrypted, type the password that you set to encrypt.
5. Click **Restore**.

Synchronization

About synchronizing your organizer data

You can synchronize your organizer data between your BlackBerry® smartphone and your computer to keep the data the same in both locations. If wireless synchronization is not available for your smartphone, or you have turned it off, you can synchronize your organizer data using the BlackBerry® Desktop Software instead of over the wireless network. You can turn off wireless synchronization for each organizer application on your smartphone. This feature isn't available for the BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

Organizer data includes your calendar entries, contacts, tasks, and memos. You can set options for each type of data, such as the application that you use on your computer for your organizer data and how you want to synchronize your data.

Prerequisites: Synchronization

- To set up synchronization, you must have an active Internet connection.
- To synchronize organizer data, verify that you have set up organizer data synchronization.
- If wireless data synchronization is available for your BlackBerry® smartphone, but you want to synchronize your organizer data using the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, verify that wireless synchronization is turned off on your smartphone. For more information about wireless synchronization, click **Help** on your smartphone.

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Turn off wireless synchronization

To synchronize your organizer data, you must turn off wireless synchronization for each type of organizer data that you want to synchronize using the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.

1. On your BlackBerry® smartphone, in the Calendar application, Contacts application, Tasks application, or MemoPad, press the **Menu** key > **Options**.
2. If necessary, click a calendar or contact list.
3. Change the **Wireless Synchronization** field to **No** or clear the **Wireless Synchronization** check box.
4. Press the **Menu** key > **Save**.

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Set up organizer data synchronization

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Organizer > Configure settings**.
3. In the Intellisync setup window, select the check box beside an organizer application.
4. Click **Setup**.
5. In the **Available desktop applications** list, click the organizer application on your computer.
6. Click **Next**.
7. Select the synchronization directions you want for the data in your organizer application.
8. Click **Next > Finish**.
9. To set up synchronization for another organizer application, repeat steps 3 to 8.

Synchronize your organizer data

To perform this task, you must first set up organizer data synchronization. Also, on your BlackBerry® smartphone, wireless synchronization must be turned off for each type of organizer data that you want to synchronize.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Organizer**.
3. Review the organizer applications and settings that are selected for synchronization and, if necessary, make changes.
4. Click **Sync**.

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Troubleshooting: Synchronization

I receive a message that my default services have changed

When you synchronize your organizer data using the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, you might receive a message that your default services on your BlackBerry smartphone have changed if you recently added a new email address to your smartphone, for example. Your default services are associated with your Calendar application, Contacts application, and Messages application, and might change depending on the applications on your smartphone.

When you receive the message, you can do one of the following:

- To return to your default services that were available the last time that you synchronized your data, click **Yes**. This action does not change the default services on your smartphone.

- To start using your new default service, which might duplicate some data entries if these entries already exist from another service, click **No**.
- To cancel the synchronization and review your default services settings for your smartphone, click **Cancel**.

If your smartphone is running BlackBerry® Device Software 4.7.1 or earlier, you can only continue or stop the synchronization from the message.

I cannot synchronize my data to other calendars on my computer

If you have more than one calendar on your BlackBerry® smartphone, for example, a personal calendar from an email account and a work calendar that is associated with a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, your smartphone is still set up to synchronize only one smartphone calendar to your computer.

To change the calendar that is being used on your computer for synchronization, in the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Organizer > Configure settings**. Change your calendar application.

To change the calendar that is being used on your smartphone for synchronization, change the default services option from one of the following locations:

- If your smartphone is running BlackBerry® Device Software 5.0.1 and earlier, go to **Options > Advanced Options > Default Services**.
- If your smartphone is running BlackBerry® 6, go to **Options > Device > Advanced System Settings > Default Services**.

Some calendar entries are missing from my computer after synchronization

If you have more than one calendar on your BlackBerry® smartphone, you see a combined view of these calendar entries on your smartphone by default.

You can only synchronize entries from one calendar on your smartphone to one calendar on your computer at a time. Some entries might be missing from your computer because they belong to a different calendar on your smartphone that is not set up to synchronize with the calendar on your computer.

To change the calendar that is being used on your smartphone for synchronization, change the default services option from one of the following locations:

- If your smartphone is running BlackBerry® Device Software 5.0.1 and earlier, go to **Options > Advanced Options > Default Services**.
- If your smartphone is running BlackBerry® 6, go to **Options > Device > Advanced System Settings > Default Services**.

Some organizer data doesn't appear on my smartphone after synchronization

You might need to verify your synchronization settings. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Organizer > Configure settings**. Try the following actions:

- Check the conflict resolution options for the organizer data that is not appearing. Highlight the organizer application. Click **Advanced > Conflict Resolution**. Verify that the **Ignore all conflicting items** option is not selected.
- If some tasks are not appearing on your BlackBerry smartphone, highlight the task application. Click **Setup**. Verify that the **Transfer all items** option is selected.
- If some calendar entries are not appearing on your smartphone, highlight the calendar application. Click **Advanced > Conflict Resolution**. Verify that the **Transfer all scheduled items** option or **Transfer only future items** option is selected.
- If some calendar entries are not appearing on your smartphone, verify that these calendar entries are not appointments and meetings that you manage for someone else. If you use Microsoft® Outlook® to manage someone else's calendar, that person's appointments and meetings do not appear on your smartphone.

Duplicate organizer data fields appear on my smartphone after synchronization

You might need to verify your synchronization settings. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Organizer > Configure settings**. Try the following actions:

- Highlight the organizer application. Click **Advanced > Conflict Resolution**. Verify that the **Add all conflicting items** option and **Ignore all conflicting items** option are not selected.
- Highlight the organizer application. Click **Advanced > Map Fields**. Verify that the field mapping for each organizer application is correct.
- Highlight the address book organizer application. Click **Advanced**. Verify that both the **First Name** field and **Middle Name** field in your organizer application are mapped to the **First Name** field on your BlackBerry smartphone.

I'm not notified when there is a conflict during synchronization

In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, highlight the organizer application. Click **Advanced > Conflict Resolution**. Verify that the **Notify me when conflicts occur** option is selected.

Synchronization stopped unexpectedly

If you are running an antivirus application on your computer, close the application temporarily and try synchronizing again.

Organizer data is cut off after synchronization

During synchronization, data that is too long, for example, long descriptions in calendar entries, might be cut off.

If you do not want data that is cut off to replace existing data during synchronization, in the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Organizer > Configure settings**. Highlight the organizer application. Click **Advanced > Conflict Resolution**. In the advanced settings for each organizer application, verify that the **Notify me when conflicts occur** option is selected.

Some organizer data isn't synchronizing correctly when I use an ASCII data file

Try performing the following actions:

- If you use custom address book fields on your BlackBerry® smartphone, verify that the column labels for these custom address book fields in the ASCII data file are **User Defined 1**, **User Defined 2**, **User Defined 3**, and **User Defined 4**.
- If you are exporting organizer data from more than one organizer application, verify that you are exporting the organizer data for each application to a different ASCII data file. Specify a unique file name for each of these ASCII data files.
- If recurring calendar entries are not synchronizing correctly, change the calendar entries after you import the ASCII data file.

Applications

About applications

Applications help you get the most benefit, value, and fun out of your BlackBerry® smartphone.

When your smartphone is connected to your computer, the Applications screen in the BlackBerry® Desktop Software lists applications that are currently on your smartphone and lists any new or updated applications that are available for you to add. This feature isn't available for the BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

If your smartphone is connected to your computer using Bluetooth® technology, you cannot add, update, or delete your applications on your smartphone using the BlackBerry Desktop Software.

Add, update, or delete applications on your smartphone

You can add, update, or delete applications on your BlackBerry® smartphone using the Applications screen in the BlackBerry® Desktop Software. When you connect your smartphone to your computer, your smartphone is scanned and the applications are listed in the Applications pane.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Applications**.
3. When your smartphone applications are listed, do any of the following:
 - To update an application, click the + icon beside the name of the application.
 - To delete an application, click the x icon beside the name of the application.
 - To install an application file (.alx) that is saved on your computer, click **Import files** to browse to it.
4. In the **Application Summary** pane, review your changes.
5. Click **Apply**.

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Add a display language to your smartphone

You can add a new language to your BlackBerry® smartphone if your BlackBerry® Device Software supports multiple languages.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Applications**.
3. In the **Language and Input Support** section, click the + icon for the language that you want to add to your smartphone.
4. Click **Apply**.

Troubleshooting: Applications

I cannot add, update, or delete smartphone applications

If your BlackBerry® smartphone is associated with an email account that uses a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, your organization might not permit you to add, update, or delete smartphone applications. For more information, contact your administrator.

Software updates

Update your BlackBerry Device Software

You might want to update your BlackBerry® Device Software for one of the following reasons:

- To access new applications and features
- To resolve a technical issue
- Your wireless service provider requires that you update the BlackBerry Device Software

If an updated version of the BlackBerry Device Software is available for you to download, on the home screen of the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, the new version number is listed and the Update button appears.

It might take up to an hour to update your smartphone software. During that time, you cannot disconnect your BlackBerry smartphone from your computer.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. On the home screen of the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Update**.
 - To download an update, click **Get update**.
 - To view other available versions of the BlackBerry Device Software, click **View other versions**. If applicable, click another version. Click **Install**.
3. Do any of the following:
 - To keep a backup file of your smartphone data and settings, select the **Back up your device data** check box. This backup file is restored to your smartphone after the update is complete. If you don't back up your data, your smartphone data, settings, and email messages are deleted from your smartphone after the update is installed.
 - To encrypt your backup data, click **Encrypt backup file**.
 - If you want to receive an email when an updated version of BlackBerry Device Software is available, select the **Email me when new versions are available** check box.
4. Click **Install update**.

When you receive a confirmation message that the update is complete, you can disconnect your smartphone.

Update your BlackBerry Tablet OS

You might want to update your BlackBerry® Tablet OS for one of the following reasons:

- To access new applications and features
- To resolve a technical issue

If an updated version of the BlackBerry Tablet OS is available for you to download, on the home screen of the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, the new version number is listed and the Update button appears.

It might take up to an hour to update your tablet software. During that time, you cannot disconnect your BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet from your computer.

1. Connect your tablet to your computer.
2. On the home screen of the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Update**.
 - To download an update, click **Get update**.
 - To view other available versions of the BlackBerry Tablet OS, click **View other versions**. If applicable, click another version. Click **Install**.
3. If you want to receive an email when an updated version of BlackBerry Tablet OS is available, select the **Email me when new versions are available** check box.
4. Click **Install update**.

When you receive a confirmation message that the update is complete, you can disconnect your tablet.

Receive notifications for software updates

If you sign up to receive notifications, when an updated version of the BlackBerry® Device Software or BlackBerry® Tablet OS becomes available, you are notified with an email.

1. Connect your BlackBerry smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Device > Device options**.
3. On the **General** tab, select the **Yes, email me when updates are available** check box.
4. Type your email address.
5. Click **OK**.

To stop receiving the notifications, clear the **Yes, email me when updates are available** check box.

Switch to a new smartphone or new tablet

About switching to a new smartphone or new tablet

If you want to start using a new BlackBerry® smartphone, you can use the BlackBerry® Desktop Software to move your current data and settings to your new smartphone. You can also use the BlackBerry Desktop Software to move your data and settings from an existing BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet to a new tablet.

If you're switching from a BlackBerry smartphone, your data and settings, such as supported email messages, organizer data, and third-party applications that are compatible with your new smartphone, are imported to your new smartphone. If your email account is associated with a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, your email settings are also imported to your new smartphone.

If you're switching from a BlackBerry PlayBook tablet, your media files, application data, and settings are imported to your new tablet.

Switch to a new smartphone

Before you switch from your current BlackBerry® smartphone to a new BlackBerry smartphone, verify that you have the most recent version of the BlackBerry® Desktop Software on your computer.

1. Connect your current smartphone to your computer with a USB cable.
2. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Device > Switch device**.
3. Click the icon for your current smartphone.
 - To transfer your existing smartphone data to your new smartphone, select the **Device data** check box.
 - To transfer any third-party applications that are compatible with your new smartphone, select the **Third-party applications** check box.
4. Click **Next**. Your smartphone data is backed up.
5. At the prompt, connect your new smartphone to your computer with a USB cable and click **Next**.
6. Click the icon for your new smartphone.

Your smartphone data is imported to your new smartphone.
7. Move your SIM card and your media card (if you have one) to your new smartphone.

If you are switching from a smartphone that is associated with the BlackBerry® Internet Service, on your new smartphone, in the setup wizard, open the email setup screen. Update your smartphone PIN.

Related information

[Check for BlackBerry Desktop Software updates, 10](#)

Switch to a new tablet

Before you switch from your current BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet to a new tablet, verify that you have the most recent version of the BlackBerry® Desktop Software on your computer. You might be prompted to upgrade your BlackBerry® Tablet OS.

1. Connect your current tablet to your computer with a USB cable.
2. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Device > Switch device**.
3. Click the icon for your current tablet.
 - To transfer your media files to your new tablet, including songs, pictures, and videos, select the **Media files** check box.
 - To transfer your tablet settings and applications to your new tablet, select the **Applications and settings** check box.
4. Click **Next**. Your tablet data is backed up.
5. At the prompt, connect your new tablet to your computer with a USB cable and click **Next**.
6. Click the icon for your new tablet.

Your tablet data is imported to your new tablet.

Related information

[Check for BlackBerry Desktop Software updates, 10](#)

Mobile Internet or tethering

About using Mobile Internet to tether your smartphone

Depending on your wireless service provider, you can use the Mobile Internet feature to set up your BlackBerry® smartphone as a modem by connecting it to your computer with a USB cable. This is also known as tethering. Using your smartphone as a modem allows you to connect to the Internet on your computer when you might not otherwise have access to the Internet. This feature isn't available for the BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

You can use only one smartphone as a modem with your computer at a time. If your smartphone is associated with a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, contact your administrator to make sure that the appropriate IT policy is turned on to use this feature.

Set up your Mobile Internet settings

Before you can use your BlackBerry® smartphone as a modem, you must set up your Mobile Internet settings. You select or create a profile that contains the information that your wireless service provider needs to allow the Internet connection. Some profiles have been provided but you can also create a new profile.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Tools > Mobile Internet settings**.
3. Do one of the following:
 - If your wireless service provider appears in the **Profile** drop-down list, click their profile. In the **Profiles Settings** section, type any required information that is not included in the profile. For more information, contact your wireless service provider.
 - If your wireless service provider does not appear in the **Profile** drop-down list, click **Add custom profile**. Type a name for the profile. Contact your wireless service provider to determine the information that is required in the Profiles Settings section. Required information can vary for each wireless service provider.
4. Click **OK**.

Connect to the Internet using your smartphone as a modem

To perform this task, you must first set up your Mobile Internet settings to create a connection profile. Depending on your wireless service plan, extra fees might apply.

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Tools > Start Mobile Internet**.
3. Click **Connect**.

To end the connection, click your Internet connection status. If the BlackBerry Desktop Software is already closed, you can also end the connection by clicking the **Dial-Up** icon in the notification area of the Windows® taskbar.

Certificates for your device

About synchronizing certificates with your smartphone

If your BlackBerry® smartphone is associated with a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, you can use the certificate synchronization tool to download or import certificates to your computer, synchronize certificates between your smartphone and your computer, and verify the authenticity and status of certificates. This feature isn't available for the BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

The certificate synchronization tool is designed to access certificate status information and certificate server information by requesting the information from certificate authority servers and LDAP, OCSP, and CRL certificate servers, or by synchronizing the information between your computer and your smartphone over a USB connection.

Turn on the certificate synchronization tool

Before you can synchronize certificates, you must turn on the certificate synchronization tool in the BlackBerry® Desktop Software. If you selected the certificate synchronization option when you first started the BlackBerry Desktop Software, the certificate synchronization tool is already turned on.

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry Desktop Software.
3. Click **Tools > Desktop options**.
4. Select the **Use certificate synchronization** check box.
5. Click **OK**.

Import a certificate from your computer

You can import several certificate file types to your BlackBerry® smartphone, including .pfx, .p12, .cer, .der, .crt, .cert, .p7b, .p7c, or .key files.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.
3. Click **Certificates**. If prompted, type the password for your key store login.
4. Click **Import certificates**.
5. Click a certificate file.
6. Click **Open**.

Synchronize certificates from your computer to your smartphone

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.
3. Click **Certificates**. If prompted, type the password for your key store login.
4. Select the check box beside one or more certificates.
5. Click **Sync**.

To remove a certificate from your smartphone, clear the check box beside the certificate. Click **Sync**.

View properties or status information for a certificate

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.
3. Click **Certificates**. If prompted, type the password for your key store login.
4. Click the tab for the type of certificate you want to see.
5. Double-click a certificate.
 - To view the certificate's properties, click the **Details** tab.
 - To view the status information, click the **Certification Path**. The **Certificate status** field displays status information for the certificate.
6. Click **OK**.

Certificate properties

Depending on the certificate, more properties or fewer properties might appear in the certificate synchronization tool of the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.

Property	Description
Certificate Label	This field displays the name of the certificate. By default, the certificate synchronization tool displays the name of the certificate subject.
Security Level	This field displays the security level of the certificate if the certificate contains a private key.
Email Address	This field displays the email address of the certificate subject.
Certificate Source	This field displays the name of the certificate server that the certificate is located on or the name of the Windows® key store on the computer that the certificate is located on.
Serial Number	This field displays the certificate serial number in hexadecimal format.

Property	Description
Signature Algorithm	This field displays the algorithm that the certificate issuer used to generate the digital signature.
Issuer	This field displays detailed information about the certificate issuer.
Valid From	This field displays the date that the certificate issuer specified as the start date for the certificate.
Valid To	This field displays the date that the certificate issuer specified as the expiration date for the certificate.
Subject	This field displays detailed information about the certificate subject.
Public Key	This field displays the standard that the public key complies to. Your BlackBerry smartphone supports RSA®, DSA, Diffie-Hellman, and ECC keys.
Subject Alternative Name	This field displays an alternate email address for the certificate, if known.
Authority Information Access	This field displays the location of and access method for the OCSP status responders.
Key Usage	This field displays approved uses for the public key.
Thumbprint Algorithm	This field displays the hash algorithm used to calculate the digital thumbprint of the certificate.
Thumbprint	This field displays the digital thumbprint of the certificate. The digital thumbprint is a hash of the certificate encoding.

Install a root certificate on your computer

You might not be able to connect to some Wi-Fi® networks until you install a root certificate on your BlackBerry® smartphone. You can install the root certificate on your computer, and then use the BlackBerry® Desktop Software to install the root certificate on your smartphone. For more information, contact your administrator.

1. Download the root certificate from the certificate authority server to your computer.
2. On your computer, right-click the root certificate.
3. Click **Install certificate > Next > Place all certificates in the following store > Browse > Trusted Root Certification Authorities > OK > Finish**.
4. In the **Security Warning** dialog box, click **Yes**.

If the root certificate contains multiple certificates, all the certificates are installed on your computer.

To install the root certificate on your smartphone, use the certificate synchronization tool of the BlackBerry Desktop Software to synchronize the root certificate from your smartphone and your computer.

Certificate servers

Add, delete, or update a certificate server

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.
3. Click **Device > Device options**.
4. On the **Certificates** tab, in the **Servers** section, click **Configure**.
 - To add a server, click a server tab. Click **Add**. Specify the server information.
 - To delete a server, click a server tab. Click a server. Click **Delete**.
 - To update a certificate server, click a server tab. Click a server. Click **Edit**. Change the connection information.
5. Click **OK**.

Change the default security level for private keys

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.
3. Click **Device > Device options**.
4. On the **Certificates** tab, in the **Private Key Security Levels** section, change the default security level for signing keys and encryption keys.
5. Click **OK**.

Turn off automatic initialization of the random number generator

By default, each time that you connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer and open the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, the certificate synchronization tool initializes the random number generator on your smartphone. If you turn off automatic initialization, your smartphone uses the same starting point each time it generates a random number.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry Desktop Software.
3. Click **Device > Device options**.
4. On the **General** tab, clear the **Initialize device random number generator** check box.
5. Click **OK**.

Change the refresh rate for certificate revocation lists

You can change how often the certificate synchronization tool updates the certificate revocation lists on your BlackBerry® smartphone.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry Desktop Software.
3. Click **Device > Device options**.

4. On the **Certificates** tab, in the **Servers** section, click **Configure**.
 - If you want to update the certificate revocation lists on your smartphone every time that you connect your smartphone to the BlackBerry® Desktop Software or synchronize certificates, set the **Update the cached CRLs** field to **0**.
 - If you want to specify a refresh rate, set the **Update the cached CRLs** field to a number other than 0.
5. Click **OK**.

When you synchronize your certificates, the certificate synchronization tool queries the certificate revocation lists in the key store cache for the revocation status of the certificates and updates the revocation status on your smartphone if the status has changed.

Refresh all certificate revocation lists

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.
3. Click **Device > Device options**.
4. On the **Certificates** tab, in the **Servers** section, click **Configure**.
5. On the **CRL** tab, click **Update now**.
6. Click **OK**.

Use OCSP or CRL certificate servers to check the revocation status of certificates

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.
3. Click **Device > Device options**.
4. On the **Certificates** tab, in the **Servers** section, click **Configure**.
 - To use OCSP certificate servers to check the revocation status of certificates, on the **OCSP** tab, select the **Use OCSP** check box.
 - To use CRL certificate servers to check the revocation status of certificates, on the **CRL** tab, select the **Use CRLs** check box.
5. To use the connection information in the certificate extension section of a certificate to check the revocation status of a certificate, select the **Use certificate extensions** check box.
6. To use any certificate servers that you add to the certificate synchronization tool to check the revocation status of a certificate, select the **Use specified servers** check box.
7. Click **OK**.

Download certificates for your contacts automatically

Before you perform this task, contact your administrator as this task can result in reduced computer or network performance. You'll also need to verify that you have added an LDAP certificate server to the certificate synchronization tool of the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.

If you choose to perform this task, when you access the Certificates section in the BlackBerry Desktop Software, the certificate synchronization tool queries all associated LDAP certificate servers and retrieves certificates for contacts in the contact list on your BlackBerry smartphone.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. Open the BlackBerry Desktop Software.
3. Click **Device > Device options**.
4. On the **Certificates** tab, in the **Servers** section, click **Configure**.
5. On the **LDAP** tab, select the **Use contacts data on my device when searching LDAP servers** check box.
6. Click **OK**.

Troubleshooting: Certificates

A certificate doesn't appear in the certificate list

Verify that the certificate is installed on your computer. In Windows® Internet Explorer®, click **Tools > Internet Options**. On the **Content** tab, click **Certificates**. Click a certificate tab.

Files

About copying files

You can copy files and folders between your BlackBerry® smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet and your computer. When you connect your smartphone or tablet to the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, you can access its storage drive and drag and drop files between your computer's desktop or Windows® Explorer.

After you copy the files onto your smartphone or tablet, you can reorganize your files by moving them to a new or an existing folder.

You can also copy encrypted files between your smartphone and your computer. If you're copying encrypted files from a smartphone that has encryption turned on, you must keep encryption turned on to view and copy the files successfully. If you turn off encryption for your smartphone and need to open or copy an encrypted file, you need to turn encryption on again. If a file from your media card is encrypted, a lock appears beside the file icon. A file might be encrypted even if a lock doesn't appear beside it. To check whether a file is encrypted, see the encryption settings on your smartphone.

Encrypted files take longer to copy than non-encrypted files, as your smartphone is actively encrypting and decrypting files before they are copied.

Encrypted files aren't supported on the tablet.

Copy files from your computer to your smartphone or tablet

Before you copy encrypted files, verify that encryption is turned on for your BlackBerry® smartphone. Encrypted media files aren't supported on the BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

1. Connect your smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. Click **Files**.
3. If necessary, click **Get Started**.
4. In the BlackBerry icon drop-down list, click the location that you're copying files to.
5. On your computer, navigate to the files or folders that you want to copy.
6. Drag one or more files or folders to the **Files** screen.

Copy files from your smartphone or tablet to your computer

Before you copy encrypted files, verify that encryption is turned on for your BlackBerry® smartphone. Encrypted media files aren't supported on the BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

1. Connect your smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. Click **Files**.
3. If necessary, click **Get Started**.

4. In the BlackBerry icon drop-down list, click the location that you're copying files from.
5. Navigate to the files that you want to copy.
6. Drag one or more files or folders to your computer's desktop or Windows® Explorer

Troubleshooting: Files

My encrypted files didn't copy

If you're unable to view or copy encrypted files between your BlackBerry® smartphone and your computer, try the following:

- Verify that encryption is still turned on for your smartphone and your media card.
- Verify that your smartphone isn't locked.

Media

About media

You can manage your media files—music, pictures, and videos—between your BlackBerry® smartphone and your computer, or your BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet and your computer.

You can import your pictures and videos from your smartphone or tablet to your computer, and you can synchronize the following items from your computer to your smartphone or tablet:

- Your music, organized by playlists, artist, or genre, from your iTunes library or Windows Media® Player library
- Your podcasts and other audio files that are in a playlist in your music application
- Your pictures and videos

About encrypted media files

You can now synchronize and import encrypted media files from your BlackBerry® smartphone. Encrypted media files aren't supported on the BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

If you're synchronizing or importing encrypted media files from a smartphone that has encryption turned on, you must keep encryption turned on to continue using the BlackBerry® Desktop Software. If you turn off encryption and want to continue using the media features, you need to delete encrypted media from your smartphone.

If your smartphone has built-in media storage that is smaller than 128 MB, you can import encrypted media to your computer, but you'll need to use the files feature to copy files from your computer to your smartphone.

Related information

[Delete media files from your smartphone or tablet, 39](#)

[Copy files from your computer to your smartphone or tablet, 32](#)

Supported media file formats

Media type	Supported file types
Music	File extensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• .wav• .wma• .mp3• .m4a

Media type	Supported file types
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">.aac <p>Audio files that contain digital rights management (DRM) technologies are not supported. If you purchase songs from the iTunes Store, only iTunes Plus versions are supported in the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.</p>
Pictures	<p>File extensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">.bmp.jpg.gif.png
Videos	<p>File extensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">.mpeg.mp4.3gp.mov.avi.wmv.m4v.mp2.mpg <p>File formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AVC1DivXH.263H.264MPEGMPEG-4WMV (8, 9 10)Xvid <p>Audio formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AACAMRPCM

Media type	Supported file types
	Only mono and stereo videos are supported. Other video formats might be supported if the applicable codecs are installed.

Synchronize your music from your computer to your smartphone or tablet

To perform this task with a BlackBerry® smartphone that has encryption turned off, mass storage mode must be turned on. To perform this task with a BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet, file sharing must be turned on. You cannot synchronize encrypted music to your tablet.

You can synchronize specific iTunes playlists and Windows Media® Player playlists to your smartphone or tablet, or a random selection of your songs that aren't in a playlist. The number of your songs and playlists that you can synchronize depends on the amount of storage that is available for storing music files.

1. Connect your smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Music**.
 - To synchronize specific playlist or synchronize songs by artists or genre, select the check box beside one or more playlists, artists, or genres.
 - To synchronize your complete music library, select the **All music** check box.
 - If you don't have enough storage space on your smartphone or tablet for your complete music library, but you want to synchronize specific playlists as well as a random selection of your songs, select the check box beside one or more playlists. Click **Random Music**.
3. Click **Sync**.

To view your playlists on your smartphone or tablet, click the **Media** icon or **Music** icon. Your songs that aren't in a playlist appear together in the Music playlist or in their Artist, Album, or Genre categories.

Related information

[Stop synchronizing your music from your computer to your smartphone or tablet, 39](#)

Synchronize your pictures from your computer to your smartphone or tablet

You cannot synchronize encrypted pictures to your BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Pictures**.
3. Click the **Computer Pictures** tab.

- To synchronize all the pictures within a folder, select the check box beside one or more folders. If your pictures are in a folder that isn't listed, click **Add folder**. Find the folder and click **OK**. Select the check box beside the newly added folder.
 - To synchronize individual pictures, highlight the folder that contains your pictures. Select the check box beside one or more pictures.
4. If you're using a smartphone and you want to keep your pictures at their original size, click **Optimize** to turn off the option.
 5. Click **Sync**.

Pictures that you synchronize from your computer to your smartphone or tablet are located in the Media application. If you selected a folder that contains subfolders on your computer, the subfolders also appear on your smartphone or tablet.

Related information

[Import your pictures from your smartphone or tablet to your computer, 37](#)

Synchronize your videos from your computer to your smartphone or tablet

You cannot synchronize encrypted videos to your BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

1. Connect your BlackBerry® smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Videos**.
3. Click the **Computer Videos** tab.
 - Select the check box beside one or more videos that you want to synchronize.
 - If your videos are in a folder that isn't listed, click **Add folder**. Find the folder and click **OK**. Select the check box beside the videos in the newly added folder.
4. If you want to convert the videos for better viewing and storing on your smartphone or tablet, select the **Convert video** check box.
5. Click **Sync**.

Videos that are synchronized from your computer are located in the Media application on your smartphone or tablet.

Related information

[Import your videos from your smartphone or tablet to your computer, 38](#)

Import your pictures from your smartphone or tablet to your computer

When you connect your BlackBerry® smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet to your computer, you can import pictures that are on your smartphone or tablet. You cannot import encrypted pictures from your tablet.

1. Connect your smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Pictures**.
3. Click the **Device Pictures** tab.

4. If you want to import all your pictures, including pictures that have been imported previously, in the drop-down list, click **All device pictures**.
5. Click **Import**.

Related information

[Synchronize your pictures from your computer to your smartphone or tablet, 36](#)

[Change your import folder for pictures and videos, 38](#)

Import your videos from your smartphone or tablet to your computer

When you connect your BlackBerry® smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet to your computer, you can import videos that are on your smartphone or tablet. You cannot import encrypted videos from your tablet.

1. Connect your smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Videos**.
3. Click the **Device Videos** tab.
4. If you want to import all your videos, including videos that have been imported previously, in the drop-down list, click **All device videos**.
5. Click **Import**.

Related information

[Synchronize your videos from your computer to your smartphone or tablet, 37](#)

[Change your import folder for pictures and videos, 38](#)

Change your import folder for pictures and videos

You can change the folder on your computer that contains your pictures and videos that you import from your BlackBerry® smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

1. Connect your smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Pictures** or **Videos**.
3. Click the **Device Pictures** or **Device Videos** tab.
4. Click **Change import folder**.
5. Browse to a new folder.
6. Click **OK**.

Note: You cannot select a root folder or a system folder.

Related information

[Import your pictures from your smartphone or tablet to your computer, 37](#)

[Import your videos from your smartphone or tablet to your computer, 38](#)

Stop synchronizing your music from your computer to your smartphone or tablet

When you stop synchronizing playlists from your computer to your BlackBerry® smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet, your playlists are removed from your smartphone or tablet, but not from your computer.

1. Connect your smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Music**.
3. Do any of the following:
 - Clear the check boxes beside the playlists, artists, or genres of music that you want to stop synchronizing with your smartphone or tablet.
 - If the **All music** check box is selected, clear this check box.
 - If the **Random music** option is selected, click this option so that it is dimmed.
4. Click **Sync**.

Related information

[Synchronize your music from your computer to your smartphone or tablet, 36](#)

Delete media files from your smartphone or tablet

You can delete the media files that you synchronized from your computer to your BlackBerry® smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet using the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.

1. Connect your smartphone or tablet to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Device > Device options**.
3. Click the **Media** tab.
4. Click **Delete all media > OK**.

Troubleshooting: Media

Some of my media files didn't synchronize to my smartphone or tablet

Try the following actions:

- Verify that your BlackBerry® smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet has enough available storage for your media.
- Verify that your songs don't contain digital rights management (DRM) technologies.
- Verify that your media files are in a supported format.
- If your videos didn't synchronize or import and the video extension is supported, verify that your video or audio codecs are supported.

- Verify that mass storage mode for your smartphone or file sharing for your tablet is turned on.

Related information

[Supported media file formats, 34](#)

My smartphone does not recognize my media card

Try the following actions:

- Verify that your media card is inserted in your BlackBerry® smartphone correctly. For more information about inserting a media card into your smartphone, see the printed documentation that came with your smartphone.
- On your smartphone, in your media card options, if there is a message to format your media card, disconnect your smartphone from your computer. Turn off mass storage mode or MTP. Format the media card. Turn on mass storage mode or MTP again.

I cannot import album art

You cannot import iTunes album art if iTunes is busy, or if you are creating playlists, updating podcasts, or accessing the iTunes Store.

Close any open dialog boxes and finish any iTunes tasks and try importing album art again. On the **Tools** menu, click **Import album art**.

A picture folder on my computer isn't recognized

If you are trying to synchronize pictures from a specific folder on your computer to your BlackBerry® smartphone or BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet, the folder might appear dimmed in one of the following situations:

- The folder on your computer is deleted
- The folder on your computer is renamed
- The folder on your computer is on a network drive or USB drive that it is disconnected

Try to correct any of these issues and synchronize again, or select another folder.

My encrypted media files didn't synchronize or import

If you're unable to synchronize or import encrypted media files between your BlackBerry® smartphone and your computer, try the following:

- Verify that encryption is still turned on for your smartphone and your media card.
- Verify that your smartphone isn't locked.

Error messages

Exceeded available storage

This message appears when there isn't enough storage on your media card or BlackBerry® smartphone or your BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet for your media files that you selected to synchronize.

Try the following actions:

- Consider using a higher capacity media card for your smartphone.
- Select fewer playlists to synchronize.
- Transfer media files that are on your smartphone to a media card.
- In the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, click **Device > Device options**. On the **Media** section of the menu, decrease the amount of storage that is kept free for files other than your media files. Note that if you're using a tablet, you need to keep at least 100 MB of storage space free.

Wi-Fi music sync

About Wi-Fi music sync

You can use Wi-Fi® music sync on your BlackBerry® smartphone to browse songs and playlists that are in your Windows Media® Player library or iTunes library on your computer. This feature isn't available for the BlackBerry® PlayBook™ tablet.

You can select songs and playlists that you want to download to your smartphone, and when your smartphone is within range of your Wi-Fi network or when you connect your smartphone to your computer with a USB cable, the songs and playlists are downloaded to your smartphone. You can also create and change playlists and synchronize these playlists from your smartphone to your computer.

Songs and playlists from your computer are integrated in the Music application on your smartphone. These songs appear dimmed if they have not yet been downloaded to your smartphone. Within the Music application on your smartphone, your Wi-Fi Music Sync list displays the status of your songs and playlists, such as pending or downloaded, as well as the status of your connection with the BlackBerry® Desktop Software.

Your smartphone can only be connected with one computer at a time when using Wi-Fi music sync.

Prerequisites: Wi-Fi music sync

Your BlackBerry® smartphone must be running BlackBerry® 6.

If you want to use a Wi-Fi® connection, verify the following requirements:

- Your smartphone and your computer that has the BlackBerry® Desktop Software installed on it must be connected to the same network.
- The Wi-Fi connection for your smartphone must be turned on.
- The Wi-Fi router for your computer that is associated with your smartphone must be turned on.
- Your computer must be connected to your Wi-Fi router. If your computer uses a wired connection instead of Wi-Fi technology, it must be connected to the same network router.
- If your smartphone is associated with a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, the IT policies on your smartphone must allow Wi-Fi connections. For more information, contact your administrator.

Install Wi-Fi music sync on your smartphone

If you did not install Wi-Fi® music sync when you added your BlackBerry® smartphone to the BlackBerry® Desktop Software, you can install Wi-Fi music sync using the following steps.

1. Connect your smartphone to your computer.
2. In the BlackBerry Desktop Software, click **Tools > Wi-Fi music sync**.

3. In the **Wi-Fi Music Sync** window, click **Yes**. On the next screen, click **Finish**.
4. On the confirmation screen, note the Wi-Fi requirements and click **Close**.
5. Click **Music** to synchronize the songs on your computer with your smartphone. The first time that you do this for Wi-Fi music sync, you must keep your smartphone connected to your computer with a USB cable.

Your Wi-Fi connection status and any other connectivity updates for Wi-Fi music sync appear at the bottom of the BlackBerry Desktop Software screen.

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Connect to a Wi-Fi network on your smartphone

1. On your BlackBerry® smartphone, on the Home screen, click the top of the screen, or click the **Manage Connections** icon.
2. Click **Set Up Wi-Fi**.
3. If you want to connect to a public hotspot or to a Wi-Fi® network that does not require authentication, select the **Show Open networks only** check box.
4. Click the Wi-Fi network that you want to connect to.
5. If the Wi-Fi network requires authentication, type a password for the network.

The name of the Wi-Fi network appears at the top of the Home screen.

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Download a song to your smartphone that is on your computer

If a song or playlist is on your computer but hasn't been downloaded to your BlackBerry® smartphone, it appears dimmed in the Music application.

1. On your smartphone, on the Home screen, click the **Media** icon > **Music** icon.
2. Find and click a song or playlist that is dimmed.

The song or playlist is added to your Wi-Fi Music Sync list as pending and is downloaded to your smartphone when you are within range of your Wi-Fi® connection or when you connect your smartphone to your computer with a USB cable.

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Stream your music on your smartphone

You can listen to songs that haven't been downloaded to your BlackBerry® smartphone yet.

1. On your smartphone, on the Home screen, click the **Media** icon > **Music** icon.
2. Highlight a dimmed song that hasn't been downloaded yet.

3. Press the **Menu** key > **Stream** to listen to the song.

Show or hide the music that is on your computer

You can hide the music from your computer that hasn't been downloaded to your BlackBerry® smartphone so that it doesn't appear in the Music application on your smartphone. If you want a complete view of all your available music, you can show the music from your computer again.

1. On your smartphone, on the Home screen, click the **Media** icon > **Music** icon.
2. Press the **Menu** key > **Show Home Music** or **Hide Home Music**.

Clear your download history

You can clear the list of songs from your Wi-Fi Music Sync list that you have downloaded from your computer to your BlackBerry® smartphone or that are waiting to be downloaded.

1. On your smartphone, on the Home screen, click the **Media** icon > **Music** icon.
2. Click **Wi-Fi Music Sync**.
3. Press the **Menu** key > **Clear All**.
4. If necessary, clear the **Clear only finished downloads** check box.
5. Click **Clear All**.

Troubleshooting: Wi-Fi music sync

I cannot connect to a Wi-Fi network

Depending on your BlackBerry® smartphone model, the Wi-Fi® feature might not be supported.

Try the following actions:

- Verify that you have turned on the connection to the Wi-Fi network.
- Verify that you are in a Wi-Fi coverage area.
- If the Wi-Fi network does not appear in the Set Up Wi-Fi application, it might be hidden. If you know the network name, connect to the Wi-Fi network manually.
- In the Set Up Wi-Fi application, verify that the options for the Wi-Fi network are correct.
- If you switched Wi-Fi networks manually, switch to another Wi-Fi network or set your BlackBerry smartphone to scan for available Wi-Fi networks.
- If your wireless service provider supports UMA, verify that your connection preference is not set to Mobile Network Only.
- If your email account uses a BlackBerry® Enterprise Server, your smartphone might prevent you from connecting to certain wireless access points. For more information, contact your administrator.

- If you are using the Push Button Setup method, verify that the access point is enabled with Wi-Fi Protected Setup™, and that it has been set to send its profile. Verify that another smartphone is not also attempting to connect at the same time, and that not more than one access point within range is in this mode.
- If you use PEAP, EAP-TLS, EAP-FAST, EAP-TTLS, or EAP-SIM to connect to a Wi-Fi network, verify that you have installed the root certificate for the certificate authority server that created the certificate for the authentication server.
- If you use EAP-TLS to connect to a Wi-Fi network, verify that you have added your authentication certificate to your smartphone.

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Wi-Fi music sync is not working as expected

If you are unable to use Wi-Fi® music sync to download your music or if you cannot view your music from Wi-Fi music sync, try the following actions:

- Verify that Wi-Fi music sync is installed correctly. On the Home screen of your BlackBerry® smartphone, click the **Media** icon > **Music** icon. At the bottom of the screen, click **Wi-Fi music sync**. The status should display as connected.
- If a long period of time has passed since you installed the BlackBerry® Desktop Software on your computer, your security certificates might be expired. Try reinstalling the BlackBerry Desktop Software. To install the latest version, visit www.blackberry.com/desktop.
- If you are logged in to a VPN, you must log out of the VPN to use Wi-Fi music sync.

If you are trying to use a Wi-Fi connection, try the following actions:

- Verify that your Wi-Fi connection on your smartphone is turned on. On the Home screen of your smartphone, click the connections area at the top of the screen, or click the **Manage Connections** icon. If the **Wi-Fi** check box is cleared, select it.
- If the Wi-Fi connection on your smartphone is turned on and there are still issues, verify that your smartphone is connected to the same network that your computer is connected to. Check the connection software on your computer to see which network you are connected to. If you are not using a wireless connection on your computer, verify that an Ethernet cable is connected to the same router that provides your smartphone with a Wi-Fi connection.
- If you cannot download your songs using a Wi-Fi connection, connect your smartphone to your computer with a USB cable to download your songs. In some cases, if changes are made to your computer settings or smartphone options, you might need to connect your smartphone to your computer with a USB cable before you can use a Wi-Fi connection again.

If you think that a network connection might not be established, try the following actions:

- On your smartphone, in the browser, type the following URL: **http://type your computer IP address here:4481/mediasync/music**. If you are prompted, accept the certificate warning. If the webpage displays the text "Wireless music sync", then your smartphone is connected to the same network as your computer. If you receive a display error, your smartphone is not connected properly to the same network as your computer or there might be a firewall issue or routing issue.
- If your computer, router, or wireless network has a firewall, verify that ports 4481 and 4482 are open for TCP and UDP, and that the BlackBerry Desktop Software is allowed by the firewall. For more information and instructions, see the documentation for your firewall software.

- If your router has UDP broadcast, verify that UDP broadcast is turned on. Most routers support this feature and do not mention it, but your router might need special configuration. For instructions, see the documentation that came with your router.
- Verify that your gateway IP address is the same on both your smartphone and your computer, and that both your smartphone and computer IP addresses are on the same subnet.

Some song details are not appearing on my smartphone

Wi-Fi® music sync updates song details on your BlackBerry® smartphone about once every hour, so it might take an hour after changes are made to your music library on your computer before all the song details that are in your music application appear on your smartphone. If you want the song details to appear before then, in the Wi-Fi Music Sync list on your smartphone, press the **Menu** key and click **Sync Now**, or connect your smartphone to your computer with a USB cable.

I cannot see songs on my smartphone that are from the music library on my computer

Try the following:

- Verify that both the BlackBerry® Desktop Software and your iTunes library or Windows Media® Player library is open on your computer.
- Verify that the correct music library is selected in the BlackBerry Desktop Software. Click **Device > Device options**. On the **Media** tab, if the correct music library is not selected, in the **Music source** drop-down list, click the music library that you want to use.

Pending songs are not downloaded to my smartphone

If the songs in your Wi-Fi Music Sync list are pending and aren't being downloaded from your computer to your BlackBerry® smartphone, try the following actions:

- Verify that your smartphone is within range of the Wi-Fi® network that your computer is connected to.
- Verify that your smartphone has enough available storage. Try transferring media files that you have stored on your smartphone to a media card.
- Verify that the songs aren't being played on your computer or have not been deleted from your computer.
- Verify that your smartphone is charged. If the battery power level drops below 5 per cent, you cannot download your songs.

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