



Timed test results: Setting up and connecting the Windows 365 Link

In this report, we assessed the time to complete the following tasks on a Windows 365 Link cloud PC device:

- Out-of-box (OOB) setup
- Booting from power off
- Waking from sleep mode
- Connecting to Windows 365

We hand-timed each task three times and report the median of the three runs. For complete results and hardware/software disclosures, see the following pages.

Test results

Table 1: Median time, in minutes and seconds, to complete tasks on the Windows 365 Link.

Task	Time to complete task (m:ss)	Description
OOB setup	2:33	Length of time from first powering on the device to displaying the Windows 365 remote desktop (does not include physical unboxing)
Booting from power off	0:12	Length of time from cold boot to the operating system sign-in screen (or desktop if the device is configured by default to log in automatically)
Waking from sleep mode	0:03	Length of time from sleep mode to the operating system sign-in screen (or desktop if the device is configured by default to log in automatically)
Connecting to Windows 365	0:11	Length of time to connect to Windows 365 from the operating system sign-in

In this section, we list our complete results and describe the solutions on which we tested and our test methodologies.

We concluded our hands-on testing on March 24, 2025. During testing, we determined the appropriate hardware and software configurations and applied updates as they became available. The results in this report reflect configurations that we finalized on March 24, 2025 or earlier. Unavoidably, these configurations may not represent the latest versions available when this report appears.

Our results

To learn more about how we have calculated the wins in this report, go to <http://facts.pt/calculating-and-highlighting-wins>. Unless we state otherwise, we have followed the rules and principles we outline in that document.

Table 2: Results of our testing.

Time to complete task on the Windows 365 Link (m:ss)	
OOB setup	
Run 1	2:33
Run 2	2:50
Run 3	2:28
Median	2:33
Booting from power off	
Run 1	0:13
Run 2	0:12
Run 3	0:12
Median	0:12
Waking from sleep mode	
Run 1	0:03
Run 2	0:03
Run 3	0:03
Median	0:03
Connecting to Windows 365	
Run 1	0:11
Run 2	0:15
Run 3	0:10
Median	0:11

System configuration information

Table 3: Detailed information on the system we tested.

System configuration information	Windows 365 Link
Processor	
Vendor	Intel®
Name	N250
Memory	
Amount (GB)	8
Type	DDR4
Speed (MHz)	3,200
Integrated graphics	
Vendor	Intel
Model number	UHD Graphics
Storage	
Amount (GB)	64
Type	eMMC
Connectivity/expansion	
Wired internet	1GbE RJ45
Wireless internet	802.11ax
Bluetooth	N/A
USB	3x USB-A 1x USB-C
Video	1x DisplayPort 1x HDMI
Operating system	
Vendor	Microsoft
Name	Windows CPC
Build number or version	10.0.26100.3476
Bios	
BIOS name and version	9.28.143
Dimensions	
Height (in)	1.18
Width (in)	4.72
Depth (in)	4.72
Weight (lbs.)	0.91

How we tested

Completing OOB setup

1. Simultaneously start the timer and power on the Windows 365 Link.
2. In the Let's connect you to a network screen, select your network, and click Connect. Make sure that Connect automatically is checked.
3. Enter the network security key, and press Enter.
4. Click Next.
5. In the Set up for work or school screen, enter your Microsoft username, and click Next.
6. Enter your Microsoft password, and click Next.
7. When the desktop displays, stop the timer.

Booting from power off

1. Simultaneously start the timer and power on the Windows 365 Link.
2. When the sign-in form fully loads, stop the timer.

Waking from sleep mode

1. Simultaneously start the timer and wake the Windows 365 Link.
2. When the sign-in form fully loads, stop the timer.

Connecting to Windows 365

1. Enter your Microsoft username, and press Enter.
2. Enter your Microsoft password, and press Enter.
3. Enter your 2FA passkey.
4. Simultaneously start the timer and press Enter.
5. When the desktop loads, stop the timer.

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