Learn More booklet: Find feature information and instructions for common tasks. This booklet came with your BlackBerry® device.

Help application: Find step-by-step instructions for all device tasks. Access this application from the Home screen or in an application menu.

BlackBerry® User Tools CD: Find the BlackBerry 101 tutorial, user guide, software license agreement and warranty or Safety and Product Information booklet. You can also use this CD to install the BlackBerry® Desktop Software to synchronize data between your device and your computer. This CD came with your device.

Your wireless service provider web site: Find information about your wireless network or your wireless service plan.

www.blackberry.com/support: Find interactive support tools and information about support services. For example, you can find answers to your questions by using the BlackBerry® Answers tool or by joining the BlackBerry® Support Community Forums.


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CAUTION: Use only those accessories approved by Research In Motion. Using any accessories not approved by RIM for use with this particular device model might invalidate any approval or warranty applicable to the device, might result in the non-operation of the device, and might be dangerous.

www.discoverblackberry.com: Find software, applications, and accessories for your BlackBerry® device.

www.shopblackberry.com: Find accessories for your device. You can also contact your wireless service provider to buy accessories.

www.blackberry.com/ownerslounge: Find more ways to personalize your device by becoming a member of the BlackBerry® Owners Lounge.

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Find more information

Start Here

BlackBerry Curve 8500 Series
Get ready to experience the freedom and connectivity of your all-in-one mobile solution. Setting up your BlackBerry® Curve™ smartphone is easy. Simply follow the instructions in this guide to set up your device and learn the basics quickly.

Insert the SIM card and battery
Depending on your BlackBerry® device model or your wireless service provider, you might not need to insert a SIM card to use your device. For more information, see the Learn More booklet that came with your device.

If the battery is charged, your device turns on automatically. If your device does not turn on, charge the battery.

Welcome to BlackBerry!

Charge the battery

Battery power level indicators

Be safe!
Please read the Safety and Product Information booklet, located on the BlackBerry® User Tools CD, before using your device or any accessories that came with your device. This booklet includes important safety information about your battery. To view the most recent version of the Safety and Product Information booklet, visit www.blackberry.com/go/docs.

The setup wizard is designed to help you learn about navigation and typing, change options to personalize your BlackBerry® device, set up wireless and Bluetooth® connections and set up one or more email addresses. The setup wizard should appear automatically the first time that you turn on your device.

1. If the setup wizard does not appear automatically, on the Home screen or in the Setup folder, click the Setup Wizard icon.

2. Complete the instructions on the setup wizard.

Set up an email address
To perform this task, you must know the login information for your existing email addresses or your administrator must have provided you with an enterprise activation password.

1. On the Home screen or in the Setup folder, click the Setup Wizard icon.

2. On the email setup screen, select one of the following options:

   • I want to create or add an email address: This email setup option is most common for individual users. Use this option to associate your BlackBerry® device with one or more (up to ten) existing email addresses (for example, a Google Mail™ or Windows Live™ Hotmail® email account) or to create a new email address for your device. To use a social networking application on your device, you must use this option to associate your device with the email address that you use to receive social networking notifications. If this option does not appear, contact your wireless service provider.

   • I want to use a work email account with a BlackBerry Enterprise Server: This email setup option is most common for corporate users. Use this option to associate your device with a work email account using the BlackBerry® Enterprise Server if your administrator has preloaded you with an enterprise activation password.

3. Click Next.

Complete the setup wizard

4. Complete the instructions on the screen.

Note: When your email address is set up correctly, you receive a confirmation message. To view and manage your email messages, on the Home screen, click the Messages icon.

I cannot set up an email address
Try performing the following actions:

1. On the Home screen or in the Setup folder, click the Setup Wizard icon. On the email setup screen, verify that you have typed all the email address information correctly. To view the password that you typed, select the Show Password check box.

2. Verify that the email address is associated with a supported email account (for example, a POP3 email account or an IMAP email account). For more information about supported email accounts, contact your wireless service provider.

3. If you are switching from another BlackBerry® device that is associated with one or more email addresses using the BlackBerry® Internet Service, you must switch devices automatically or manually using the email setup application. For more information about switching devices, see the Learn More booklet that came with your device.

For more information about setting up an email address, visit www.blackberry.com/go/docs and click BlackBerry Internet Service.
Learn the basics

The Menu key and Escape key on your BlackBerry® device are designed to help you navigate screens and complete tasks quickly and easily. If you want to complete an action in an application or on the Home screen, you can find it in the menu that appears when you press the Menu key. To select a highlighted menu item, press the Menu key again. If you want to close the menu or move back a screen, press the Escape key.

About the Menu key and Escape key

Home screen

More applications on the Home screen

• To view more applications on the Home screen, press the Menu key.

• To return to the Home screen, when you are not on a call, press the End key.

• To move back a screen, press the Escape key.

• To move the cursor in any direction and highlight items, slide your finger on the trackpad.

• To select an item or open a link, click the trackpad.

• To change the value in a field, click a field. Click a value.

Typing indicators

When you type, typing indicators appear at the top-right corner of the screen.

CAP lock (capital letter lock)  NUM mode  NUM lock (number lock)

Typing tips

Important: When you use your BlackBerry® device, take frequent breaks. If you experience discomfort in any part of your body when you use your device, stop using your device immediately. If the discomfort persists, consult a physician.

For an interactive typing tutorial, on the Home screen or in the Setup folder, click the Setup Wizard icon. Click Navigation and Typing Tutorials.

• To capitalize a letter, press and hold the letter key until the capitalized letter appears or press the key and the letter key.

• To type a number or the alternate character on a key, press the key and the number key or character key. For example, to type the number one (1), press the key.

• To insert an at sign (@) or a period (.) in an email address field, press the key.

• To type a symbol, press the key. To view more symbols, press the key again. Type the letter that appears below the symbol.

Typing indicators

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You can access applications on the Home screen and in folders on the Home screen. To view the Home screen, when you are not on a call, press the **End** key. The initial view of the Home screen displays only some of the available applications. To view more applications on the Home screen, press the **Menu** key.

Take some time to explore the applications that are available on your BlackBerry® device. Here are a few applications to get you started.

### Setup Wizard
Learn about typing, change options to personalize your device, and set up your email address. The setup wizard also provides links to information about common tasks.

### Email Settings
Set up one or more email addresses or change BlackBerry® Internet Service email options.

### Browser
Visit web pages or view the browser bookmark list.

### Camera
Take a picture. Depending on your device model, this feature might not be supported.

### Media
Record a voice note or video, view saved pictures, or play saved songs, ring tones, voice notes, or videos. Depending on your BlackBerry device, the camera or video camera feature might not be supported.

### Messages
View a list of your messages.

### Applications
View the main list of device options. You can also access additional options from the menu in each application.

### Contacts
View your contact list or add a new contact.

### Set Up Wi-Fi
Set up a connection to a Wi-Fi® network. Depending on your device model, this feature might not be supported.

### Help
View the user guide for your device.

Some applications might appear in one of the following folders:

### Setup
Downloads
Applications
Games
Instant Messaging

### Home screen status indicators
- **Alarm set**
- **Missed call count**
- **Sent data**
- **Received data**
- **New notification**

### Phone status indicators
- **Missed call**
- **Received call**
- **Placed call**

### Media status indicators
- **Unopened message**
- **Opened message**
- **Sent message**
- **Message with an attachment**
- **Message is sending**
- **Message is high priority**
- **Message not sent**
- **Voicemail message**
- **Draft message**
- **GAR task message**
- **Find message**