

1--USING "PHONE LINK" TO CONTROL AN ANDROID CELL PHONE FROM A "WINDOWS 11" COMPUTER

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SUMMARY

An Android cell phone can be controlled from the bundled "Phone Link" app in a "Windows 11" computer.

TOPICS

- Using Microsoft's "Phone Link" app in a "Windows 11" computer
- Advantages of Controlling An Android Phone From A Computer
- Locating "Link to Windows" In A Cell Phone
- Locating "Phone Link" in a "Windows 11"
- Detailed Steps for Using "Phone Link"

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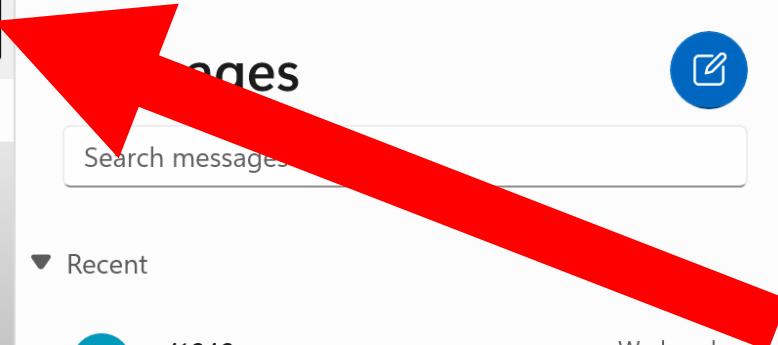
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- Then use your **LEFT** mouse button to click on the black rectangle to get an active display of the Android cell phone's screen:

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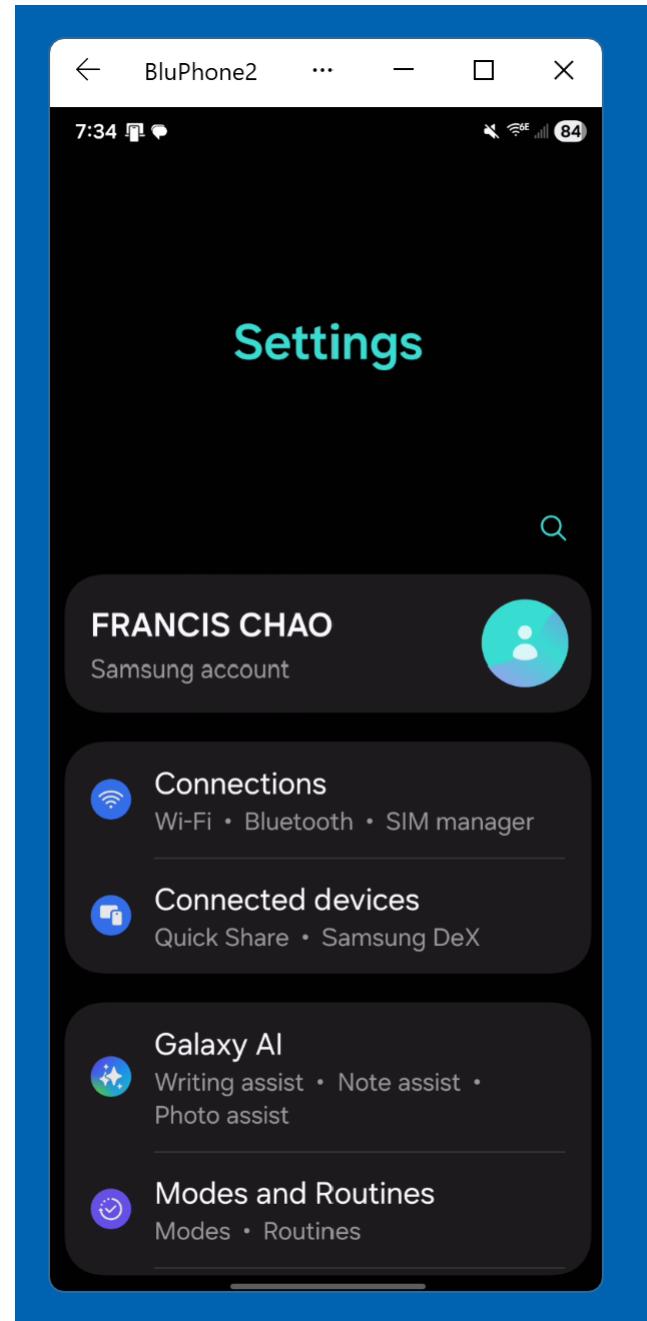
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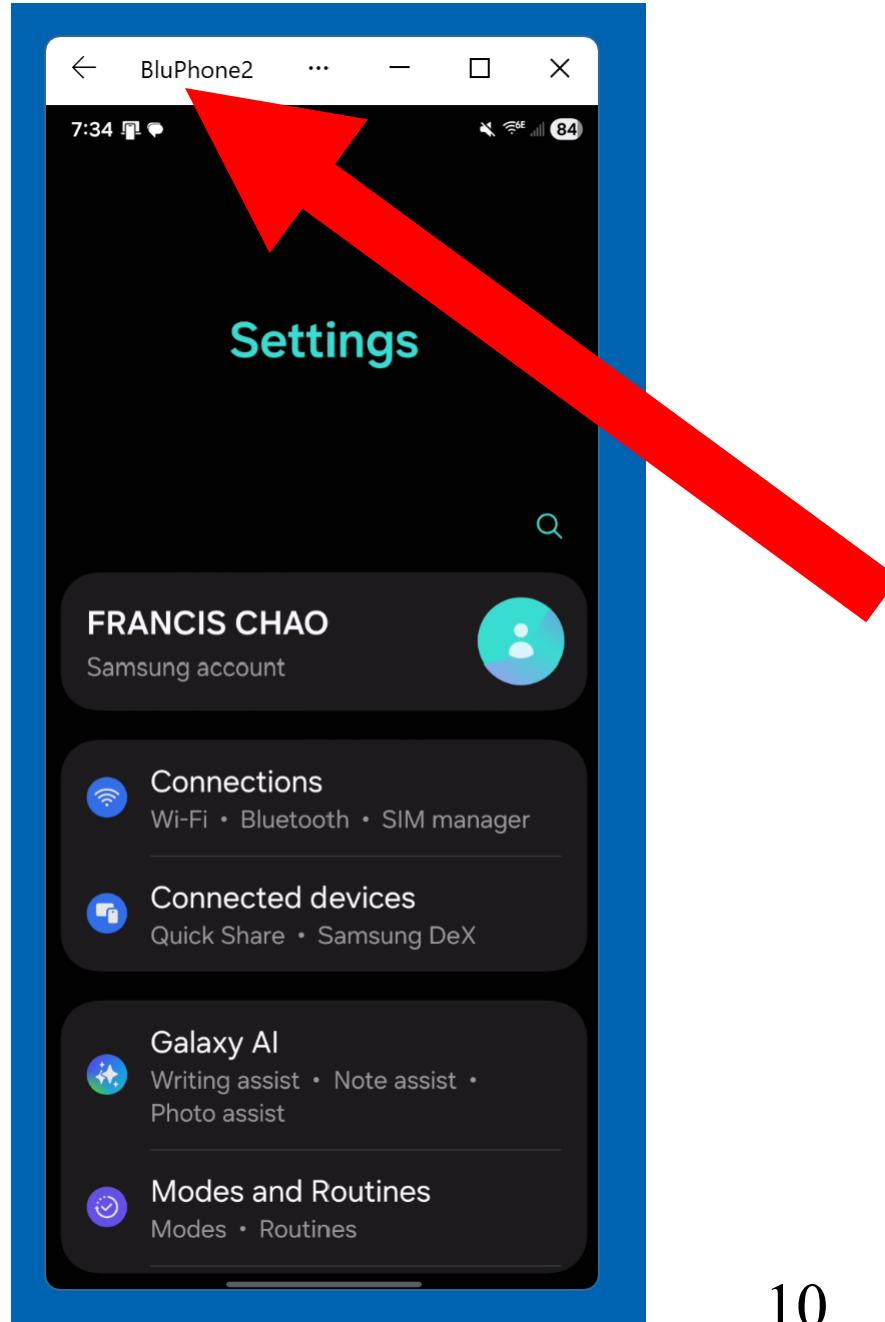
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- To move the phone screen window, drag the name of the phone:



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- If the image of the screen of the Android cell phone disappears after 10 to 20 seconds:
Shut down background apps that are running in the Windows 11 computer
or get more RAM for your Windows 11 computer.

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- Casting the screen of any cell phone to a Windows 11 computer is a heavy drain on the cell phone's battery so you should charge the cell phone while using "Phone Link" with a wireless Qi charger such the the excellent one made by Nanami:

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- [https://www.amazon.com/NANAMI-
Upgraded-Wireless-Charging-
Compatible/dp/B07WRXFCPD/](https://www.amazon.com/NANAMI-Upgraded-Wireless-Charging-Compatible/dp/B07WRXFCPD/)

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- "Phone Link" has 5 tabbed screens:
Messages,
Calls,
Apps,
Photos,
and
Notifications

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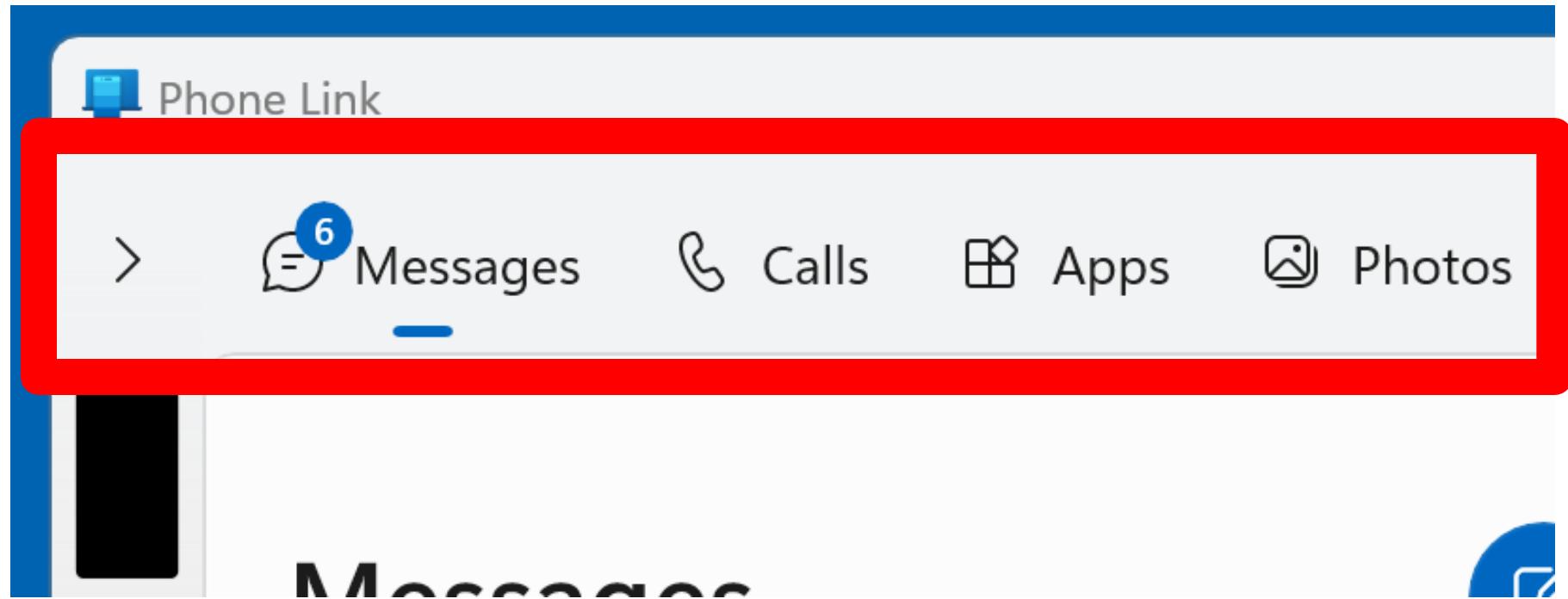
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TEXTING FROM THE "PHONE LINK" APP IN "WINDOWS 11"

- Three ways:
 1. From the "Messages" tab where the Enter key of the keyboard sends the text message
 2. From the "Apps" tab
 3. From the phone screen display when the Enter key just drops you down to a new line₁₉

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- The "Calls" tabbed screen is the default screen that is displayed when the "Phone Link" app connects to the "Link to Windows" app for the first time:

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ⓘ Connect a speaker to your PC to make and receive calls

Bluetooth speakers are not supported

Calls

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 1 (310) 345-1970
↗ Outgoing

12/29/2025 at 10:55 AM

 1 (855) 832-0976
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- The "Apps" tabbed screen lets you display more the many cell phone apps at the same time. When you are using the screen of a cell phone, you can display only two separate apps screens at the same time: one app in the upper half of the screen and one screen in the lower half of the screen.

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Apps

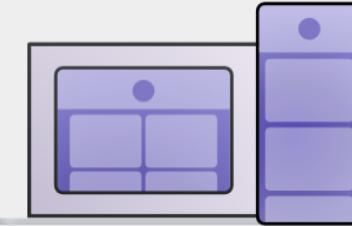
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Apps

[Open phone screen](#)



New

View apps in expanded screen

Now you can switch between compact and expanded layouts for your apps. Select the icon in the title bar to change the view.

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Recently used



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Recent websites

[Open Samsung Internet to sync websites](#)

Favorites

Drag and drop here or right-click (press and hold if using touch) on an app to add favorite apps



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All apps



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Amazon Alexa



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ApowerMirror



ASUS Extender



ASUS Router



Authenticator



Auto Club



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PENUP



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Wifi Distance a...



WiFi Heatmap



WiFi Meter



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WiFi Scanner,...



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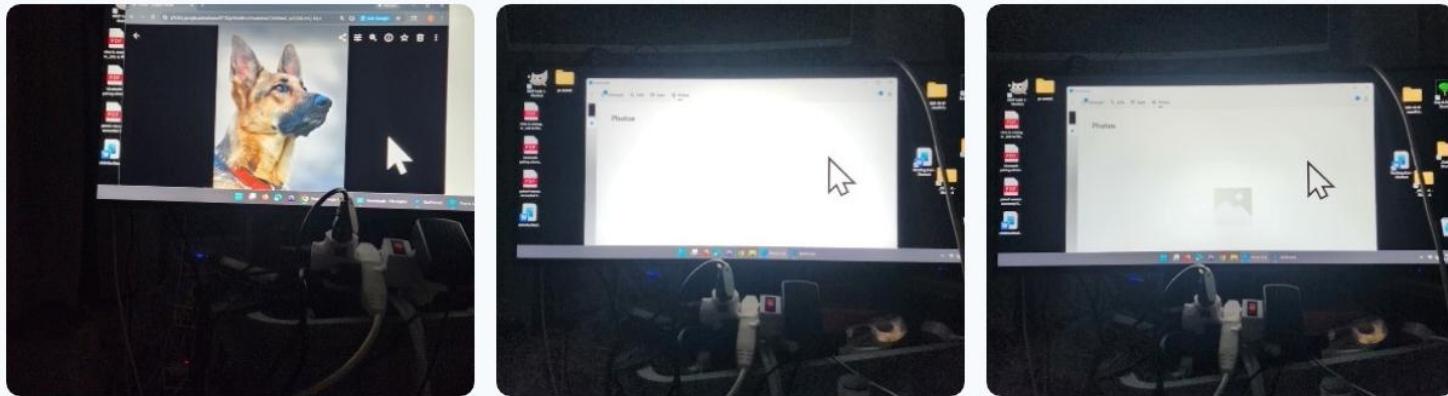


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USING "PHONE LINK" IN WINDOWS" TO CONTROL AN ANDROID CELL PHONE (continued)

- The "Photos" tabbed screen is supposed to display all photos that you have taken with the camera of your cell phone. However, it does not work right if you do not have the "OneDrive" app in your Windows 11 computer synchronizing your photos and files up to a "OneDrive" account up in the Internet cloud.

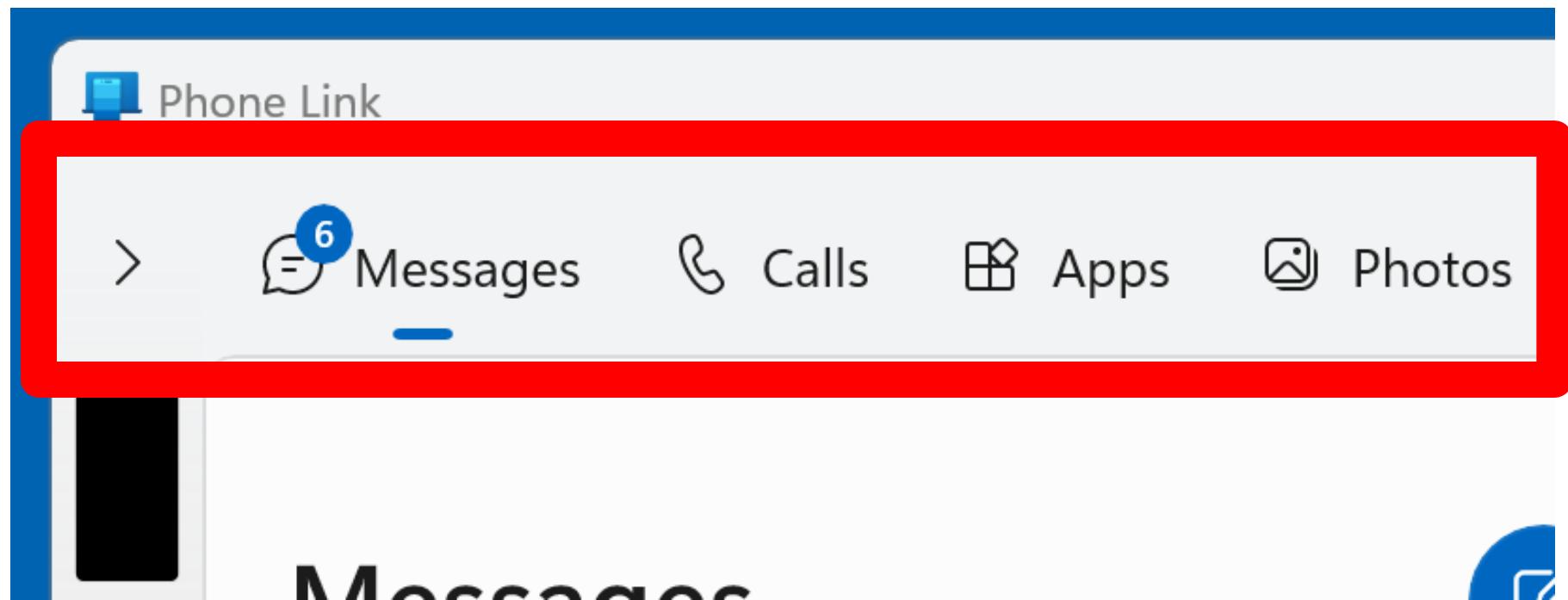
Photos



Showing up to 2000 photos and screenshots you've taken on your mobile device.

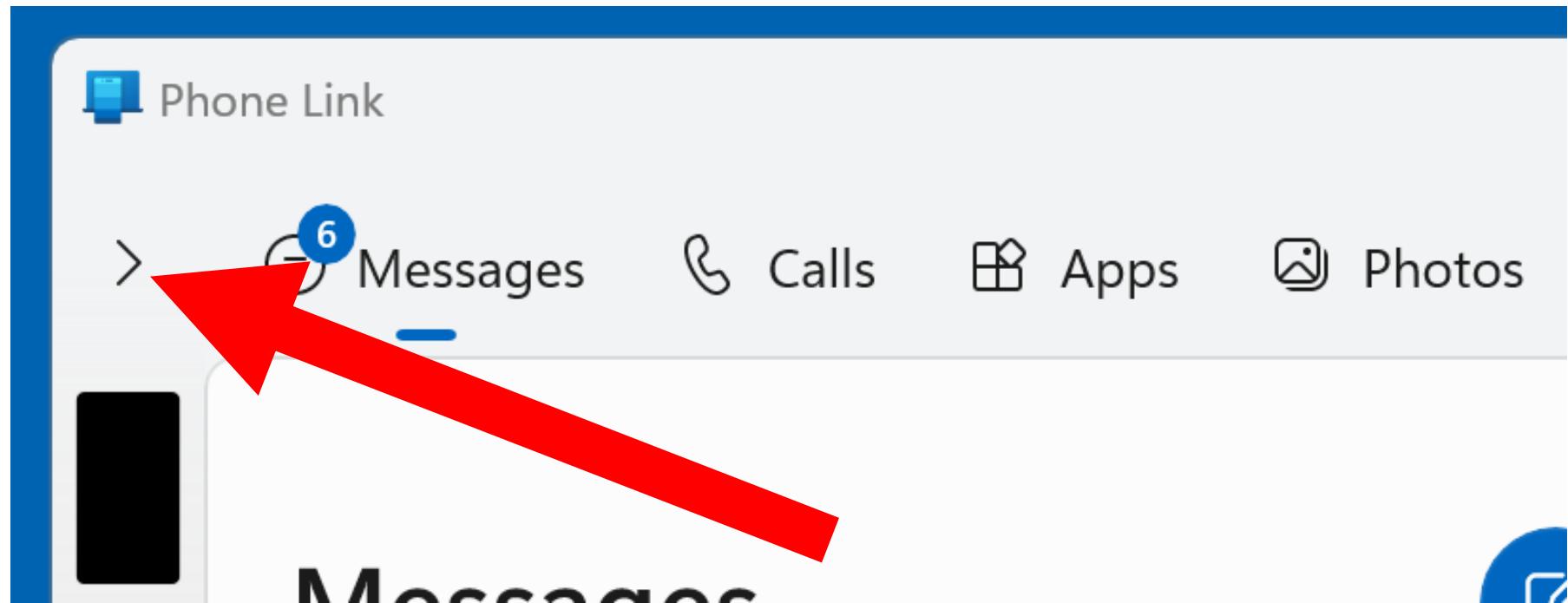
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- https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/topic/setting-up-photos-in-the-phone-link-11406d1d-f226-ab0f-56bf-db163e75d81e#id0efd=windows_1



USING "PHONE LINK" IN WINDOWS TO CONTROL AN ANDROID CELL PHONE (continued)

- If "Phone Link" is of the opinion that its window on the Windows 11 desktop is not wide enough, it will hide the "Notifications" tab and display a "greater than" button that you used to open the "Notifications" tabbed screen will appear:





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Notifications

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No new notifications



USING "PHONE LINK" IN WINDOWS TO CONTROL AN ANDROID CELL PHONE (continued)

- If you use the LEFT mouse button to click on the "less than" button, then the "Notifications" tabbed screen will disappear and the regular four tabbed screens will reappear:



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ADVANTAGES OF CONTROLLING A CELL PHONE FROM A COMPUTER

- Larger screen
- Can use keyboard and mouse
- Faster to take screen shots of a cell phone from a computer
- Can show a sharper image of the screen of cell phone inside Windows 11 (relative to using a USB-connected Web cam)³⁹

ADVANTAGES OF CONTROLLING A CELL PHONE FROM A COMPUTER

(continued)

- Third party Web sites for sending text messages are not reliable (while sending from a cell phone or from the "Messages" tab inside the "Phone Link" app of "Windows 11" is very reliable)

ADVANTAGES OF CONTROLLING A CELL PHONE FROM A COMPUTER

(continued)

- Using your email account to send text messages to cell phones is not reliable (while using a computer linked to a cell phone to send out text messages is very reliable)

IT IS EASIER TO USE "PHONE LINK" IN A WINDOWS 11 COMPUTER IF YOU CREATE A DESKTOP SHORTCUT..

- ..for it. Since "Phone Link" is a "Universal Windows Platform" app, please follow the instructions at https://aztcs.apcug.org/meeting_no tes/winhardsig/software/remote-assistance/Making-Shortcuts-to-apps-in-Win11&10&8.pdf

USING THE "CALLS' TAB OF "PHONE LINK"

- You must use the "Calls" tab of "Phone Link" app in Windows 11 if you want to use the PC's speaker and the PC's Microphone audio for phone calls.

USING THE "CALLS' TAB OF "PHONE LINK" (continued)

- Cannot initiate phone calls from the phone screen image in "Phone Link" if you want to use the PC's speaker and Microphone audio for phone calls.
- If you initiate phone calls from the phone screen image in "Phone Link", you will have to use the phone's speaker and microphone

USING THE "CALLS' TAB OF "PHONE LINK" (continued)

- If you initiate or answer a phone call from the "Calls" tab, the actual hardware speaker and microphone of the phone will be muted when you use the keypad in the Calls tab and you will have to use the microphone and speakers of the computer to talk and listen to the audio of the phone

MICROSOFT'S "PHONE LINK" FROM INSIDE "WINDOWS 11" OR "..10" (continued)

- If you click on an app inside the Apps tab, a usable screen image of the app will be displayed.

Phone Link

> Messages Calls Apps Photos ...

Apps

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Open phone screen

Recently used

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Right-click (or press and hold if using touch) on an app and select **Add to favorites** to view it here

All apps

Amazon Photos Amazon Shop... Antenna Map Antenna Point Antenna Pointer Antennas

CREATING A SHORTCUT TO "PHONE LINK" IN "WINDOWS 11"

- If you close the window of the "Phone Link" app, you will have to re-start the "Phone Link" app. Some Windows.. users will find it handy to have a shortcut to the "Phone Link" app on the Desktop:

CREATING A SHORTCUT TO "PHONE LINK" IN "WINDOWS 11" (continued)

- To make a shortcut to "Phone Link" on the Windows "Desktop":
- Right click on the Start button, click on "Run", type in shell:appsfolder
Click on "OK"
Left click on "Phone Link"
Click on "Create shortcut" 50

ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES

- There is lots of not-free third-party software apps for sending the screen of an Android cell phone or an iPhone with or without the ability for your Windows.. computer to control your cell phone. See

<https://www.howtogeek.com/430466/how-to-mirror-and-control-your-android-phone-on-any-windows-pc/>