12--USING "PHONE LINK" TO CONTROL AN APPLE "iPHONE" FROM A "WINDOWS 11" COMPUTER

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SUMMARY

An Apple "iPhone" 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 "iPhone" r
- Locating or Installing "Link to Windows" In An "iPhone"
- Detailed Steps for Using "Phone Link" to Control an "iPhone".

USING "WINDOWS 11" TO CONTROL AN iPHONE

- Microsoft's bundled "Phone Link" app in a "Windows 11" computer can be used to control a cell phone if you install Microsoft's free "Link to Windows" app into the cell phone.

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

- Microsoft's bundled "Phone Link" app in "Windows 11" can be used to control an "iPhone" if Microsoft's free "Link to Windows" app is installed in the "iPhone".

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

- From inside your Apple "iPhone", go to the "App Store" and install Microsoft's free "Link to Windows" app

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

- Then use your LEFT mouse button to click on "For iOS users" at https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/sync-across-your-devices?r=1

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

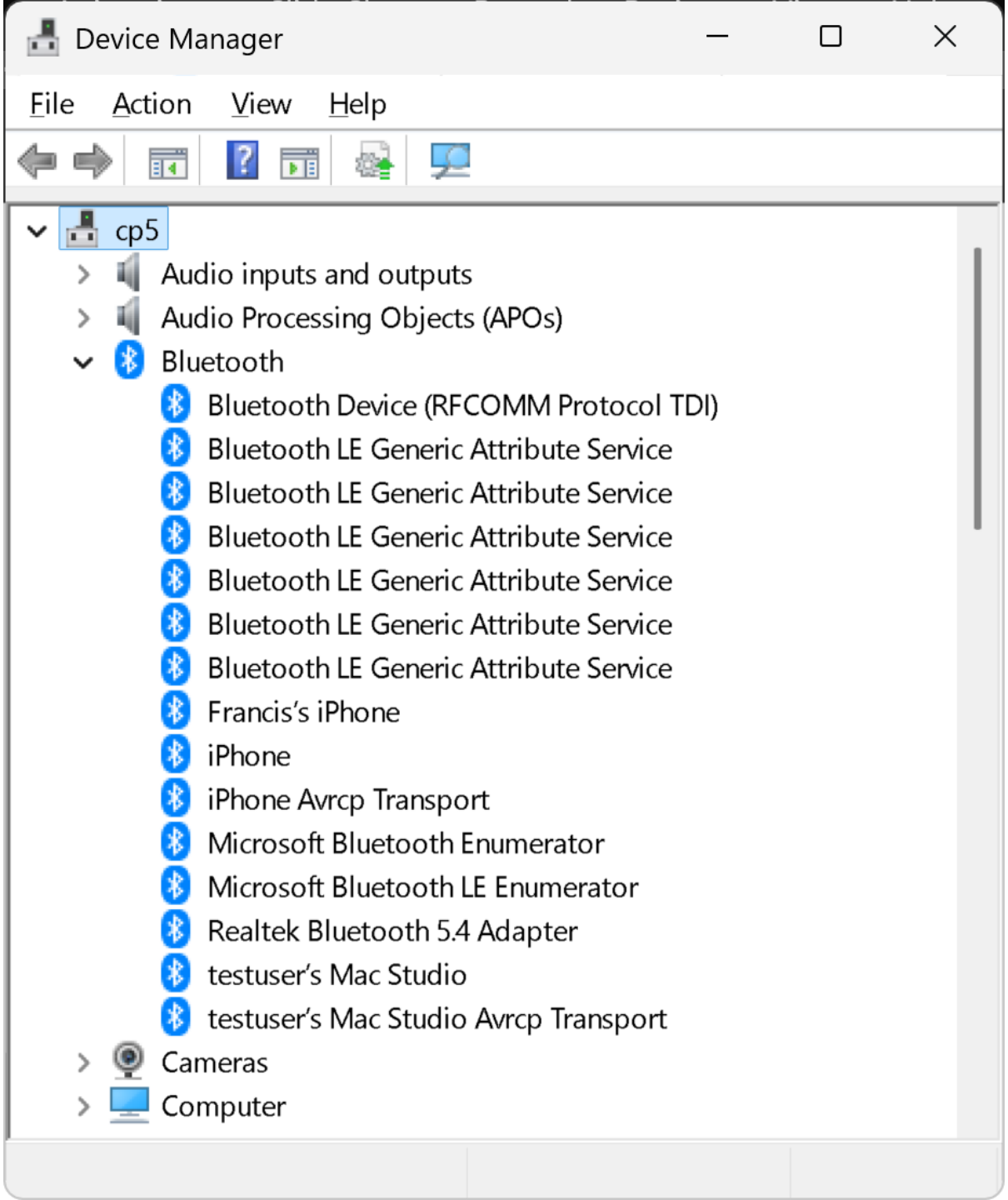
- When you use "Phone Link" in "Windows 11" to connect to "Link to Windows" in an "iPhone", some of the screens that would otherwise be available in "Phone Link" in an Android cell phone are missing:

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

- Inside the "Desktop" of your "Windows 11" computer, there is no screen image of the iPhone
- Inside the "Phone Link" app of your "Windows 11" computer, there is no "Apps" tab, and there is no "Photos" tab.

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

- When you use "Phone Link" in "Windows 11" to connect to "Link to Windows" in an "iPhone", all you have is a "Messages" tab and a "Calls" tab: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Francis's iPhone
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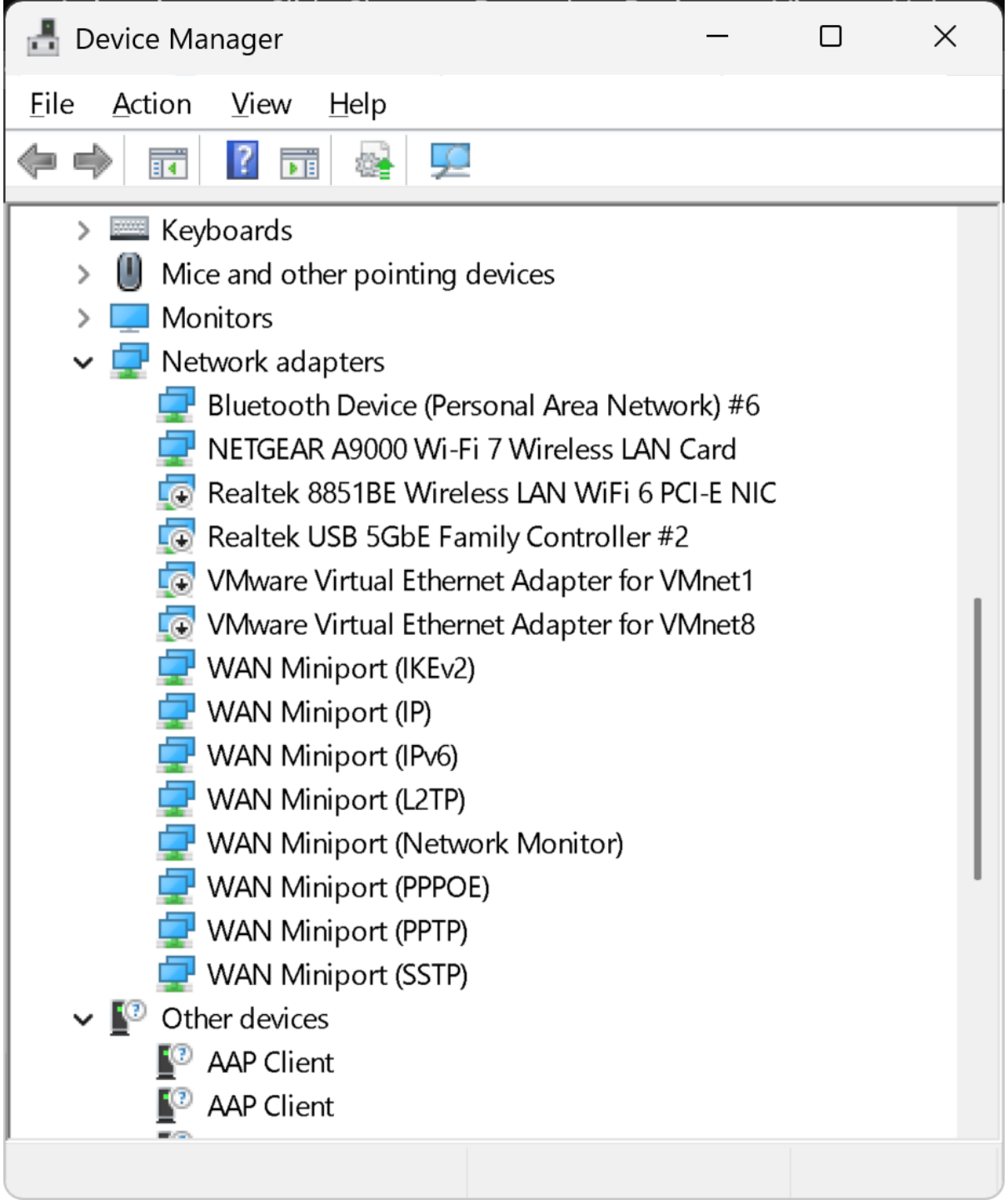
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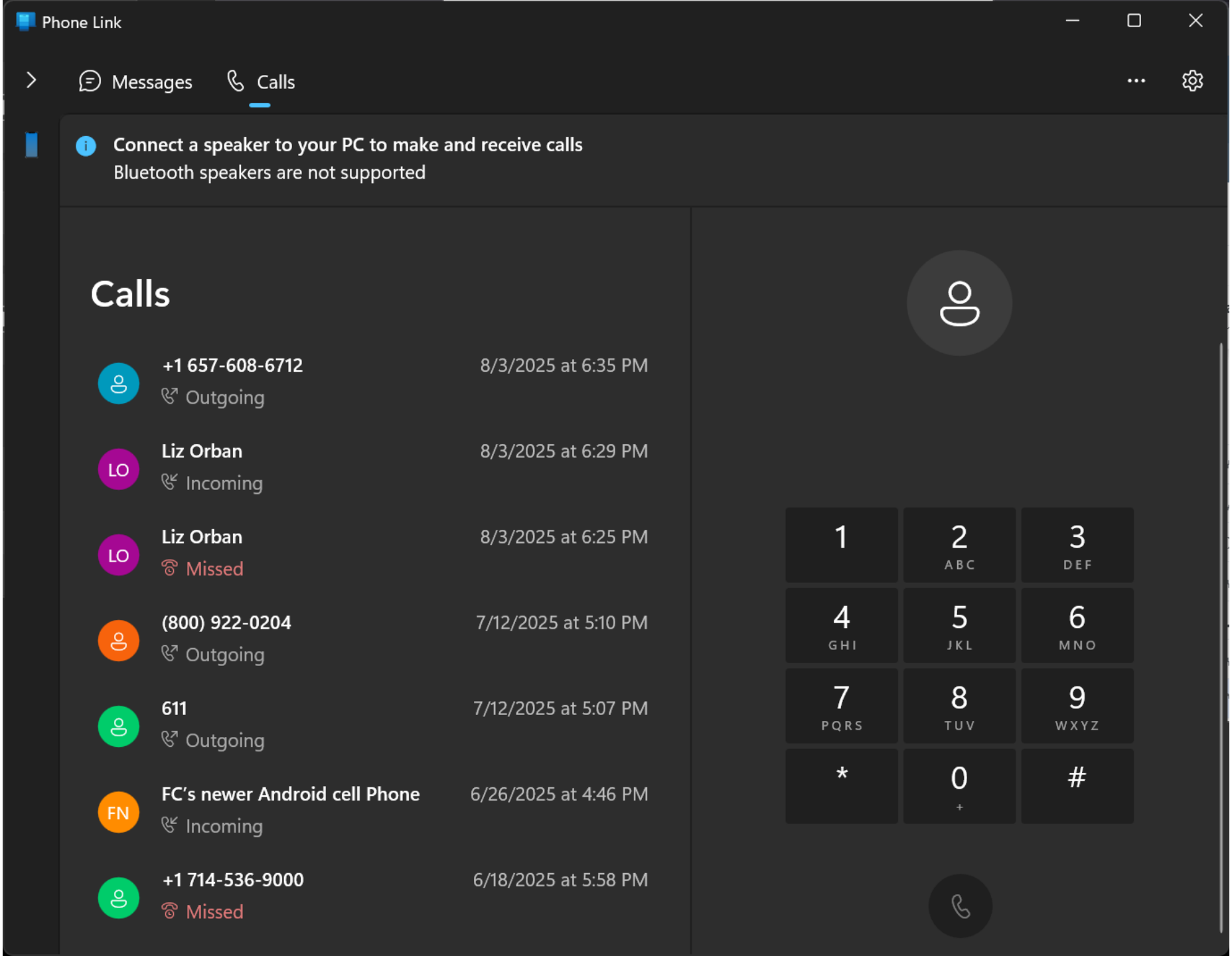
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Bluetooth speakers are not supported
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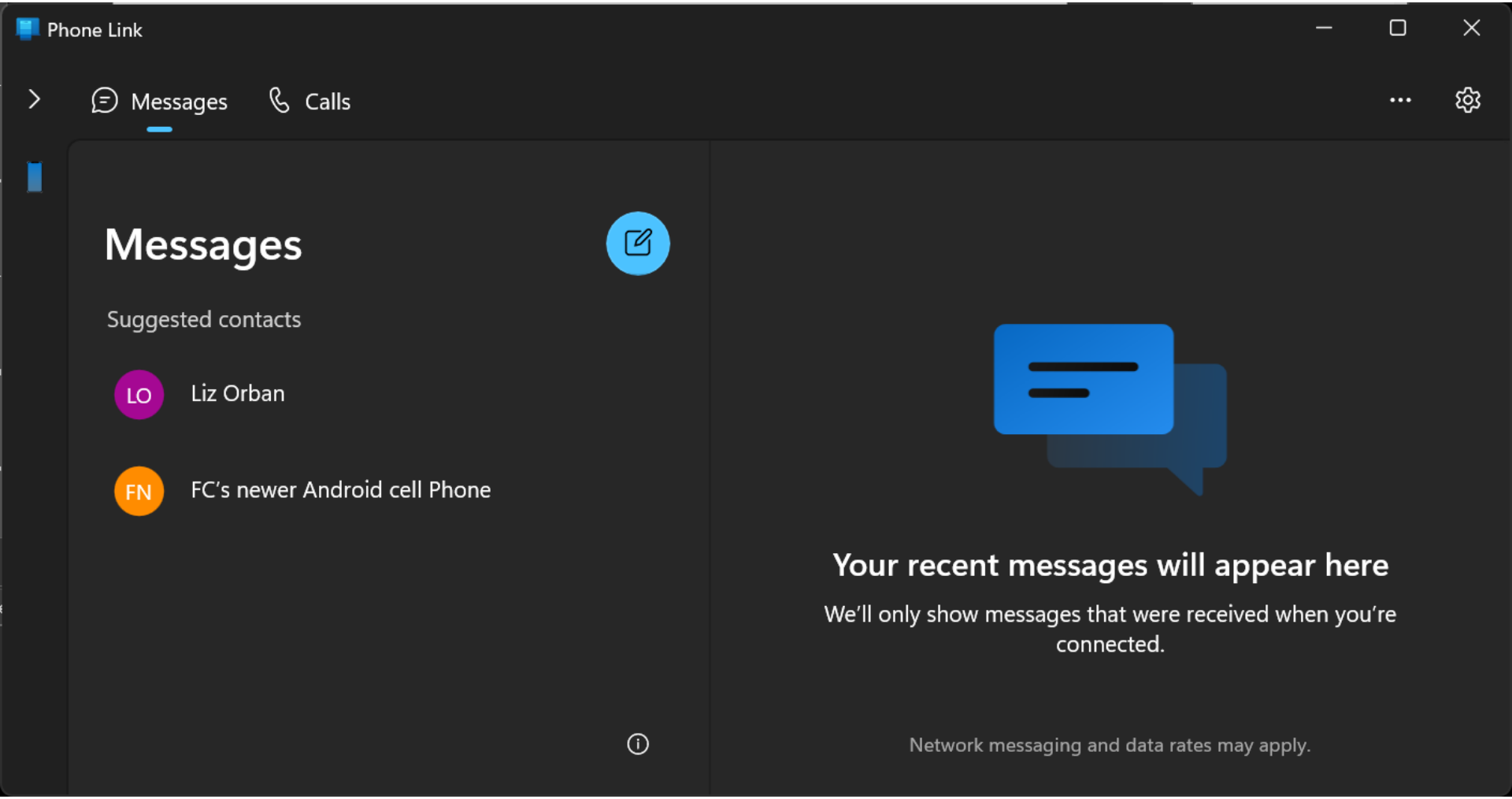
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Messages
Suggested contacts
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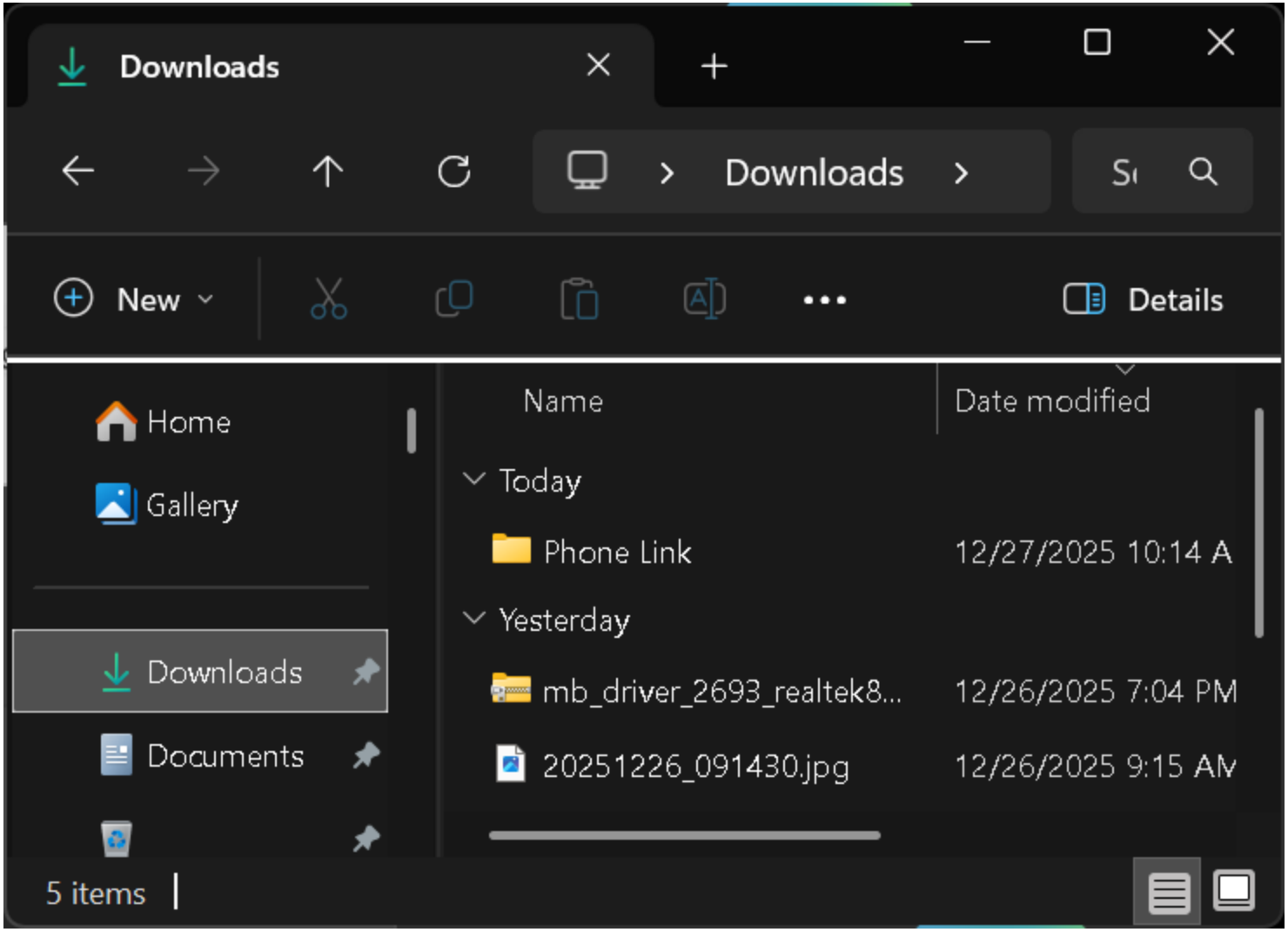
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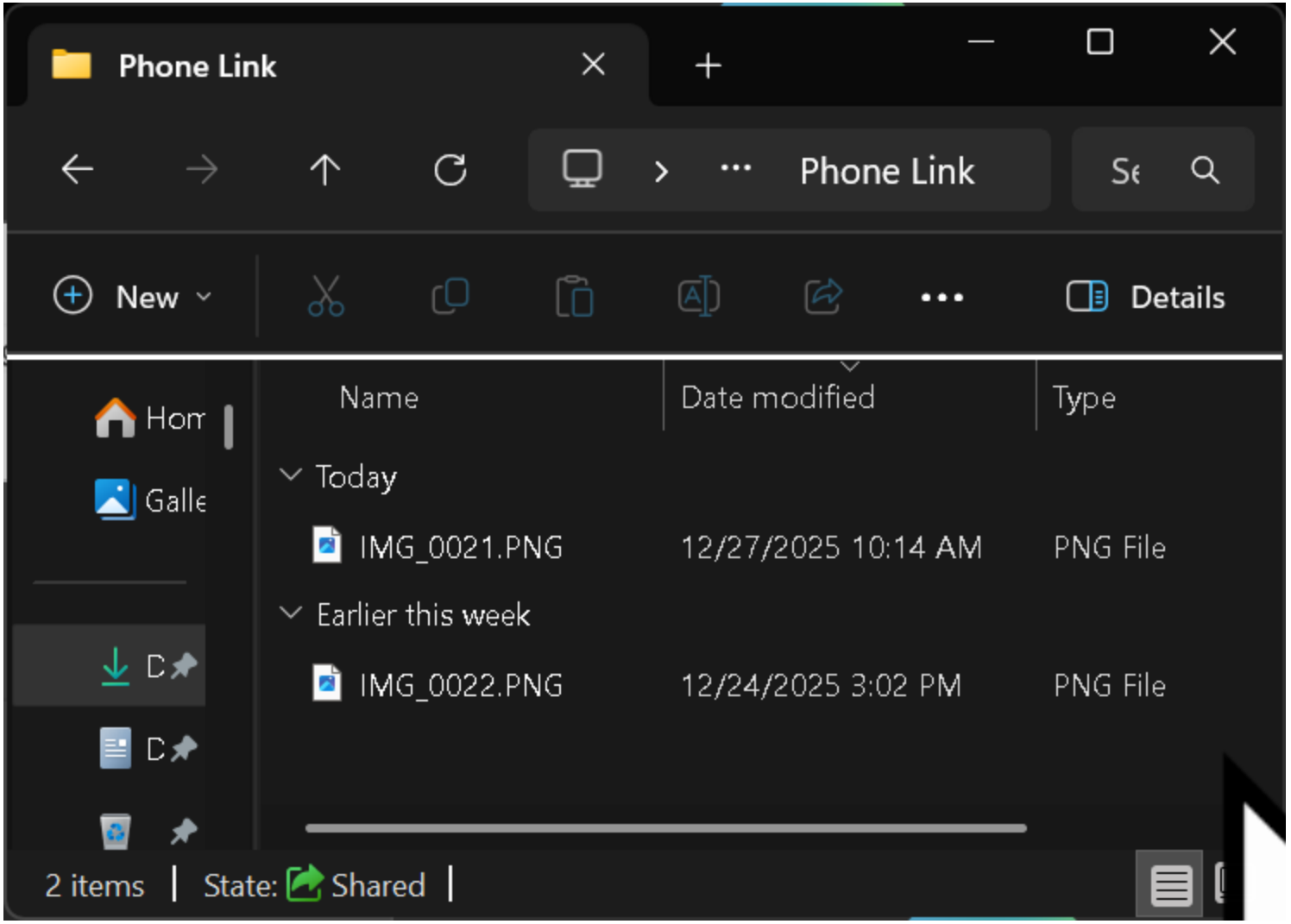
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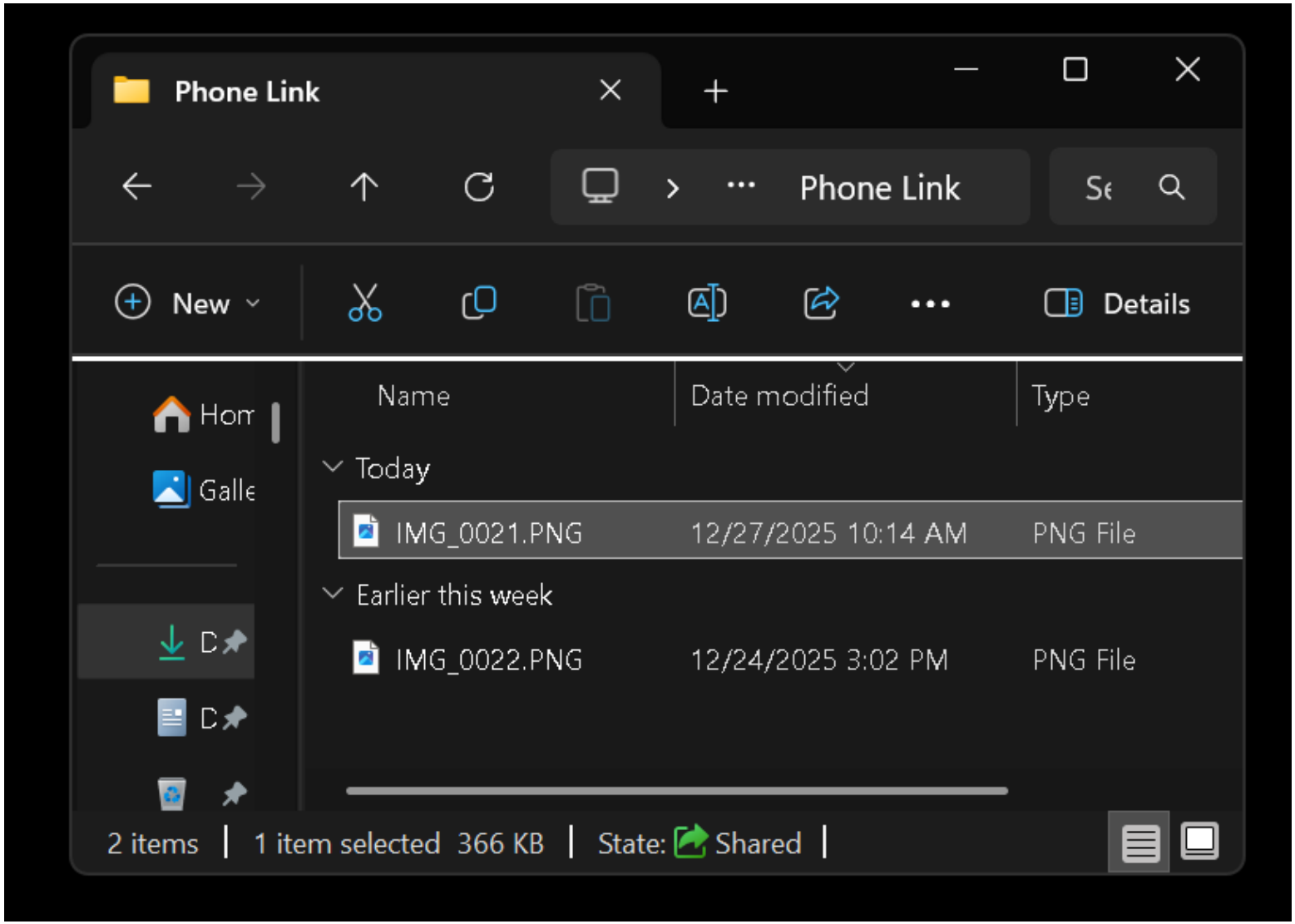
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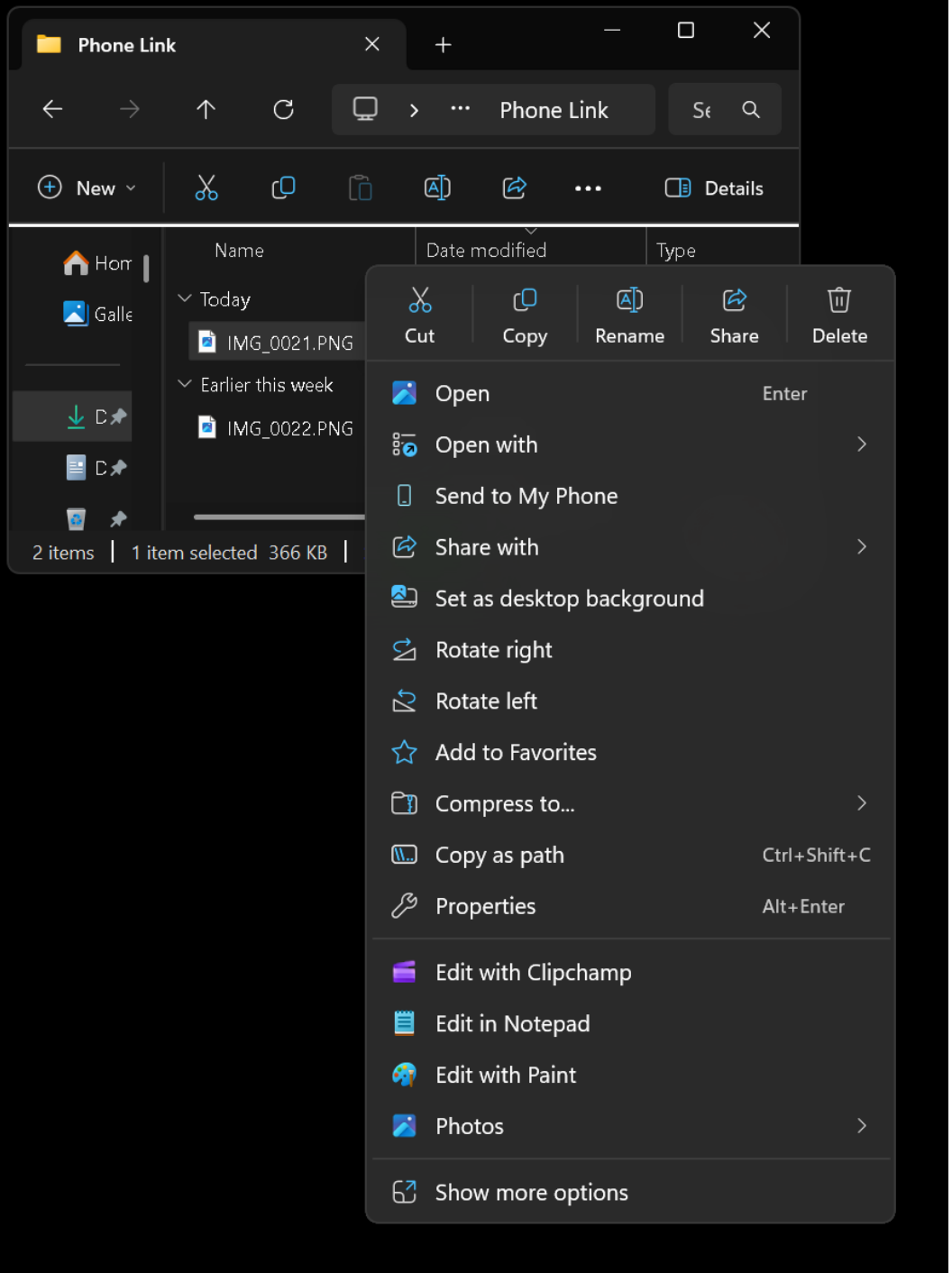
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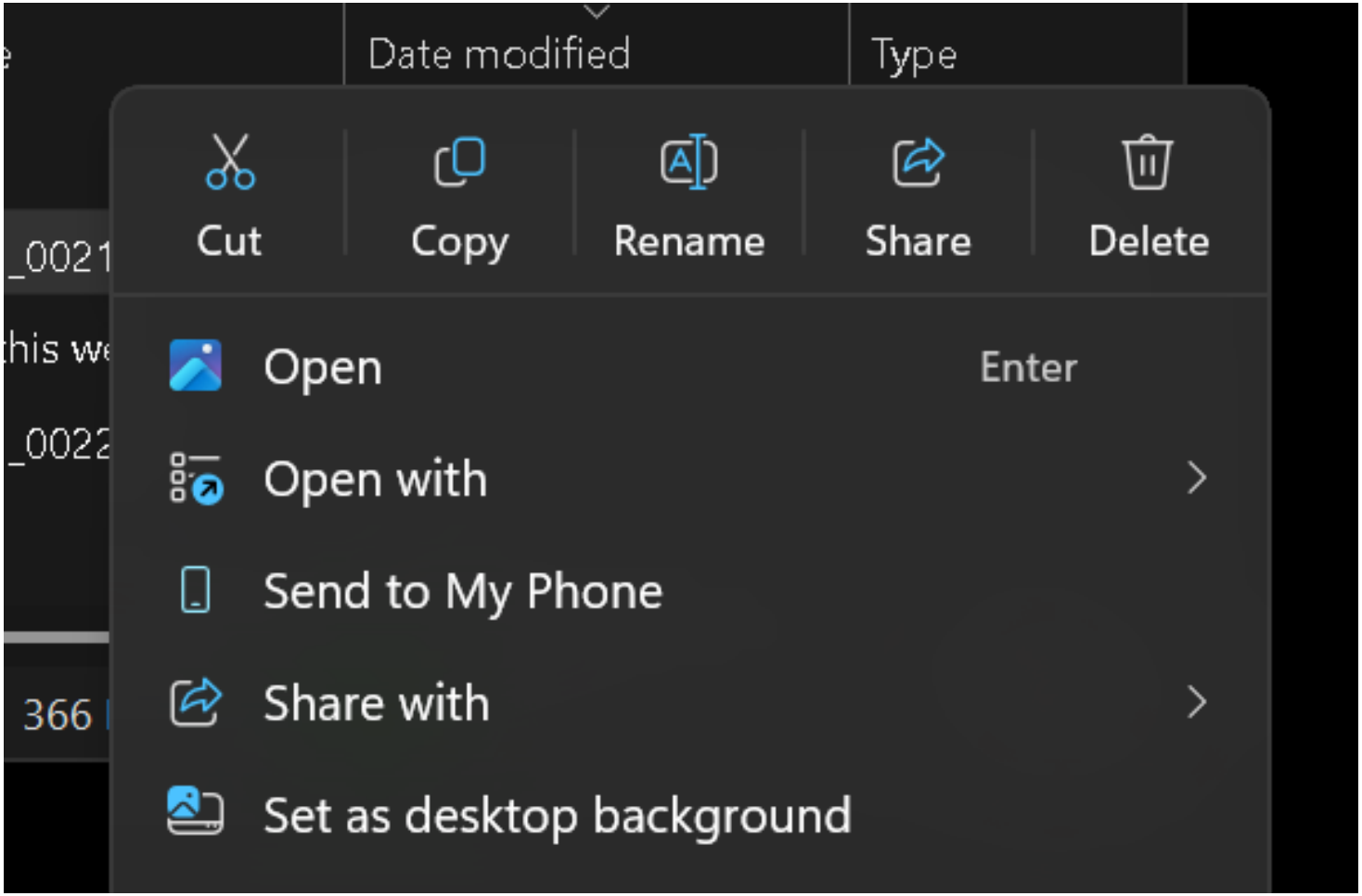
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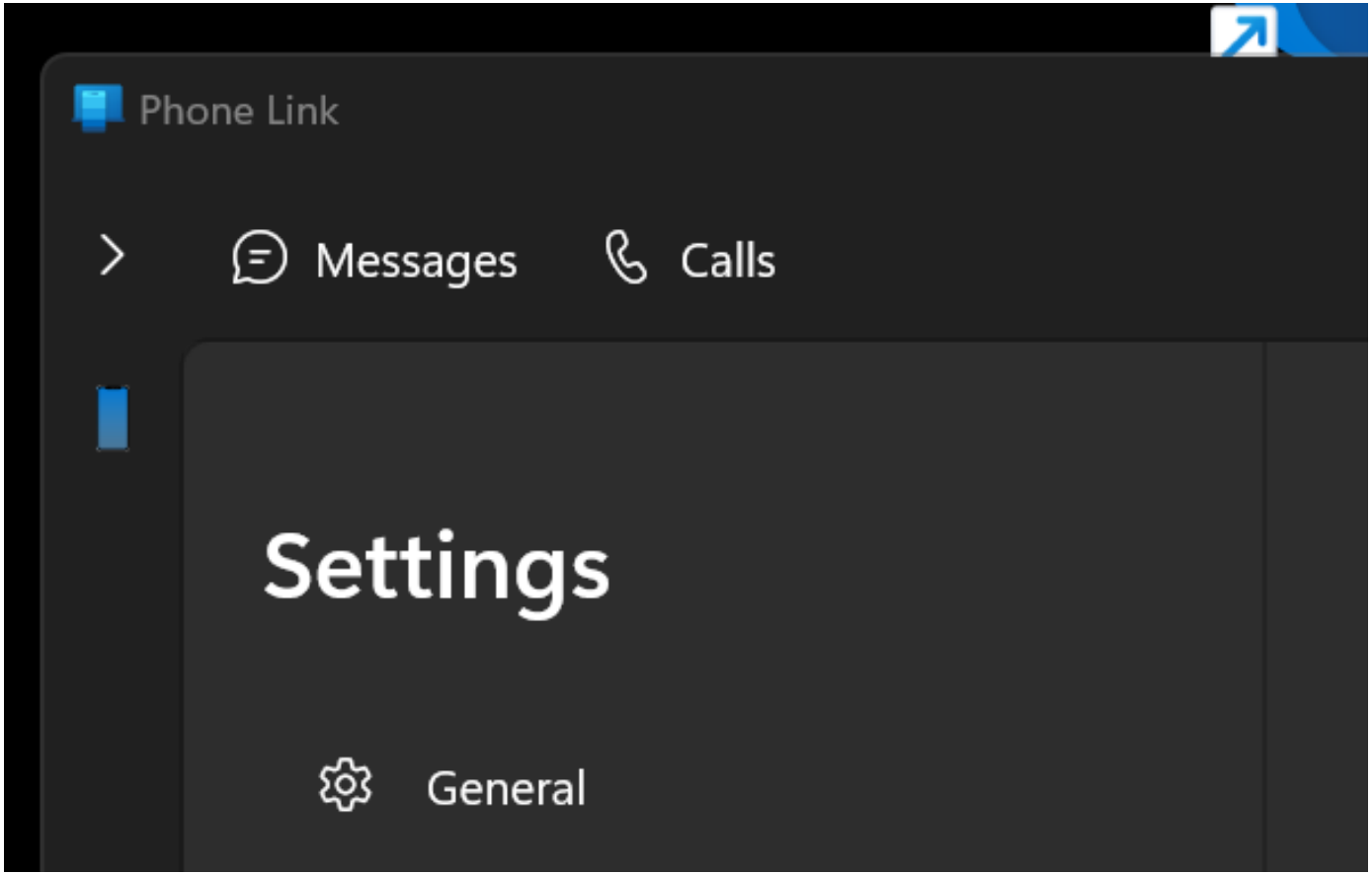
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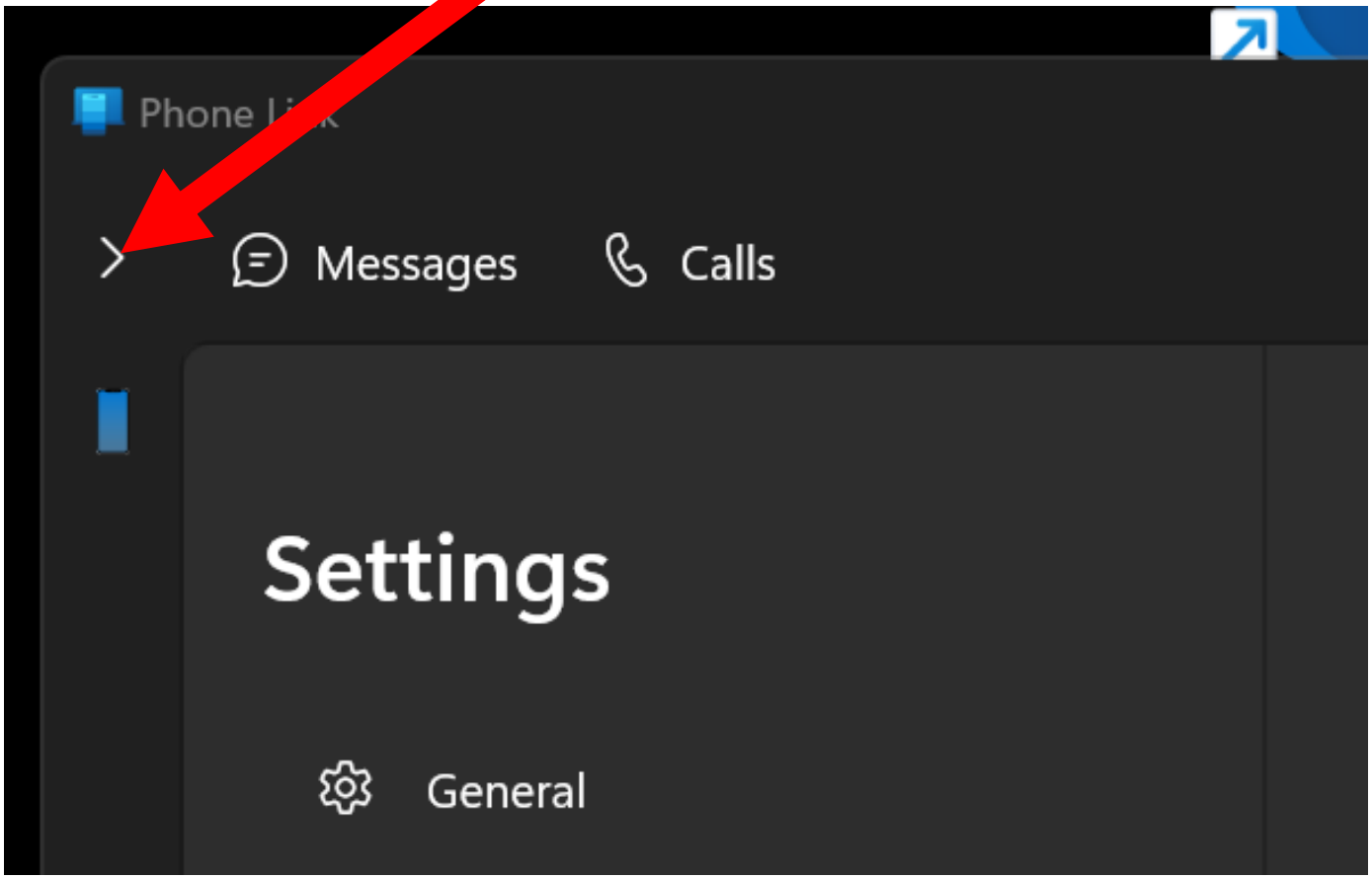
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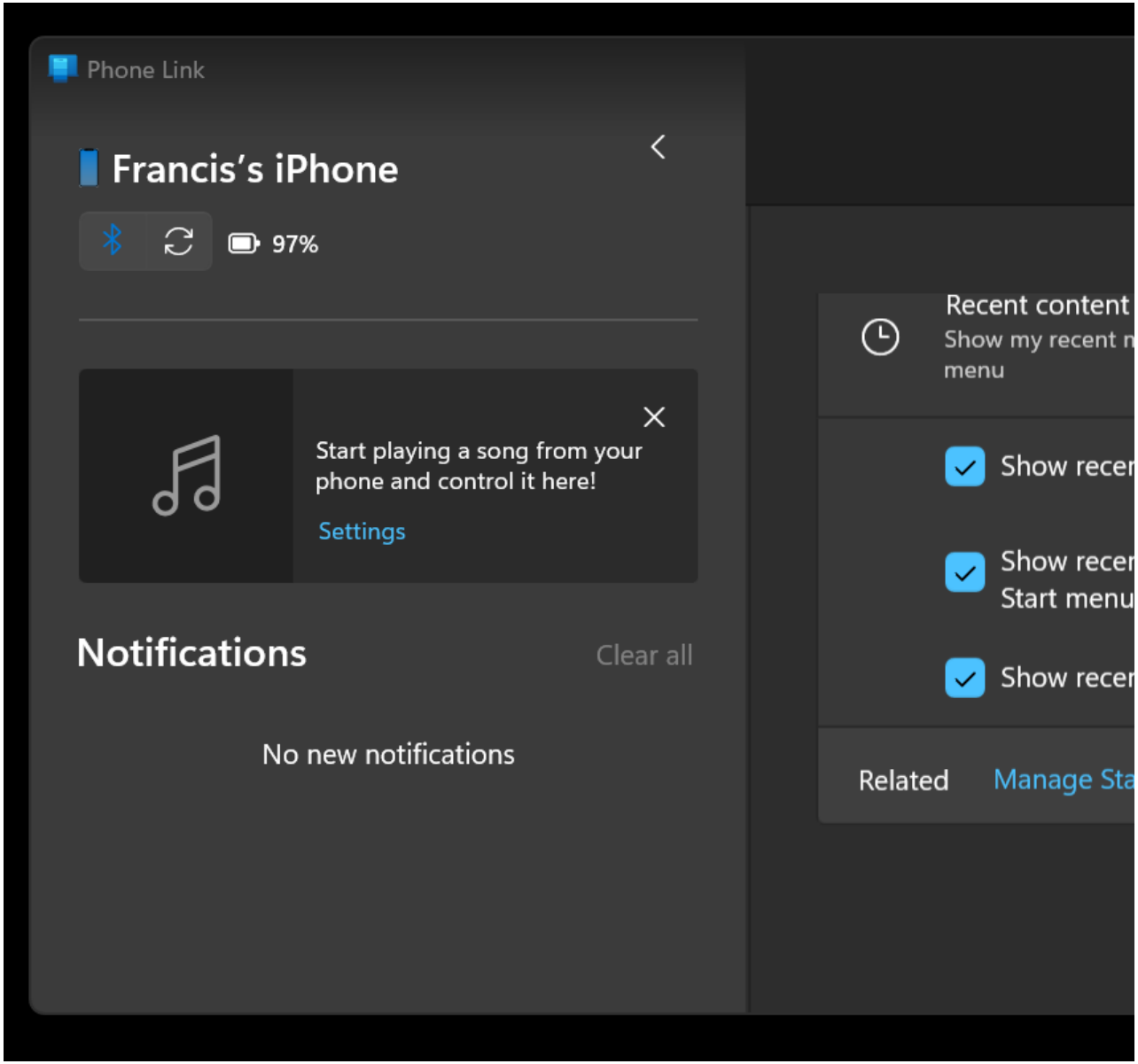
Phone Link
Francis's iPhone
97%
Start playing a song from your phone and control it here!
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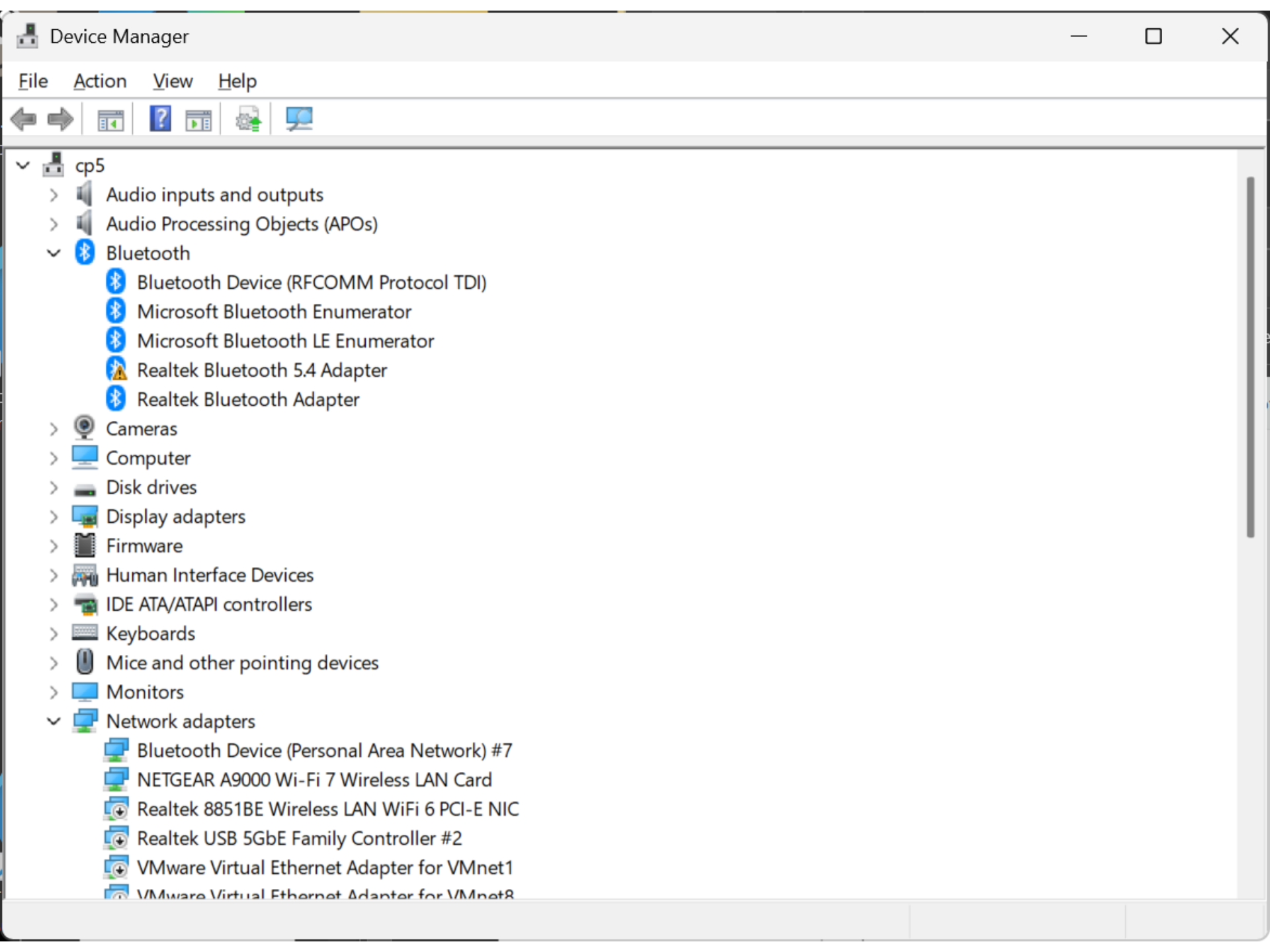
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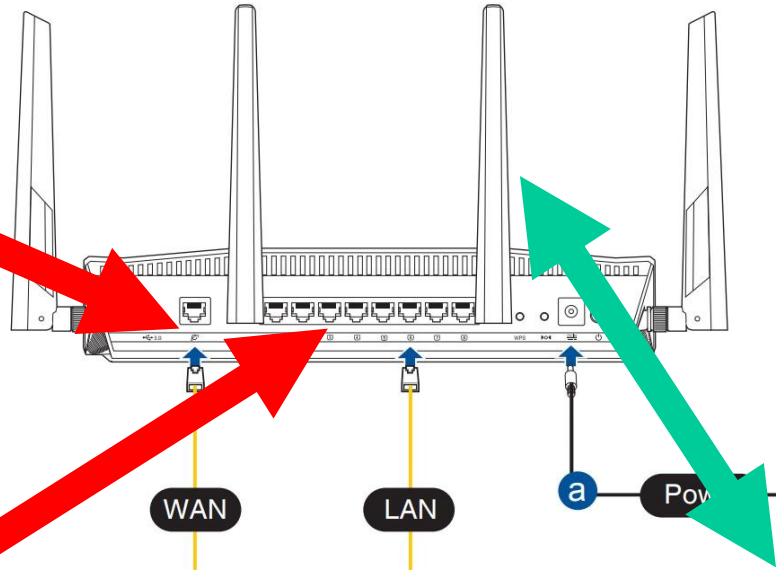
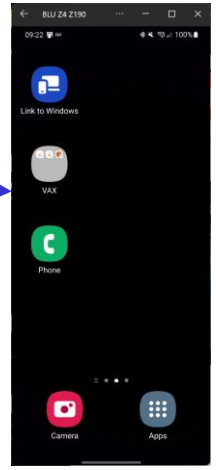
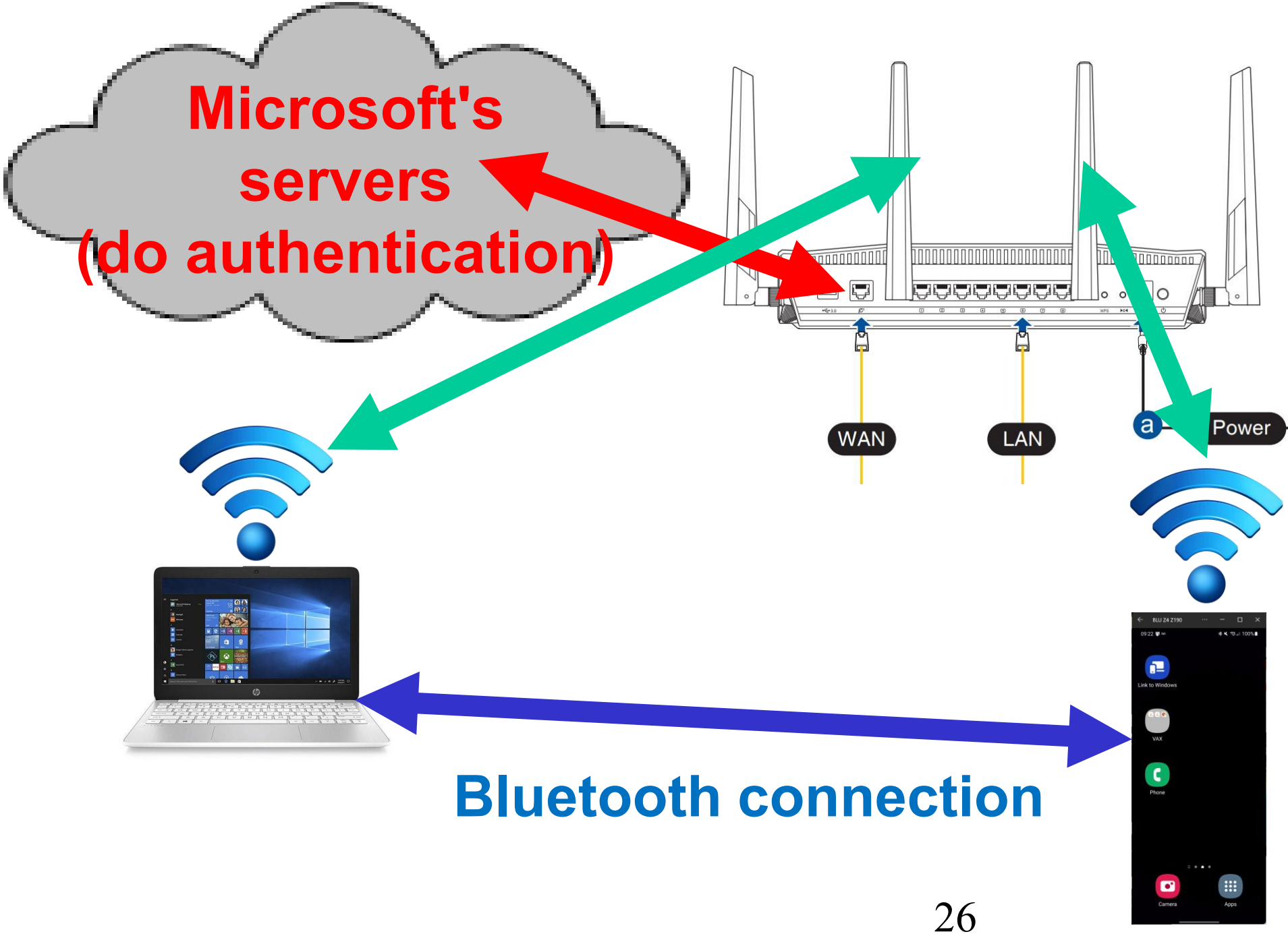




Optional Bluetooth connection (for sending the cell phone's audio to the PC)


Microsoft's servers (do authentication)
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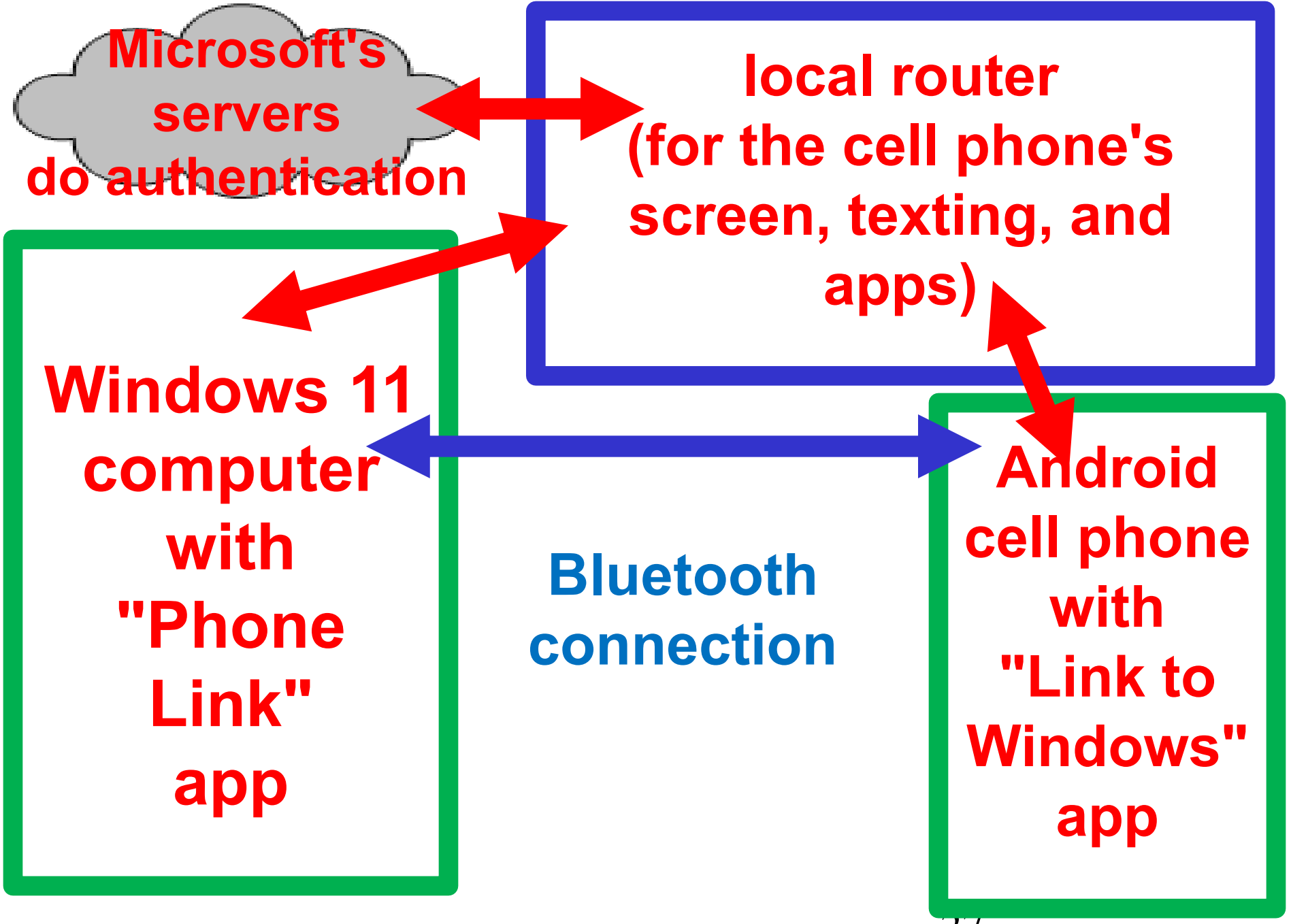
Bluetooth connection


Microsoft's servers do authentication
local router (for the cell phone's screen, texting, and apps)
Windows 11 computer with "Phone Link" app
Bluetooth connection
Android cell phone with "Link to Windows" app

Wi-Fi SETTINGS TO SET PRIOR TO USING "LINK TO WINDOWS" IN AN ANDROID CELL PHONE

- The computer and the cell phone DO NOT HAVE TO CONNECT TO THE SAME Wi-Fi wireless access point in the local router

ADDITIONAL ADVICE FOR PC CONNECTIONS TO iPHONES

- https://www.macobserver.com/tips/how-to/connect-your-iphone-to-a-windows-pc-with-and-without-microsoft-phone-link/