

ChatGPT AI: Network troubleshooting

These are **Windows network troubleshooting commands**—often used together to fix internet connectivity issues. Here’s what each one does:

1. netsh winsock reset

- Resets the **Winsock catalog** (Windows Sockets API).
 - Fixes problems caused by:
 - Corrupted network settings
 - Malware or bad software installs
 - After running: **restart your computer**
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2. netsh int ip reset

- Resets the **TCP/IP stack** to default settings.
 - Equivalent to reinstalling network protocols.
 - Helps with:
 - No internet access
 - Incorrect IP configuration
 - Also requires a **restart**
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3. ipconfig /flushdns

- Clears the **DNS cache**
 - Fixes:
 - Wrong or outdated website addresses
 - “Site not found” errors
 - No restart needed, works immediately
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✓ Typical order to run them

Open **Command Prompt as Administrator**, then run:

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netsh winsock reset
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```
netsh int ip reset
```

```
ipconfig /flushdns
```

Then **restart your PC**.

When to use these

- Internet suddenly stops working
 - Connected to Wi-Fi but no access
 - DNS or browser errors
 - After removing malware or VPN software
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If you want, I (ChatGPT) can explain what **TCP/IP**, **DNS**, or **Winsock** actually are in simple terms—or help you diagnose your specific network issue:

TCP/IP (the “language” of the internet)

- Full name: Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol
- Think of it as the **rules for sending data between computers**

Simple analogy:

- **IP** = the address on an envelope (where data goes)
- **TCP** = the postal system ensuring everything arrives correctly and in order

👉 When you run `netsh int ip reset`, you’re basically **resetting this whole delivery system**.

DNS (the internet’s phonebook)

- Full name: Domain Name System
- Translates human-friendly names into IP addresses

Example:

- You type: `google.com`
- DNS converts it to: `142.250.xxx.xxx` (an IP address)

👉 `ipconfig /flushdns` clears stored “phonebook entries” if they’re wrong or outdated.

Winsock (Windows network interface)

- A Windows system component that lets programs use the network
- Acts as a **bridge between apps and the internet**

Example:

- Your browser → Winsock → internet

👉 `netsh winsock reset` fixes cases where this bridge is broken or corrupted.

How they work together (easy picture)

1. You type a website
 2. **DNS** finds the address
 3. **TCP/IP** sends the request
 4. **Winsock** connects your app to the network
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When all three go wrong

You might see:

- “No internet” but Wi-Fi connected
- Websites not loading
- Some apps work, others don’t

👉 That’s why your 3-command combo is a **powerful reset**—it fixes the whole chain.