

# Setting up your headset in Windows 10

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The trusty headset is an important tool in becoming more immersed in games or providing a clearer experience when it comes to communication. Headsets are particularly popular with gamers, who require the products to appreciate the atmosphere created by game developers, as well as speaking to fellow team mates on voice communications.

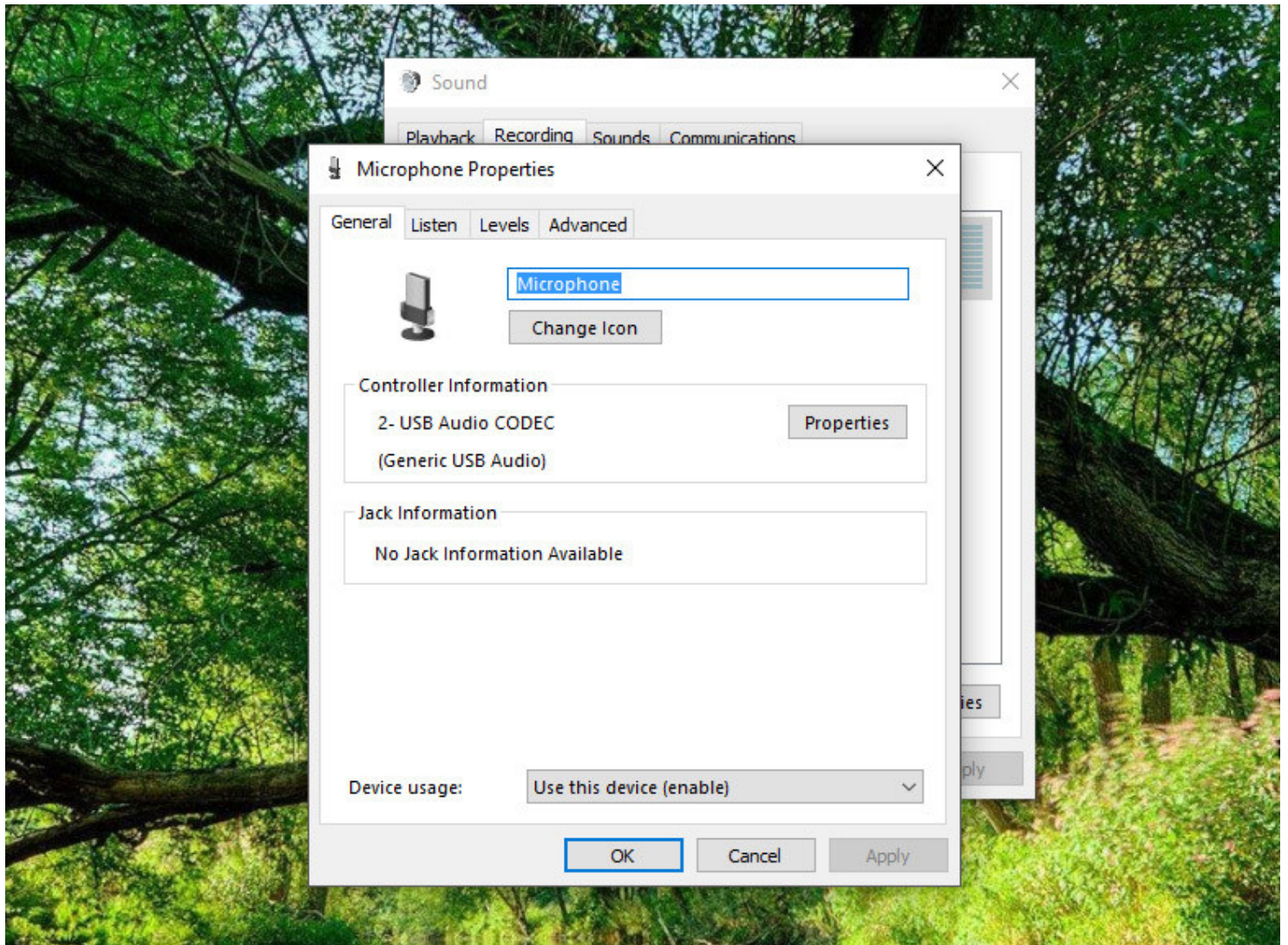
## Connection



In order to use a headset, you're going to have to plug it in. This can be achieved by connecting the end of the cable to an available port on a PC. Some headsets are USB, while others utilize headphone and microphone 3.5mm jacks. Should you have a wireless pair, it's worth checking to see if you require Bluetooth or you'll need to plug in a USB receiver to connect.

Depending on the case and motherboard installed on a desktop PC, there may be available ports on or near the front of the chassis, which could prove useful if you have a short cable or have no free ports on the rear.

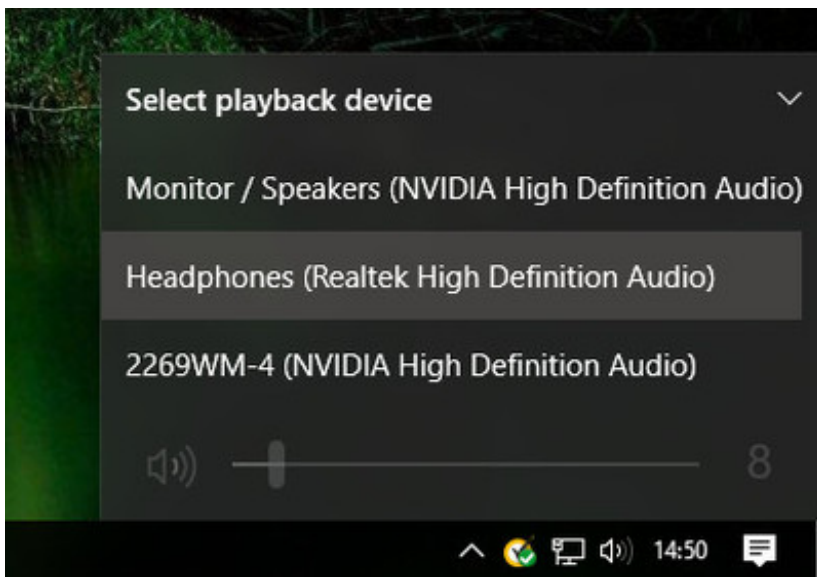
## Configuration



Once you have the headset connected to the PC, it's time to quickly make sure Windows has levels and the like set up and configured correctly. Firstly, we need to ensure Windows has the headset selected as the default output device.

1. Left click the **sound icon** in the taskbar.
2. Select the sound device in the **drop-down menu**.



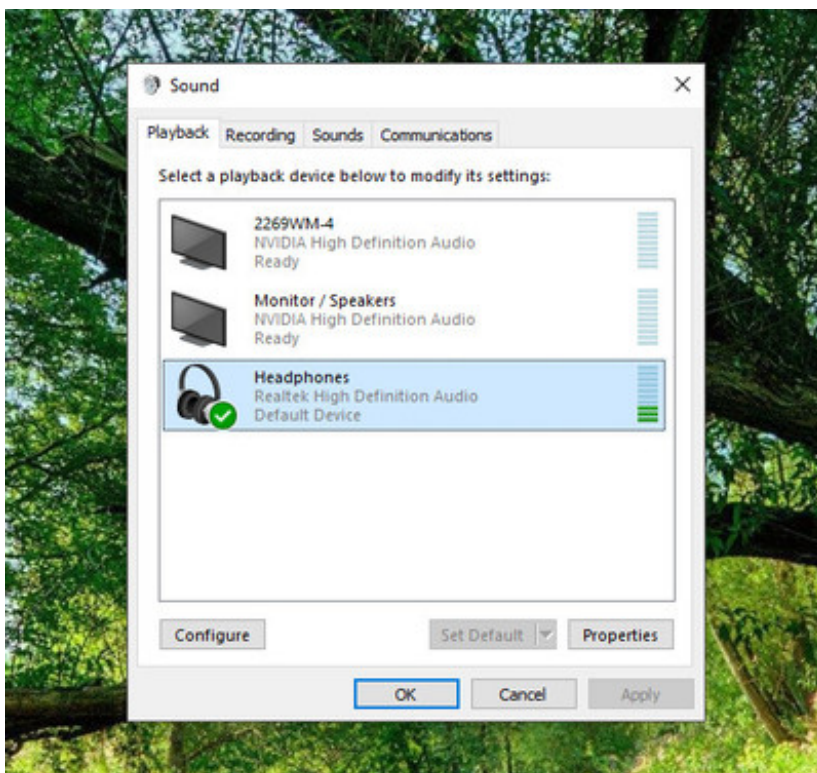


3. Choose the **connected headset**.

## Testing

Now we'll need to test the output to make sure we've selected the correct device and everything is working perfectly. You can do this by firing up some media on the PC, or utilize the test function in Windows.

1. Right click the **sound icon** in the taskbar.
2. Select **Playback devices**.
3. Choose the **headphones** (should have a green tick).



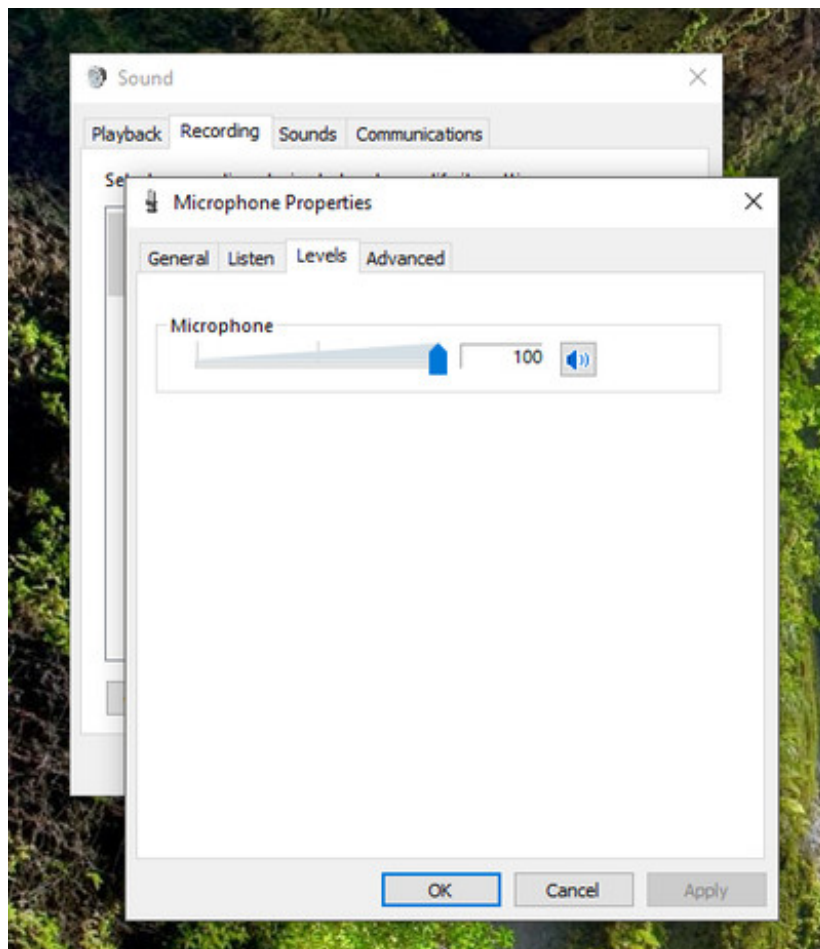
4. Hit **Properties**.

5. Select the **Advanced** tab.
6. Hit the **test button**.

## Record your voice

If you hear sound through the headphones, we're good to go. If not, try check you have the correct device selected for sound output, and that the headset itself is plugged in. (We've all be in the position where something doesn't work because it isn't physically connected.) After that, we need to select the microphone as the default input device and make sure the volume is turned up.

1. Right click the **sound icon** in the taskbar.
2. Select **Recording devices**.
3. Choose the **microphone**.
4. Hit **Set as default**.
5. Open the **Properties window**.

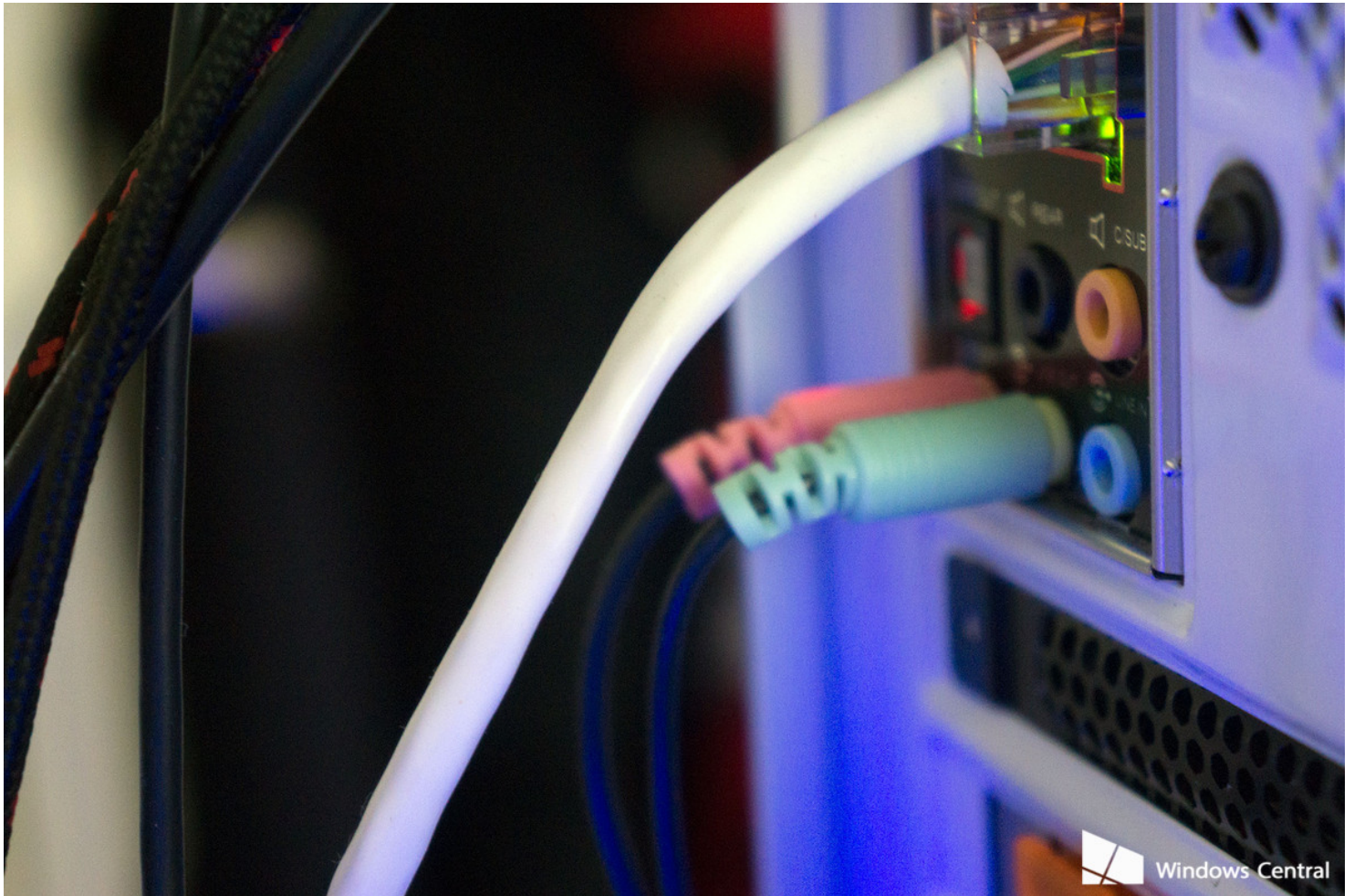


6. Select the **Levels** tab.
7. Adjust the volume accordingly.

Be sure to fire up your favorite VoIP app (Discord is a great option) or recording software to test the microphone out. Some applications can take full control of the microphone and adjust levels accordingly, others allow you to manipulate the volume within the software suite to save you from opening this recording window each and every

time.

## Troubleshoot



### **Make sure you use the right ports**

Is it plugged in? Have you utilized the correct port? For 3.5mm jacks, it's generally green for output and pink for input, depending on the available sound card.

### **Auto detection could be playing up**

OEM software could be interfering here. Should you have software like Realtek's HD Audio Manager, try disabling jack detection and see if that helps.

### **Re-installing drivers**

Head to Device Manager, uninstall the drivers for the connected headset. Reboot the PC and connect the headset once again to let Windows re-install them.

### **Select different formats**

If you're still unable to get anything, try selecting a different format for input/output in the property window (use the steps above).

## **Cable controls**

Depending on the brand and model of headset, it may support controls located on the cable. Volume sliders and mute buttons are easily accessible here, but be sure they're set for use.