

Why Switch to Parallels Desktop 4.0 for Mac?

Datasheet

The industry's best selling, top rated, most trusted, award-winning solution, Parallels Desktop 4.0 for Mac is a must-have for an easy, fast and powerful way to run Windows on a Mac. See how Parallels Desktop 4.0 for Mac stacks up against VMware Fusion 2.0.

Easy

Features	Parallels Desktop 4.0 for Mac	VMware Fusion 2.0
Automatic File-type association for Windows & Mac Software	+	-
Integrated Windows View Mode	Coherence	Unity
Windows System Tray Notifications on the Mac Menu Bar	+	-
Scaled VM View Mode	Modality	-
Screen Capture Tool	+ (Clips)	-
Automatically mount removable media for access to host and VMs	+ (SmartMount)	-
Set USB Device Connection Preferences	+ (SmartConnect)	-
Drag-and-Drop	+	+
'No copy' Drag-and-Drop for Applications	+	-
Automatic software update during installation process	+ (Smart Install)	-
Software updating tool	+	+
Automatically start a VM during program startup	+ (Smart AutoStart)	-
Migration tool – Physical to Virtual (P2V)	+ (Parallels Transporter – PC and Boot Camp)	+ (VMware Converter 4.0, separate Download – PC)
Migration tool – Virtual to Virtual (V2V)	+ (Parallels Transporter – VMware, Microsoft, VirtualBox)	+ (VMware Importer, separate Download – Microsoft)
Speech Recognition Support	+	-
Automated Parallels Tools Install	+	+
Shared Internet Apps	+	+
Shared User Profiles	+	+
Customizable VM Toolbar	+	+
Keyboard Mapping	+	+

Fast

Features	Parallels Desktop 4.0 for Mac	VMware Fusion 2.0
Adaptive Hypervisor	+	-
32- & 64-bit Guest VM Computing	+	+
Symmetrical Multi-Processing in a VM	Up to 4-way SMP with 8-way experimental	Up to 2-way SMP with 4-way experimental (WinXP & Vista only recognize 2 CPUs in 4-way)
Virtual Memory in a Guest VM	8 GB Virtual RAM	8 GB Virtual RAM
Memory Overcommit	+	-
DirectX 3D Graphics Support	DirectX 9.0 with Pixel Shader 2.0	DirectX 9 with Shader Model 2
OpenGL 3D Graphics Support	OpenGL 2.0	-
Video Memory in a VM	256 MB	128 MB
1080p High-Definition Video	+	+
Supported Guest OSs	Over 45+	Over 60+
Supported Mac OS X Server Guest OSs	+ (Leopard Server, experimental Snow Leopard Server)	+ (Leopard Server, experimental Snow Leopard Server)

Powerful

Features	Parallels Desktop 4.0 for Mac	VMware Fusion 2.0
Windows Internet Security	+ (Parallels Internet Security powered by Kaspersky – \$79.99 Value)	McAfee AntiVirus Plus
Windows Backup & Recovery Software	+ (Acronis True Image Home – \$49.99 Value)	-
Windows Disk Management Software	+ (Acronis Disk Director Suite – \$49.99 Value)	-
Automatic Snapshot Scheduler	SmartGuard	AutoProtect
Battery energy-saving mode	+ (PowerSaver mode)	-
Multiple Snapshots	+	+
Convenient Snapshot Manager Tree View	+	-
ACPI Power Management	+	+
Safe Mode VM Session	+	-
Support for Multiple Boot Camp Partitions	+	+
Offline VM Disk Access	GUI App & Finder Mount Point	Finder Mount Point only

Additional Features

Features	Parallels Desktop 4.0 for Mac	VMware Fusion 2.0
PXE Network Boot	+	+
VM Templates	+	-
Create exact copy of a VM	+ (Clone)	-
iPhone Remote Control App	+	-
Software Developer Kit	+	+
CLI & API Support	+	+
Virtual network adapter per VM	16	10

Support

Support	Parallels Desktop 4.0 for Mac	VMware Fusion 2.0
Email support	Free email support	Paid email support (\$24.99 per incident)
Phone support	Paid phone support (\$29.99 per incident)	No phone support available