



How to disable keyboard layout synchronisation between Mac and Windows virtual machine.

- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Pro Edition

Question

Whenever I switch keyboard layout in macOS, it also switches it in Windows, and vice versa. How can I turn it off?

Information

In order to disable keyboard layout synchronization, you need to manually modify **config.pvs** file.

1. Shut down your virtual machine (**Actions > Shut down**). If it is in a suspended state, resume it and then shut down.
2. Right-click **Parallels Desktop** icon > **Control Center**.
3. Right-click the name of your virtual machine > **Show in Finder**.
4. Right-click the **.pvm** file > **Show Package Contents**.
5. Right-click the **config.pvs** file > **Open With > TextEdit.app**.
6. In TextEdit, press **Cmd+F** shortcut and locate the following part:

```
<KeyboardLayoutSync dyn_lists="">  
  <Enabled>1</Enabled>
```

And change **1** to **0**. It should look like this:

```
<KeyboardLayoutSync dyn_lists="">  
  <Enabled>0</Enabled>
```

Save the changes in **config.pvs** file and close it. Run the virtual machine. Now, keyboard layouts are not synchronized and will not be changed automatically.
