

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

- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition
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## Question

Whenever I switch keyboard layout in macOS, it also switches it in Windows, and vise 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:

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.

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