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## The USB device automatically connects to the Virtual Machine instead of the Mac

- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition
- Parallels Desktop for Mac App Store Edition
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Pro Edition
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Business Edition

#### Symptoms

When I connect the USB device to the Mac which is running Parallels Desktop and a Virtual Machine, it is not automatically connected to the Mac side, but instead, it connects to the virtual machine directly.

#### Cause

Parallels Desktop is configured to automatically connect any USB device directly to the virtual machine.

### Resolution

- 1. Launch Parallels Desktop
- 2. Go to Parallels Desktop menu -> Preferences -> Devices.

3. Make sure Ask me what to do radio button is selected.

4. Remove your USB device from the **Permanent Assignments** list using the '-' button.

Now once you connect any USB device to your Mac a dialog will appear asking if you want to connect the device to the Mac or the Virtual machine.

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