

Installing Mac OS X Snow Leopard Server as Guest OS

- Parallels Desktop
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition 9 and older
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition 11
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition 10

Symptoms

I cannot install Snow Leopard Server as Guest OS.

Cause

The problem can be in the installation media/disk

Resolution

You can use a real Mac OS X Snow Leopard Server Installation Disc.

1. Insert Snow Leopard Installation disk into your drive and launch Disk Utility (/Applications/Utilities/).
2. Select the device for your optical drive (note that this is NOT the Mac OS X Installation disk, but rather the device that has mounted it).
3. From Disk Utility's File menu, choose **New -> Disk Image from [device]**? from the File menu, set the image format to **DVD/CD master?** and **Encryption** to none and create the disk image on your Desktop. When the creation of the disk image file is complete, quit Disk Utility and eject the Snow Leopard Install DVD from your drive.
4. Start Parallels Desktop
5. From the File menu go to **New?** and enter your account password when requested.
6. From the New Virtual Machine window select **Install Windows or another OS from DVD** or image file and click **Continue**.
7. Find Snow Leopard OS (if it is listed) or click **Locate manually** and choose **Image File?** drag the Snow Leopard image file (for example SuperDrive.cdr) created in step 1 above, and then click **Continue**.
8. If Automatic Detection fails, in the next window select Mac OS X and click **OK**.
9. Follow on screen instructions.