



How to start virtual machine only on the second display in Full Screen mode.

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

Symptoms

Every time when I start my virtual machine it appears at the Mac display, but I want to start my virtual machine only on the external display in the Full Screen mode.

Cause

Mac and virtual machine misconfiguration.

Resolution

To resolve the issue please do the following:

1. Right-click on Parallels Desktop icon in Dock > **Options** > **Desktop on Display 2**.
2. Shut down virtual machine and go to configuration > **Options** > **Startup and Shutdown** > **Startup View** > Select **Full Screen**.
3. In **Options** tab go to **Full Screen** > Disable **Use all displays in full screen**.
4. Run your virtual machine.

As an alternative resource on this topic, we also recommend visiting this blog post:

[Using External Displays in Parallels Desktop](#)
