



"The specified file cannot be used as a virtual hard disk" error message when virtual machine starts

- Parallels Desktop
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition

Symptoms

- **The specified file cannot be used as a virtual hard disk** error message when virtual machine starts:
- The second error is **Unable to connect Hard Disk 1:**
- After all errors virtual machine starts successfully.

Cause

Incorrect path to second virtual machine hard disk in virtual machine configuration.

Resolution

1. Open virtual machine **configuration**.
2. Switch **Hardware** tab > **Hard Disk 2** > **Source** > **Choose an image** > Locate and choose the .hdd file.

If you don't need this disk you may disconnect it by clicking on **Remove Device** button.

Note: Virtual hard disk won't be deleted from your Mac.

3. Start virtual machine and make sure that there are no more errors.