



How can I change the name of my virtual Hard Drive

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

Symptoms:

I upgraded my **Windows** virtual machine, but its **Hard Drive** name did not change.

Resolution:

Note: Currently it is not possible to change the HDD name using Parallels Desktop Graphics User Interface. Below procedure is not recommended by Parallels, however you are able to do it at your own risk by altering the contents of .pvm bundle.

To change the virtual machine **Hard Drive** name follow step-by-step instructions below:

1. Find your virtual machine by using the following article:

[How do I find my virtual machine on Mac?](#)

2. Make a backup copy of **.pvm** file by copying it to another location.
3. Right click on **.pvm** > choose **Show Package Contents** > find your **HDD** (usually it is named as **Windows x-0.hdd** depending on your virtual machine's name, where **x** is the version of **Windows**, for example **Windows 8.1-0.hdd**) > change its name to the desired.
4. In the the same **.pvm** directory locate **config.pvs** > right click on it and choose > **Open With** > **TextEdit**.
5. In the appeared **TextEdit** file press **command + F** buttons to open **Search Bar** > in a **Find** field enter the following query:

`.hdd`
6. It will highlight the strings with your HDD name:
7. Change the **HDD** name in both strings and close **config.pvs**.
8. Launch the virtual machine and make sure it boots normally.