

Manage Windows Updates installation in Boot Camp based virtual machine

- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition
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Symptoms

When I try to install Windows updates in Boot Camp based virtual machine, the updates installation fails or never finishes.

Cause

Such issue occurs when biannual (twice a year) updates are being installed.

Parallels Desktop application does not have <u>read/write permissions</u> to modify macOS <u>EFI partition</u>.

As a result, besides <u>other Boot Camp based machine limitations</u>, we do not recommend installing Windows updates via Parallels Desktop virtual machine.

Resolution

To install Windows updates please <u>boot into Boot Camp natively</u>, finish the updates installation, restart Windows to apply changes in the system, then <u>go back to macOS</u>.

Alternatively, you can <u>import Boot Camp to a standalone Windows virtual machine</u> to be able to update Windows without any limitations.

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