

How to downgrade Parallels Desktop?

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

Question

- I would like to downgrade to one of the previous versions of Parallels Desktop.
- Is there a chance I lose some data in Windows after the downgrade?
- Do I have to uninstall the current version first, then downgrade?
- Can I use my license key after downgrade?

Information

By downgrading Parallels Desktop nothing in Windows virtual machine will be affected at all. All applications and data will stay in the same condition and place you left it before downgrading.

NOTE: Nevertheless, we strongly recommend to shut down Windows (**Actions > Shut Down**) before downgrading and back up your Windows virtual machine.

There is no need to uninstall the current version of Parallels Desktop before downgrading, just launch the installer of the previous version. It will completely replace the existing one.

When the downgrade is complete, start your Windows virtual machine, then wait for Parallels Tools to update and restart Windows.

Be informed that the license key for Parallels Desktop can be used only with the version it's intended to be used. You can check the version it's intended to be used in the purchase email or in your account online.

Active Parallels Desktop Standard and Pro Edition subscriptions allow activating Parallels Desktop up to version 11. Versions below 11 cannot be activated with the modern license keys and need to be activated only by the corresponding license keys.

Additional information

If you wish to downgrade Parallels Desktop, just download and launch the installer using the links below:

Parallels Desktop 14: [Download](#)

Parallels Desktop 13: [Download](#)
