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- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition

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You have successfully installed Windows virtual machine as described here, but cannot find a way to start it.

Double click on Shortcut

There are several ways to start your virtual machine. If you have a virtual machine shortcut on your Desktop just double click it:

Start Virtual Machines from Parallels Desktop application

- Make sure you have Parallels Desktop running. Find it in the **Dock**:

Or in **Launchpad**:

Or in **Spotlight**:

Or in the **Applications** folder.

- After you have your Parallels Desktop started, right-click on the Dock icon and click on your virtual machine name at the top:

- Or click **Control Center** to see the full list of virtual machines:

and click **Power Button** to start the virtual machine:

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