



## Fix "There's not enough disk space available to start the Windows virtual machine."

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

### Symptoms

Parallels Desktop displays one of the following notification when you try to start your virtual machine:

There's not enough disk space available to start the Windows virtual machine.

Free at least XX MB on the hard disk that stores the "Windows" virtual machine and try again.

### Cause

The notification above mean you are running out of free space on your host macOS® hard drive.

### Resolution

1. Find how much space is left on your Mac hard drive:

- ◆ Run **Disk Utility** > check **Available (Purgeable + Free)** amount of free disk space:

- ◆ Or go to **Apple menu** > **About This Mac** > **More Info** > **Storage Settings**:

2. Free up space on your Mac hard drive. Visit [KB 123553](#) for more details.

***NOTE:** You need free disk space at least equal to the amount of memory allocated to the Virtual Machine. Go to your virtual machine's [Configuration](#) > Hardware > CPU & Memory to check.*

3. Run First Aid from Recovery to find and repair possible errors within the disk file system by following the instructions from the [article](#).
  4. *Optional:* You may also want to check and delete snapshots of your virtual machine. Visit [KB 5691](#) for details.
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