

I started a Windows virtual machine, but I don't see Windows desktop

- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition
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Symptoms

I started a Windows virtual machine in Parallels Desktop, but can't see Windows desktop, there is only Mac OS X desktop shown with Windows Start menu icon in Dock.

Resolution

This virtual machine is in Coherence view mode. To switch this virtual machine to Window mode:

- Right-click the Windows Start menu icon in Dock.
- Select **View > Exit Coherence**.