

## How to add a hard disk from one virtual machine to another virtual machine

- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition

### Information

This article explains how to add a virtual hard disk of one virtual machine to another virtual machine as a second hard drive.

1. Start Parallels Desktop but do not start your virtual machines.
2. Go to the Configuration of the virtual machine which you want to attach the other virtual machine's hard disk to.
3. Go to **Hardware** tab and click '+' sign, choose **Hard Disk**
4. Click on the **Type** drop-down menu and choose **Existing image file**
5. Click on **Location** and navigate to another virtual machine's hard disk file (.hdd), then click **Open**.
6. Now the **Hard Disk 2** is shown in your first virtual machine's Configuration.

### Example

You have two virtual machines: Windows 8 and Windows 8.1 and you need to attach the virtual hard disk of Windows 8.1 to Windows 8 virtual machine.

Both virtual machines are located in the */Users/username/Documents/Parallels* folder and you can see them as **Windows 8.pvm** and **Windows 8.1.pvm**.

1. You open Windows 8 virtual machine's Configuration > **Hardware** and click on "+" to attach a new hard disk
2. Then you select **Type: Existing image file**.
3. Under **Location** you go to **Documents** > the **Parallels** folder, click on **Windows 8.1.pvm**, go to **Windows 8.1-0.hdd** > **Windows 8.1-0.hdd**.

**Note:** the first **.hdd** item here is the folder that contains the virtual hard disk **.hdd** file.

4. Then you click **Open**.
5. Now your Windows 8.1-0.hdd is attached to your Windows 8 virtual machine as a second drive.