



Unable to install OS X as a Guest: The Virtual Machine cannot be started.

- Parallels Desktop
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition 10
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition 9 and older

Symptoms

Cannot install OS X virtual machine:

Error:

```
"The Virtual Machine cannot be started. Mac OS X virtual machines can run only on computers having
```

The error is the same regardless of whether you try to install OS X from the host Mac's Recovery Partition, or by using a .dmg file extracted from the 'Install Mac OS X Lion' installer.

Also, cannot start up an OS X guest VM that was created on a different MacBook Pro 15in and copied to the 13in.

Resolution

1. Reset **NVRAM**, **PRAM** on Mac as described here: [OS X Mavericks: Reset your computer's PRAM](#)

Try to install OS X virtual machine. If the issue still persists:

2. Open the **Terminal** (Finder/Applications/Utilities/Terminal)
3. Execute the following commands:

```
nvram 8BE4DF61-93CA-11d2-AA0D-00E098032B8C:BootCurrent
```

4. If you get this output, than everything is OK with your NVRAM:

```
8BE4DF61-93CA-11d2-AA0D-00E098032B8C:BootCurrent      %80%00 (or %00%00)
```

5. If you get the following error message, then you need to apply the solution below:

```
00E098032B8C:BootCurrentnvram: Error getting variable - '8BE4DF61-93CA-11d2-AA0D-00E098032B8C:Bo
```

The solution is to execute the following command in Terminal:

```
sudo nvram 8BE4DF61-93CA-11d2-AA0D-00E098032B8C:BootCurrent=%80%00
```