



How to boot virtual machine from the installation media?

- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition 10
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Symptoms

I want to boot my virtual machine from an installation media. How can I do that?

Resolution

Usually, booting from the installation media is necessary when troubleshooting non-bootable virtual machines.

Parallels Desktop supports booting virtual machine directly from the bootable CD-DVD disk or bootable image:

1. Insert Windows installation disk into your Mac DVD drive(if it has one). If you use .iso image, copy it on the Mac side.
2. Open virtual machine configuration > switch to **Hardware** tab > **CD/DVD**.
3. In the right pane click **Source** field and select your **Physical CD/DVD drive** or navigate to the image clicking on **Choose an image file**.

4. In the left pane select **Boot order** and move **CD/DVD** to the first place in the **Boot order** list.

5. Close configuration and run virtual machine. Once you see the black shell, click on the virtual machine window to make virtual machine grab the mouse. When virtual machine asks to **Press any key to boot from CD...**, press any keyboard button to confirm.

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