

Converting Virtual Box virtual machine to Parallels Desktop

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

Symptoms

I am trying to convert **VirtualBox** .vdi file to Parallels virtual machine but unable to do so.

Cause

In some cases conversion from vdi is not supported by Parallels Desktop.

Resolution

1. In the **VirtualBox** Manager, right-click on VM > **Clone**.

NOTE: Make a Full, complete clone that will NOT have any snapshots. This is an important step because Parallels Desktop can not import a VM that includes snapshots.

2. Launch the new clone of your VM, and uninstall the **VBox Guest Additions**.

For example: if the VM is Windows 7, you'll find them off the **Start-> All Programs-> Oracle VM Virtual Guest Additions -> Uninstall**

3. **Shut down** the Guest OS properly. (Not Sleep/hibernate)
4. Open **Parallels Desktop** (in the Applications folder) and choose **File > Open**.
5. Select .vbox file that you prepared.
6. Wait till conversion will be completed.
7. Your Parallels Desktop virtual machine is almost ready. Install Parallels Tools and that is it!