

Upgrade virtual machine to Windows 11

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Are you pondering about upgrading your Windows 10 virtual machine to Windows 11?

This article can shed more light on the process.

Before you proceed to upgrade Windows to Windows 11

How to upgrade to Windows 11 on a Mac via Parallels Desktop?

On September, 16, 2021 Microsoft <u>has announced</u> the change that aligns the enforcement of the Windows 11 system requirements on Virtual Machines (VMs) to be the same as it is for physical PCs.

So, a virtual TPM chip is required for upgrading to Windows 11. Learn more in KB 122702.

What are the requirements for upgrading to Windows 11?

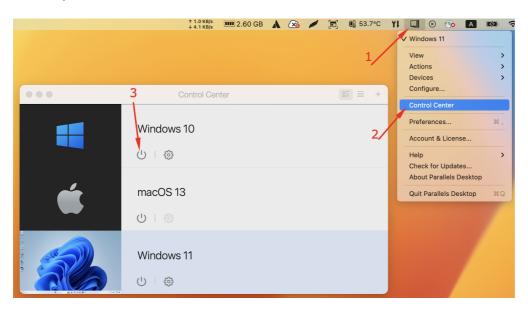
Windows 11 system requirements can be found here.

Please note that a virtual machine must have <u>EFI/UEFI BIOS</u> and <u>TPM</u> in order to upgrade to Win11.

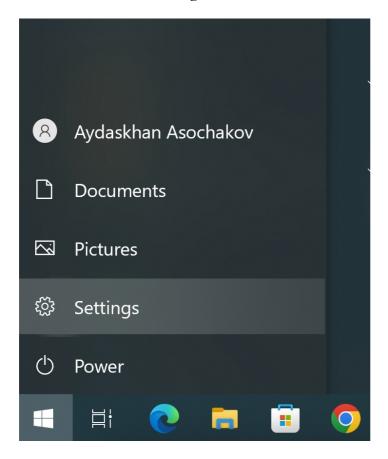
Upgrade instructions

To upgrade your Windows 10 virtual machine to Windows 11, follow the guideline below:

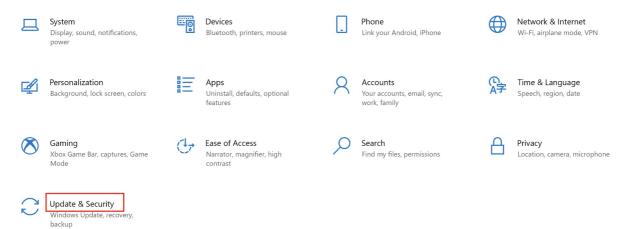
1. Start your **Windows 10** virtual machine (Parallels icon > Control Center > click the name of the virtual machine).



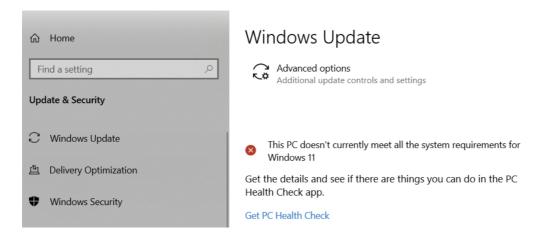
2. Start menu > click on Settings.



3. Go to **Update & Security > Check for Updates**.

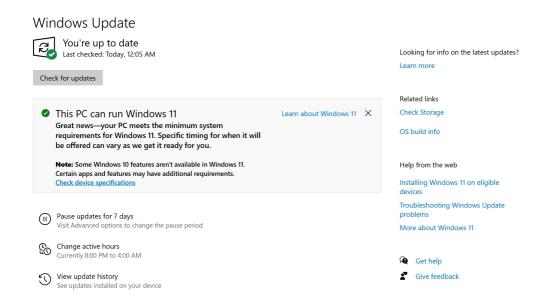


Note: If you are getting an error message that This PC doesn't currently meet all the system requirements for Windows 11:



As was mentioned at the beginning of the article, this error message means that a virtual **TPM** chip **is required** for upgrading to Windows 11. To enable **TPM**, follow the steps from <u>KB 122702</u>.

4. Once TPM is enabled, go to the **Start** menu > click on **Settings** > **Update & Security**. You will see the message stating that **This PC can run Windows 11** (If it's not, just wait for 10-15 minutes and repeat this step)



5. Then click on Check for updates > Download and Install.

Windows Update



6. Click Accept and install.

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Accept and install Close

7. Windows 11 will start downloading and installing on your Windows 10.

Windows Update



Windows 11, version 22H2 **Status:** Downloading - 5%

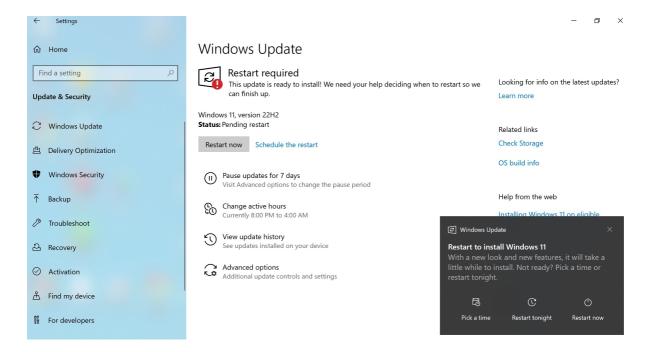
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Visit Advanced options to change the pause period

Change active hours
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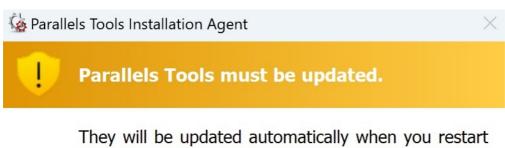
View update history
See updates installed on your device

Advanced options
Additional update controls and settings

8. After it is completed, Windows will notify you to restart your system.



- 9. You can either schedule a restart or Restart now.
- 10. Once Windows 11 virtual machine restarted, you will be prompted to reinstall Parallels Tools. Simply click **Restart** to update Parallels Tools.



They will be updated automatically when you restart or shut down Windows. If you do nothing, Windows will restart in **0:58**



11. Congratulations! Now your Windows 10 virtual machine is updated to a Windows 11.

In addition, do not forget to change your virtual machine's name:

- 12. Shut down the virtual machine (Parallels icon > Actions > Shut Down).
- 13. Open virtual machine configuration.
- 14. In the **General** tab type in the desired name in the **Name** field.

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