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## How to use Fullscreen mode on Multiple Monitors?

• Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition

## Question

I want to use an external display(s) with my Mac and Parallels Desktop, is that possible?

**Note:** Information in this article applies only to Windows and Linux virtual machines. There is currently no support for multiple displays in full screen in macOS virtual machines.

## Information

Parallels Desktop will be able to use any display that is successfully connected to Mac. You do not need to connect a display to virtual machine directly. However, to use Parallels Desktop virtual machine on external display(s) you need to enable this feature: open Mac **System Preferences > Mission Control >** enable **Displays have separate Spaces** option.

**NOTE: Use All Displays in Full Screen** option is not available for the virtual machines with macOS guest operating system due to technical reasons.

### Enable multiple displays for virtual machine

To use your virtual machine on several displays in Full Screen mode, go to View menu > enable Use All Displays in Full Screen:

**NOTE:** if you have more than two displays, it is not possible to select what displays to use with virtual machine and what not. You can use either one display or all of them.

#### **Displays Arrangement**

Displays arrangement should be done in macOS System Preferences > Displays > Arrangement. Parallels Desktop will detect displays arrangement and apply the same for the virtual machine. It is <u>not possible</u> to arrange displays in

a virtual machine directly.

#### **Display Gamma**

Windows virtual machine can control display gamma when corresponding feature is enable at <u>virtual machine</u> <u>configuration</u> > **Options** > **Full Screen** > **Advanced** > enable **Use Windows gamma settings.** 

#### Activate all virtual machine desktop spaces in one click

If you frequently switch between macOS and Windows virtual machine, and you want Windows to show its spaces on all displays once you activate one of them - you can enable corresponding feature at virtual machine **configuration** > **Options** > **Full Screen** > enable **Activating virtual machine shows all its spaces** feature.

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