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## Remove a virtual machine in Parallels Desktop for Mac

- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition
- Parallels Desktop for Mac Pro Edition

#### In Parallels Desktop

To remove a virtual machine (VM) please follow these steps:

- 1. Launch Parallels Desktop.app, but do not start your virtual machine.
- 2. Click on the Parallels icon on the Mac menu bar > select **Control Center**.

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3. Right-click on your virtual machine and select Remove "virtual machine name"...

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4. Select **Keep files** if you wish to access the files from this virtual machine later. The virtual machine will be removed from the list, but it will remain in its original location.

Select **Move to Trash**, if you do not need any data from this virtual machine and want to erase it completely.



Note: The Move to Trash operation is irreversible. After moving the VM to Trash you might not be able to restore it.

#### In Finder

If you have already deleted Parallels Desktop from your Mac, see <u>KB 117333</u> for instructions to locate the VM on your Mac and then move it to Trash.

### **Restore a virtual machine**

To know how to remove a virtual machine from Parallels Desktop but to keep its files for future use, please read this blog post: <u>How to Remove a VM...and Bring It Back Again</u>.

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