

Activate Windows 10 in a Parallels virtual machine

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

Question

How to activate Windows 10 in a virtual machine?

Information

Activation of Windows in a virtual machine works exactly like on a physical PC.

The process is extensively covered in the following article by Microsoft:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/12440/windows-10-activate>

Troubleshooting

Just as the activation steps, troubleshooting is also identical to that on a physical Windows PC:

1. Steps to using built-in **Windows Activation Troubleshooter** are described in [this article](#).
 2. Advanced troubleshooting steps are covered in [this article](#).
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