

How to clone a virtual machine?

- Parallels Desktop
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Question

I need an exact copy of my virtual machine. How can I create a complete clone of it?

Answer

A clone is a separate virtual machine fully identical to the original one. To make a clone do the following:

1. Start Parallels Desktop.
2. Right-click on the chosen virtual machine in **Parallels Desktop Control Center > Clone...**

NOTE: The virtual machine must be in shut down state.

3. Specify the name and folder for the virtual machine clone.

The default name suggested by the assistant is made by adding **Copy of** to the original virtual machine name. By default, **Clone Virtual Machine Assistant** places the cloned virtual machine into your **Documents > Parallels** folder, but you can specify a different folder.

4. Click **Save** to start cloning the virtual machine.

5. Once the cloning has been completed successfully, the new virtual machine is ready to use.