



How to disable Quick Look in Windows virtual machine?

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Symptoms

When I search for a file or a folder in Windows File Explorer which contains space in its name (like Microsoft Office), pressing spacebar brings up Quick Look instead of just taking me to the correct path.

Resolution

To be able to search for items without Quick Look popping up, you can disable Quick Look in Windows.

1. To do this, open **Windows search bar** and type in **regedit**, then hit Enter to launch it.
2. In the appeared **Registry Editor** window go to the following path:

`HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Parallels\Parallels Tools\GuestUtilities`

3. Right-click the empty area on right side of **GuestUtilities** folder > **New** > **String Value**.

This action will create a new empty string under **GuestUtilities** folder.

4. Name the new string as **NoQuickLook** and hit Enter to save the name.
5. Restart Windows to apply changes.