



How to enable nested virtualization in Parallels Desktop on macOS Big Sur

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

Question

How to use nested virtualization feature in a virtual machine?

Note: if you are running Parallels Desktop on a Mac with Apple M1 chip, please be advised that this functionality is not currently supported.

Information

Note: shut down the virtual machine before changing the hypervisor type.

To enable nested virtualization feature, set the hypervisor type to **Parallels** in the virtual machine's configuration:

1. Open virtual machine configuration > **Hardware** > **CPU & Memory** > **Advanced...**
> set **Hypervisor** type to **Parallels**.
2. Select the **Enable Nested Virtualization** option and click "OK" to enable the feature.

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