



Keyboard layout synchronization in Parallels Desktop for Mac

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Parallels Desktop provides close integration between Mac and Windows operating systems. One of the most popular features that make the interaction between operating systems more seamless is **keyboard layout synchronization**.

The main aspects of keyboard layout synchronization between the host macOS and the Windows operating system are the following:

- **Parallels Desktop** provides its own set of keyboard layouts to match **Mac** keyboard in **Windows** operating system, so buttons are not misplaced. Such layouts are marked with **(Apple) - Parallels** keyboard in **Windows**:

- When creating a new Windows 11 virtual machine **Parallels Desktop** checks what keyboard layouts are installed in **macOS**, and installs the same layouts to **Windows**. The list of supported keyboard layouts is:

Arabic (Arabic)

Danish (Danish)

German (German)

German (Austrian)

German (Swiss German)

English (U.S.)

English (British)

English (U.S. International - PC)

English (Dvorak)

Spanish (Spanish)

Finnish (Finnish)

French (French)

French (Canadian French - CSA)

French (Swiss French)

French (French - Numerical)

Italian (Italian)

Dutch (Dutch)

Dutch (Belgian)

Norwegian (Norwegian)

Polish (Polish Pro)

Portuguese (Brazilian)

Russian (Russian)

Swedish (Swedish)

- If you want to add another **(Apple) - Parallels** keyboard layout to **Windows 11** virtual machine when it's already installed (or if it was installed manually):

1. Click on the **Windows Start** menu and then on the **Settings** Icon to open **Windows** settings:

2. Select **Time&Languages > Language & region**

3. Once **Language & region** window will open, click on the three dots next to your main **Language** and click **Language Options**.

4. To add a new layout click on the "**Add a keyboard**" button and select **(Apple) - Parallels** keyboard layout in the context menu.

- By default, you can switch languages in **Windows 11** virtual machine the same way as you switch them on **Mac**. The default shortcut to change input language is **control+Space**. To disable this, refer to [this article](#).
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