

How to enable Intel VT-x virtualization feature in Mac computer

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Symptoms

Almost on all CPUs used in Macs Virtualization is supported, but in several Mac models it may be disabled in firmware.

Resolution

How to check that Intel VT-x is supported in CPU:

1. Open **Terminal** application (Application > Utilities > Terminal)
2. Copy/paste command bellow:

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sysctl -a | grep machdep.cpu.features
```

3. You may see output similar to the one bellow:

If you see VMX entry then CPU supports Intel VT-x feature, but it still may be disabled.

4. Please run Software Update from Apple to resolve this issue.

Note: As article states, VT-x can be disabled due to an outdated firmware what's why we suggest running Software Update as firmware update is a part of it.