Remove a virtual machine in Parallels Desktop for Mac

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

In Parallels Desktop

To remove a virtual machine (VM) please follow these steps:

1. Launch Parallels Desktop.app, but do not start your virtual machine.
2. Click on the Parallels icon on the Mac menu bar > select **Control Center**.

3. Right-click on your virtual machine and select **Remove "virtual machine name"...**

4. Select **Keep files** if you wish to access the files from this virtual machine later. The virtual machine will be removed from the list, but it will remain in its original location.

   Select **Move to Trash**, if you do not need any data from this virtual machine and want to erase it completely.

Note: The **Move to Trash** operation is irreversible. After moving the VM to Trash you might not be able to restore it.

In Finder

If you have already deleted Parallels Desktop from your Mac, see KB 117333 for instructions to locate the VM on your Mac and then move it to Trash.

Restore a virtual machine

To know how to remove a virtual machine from Parallels Desktop but to keep its files for future use, please read this blog post: How to Remove a VM…and Bring It Back Again.

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