



Parallels Desktop for Mac registration and activation

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

Registration

Once you start a virtual machine in Parallels Desktop for Mac for the first time, it will prompt you to create or sign in to a Parallels account. The Parallels account allows you to store your license keys in one place, contact the Parallels support team, get information about critical updates, manage your subscriptions, and more.

If you don't have a Parallels account, select the option **I am a new user** and click **Create Account**, then follow the onscreen instructions.

A screenshot of the Parallels Desktop "Sign In to Parallels Account" window. The window has a light gray background and a title bar with red, yellow, and gray window control buttons. The main heading is "Sign In to Parallels Account". Below it, there are two radio buttons: "I am a new user" (selected) and "I have a password". To the right, under "Other sign-in options:", there are three buttons: "Sign in with Apple", "Sign in with Facebook", and "Sign in with Google". On the left, there are four input fields: "Email:", "Name:", "Password:", and "Confirm password:". Below these fields is a blue button labeled "Create Account...". At the bottom left, there is a help icon (question mark in a circle) and a button labeled "Business Edition".

If you have an account, select **I have a password** and enter your account credentials.

Sign In to Parallels Account

☐ I am a new user

☒ I have a password

Email:

Password:

[Forgot password?](#)

Sign in...

Other sign-in options:

 Sign in with Apple

 Sign in with Facebook

 Sign in with Google

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Business Edition

The activation key you will enter in the next step will be registered under the account you're signed in to. If you want to change the account you are signed in to, click on the **Parallels Desktop** menu and select **Account & License**. In the new window, click on the account email address and select **Sign Out**.

My Licenses

Active License:

Parallels Desktop 19 for Mac Pro Edition Trial

Trial period ends on 26/01/2024. Days until expiration: **14**

Account Settings...

Delete Account...

Manage Licenses...

Sign Out...

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Buy

Enter a key

Activate

You can also register a license online at my.parallels.com in the **Register Key** window.

Activation

To activate Parallels Desktop, you need to connect your Mac to the Internet.

Once you have signed in to your Parallels account, Parallels Desktop will prompt you to activate the application.

- To activate Parallels Desktop with a full license, you only need a license key for the version you are installing.
- To activate Parallels Desktop with an upgrade license, you need two keys: the upgrade key for the version you are installing, and a key for one of previous versions.

Note: An upgrade license key cannot be used for activation after using a trial version, to extend an expired subscription or if there is no license key from a previous version available. In such cases, please visit the [Parallels Online Store](#) to purchase a full license for Parallels Desktop for Mac.

Enter your license for the current version. If you are activating an upgrade copy, enter your key for one of the previous versions. Click **Activate**.

Note for current Parallels Desktop subscription owners

If you have a subscription for Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard or Pro Edition, you can upgrade Parallels Desktop to the latest version with the license you own. Just [download](#) and install the latest Parallels Desktop version. A subscription allows you to upgrade to the latest version at no additional charge as long as the subscription is valid.

Activation after trial

If you activated a trial version of Parallels Desktop for Mac, you can reactivate it with a commercial license at any time.

1. Click on **Parallels Desktop** from the application menu bar on top of the screen; you may click on your Control Center window to see it. Select **Account & License** from the drop-down menu.
2. Click **Enter a key**.
3. Enter your license for the current version. If you are activating an upgrade copy, enter your key for the previous version. Click **Activate**.

Activation after reinstallation

When Parallels Desktop prompts you to sign in, sign in to the account that contains your activation keys. After signing in, you will see the list of your license keys. Double-click on the license you would like to use for activation.
