How to change a virtual machine's Hardware UUID

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Question

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Information

Please note that it is currently not possible to set a specific Hardware UUID to a virtual machine, but you can make Parallels Desktop generate a random new one by performing the following steps:

1. Make sure that the virtual machine is shut down. If it is in a suspended state, please run it and then shut down (Actions > Shut Down).
2. Locate the virtual machine file: click on **Parallels icon** || > **Control Center** > right-click on the virtual machine > **Show in Finder**.
3. Right-click the pvm file > **Show package contents**.
4. Right-click on the config.pvs > **Open with** > **TextEdit** > locate a string that looks like:

   ```
   <SourceVmUuid>{1234abcd-12ab-34cd-56ef-54321abcdef7890}</SourceVmUuid>
   ```
5. Change any digit or letter inside the curly braces.

6. Press Command-S shortcut to save changes.
7. Start the virtual machine.

   Once you start the virtual machine, the UUID will be changed.

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