

Parallels® Desktop for Mac



Unleash the full potential of your Mac with Parallels Desktop

Embrace the power and simplicity of running macOS alongside Windows.

With Parallels Desktop, this is not just possible; it's your new reality. Engineered for Mac users who don't want to make the choice between Mac and Windows, Parallels Desktop delivers a seamless, powerful, and integrated experience.



What is Parallels Desktop?

Parallels Desktop is the first Microsoft-authorized solution that allows users to run Windows, Linux, and other operating systems simultaneously with macOS. It's designed to provide the most intuitive and seamless experience possible, bridging the gap between Mac and PC ecosystems.

With Parallels Desktop, accessing Windows applications and files on your Mac is as easy as if they were native Mac applications, offering unparalleled performance and integration.

Why opt for Parallels Desktop?

Seamless integration:

Run Windows side by side with macOS, without compromising performance. Share files, copy and paste text and images, and drag and drop files between Mac and Windows applications effortlessly.

Peak performance:

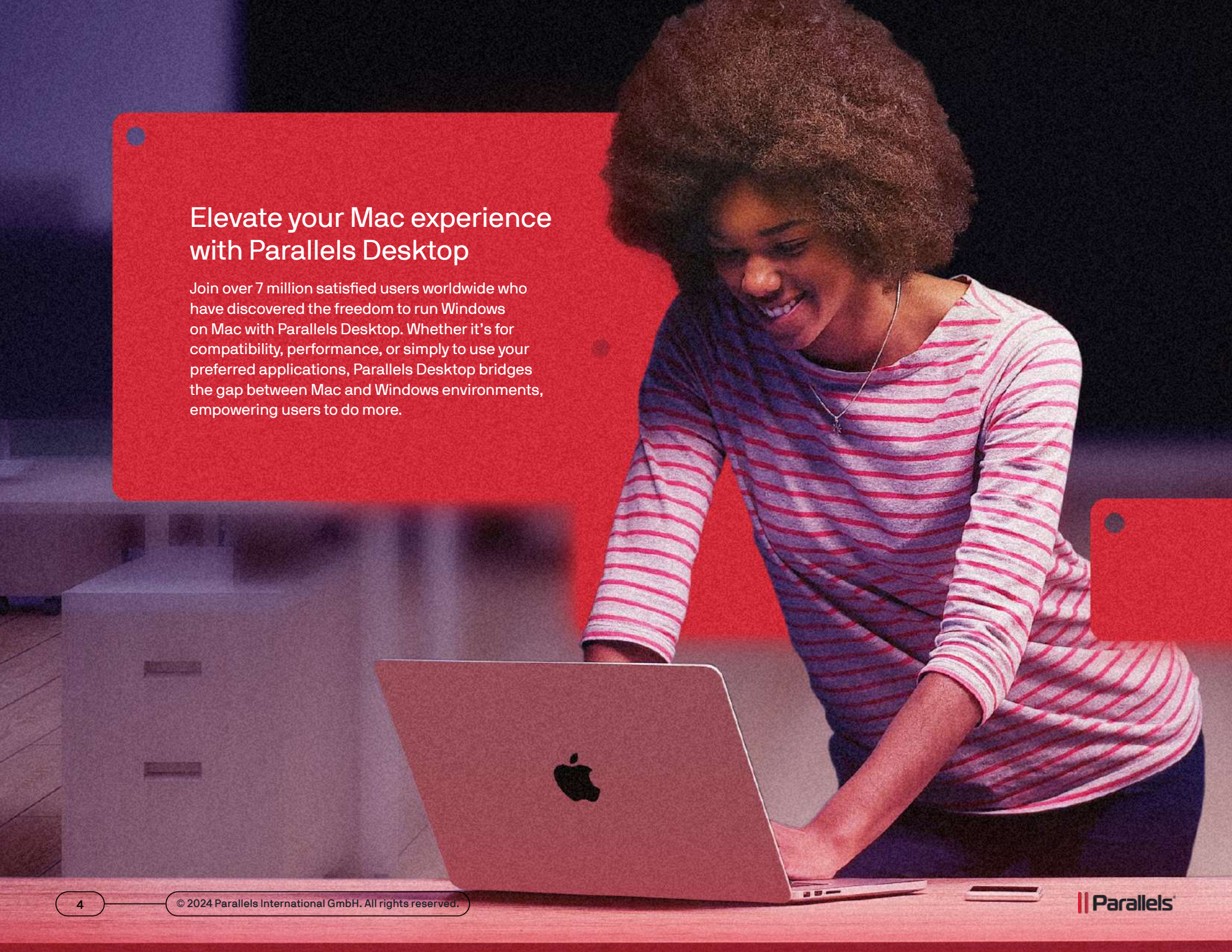
Enjoy Windows applications on your Mac running as smoothly as native macOS apps. Parallels Desktop optimizes your system's resources, ensuring top performance for both Mac and Windows software without manual adjustments. This seamless integration means you can work or play without disruptions, experiencing the best of both worlds effortlessly.

Simplicity and ease:

From initial installation to everyday use, Parallels Desktop is built to be intuitive. Setting up Windows on your Mac is straightforward, letting you get started quickly.

Versatility to fit your use case:

Whether you're using it for work, education, or play, Parallels Desktop adapts to your needs, offering a flexible and customizable environment to run a wide range of operating systems, including Windows, Linux, and more.

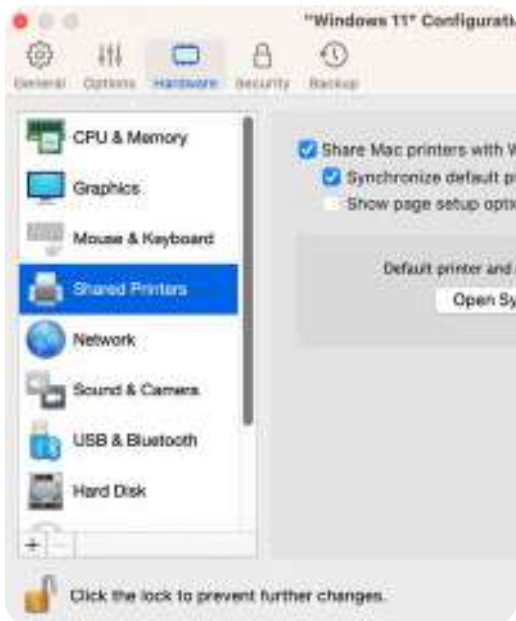


Elevate your Mac experience with Parallels Desktop

Join over 7 million satisfied users worldwide who have discovered the freedom to run Windows on Mac with Parallels Desktop. Whether it's for compatibility, performance, or simply to use your preferred applications, Parallels Desktop bridges the gap between Mac and Windows environments, empowering users to do more.

Seamless integration:

A harmonious blend of macOS and Windows



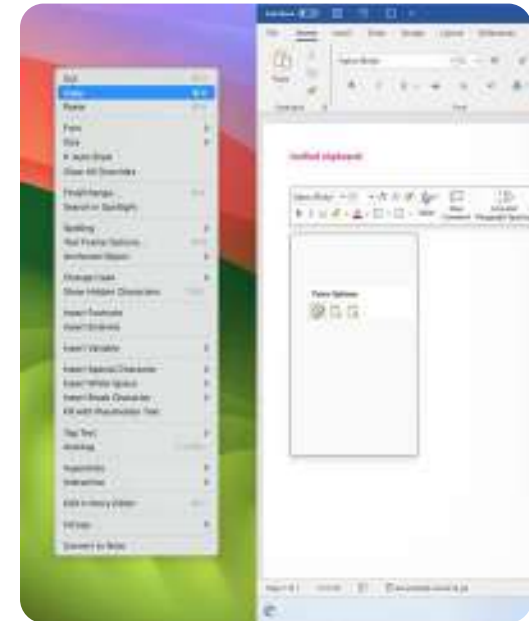
Effortless sharing & collaboration:

Parallels Desktop redefines how macOS and Windows coexist, offering a suite of features designed to make integration between the two operating systems as seamless as if they were one. With Parallels Desktop, the complexities of using two operating systems simultaneously become a thing of the past, allowing for a fluid transition that enhances productivity and ease of use.



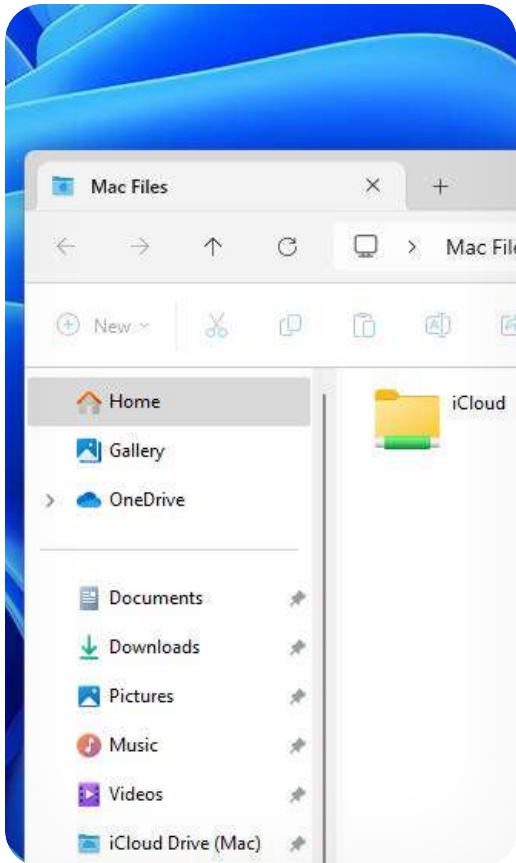
Drag-and-Drop simplicity:

Move files effortlessly between macOS and Windows with a simple drag-and-drop action. Whether it's documents, images, or multimedia files, transferring content has never been easier, making it ideal for professionals and creatives who require the flexibility to work across platforms without interruption.



Unified clipboard:

Copy and paste text, images, and more between macOS and Windows applications as if they were part of the same system. This feature eliminates the need to switch back and forth between operating systems, streamlining your workflow and saving valuable time.



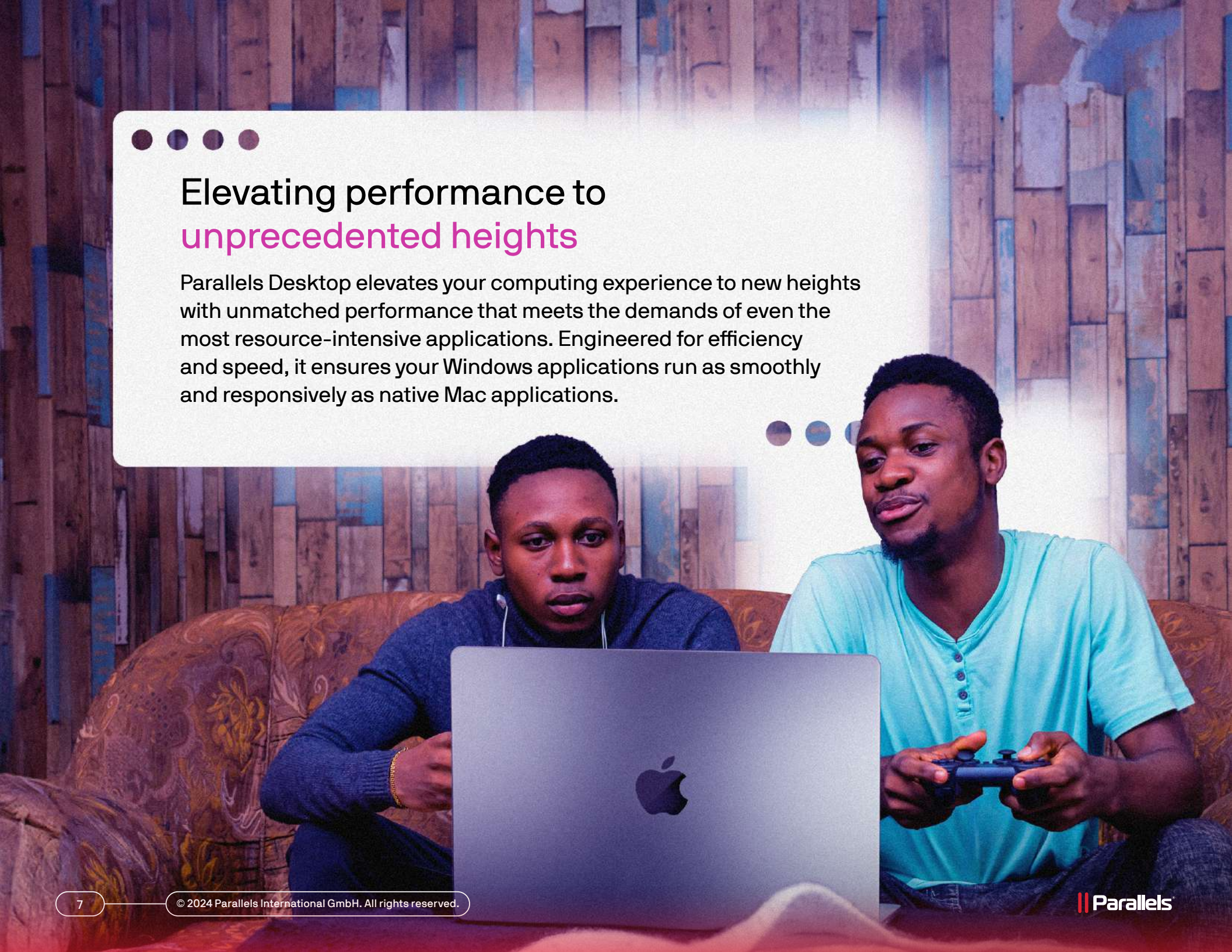
Shared folders:

Access and manage files across macOS and Windows with shared folders, ensuring that your important documents are always within reach, no matter which operating system you're working in. This feature supports a cohesive environment that simplifies file organization and accessibility.



Parallels Desktop is engineered to break the operating system barriers and unite macOS and Windows in a single, cohesive environment. The integration goes beyond simple compatibility to offer a user experience that leverages the strengths of both operating systems, empowering users to achieve more with their Macs.

Discover the power of seamless integration with Parallels Desktop, where the boundaries between macOS and Windows disappear, enabling you to focus on what you do best. Transform your Mac into the ultimate computing machine that adapts to your needs, without compromising on performance or usability.



Elevating performance to unprecedented heights

Parallels Desktop elevates your computing experience to new heights with unmatched performance that meets the demands of even the most resource-intensive applications. Engineered for efficiency and speed, it ensures your Windows applications run as smoothly and responsively as native Mac applications.

Optimized for peak performance



- ☒ Automatic (Recommended)
For this Mac - 6 CPUs, 32 GB RAM (up to 16 GB for graphics)
- ☐ Manual
- Advanced...

DirectX optimized:

Dive into an exquisite graphics experience with comprehensive DirectX support by Parallels Desktop. From professional CAD applications to high-end gaming, witness the graphic intensity your Mac can deliver in a Windows environment.

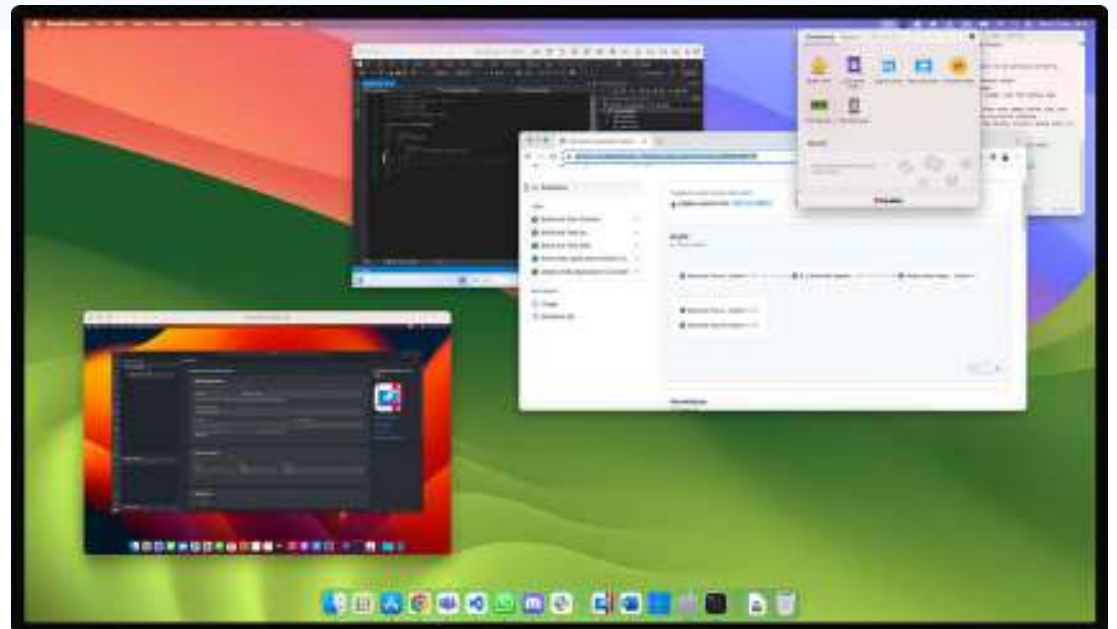
Customizable computing resources:

Customize your virtual environment to match your task requirements. With Parallels Desktop, adjusting the allocation of computing resources such as CPU, RAM, and GPU is a straightforward process, ensuring your applications always run at their peak performance.

Evidence of superiority

Empowering productivity and creativity

Whether you're rendering complex 3D models, crunching large datasets, or engaging in competitive gaming, Parallels Desktop's optimized performance ensures your Mac rises to the occasion. Experience a world where your software runs efficiently and your productivity and creativity know no bounds.



Take a closer look at the different Parallels Desktop Editions



Standard Edition:

Ideal for home users and students who need to run Windows applications on their Mac without rebooting. Offers essential virtualization features, including seamless integration and performance optimization for non-commercial use.



Pro Edition:

Designed for developers, testers, and experienced power users. This edition provides advanced features such as more RAM per VM, integration with developer tools (Docker, Vagrant, etc.), and performance monitoring capabilities, facilitating a more robust virtualization environment.



Business Edition:

Created for businesses and organizations looking to deploy and manage Parallels Desktop in a corporate environment. Includes centralized administration and management capabilities, volume licensing, and premium 24/7 support, ensuring smooth operation and efficiency at scale.

Features	Standard (Perpetual)	Standard (1 Yr Subscription)	Pro (1 Yr Subscription)	Business (1 Yr Subscription)
Run thousands of Windows applications, such as Microsoft Office 365, accounting software, trading software, SAP, Matlab, and more.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Download and install Windows 11 to your Mac in one click.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Experience Windows as if it was designed for Mac: use Mac files, keyboard, trackpad, camera & mic, sound, graphics, Touch ID, and more.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free Upgrades to keep up with macOS, Windows and Linux changes.		✓	✓	✓
Run professional graphics-intensive Windows applications and multiple virtual machines.			✓	✓
Develop, automate, test, and debug software in multiple operating systems simultaneously.			✓	✓
Virtual RAM for each VM	8GB vRAM	8GB vRAM	128GB vRAM	128GB vRAM
Virtual CPUs for each VM	4 vCPUs	4 vCPUs	32 vCPUs	32 vCPUs
Tune Windows in one click for development, testing, and design workflows.			✓	✓
Integration with VS Code/Vagrant/Packer/Minikube/Docker and more.			✓	✓
Network Conditioner to simulate speeds and drop rate.*			✓	✓
Nested visualization to use Hyper-V.*			✓	✓
Linked Clones and VM templates.				
Parallels® Toolbox with more than 50+ one-touch tools to get your day-to-day tasks done easily and quickly.	First 3 months included	✓	✓	✓
Automate CI/CD workflows with Command Line Interface (prctl, prlsrvctl).			✓	✓
Create and customize virtual networks.			✓	✓
Debug, create core dump, or start SSH session from menu.			✓	✓
Support sharing Mac business cloud folders with Windows.			✓	✓
Premium 24/7 phone and email support.	30 days	✓	✓	✓
Enable employees to download a preconfigured Windows installation to their Mac.				✓
Per-user licensing option for companies that are ready to use SSO/SAML/SCIM integration.				✓
Advanced security restrictions.				✓
Centralized administration and management and unified volume licensing for mass deployment.				✓

Real-world impact: Parallels Desktop at work

Explore how Parallels Desktop is revolutionizing the professional landscape, driving workflow innovations and elevating productivity across a wide range of fields.

Dive into firsthand accounts from a wide array of users encompassing a variety of use cases, including developers, graphic designers, educators, and corporate leaders. These stories illustrate the unmatched adaptability and efficiency of Parallels Desktop, underlining its role as a pivotal tool in diverse scenarios.



Getting started with Parallels Desktop

Welcome to Parallels Desktop, where your journey towards seamless integration of macOS and Windows begins. Follow this simple step-by-step guide to download, install, and set up Parallels Desktop, ensuring a smooth and efficient start.



Step 1: Download Parallels Desktop

Visit the official Parallels Desktop website and navigate to the “Downloads” section. Select the edition of Parallels Desktop that suits your needs and click the download button.



Step 2: Install Parallels Desktop

Open the downloaded installer file and follow the on-screen instructions. You'll be guided through the installation process, accepting the license agreement, and selecting your preferred installation location.



Step 3: Set up your Virtual Machine

Once Parallels Desktop is installed, launch the application. You'll be prompted to create a new virtual machine. Choose to install Windows from an ISO file or use the Windows installation assistant within Parallels Desktop for a guided setup.



Step 4: Customize your experience

After setting up your virtual machine, customize the settings to optimize performance. Adjust the amount of RAM, CPU cores, and video memory allocated to Windows based on your usage requirements.



Step 5: Install Parallels Tools

To enhance the integration between macOS and Windows, install Parallels Tools from the “Actions” menu within your virtual machine. This provides seamless mouse movement, shared folders, and other integration features.

Unlocking a world of potential with Parallels Desktop

Parallels Desktop is not just a tool but a gateway to a world of possibilities fitting a range of users and scenarios. Below, we explore how different types of users leverage Parallels Desktop to transform their computing experience, highlighting the software's adaptability and impact.





Developers and IT professionals

Use Case:

Running cross-platform development environments and testing across multiple OSs without the need for multiple physical machines.

Profile:

Developers working on cross-platform applications, IT professionals managing a diverse software ecosystem.

Benefits:

Streamlines development and testing processes, offers robust options for networking simulations and security testing.

Creatives and design visionaries

Use Case:

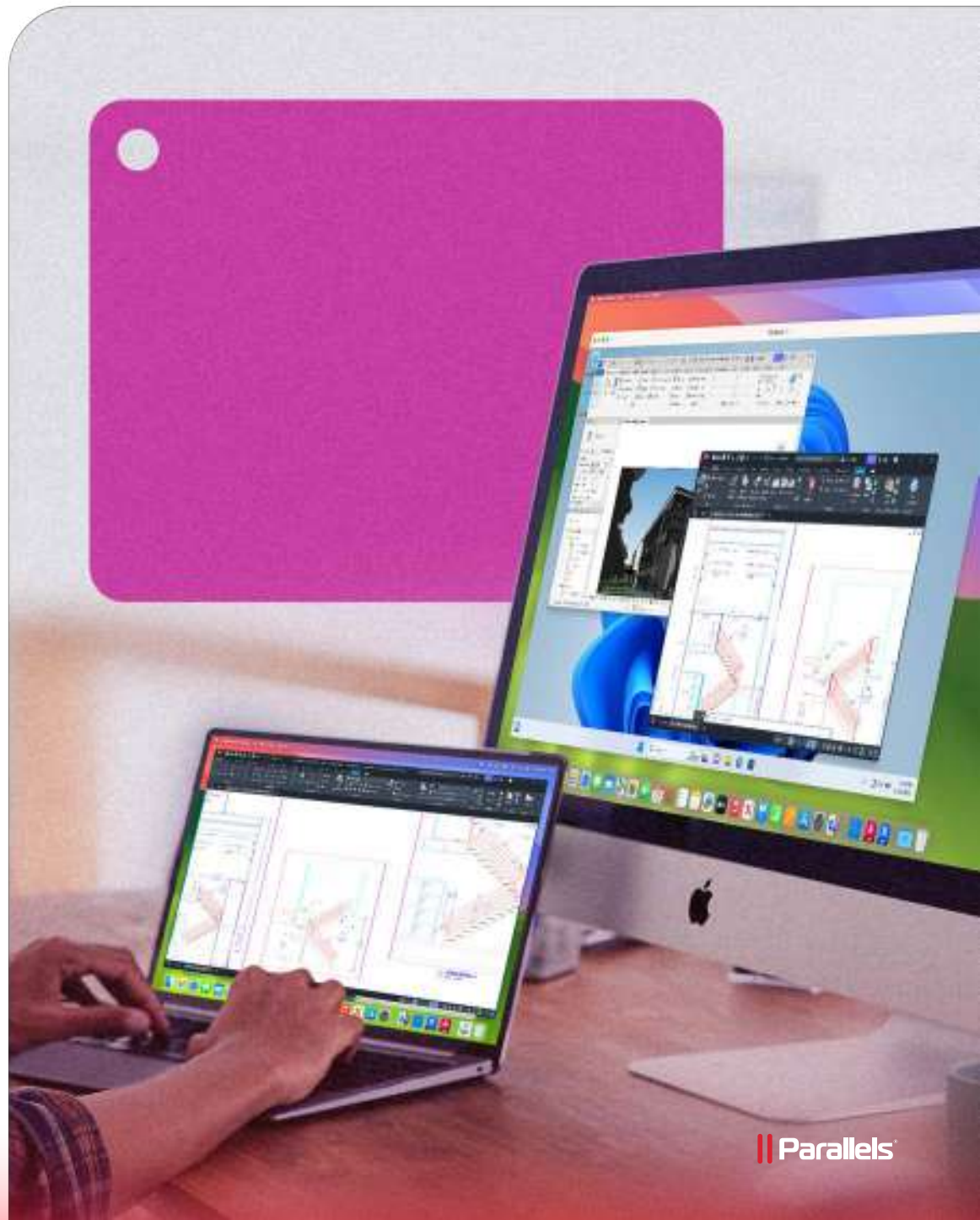
Accessing Windows-exclusive design software or files on a Mac and utilizing powerful graphics and rendering tools.

Profile:

Graphic designers, video editors, architects, and anyone in the creative industry requiring specific Windows-only software.

Benefits:

Enables creative professionals to use their preferred tools without compromise, enhancing creativity and productivity.





Gaming aficionados

Use Case:

Playing PC games on a Mac, accessing gaming platforms and communities.

Profile:

Casual and hardcore gamers looking to expand their gaming library beyond macOS offerings.

Benefits:

Unlocks a vast library of games previously inaccessible on Mac, provides options for customizing performance settings for an optimal gaming experience.

Business users and enterprises

Use Case:

Running business-critical and proprietary Windows applications on Mac hardware and facilitating BYOD policies.

Profile:

Small to large businesses, remote teams, and professionals reliant on specific Windows applications for daily operations.

Benefits:

Ensures seamless operation of business applications, supports centralized management and deployment in corporate environments.





Students and educators

Use Case:

Accessing educational software and resources that are Windows-only and conducting research with specific tools.

Profile:

Students, researchers, and educators who need specialized software for their studies or teaching that's unavailable on macOS.

Benefits:

Bridges the gap in educational resources, allowing for a more versatile learning and teaching environment.

Hobbyists and enthusiasts

Use Case:

Exploring different operating systems and running hobbyist software or legacy Windows applications.

Profile:

Tech enthusiasts and hobbyists interested in software development, retro gaming, or running niche applications.

Benefits:

Provides a playground for exploration and nostalgia, enabling users to run a wide range of software without hardware restrictions.



At Parallels, we understand that behind every great experience with our software lies exceptional support and a dynamic community.

Whether you're seeking immediate assistance, looking for tips and tricks, or wanting to connect with fellow users, our comprehensive support ecosystem is designed to ensure your success and enrich your experience with Parallels Desktop.

Round-the-clock assistance

24/7 customer service:

Our dedicated support team is available around the clock for subscribers, ready to assist with any inquiries or challenges you may encounter. From technical troubleshooting to guidance on best practices, we're here to help, anytime, anywhere.

Rich online resources

Knowledge Base and FAQs:

Access a wealth of information in our extensive knowledge base and frequently asked questions. Find quick answers, step-by-step guides, and detailed articles designed to empower your use of Parallels Desktop.

<https://kb.parallels.com/>

Video tutorials and webinars:

Dive deeper into Parallels Desktop's capabilities with our collection of video tutorials and webinars. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced user, these resources offer valuable insights to enhance your skills.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/parallels>

Vibrant user community

Forums:

Join the conversation in our active forums and social media channels. Share experiences, ask questions, and connect with a global network of Parallels Desktop users. Whether you're seeking advice or offering solutions, our community is your go-to resource for all things Parallels Desktop.

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