

## Parallels Desktop for Mac *versus* Apple Boot Camp

*"Run Windows and Mac OS X at the same time. Parallels Desktop for Mac is Fast, Secure & Flexible."*

Product	Parallels Desktop for Mac	Boot Camp <i>Beta</i>
Company	<a href="#">Parallels</a>	<a href="#">Apple Computer</a>
Price	\$79.99, <i>free 15 day trial available</i>	Free
Host System	Mac OS X 10.4.6 or later <b>NEW!</b> Support for developer build Mac OS X 10.5 "Leopard" <b>NEW!</b> Full Support 64-bit Mac Pro Towers & 64-bit iMac	Mac OS X 10.4.6 or later
Guest OS	Windows 3.1, 3.11, 95, 98, Me, NT, 2000, XP, 2003, Linux, FreeBSD, OS/2, eComStation, Solaris, MS-DOS, OPENSTEP <b>RC2 update</b> – Experimental Windows Vista support	Windows XP SP2
Performance	Near-Native (Intel x86, Intel VT-x & AMD SVM) <i>Most average users won't notice the performance difference</i>	Native
Optimization Tool	<b>Parallels Compressor</b> <i>Free (\$49.99 value)</i> Optimize performance & Hard Disk space Reduces virtual drive size by 50% or more.	None
Download Size	23 MB	202 MB, Needs 10 GB of free disk space to run Windows
Partitioning	No hardware partitioning required [Virtualization*]	Hardware partitioning required [Dual Boot]
Windows/Mac OS Integration	Instantly switch between Windows & Mac without restarting File Sharing between Windows & Mac is simple Cut and Paste between Windows & Mac Run Windows side-by-side with Mac Time & Mouse synchronization available	Need to restart computer to access Windows or Mac No File Sharing between Windows & Mac Can't Cut and Paste between Windows & Mac Run either Windows or Mac No support for Time & Mouse synchronization
Hardware/Devices	USB 1.1, Mac hardware support, web camera, Windows Mobile 5, CD/DVD (read data disc & installations) <b>Support will be added for 3D Accelerator, CD/DVD Optical Media (music CD's &amp; DVD videos), USB 2.0, &amp; multiple NIC's</b>	Mac hardware support & native Windows device support
Security	Parallels virtual machine uses shared networking blocking any file-infecting viruses from reaching your Windows operating system.	Windows computer is vulnerable to network virus attacks because it is not running on a virtual machine inside a Mac.
Networking	Networking & Internet access pre-configured	Need to configure/setup networking & Internet
Support	Email, discussion forums, online documentations & per-incident phone (\$29.99)	Boot Camp online documentations

\* Each Parallels virtual machine works exactly like a stand alone machine, and works with its own RAM, processors, CD/DVD drive, etc. – everything a real computer contains.