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## Parallels Desktop for Mac *versus* Northstar

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

Product	Parallels Desktop for Mac	Northstar
Company	<a href="#">Parallels</a>	<a href="#">True North Technologies</a>
Price	\$79.99, add price of Operating System & Software Free 15 day trial available <b>Total Cost of Ownership of Parallels is lower than Northstar</b>	\$99.95 annually + monthly/annual software <a href="#">subscription fee</a> (\$39.95 monthly to <a href="#">access office applications</a> )
Host OS	Mac OS X 10.4.6 or later	Mac OS X 10.3, 10.4
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 – Experimental Windows Vista support</b>	None - <a href="#">Windows Software</a> : Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, Microsoft FrontPage, Microsoft Project, Microsoft Visio, Microsoft Visual Studio, Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Virtual Server, Microsoft Terminal Server, Microsoft Windows Server, SAP, Samba, Tomcat App Server, Adobe Creative, Lotus Notes, Lotus , Quick Books, Turbo Tax, Quicken, AutoCAD, and <a href="#">more</a> .
Processor	Intel x86, Intel VT-x	
Performance	Near-Native (Intel x86, Intel VT-x & AMD SVM) <b>Most average users won't notice the performance difference</b>	Native (Intel x86, G3, G4, or G5) Users must have an active broadband connection
Optimization Tool	<b>Parallels Compressor Free</b> (\$49.99 value) Optimize performance & Hard Disk space Reduces virtual drive size by 50% or more.	N/A
Download Size	23 MB	None – Customers use browser to access Northstar
Solution	Virtualization - no hardware partitioning required <b>Users Increase PC utilization thru virtualization</b>	Remote Access into Northstar Software Services
Windows/Mac OS Integration	File Sharing between Windows & Mac is simple Cut and Paste between Windows & Mac Run Windows side-by-side with Mac	Download Documents from Northstar to Mac Hard Drive File Sharing between users available
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>	No Support for Windows Mobile. No support for any hardware/device that is used for Windows and not natively supported by Mac.
Security	Parallels virtual machine uses shared networking blocking any file-infecting viruses from reaching your Windows operating system.	Users are able to retrieve their last session if their computer crashes. Automatic Backup of files provided
Networking	Networking & Internet access pre-configured	N/A
Support	Email, Discussion Forums, Online Documentations & Per-Incident Phone (\$29.99)	Free Email & Chat Support. Per-Incident Phone Support (\$45), 5-Incident Phone Support Package (\$150) & Unlimited Phone Support (\$200).