

How to disable Quick Look in Windows virtual machine?

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Symptoms

When I search for a file or a folder in Windows File Explorer which contains space in its name (like Microsoft Office), pressing spacebar brings up <u>Quick Look</u> instead of just taking me to the correct path.

Resolution

To be able to search for items without Quick Look popping up, you can disable Quick Look in Windows.

- 1. To do this, open **Windows search bar** and type in **regedit**, then hit Enter to launch it.
- 2. In the appeared **Registry Editor** window go to the following path:

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HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Parallels\Parallels Tools\GuestUtilities
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3. Right-click the empty area on right side of **GuestUtilities** folder > **New** > **String Value**.

This action will create a new empty string under GuestUtilities folder.

- 4. Name the new string as **NoQuickLook** and hit Enter to save the name.
- 5. Restart Windows to apply changes.

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