



Downloading and Using Windows virtual machines from Microsoft

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Information

Microsoft has made available a variety of Windows virtual machines (VM) for using in different virtual environments, including Parallels Desktop. While these VMs are mainly intended for web developers, they can be used by anyone. All these virtual machines are 90-days trial versions of Windows.

Note: Unfortunately, as of now, there is no way to convert these Windows trial VMs to non-expiring VMs, including even if the appropriate Windows product key is purchased. You can repeat the download of a VM as often as you want, creating an unlimited number of 90-day trials. See the note at the end of this KB for some suggestions if you want to do this.

When 90 days trial expires, your Windows VM will stop working. There will be no option to re-activate it even using commercial Windows key. You will lose access to your Windows applications and there will be no way to migrate it to another Windows virtual machine.

Please visit [KB #122641 Modern.IE Test Environment in Parallels Desktop](#) for more information.

Download and install Modern.IE virtual machine

1. Open **Parallels Wizard**: click on the **Parallels** icon -> **New...**
2. Select **Modern.IE** option and click **Continue**:
3. Read the information about Test Environments and click **Continue**:
4. Read and accept the **Software License Agreement**.
5. Select desired version of Modern.IE Test Environment and click **Continue**:
6. Customize virtual machine's name and location if required, or just click **Continue**.
7. Make sure that you have stable Internet connection and enough disk space on your Mac. Click **Download** when ready.
8. Wait for the virtual machine to be downloaded and unpacked.
9. Start up your new VM:

NOTE: You should download the latest Windows updates and add yourself as an administrative user.

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