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| Parallels Desktop for Mac versus Guest PC <i>"Run Windows and Mac OS X at the same time. Parallels Desktop for Mac is Fast, Secure & Flexible."</i> | | |
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| Product | Parallels Desktop for Mac | Guest PC 1.9.6 [Eng, German, Spanish, French, Italian and Dutch] |
| Company | Parallels | Lismore Software Systems |
| Price | \$79.99, free 15 day trial available | \$69.99 Family License [40% Discount for Non-Profit, Ed & Gov] |
| Host OS | Mac OS X 10.4.6 or later NEW! Support for developer build Mac OS X 10.5 "Leopard" NEW! Full Support 64-bit Mac Pro Towers & 64-bit iMac | Mac OS X 10.3 and 10.4 |
| Guest System | Windows 3.1, 3.11, 95, 98, Me, NT, 2000, XP, 2003, Linux, FreeBSD, OS/2, eComStation, Solaris, MS-DOS, OPENSTEP RC2 update – Experimental Windows Vista support | Windows XP Home, Pro, 2000, Server, NT 4.0 Workstation, Me, 98, 98SE, 95, 3.1, DOS, Linux, Unix |
| Performance | Near-Native (Intel x86, Intel VT-x & AMD SVM) | Slower Than a Virtual PC (Only supports Power PC) |
| Optimization Tool | Parallels Compressor Free (\$49.99 value) Optimize performance & Hard Disk space Reduces virtual drive size by 50% or more. | None |
| Download Size | 23 MB | 4 MB |
| Partitioning | No hardware partitioning required [Virtualization*] | No Hardware Partitioning Required [Virtualization*] |
| 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 | 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 Support drag and drop between Windows & Mac |
| Hardware/Devices | USB 1.1, Mac hardware support, web camera, Windows Mobile 5, CD/DVD (read data disc & installations) Support will be added for 3D Accelerator, CD/DVD Optical Media (music CD's & DVD videos), USB 2.0, & multiple NIC's | USB, Printing, Mac Hardware Support, Video Drivers Support |
| Security | Parallels virtual machine uses shared networking blocking any file-infecting viruses from reaching your Windows operating system. There is no chance of infecting your Mac with a Windows virus through your email. | Disable File Sharing & Drag & Drop to prevent Malicious software from damaging your Mac files. |
| Networking | Networking & Internet access pre-configured | Need to configure/setup networking & Internet |
| Support | Email, Discussion Forums, Online Documentations & Per-Incident Phone (\$29.99) | Email Support |