

# Parallels Desktop for Mac

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Parallels Desktop is virtualization software that allows users to run Windows and Windows applications on their Mac computers.

Wharton Computing recommends students on a Mac who need access to a Windows environment do so via Virtual Lab service. The virtual lab provides access to the same applications found on our public computers, in a secure environment. Click [here](#) for details about our Virtual Labs service.

Please consult the below chart to decide which option best suits your needs.

	Parallels	Virtual Lab
<i>Free to use</i>	x	✓
<i>Install software</i>	✓	x
<i>Access to Dept. Applications</i>	x	✓
<i>Offline access</i>	✓	x
<i>Patched Automatically by Wharton Computing</i>	x	✓

## Windows on Parallels Desktop

A step-by-step guide for installing Windows on Parallels Desktop can be found [here](#).

## Questions?

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