

Parallels Desktop for Mac – Connecting and Adding Devices

This tutorial guides you through manually adding and connecting USB, floppy, CD, or devices within a Windows virtual machine in Parallels Desktop for Mac.

Getting Started

You will need access to the Parallels Desktop menu. See Figure 1.

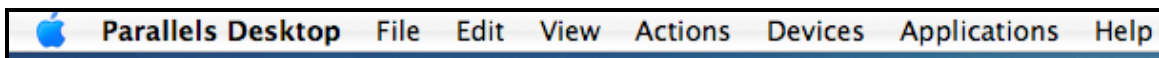


Figure 1

Manually Connecting a Device

1. Launch Parallels and start your Windows virtual machine.
2. Connect the device to the Mac. Mac OS X will be first to recognize the device and usually mount it to the Mac desktop.
3. Select the device from the **Devices** menu on the Parallels menu bar, and select either **Connect** or **Disconnect**. See Figure 2, which shows how to connect a Floppy drive.

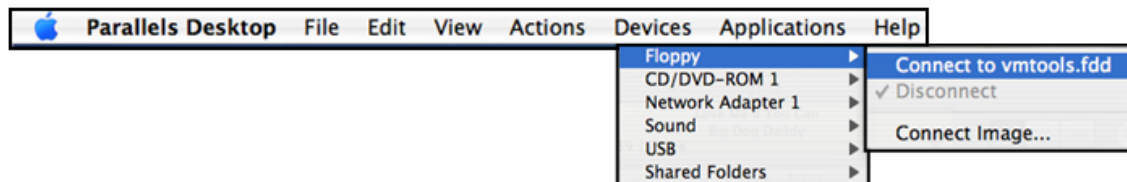


Figure 2

4. Windows can now use the device.

Note: Only *one* OS can use a device at a time. Follow the same steps to disconnect the device from the Windows virtual machine and give it back to Mac OS X.

Manually Adding a Device

Adding a device to a Windows virtual machine is much the same as adding it to a real Windows PC.

1. Connect the device to the Mac.
2. Select **Control Panel** from the Windows **Start** menu.
3. Double-click **Add or Remove Devices**.
4. Follow the manufacturer's recommended installation procedure.