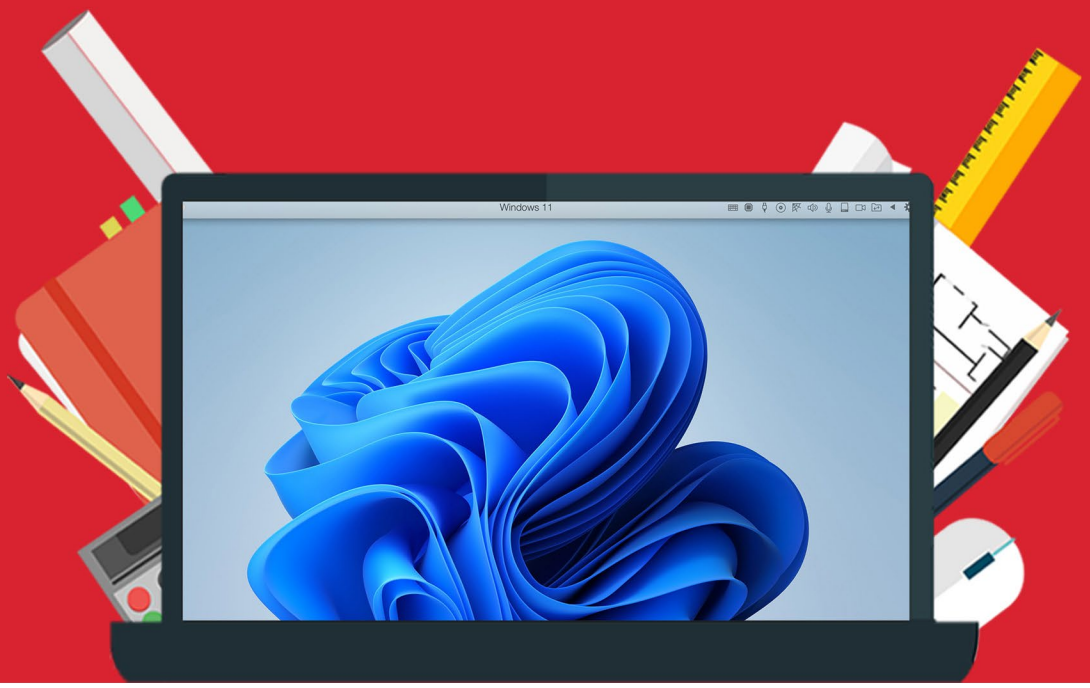
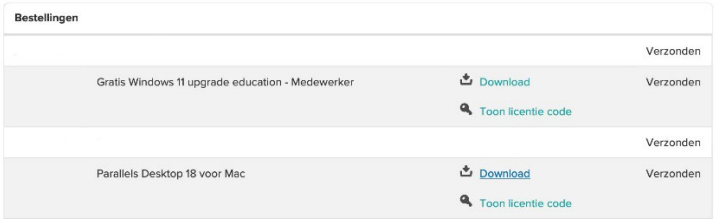
Installation manual



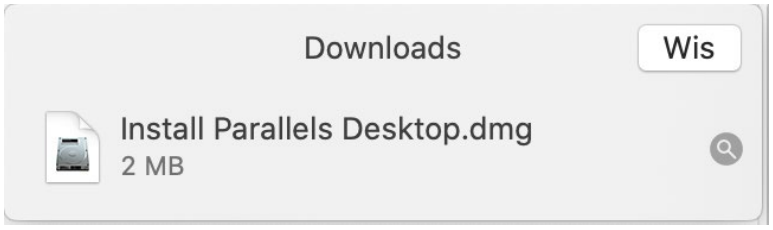
Parallels 18

For Mac

Step 1: Download your Parallels 18 order. You can find this in your account by going to “Orders”. You can also find your license code here. **Important:** In order to install Parallels 18 you also need a valid version of Windows 11. If you haven’t ordered a version of Windows 11 yet, you can do so here.

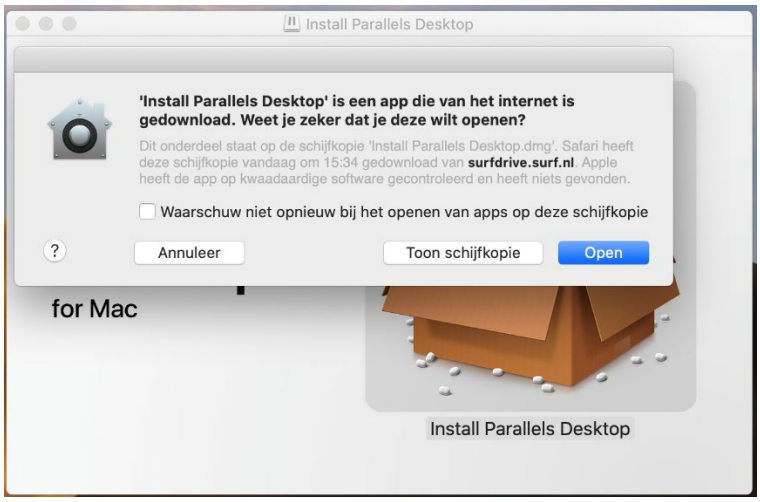


Step 2: Click on the download link and wait for the download to be completed.

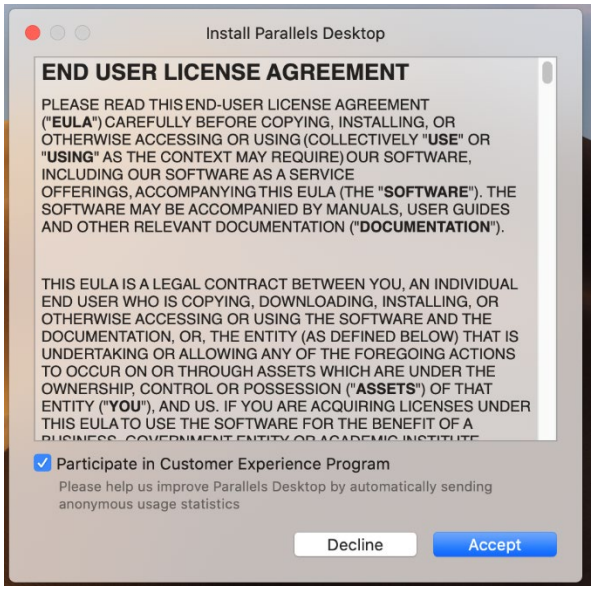


Step 3: Double click on the Parallels logo to start the installation.

Step 4: Apple will ask if you are sure you want to open this application. Click “Open”.



Step 5: Read the license agreement and choose if you want to participate in the “Customer Experience Program”. If you check this box, Parallels will be able to (anonymously) collect data about your Parallels usage. If you do not want to participate, then uncheck the box. Click “Accept”.



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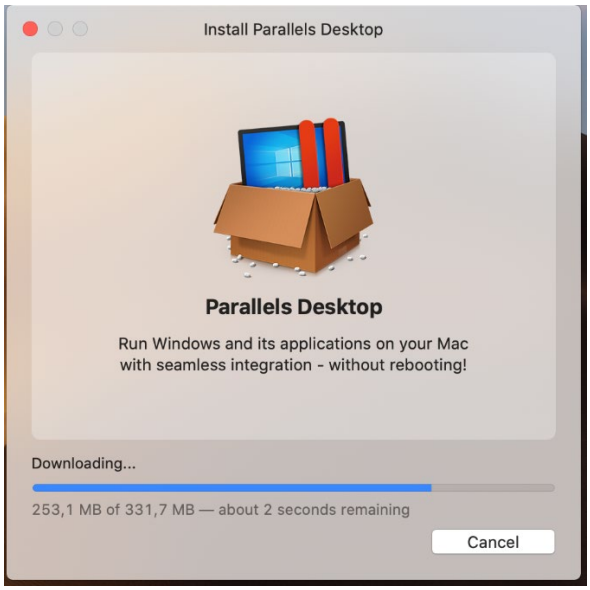
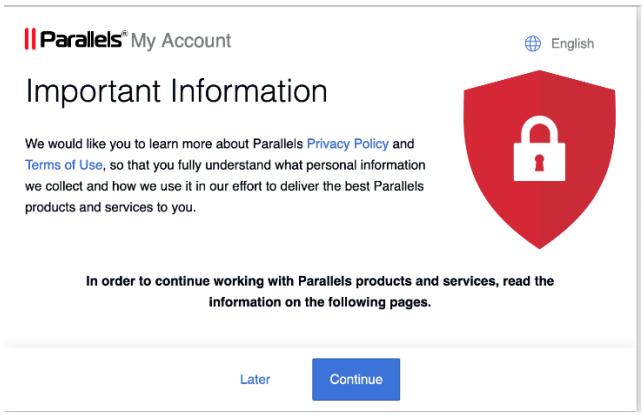
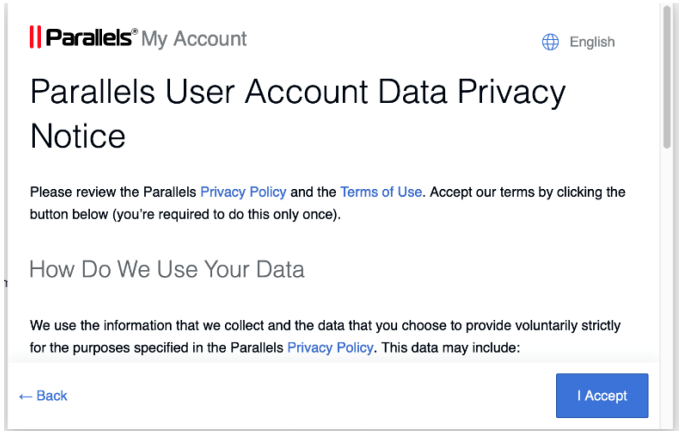


Step 7: Create a Parallels account and click on “Create account”.

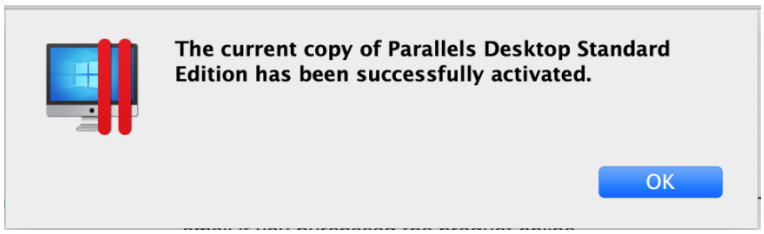
Step 8: Click “Continue” and accept the terms and conditions.





Step 9: Fill in the activation key and click “Activate”. You can find this in your account under “Orders”.

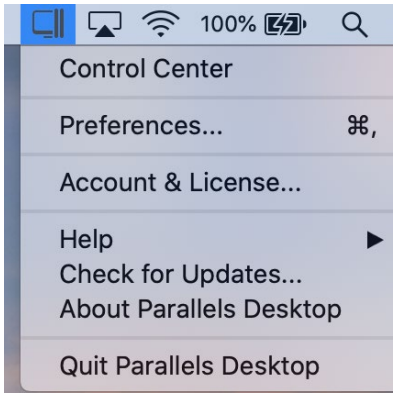
Step 10: You will now get a notification saying your license has been activated. Click “Ok”.



Step 11: The installation assistant will now open. Click “Install Windows”.

If the installation assistant does not appear, then you can follow the steps below. If the installation assistant does appear, then go to step 15.

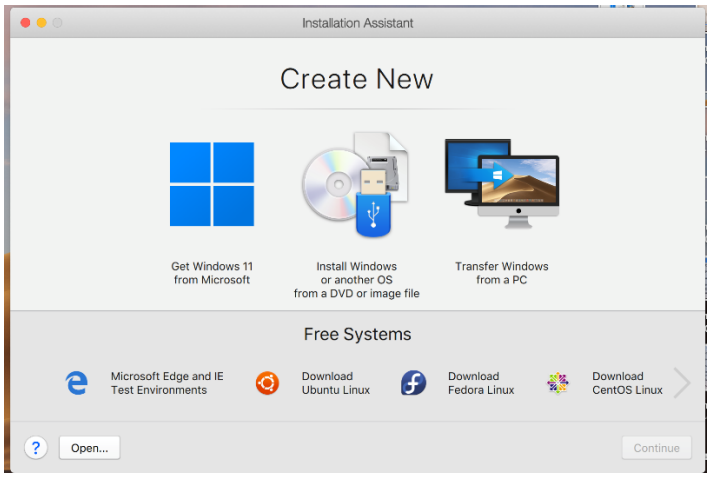
Step 12: Click on the Parallels icon in the menu bar at the top right and click on “Control Center”.



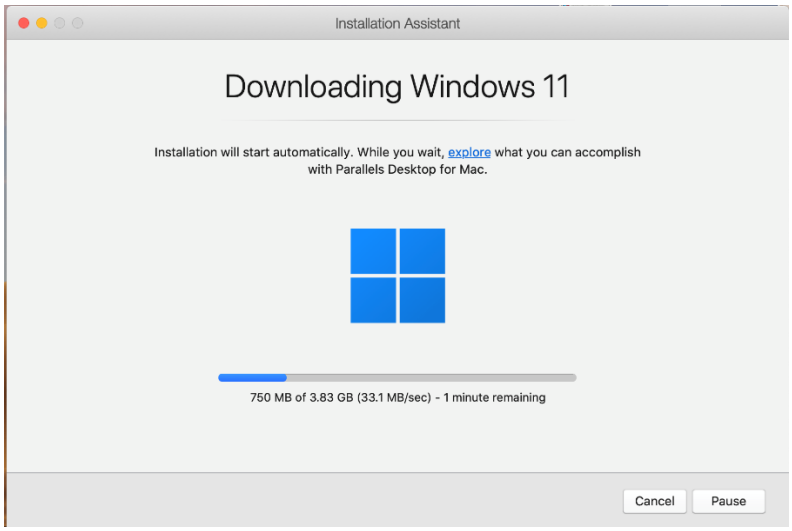
Step 13: Create a new virtual machine by clicking the plus sign.

Step 14: The installation assistant will now open. Click on “Install Windows”.

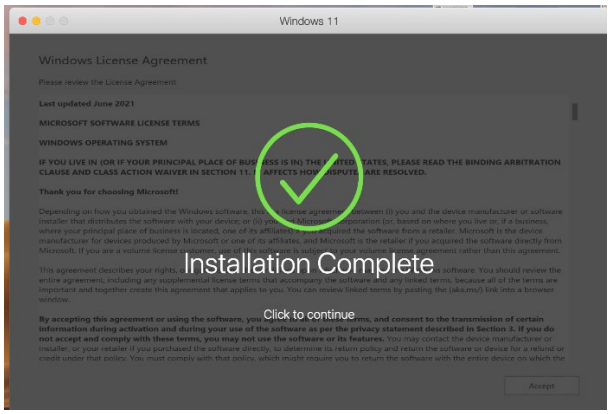
Step 15: Click on “Get Windows 11 from Microsoft” and then click “Continue”.



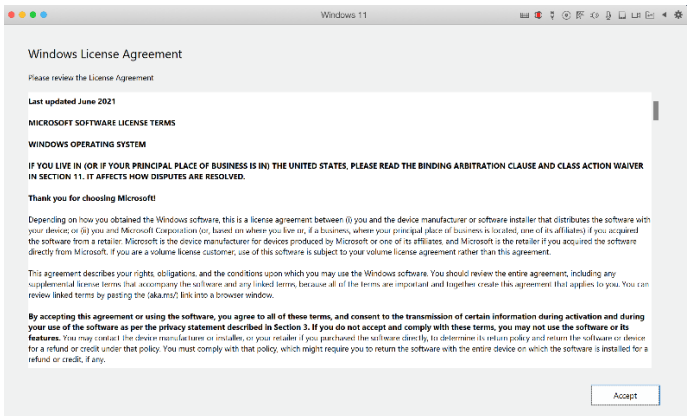
Step 16: Wait until Windows 11 has finished downloading. This may take a while.



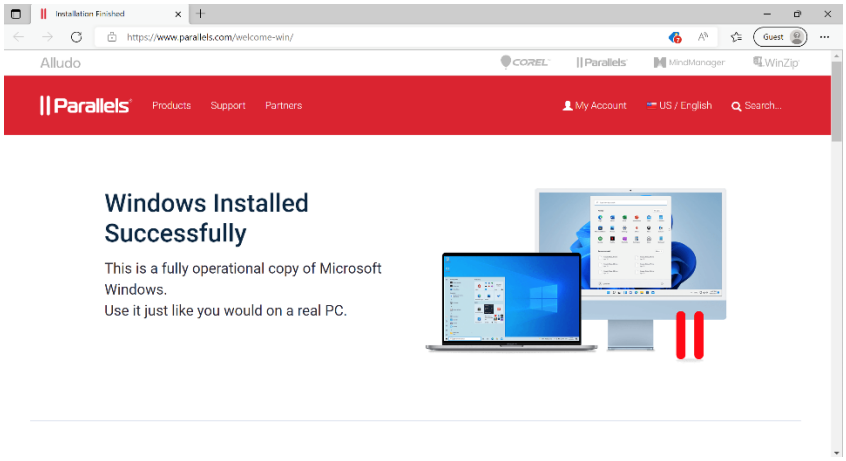
Step 17: You will now get a notification saying your installation is complete. Click “Continue”.



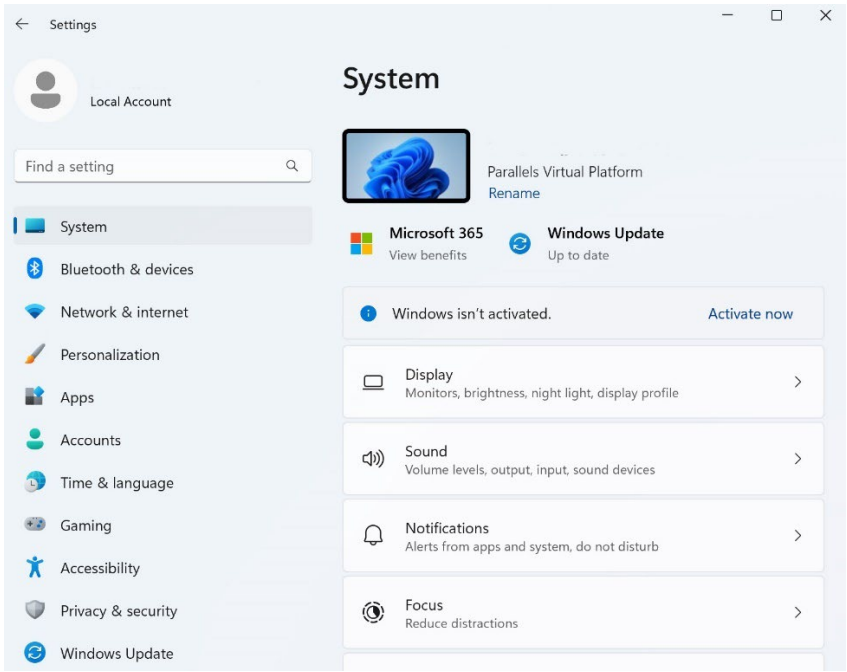
Step 18: Read the Windows terms and conditions and click “Accept”.



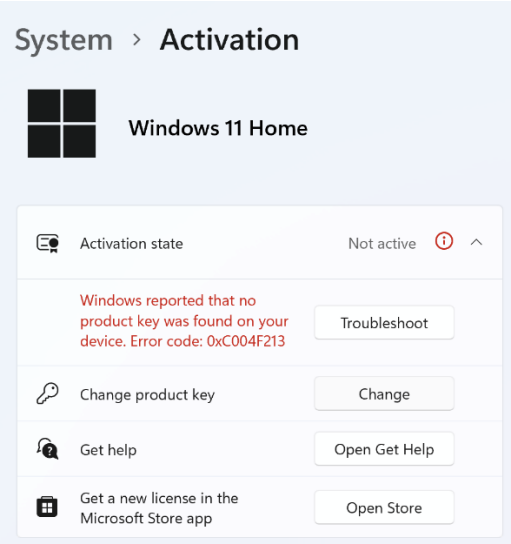
Step 19: You will now be directed to a web page that shows your installation has been completed successfully.

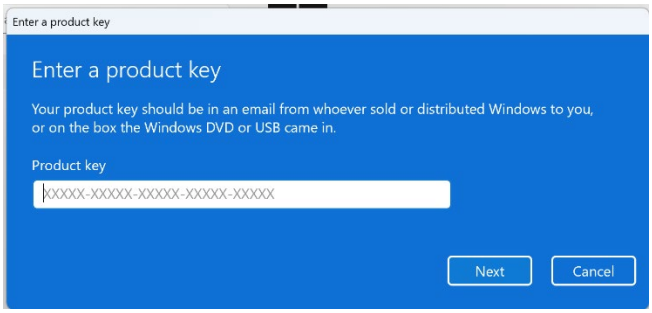


Step 20: You can activate your license by going to the Start-button. Go to Settings > System and click “Activate now” to fill in the license code.

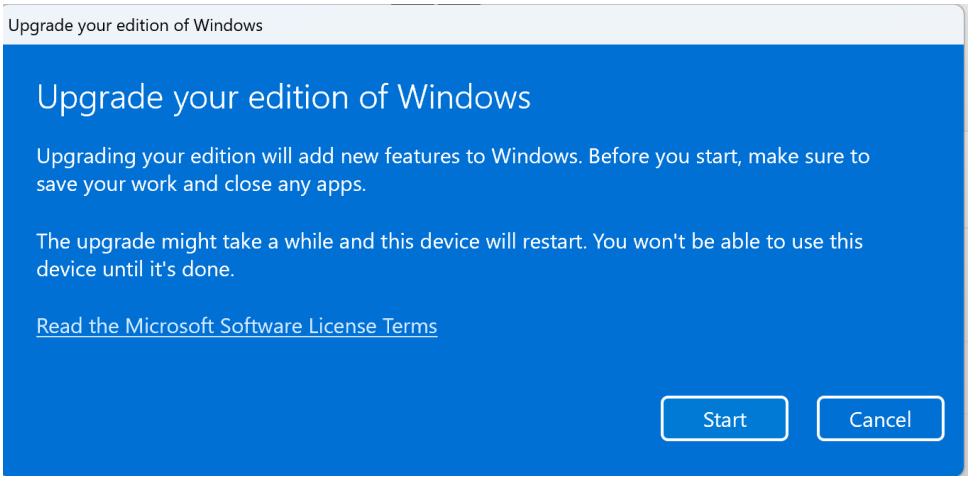


Step 21: Click on “Change product key”. You need a 25-digit code to activate the license. Fill in the license code you received with your Windows 11 order and click “Next”.

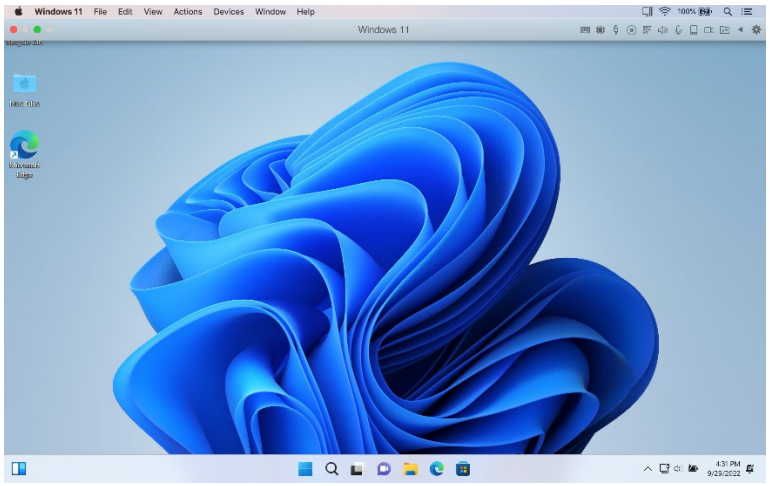


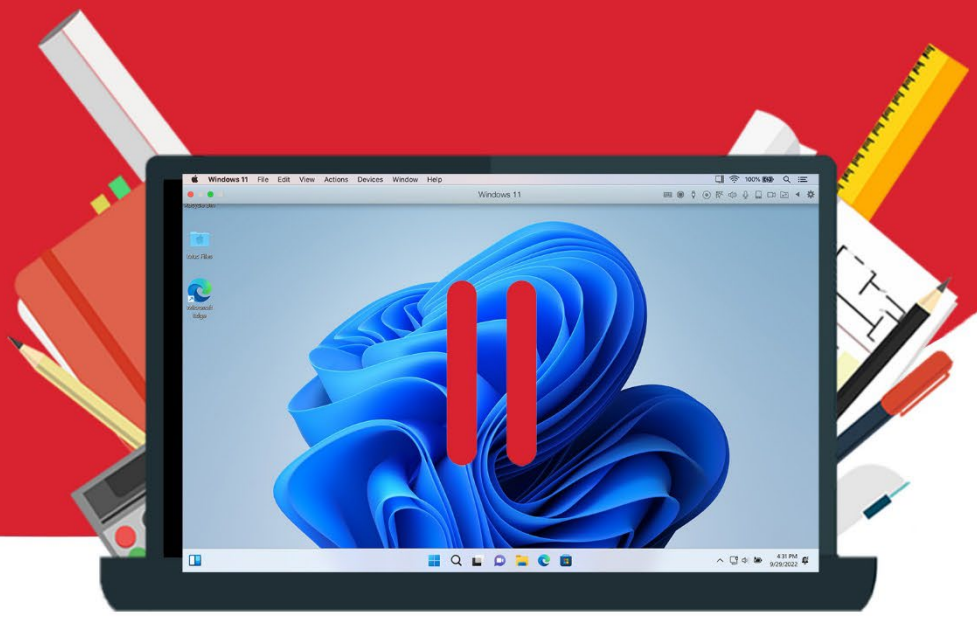


Step 22: Windows will now ask if you wish to upgrade your version of Windows. Click “Start”. Windows will now update, this may take a while.



Step 23: Your license has been activated, You can open the software by going to Programs and then searching for Parallels. You can also click the spotlight symbol (little looking class) in the menu bar and then search for Parallels.

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