

Parallels® Desktop for Mac

PDE v26.1 features overview

VM settings controlled by policy



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v26.1 Features list

- **Control VM settings by policies in Parallels Desktop Enterprise**

Centrally enforce and lock VM settings (network mode, USB, sharing, clipboard, encryption, etc.) before and after deployment so IT can meet security and compliance requirements without rebuilding images or relying on end users.

- **Manage existing VMs in deployment package**

Parallels now gives IT admins the power to manage VM conflicts right in the deployment package. If a VM already exists, choose to replace, copy, or skip it.

- **Support for SSO in Single App mode deployment**

Parallels Desktop now brings together Single Application Mode and Single Sign-On (SSO) authentication—unlocking a new level of simplicity and security for enterprise deployments.

- **Driverless Parallels Tools for Linux**

A major upgrade to Parallels Tools for Linux, designed to ensure future-proof compatibility with the latest Linux kernels. Parallels Tools now leverage Virtio-Sock technology, enabling smoother, more reliable integration with modern Linux distributions.

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Driverless Parallels Tools for Linux

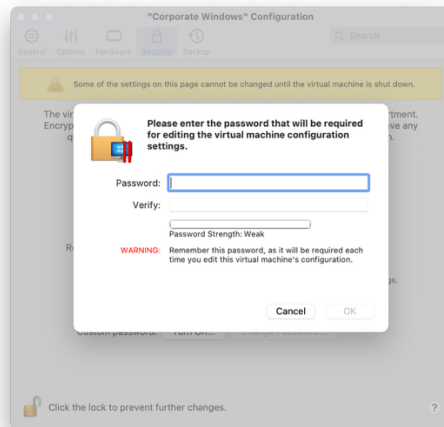
Product Area **Developer** **Engineering Foundation**

Goal  **Decrease technical churn**

Control VM Settings by policies

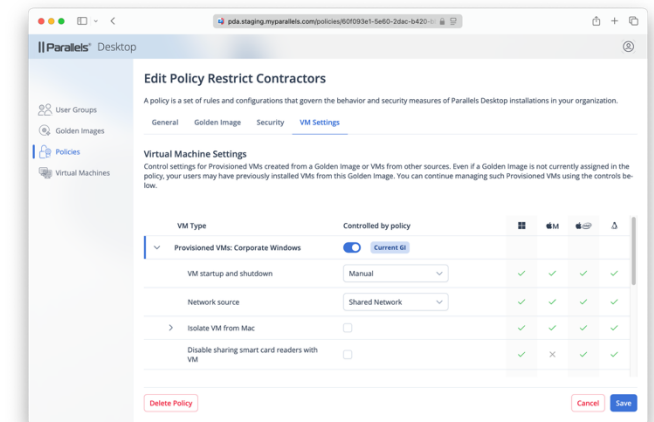
Before

- Golden Image with custom password on VM settings
- No possibility to adjust after the deployment
- No possibility to restrict VMs from other sources
- Inconsistency of settings across the company
- No visibility



Now

- Remote enforcement of VM settings via Policies
- Policies can be updated centrally and applied to all VMs (all types and sources)
- Consistent VM settings across all users and groups
- Granular control
- Simple User Experience



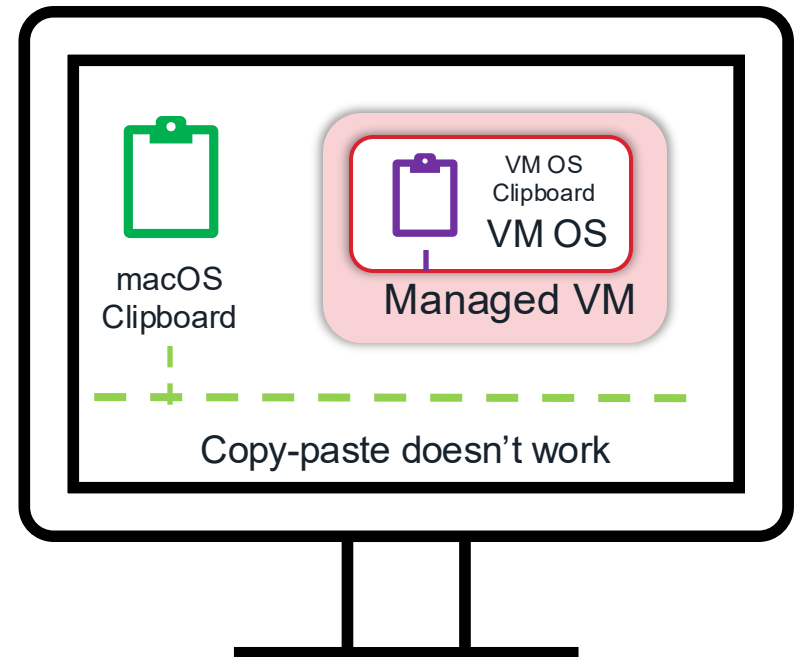
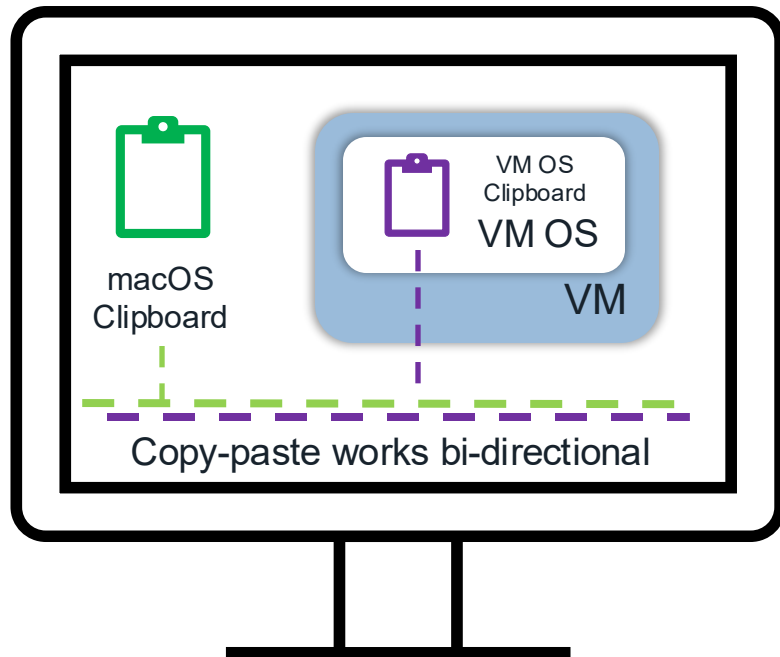
Impact

- Cuts IT overhead by eliminating re-imaging or manual fixes.
- Reduces compliance risk in regulated industries (finance, healthcare, government).
- Provides increased management at scale over VMs.
- Ensures consistency and security of VMs in the organization.

Use Case Example: Regulated Industries (Finance, Healthcare, Government)

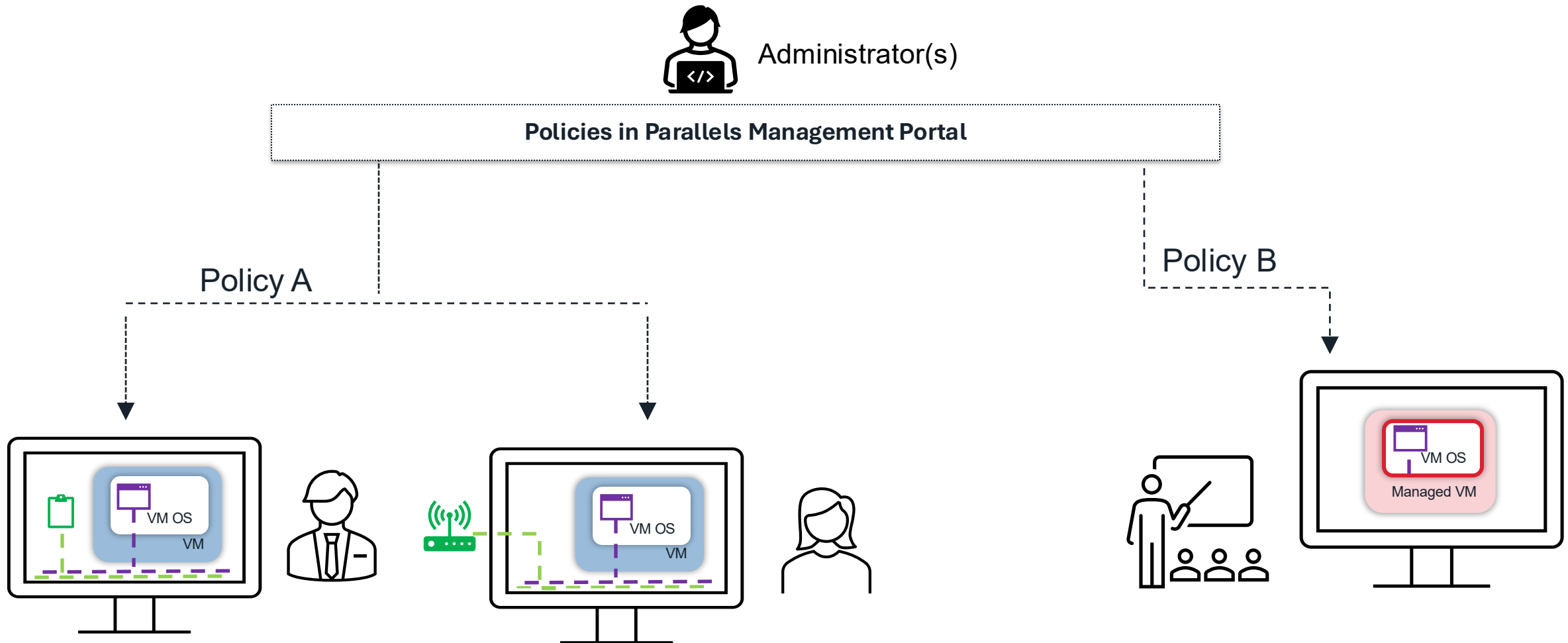
- **Problem:** End-users can freely change VM settings (Network, USB, Sharing)
- **Why it's a problem:** In regulated environments, even small deviations from security baselines can result in data leakage, audit failures, or regulatory penalties.
- **Solution:** Control the configuration by admin at all times.
- **Value:** Ensures every VM is compliant and audit-ready without requiring manual fixes or image rebuilds.

PD VM settings example (Clipboard)



Control VM settings remotely

Scalable and granular control, consistent and adjustable settings, simple admin experience.



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Enforce virtual network mode

Enforce limiting VMs to a specific network mode—such as Shared or Bridged—and prevent users from switching adapters.

Block VM access to external USB devices

Disable passthrough of USB drives, printers, smart card readers and other external devices into the VM

Control clipboard sharing

Control or block copy-paste operations to avoid sensitive data transfer. Options include full sync, one-way sync, or complete isolation.

Prevent access to Mac folders

Disable access to macOS folders from within the VM to protect sensitive files and reduce data leakage between host and guest systems.

Restrict configuration changes

Prevent end users from modifying critical VM settings outside of policy scope.

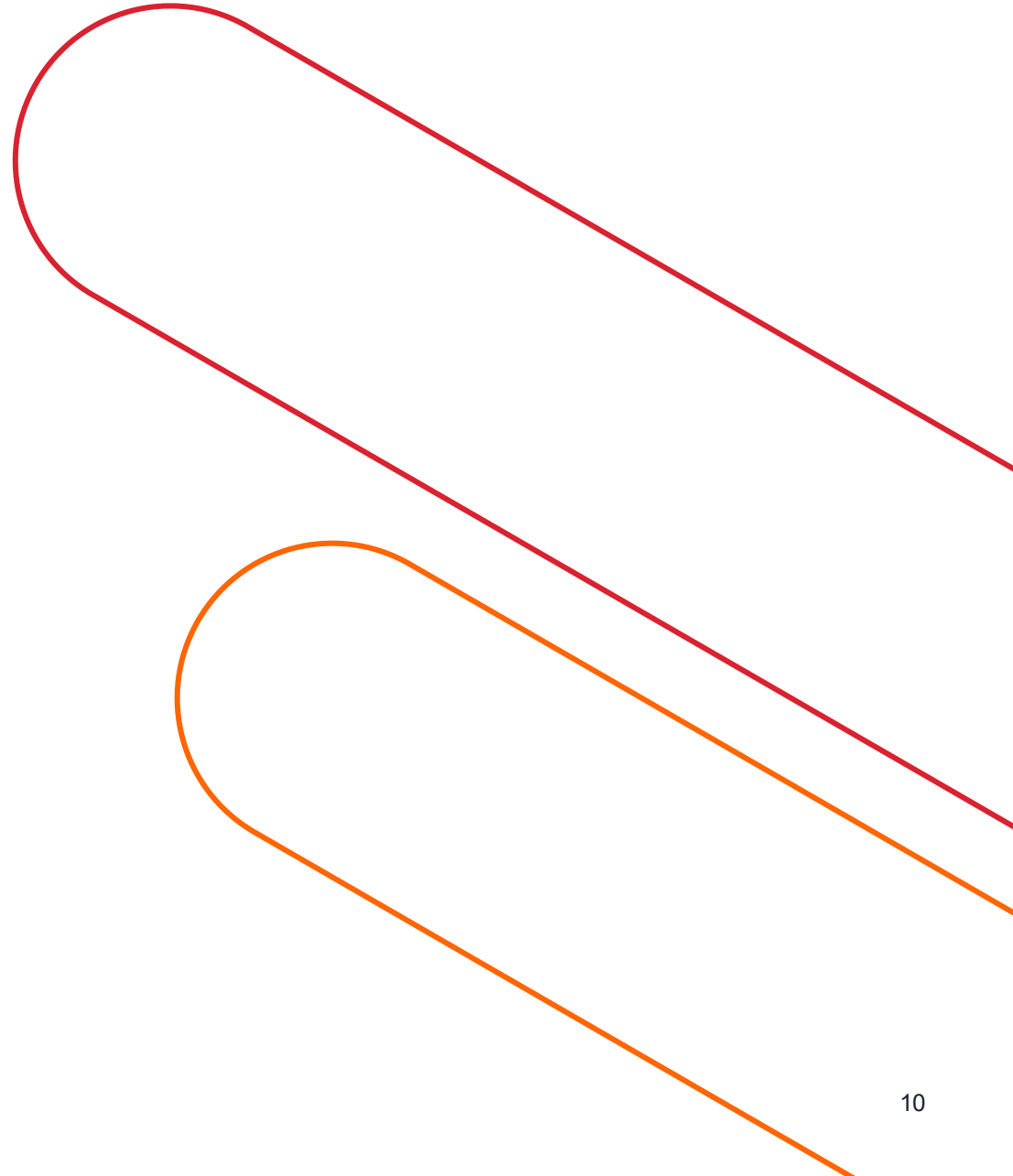
Enforce OS isolation

Run Windows fully isolated from macOS, preventing any sharing of files, devices and clipboard for maximum security and privacy.

Assign policies dynamically

Assign policies conditionally based on the VM source (corporate-provisioned or user-created) and the end user's group.

Demo



Customers/Partners requested this feature

Sates team: Contact them and inform about the release.

- Kakao Pay Insurance
- Twinstones
- LCT Holding UAB LLC
- Checkmyfile
- TAG Europe
- Zilo Technologies
- Worldwide Technology, Inc.
- Palantir
- pdsmemphis.org
- weil.com
- Adyen
- Softbank Robotics
- Autodesk
- Red Cup IT
- Bloomberg
- tamu.edu

Deep dives by PM team with customers

Oct-Dec 2025

Marketing team: Announcement

Sales team: Capture interest from customers to do deep dives on specific topic. For customers it is a chance to get more details about the features and share feedback to shape the future of PDE.

PM team: Conduct the deep dive calls

Our Goals:

- Validate adoption & usability: confirm smooth rollout, gather feedback, and identify any blockers for adoption.
- Collect use cases: Capture real-world stories and examples that can be used in marketing, sales enablement, or case studies.
- Uncover gaps: Learn what's missing, what needs refinement, or what unexpected limitations customers encounter.
- Show partnership: Demonstrate that feedback is valued and acted upon.

Helpful links

- Interactive Demo (will be published in Documentation):
<https://link.parallels.com/VM-settings-arcade-demo>
- PM team alias: pda-pm@alludo.com
- PDE public roadmap: <https://link.parallels.com/pde-roadmap-public>

Reminder: Invite Product Managers to the calls with prospect and existing PDB and PDE customers. We are eager to understand their use cases and collect more insights for future features.

Q&A

