

VMware Fusion Best Practices

For Use with Artsystems Software

Artsystems recommends running VMware Fusion 3 on any Macintosh computer with an Intel processor (1.66 GHz or greater). Mac OS X 10.5.8 or later required and Mac OS X 10.6.3 recommended. A minimum 1 GB of memory is required, however, 2 GB of memory or more is recommended.

Install VMware Fusion



Select an installation method.

1. If you are installing from a CD, insert it and skip to Step 5.
2. If you are installing from a download, first download VMware Fusion from the VMware Web site at <http://www.vmware.com/mac/>.
3. The VMware Fusion disk image has a full version and a light version. The full version has the VMware Tools suite of utilities for all supported operating systems, and the light version has VMware Tools for Windows and Mac OS X Server only, with additional VMware Tools downloadable on demand.
4. Click the download link, and save the application to your Mac. The VMware Fusion disk image is saved to your default download directory. For the full version, the filename is VMware-Fusion-x.x.x-xxxxxx.dmg, where x.x.x is the application version and xxxxxx is the build number for the download release. The light version filename is VMware-Fusion-x.x.x-xxxxxx-light.dmg.
5. Double-click VMware-Fusion-x.x.x-xxxxxx.dmg or VMware-Fusion-x.x.x-xxxxxx-light.dmg to mount it.
6. Double-click the Install VMware Fusion icon to start the Installation Assistant, and follow its instructions.
7. Enter your serial number.

If you do not have a serial number, click [Get Serial Number](#) to go to the VMware Web site, where you can purchase a VMware Fusion serial number.

Create a Windows Virtual Machine with Windows Easy Install

When you create a Windows virtual machine, you can use the VMware Fusion Windows Easy Install feature to automatically install Windows and VMware Tools in your virtual machine. VMware Fusion creates your virtual machine, selects the default Windows installation options, and installs VMware Tools, which loads the drivers required to optimize your virtual machine's performance. You can also have Windows Easy Install make your Mac home folder and other folders available to this virtual machine, so that you can share files between the virtual machine and your Mac. Alternatively, you can isolate your virtual machine from your Mac and other virtual machines.

Windows Easy Install is available for the following Windows operating systems:

- Windows7, Windows Vista, Windows XP, Windows 2000

If you are not using one of these Windows operating systems in your virtual machine, or you want to install the operating system manually, see the VMware Fusion Help for details on creating virtual machines.

To create a Windows virtual machine using Windows Easy Install

1. Insert your Windows CD/DVD into your optical drive.

You need a valid Windows product key. Windows CDs that were included with a previous physical computer might be locked to that machine and not work. Check with the PC manufacturer for more information.

2. Select File > New. The New Virtual Machine Assistant starts.
3. In the Introduction panel, ensure that Install this operating system is selected, and click Continue.
4. In the Windows Easy Install panel, enter your Display Name or Account Name, Password (optional), and Windows Product Key.

The entry in the Display Name field (Windows XP and earlier) appears in information boxes as the name your Windows software is registered to. It is not the Windows user name. The entry in the Password field is the password for the windows administrator account only. VMware does not provide the Windows Product Key. It is in the packaging for the Windows operating system CD/DVD.

5. In the Integration panel, indicate how the new virtual machine should handle basic file sharing.

More Seamless

- VMware Fusion shares your Mac's documents and applications with Windows. Files on your Mac that Windows supports open in Windows.

More Isolated

- VMware Fusion does not share your Mac's documents and applications with Windows.

6. In the Finish panel, click Finish.

VMware Fusion installs Windows. This process can take up to 45 minutes. After installing Windows, VMware Fusion installs VMware Tools and powers on the virtual machine.

NOTE You should disable screen savers that might be running on the host system before you install the guest operating system.

You may adjust the virtual machine setting by selecting Virtual Machine from the VMware top menu.



You may also adjust VMware by clicking the Settings icon.



If further assistance is needed, please contact Artsystems Support.

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