

## Using Windows from a Previous Version of Virtual PC with Virtual PC 7

Before you begin: You must own a version of Virtual PC that includes an OS. You should install and upgrade Virtual PC 7 to Virtual PC 7.0.2. The 7.0.2 upgrade is a free download available on Microsoft's website. See <http://www.mactopia.com> for more information.

### *Virtual PC 6.x*

If an OS is included, it will be listed below "Virtual PC for Mac". For example, if Windows XP is included with VPC, you will see "Includes Microsoft Windows XP Professional".

### *Microsoft Virtual PC 6.1*

1. Insert the Virtual PC 6.1 disc, disc 1 if your version has multiple discs.
2. Open the Virtual PC 6 cd-rom icon.
3. In the **Virtual PC 6** window, double-click to open the **Extras** folder.
4. Copy the **.zip** file from the **Extras** folder to the desktop. For example, if your version includes Windows XP Professional, copy the **Windows XP Professional.zip** file to the desktop.
5. Double-click the **.zip** file to extract it.
6. Move the unzipped file to the location you want to keep the new VM (Virtual Machine). Using the same example, after unzipping the **Windows XP Professional.zip** you will have a **Windows XP Professional.vhd** file. The **VHD** file is a **Virtual Hard Disk** and is where Windows XP is installed. **Note:** You should move this file to the permanent location where you want to keep it before you import it into Virtual PC 7. Moving this file after importing it will cause it to be removed from the Virtual PC 7 menu.
7. Start Virtual PC 7.0.1.
8. Click **New**.
9. **Select a Setup Method:** Select **Import from a previous version** and click **Begin**.
10. **Import a PC:** Browse to the location of the **.vhd** file and select it. Click **Import**.
11. You may receive a message reporting that the operating system may not be supported by this version of Virtual PC, this can happen if VPC 7 can't properly identify the version of Windows, and may occur with supported OSes like Windows XP and Windows 2000. Click **Continue**. If you do not receive this message, continue to step 12.
12. **Are you sure you want to convert "filename"?:** Click **Convert**.
13. Virtual PC will finish the conversion and launch Windows automatically.

You will need to finish the standard Windows installation, and update the VPC Additions to the ones included with Virtual PC 7. Since this assumes a new installation of Windows, you will need to enter the product key and for activate (Windows XP only).