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VirtualBox for Mac OS X - one virtual machine is running in seamless mode on Leopard
Sun Microsystems

[VirtualBox 2.0 Released, Supports 64-Bit OSES](#)

Sun Microsystems issues a major update to its virtualization solution

Sun Microsystems has announced a new version of [Sun xVM VirtualBox](#), the free (open source) desktop virtualization software, enabling Mac OS X users to run a multitude of OSES on their Intel-based machines, such as Linux, Windows, Solaris and OpenSolaris. Sun's xVM VirtualBox Software Enterprise Subscription has also been updated with a new offering for 24/7 premium support for enterprise users.

First off, as I'm sure you're pretty excited about the new Sun xVM VirtualBox 2.0, [HERE](#)'s a download link so you can grab the latest version (full release notes also available). While the download completes, read on for the details.

For those who aren't very familiar with Sun's desktop virtualization solution, xVM VirtualBox software lets users create "virtual machines" in which they can install their operating system of choice. The solution is similar to those advertised and sold by VMware ([VMware Fusion](#)), or Parallels ([Parallels Desktop](#)).

With the new Sun xVM VirtualBox Software Enterprise Subscription, enterprises will be able to deploy the xVM VirtualBox platform across their organizations with "guaranteed technical support from Sun," in what is a first for the company, as it is noted in an official Sun report.

"Sun xVM VirtualBox software continues to dominate the desktop virtualization space with over 6.5 million downloads to date and rave reviews from press and customers. Now with xVM VirtualBox 2.0 software and the new enterprise subscription, customers can confidently roll out xVM VirtualBox software across their business," said Steve Wilson, vice president, xVM, Sun Microsystems.

"Virtual desktops, such as those provided by the xVM VirtualBox software, are the future of business desktops because they are more flexible, manageable and secure than traditional PC architectures," added Wilson. "Enterprises will be thrilled with the xVM VirtualBox platform because it provides them an easier way to deliver a standard operating environment across their enterprises."

Most notably, xVM VirtualBox 2.0 now offers support for 64-bit versions of operating systems. The new version of Sun's VirtualBox also offers a new user interface for the Mac platform, improved networking for the Mac OS X and Solaris OS, as well as improved performance (especially on AMD chips).

Enterprise subscribers can purchase a Right-to-Use License, which allows them to deploy the xVM VirtualBox platform using their own software deployment tools. Subscriptions start at \$30 (USD) per user, per year (24/7 support and discounts based on volume are included).

Update: This article has been modified to correct statements regarding xVM VirtualBox' ability to support Mac OS guests, and VMware Fusion's ability to work under Windows. Thanks fsr.