

NextStep Parallels Installation on a Workstation

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Overview

Before beginning the process of installing an NSS Parallels instance on your workstation, you must have been provided credentials by NextStep Support. If your display scaling is set to something other than 100%, the NSS Parallels installer may not display properly and be difficult to view. Once the install is complete, Parallels and NSS will operate and display properly.

This article goes over how to:

- Install NextStep Parallels for Windows
- Install NextStep Parallels for Mac

Install NextStep Parallels for Windows

1. Download the NextStep Parallels Installer: <https://ras.nsdesktop.com/userportal/download>

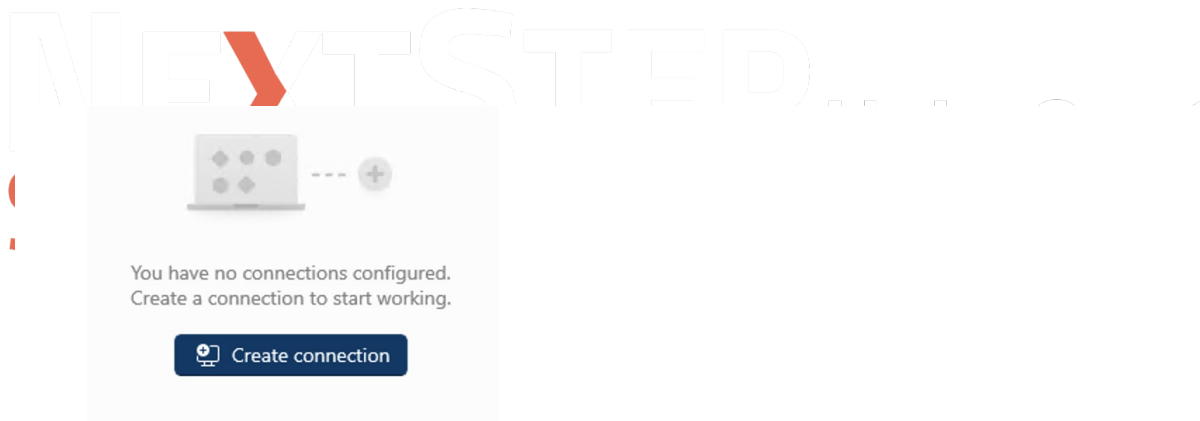
The screenshot shows the 'Download Parallels Client' page on the NSCloud portal. The page has a blue header with the 'NEXTSTEP SOLUTIONS' logo and 'NSCloud' text. The main content area is white and contains the following elements:

- Download Parallels Client**: A heading followed by the instruction 'Download, install and configure the Parallels Client on your computer for better performance.'
- Supported operating systems**: A link to view supported systems.
- Installation process**: A diagram showing two steps:
 - Download Parallels Client for Mac**: Features a 'Parallels Client Business' icon and a 'GET' button. Below it is a 'Download' button.
 - Configure Parallels client after installation**: Features a screenshot of the 'Connections' window with a '+ New Connection...' button. Below it is a 'Configure' button.
- Manual configuration settings**: A section titled 'To manually configure connection to the Parallels RAS server, use the following settings:' with the following details:
 - Server: `ras.nsdesktop.com`
 - Port: `443`
 - Connection Mode: `Gateway SSL Mode`

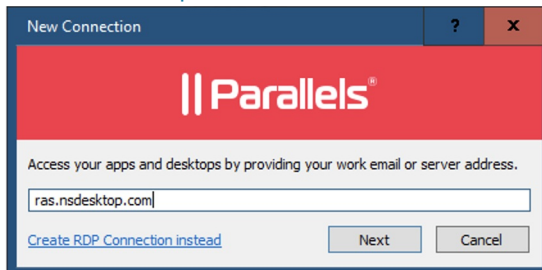
The footer of the page includes links for 'Powered by Office Practicum', 'Next Step Help Center', and 'ConnectWise'.

2. Run the installer. You may be required to enter your computer's Admin login and password to continue.
3. Launch Parallels (this will be the last step of the installer)
4. Create a connection

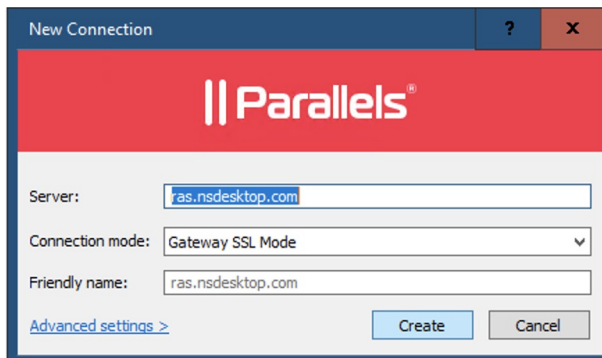




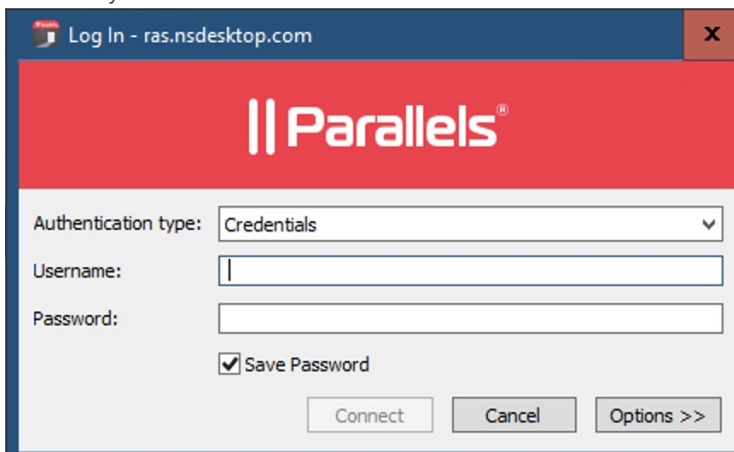
5. Enter ras.nsdesktop.com as the server address.



6. Click **Create**



7. Enter the login information provided by NextStep and click **Connect**. The login name is typically your agency name followed by a number.



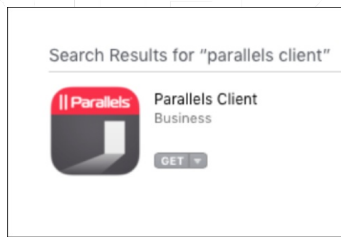
8. The Parallels client will list any applications your login may access, e.g. Billing. Double click the application to run it.

Install NextStep Parallels for Mac

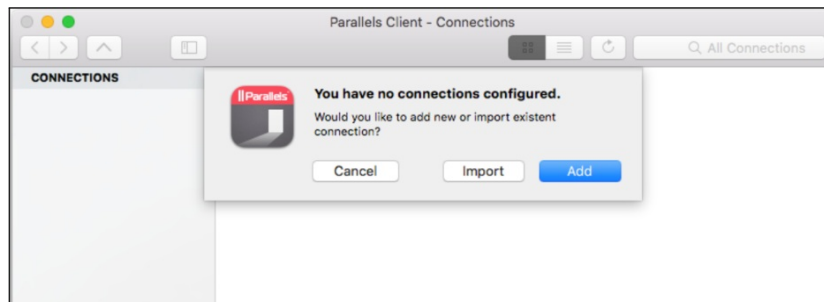
1. Download the app Parallels Client from the App Store. It is a free application and can be found by opening the **App Store** and typing **Parallels Client** into the search engine.



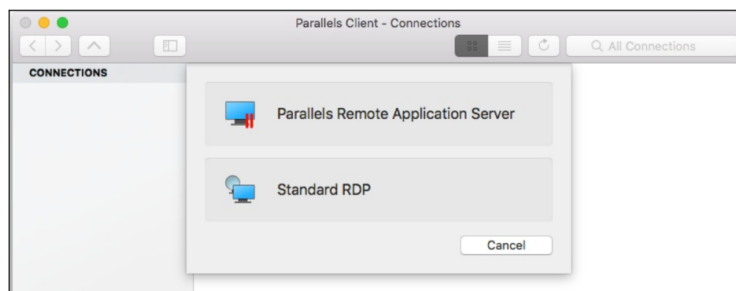
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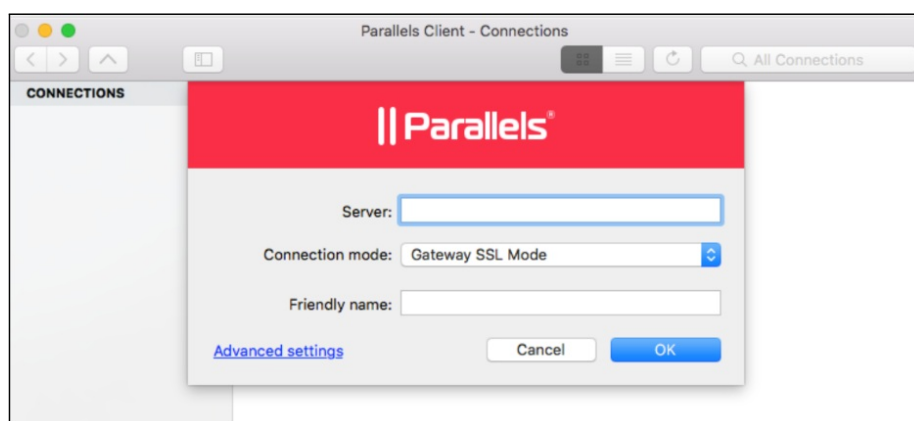
2. Open the **Parallels Client** application.
3. The Parallels Client will display a message informing that you have no connections configured. Click **Add** to configure a new connection.



4. Select the option for **Parallels Remote Application Server**.



5. Click **Advanced Settings** at the bottom of the window.

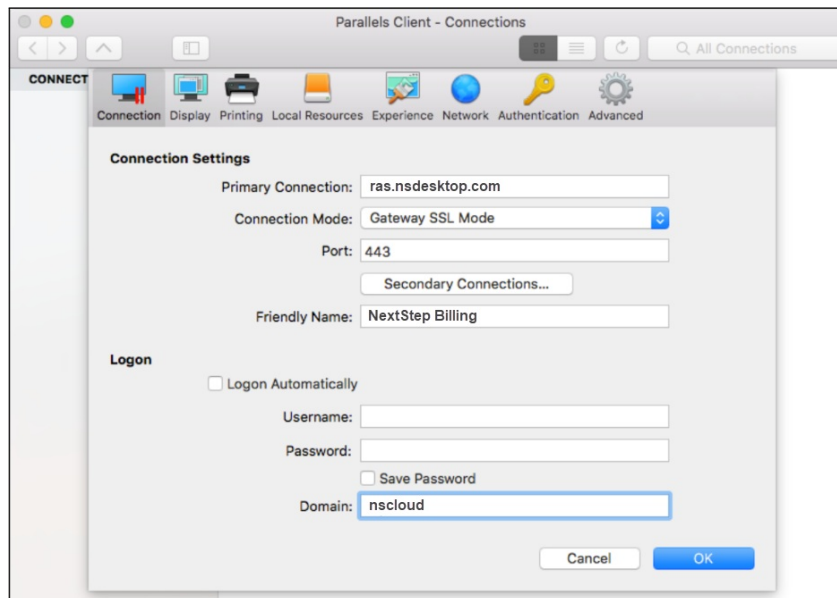


6. On the **Connection** tab, fill in the required fields with the following information:
 - **Primary Connection:** ras.nsdesktop.com
 - **Mode:** Gateway SSL Mode
 - **Port:** 443
 - **Friendly Name:** NextStep Billing and/or NextStep Scheduling
 - **Logon Automatically:** Deselect the checkbox.
 - **Username and Password:** These are supplied by NextStep Support or your Administration team.



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- **Save Password:** Select the checkbox
- **Domain:** nscloud



7. Click the **OK** button once the information is entered.
8. The icon is displayed with the friendly name you entered above. **Double-click** the icon to authenticate and gain access to your NextStep instance.
9. Please confirm that this works for your connections, and please provide any feedback that you have for these instructions.

