

Running GW ALERT on a Mac

GW ALERT only runs on the Microsoft Windows operating system. However, if you're using an Intel-based Mac running OS X, or an older PowerPC-based Mac running either OS 9 or OS X, you can still run GW ALERT by installing additional software.

For Intel-based Macs

Parallels Desktop and *VMWare Fusion* both let you run Windows on your Mac. You'll only have to pick one of them because you don't need both. Their retail prices and feature set are similar, and both of them also require you to purchase a copy of Windows.

For PowerPC-based Macs

Microsoft *Virtual PC for Mac* will let you run Windows on your older Mac computer, but it will not run as fast as an Intel-based Mac. The right version to run depends on whether you're running OS 9 or OS X, and you have to make certain your hardware is supported. You can learn more about Virtual PC for Mac at <http://www.microsoft.com/mac/products/virtualpc/highlights.aspx>, and more about the system requirements at <http://www.microsoft.com/mac/howtobuy.aspx?pid=sysreq#vpc>. Like with *Parallels Desktop* and *VMWare Fusion*, you will also have to purchase a copy of Windows.

Conclusion

Once you've installed *Parallels Desktop*, *VMWare Fusion*, or *Virtual PC for Mac*, follow their instructions to get Windows running. After that, you can follow the regular Windows instructions to install GW ALERT.