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Import an Open Virtualization Format Virtual Machine

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You can import an Open Virtualization Format (OVF) virtual machine and run it in Workstation Pro. Workstation Pro converts the virtual machine from OVF format to VMware runtime (.vmx) format. You can import both .ovf and .ova files.

OVF is a platform-independent, efficient, extensible, and open packaging and distribution format for virtual machines. For example, you can import OVF virtual machines exported from VMware Fusion™ or Oracle VM VirtualBox into Workstation Pro. You can import OVF 1.x files only.

You can also use the standalone OVF Tool to convert an OVF virtual machine to VMware runtime format. The standalone version of the OVF Tool is installed in the Workstation Pro installation directory under `OVFTool1`. See the *OVF Tool User Guide* on the VMware Web site for information on using the OVF Tool.

- Procedure
1. In Workstation Pro, select **File > (and then) Open**.

2. Browse to the .ovf or .ova file and click **Open**.

3. Type a name for the virtual machine, type or browse to the directory for the virtual machine files, and click **Import**.
- Workstation Pro performs OVF specification conformance and virtual hardware compliance checks. A status bar indicates the progress of the import process.
4. If the import fails, click **Retry** to try again, or click **Cancel** to cancel the import.

If you retry the import, Workstation Pro relaxes the OVF specification conformance and virtual hardware compliance checks and you might not be able to use the virtual machine in Workstation Pro.

Results

After Workstation Pro successfully imports the OVF virtual machine, the virtual machine appears in the virtual machine library.

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