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F9-F12 function keys do not work as expected in Virtual Machines

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Symptoms

F9 - F12 keys in Virtual Machines are working the way they usually work in Mac OS X:

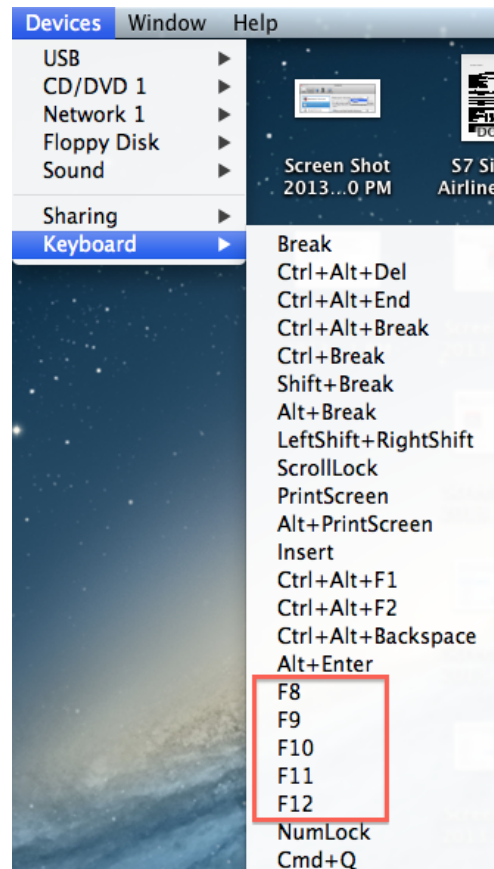
- F9 - 'Mission Control'
- F10 - 'Application windows'
- F11 - 'Desktop'
- F12 - 'Dashboard'

Resolution

On OS X 10.9 Mavericks please make sure [Accessibility](#) is turned on for Parallels Desktop

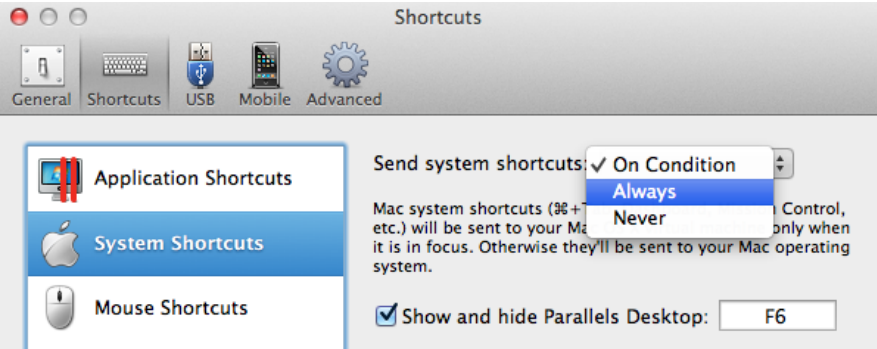
1. Using Virtual machines menus:

a. Go to Devices ► Keyboard ► F8-12



2. Using Parallels Desktop 8 Preferences:

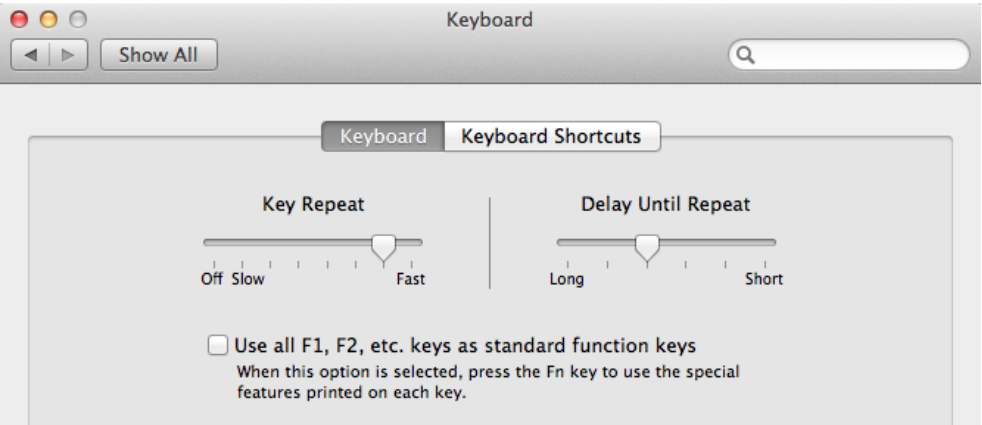
- a. Go to Parallels Desktop menu ► Preferences ► Shortcuts ► System shortcuts
- b. Switch Send System shortcuts to Always



3. Using OS X Preferences:

- a. Open System Preferences ► Keyboard ► Keyboard Shortcuts
- b. Change shortcuts so that F8-F12 are left unused by OS X

You may also need to check System Preferences ► Keyboard ► Keyboard ► Use all F1 , F2 etc keys as standard function keys





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