
Subject: VM Ware Fusion - anyone use it?
Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 20:47:59 GMT
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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 22:39:59 GMT
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Thu, 22 May 2008 23:01:12 GMT
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Jeff Hoover <jkhoover@excite.com> wrote:

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I would not run PC audio apps inside Fusion. Any audio I do will be Mac based only so it shouldn't be an issue.

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 01:08:40 GMT
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Again, I haven't used this particular product at all, so I can't say for sure. I like Virtualbox, because it's free (as in both speech and beer, though Sun bought it and they're still getting their heads around free as in speech, but they're getting closer I think), it works, it has a very small footprint and it likes Debian. My guess is, and again, I can't say this for sure, at

the desktop level the advantage of VMWare's commercial product will be integrating with the host OS. The clipboard will work better, that kind of thing. That's not a huge deal to me, but might be for you.

As an example, I'm writing this email from my DJ/Live performance laptop. It sits in my TV room so I can play with stuff during the NBA finals. I've been doing a LOT of database coding at work lately, and my preferred dev tools are PostgreSQL and SQL Explorer in Eclipse. Well, I don't want a bunch of java shit and development tools running in the background and hogging memory when I'm making music. So, at the cost of a few GB of disk space I can have Debian, Postgres, and Eclipse all cheerfully running _when I want them to_ on my music laptop. For me Virtualbox does all of that swimmingly, but I don't need to copy and paste Autocad output into Photoshop on the host OS. You might.

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Sat, 24 May 2008 17:15:41 GMT
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Posted by [DC](#) on Sun, 25 May 2008 03:18:06 GMT
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So, I could have the Mac access the net, but not the PC VM?

That would be cool indeed.

I would need to access it now and then for app and OS updates, but if I could never use a browser or mail app in XP land I would be very happy.

Am I on the right track?

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