

# Move Virtual Machines Document ...

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What are the steps in moving the "Virtual Machines" document to some other folder and still be able to start Fusion.

Thanks in advance.

Alan



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Apr 22, 2004 **1. Re: Move Virtual Machines Document** Jun 14, 2009 5:58 AM

"Virtual Machines" is a document in my Documents Folder.

No, the object named "Virtual Machines" in the "Documents" folder is a folder not a document.

When I move my mouse cursor to the triangle, "Windows XP Home Edition" appears.

This statement implies that you are just hovering the mouse over the triangle however in Finder, regardless of the view, one must actually click the triangle to expose the contents of the folder.

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Fusion can be started regardless of where one might choose to store the Virtual Machine's one has and it does not need to be in the default location of "~/Documents/Virtual Machines" and all objects exposed in Finder whether they be folders, files, packages or bundles are moved the same way and the primary consideration its that these objects be moves while not in use and in the case of a Virtual Machine Package it's best to have the Virtual Machine shutdown, not suspended and Fusion closed before copying/moving and this copying/moving is done just the exact same way one would be copying/moving any other object in Finder. *(This really isn't a Fusion issue more so it's an OS X User File Management Issue.)*

*Hint: Finder (menu bar) > Help > Search > type moving folders then click Show All Results*



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Nov 3, 2008 **2. Re: Move Virtual Machines Document** Jun 14, 2009 7:43 AM

 in response to: [WoodyZ](#) Thanks for replying Woody.

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Apr 22, 2004 **3. Re: Move Virtual Machines Document** Jun 14, 2009 9:52 AM

 in response to: [alan3](#) alan3 wrote:

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Thanks for replying Woody.

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When I move to the download folder Fusion won't start. I get a file not found message.

There is a difference between VMware Fusion (*the Application*) starting and a Virtual Machine starting as they are two separate things and it makes no difference where a Virtual Machine might be stored it has no bearing on VMware Fusion itself starting.

Now if you move a Virtual Machine that is listed in the Virtual Machine Library in Fusion 2.x then you need to rectify the fact that you moved it and that is done simply by deleting the entry (*ctrl-click it*) for the moved Virtual Machine on the Virtual Machine Library and then starting the Virtual Machine from its new location just as you would any other document of any other application via the File > Open command or you can drag and drop it on to the Virtual Machine Library from its new location in Finder or just execute it (double-click it) in Finder and it opens in the associated application and in this case it would be VMware Fusion.



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Nov 3, 2008 4. **Re: Move Virtual Machines Document** Jun 14, 2009 2:43 PM

in response to: [WoodyZ](#) Woody, thanks again for trying but I can't follow it. Among other things I can't find the Virtual Machine Library.

The reason for my wanting to move the folder out of my documents folder is that I have an online backup that gives me only 2GB of storage.

Thanks again for the help last Sunday.

Alan



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Apr 22, 2004 5. **Re: Move Virtual Machines Document** Jun 14, 2009 6:08 PM

in response to: [alan3](#) alan3 wrote: Woody, thanks again for trying but I can't follow it.

You need to try and be a bit more specific about what you do not follow (*if possible*). 😊

Among other things I can't find the Virtual Machine Library.

VMware Fusion (menu bar) > Window > Virtual Machine Library

VMware Fusion (menu bar) > Help > VMware Fusion Help > Navigating VMware Fusion > Using the Virtual Machine Library Window

The reason for my wanting to move the folder out of my documents folder is that I have an online backup that gives me only 2GB of storage.

That's a good reason however I'd just move the Virtual Machines Folder to the root of your Home Folder not the Downloads Folder.

Thanks again for the help last Sunday.


No problem and I thought that was you however sometimes I forget who I did a remote desktop with as I do it on a regular basis and I just lose track. Anyway I just tried calling you and got your voice mail.



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Nov 3, 2008 6. **Re: Move Virtual Machines Document** Jun 15, 2009 2:23 PM

 in response to: [WoodyZ](#) Woody

I tried again, and can't do it.


I'm available all evening.

Alan



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Nov 3, 2008 7. **Re: Move Virtual Machines Document** Jun 17, 2009 2:33 PM

 in response to: [WoodyZ](#) Woody I still can't figure it out.

Alan