

# Problems with parallel port ...

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2.0.2 build-59824 WindowsXP

I have problems using a scanner from the virtual machine. I enabled the parallel port and it says "the port is being used."

Can i use a parallel port scanner with vmware?

```
parallel0.present = "TRUE"
```

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parallel0.fileName = "Auto Detect"
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parallel0.autodetect = "TRUE"
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```
parallel0.bidirectional = "TRUE"
```

Thanks all.

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Jan 11, 2005 **1. Re: Problems with parallel port** Jun 17, 2009 7:12 AM

Yes, you CAN use it. But only one OS may own/use it at a time. Either the host or the guest, not both. Is there a process/software running on the host which is communicating with the scanner?



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Jun 17, 2009 **2. Re: Problems with parallel port** Jun 17, 2009 7:31 AM

 in response to: [RDPetruska](#) I think not

I tried to reboot my computer and directly open the virtual machine but I'm still having the same problem.

Now, i need to deactivate parallel from 'guest OS' if i want to use it on 'HOST'. So i think i need to deactivate it on HOST to use it on Guest, ¿right? But i dont know how.