

Using Minitab on Macintosh Computers

Minitab only runs on computers with the *Windows* operating system. If you have a Mac, you can either:

- Use *Minitab* in the campus computer labs or
- Find a way to run *Windows* on your Mac.

To run *Windows* on your Mac, there are two options to explore:

- Purchase *Parallels Desktop 4.0 for Mac* for \$80.
Go to <http://www.parallels.com/>
Under Virtualization Products, click *Parallel Desktop 4.0 for Mac*.
(Since you are already a Mac user, don't buy the "Switcher" edition for \$100.)
- Go to <http://download.virtualbox.org/virtualbox/2.1.4/VirtualBox-2.1.4-42893-OSX.dmg> to download *VirtualBox* for the Mac for free. This is just not quite as slick and when you try to install *Windows*, to accept the license agreement, you need to press F8 and Fn together. (It takes a bit more direction rather than just accepting defaults to install.)

Once you have installed one of these PC Emulators, you should then be able to install *Windows* on your Macintosh. Students can buy *Windows* for \$79 at El Corral.

Once *Windows* is installed, follow the directions for installing *Minitab* on your PC but I believe in Step 3 you will only have the Save option and in Step 5, after you have downloaded the file, you will need to add the ".exe" extension to the file name. Then double clicking on the file should run the install. You will still have to deal with the license file, but you find this directly on the Desktop after the install.