

Microsoft Power BI Installation Guide (MacOS)

Installing Power BI

Since Microsoft Power BI cannot run natively on MacOS, and with no proposed release date for such, the only ways for running Microsoft Power BI on a MacOS machine are running the software on a Virtual Windows Machine and using the Online version.

Power BI on Virtual Windows Machine

While several options for setting up a Virtual Windows Machine on a MacOS exists, the VirtualBox option is recommended because of its ease-of-use. See procedure below:

- a. Browse to <https://www.virtualbox.org/>
- b. Select **Download VirtualBox X.X.**
- c. Select **OS X hosts** under *VirtualBox X.X.X platform packages*.
- d. Browse to the download location on your computer and launch the installer.
- e. Follow all on-screen directions to complete the installation.
- f. At the end of the install, you may receive an error stating the installation failed. If so:
 - From the *Apple menu*, select **System Preferences**.
 - Open the **Security & Privacy** control panel.
 - Select the lock icon in the bottom left to unlock the control panel with your macOS password.
 - Select **Allow** next to the VirtualBox install message.
 - Close *System Preferences*.
- g. Once VirtualBox is installed, follow the directions in section 1.7 of the Oracle VM VirtualBox User Manual to set up the VM.

Power BI Online

Use Power BI Online by signing on to The George Washington University's MyApps portal using your GW credentials. Here's the link: <https://myapps.microsoft.com/>

Note:

If all steps have been followed, Microsoft Power BI should run fine on your machine (or on cloud). If, however, troubleshooting and support is required, please contact that Data Science Helpdesk to resolve¹.

Click [HERE](#) to schedule a meeting with the Helpdesk!

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