## DOORKING SOFTWARE COMPATIBILITY WITH MAC COMPUTERS

### Introduction

The Apple Mac series of computers is an increasingly popular alternative to traditional MS-Windows PCs. Unfortunately, the Mac and Windows operating systems are not inherently compatible, which means that applications written for Windows can't run natively on the Mac (and vice versa). Therefore, the DoorKing Account Manager application, which is written for Windows, cannot immediately be run on a plain-vanilla Mac machine.

Virtualization software can resolve this problem. In this context, virtualization is a technique that enables an operating system to run applications written for another operating system, so Windows applications can run on Mac machines (and vice-versa). Specifically, this allows you to run the DoorKing Account Manager software, a native Windows application, on a computer running Mac OS.

There are 2 basic options for running Windows based software on a Mac:

- ✓ **BOOTCAMP:** This comes standard with many Mac computers. This program allows you to start up the Mac in a PC mode. Once the computer is started, it is essentially running as a Windows based PC. The downside to this is that you cannot be running Mac programs at the same time. You must shut down the PC and restart the computer in Mac mode.

- ✓ **VIRTUAL PC :** This is an application allowing you to create and run a Virtual Windows PC as a screen within the Mac Computer. This allows you to continue running any Mac applications that you may desire, plus run Windows based software, such as the DoorKing Remote Account Manager, or DoorKing AccessPLUS Software.


Virtual PC running on MacBook Pro

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**DoorKing recommends utilizing the Virtual PC option**. This will provide you with the most flexibility in performance and operation.

**VIRTUAL PC OPTIONS –** There are several programs available that allow creating a Virtual PC on a Mac computer.



➢ **VMWARE FUSION** :



➢ **PARALLELS DESKTOP FOR MAC**:



➢ **VIRTUALBOX FOR MAC**: This is a free software. 3D graphics and the interface are not as nice as the other programs, but this provides a method for running Windows on a Mac.