

*Please note that Fine does not guarantee the functionality of GEO5 on macOS. This document provides tips on how to run GEO5 on a Mac, however Fine cannot provide support in case it does not work.*

GEO5 is a standard Microsoft Windows programs. This means it is not possible to run them natively on macOS. There are however multiple ways to run Windows on a Mac computer.

**Further, we strongly recommend only using hardlock when running Windows on Mac.**

There are two main options to run Windows on a Mac:

- 1) Install Windows as a second operating system using BootCamp
- 2) Use virtualization software to run Windows directly in macOS

## **1) Install Windows as a second operating system using BootCamp (Intel-based Macs only)**

*Please note that this process works only for Intel-based Macs. Installing Windows on a newer ARM-based Mac (Apple M1 chip) is not possible.*

In order to install Windows as a second operating system, please follow instructions directly from Apple: <https://support.apple.com/boot-camp>

## **2) Recommended: Use virtualization software to run Windows directly in macOS**

*Note: this option requires purchase of a third-party software (Parallels Desktop)*

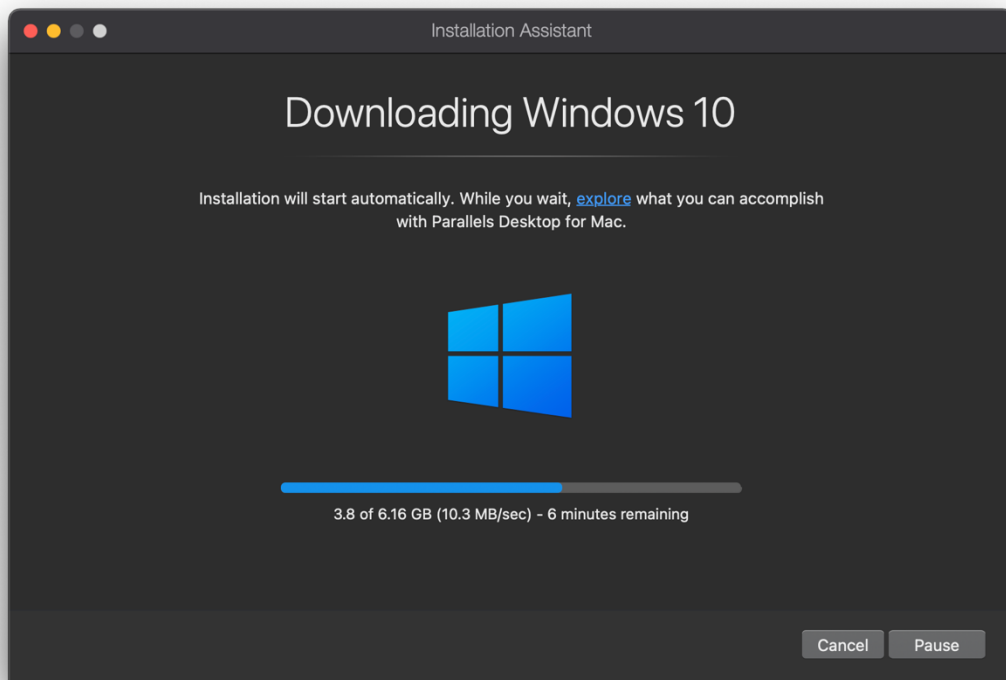
*This process should also work with ARM-based Macs (Apple M1 chip). However, these Macs will only run Windows 10 on ARM, on which GEO5 does not run natively. This may impact performance of the software or even prevent the software from running. Fine has not tested functionality on ARM-based Macs.*

This option will enable you to use Windows applications directly in macOS.

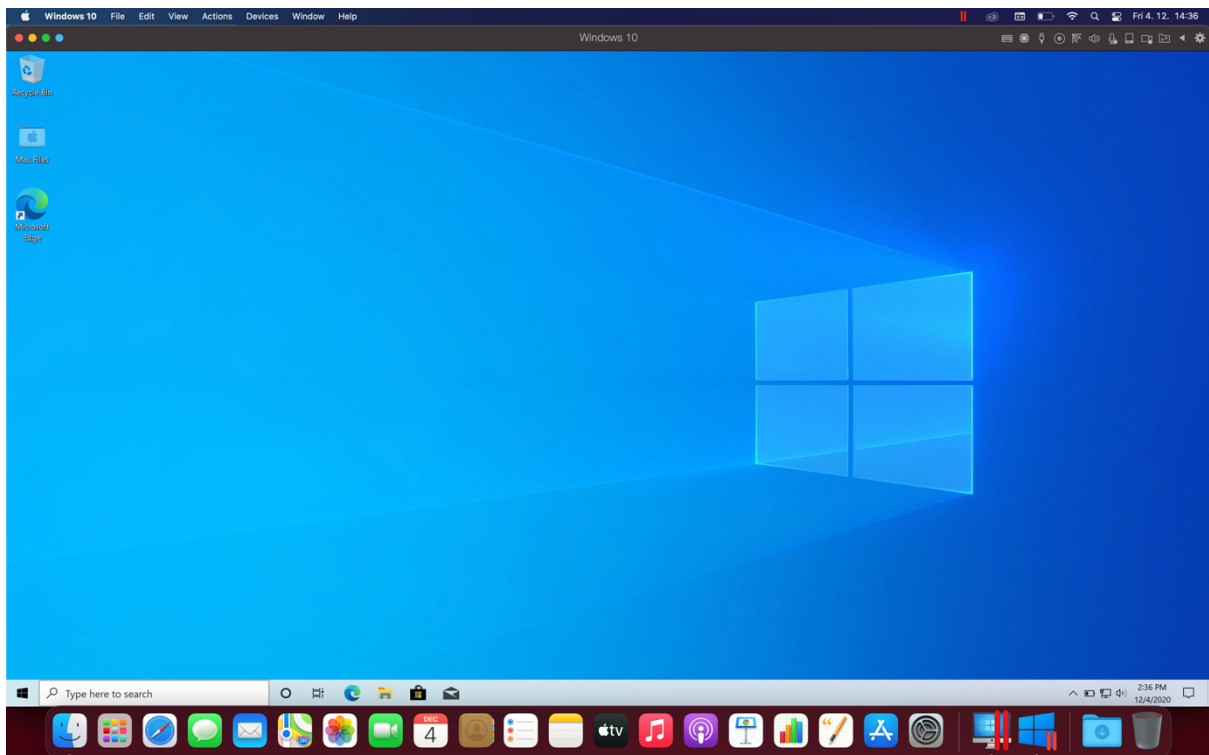
Start with downloading and installing Parallels Desktop (<https://www.parallels.com>).

After installation, run the program and press “Install Windows”. This will download and install Windows automatically.





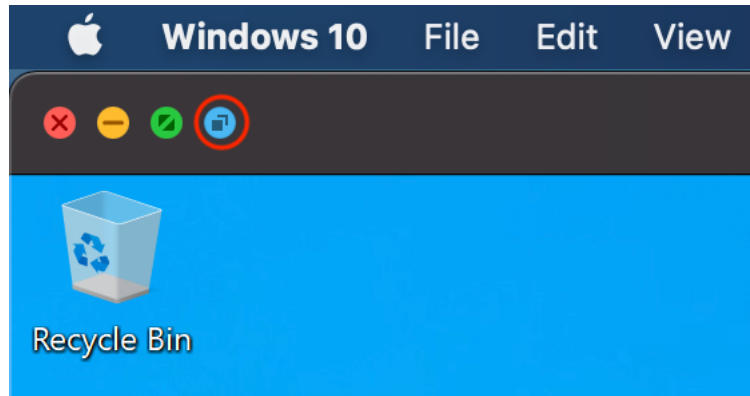
After installation, Windows 10 will automatically run in a standard window.



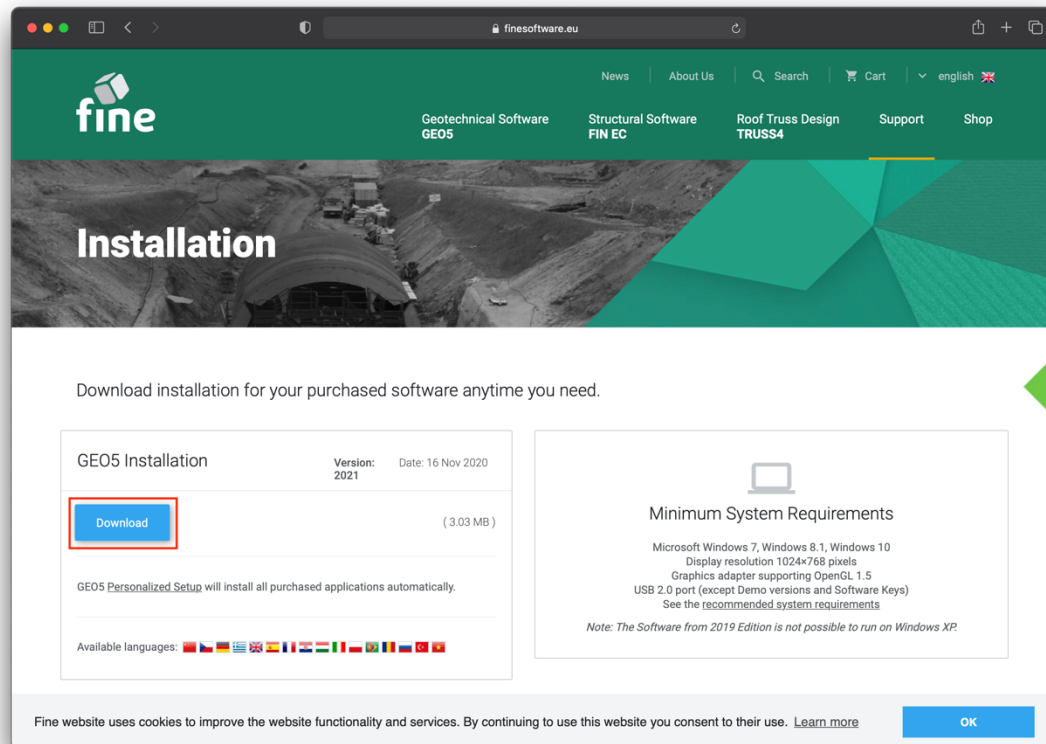
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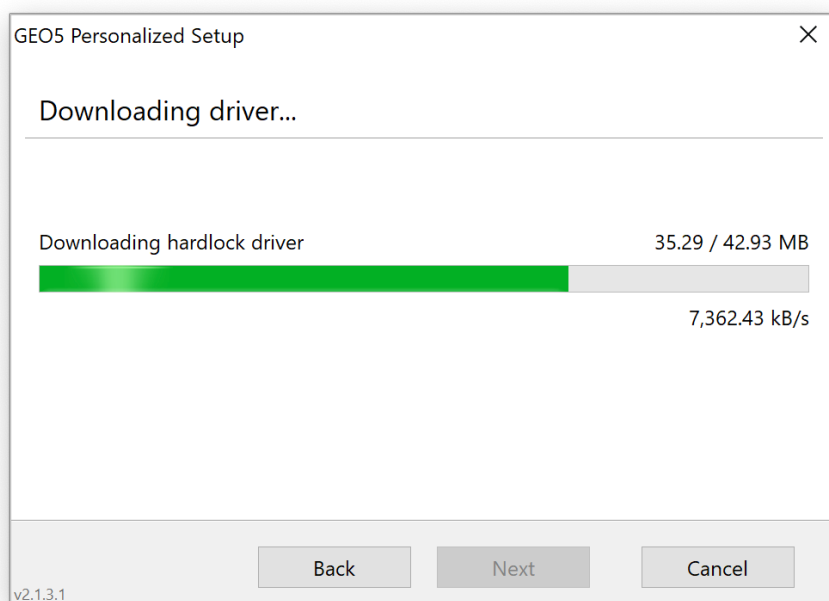
We recommend using “Coherence” mode. This means that Windows will run in the background, and you will be able to use any Windows application in macOS alongside standard Mac apps. You can switch to Coherence mode by pressing the blue button. (You can always switch back later in Settings).



Continue by downloading the GEO5 Installation package from our website (<https://www.finesoftware.eu>). To do this, you can use any macOS browser (it is not necessary to use Windows browsers).

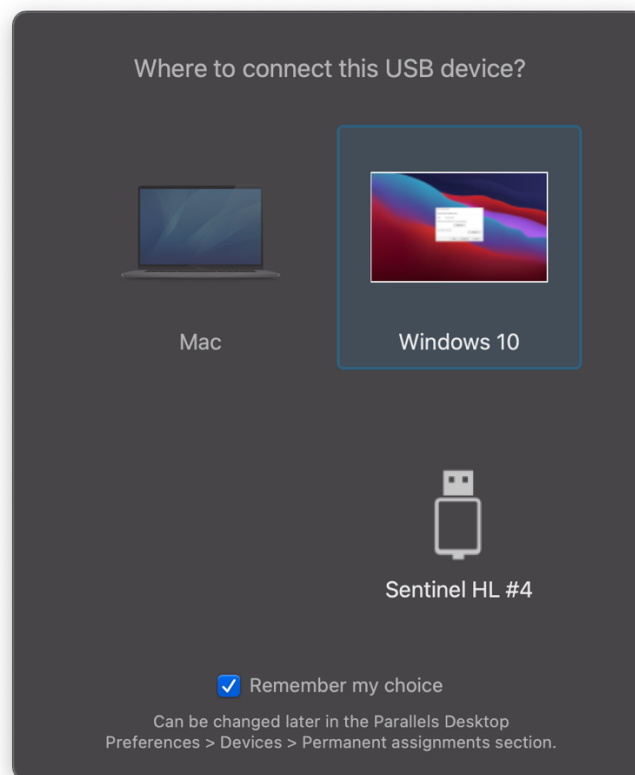
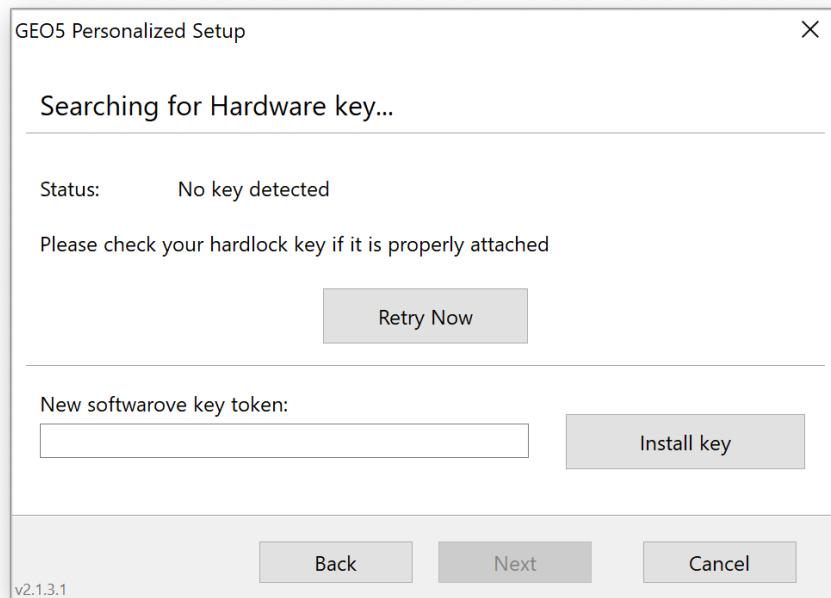


The GEO5 Installer will automatically download the required drivers.

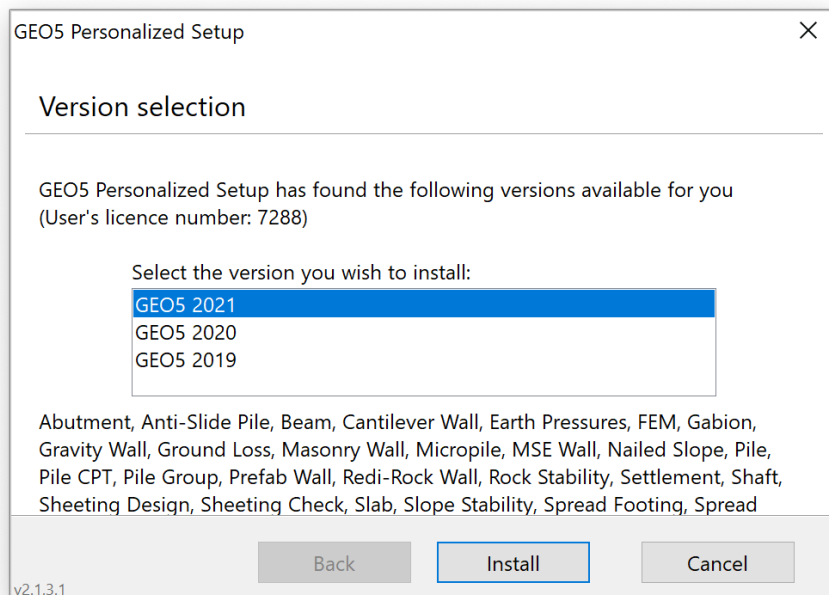
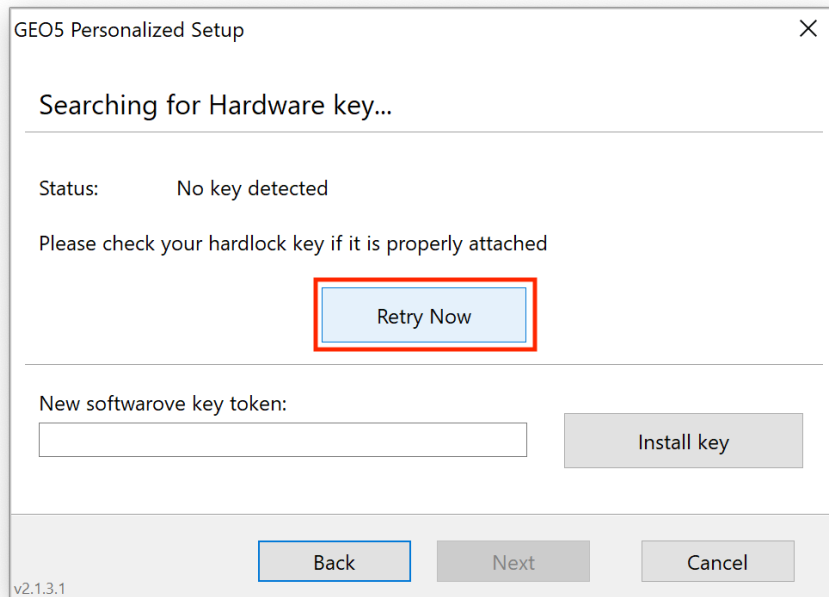


Once the drivers are installed, the installer will inform us that no key was found. Insert the USB hardlock into the device and select that it is connected to Windows.

*Note: Do not insert the hardlock earlier as this can cause problems with the connection between the hardlock and Windows.*



Once the hardlock is connected, press “Retry now”. Your licenses should now appear. Select the appropriate version for installation.



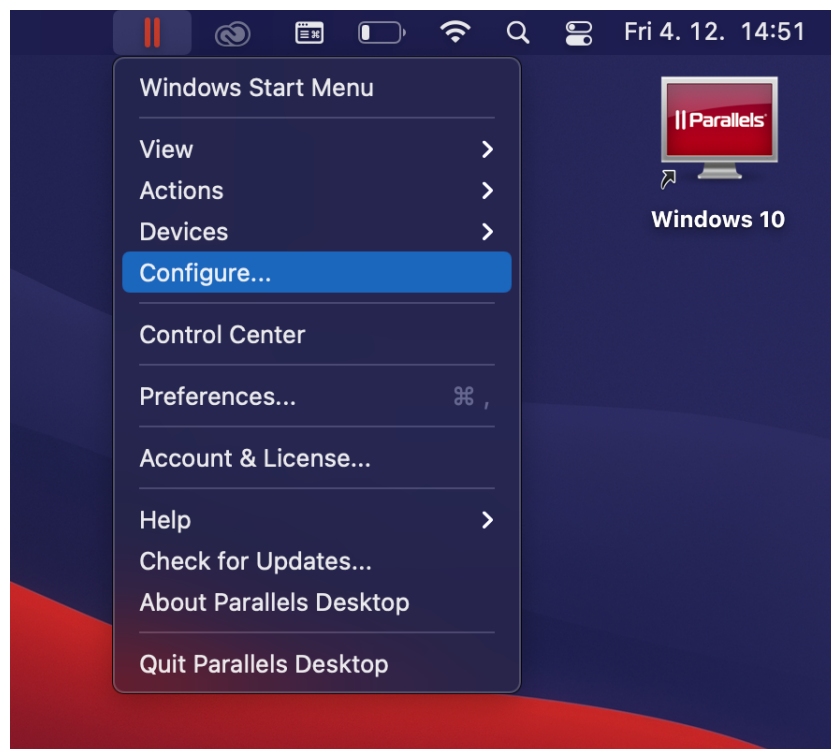
The installer will now guide you through the installation process.



GEO5 is now installed on your Mac.

Now, we recommend adding your Windows programs to your Dock.

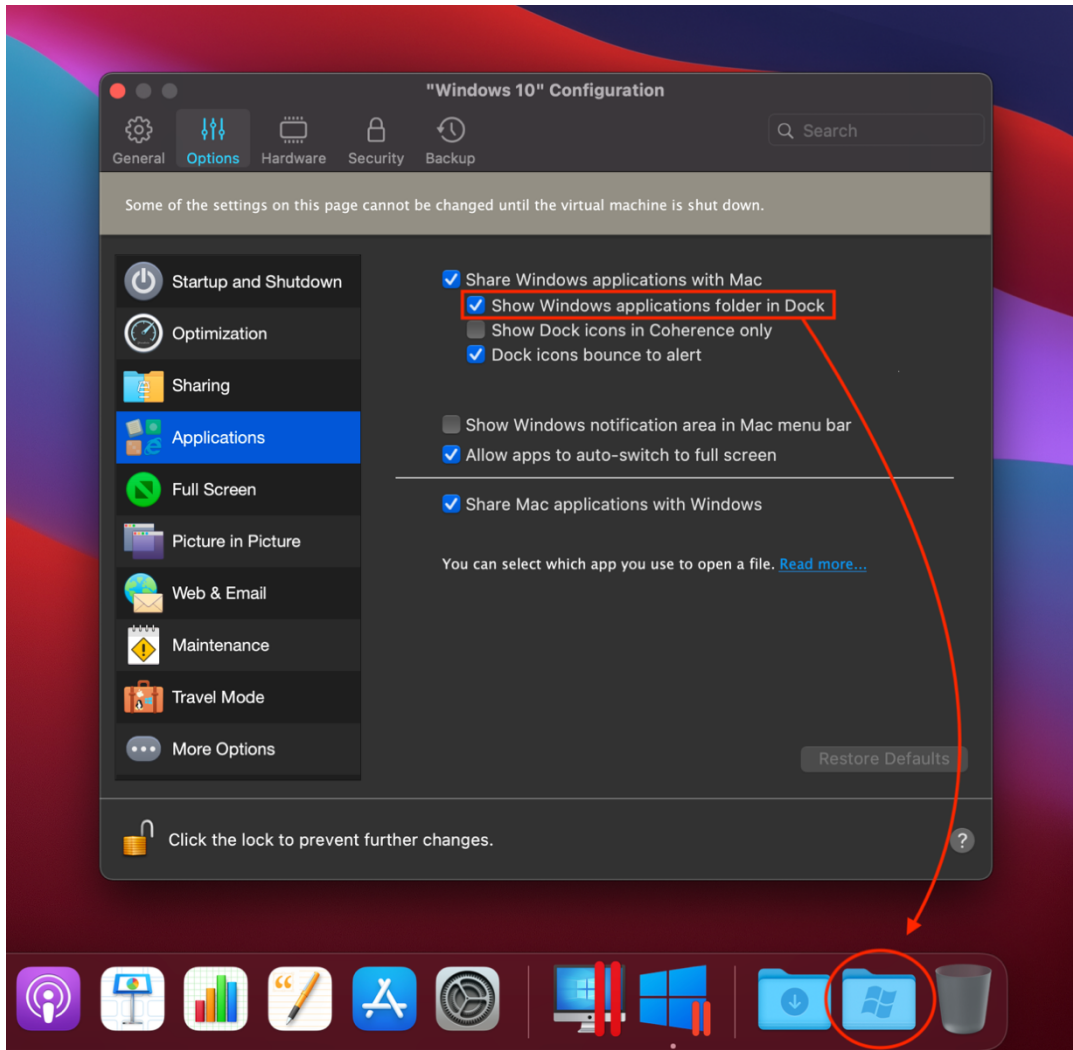
Click the Parallels icon in the top bar and press “Configure”.



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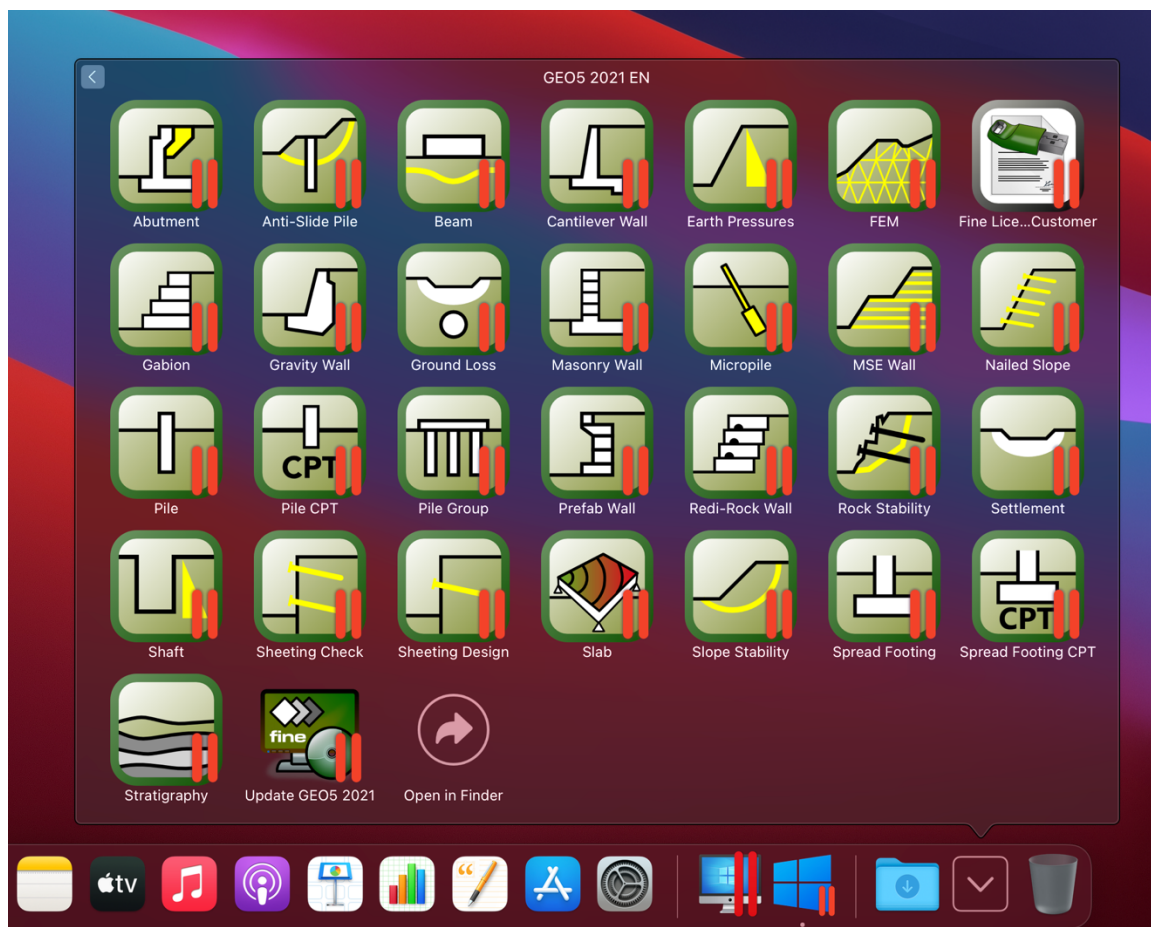
Check “Show Windows applications folder in Dock”.



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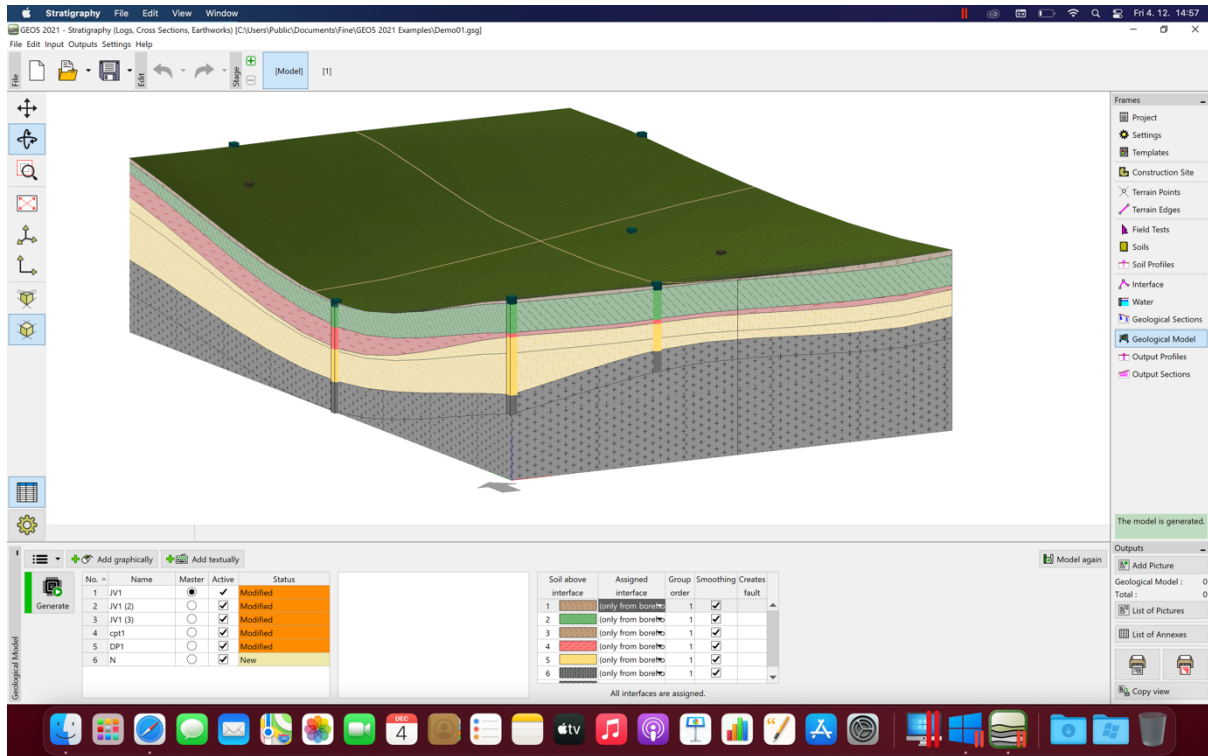
The Dock will now contain a Windows folder, where you can find all your Windows applications including GEO5.



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Now, when you open any GEO5 program, it will work as any standard macOS application.



More information about using the Parallels Desktop program can be found on the website of the developer: <https://www.parallels.com/support/>

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