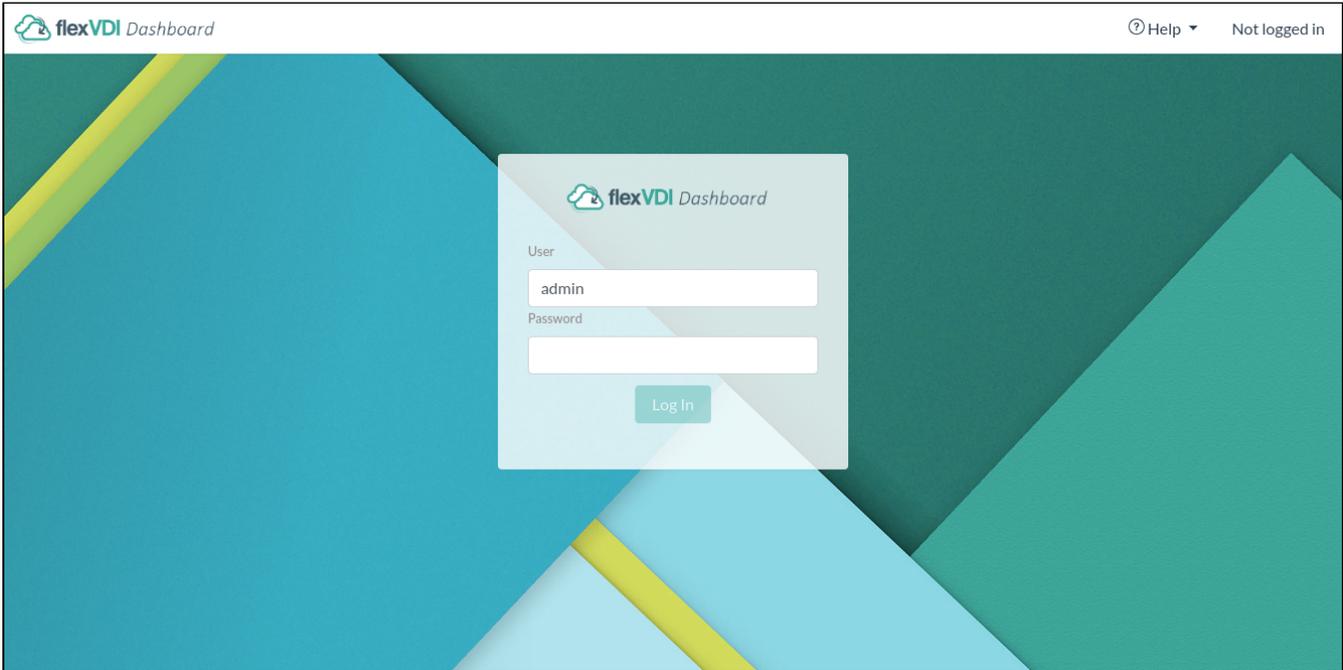


Introduction

flexVDI Dashboard provides a graphical user interface to manage the *Guests*, *Pools*, and other logical objects of the *flexVDI* virtualization platform. This tutorial provides an introduction to basic operations using the *flexVDI Dashboard*. It describes the parts of the program which correspond to the objects in the infrastructure. The tutorial will guide you through the steps required to set up a basic environment, until you create a *Guest* machine and connect to it. This guide assumes that you have a running *flexVDI Manager* and a *flexVDI Host*, as described in the [Getting Started guide](#).

As of *flexVDI* 3.1, *flexVDI Dashboard* is a web application served by the *flexVDI Manager* instance, so no installation is required. Just open a modern web browser and point it to `https://your-manager-ip`. Your browser will complain about the server TLS certificate being self-signed. This is normal, just add an exception for it (but make sure you are connecting to the right IP address). You will see the login form:



As of now, only one user (admin) exists, with superuser rights. Use the *flexVDI Manager* instance password to log in.

Minimum browser version

flexVDI Dashboard uses some modern web APIs, and will only work on these web browsers:

- Mozilla Firefox
- Google Chrome
- Apple Safari
- Opera
- Microsoft Edge: Not supported
- Microsoft Internet Explorer: Not supported

Previous steps

In order to follow the instructions in this guide, you'll need to set up the following infrastructure:

- One *flexVDI Host*
- One *flexVDI Manager*
- One Windows shared folder (or another CIFS/SMB server) with an ISO image of the Operating System installer for the *Guest* Virtual Machine.

The [Getting Started guide](#) provides detailed information on how to install and configure your *flexVDI Hosts* and *flexVDI Manager*, and explains how to setup a CIFS server using *flexVDI Config*.

While following this guide, you will need to have the following information at hand:

- *flexVDI Hosts*: IP address or name, and a path with disk space to store the disk images of the virtual machines.
- *flexVDI Manager*: IP address, user (default is admin) and password.
- Network path (server ip, path, and file name) and credentials (user and password) to read the ISO file with the OS Installation that you want to install in your *Guest*.

Overview

In this guide we will create the elements needed to start launching *Guest* Virtual Machines in a simple infrastructure. We will:

- Define and use a connection to the *flexVDI* Infrastructure interlocutor: *flexVDI Manager*.
- Define the disk space where our *Guest*'s disks will be stored: a *Volume*.
- Define the shared folder where the OS installation files reside: a *Media Storage*.
- Finally we will create a *Guest*, launch it, and connect to its console.