User Guide for vLAB

June 29, 2015

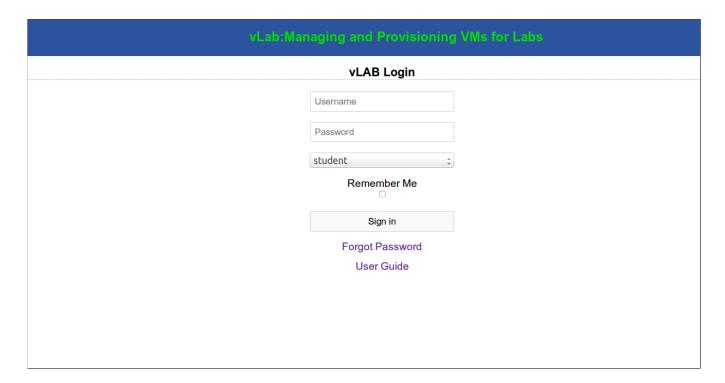
Contents

1	Adr	ministrator
	1.1	Login
	1.2	Instructor Homepage
	1.3	Adding a template
	1.4	Update Administrator Information
	1.5	Adding New Administrator
	1.6	Adding Information about Cluster Nodes
	1.7	Cluster Status
	1.8	Information about Courses & VMs
	1.9	Start & Stop VMs
2	Inst	cructor 1
	2.1	Adding a course
	2.2	Adding students to a course
	2.3	Choosing a template for a course
	2.4	Dashboard
3	Stu	\det 1
	3.1	Start/Stop a VM
		Student Related Events

VLAB Managing and Provisioning VMs for Labs

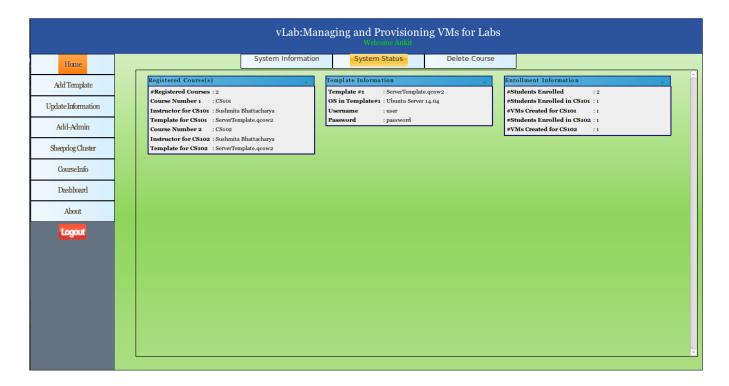
1 Administrator

1.1 Login



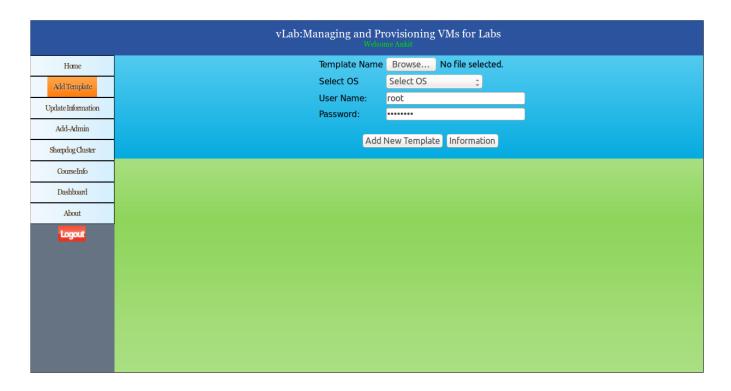
Any student or instructor can login to the system using his/her IITB LDAP-ID and administrator can login to the system using the credentials which s/he got at installation time. Choose your type i.e student,instructor or administrator while login. Forgot password is only for Administrator(s). After login, based on the user type, homepage will be shown in the browser.

1.2 Instructor Homepage



At administrator homepage you will get information about the system i.e number of courses, templates uploaded to the system, enrollment information for each the course. There are three tabs on administrator's homepage. In system status all the important messages like registering a course, creating a VM, starting a VM etc will be displayed. In the third tab "Delete Course", administrator can delete a course. After end of each semester s/he will need to delete the VMs for all the courses. There are more tabs on the left side. Lets look important ones.

1.3 Adding a template



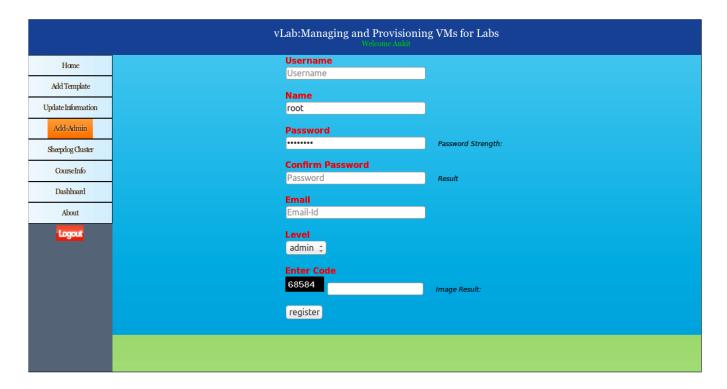
Administrator has to upload the template(s) to be used by the instructor in registered courses. From here we are just inserting the information to the system and not actually uploading the template file. Because template file are large files and uploading such large files is not feasible. Information about creation and upload of template files can be checked by clicking on information button. In select OS we have to select which OS is installed on template file and username & password is for the user account in template file.

1.4 Update Administrator Information



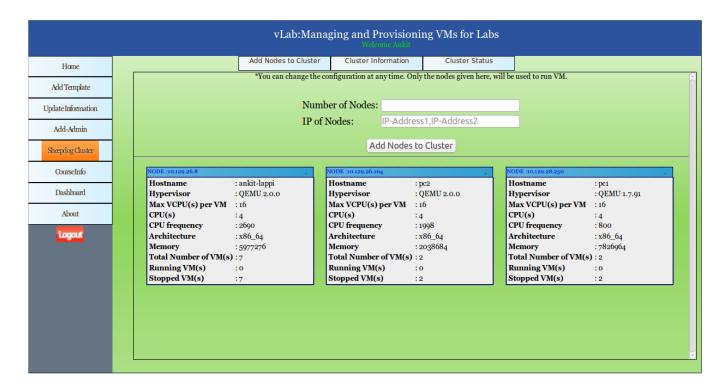
Administrator can update information related to him/her. He/She can update his Name, Password and, Email-Id. The updated information will be mailed to him/her.

1.5 Adding New Administrator



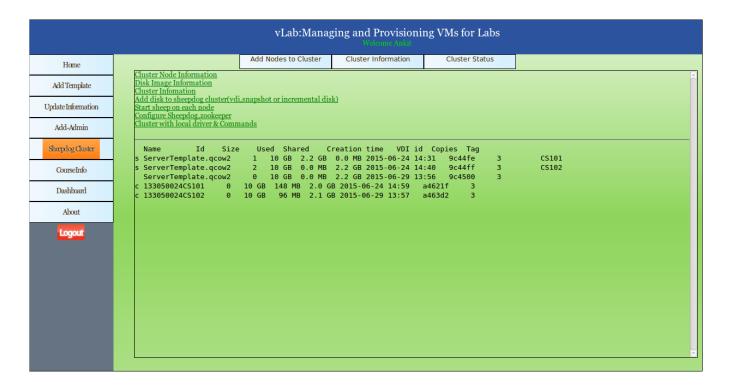
Any user with administrator rights can add a new administrator to the system. Administrator doesn't have right to add new student or instructor. This right is reserved by the institute and only a new administrator can be added by an administrator.

1.6 Adding Information about Cluster Nodes



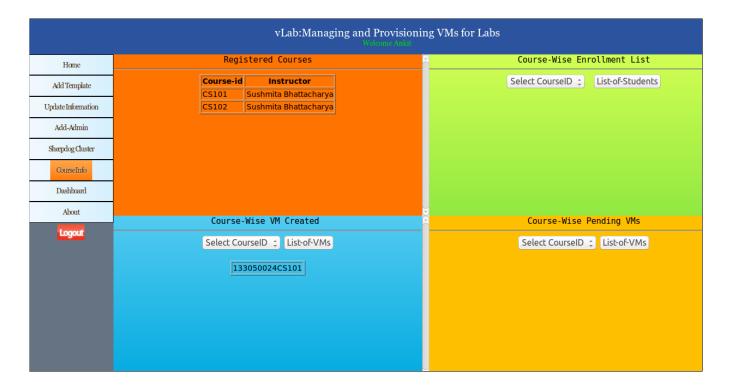
Here we can add information about the nodes in the cluster. It is not about the cluster management. Only the information is added at this place. Cluster is formed and managed by starting of the system. Once IP address of the nodes are added to the system, we can see information about the nodes in the cluster like how much CPU, Memory and other information about the nodes.

1.7 Cluster Status



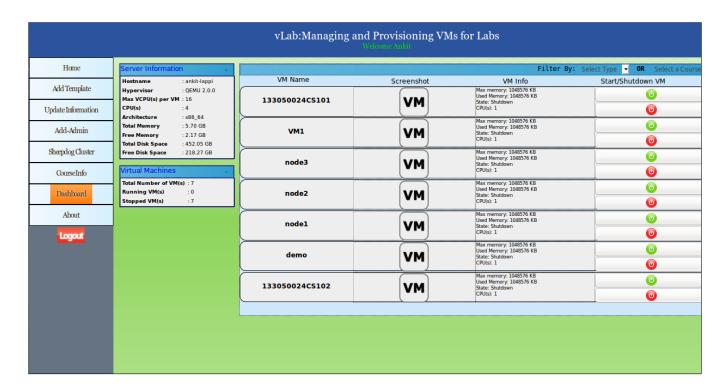
At this place, the administrator can get information about the actual cluster. Whether it's working fine or not. In this figure we can see many links like, cluster node information, Disk image information, etc. The screenshot is about disk images present in the sheepdog cluster. Other information related to cluster formation is also added here.

1.8 Information about Courses & VMs



Here the administrator can get all the information about the courses. How many courses has been register, who registered which course, how many students are enrolled in each courses, and how many VMs are created for each course etc.

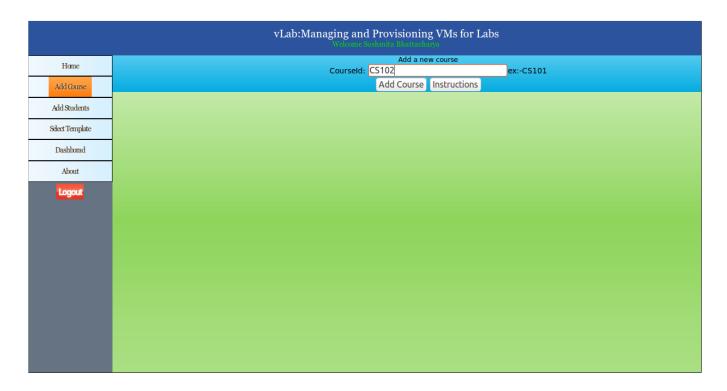
1.9 Start & Stop VMs



In dashboard we can get the information about the underlying system. Number of CPU, disk space, memory etc. And on the right all the VMs in the systems are listed and we can filter these based on running VMs, shutdown VMs, VMs related to a particular course. Administrator can start and stop the VM at anytime by pressing green or red button respectively.

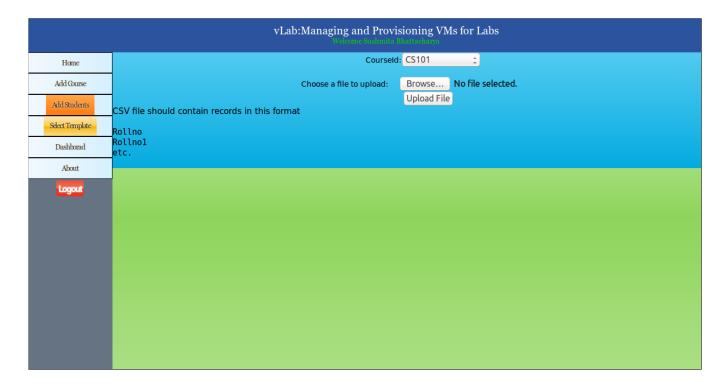
2 Instructor

2.1 Adding a course



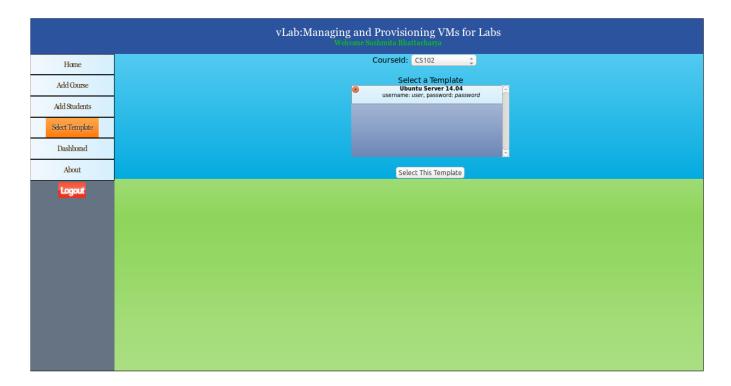
Simply give the name CourseId of the course, say CS101 for basic programming course for undergrads. After clicking Add Course, you will be transfered to next page where you are suppose to give the list of students to be enrolled in this course.

2.2 Adding students to a course



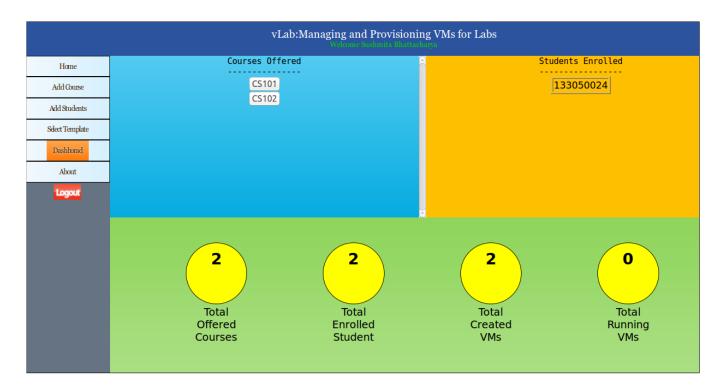
Simply give a csv file containing roll numbers of the students to enroll the students in some course. You can select the course from drop down list in which you want to add the students. If you have already added students in some course then also you can give more roll numbers to add more students to the course. All the courses, registered by you, will be shown in the drop down list and you can only see the courses which are registered by you. No same course can be registered by two instructor at the same time. Till now you registered a course and added students to the course. Now add a template to the course to create VMs for the students.

2.3 Choosing a template for a course



All the templates uploaded by the administrator will be shown here with the OS installed in those templates, username and password for that template. Select one of the template form the list and click on "Select This Template". This will create a different directory for your course and copy the template to that directory. Which will be used by other VMs for that course.

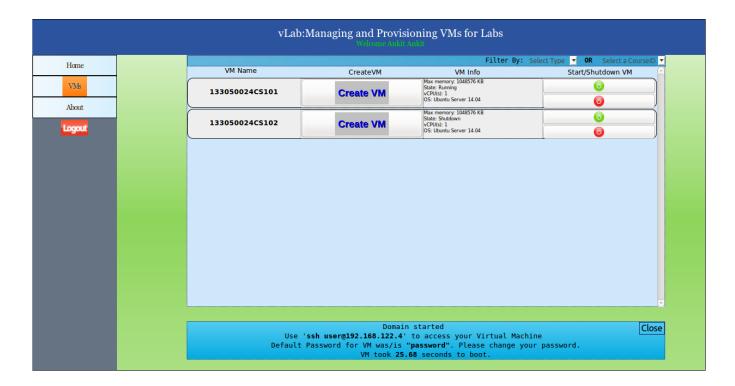
2.4 Dashboard



Here the instructor can check about all the courses offered by him/her and all the students enrolled to the courses offered by him/her. Beside that he/she can also view information about VMs, how many total VMs are there for all his/her course(s), how many running VMs, etc.

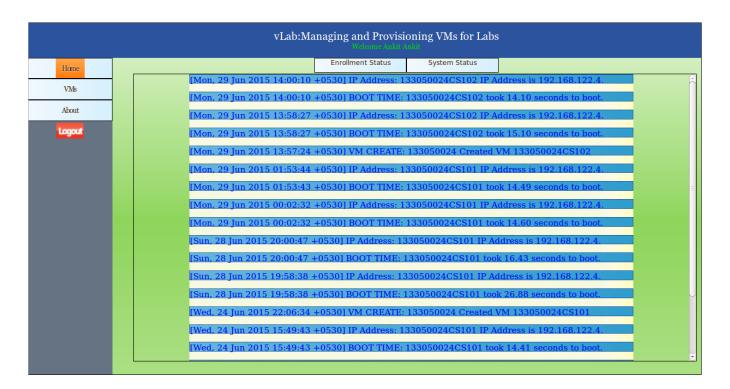
3 Student

3.1 Start/Stop a VM



All the VMs for you will be listed in VMs tab. If you are login for the first time then click on "Create VM" button. Yeah you can click on Create VM button. After this you VM will be created in the system. On the right most column there are two buttons, green and red. Green is to start the VM and red is to stop the VM. Once you will click on the green button your VM will be started and a messages will appear on the screen that your VM started and do ssh using username@ip-address. It will also show the default password. Beside that it will show the boot time i.e how much time it took to boot your VM.

3.2 Student Related Events



Important events related to the student is shown here. like at what time he/she booted which VM, how much time it took to boot that VM and what is/was the IP address of that VM. In fact, similar functionality is also added for each type of user. An instructor can view all the information about all the courses, all the VM in his/her courses, and likewise an administrator can view events about the whole system.