Virtual Desktop Manager Client Help

Linux 2.1

The VMware® Virtual Desktop Manager (VDM) client enables you to connect to the virtual desktops available for your use. This help provides instructions on how to connect to and use virtual desktops.

For additional information about your desktops and installed software, contact your VDM system administrator.

Use the VDM Client to Connect to a VDM Server

The VDM client runs as a native Linux application and connects to a VDM connection server. It allows the user to log in using any of the supported authentication mechanisms. After users log in, they can select from the list of virtual desktops for which they are authorized.

To connect to a VDM server, you must know its host name or IP address.

To connect to a VDM server using a VDM client

1   Start the VDM client.

2   In the **VDM Server** drop-down menu, enter the host name or IP address of the VDM server. You can also select the VDM server from a list if you have connected to the server previously.

3   Click **Connect**.

4   Enter your user name, password, and domain name, and then click **Login**.

5   Choose a desktop from the available desktops and click **Connect**.

The desktop connects and is ready to use. In this release, the desktop is always shown in full screen view. You can only connect to one desktop at a time.

NOTE   Depending on the way your VDM system is set up, you might also be able to log in to the VDM server using RSA SecurID, following the instructions that your administrator provides.

Control Connection Security

Use SSL tunneling to protect sensitive corporate information and to ensure that all connections are completely encrypted. The Linux VDM client uses SSL by default.

To use SSL tunneling

Do one of the following

■   To specify a secured SSL connection, simply enter the VDM server name: for example,
     `servername.company.com`

     The Linux VDM client uses SSL by default. You do not need to enter `https://` before the VDM server name.

■ To specify a port number, type a colon after the server name followed by the port number: for example, **servername.company.com:1444**

If you do not specify the port number, VDM uses the default port number.

To specify a non-secure connection

Type **http://** before the VDM server name: for example, **http://servername.company.com**
or, to specify a port number:
http://servername.company.com:1444

NOTE Your administrator may have configured the VDM server to always have a secure connection, even if you request a non-secure connection.

Disconnect and Log Out from a Desktop

When you have finished your desktop session, you can disconnect and log out.

To disconnect and log out from a desktop

1 Save any files you have open on your desktop.

2 Click **Start** to show the Windows Start Menu.

3 Do one of the following:

■ Select **Disconnect** if you want to continue running open programs.

When you reconnect to the virtual machine, the desktop is as you left it. However, if your administrator has set your system to log out automatically when you disconnect, all open programs on your desktop are closed and no longer available when you reconnect.

■ Select **Log Off** to close all open programs and disconnect.

Reset a Desktop

You can reset a desktop only if your administrator has enabled this feature. Use reset to unlock your computer or if you see an error message on a blue screen.

To reset a desktop

■ On the desktop selection screen, right-click on the desktop and click **Reset**.