

# Quick Setup Guide

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## 1 Kerio Connect VMware Virtual Appliance

A virtual appliance designed for usage in *VMware* products. It includes the Debian Linux operating system and Kerio Connect.

## 2 How to get Kerio Connect VMware Virtual Appliance

The Kerio Connect installation package is different for each VMware product type:

- For VMware Server, Workstation and Fusion — download the VMX distribution package (\*.zip), unzip and open it.
- For VMware ESX/ESXi — import the virtual appliance from the OVF file's URL — e.g.:  
`http://download.kerio.com/en/dwn/connect/kerio-connect-appliance-1.x.x-1270-linux.ovf`

VMware ESX/ESXi automatically downloads the OVF configuration file and a corresponding disk image (.vmdk).

*Note:*

Tasks for shutdown or restart of the virtual machine will be set to default values after the import. These values can be set to “hard” shutdown or “hard” reset. However, this may cause a loss of data on the virtual appliance. Kerio Connect VMware Virtual Appliance supports so called *Soft Power Operations* which allow to shut down or restart hosted operating system properly. Therefore, it is recommended to set shutdown or restart of the hosted operating system as the value.

## 3 How to work with Kerio Connect VMware Virtual Appliance

When you run the virtual computer, Kerio Connect interface is displayed.

Upon the first startup, configuration wizard gets started where the following entries can be set:

- Kerio Connect administration account username and password,
- primary domain,
- DNS name of the server,
- data store.

This console allows to:

- change network configuration
- allow SSH connection
- set time zone
- change user root password
- restart a disable Kerio Connect Appliance

**Warning:**

Access to the console is protected by root password. The password is at first set to: `kerio` (change the password in the console as soon as possible — under *Change password*).

### 3.1 Network configuration

The network configuration allows you to:

1. Viewing network adapters — MAC address, name and IP address of the adapter
2. Setting network adapters
  - DHCP
  - static IP address (if you do not use DHCP, it is necessary to set also DNS)

*Note:*

If you use a DHCP service on your network, the server will be assigned an IP address automatically and will connect to the network. If you do not use or do not wish to use DHCP for Kerio Connect, you have to set the IP address manually.

If the IP address is assigned by the DHCP server, we recommend to reserve an IP address for Kerio Connect so that it will not change.

If you run Kerio Connect VMware Appliance in the local network, check that an IP address has been assigned by the DHCP server. If not, restart the appliance.

### 3.2 Time zone settings

Correct time zone settings are essential for correct identification of message reception time and date, meeting start and end time, etc.

It is necessary to restart the system for your time zone changes to take effect.

### 3.3 How to update Kerio Connect

**Warning:**

A terminal is available for product and operating system updates. You can switch it by pressing the standard Alt+Fx combination (for example, Alt+F2) for running a new console. Before the first SSH connection to the terminal, it is necessary to enable the latter.

Kerio Connect updates:

1. Download the deb package to your computer
2. Use SCP/SSH to move it to VMware Appliance
3. Use command `dpkg` to upgrade

Debian Linux updates: by the standard method using the `apt-get` command.

## 4 Running Kerio Connect Administration

After successful installation of Kerio Connect, the *Kerio Connect Administration* icon is displayed on the *VMware Virtual Appliance* desktop. This opens your web browser with the login dialog. Enter username and password defined in the configuration wizard within the Kerio Connect's installation process.

## 5 Kerio WebMail startup

After successful installation of Kerio Connect, the Kerio WebMail icon is displayed on the *VMware Virtual Appliance desktop*. Clicking on the icon takes you to the *Kerio WebMail's* login page. Enter username and password (if no user has been created yet, enter username and password of the user created in the configuration wizard within the Kerio Connect's installation process).