

Deploying a virtual appliance workload

Prerequisites:

Make sure that you have met the following prerequisites before you complete the steps in this quick start guide:

- An IBM Flex System Manager management node is installed in a chassis and is managing the devices in that chassis, which include one or more compute nodes that have been discovered by the IBM Flex System Manager management node. For more information, see the following quick start guides:
 - *Installing the IBM Flex System Enterprise Chassis*
 - *Configuring components of the IBM Flex System Enterprise Chassis*
 - *Configuring the IBM Flex System Manager management node*
 - *Selecting one or more chassis to be managed in the IBM Flex Systems Manager domain or Adding a chassis to an existing Flex System Manager management domain*
- At least one active server system pool or host system is available to be the target workload deployment. For more information about creating server system pools, see the “*Creating and populating a server system pool*” quick start guide.
- A workload has been captured and will be used as the basis for the deployment. For a workload to be deployable, you have to indicate when you create the workload that you want to be able to capture it. Then you have to subsequently capture it as a virtual appliance. For more information about capturing a workload, see the “*Capturing a virtual appliance workload*” quick start guide.

Steps:

Complete the following steps to deploy a virtual appliance workload:

1. Log in to the IBM Flex System Manager user interface with a user account that has sufficient privileges to configure devices managed by the IBM Flex System Manager management node.
2. On the Home page, select the Plug-ins tab.
3. Select **VMControl**.
4. Select the Virtual Appliances tab.
5. Under Common tasks, click **Deploy virtual appliance**. Complete the wizard using the following information:
 - On the Virtual Appliance page, select the virtual appliance that you want to deploy.
 - On the Target tab, select the target server system pool or host system/virtual server to which you want to deploy the workload.
 - Complete all other pages in the wizard as necessary.
6. Click **Finish** on the Summary page to deploy the workload.