Kerio Control Quick Installation

Product editions

Software Appliance

Kerio Control Software Appliance is a package of Kerio Control and a special Linux-based operating system. Install the appliance on a PC without an operating system.

Virtual Appliance

Kerio Control Virtual Appliance is the software appliance edition pre-installed on a

virtual host for the particular hypervisor. Virtual appliances for VMware and Hyper-V are available.

Kerio Control Box

Kerio Control Box is a hardware device with Kerio Control Software Appliance pre-installed.

Two models are available. For more details, refer to the Setting up Kerio Control Box article.

Installing Software Appliance edition

Install this edition on a PC without operating system.

Watch the Installing the Software Appliance edition video.

Any existing OS and files on the target hard disk will be erased!

For hardware requirements, read Technical Specifications.

1. Download the ISO image from the Download page.
2. Select one of these actions:
   - Burn the ISO image on a CD/DVD
   - Use the ISO image to create a bootable USB flash disk
3. Boot from the appropriate drive. The installation runs automatically.
4. Follow the instructions on the computer's console to perform the basic configuration.
5. To perform the initial setup, open the following address in your web browser:

https://kerio_control_ip_address:4081/admin

6. Follow the Activation Wizard.

After finishing the wizard, Kerio Control displays the login page.

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Installing VMware Virtual Appliance

For hardware requirements and supported VMware products, read Technical Specifications.

For **VMware Server**, **Workstation**, **Player** and **Fusion**:

1.   Download the zipped VMX package from the Download page and unpack.
2.   Open the .vmx file in your VMware hypervisor.

For **VMware ESX** and **ESXi**:

1.   Copy the .ovf file location from the Download page.
2.   Paste the OVF file location into the import dialog in your VMware hypervisor.

After the import, it is recommended to check the shutdown and restart actions settings for the imported virtual machin appliance, use "soft power operations" (**Shutdown Guest** and **Restart Guest**).

Complete the installation:

1.   Follow the instructions on the virtual appliance console to perform the basic configuration.
2.   To perform the initial setup, open the following address in your web browser:

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3.   Follow the Activation Wizard.

For more details, read the Configuring the Activation Wizard article.

After finishing the wizard, Kerio Control displays the login page.

Installing virtual appliance for Hyper-V

For hardware requirements and supported Hyper-V hypervisors, read Technical Specifications.

Kerio Control Virtual Appliance for Hyper-V is distributed as a virtual hard disk.

1.   Download the Hyper-V package from the Download page.

After importing the appliance into Hyper-V, the location cannot be changed.

2.   Go to the Server Manager control panel to add the Hyper-V role (**Roles** → **Add Roles**).
3.   Go to the Hyper-V Manager control panel and select the local Hyper-V server.
4.   Run the new virtual machine wizard (**New** → **Virtual machine**).
5.   As the virtual machine location, select the directory with the unpacked virtual harddisk.
6.   Assign RAM and virtual network adapters (read Technical Specifications).
7.   Select **Use existing virtual harddisk**.
8.   Browse for the virtual harddisk unpacked from the distribution package.
9.   After finishing the wizard, connect to the virtual appliance and start it.

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10. Follow the instructions on the virtual appliance console to perform the basic configuration.

11. To perform the initial setup, open the following address in your web browser:

https://kerio_control_ip_address:4081/admin

12. Follow the Activation Wizard.

After finishing the wizard, Kerio Control displays the login page.