

# Installing guest operating systems on VMWare and Linux Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) virtual servers

## 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*
- You have installed a hypervisor on the compute node and have created at least one virtual server on the compute node. For information about creating a virtual server, see the *Creating a virtual server* quick start guide.

## Steps:

Follow the steps in this document to install operating systems on VMware and RHEL KVM virtual servers.

### *Installing guest operating systems on VMware virtual servers*

Complete the following steps install a guest operating system on VMware virtual servers:

1. Login into vCenter.
2. Install the guest operating system, as follows:
  - For Linux on VMware, refer to [Installing and Configuring Linux Guest Operating Systems](#) for more information.
  - For Windows on VMware, refer to [Example: Installing Windows XP as a Guest Operating System](#) for more information.

### *Installing guest operating systems on Linux Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) virtual servers*

To install a guest operating system on a KVM virtual server, follow the steps in the *Installing guest operating systems on Linux Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) virtual servers* quick start guide, which is located in Table 3. Advanced virtualization tasks.