

Navigating the IBM Flex System Manager management software

Prerequisites:

- The IBM Flex System Enterprise Chassis is installed and at least one compute node is installed and configured.
- The IBM Flex System Manager management node is installed and configured.

Steps:

The IBM Flex System Manager management software allows you to remotely perform system configuration and management tasks for one or more chassis. Understanding the IBM Flex System Manager product and its available features and functions is your first step to successfully navigating the console.

Watch the e-learning module, IBM Flex System overview, at the following link:
In the information center (Internet):

http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/flexsys/information/topic/com.ibm.acc.common.nav.doc/overview/learning_overview.html

From the installed documentation on the IBM Flex System Management Console, navigate to:

IBM Flex System information → Learning modules → IBM Flex System overview

Tour the IBM Flex System Interface

Once the initial setup is complete for the IBM Flex System Manager management node, you may want to familiarize yourself with the product's panel layout and user interface conventions.

Watch the e-learning module, Tour of the user interfaces, at the following link.
In the information center (Internet):

http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/flexsys/information/topic/com.ibm.acc.common.nav.doc/tour/learning_interface_tour.html

From the installed documentation on the IBM Flex System Management Console, navigate to:

IBM Flex System information → Learning modules → Tour of the user interfaces

Chassis Manager Tips

Use the Chassis Manager to see and work with your hardware resources. Learn more by reading the information at the following link:

In the information center (Internet):

http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/flexsys/information/topic/com.ibm.acc.8731.doc/using_the_chassis_manager_to_manage_a_chassis.html

From the installed documentation on the IBM Flex System Management Console, navigate to:

IBM Flex System information → Management devices and solutions → IBM Flex System Manager management node → Managing resources → Managing a chassis → Using the Chassis Manager to manage a chassis

Tips for setting preferences

In the IBM Flex System Manager navigation area, expand Settings to view the available task settings.

- Navigation preferences – customize your preferences for navigating in the IBM Flex System Manager interface. These preferences include the way that topology map palettes are displayed, the default topology and table sizes, your preferred topology icon size, and more.
- Event log preferences – set options for the collection of event log data.
- Server preferences – set how often you want to update the system status and group member counts and how often you want to ping a system and collect basic inventory.
- Service and Support Manager settings – manage the problem reporting, IBM ID, support files, system monitoring, and connection information used by IBM support.

Other User Interface Tips

Here are some additional navigational tips to help you work with the IBM Flex System Manager user interface:

- Quickly see errors and compliance issues in the Welcome Banner. For more information, read the information at the following link:
In the information center (Internet):
http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/flexsys/information/topic/com.ibm.acc.8731.doc/com.ibm.director.console.helps.doc/fqm0_c_wp_welcome_banner_area.html

From the installed documentation on the IBM Flex System Management Console, navigate to:

IBM Flex System information → Management devices and solutions → IBM Flex System Manager management node → User interfaces → Using the web interface → The web interface → The Welcome banner area

- Tables are used frequently to show lists of resources and systems. Learn how to best use tables by reading Table view at the following link:
In the information center (Internet):
http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/flexsys/information/topic/com.ibm.acc.8731.doc/com.ibm.director.console.helps.doc/fqm0_c_rn_generic_table_view.html

From the installed documentation on the IBM Flex System Management Console, navigate to:

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Additional tips for tables:

- Depending on the task, you can select more than one item in a table.
- You can reorder, add, and remove columns on most tables using the Columns action in the Actions drop-down in the table.
- You can click each column in the table to sort the entries in ascending or descending order. You also can resize column headers.
- When many tabs are open in the console, they may scroll out of view. If this happens, look for an arrow next to the Select Action drop down box in the top right corner. This arrow lets you scroll through open tabs. For more information, see *Managing and closing open pages* in the Web interface at the following link:

In the information center (Internet):

http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/flexsys/information/topic/com.ibm.acc.8731.doc/com.ibm.director.console.helps.doc/fqm0_t_webui_managing_open_task_pages.html

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- You can customize the pages that are open when you sign in by using My Startup Pages.
 1. Navigate to the page you want to add to your startup pages.
 2. From the Select Action menu at the top right of the screen, select Set as Start up page.
- Avoid using the browser's Back button. Instead, use the tabs, breadcrumb trails, and other navigational aids in the IBM Flex System Manager interface.