

vtAlpha version 2.2 Release Notes

Changes since the last version

Performance improvement

Version 2.2. offers a performance increase of appr. 40 % compared to v2.1.

FTP performance improvement

The network performance using FTP proved to be too slow in certain occasions. This has been fixed in v2.2.

Console command set prompt

Has been added to the SRM console command set, allowing easier identification of the various consoles.

vtMonitor enhancements

vtMonitor has changed quite some after we implemented the request from the field to work more with right-mouse-click menu's than with buttons. Most management and configuration options can now be selected selecting the item you want to manage or configure and clicking the right-mouse-button. A context sensitive menu appears from which you can select your action or option.

As a result the management tab has disappeared, controlling everything from the left pane and using the mouse. Also the configuration tab has been simplified.

In a next version this will also be applied for the storage tab.

vtAlpha existing installation update

Drop in the v2.2 DVD, or plug in the USB with the v2.2 install image, boot from it and select the upgrade option. The upgrade process will run automatically from here. Existing configuration and log files as well as vtAlpha system settings (user-ids, network, etc) will remain intact.

With version 2.2 it you can also run the local update (via the vtAlpha host menu) using the install DVD as input device.

vtAlpha clean installation

Drop in the v2.2 DVD, or plug in the USB with the v2.2 install image, boot from it and select the installation option from the menu. Prior to installation you have to answer a few questions:

- Read and accept the license terms
- Select your preferred keyboard layout (default is US-type)
- Enter the passwords for the **root** and **vtalpha** accounts
- Enter the size of your vtAlpha system partition. This is the partition where vtAlpha will be installed in. it also hosts the various configuration and log files for the virtual Alpha's you are going to create. We recommend to size this partition to 20 GB, providing sufficient room for future expansion. The remainder of the disk can be used for Alpha disk storage.

After going through this questionnaire the process will continue, installing vtAlpha in the first partition.

vtAlpha license update

Get the license key number from vtMonitor System tab. It should start with a single digit, followed by a dash followed by seven digits, like 1-1234567.

Login to your directory on our FTP-server. Download the .tgz file with your license key number.

Use vtMonitor to import and upgrade that file into vtAlpha.