

**VeraLab™ Server
Computer Lab Management Suite
Installation and Upgrade Guide**

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Preface

This manual is your primary source of introduction, preinstallation, installation, and postinstallation information for using VeraLab Computer Lab Management Suite.

This preface introduces you to the VeraLab Installation and Upgrade Guide, discussing the intended audience, structure, and conventions of this document. A list of related VeraLab documents is also provided.

This preface contains these topics:

- Audience
- Organization
- Related Documentation
- Conventions

Audience

VeraLab Server Installation and Upgrade Guide for Windows is necessary for anyone installing, configuring, upgrading, or administering VeraLab Computer Lab Management Suite.

VeraLab Installation and Upgrade Guide is intended for Computer Lab Managers, Administrators, Technicians, and other lab personnel who perform the following tasks:

- Manage computer lab facility and personnel
- Perform system installation, administration, upgrades, and setup

To use this document, you need:

- Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows 2003, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 2008, Windows 2008 R2, or Windows Server 2012 installed and tested on your computer system

Organization

This guide contains the following chapters and appendixes:

Chapter 1, Preinstallation Requirements

This chapter describes preinstallation requirements, third-party software, and operating system requirements for VeraLab system for Windows.

Chapter 2, VeraLab Installation

This chapter describes how to install and uninstall VeraLab system for Windows.

Chapter 3, Postinstallation Configuration

This chapter identifies postinstallation configuration tasks. Where appropriate, this chapter references other guides for procedures on performing these configuration tasks.

Chapter 4, VeraLab Upgrade

This chapter identifies product upgrade tasks. Where appropriate, this chapter references other guides for procedures on performing these configuration tasks.

Related Documentation

This guide is a part of a set for computer lab personnel using VeraLab Computer Lab Management Suite. The other guides in the set are:

- VeraLab Administrator's Guide
- VeraLab User's Guide

- VeraLab Client Installation Guide

To download free release notes, installation documentation, white papers, or other collateral, please visit www.veralab.com.

Conventions

This section describes the conventions used in the text of this documentation set. We use various conventions in text to help you more quickly identify special terms. The following table describes those conventions and provides examples of their use.

Convention	Meaning	Example
Bold	Bold typeface indicates screen elements, such as elements of forms or menu items.	Select the Available checkbox.
<i>Italics</i>	Italic typeface indicates book titles or emphasis.	You <i>can not</i> make currently used workstations unavailable.
<i>Bold Italics</i>	Bold and Italic typeface indicates screen names and areas.	The screen changes to <i>Dashboard</i> .
<>	Angle brackets enclose variables or optional items.	The <i>Dashboard</i> <i><counter_name></i> page appears for that counter.

Preinstallation Requirements

This chapter guides you through the VeraLab preinstallation procedures. This chapter covers the following topics:

- [System Requirements](#)
- [Third-Party Software](#)

System Requirements

Software requirements for VeraLab Server

The following table shows the supported software environment.

Requirement	Value
System Architecture	32-bit and 64-bit
Operating System	<p>VeraLab for Windows is supported on the following operating systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows 2000 Server or Advanced Server with service pack 1 or higher.• Windows Server 2003.• Windows XP Professional, including service pack 2, or Windows 2000 Professional. The number of connected clients in Windows XP or Windows 2000 Professional is limited to 10, however, these OS can be used for testing.• Windows 7, Windows 8.• Windows Server 2008 and 2008 R2.• Windows Server 2012.
Network Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TCP/IP• TCP/IP with SSL

Hardware Requirements for VeraLab Server

The following hardware components are required for VeraLab Server:

- RAM: 2 GB minimum, 4 GB recommended.
- Virtual memory: double the amount of RAM.
- Hard disk space: 300 MB minimum for custom installation (without database), 500 MB minimum for full installation, 1GB recommended.
- Processor: 700 MHz minimum, 2 GHz recommended.
- Video adapter: 256 color.

Verifying Hardware Requirements

To ensure that the system meets these requirements, follow these steps:

1. Determine the physical RAM size. For a computer using Windows 7, for example, open **System** in the control panel. If the size of the physical RAM installed in the system is less than the required size, then you must install more memory before continuing.
2. Determine the amount of free disk space on the system. For a computer using Windows 7, for example, open **Start ► Computer**, right-click the drive where the VeraLab software is to be installed, and choose **Properties**.

Third-Party Software

Web Browser Support

The following Web browsers are supported for VeraLab:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 8.0, 9.0, 10.
- Google Chrome all versions.
- Mozilla FireFox 3.0 or higher.
- Mozilla/SeaMonkey 1.5 or higher.
- Safari 4.0, 5.0.

Although it is not required, VeraLab recommends using the latest versions of service packs for security purposes.

Database and Application Server

We bundle Tomcat 7.0 as a J2EE application server and MySQL 5.5 database for your convenience. You have an option not to install these components as a part of installation process. Instead you can use your own copy of MySQL database and Tomcat application server.

VeraLab Installation

This chapter guides you through the VeraLab installation procedures. This chapter covers the following topics:

- [Installing VeraLab](#)
- [Uninstalling VeraLab Components and Services](#)

Installing VeraLab

You can download the VeraLab software from the VeraLab Web site. This chapter describes how to install VeraLab from hard disk.

Before You Install VeraLab

Perform the following tasks before installing VeraLab Server:

1. Review and satisfy applicable system and component requirements in Chapter 1, [“Preinstallation Requirements”](#)
2. Log on as a member of the Administrators group to the computer on which to install VeraLab components. Log on as a member of the Domain Administrators group if you are installing on a Primary Domain Controller (PDC) or a Backup Domain Controller (BDC).
3. Back up any databases that are currently installed on the node.
4. Verify ports 8080 and 8443 (for SSL) are available and no other application is using them. For example, to check if port 8080 is busy, run “telnet localhost 8080” from command prompt on the server. If you get a blank screen, something else is using that port.

Downloading VeraLab Software from the Web Site

To download the installation files:

1. Use any browser to access the software download page:
<http://www.veralab.com/veralab/downloads.jsp>
2. Select a file system with enough free space to store and expand the files. On the file system that you just selected, create a temporary directory.
3. Download the executable file to the directory that you just created.
4. If you are upgrading from previous version go to [Upgrading VeraLab](#) chapter of this guide.

Installing VeraLab Software

Run the downloaded executable file and install the software, as follows:

Screen	Recommended Action
Welcome to the VeraLab Server Setup Wizard	Click Next

Screen	Recommended Action
License Agreement	Read the License Agreement and select the I accept the agreement radio button. Click Next
Select Destination Location	You can accept the default value (recommended) or select a different directory. Click Next
Select Components	Select Full Installation or Custom Installation from the drop-down list. Click the MySQL Server 5.5 checkbox to select or deselect the database component. Select Demo Data checkbox for test / non-production installations. Click Next
Select Sign-In Mode	Select Mixed Mode if you are evaluating VeraLab product or you have an environment with both Self-Service (or LDAP/MSAD integrated) workstation Sign-In and assign workstations to students via Counters. Select Self-Service Mode if you have only self-service sign-in directly at client workstations via MSAD or LDAP. Select Counter Mode if you assign students to workstations only via counters. Note: you can switch to a different sign-in mode after installation using application Settings. See Administrator's Guide for details. Click Next
Select Start Menu Folder	Accept the default value (recommended) or type in a custom name. Click Next
Ready to Install	Review the information displayed, then click Install . The installation may take several minutes.
Completing the VeraLab Server Setup Wizard	Select the components you wish to start automatically upon completion. Click Finish

Connecting to VeraLab

After installation by default a new browser window will open a Start Page. Please wait a couple of minutes for Windows Services to initialize. Once all services are started you will see a new

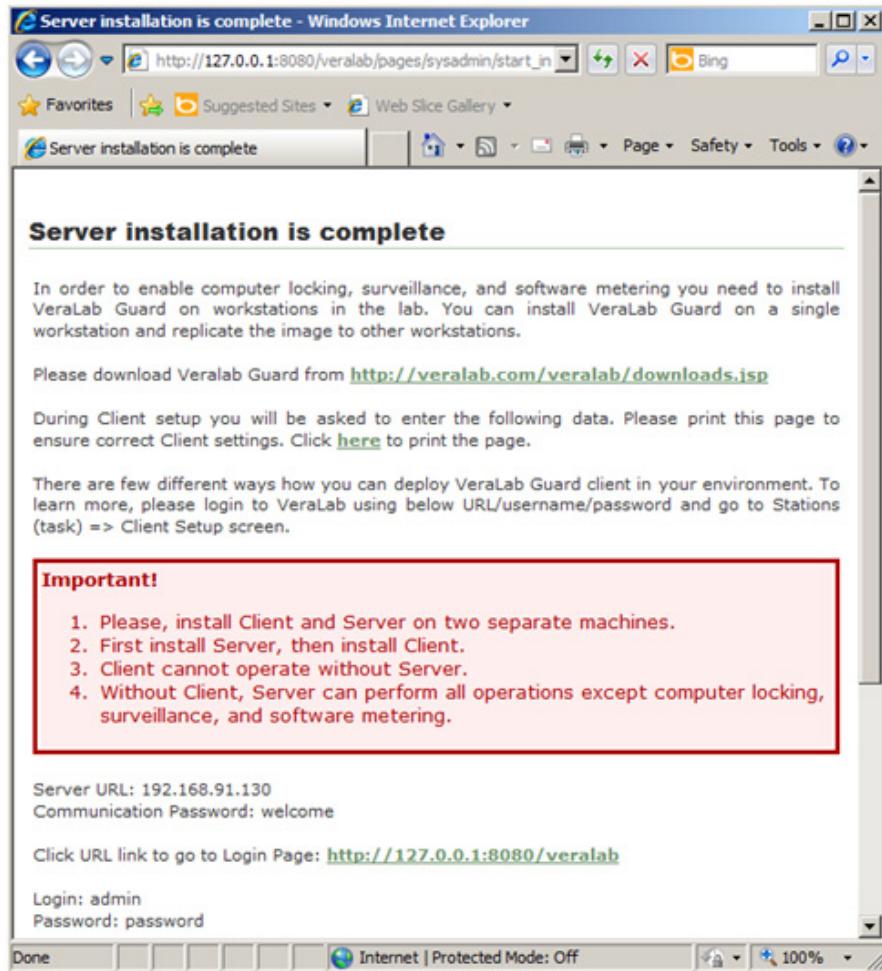
icon with letters “VL” in the system tray.

To start using VeraLab Computer Lab Management Suite, open a browser and go to VeraLab login page:

<https://127.0.0.1:8443/veralab>

Note If using IE 8.0 or later you will see a warning page “Certificate Error: Navigation Blocked”. Click “Continue to this website (not recommended).” to continue to login page. To avoid SSL error message, you will need to purchase a certificate from SSL Authority or use a non-secure connection
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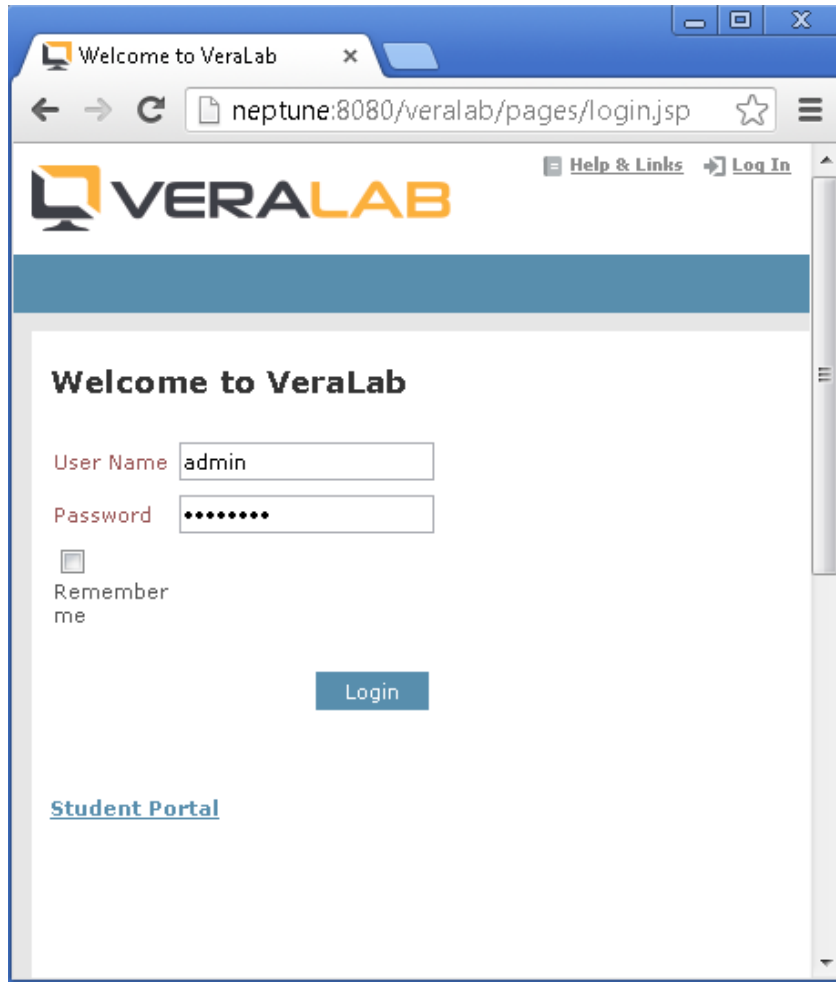
After first installation, you will see an informational page.



The default username and password are:

- username: admin
- password: password

Click on <http://127.0.0.1:8080/veralab> link to open login screen.



Note For more information, refer to *Administrator's Guide* and *User's Guide*.

Uninstalling VeraLab Components and Services

To uninstall VeraLab Computer Lab Management Suite and all its components:

1. Log on as a member of the Administrators group to the computer on which you installed VeraLab Server components.
2. Go to **Start ► Control Panel ► Add or Remove Programs**, and select **Veralab Server**.
3. Click **Remove**.

Note The installation directory (default is C:\Veralab) does not get removed automatically upon completion. It is safe to remove it manually.

Postinstallation Configuration

This chapter guides you through the VeraLab postinstallation procedures. This chapter covers the following topics:

- [Reviewing Installed Components](#)
- [Using VeraLab Server Manager](#)
- [Admin Account](#)

Reviewing Installed Components

VeraLab installs and configures the following Windows Services:

- VeraLab Apache Tomcat
- MySQL

These services are configured for Automatic Startup Type. You may want to change them to Manual if required.

To view services and their status, go to **Start ► Control Panel ► Administrative Tools ► Services**.

By default, **VeraLab Apache Tomcat** Service is configured to listen on TCP port 8443 (HTTPS) and 8080 (HTTP). If for any reason the default VeraLab ports are already used by some other software on your system you can change ports either from VeraLab Server Manager or in the following file:

%VERALAB_INSTALL_DIRECTORY%\tomcat\conf\server.xml

Locate the following lines and change the port number:

<Service name="Catalina">

<Connector port="8443" />

Note For more information, refer to *The Apache Jakarta Tomcat 5* manuals. You can find an example of SSL configuration on our FAQ web page at:
http://veralab.com/veralab/guard_faq.jsp

Using VeraLab Server Manager

Upon successful installation, VeraLab services are started automatically. A new icon with letters VL will be placed in the system tray (usually bottom-right corner of the screen).

VeraLab Server Manager has the following menu (use mouse right-click):

Menu	Description
Open Server Manger	Selecting this menu item will bring up VeraLab Server Manager Console, which is designed to Start/Stop/Restart Apache and/or MySQL.
Start Page	Selecting this menu item will open new browser window with login page. Note that HTTPS URL will be opened. To use HTTP, remove "s" and change port number to 8080.
Start VeraLab	Selecting this menu item will start VeraLab Web Service on the server. This selection will be disabled if VeraLab Web Service is running.
Stop VeraLab	Selecting this menu item will stop VeraLab Web Service on the server. This selection will be disabled if VeraLab Web Service is not running.
Restart VeraLab	Selecting this menu item will stop and start VeraLab Web Service on the server. This selection will be disabled if VeraLab Web Service is not running.
Settings...	Selecting this menu item will bring up Settings control panel. Ports, Startup type (automatic or manual), Java Machine size, and Server Manager ping interval can be modified there.
Backup Data	Selecting this menu item will start VeraLab database backup. A warning message that VeraLab application will be shutdown during backup will be displayed. After clicking OK button, a new window will prompt to accept default or specify another backup file location.
About	Selecting this menu item will display version information.

Menu	Description
Exit	Selecting this menu item will close and remove Server Manager from system tray. To launch it again, use Start ► All Programs ► VeraLab Server navigation.

Admin Account

Admin User

VeraLab comes with a predefined user, *admin*, that has privileges for performing all of the tasks in VeraLab system, including setting up the system and creating other user accounts. Admin user has an access to other roles in VeraLab application by default. You can modify admin's default settings by going to **Users** ► Click **Edit** icon next to admin user. However, it is recommended to create new users and assign them required roles and rights. You can not delete yourself. In order to delete a user with Administrator role, you will need to login as a different administrative user.

The default password for the admin user is 'password'. VeraLab recommends changing the password for the admin user immediately after install. You can also delete or deactivate this account, once you create your custom VeraLab Administrator users. You can create as many administrator accounts as required.

Changing the Password for the admin User in VeraLab

To change the password for the admin user:

4. Log into *VeraLab* as the admin user.
5. Navigate to **Administrator** ► **Users**. (Users task is the default landing page for Administrator role).
6. Click Edit icon next to the user.
7. In the *Edit Employee admin* page, type in the new password for **Password** and **Repeat Password** fields.
8. Click **Update**.

Note For more information, refer to *Administrator's Guide*.

VeraLab Upgrade

This chapter guides you through the VeraLab upgrade procedures. This chapter covers the following topics:

- [Upgrading VeraLab](#)

Upgrading VeraLab

You can download the VeraLab software from the VeraLab Web site.

Warning This chapter describes how to upgrade VeraLab from a previous version starting with 2.3 and higher. We strongly recommend to contact VeraLab Support if you have any customizations on top of vanilla version.

Before You Upgrade VeraLab

Perform the following tasks before upgrading VeraLab Server:

- 1. Review and satisfy applicable system and component requirements in Chapter 1, “Preinstallation Requirements”
- 2. Log on as a member of the Administrators group to the computer on which to upgrade VeraLab components. Log on as a member of the Domain Administrators group if you are installing on a Primary Domain Controller (PDC) or a Backup Domain Controller (BDC).
- 3. Perform full system backup.

Downloading VeraLab Software from the Web Site

To download the latest installation files:

- 1. Use any browser to access the software download page:
<http://www.veralab.com/veralab/downloads.jsp>
- 2. Select a file system with enough free space to store and expand the files. On the file system that you just selected, create a temporary directory.
- 3. Download the executable file to the directory that you just created.

Upgrading VeraLab Software

Run the downloaded executable file and follow the steps below:

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Screen	Recommended Action
License Agreement	Read the License Agreement and select the I accept the agreement radio button. Click Next
Select Upgrade Operation	Select Upgrade VeraLab Server to upgrade from a previous release. Upgrade program will perform a backup of your previous installation, install new application files and database, import old database, and perform upgrade to current release. Select Remove and Install option if you are ready to wipe out your previous installation and perform fresh install. Previous setups will not be transferred or upgraded. Select Stop and Exit to quit. Click Next
Select Destination Location	You can accept the default value (recommended) or select a different directory. Click Next
Select Sign-In Mode	Select Mixed Mode if you are evaluating VeraLab product or you have an environment with both Self-Service (or LDAP/MSAD integrated) workstation Sign-In and assign workstations to students via Counters. Select Self-Service Mode if you have only self-service sign-in directly at client workstations via MSAD or LDAP. Select Counter Mode if you assign students to workstations only via counters. Note: you can switch to a different sign-in mode after installation using application Settings. See Administrator's Guide for details. Click Next
Select Start Menu Folder	Accept the default value (recommended) or type in a custom name. Click Next
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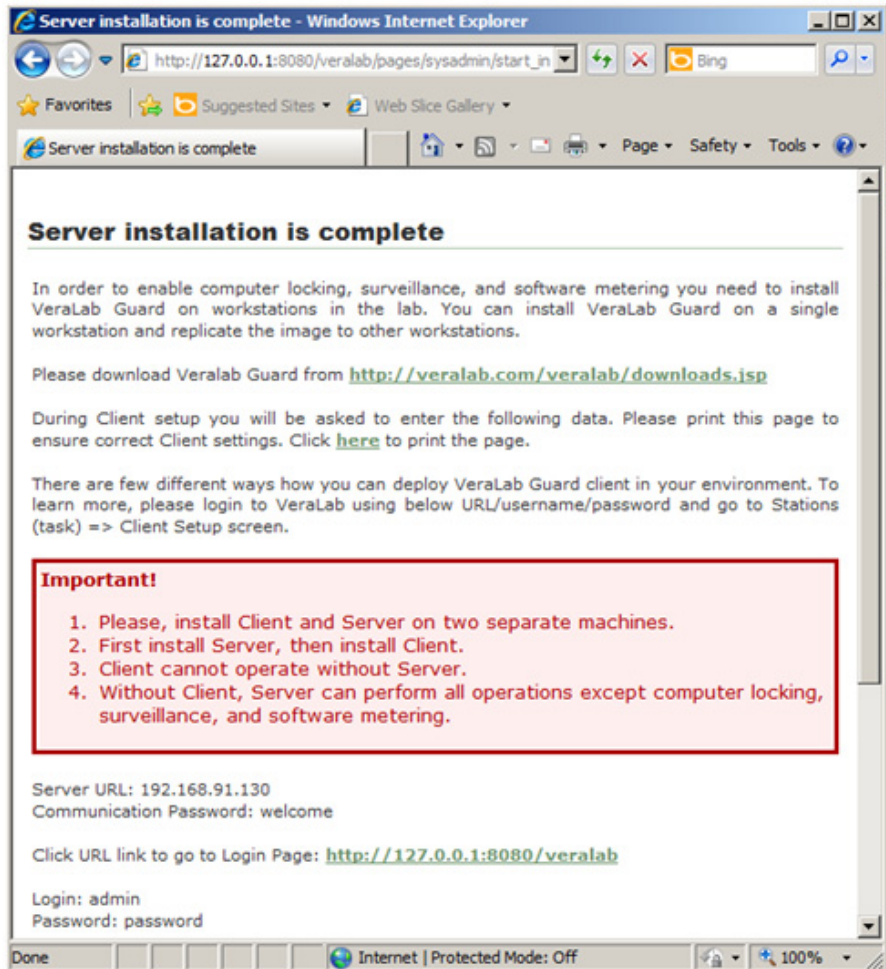
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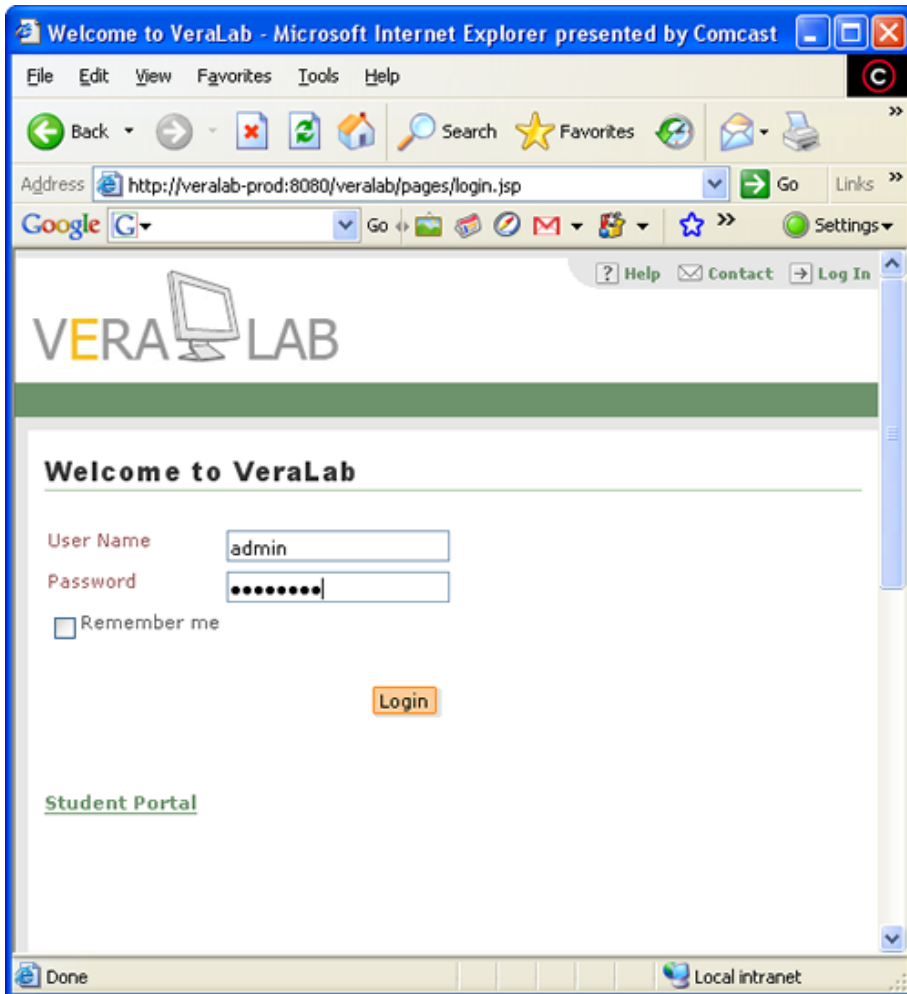
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- username: admin
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