

# VLAB UNIPD

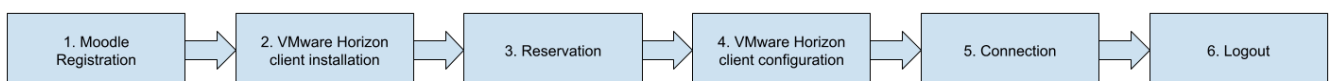
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## VLAB Intro

This document summarizes the methods of access to the virtual laboratories foreseen by the VLab project, promoted by the School of Engineering of the University of Padova. The virtual laboratory is a remote space (a virtual machine) that you can access using your computer. All the necessary software for the courses and some disk space are already available in the remote laboratory.

These are the steps to carry out to make a connection to the VLab.



## 1. Registration in Moodle

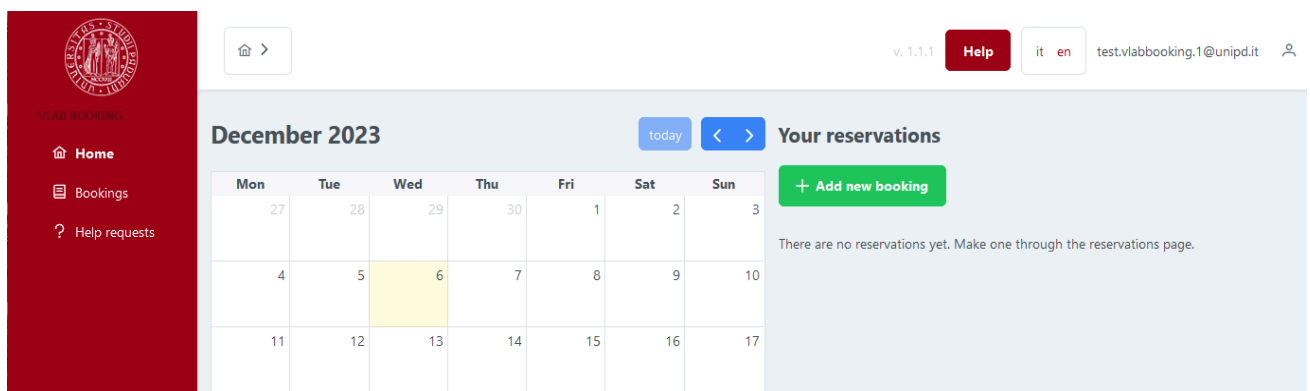
Before you can use the VLabs it is **mandatory to register** on the Moodle page of the department to which your degree course belongs or on the pages of the respective Moodle courses.

## 2. Vlab booking

During the teaching activities carried out in classroom, the reservations are typically carried out by the instructor, therefore no action is required from the student. You can then move on to connection section.

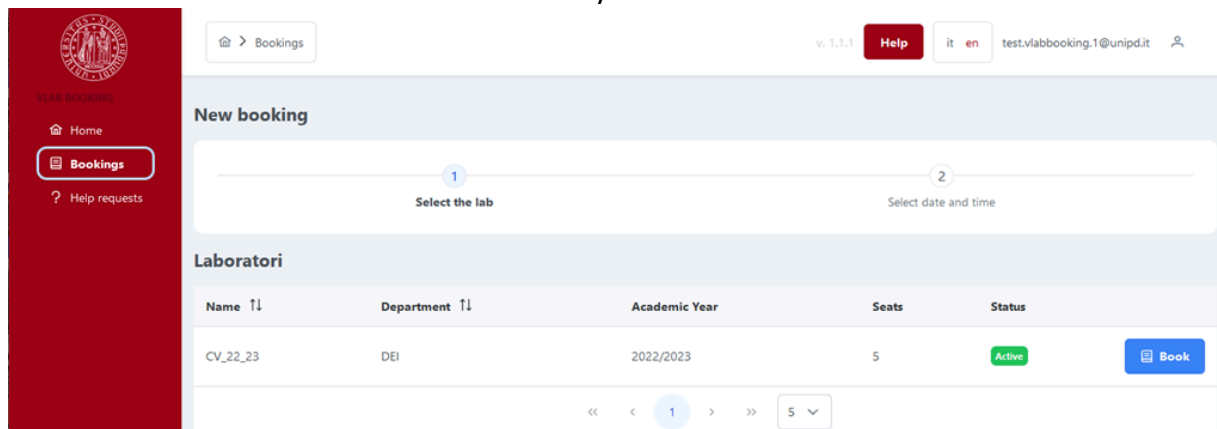
When students want to independently use the virtual laboratories (for example to carry out exercises at home), **they must make a reservation** using the following steps:

1. Connect to the website <https://vlabbooking.vdi.ict.unipd.it> and insert the SSO access credentials of the university. The reservations made by the instructor (not modifiable by the student) for teaching activities carried out in the classroom are visible in the calendar.



The screenshot shows the 'vlabbooking' website interface. On the left is a red sidebar menu with 'Home', 'Bookings', and 'Help requests'. The main content area features a calendar for December 2023, with the 6th highlighted in yellow. To the right of the calendar is a 'Your reservations' section with a green '+ Add new booking' button and a message: 'There are no reservations yet. Make one through the reservations page.'

2. Click the voice **Bookings** in the vertical menu on the left, or click the green button **Add new reservations**.
3. In the page **New bookings**, a list of virtual machines available for each laboratory is visible. Click **Book** next to the virtual machine you want to book.

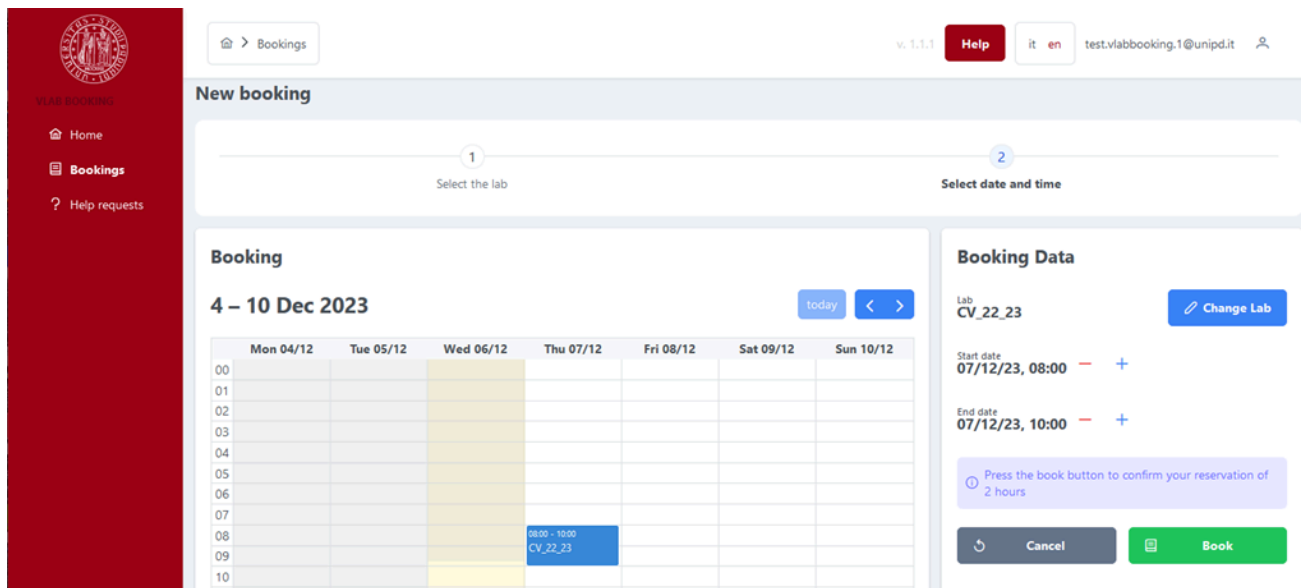


The screenshot shows the 'New booking' page. It has a progress bar with two steps: '1 Select the lab' and '2 Select date and time'. Below this is a table of laboratories:

Name ↑↓	Department ↑↓	Academic Year	Seats	Status	
CV_22_23	DEI	2022/2023	5	Active	<a href="#">Book</a>

At the bottom, there is a pagination control showing '1' of 5 items.

- Select a time slot from those available in the calendar (hold down the left mouse button to select contiguous time slots): in the **Booking data** box, it is possible to adjust the actual duration of the reservation with a precision +/- 15 minutes.
- Press **Book** to confirm or **Cancel** to reset the reservation.



**New booking**

1 Select the lab      2 Select date and time

**Booking**  
4 – 10 Dec 2023

	Mon 04/12	Tue 05/12	Wed 06/12	Thu 07/12	Fri 08/12	Sat 09/12	Sun 10/12
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**Booking Data**

Lab CV\_22\_23 [Change Lab](#)

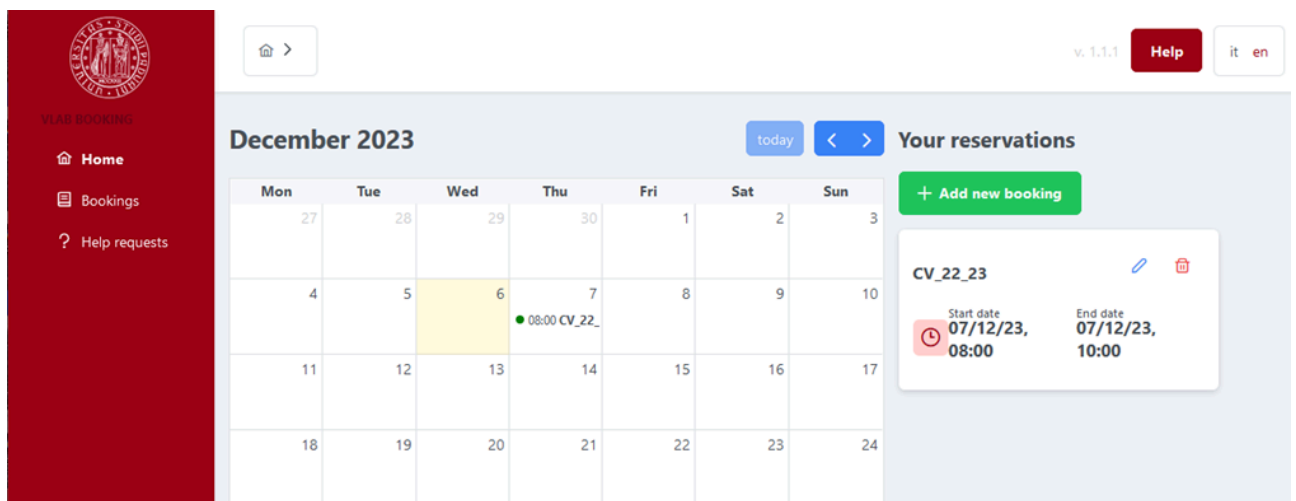
Start date 07/12/23, 08:00 - +

End date 07/12/23, 10:00 - +

Press the book button to confirm your reservation of 2 hours

[Cancel](#) [Book](#)

- After confirming the reservation, the main page shows the reservations made.
- To edit a reservation, click the pen icon in the **Your Reservations** pane, or directly click the reservation in the calendar and then click **Edit** and make the desired corrections.



**December 2023**

today < >

**Your reservations**

[+ Add new booking](#)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

CV\_22\_23 [Edit](#) [Delete](#)

Start date 07/12/23, 08:00

End date 07/12/23, 10:00

- Now that you have made your reservation you can proceed with the client installation.

### 3. Client Installation

In order to access the VM, **you must first install Omnissa Horizon Client**, according to the following instructions (if you have already installed the client, skip this step):

1. Visit the web site <https://vlab.vdi.ict.unipd.it>
2. Click **Install VMware Horizon Client**.



3. If you use Windows or MacOS/iOS, the respective executable to install will automatically appear. For Linux and Android, you will need to choose the type of installer as shown in the following screen.

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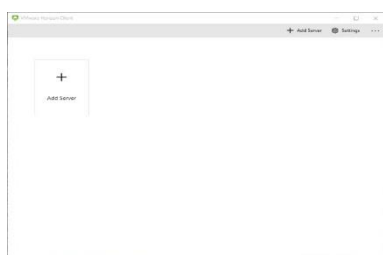
4. Select the latest version (this is the default choice) and click **Download** to start downloading the client.
5. When the download process finishes, install the **Omnissa Horizon client**. This process depends on your platform (Windows/Mac/Linux); if asked, accept the default values to finish the installation process.
6. If you are prompted to restart your system, do it now.

## 4. Omnissa Horizon client configuration

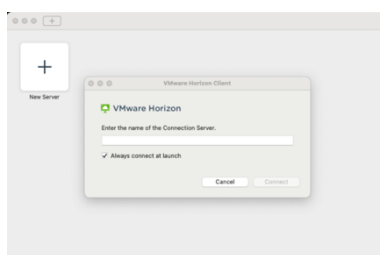
After the client is installed in your pc, **you have to configure the Omnissa Horizon Client** (if you already configured the client, skip this step):

- a. Start **Omnissa Horizon Client**.
- b. Click **Add Server** (or **New Server**).

Windows



MacOS



Linux

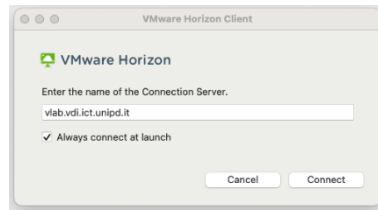


- c. Enter the name of the connection server **vlab.vdi.ict.unipd.it** then click **Connect**.

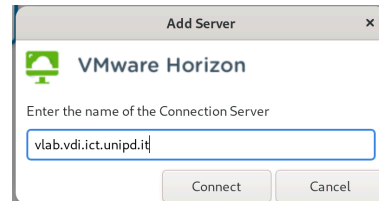
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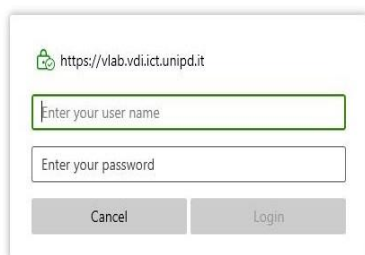


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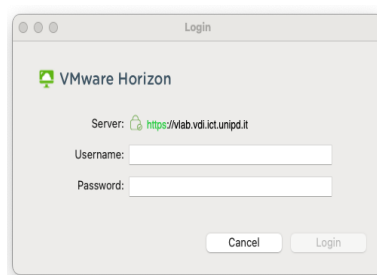


- d. Fill in the **Username** field with your institutional email address (@unipd or @studenti.unipd.it) and fill in the **Password** field with your email password and then click **Login**.

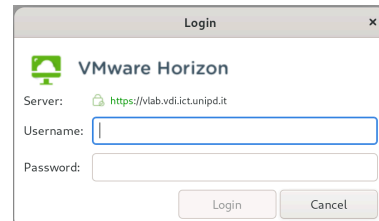
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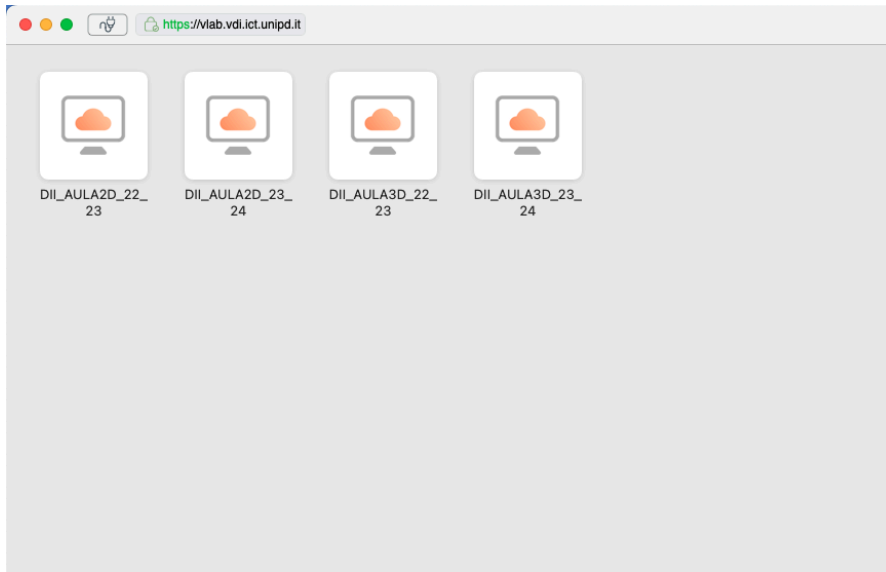


Linux



## 5. Connecting to the virtual machine

Double click on the name of your VLab to access one of the available virtual machines;



A Windows or Linux virtual remote desktop appears: now you can start using the software required for your lab! When you are finished, please shutdown (or restart) the virtual machine. Please note that your personal data will not be deleted; you can use up to 10 GB. You will find them next time you make another connection to the virtual machine.

#### **Additional comments for virtual desktops with Windows:**

- For some virtual machine with Windows, it might appear a message asking whether you want to allow the drive sharing. By clicking on “Allow”, you have access to a folder “Z”, useful to share files between the VM and your own compute.
- You can exchange files between the VM and your own pc, either:
  - a. by a single “drag & drop” between the two windows.
  - b. using the Z folder available under the icon “This pc” in the VM desktop.

#### **Additional comments for virtual desktops with Linux:**

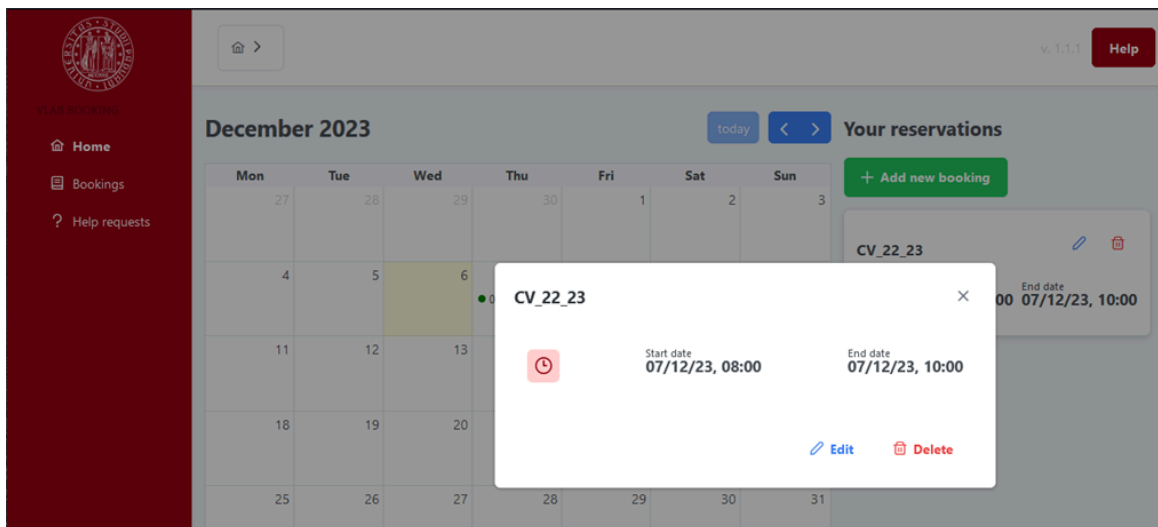
- You might be asked to login with your SSO account again.
- Please note that the default keyboard layout might not match your keyboard; for some installations, you might change the layout at login time by clicking on the top-right icon with the current layout (e.g. “US”).

## **6. Cancel a reservation**

**It is not possible to independently cancel a current reservation, if the reservation is for a few hours,**

it is possible to let it expire, otherwise please open a support request.

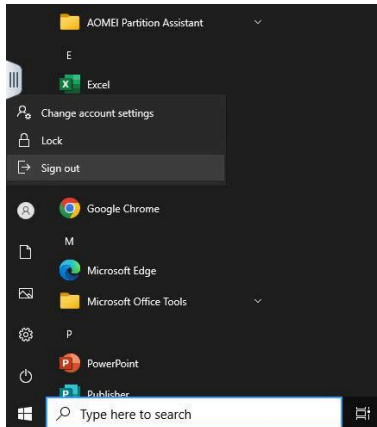
It is possible to proceed with the cancellation of future reservations, this to free up the resource and make it available to other potential students. Cancellation can be done in two ways: by clicking the trash icon in the Your reservations box, or by clicking the reservation directly in the calendar and then Remove.



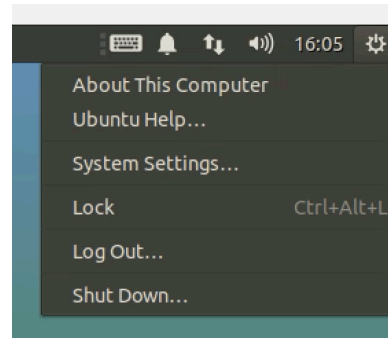
## 7. Disconnect from the virtual machine

If you no longer need the VM, disconnection is recommended to free up the resource and make it available to other potential students.

VLab with Windows



VLab with Linux





## 8. Support request

**Note. This is the only procedure for making a support request.**

1. In the main page, click on **Support requests** in the menu on the left, or click on the red button **Support**.
2. In the support request page, click on the red button **New support request**.



3. A new box opens: fill in all the requested information. It is important that you fill in the **Laboratory** and **Problem date and time** fields to enable technicians to effectively address the problem. Click on **Submit** to complete the request.

