

# Chapter 2 - Accessing Islandora

This chapter is for those who wish to review Islandora's functionality, or who wish to run a local version of Islandora as a **Virtual Machine Image**. This chapter assumes that you do not have a current running version of Islandora. If you are currently running an installation of Islandora, you do not need to review this section. If you would like to complete a full server installation of Islandora, please see [Chapter 8 - Installing Islandora](#).

## Accessing our Sandbox

To access the Islandora Sandbox, please visit <http://sandbox.islandora.ca> and login using the following credentials:

**username:** admin

**password:** islandora

This is an administrative account that will allow you to see Islandora from the perspective of a user who would add and administer repository content. This instance of Islandora has also been extended with Solution Packs, which will allow you to ingest particular types of content. If you are using the online sandbox to explore Islandora, you may move to the next section of this guide. If you are interested in seeing Islandora code in action, and having additional access to the system, you will want to install a **Virtual Machine Image** on your local computer.

## Installing the Islandora Virtual Machine

The latest Islandora Virtual Machine image can be obtained from [islandora.ca](http://islandora.ca).

For installation instructions, please select your operating system: [Windows](#) | [Mac OSX](#)