

How to Install Nagios XI with VMware ESXi vSphere

Purpose

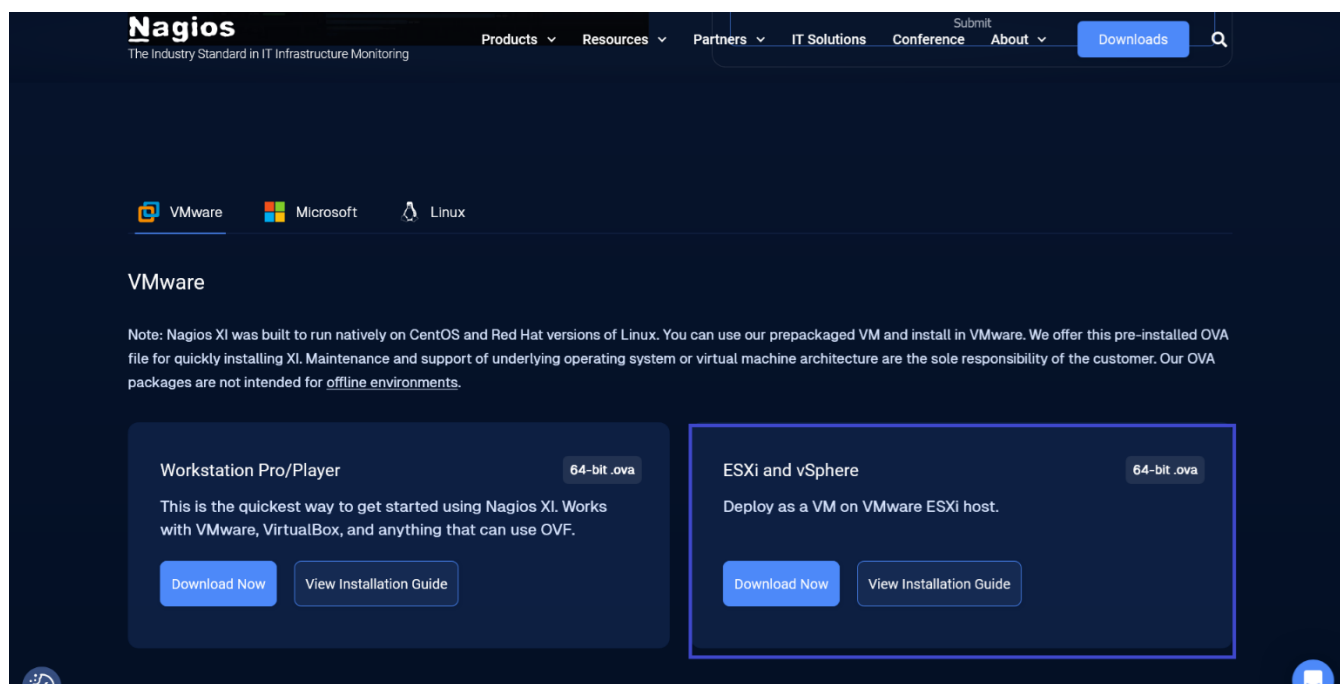
This document is intended to outline the steps required to install Nagios XI within VMware ESXi vSphere.

Prerequisites

You must have an ESXi/vSphere environment set up and working in order to install Nagios XI in that environment.

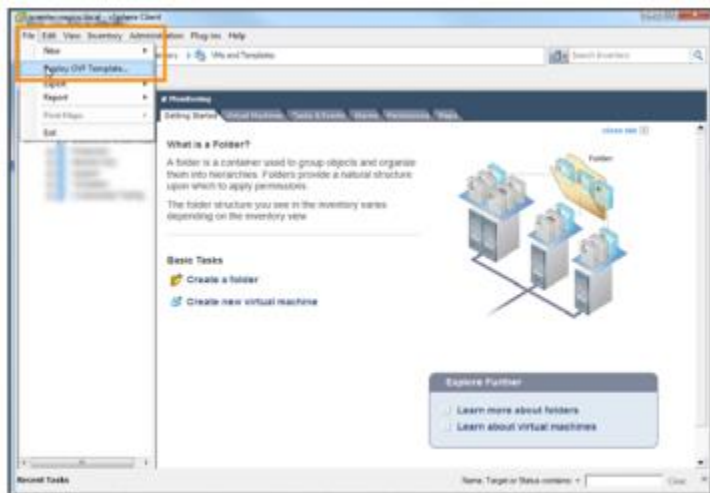
Installation Procedure

1. Navigate to the [Nagios XI Download page](#). Click **Download Now** under **VMware > ESXi and vSphere**. Extract the contents of the downloaded .zip file.

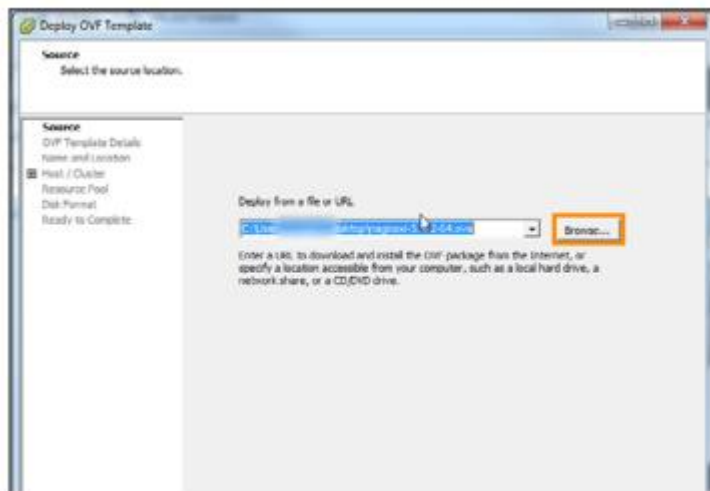


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2. Open vSphere. In the top left corner, select **File > Deploy OVF Template**.



3. **Browse** and select the OVA file you downloaded from Nagios.com.

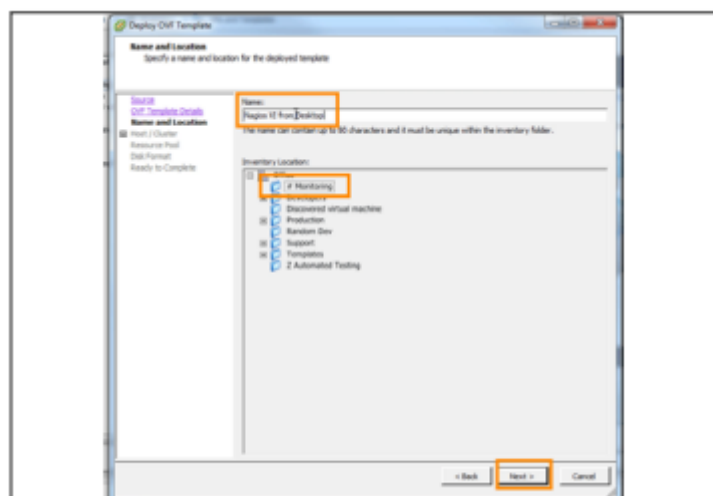


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- Click **Next** through the setup wizard. Each default option will be exactly what you need to get Nagios XI running properly.

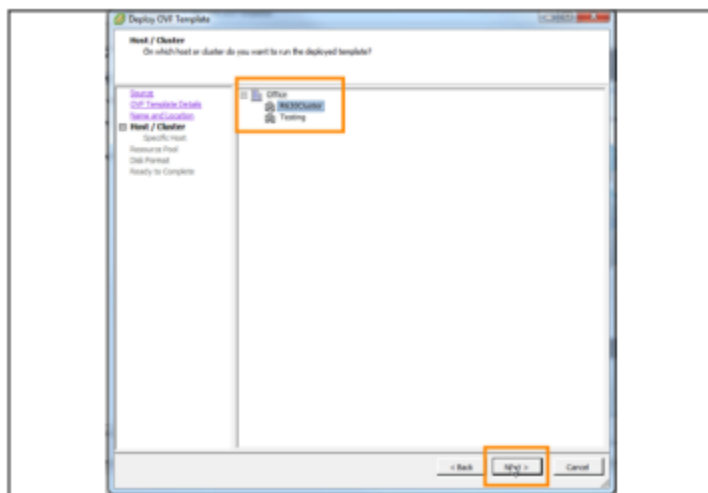


- Name your OVF template and select what folder you would like it placed in. Click **Next**.

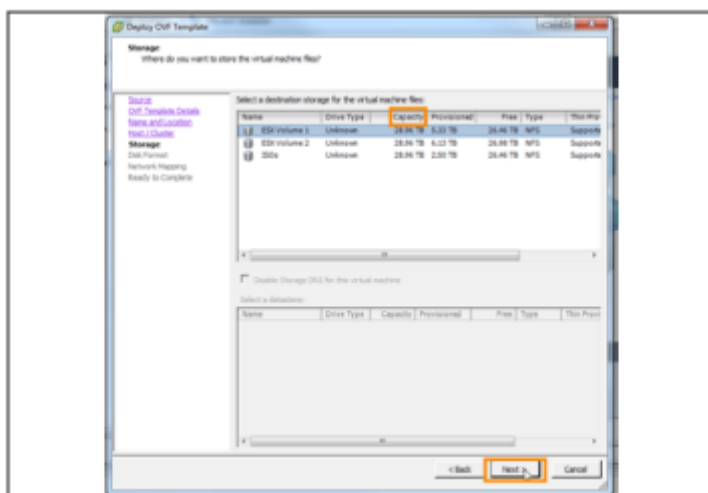


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6. Select the host or cluster where you want to deploy the template and click **Next**.

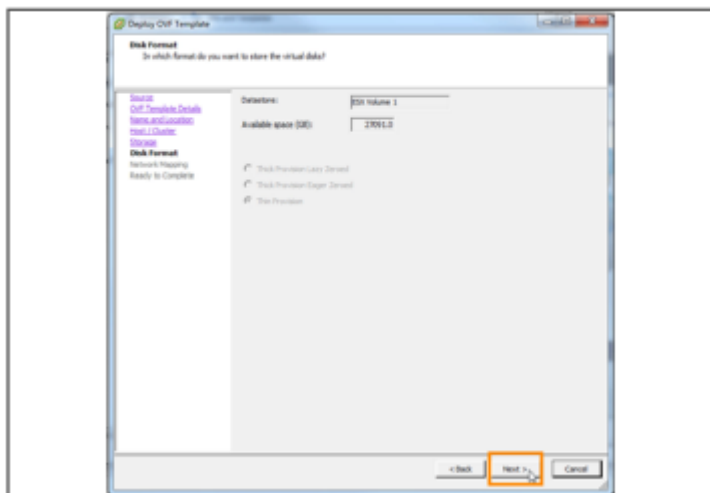


7. In this **Storage** section example, you'll see three options. While different storage devices are available, we recommend selecting the device with the highest capacity. Click **Next**.

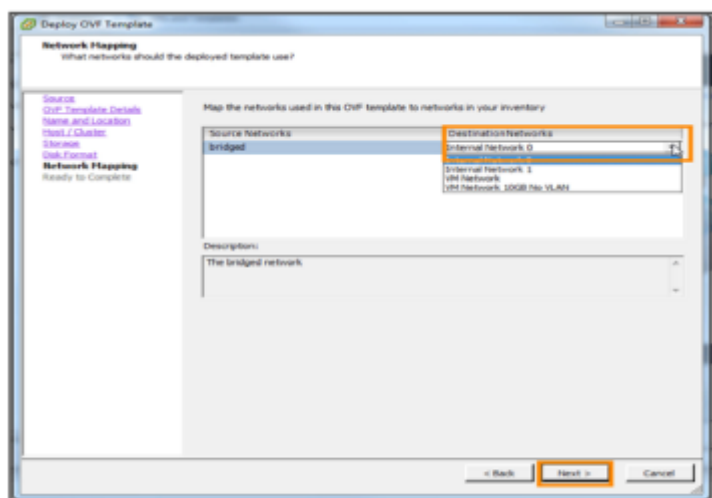


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- Based on the datastore you selected, the **Disk Format** section will show you how much available space you have in GB. Click **Next**.

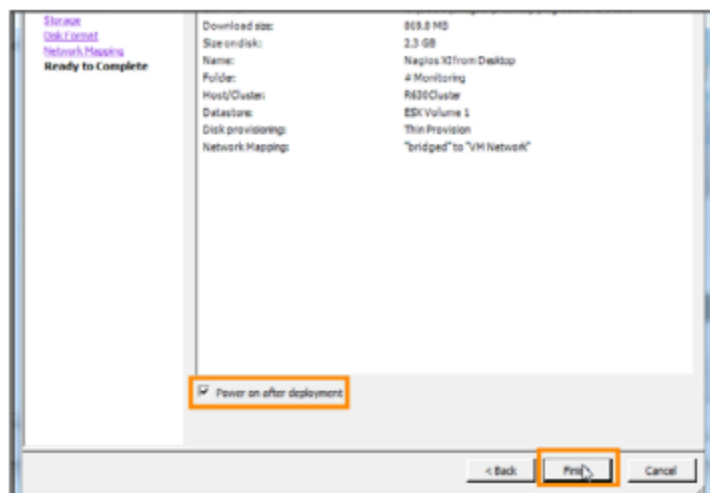


- Select which network you want to deploy your OVF template. Click **Next**.

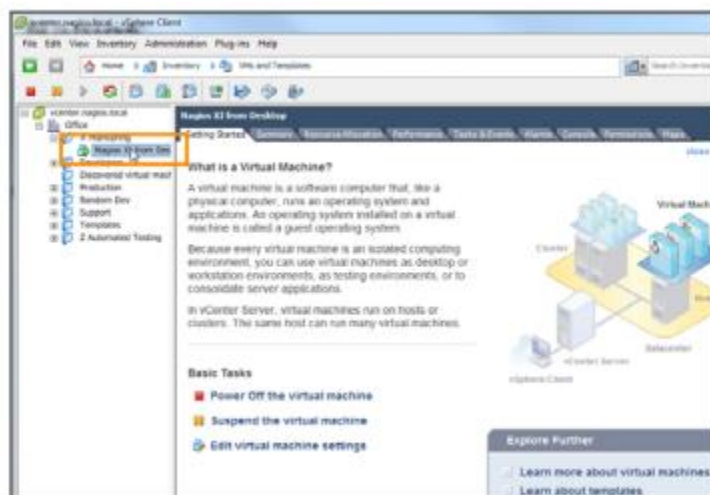


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10. You should receive a recap of your choices on this screen. It is encouraged to select **Power on after deployment** because it gets you up and running quickly. Click **Finish**.



11. It will take a few seconds to a minute for the deployment to complete. Upon completion, select the virtual machine in vSphere.



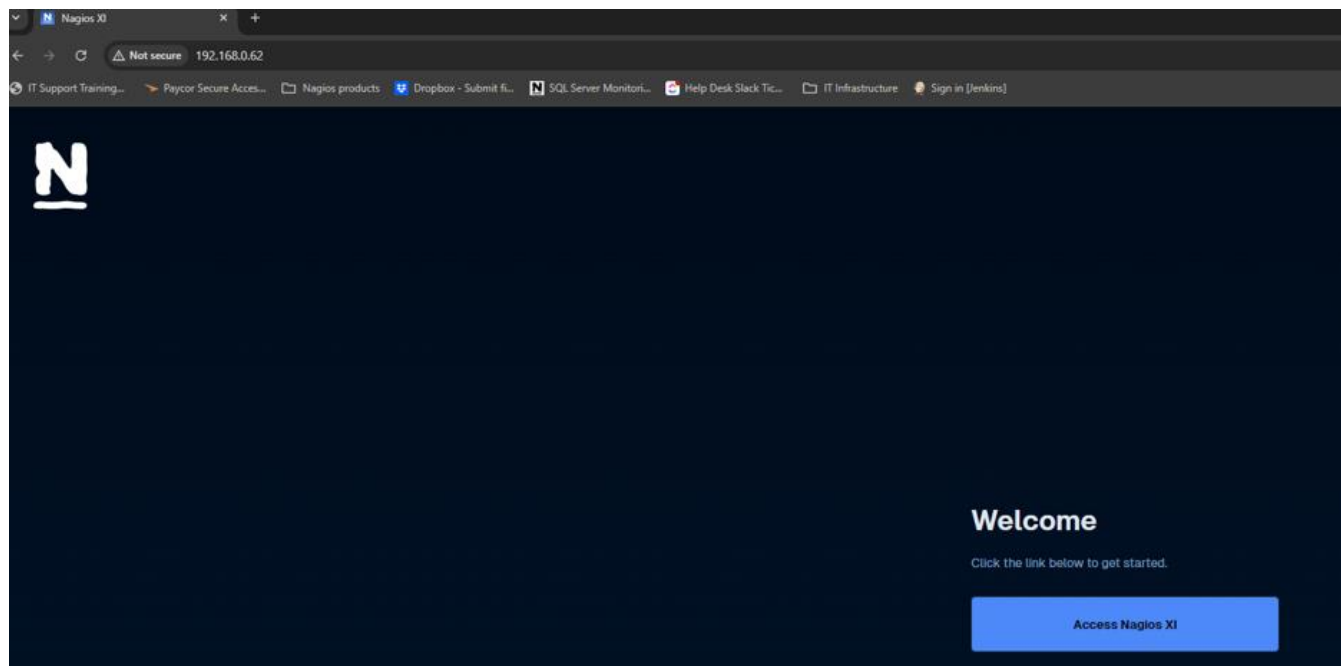
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12. Select the **Console** tab. This is where you will see the login prompt for Nagios XI and where you will find the default username and password for the CLI, as well as an IP Address to access the User Interface.



13. Navigate to this IP Address by typing it into a browser of your choice.

14. Click **Access Nagios XI**.



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15. Configure your timezone, language, and user interface theme. If you want to enforce HTTPS-only access, you can enable it here. You will also select your license type in this step. Once all settings are configured, click **Next** to proceed.

Nagios XI Installation

Finalize your Nagios XI installation and step the initial configuration. These settings can be changed later.

General System Settings

Program URL

The default URL that is used to access Nagios XI on this server directly from your internal network.

Timezone

America/Chicago

Language

English (English)

User Interface Theme

Neptune

☐ Use HTTPS only (all HTTP requests will be redirected to HTTPS) ⓘ

General System Settings

License Type

☒ Trial

☐ Licensed

☐ Free (Limited)

Trial includes unlimited nodes + enterprise features. Includes access to trial support.

[Click to get a trial key](#)

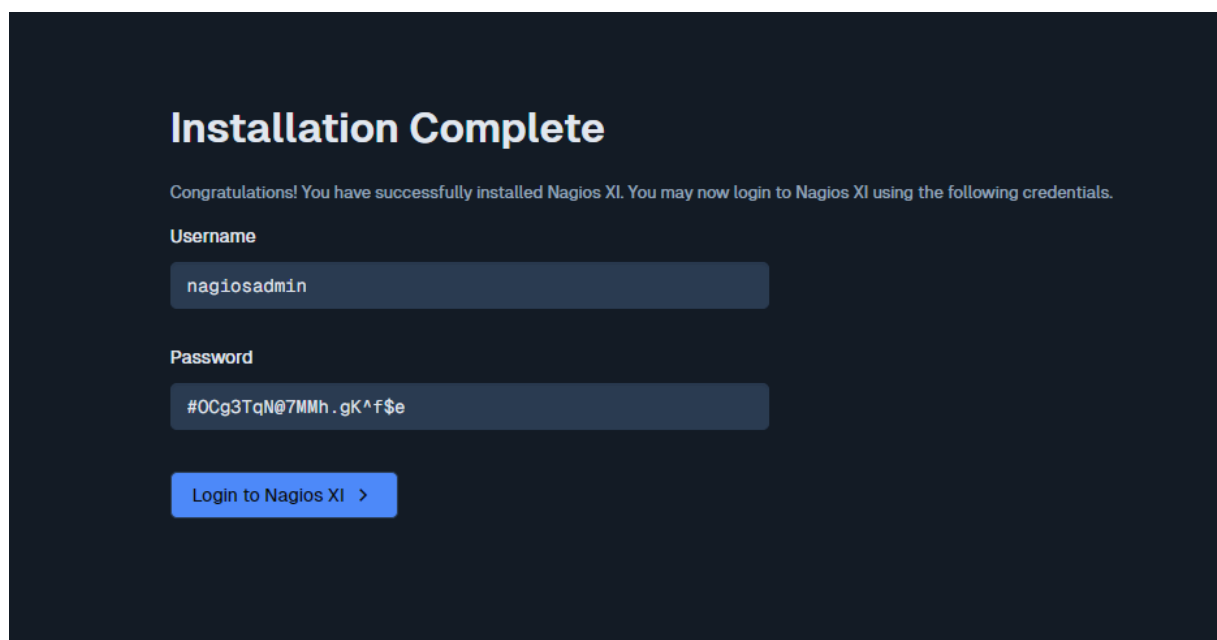
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16. The next screen is where you will configure the `nagiosadmin` account used to access the website, change the options as you desire. Once you have everything configured, click **Finish**.

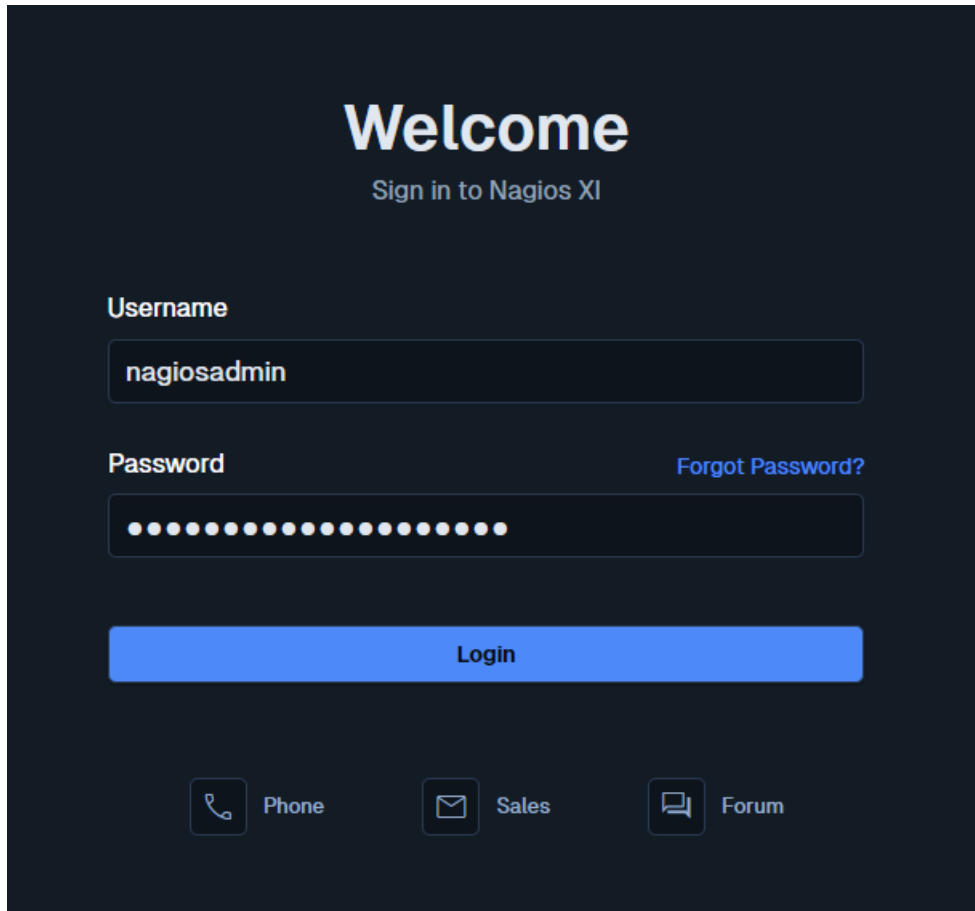
Note: The Nagios Support Team cannot recover your password if you forget it. Be sure to save it in a secure location, such as a password manager. Once your password is saved, click **Login to Nagios XI** to continue.



The image shows the 'Installation Complete' screen of Nagios XI. It has a dark blue background with white text. At the top, it says 'Installation Complete' in a large font. Below that, a message reads: 'Congratulations! You have successfully installed Nagios XI. You may now login to Nagios XI using the following credentials.' There are two input fields: 'Username' with the value 'nagiosadmin' and 'Password' with the value '#0Cg3TqN@7MMh.gK^f\$e'. At the bottom, there is a blue button with the text 'Login to Nagios XI >'.

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17. Insert your username and password. Click **Login**.

The image shows the Nagios XI login interface. At the top, it says "Welcome" in large white letters, followed by "Sign in to Nagios XI" in smaller white letters. Below this, there are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". The "Username" field contains the text "nagiosadmin". The "Password" field is filled with dots. To the right of the "Password" field, there is a link that says "Forgot Password?". Below the input fields is a large blue button labeled "Login". At the bottom of the screen, there are three icons with text labels: a phone icon for "Phone", an envelope icon for "Sales", and a speech bubble icon for "Forum".

18. Please read the License Agreement. When done, check the box and click **Submit**.

Finishing Up

Congratulations! You've now successfully installed Nagios XI with VMware ESXi vSphere and are ready to start monitoring your environment.

Still need installation help? We'll do it for free.

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