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Microsoft provides free Azure DevOps accounts for individuals, small teams, and open-source projects. Enterprises can also sign up for Azure DevOps accounts that can scale to thousands of team members. We're going to sign up for a free Azure DevOps organization to see how its services can help us on our DevOps journey.

**Note**

In this learning path, you'll use Azure DevOps Services, which Microsoft hosts for you. There's also **Azure DevOps Server**, the on-premises version of Azure DevOps Services that you can install and run on your own network.

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Follow along with the team by setting up your own free Azure DevOps organization:

1. Go to dev.azure.com .
2. Select the **Start free** button.
3. Sign in by using your **Microsoft account**. Or if you don't have a Microsoft account, select **Create One!** and complete the steps.

**Note**

You may have a Microsoft account already. Typically these end with hotmail.com or outlook.com.

1. Review the Terms of Service, Privacy Statement, and Code of Conduct, and select **Continue** if you agree to them.

**Note**

As the person creating the Azure DevOps organization, you will automatically become the owner. Please be considerate when deciding on your account name and avoid existing legal entities.

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Next, set up an organization. Here's how:

1. If you've never created an Azure DevOps organization, you'll see a window with a **Create new organization** button. If you have, you'll see a link that reads **New organization**. Select the option you see.
2. In the Azure DevOps Terms of Service and Privacy notification window, select **Continue**.
3. Create an organization for the Microsoft Learn modules next to the **dev.azure.com/** field. If you're prompted that the name is already taken, just add some numbers to the end to make it unique. For example, Tailspin0523.
4. Choose a location near you where your projects will be hosted.
5. Select **Continue**.

The next screen prompts you to create a project. You'll do that in the next module.

Congratulations! In the next module, the team will use Azure Boards to create its first project and backlog.