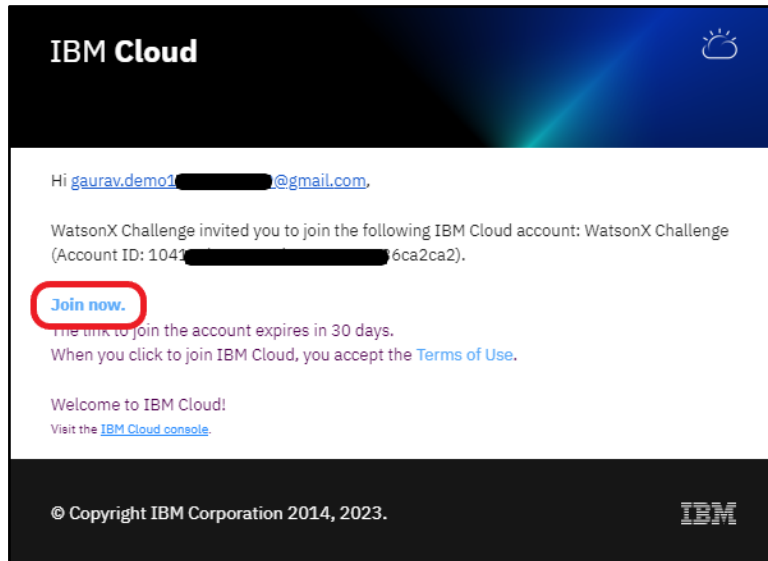


# IBM Cloud Account Set Up Instructions

## 1. Access your IBM Cloud account

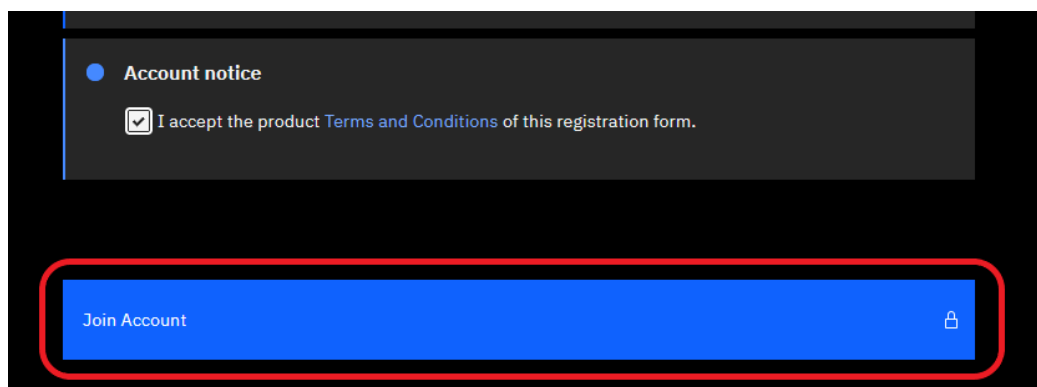
1. Go to the email inbox used for the challenge/hackathon registration and open the email you received from the IBM Cloud team about joining your cloud account.\*

Click the **Join Now** button seen in that email.

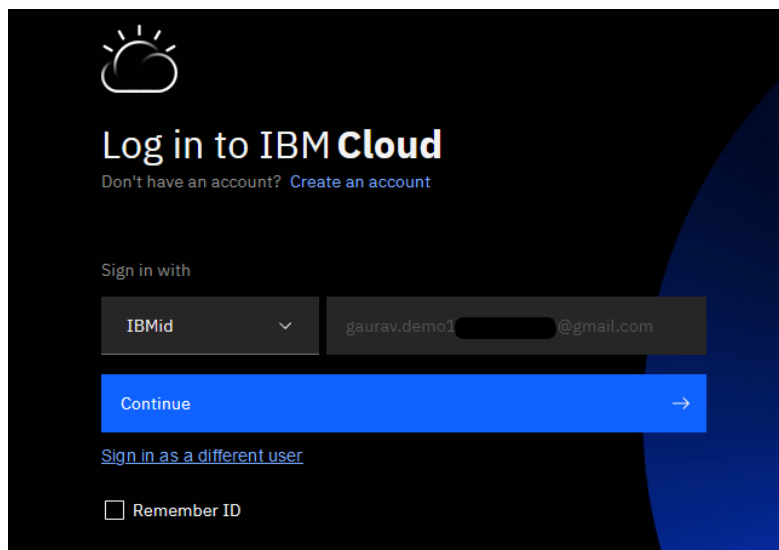


\* You should have received an email invitation from the IBM Cloud team. Please check your junk/spam folders if you are not able to find the email in your inbox. You can also quickly search for “IBM Cloud” to locate the email.

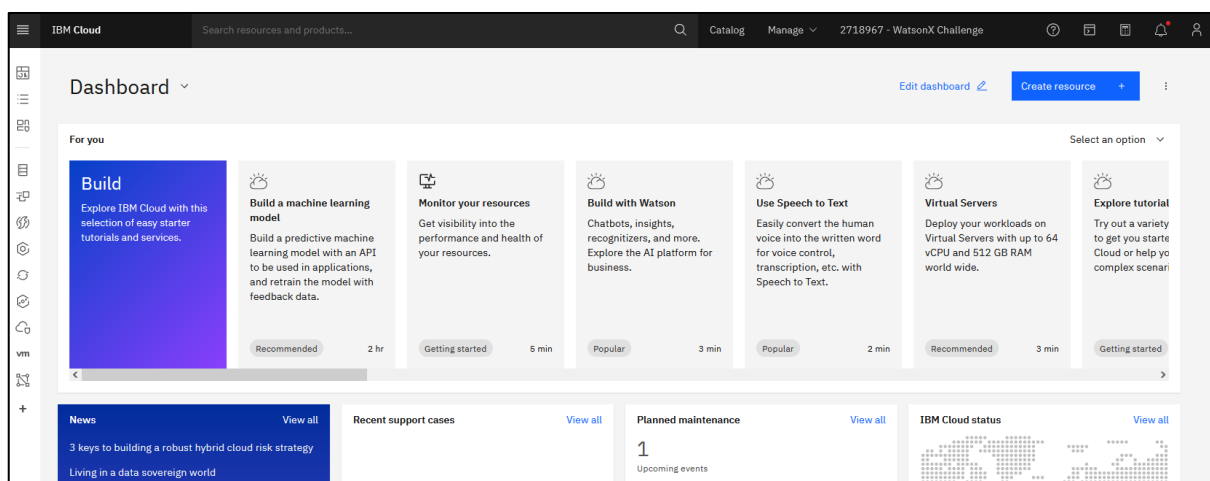
2. A new browser tab will open with the cloud account sign up page. Read and accept the terms and conditions and click the **Join Account** button.



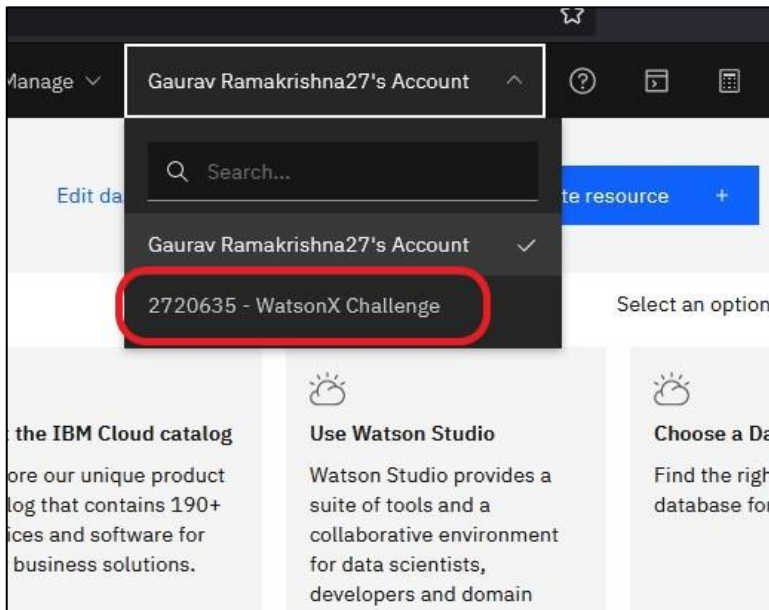
3. Complete the authentication process by clicking the **Continue** button.



After you authenticate successfully, you will be taken to the IBM Cloud dashboard.



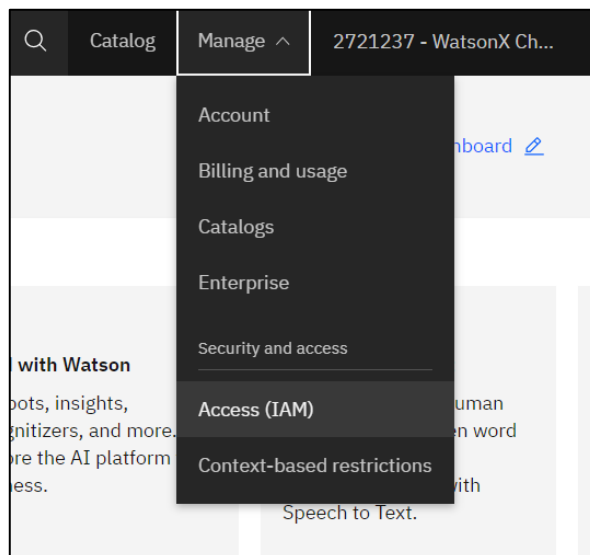
**Important note:** If you have an existing IBM Cloud account, sometimes you will be directed to your existing account. In this case, please switch your account to the **xxxxxxx-WatsonX Challenge** or **Watsonx Ecosystem Challenge** account. Refer to the below image on switching accounts.



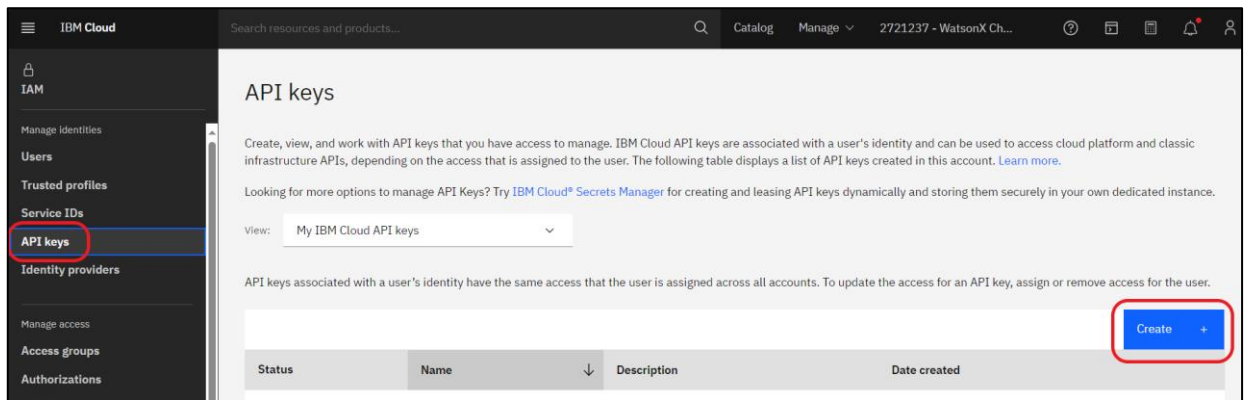
## 2. Create an IBM Cloud API key

An IBM Cloud API key would be required to generate [IAM access token](#) or an [endpoint integration of watsonx.ai](#) service.

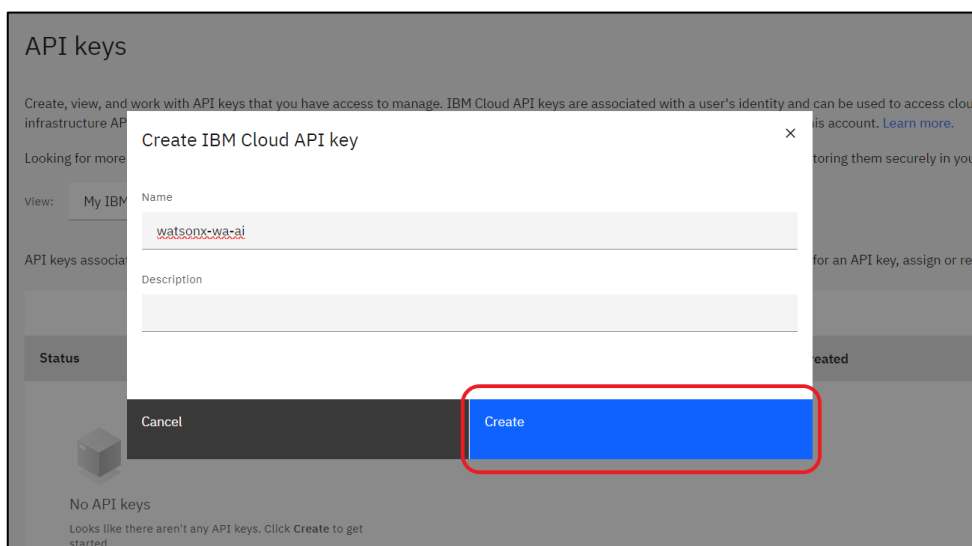
1. In your IBM Cloud account dashboard, select **Manage > Access (IAM)** at the top of the IBM Cloud dashboard.



2. Select **API keys** on the left pane and click the **Create +** button.



3. Enter a name and click the **Create** button.



4. An API key will be created. Download and save the file in a secure path in your system.