

# ACT 200.1.1: Access Splunk Learning Resources

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# **Before you Begin - How to Complete This Activity**

Having a Google account is strongly recommended.

Once logged in to your Google account, you can use this document's File menu to make a copy of the file. The copy will reside in your personal Google Drive. Once you have a copy of the lab file, you can type answers to questions and paste screenshots directly into the lab file.

NOTE: Do not request edit access to the file.

If you do not have a Google account, use this document's File menu to download the lab file in a format compatible with your document editor. Open the file for editing using your editor of choice (Microsoft Word, LibreOffice, PDF editor, or other), and type answers to questions, and paste screenshots directly into the file.

When you have completed the lab, save the file in .pdf format.

Upload the completed .pdf document to Canvas using the Submit button.

Still confused? Refer to The Lab Process guide.

### Introduction

This short activity is designed to have you create an account on workplus.splunk.com. This account will enable you to access official (and free) Splunk training materials and allow you to use the Splunk server environment for practice.

The course content from workplus.splunk.com is supplemental to this module, and using it is not mandatory. Using the lab environment, however, is mandatory. You do not have to complete any workplus.splunk.com courses, but you must enroll in several to access the Splunk lab environment.

Note: In this activity, you will also enroll in the Creating Field Extractions (eLearning with labs) course and launch the Splunk server environment. You do not have to take or complete the Creating Field Extractions (eLearning with labs) course. You are encouraged to use the Splunk server during class to follow along with the instructor's demonstration.

## **Objectives**

- Create a Splunk Account.
- Enroll in the Creating Field Extractions (eLearning with labs) course.
- Launch the Creating Field Extractions (eLearning with labs) lab environment.

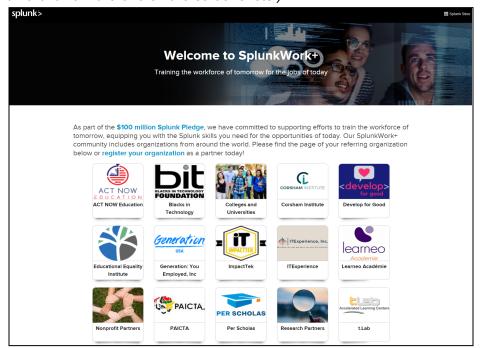
# **Equipment**

A laptop or PC with internet connectivity.

#### **Instructions**

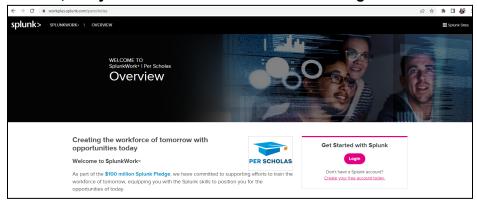
#### Part 1: Create a Splunk Account

a. Using your Web browser, navigate to <a href="https://workplus.splunk.com">https://workplus.splunk.com</a>. Locate and click on the **Per Scholas Icon** from the partner's list. (Note: The Per Scholas Icon may be different from the one on the screenshots.)

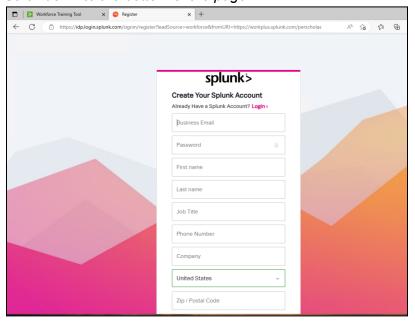


b. Click on the Create your free account today link. [If you already have a Splunk account, please click the Login button, enter your credentials, and skip to Step 2 below.]

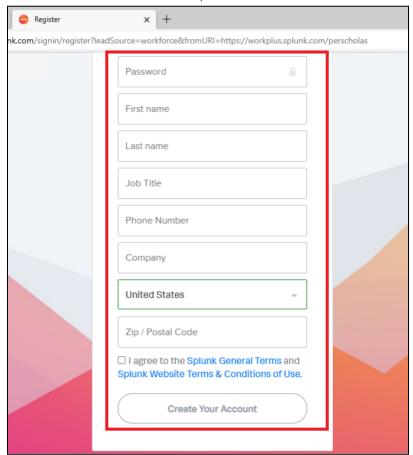
Note: If you are a Per Scholas staff member and have an @perscholas.org email address, use your Per Scholas email address to register.



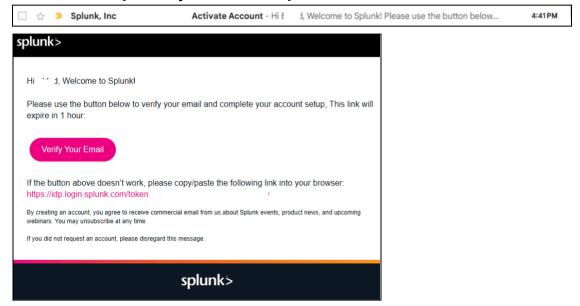
c. In the **Create Your Splunk Account** section, fill in the details to complete signing up. Scroll down to the bottom of the page.



d. Check the I agree to the Splunk General Terms and Splunk Website Terms & Conditions of Use check box, and click on the Create Your Account button.



- e. If necessary, solve the captcha.
- f. Look for an email from Splunk, Inc. with the subject line "Activate Account." Click on the button that says "Verify Your Email" your screen should then refresh.

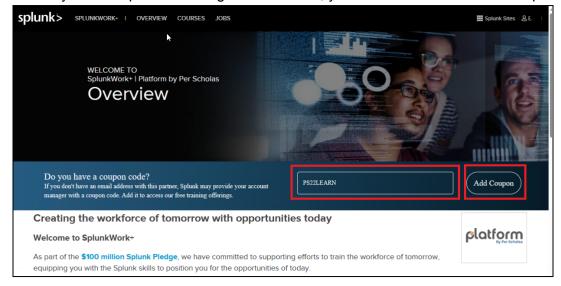


#### Part 2: Enroll in the Creating Field Extractions (eLearning with labs) course.

- a. If your Web page did not refresh, navigate once more to <a href="https://workplus.splunk.com">https://workplus.splunk.com</a>. Locate and click on the Per Scholas Icon from the partner's list, and Login with your credentials.
- b. Learners only: Once you are signed in, type the coupon code and click the Add Coupon button. This will grant you Per Scholas authorization and free access to all content.

The Per Scholas coupon code is **PS22LEARN.** (Please **do not share** this coupon with anyone.)

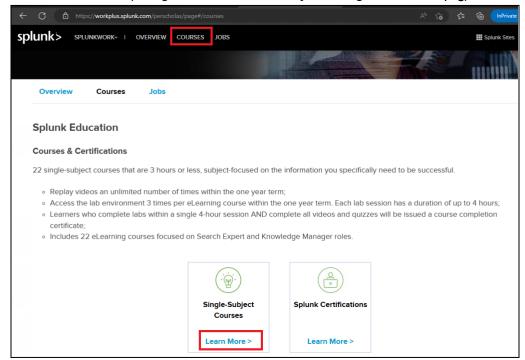
Note: If you use a perscholas.org email address, you do not need to use this coupon.



- c. Before you can access the **Splunk free training**, you must allow some time for the Splunk environment to process your request. Splunk advises to allow up to 2 business days, but the process usually **completes** within about an **hour**.
- d. Once the process is complete on the Splunk training end, you will receive a confirmation email addressed to the email you used to create your Splunk account. The email's subject will read: You can now access your free Splunk Training.



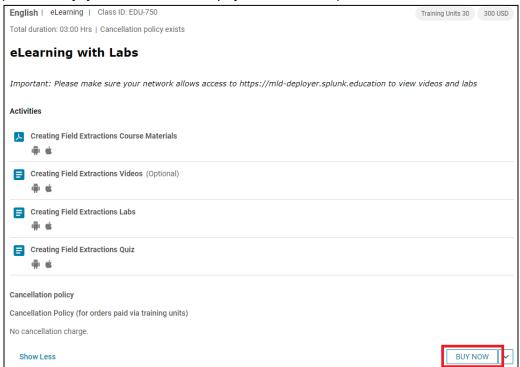
e. Once you receive this email, you can use a **link provided in the mail message** to access your training or navigate to the <a href="https://workplus.splunk.com">https://workplus.splunk.com</a> page. Using the latter, click the **COURSES** tab. Under the **Single-Subject Courses** section, click on the **Learn More** > link (using the former will lead you straight to sub-step g).



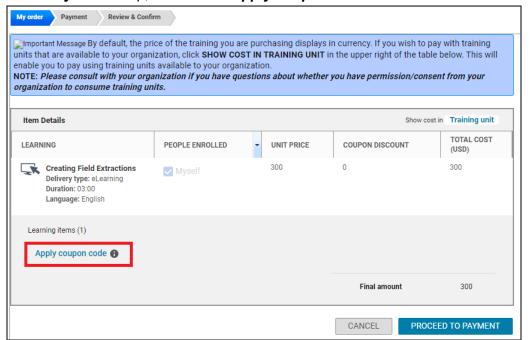
- f. Scroll down on the **Splunk Pledge Education Benefits (SplunkWork+)** page and review the courses available under the **Included Courses** section.
- g. Locate and click the Creating Field Extractions (eLearning with labs) course.

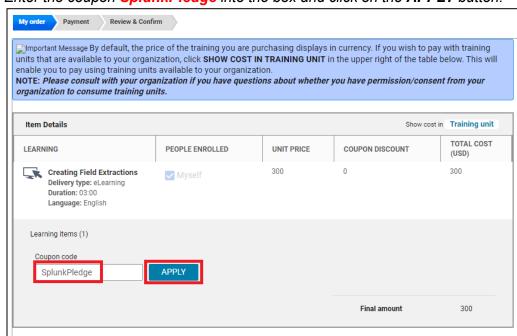


h. Scroll down on the **Creating Field Extractions** page, and click the **BUY NOW** button. (Don't worry, you will **not** have to pay for this course).



i. On the My order step, click on the Apply coupon code link.



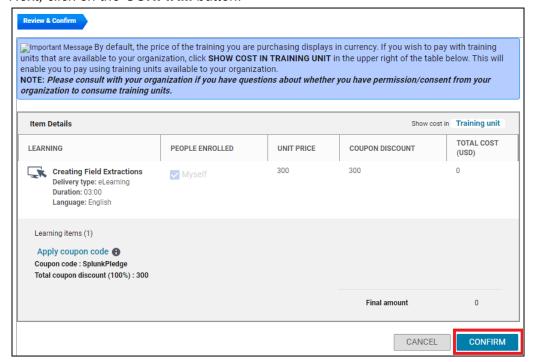


j. Enter the coupon **SplunkPledge** into the box and click on the **APPLY** button.

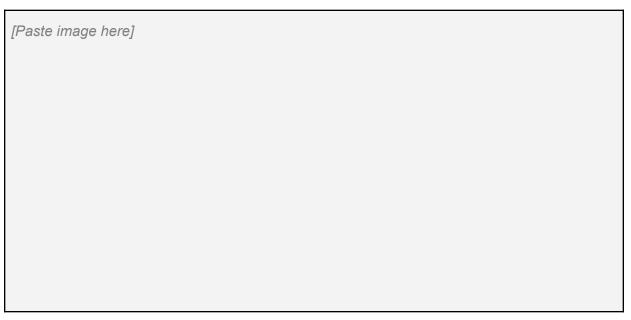
k. Note that the **Total coupon discount is (100%): 300** and that the **Final amount is 0**. Next, click on the **CONFIRM** button.

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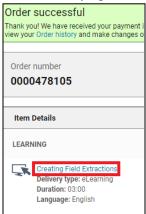
PROCEED TO PAYMENT



1. Take a screenshot of the **Order successful notification** and paste the image into the box below. (Note: You will also get an email confirming your registration.)

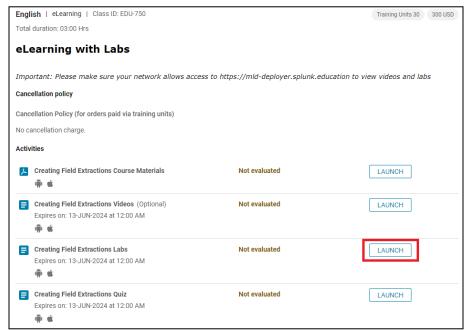


m. Launch the course by clicking the **Creating Field Extractions** link on the **Order Successful** page under the **Item Details** section.

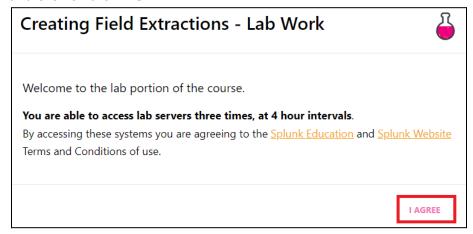


# Part 3: Launch the Creating Field Extractions (eLearning with labs) lab environment.

a. On the **Creating Field Extractions In Progress page**, scroll down to the **Creating Field Extractions Labs** section and click the **LAUNCH** button.

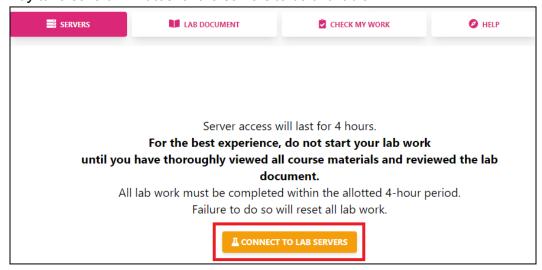


b. Review the welcome notification on the **Creating Field Extractions - Lab Work** page and click on the **I AGREE** link.

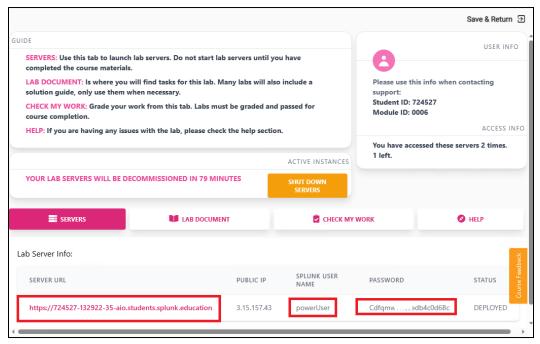


- c. On the **Creating Field Extractions Labs** page, the **GUIDE** section contains instructions on how to use the lab resources **when taking the Creating Field Extractions course**.
- d. For **THIS** lab, **IGNORE the GUIDE**. You do not need to look at the LAB DOCUMENT as you are not working on the Creating Field Extractions course.

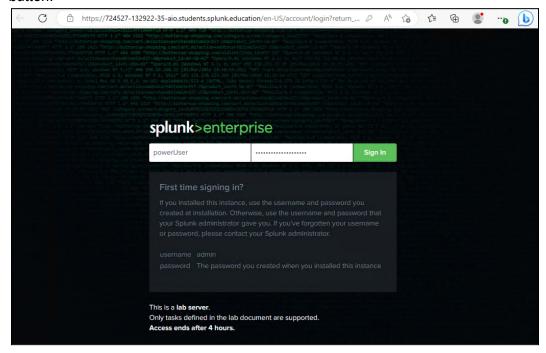
e. Under the **SERVERS** tab, click on the **CONNECT TO LAB SERVERS** button. Note it may take several minutes for the servers to be available.



f. Once the lab server is ready, the **Creating Field Extractions Labs** page will display the **SERVER URL**, a **SPLUNK USER NAME**, and **PASSWORD**. Click on the **SERVER URL** link.



g. The **splunk>enterprise sign-in** page will open on a **new** browser tab. Enter the **username** and **password** provided to you in the previous step, and click the **Sign in** button.



h. You may see a pop-up window welcoming you to the lab environment. You can click **Continue to Tour,** but this is not required. Click **Skip** to dismiss the window.

Congratulations! You have successfully launched the Splunk server lab environment. The server will run for four hours, and you can launch it three times. Use this resource wisely.