



Hands on Lab: Creating an IBM Cloud Account

Estimated Effort: 15 minutes

Lab overview:

To access the resources and services that the IBM Cloud provides, you need an IBM Cloud Account. This lab will take you through step-by-step instructions to create IBM Cloud Account.

Objectives:

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Create an IBM Cloud Trial Account using a Feature Code

Prerequisite:

Please ensure you click on the **"Open Tool"** button from the previous section of this lab to get a feature code and activate the trial account before moving forward with the lab instructions. These instructions will help you create an IBM Cloud account.

Note: These instructions only apply to creating a **NEW IBM Cloud** account using an email address that you have not used previously to create another IBM Cloud account. If you have already used your IBM Cloud feature code in another course/lab to create an IBM Cloud account, please skip this item, as the code can only be used once.

Activate Trial Account

1. The previous section of the lab is the first step for activating your IBM Cloud trial account using Feature Code.
2. On clicking on Open Tool button, you will get a unique code.
3. Next, click on Activate Your Trial. It will redirect you to the IBM Cloud registration page, to create an account on IBM Cloud.

Your IBM Cloud Feature Code:



Copy the feature code below or click **Activate Your Trial** to get started with IBM Cloud.

[Blurred feature code]




Activate Your Trial

Create an IBM Cloud Account

1. Once you are on the [account creation](#) page, follow the below instructions to create an IBM cloud trial account.
2. Enter your **Email** address [preferably use Gmail ID or Yahoo ID] and a strong **Password**, as per criteria and then click the **Next** button.

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Already have an IBM Cloud account? [Log in](#)

● Account information

Email

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Password

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Next ↓

☐ Verify email

☐ Personal information

☐ Account notice

Continue →

Get started

Receive a welcome email from us.

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Build, deploy, and manage your cloud for free.

NOTE: Please ensure that you provide an email address that you have not used previously to create any other IBM Cloud account, and you are able to readily access your email to retrieve the verification code required in the next step.

3. An email is sent to the address that you signed up with to confirm your email address. Check your email and copy and paste **Verification code**. Then click **Next**.

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Create an IBM Cloud account

Already have an IBM Cloud account? [Log in](#)

☒ **Account information** [Edit](#)

Full name:

☒ **Verify email**

We sent a 7-digit verification code to **sam.aahsarang14s@gmail.com**.
This code is valid for 30 minutes.

Verification code

Next

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Resend code

☐ **Personal information**

☐ **Account notice**

Continue

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4. Once your email is successfully verified, enter your **First name**, **Last name**, and preferably select **United States** under **Country or region** then click **Next**.

Note: Kindly use your full last name instead of just using single letter/initials.

Example: First Name: test

Last Name: skillup


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5. Go through the Account Notice and opt for Email updates if you desire, accept the terms and conditions and click on **Continue**.

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6. Before creating your account, review the account privacy notice and acknowledge that you have read and understood by checking the checkbox and click on Continue

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Review your account privacy notice

About your IBMid Account Privacy

This notice provides information about accessing your IBMid user account (Account). If you have previously been presented with a version of this notice, please refer to "Changes since the previous version of this notice" below for information about the new updates.

Updates to the [IBM Privacy Statement](#) since this notice was originally published provide additional information about how your personal information is processed by IBM.

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Why IBM needs your data

How your data was obtained

How IBM uses your data

How IBM protects your data

How long we keep your data

Changes since the previous version of this notice

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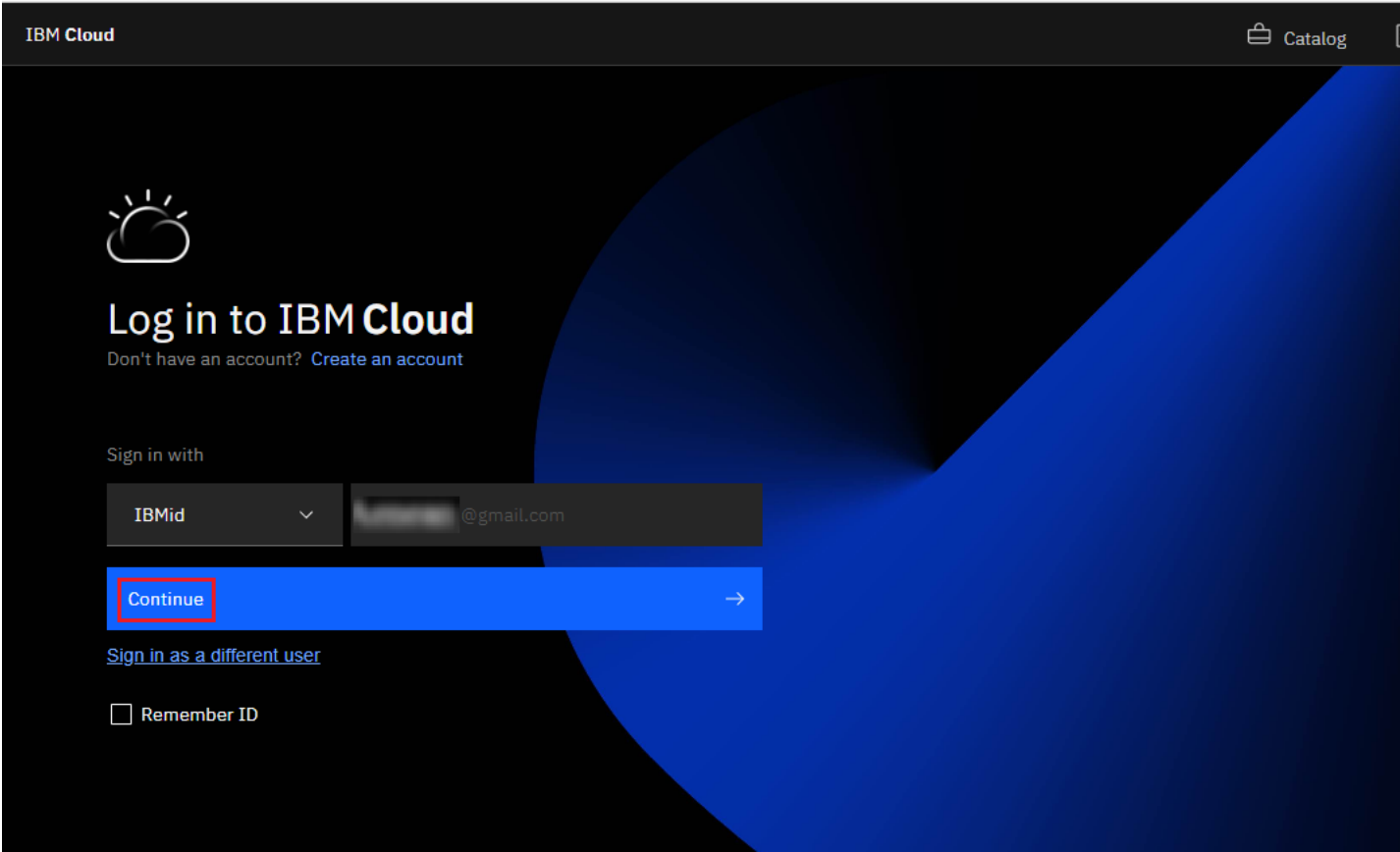
I acknowledge that I understand how IBM is using my Basic Personal Data and I am at least 16 years of age.

Continue

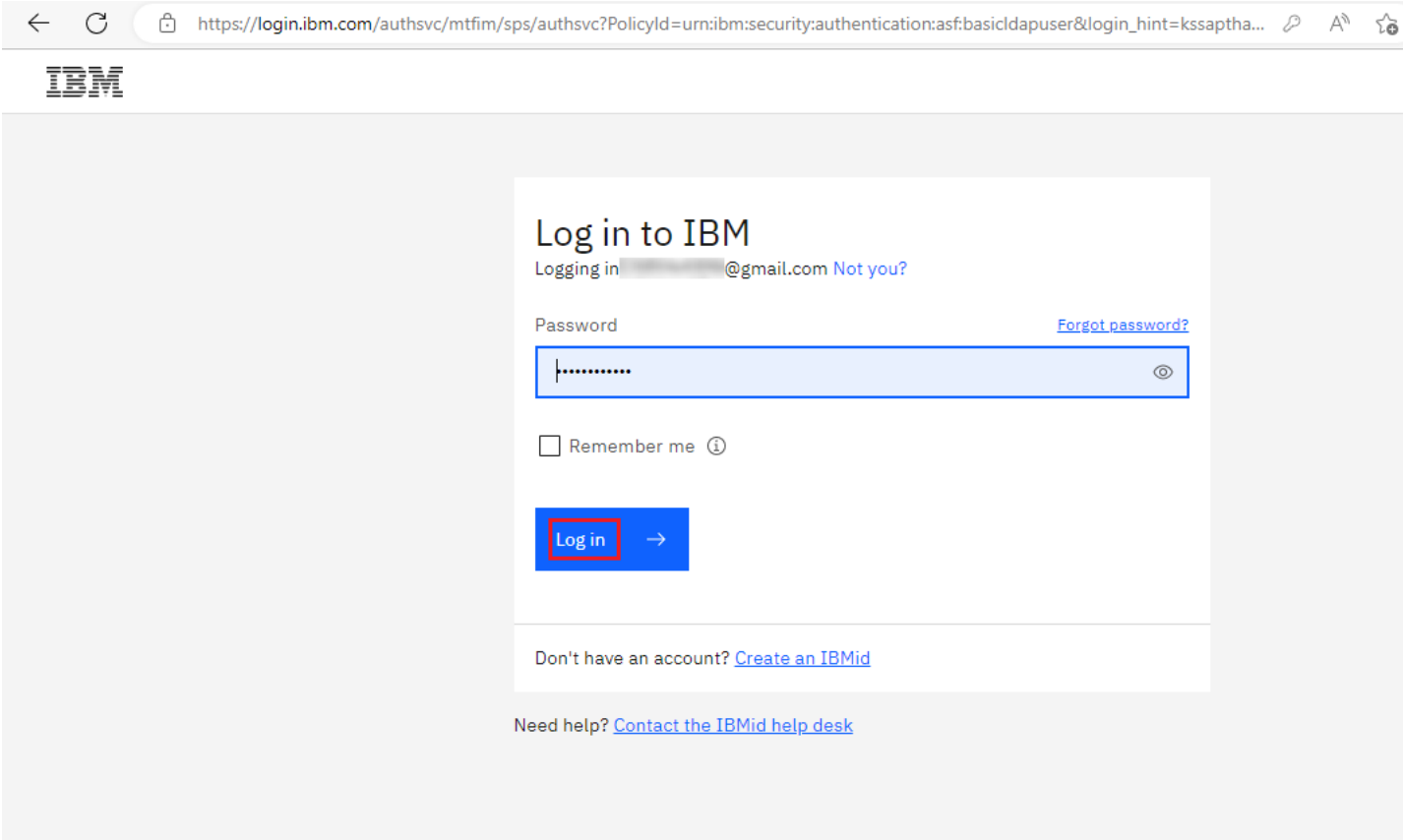
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It takes a few seconds to create and set up your account.

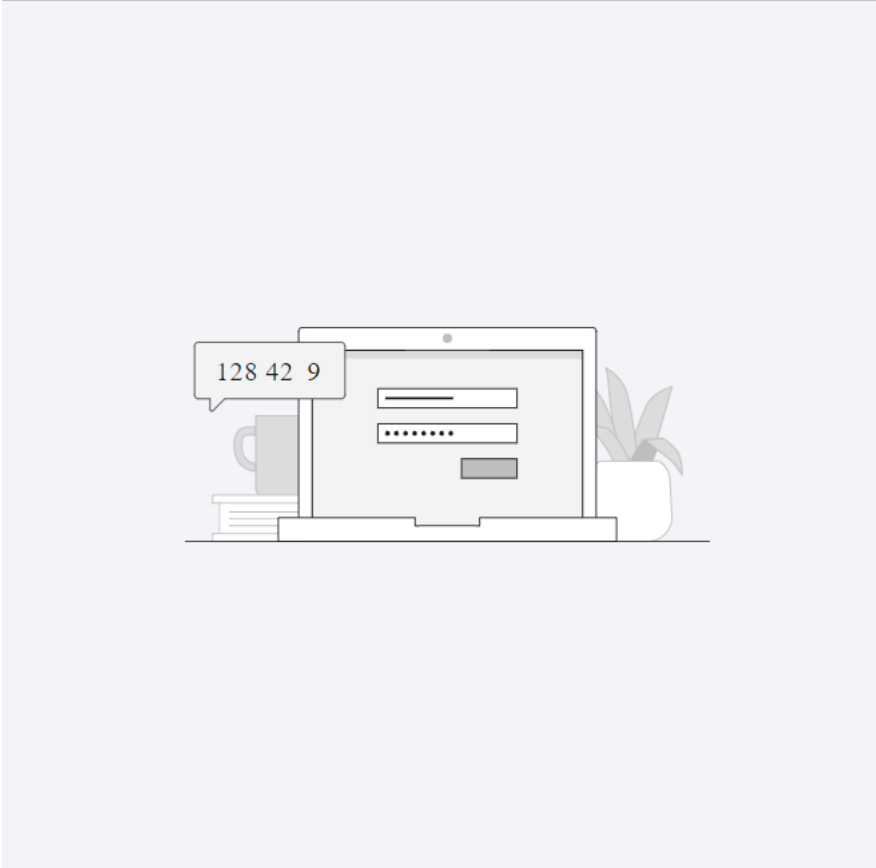
7. After selecting Continue, you will be directed to the IBM cloud login page, where you may view your email address and then click "Continue."



8. Now enter the password and click on login.



9. After entering your password, you will be taken to the multi-factor authentication enrolment screen, where you must pick Email for verification.



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Welcome to multi-factor authentication enrollment

Choose the verification method or device to add.

IBM Security Verify app

Verify with a simple tap on your iOS or Android device with the IBM Security Verify app.

Authenticator app

The time-based, one-time access code that is generated by an authenticator app on your smart phone or tablet.

Email

The one-time access code is sent to your email address.

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10. Enter the email address which you used during sign up, and you will receive the one-time verification code to this email address.



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Multi-factor authentication enrollment for email OTP

Enter your email address

This email address is used for two-step verification. A one-time verification code is sent to your email.

@gmail.com

[Use another method](#)



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11. Check your email and once you have received the code, copy and paste it into the verification page and click verify.

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Enter code sent to your email

For added security, we sent a 6-digit code to █████@gmail.com.
Please enter the code below within 20 minutes

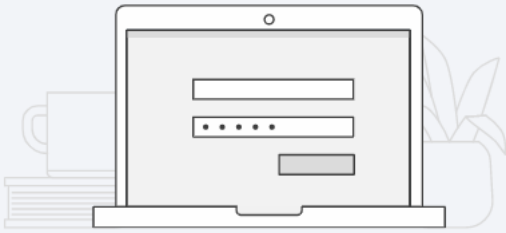
Enter email code

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[Verify](#)

Didn't receive the email?
Check your spam filter for an email from
ibmacct@iam.ibm.com
[Resend code](#)

12. Now click on "Done" to enroll to the IBM cloud account successfully.



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Enrollment successful

Email was added

█████@gmail.com

You can manage your verification methods & Security settings.

[Add additional methods](#)

13. On the next screen, you will be asked to verify identity where you will see the feature code has been applied for you already. Then click on **Create account**.

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Verify identity


● Apply code

[Register without a code](#) ⓘ

Enter the code that has been provided to you. You can apply the code to only one account, and it can't be removed.

Enter code



Account ID: 64321a471c7b41c688f38a2c77f11941  ⓘ

Create account



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Note: It might take a couple of minutes to create your account.

Note: Please ensure you should not use the Credit Card option to verify your account for course work as that can result in unnecessary charges and delays in activating your account.

14. Once you have successfully created your IBM Cloud account, you should see the dashboard.

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Search resources and offerings...

Dashboards

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Explore IBM Cloud with this selection of easy starter tutorials and services.

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Plan to succeed with your migration strategy.

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Resource summary

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Create a resource or spin up an app using starter kits.

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15. Now you may explore the [IBM Catalog](#) for exploring the services and resources offered by IBM Cloud.

https://cloud.ibm.com/catalog

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Search resources and offerings...

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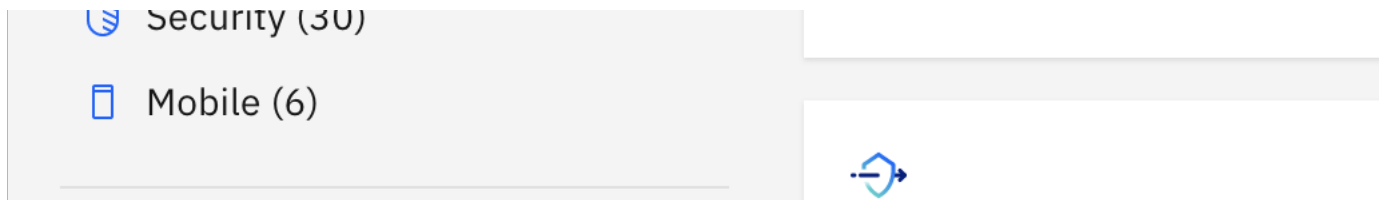
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Ways To Troubleshoot

If you encounter any of the below errors while activating your IBM Cloud trial account, please follow the steps as instructed below.

- Oops snap! The promotional codes for IBM Cloud are very popular and have temporarily run out. Please check back soon.

Reason - It take 24 to 48 hours to populate news feature codes.

Solution - Please try again later

- Something went wrong error.

Reason - This could be because you have already applied a code to this email earlier or your domain/country/ip is restricted.

Solution - Try from another email id

- Feature code expired.

Reason - You may have applied the feature code already once.

Solution - Create a new IBM cloud account and write to the support team as per instructions below.

- If your trial ends.

Reason - Trial accounts are valid only for 6 months, and the same feature code cannot be applied again.

Solution - Create a new IBM cloud account and write to the support team as per instructions below.

Other Possible Solutions:

- Try clearing your browser's cache and cookies
- Try from a different browser on an incognito mode.

If you still face any issues, please write an email to support@cognitiveclass.ai with the following details

Subject Line: Feature Code Issue

Email Content:

- Name of the course you are undertaking.
- The course link where you obtained the feature code
- The feature code you are trying to apply.
- The error message that it is showing.
- The email ID that is being used to create the IBM Cloud account.
- Your username.

Once you obtain a new feature code, you can create a new account using a different Email ID.

Congratulations! You have successfully created your IBM Cloud Account!

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