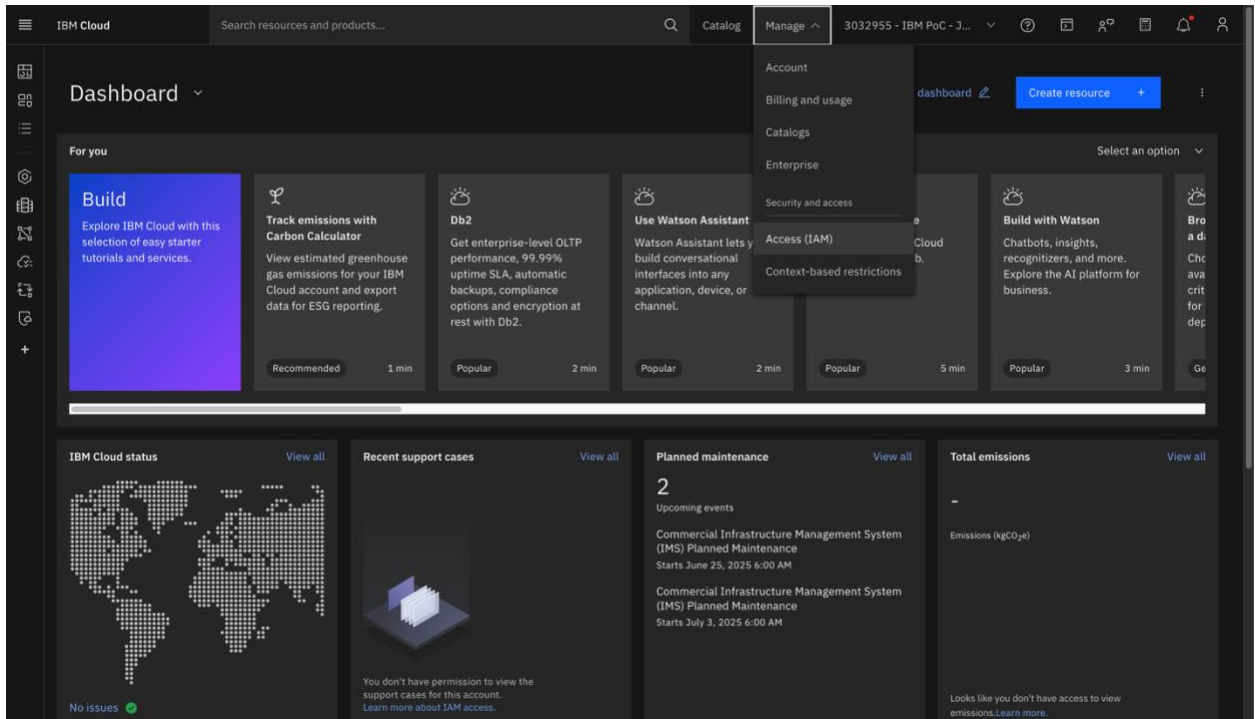
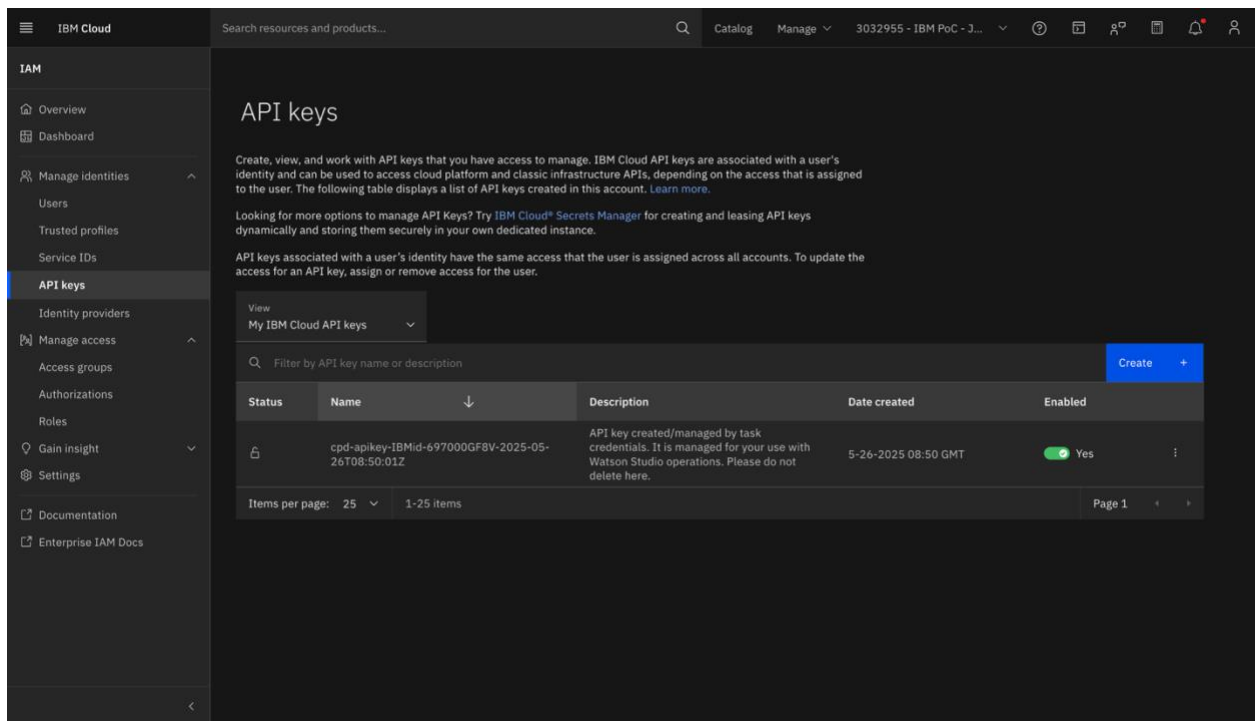


Step 0: Create a new project

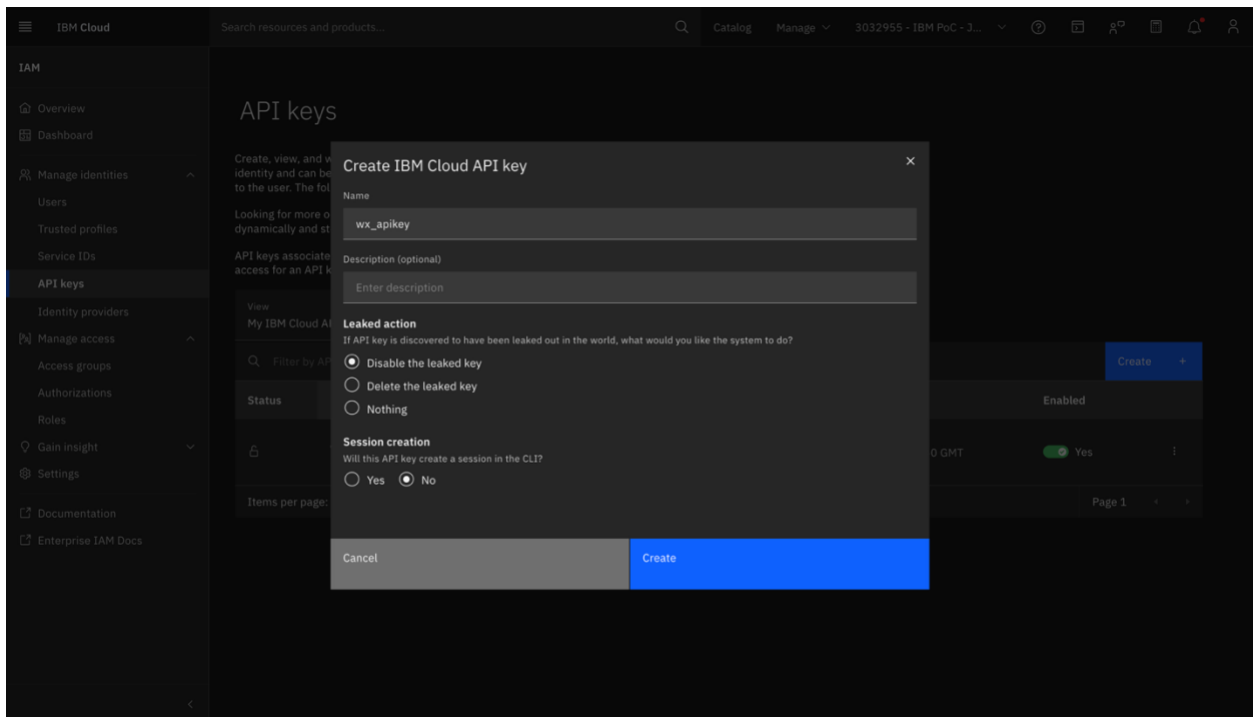
1. Open your browser and go to IBM Cloud Login: <https://cloud.ibm.com/login>
2. Sign in with your IBM Cloud credentials.
3. Expand Manage → click Access (IAM).



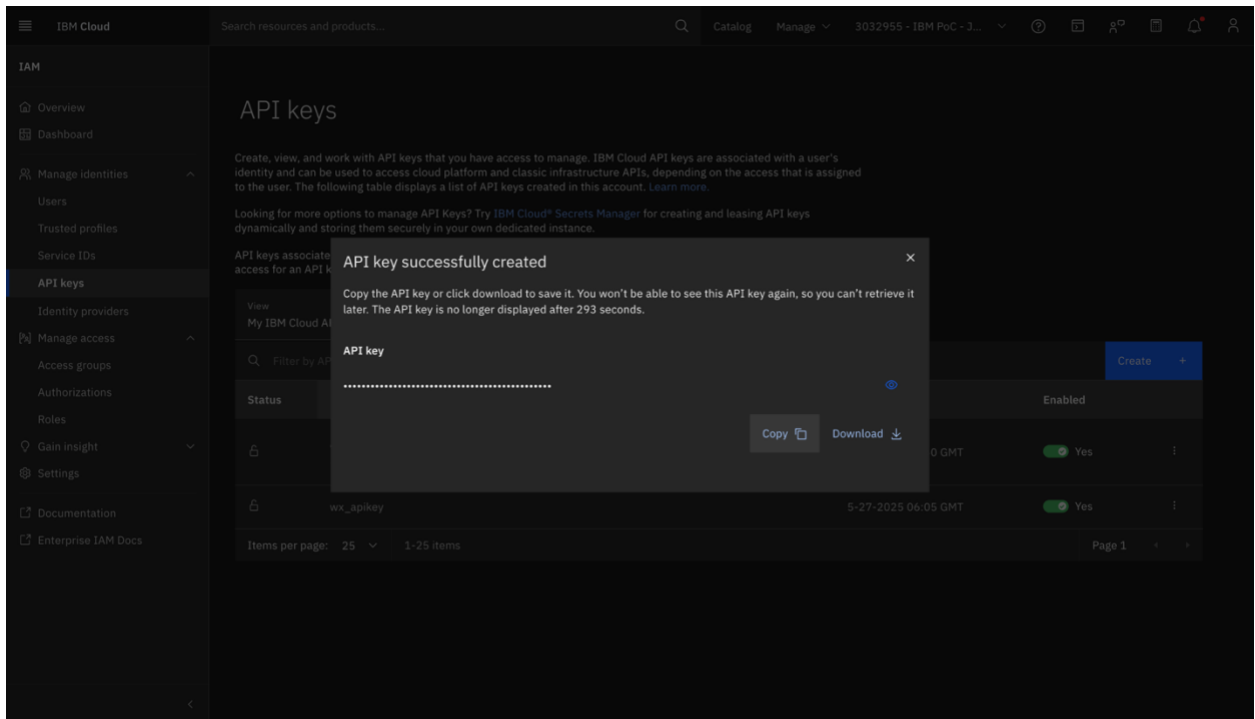
4. Select API Keys.



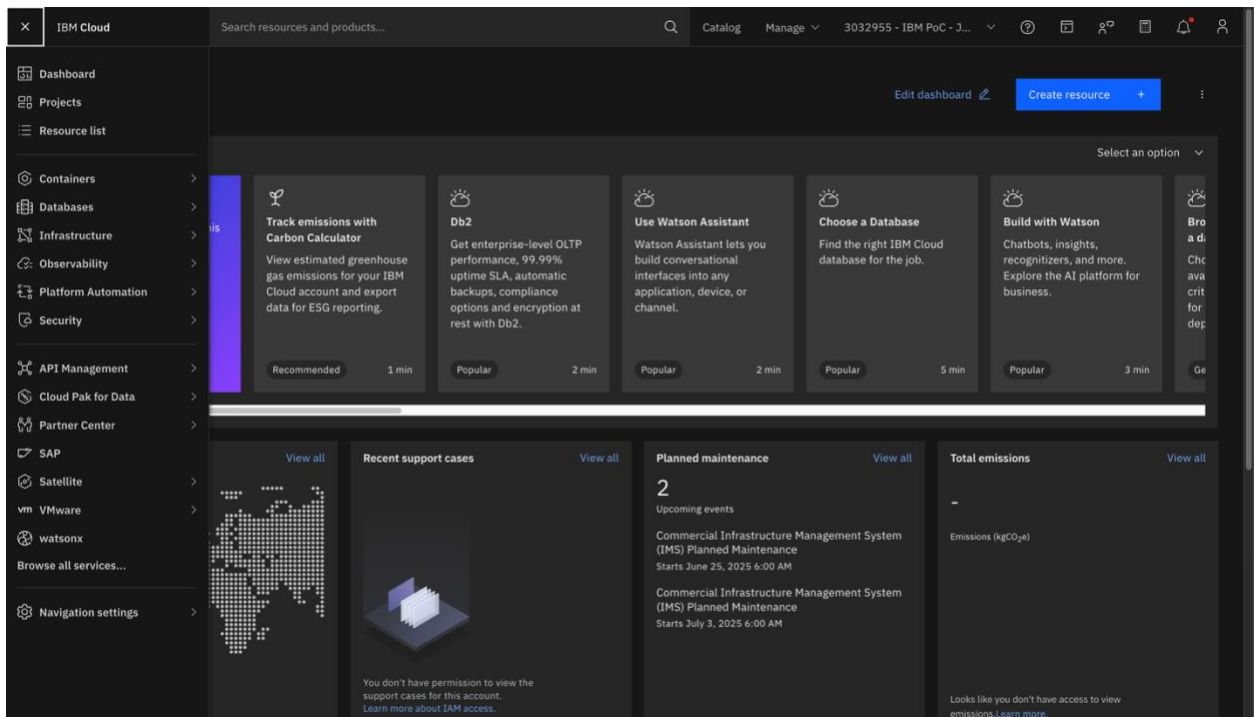
5. Click Create and enter the name of key: wx_apikey.



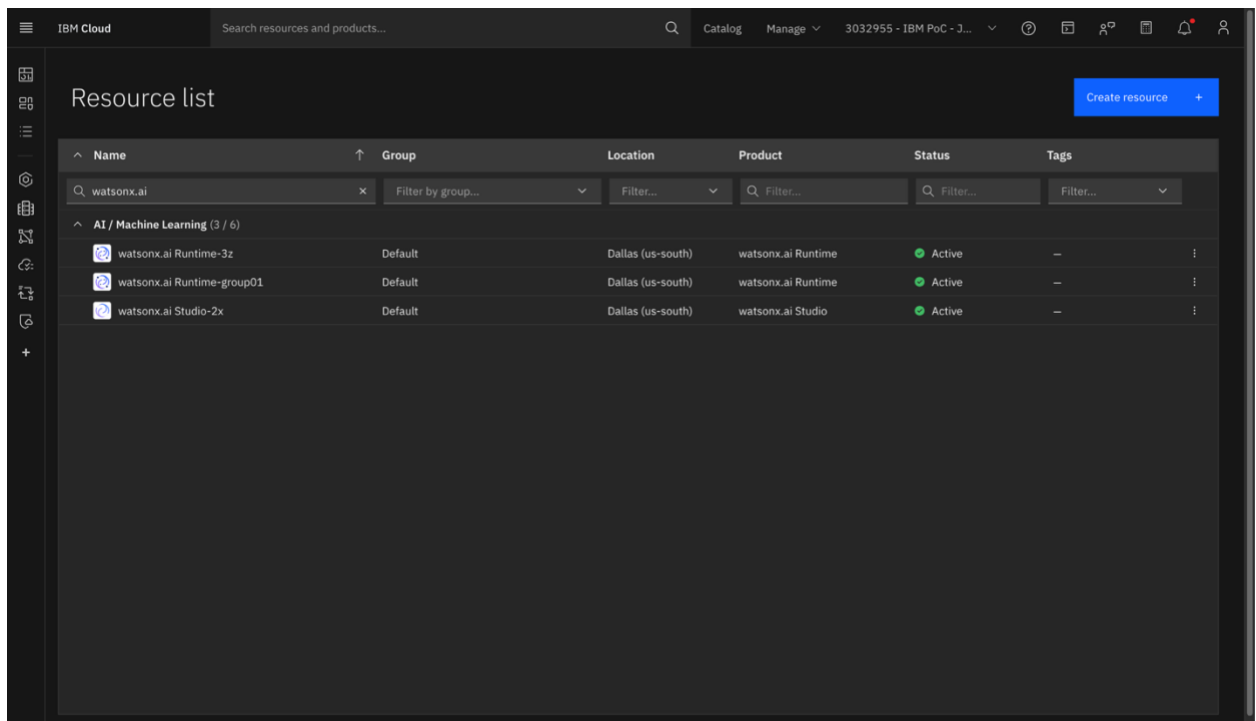
6. Copy the displayed API key and save it **securely**.



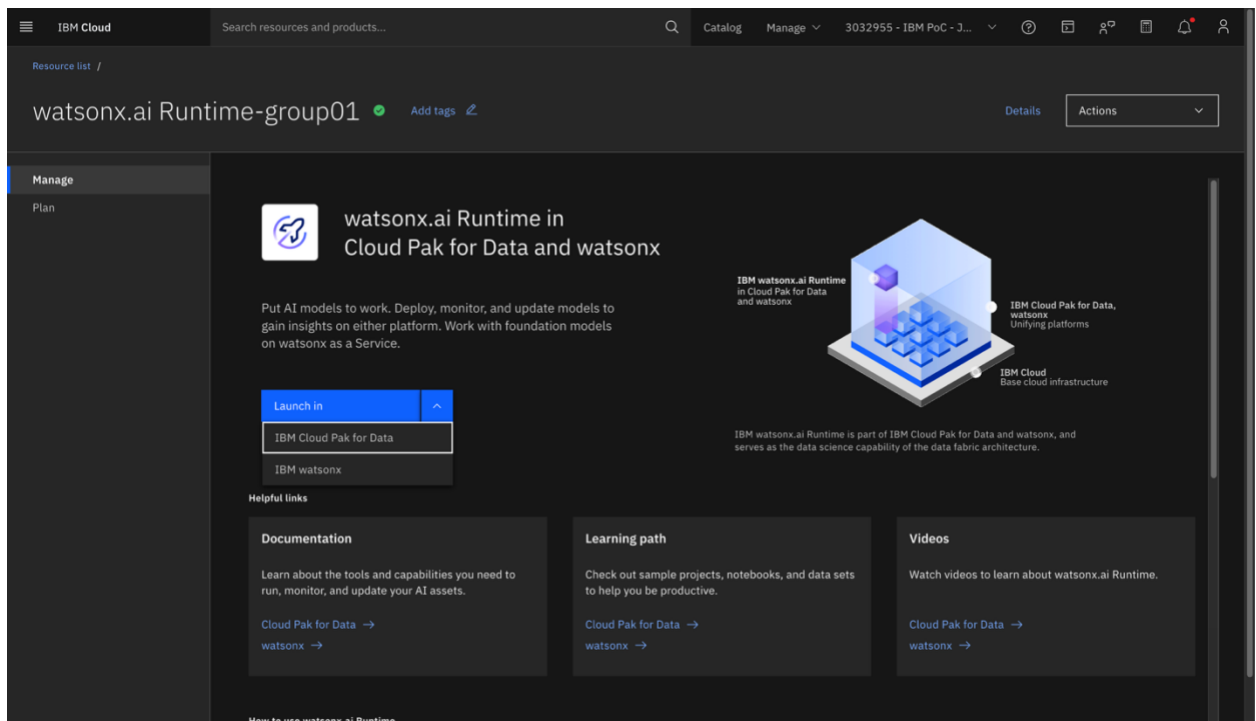
7. In the left-hand sidebar, click Resource list.



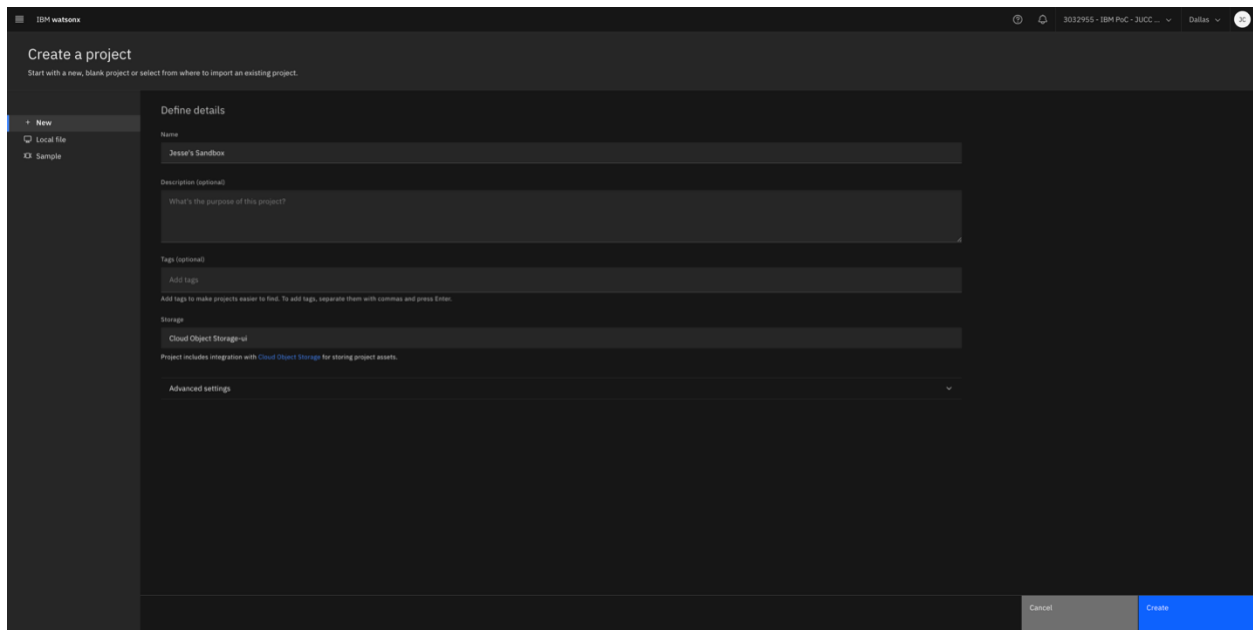
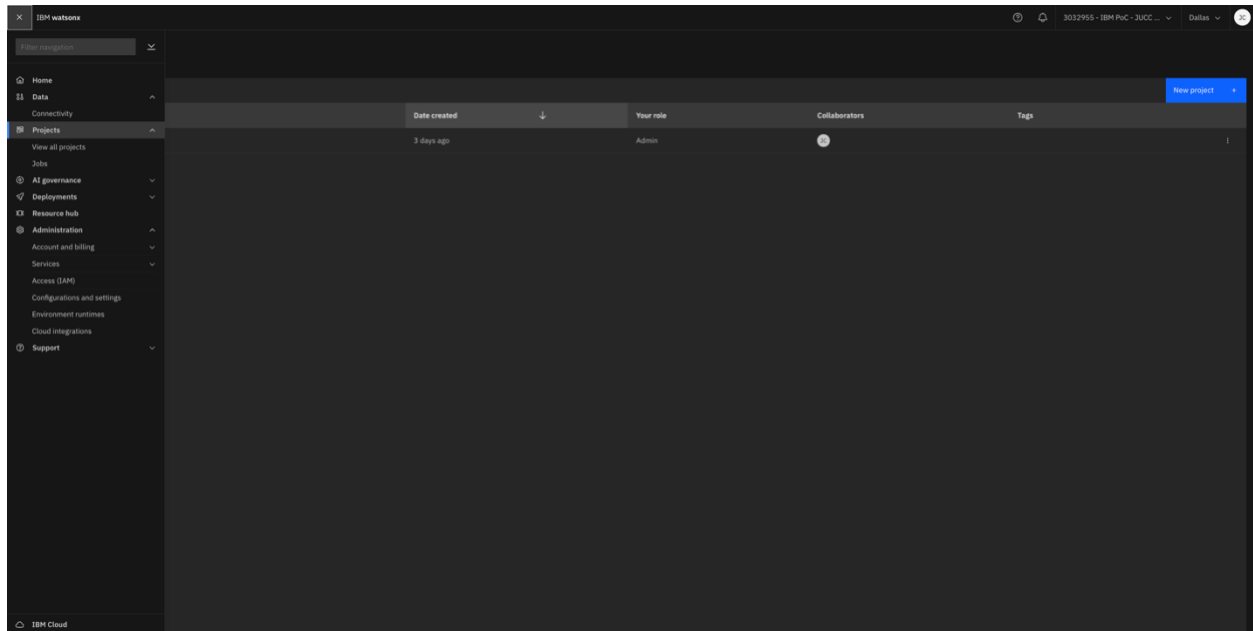
8. In the search box, type watsonx.ai, then from the results select your assigned service watsonx.ai group.



9. Click Launch in → **IBM watsonx** to open the watsonx console.

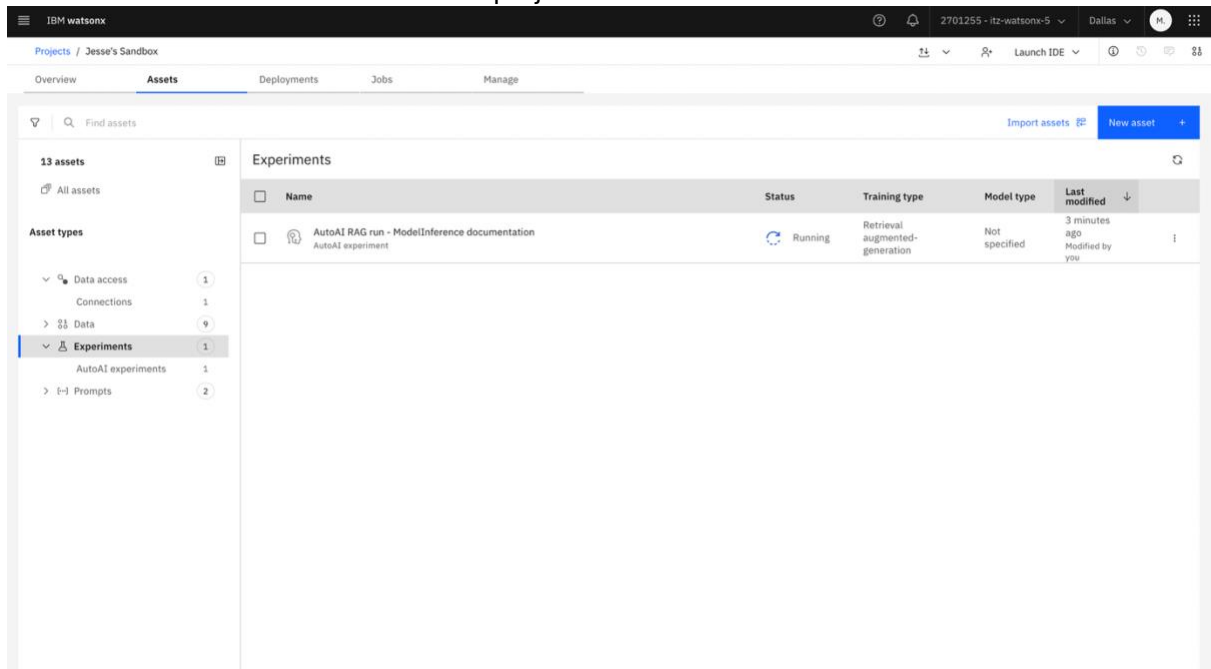


10. In the IBM watsonx console sidebar, click Projects.
11. Click the New project button in the top-right.
12. Ensure the New tab is selected.
13. In Name, enter <Your Name>'s Sandbox.
14. (Optional) Fill in Description and Tags as desired.

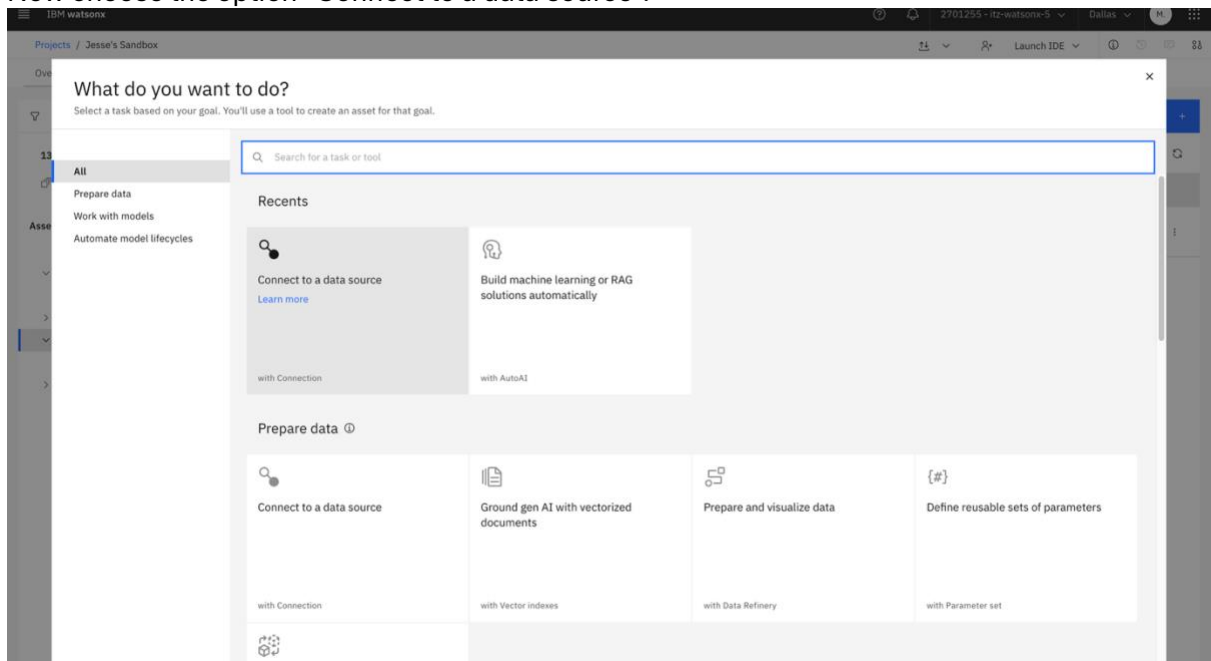


Step 0.5: Import Elasticsearch Connection

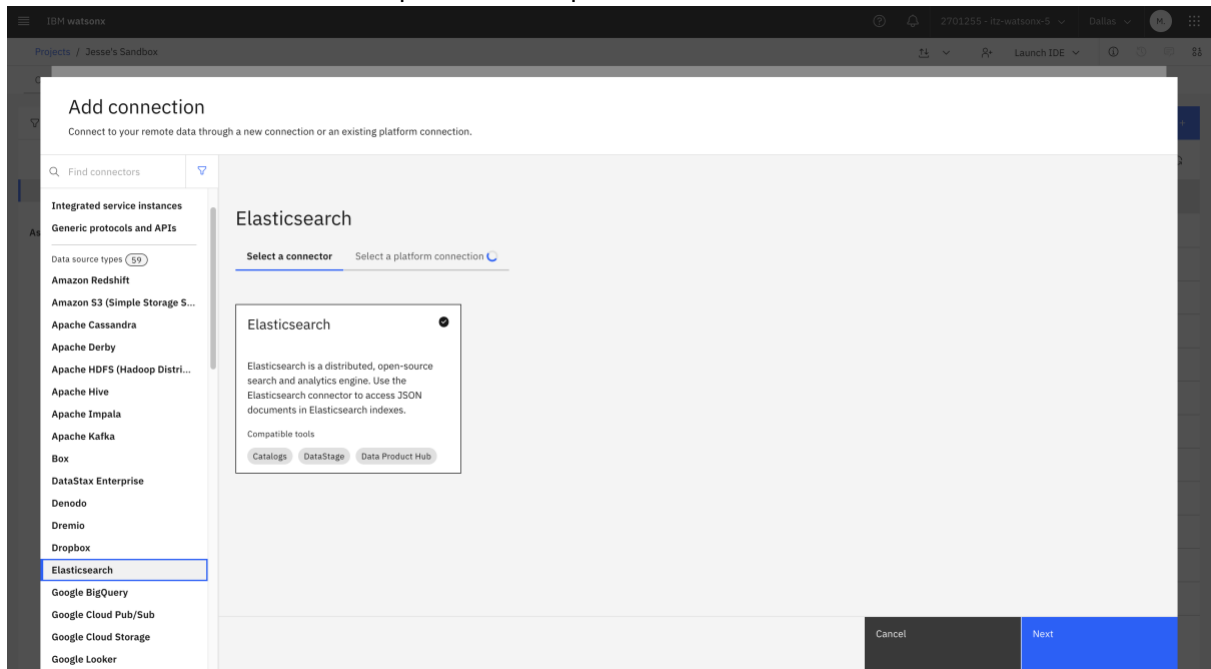
1. Click on the “New Asset” button in the project.



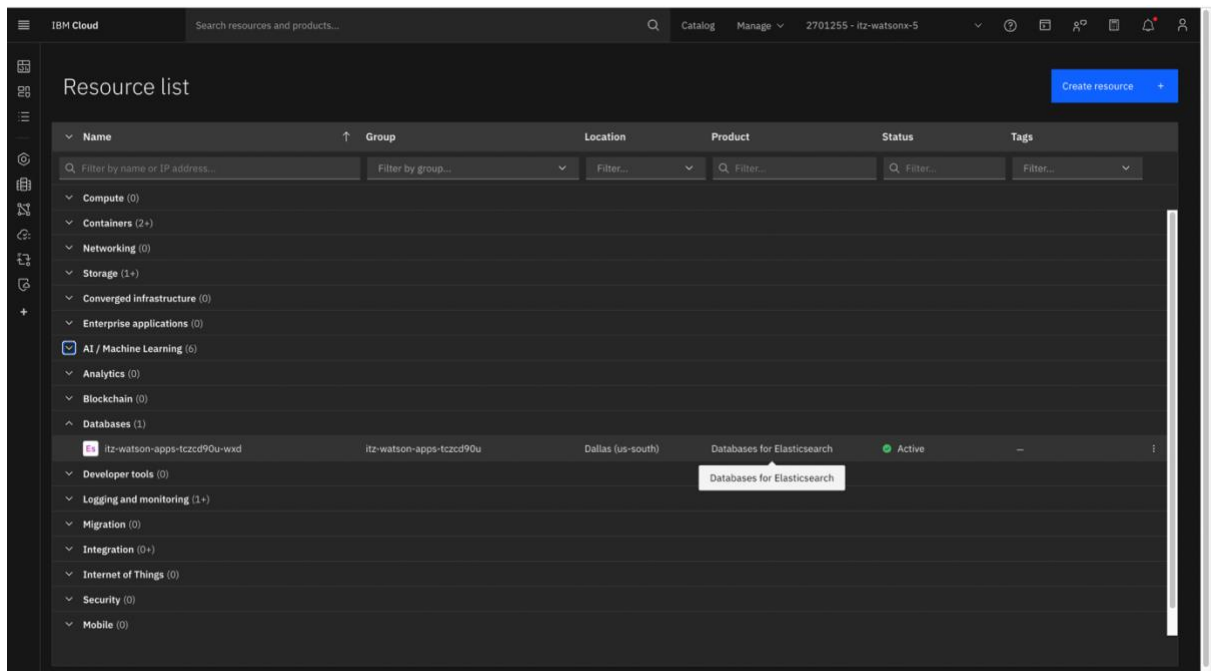
2. Now choose the option “Connect to a data source”.



3. Select Elasticsearch from the options on left panel. Then click on Next.

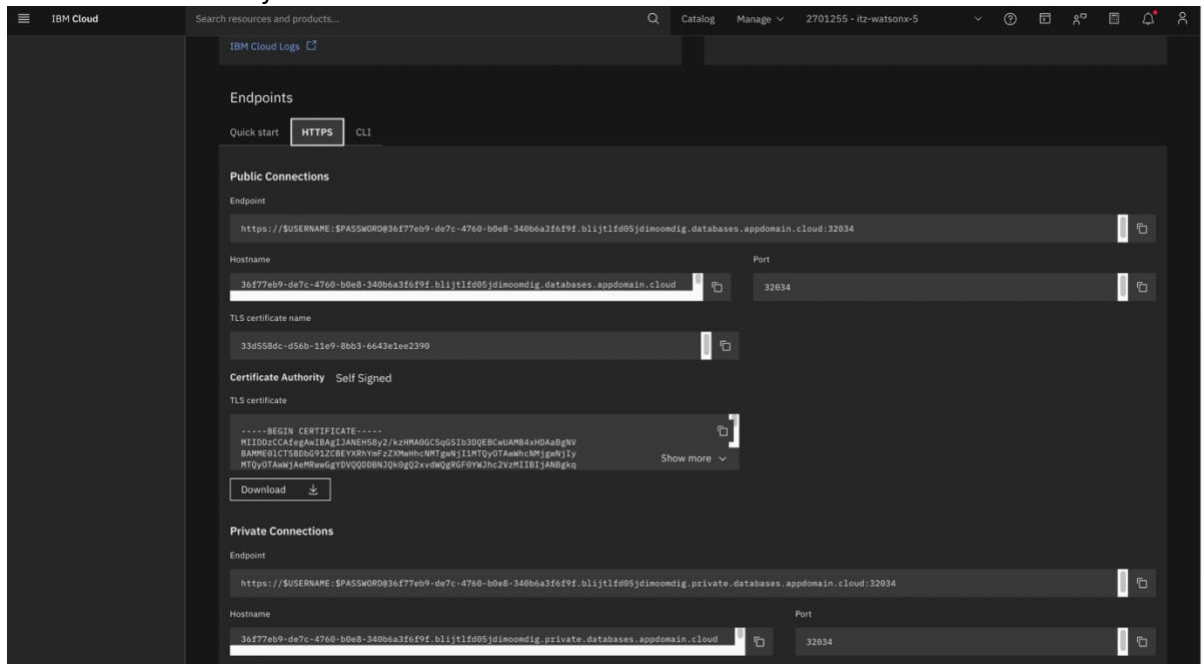


4. In a separate tab, navigate to the Databases for Elasticsearch service on IBM Cloud and copy the hostname, port, and TLS certificate under the Endpoints section of the Overview tab.

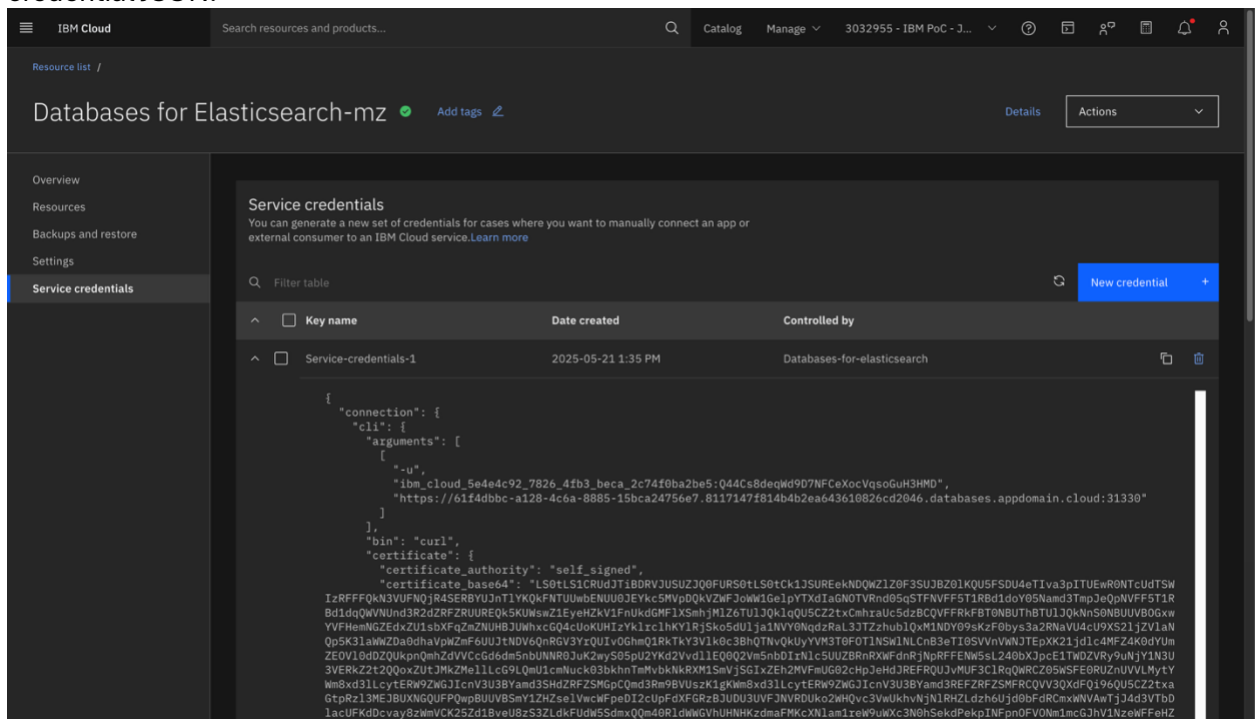


Copy the TLS certificate and add it to Elasticsearch connection on the watsonx.ai platform.

5. From the HTTPS tab you can note down the Hostname and Port number.



- Go to the service credentials tab of the service, click on the arrow to expand it. Copy the username and password under “**connection.https.authentication**” in the service credential JSON.



- Return to the project connection and set the following fields. Give the connection a name of: “Elasticsearch connection”

The screenshot shows the 'Connect to a data source: Elasticsearch' form in the IBM Watsonx interface. The 'Connection overview' tab is selected in the left sidebar. The form fields are as follows:

- Name (required):** A text input field with the placeholder 'Connection name'.
- Description:** A text area with the placeholder 'Connection description'.
- Connection details:**
 - URL (required):** A text input field with the placeholder 'http://hostname:9200'.
- Credentials:** A section with a 'Cancel' button and 'Back' and 'Create' buttons at the bottom right.

- The URL should be formatted as `https://{HOSTNAME}:{PORT}`.

The screenshot shows the 'Connect to a data source: Elasticsearch' form in the IBM Watsonx interface, with the 'Connection details' tab selected. The form fields are as follows:

- Connection details:**
 - URL (required):** A text input field containing the placeholder `https://{HOSTNAME}:{PORT}`.
- Credentials:**
 - Credential setting:** Radio buttons for 'Personal' and 'Shared' (selected).
 - Authentication method (required):** A dropdown menu with the placeholder 'Choose which credentials you want to provide'.
 - Use anonymous access:** A checkbox.
- Certificates:** A section with a 'Cancel' button and 'Back' and 'Create' buttons at the bottom right.

9. Now for authentication, from the dropdown select Username and password.

Connect to a data source: Elasticsearch

Define the details to create a connection asset.

Test connection

Connection overview
Connection details
Credentials
Certificates
Location and sovereignty

Credentials

Credential setting ⓘ
☐ Personal ☒ Shared

All users access the data with the credentials that you provide. Shared credentials are less secure. [Learn more](#)

Authentication method (required) ⓘ
Username and password
API key
Username and password ✓
Username (required) ⓘ
Password (required) ⓘ

Certificates
SSL certificate ⓘ

Cancel Back Create

10. The username and password should be the ones copied from the service credentials.

11. The SSL certificate should be the TLS certificate.

12. Click on Test connection on the top, if that is successful then click on create.

Connect to a data source: Elasticsearch

Define the details to create a connection asset.

Test connection

Connection overview
Connection details
Credentials
Certificates
Location and sovereignty

The test was successful. Click Create to save the connection information.

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

Private connectivity
Set up a Satellite Connector to securely connect to your data source or set up a Satellite location with multiple hosts to an on-prem data center or cloud. [Learn more](#)
[Configure Satellite](#) [Reload](#)

Location and sovereignty
Select the location and sovereignty of this source.
Location ⓘ
Select location
Sovereignty ⓘ
Select sovereignty

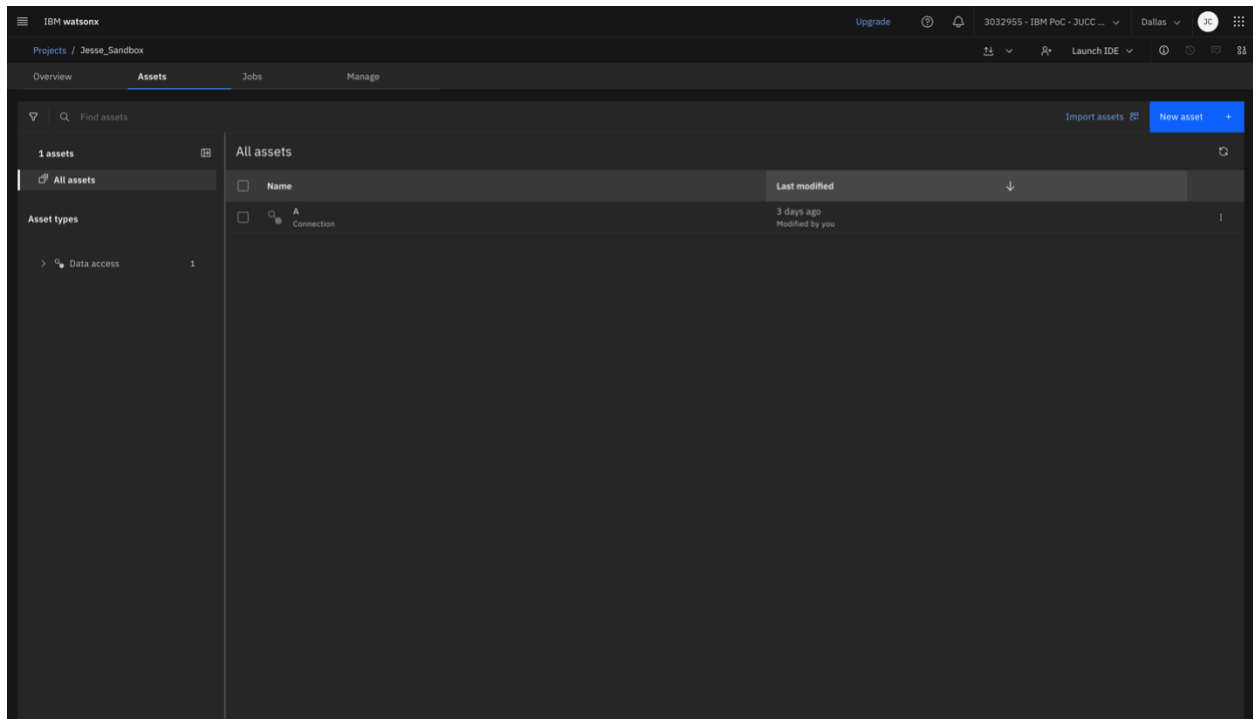
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Step 0.5: Import Data Asset

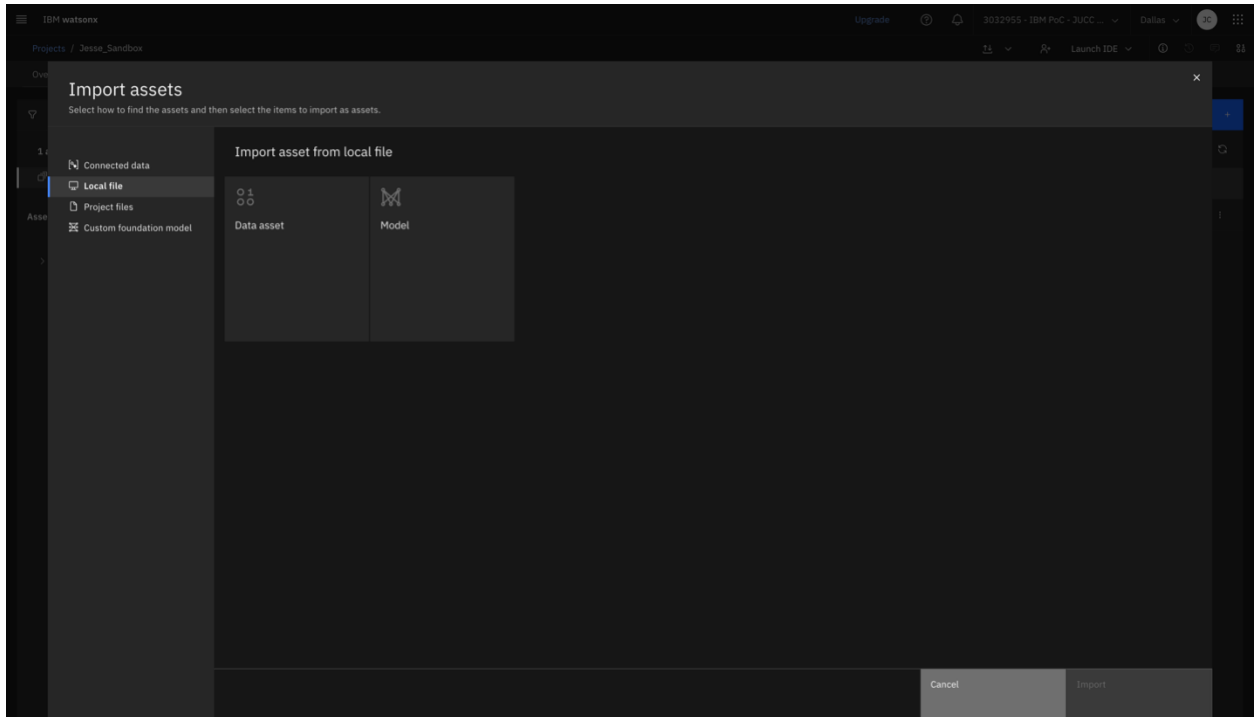
1. Navigate to the GitHub repo at

<https://github.com/JesseChan5171/JUCC-workshop#>

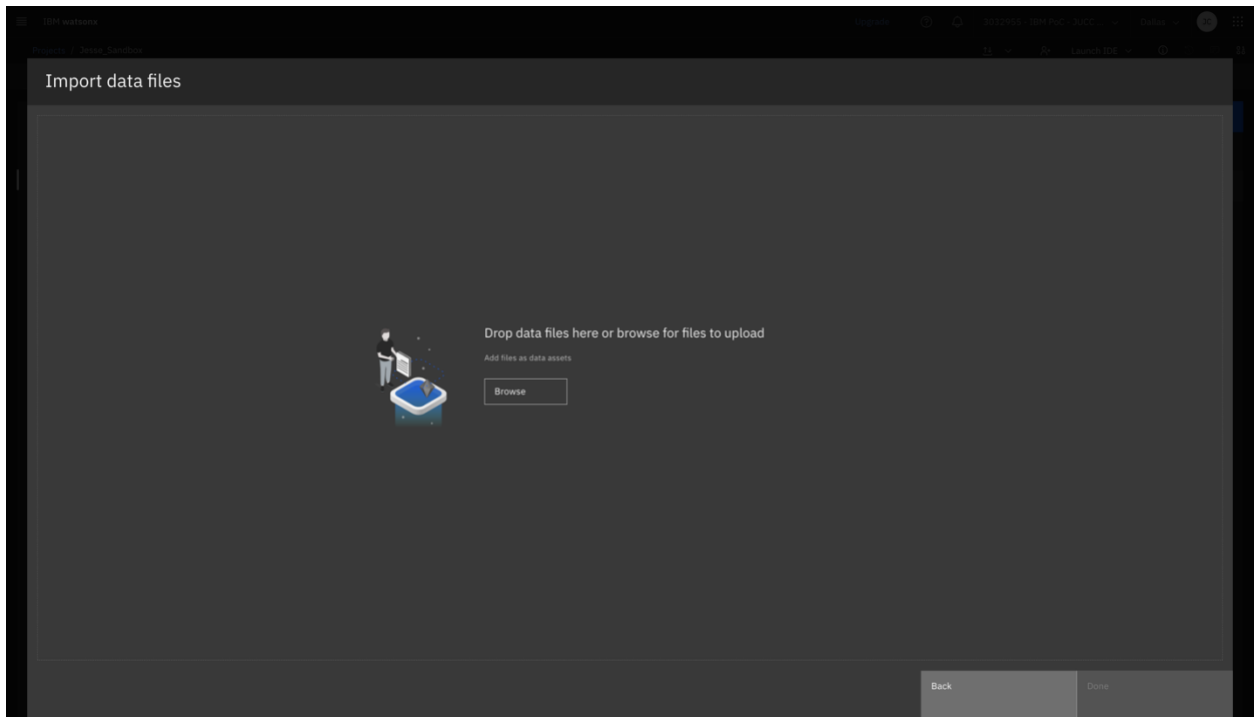
2. Click Code → Download ZIP (or run git clone)
3. In the extracted directory, locate the “evaluation_dataset” folder.
4. In your project, click the **Assets** tab.
5. Click **Import assets** in the top-right.



6. In the Import assets dialog, select **Local file** in the left menu.
7. Click the **Data asset** tile.

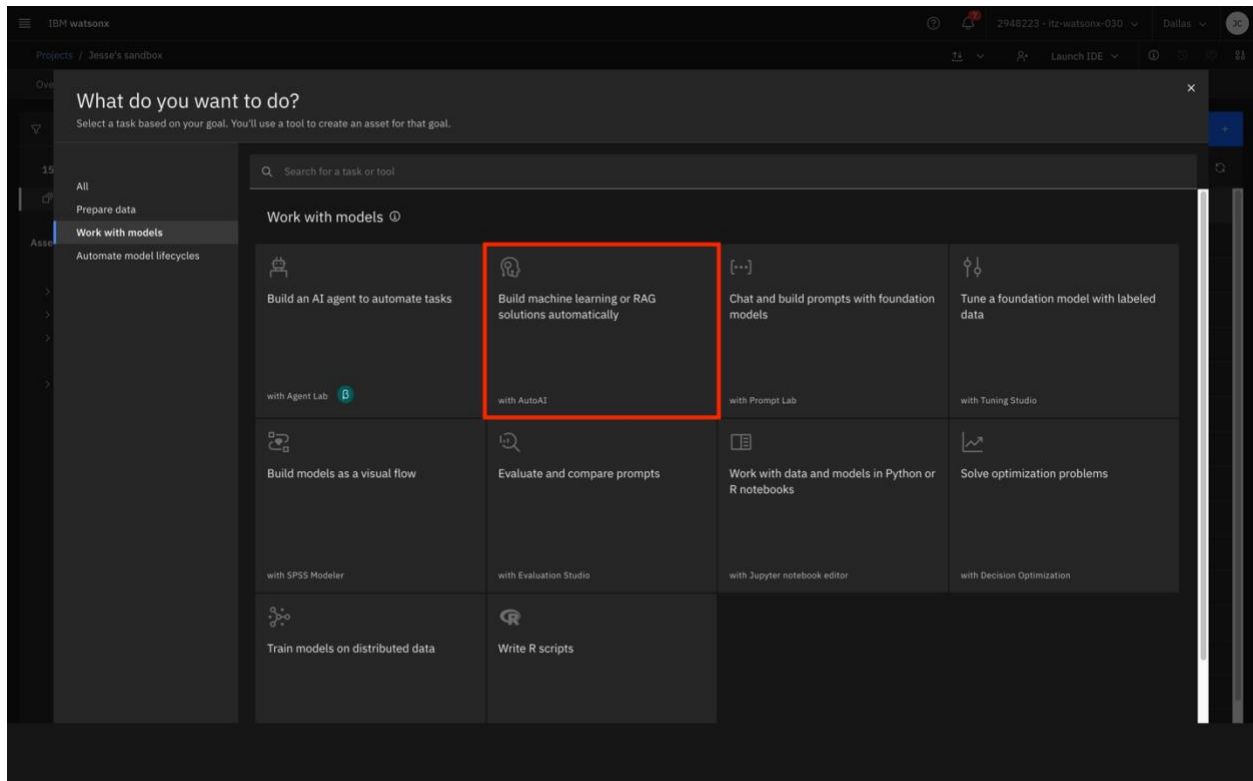


8. Click **Browse**, navigate to and select your dataset file (e.g. my_data.csv).
9. Click **Import** to upload the all data file from “**evaluation_dataset**” folder (Step 3).



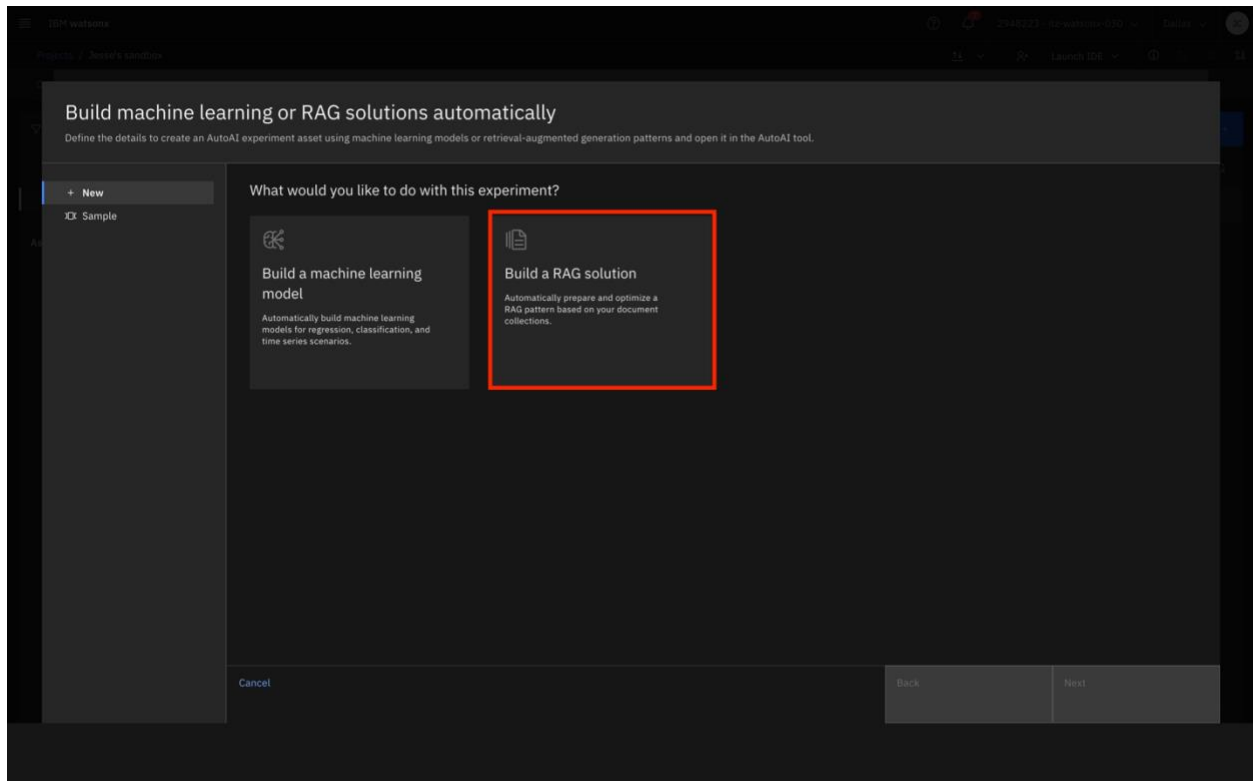
Step 1: Select the Task

1. Navigate to the Assets Page inside projects in IBM watsonx.
2. Select **"Work with models"** from the list of categories.
3. Click on **"Build machine learning or RAG solutions automatically"** using the AutoAI tool.



Step 2: Choose the Experiment Type

1. In the **AutoAI** experiment setup screen, choose what you want to build:
 - Select "**Build a RAG solution**" to prepare and optimize RAG patterns based on document collections.
2. Click **Next** to proceed.



Step 3: Define Experiment Details

1. Provide a name for your experiment (e.g., *AutoAI RAG run - ModelInference documentation*).
2. Optionally, add a description and tags for better organization and searchability.
3. In the configuration section:
 - Select the **watsonx.ai Runtime** service instance.
 - Choose the default environment definition
4. Click **Create** to proceed to the next step.

Build a RAG solution

Automatically prepare and optimize a RAG pattern based on your document collections.

+ New

X Sample

Define details

Name

AutoAI RAG run - ModelInference documentation

Description (optional)

What's the purpose of this AutoAI experiment?

Tags (optional)

Add tags to make assets easier to find.

Start typing to add tags

Define configuration

watsonx.ai Runtime service instance

watsonx.ai Runtime-hd

Environment definition ⓘ

Large: 8 CPU and 32 GB RAM

This environment consumes 20 capacity units per hour for training and consumes tokens for embedding and inferencing. To view CUH and tokens consumed, see [resource usage tab](#) for the project.

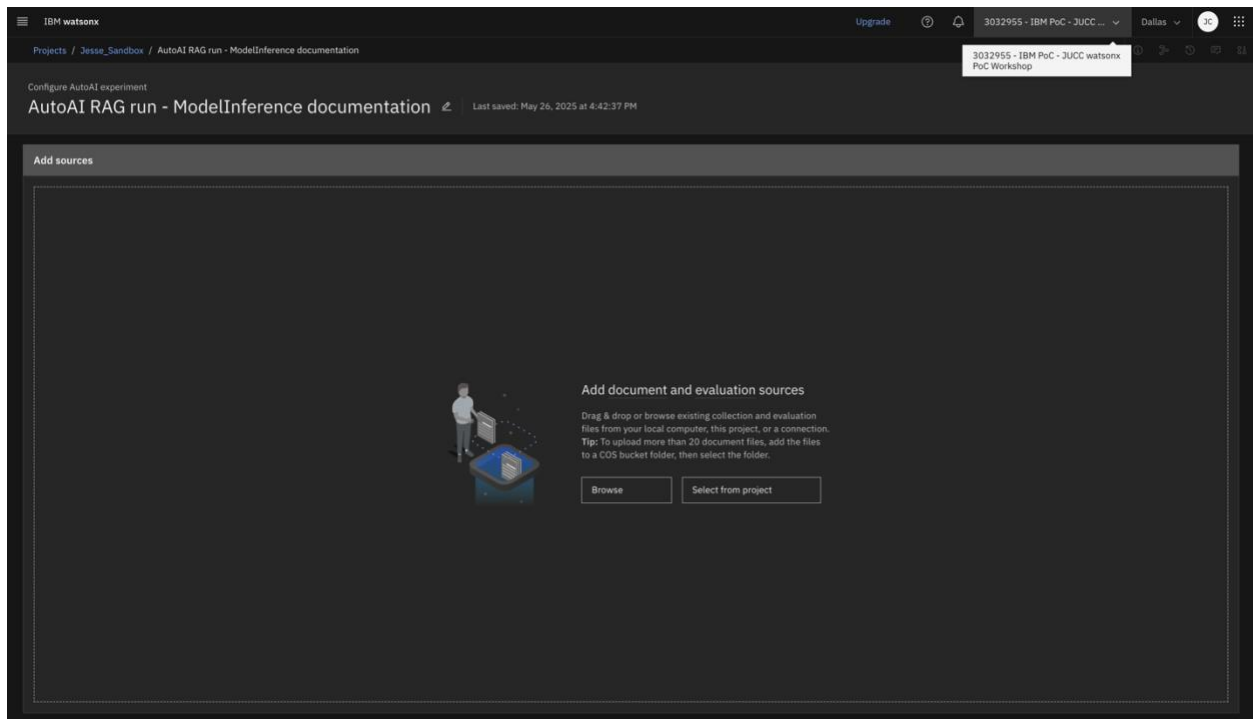
Cancel

Back

Create

Step 4: Add Document Sources

1. In the **Add sources** screen, upload or select the required documents for the RAG solution:
 - Click **Select from project**, choose **Data asset** in the left-hand Categories pane to upload files from your project.
2. Select the upload all files and click **Open** to upload it.



Step 5: Configure Indexing and Evaluation Sources

1. In the **Configure details** page:
 - For indexing documents:
 - Choose the **'Elasticsearch connection'** to store the vector index.
2. Once the source is uploaded, confirm its inclusion in the experiment.

The screenshot shows the IBM Watsonx AutoAI RAG configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes the IBM Watsonx logo, a 'Projects' dropdown, and a breadcrumb trail: 'Jessa_Sandbox / AutoAI RAG run - ModelInference documentation'. The main header area displays 'Configure AutoAI experiment' and 'AutoAI RAG run - ModelInference documentation', with a 'Last saved' timestamp of 'May 26, 2025 at 4:49:56 PM'.

The interface is divided into two main panels:

- Add sources:** This panel on the left provides instructions to 'Add document files and evaluation file' and offers 'Browse' and 'Select from project' buttons. Below these, a list of files is shown, including 'eval_data.json' (13 KB, 30 samples, marked as 'Evaluation'), 'dataview.html' (3 KB), 'flow_properties.html' (15 KB), 'flow_scripting_example.html' (4 KB), 'flow_scripting.html' (5 KB), 'migration.html' (8 KB), 'models-overview.html' (9 KB), and 'getting-started.html' (12 KB).
- Configure details:** This panel on the right contains two sections:
 - Where would you like to index your documents?** This section asks for the 'Vector database location' and shows 'Elasticsearch connection' selected in a dropdown menu.
 - Which data source would you like to use for evaluation?** This section asks for the 'Evaluation source' and shows 'eval_data.json' selected in a dropdown menu.

At the bottom of the 'Configure details' panel, there is a summary section showing 'Optimized metric: Answer faithfulness' and 'Models to consider: 12 foundation, 4 embedding'. It also displays usage statistics: 'CUH used this month: 4.32 CUH' and 'Tokens used this month: 420977 tokens'. A 'Run experiment' button is located at the bottom right of the interface.

Step 6: Configure Indexing and Experiment Settings

1. Ensure that the documents and evaluation sources are listed correctly in the **Configure details** page.
2. Click **Experiment settings**:

The screenshot shows the IBM watsonx AutoAI RAG run configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes the IBM watsonx logo, a user profile icon, and a session ID '2948223 - itz-watsonx-030'. The breadcrumb trail indicates the current path: 'Projects / Jesse's sandbox / AutoAI RAG run - ModelInference documentation /'. The main title is 'Configure AutoAI experiment' with a subtitle 'AutoAI RAG run - ModelInference documentation' and a timestamp 'Last saved: February 3, 2025 at 5:26:52 PM'.

The interface is divided into two main sections: 'Add sources' on the left and 'Configure details' on the right.

Add sources: This section allows users to add document and evaluation sources. It includes a 'Drop or browse for document and evaluation sources.' area with 'Browse' and 'Select from project' buttons. Below this, two sources are listed:

- benchmarking_data_Base.json** (JSON file, Size: 557 B, Samples: 2) with an 'Evaluation' tag.
- base.html** (HTML file, Size: 44 KB).

Configure details: This section contains configuration options for indexing and evaluation.

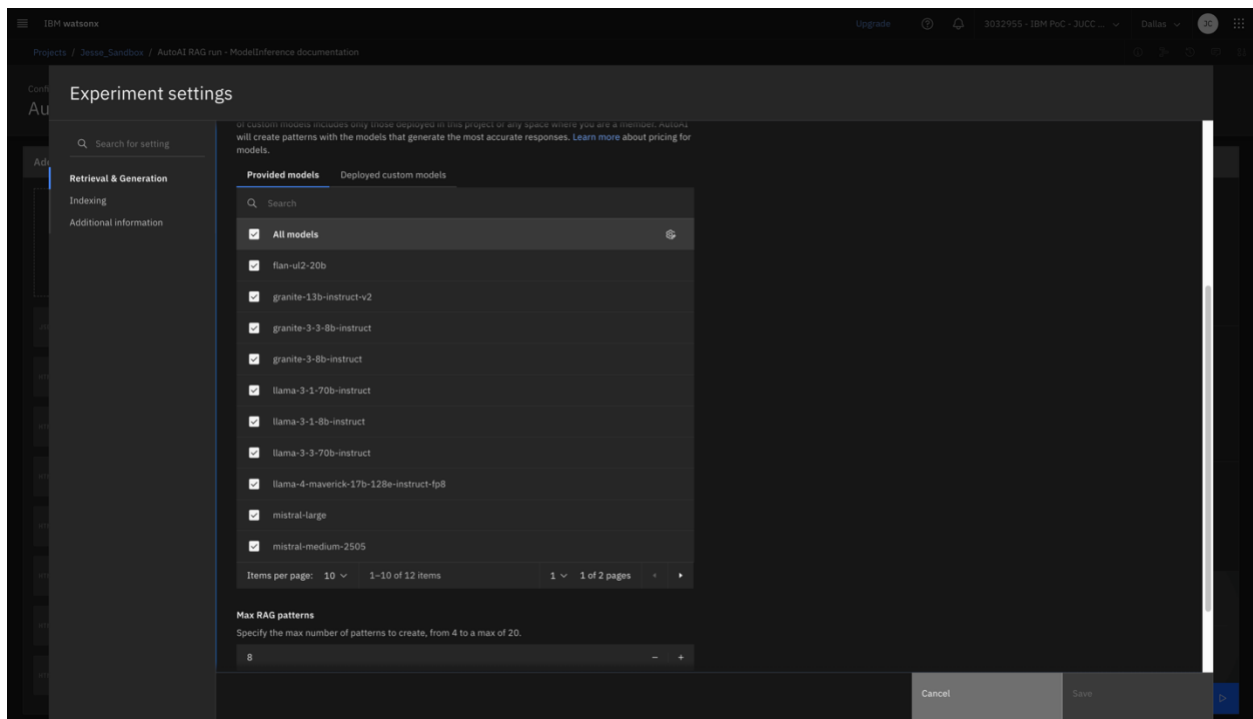
- Where would you like to index your documents?** Specify the location for storing the vector index used to retrieve your documents. The 'Vector database location' is set to 'In memory'.
- Which data source would you like to use for evaluation?** You must supply a JSON file with test questions and answers to evaluate the quality of Q&A responses. The 'Evaluation source' is set to 'benchmarking_data_Base.json'.
- Optimized metric:** 'Answer faithfulness'.
- Models to consider:** '2 foundation, 2 embedding'.
- Vector database location:** 'In memory'.
- Evaluation source:** 'benchmarking_data_Base.json'.
- CUH used this month:** '68.2 CUH'.
- Tokens used this month:** '2388358676 tokens'.

At the bottom, there is a red-bordered box labeled 'Experiment settings' with a gear icon, and a blue 'Run experiment' button with a play icon.

In Experiment settings:

- Review the **Optimized metric (Answer faithfulness)** to prioritize the quality of generated answers.
- Review the **Retrieval method (Window or Simple)** for data retrieval.
- Review the **Foundation models** (llama-2-70b-instruct, flan-ul2-20b) for experimentation.

2. Save the changes.



Step 7: Run the Experiment

1. Return to the **Configure details** page.
2. Verify all configurations and sources, then click **Run experiment**.
3. Monitor the execution through the **Progress map**.

The screenshot shows the IBM Watsonx AutoAI RAG run configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes the IBM Watsonx logo, a user profile icon, and a notification bell. The main header displays the project path "Projects / Jesse's sandbox / AutoAI RAG run - ModelInference documentation" and the experiment title "AutoAI RAG run - ModelInference documentation".

The interface is divided into two main panels:

- Add sources:** This panel on the left allows users to add document and evaluation sources. It includes a "Drop or browse for document and evaluation sources" section with "Browse" and "Select from project" buttons. Below this, two sources are listed: "benchmarking_data_Base.json" (Size: 557 B, Samples: 2) and "base.html" (Size: 44 KB).
- Configure details:** This panel on the right contains configuration options for the experiment. It includes sections for "Where would you like to index your documents?" (Vector database location: In memory), "Which data source would you like to use for evaluation?" (Evaluation source: benchmarking_data_Base.json), "Optimized metric" (Answer faithfulness), and "Models to consider" (2 foundation, 2 embedding). At the bottom, there is a "Run experiment" button highlighted with a red border.

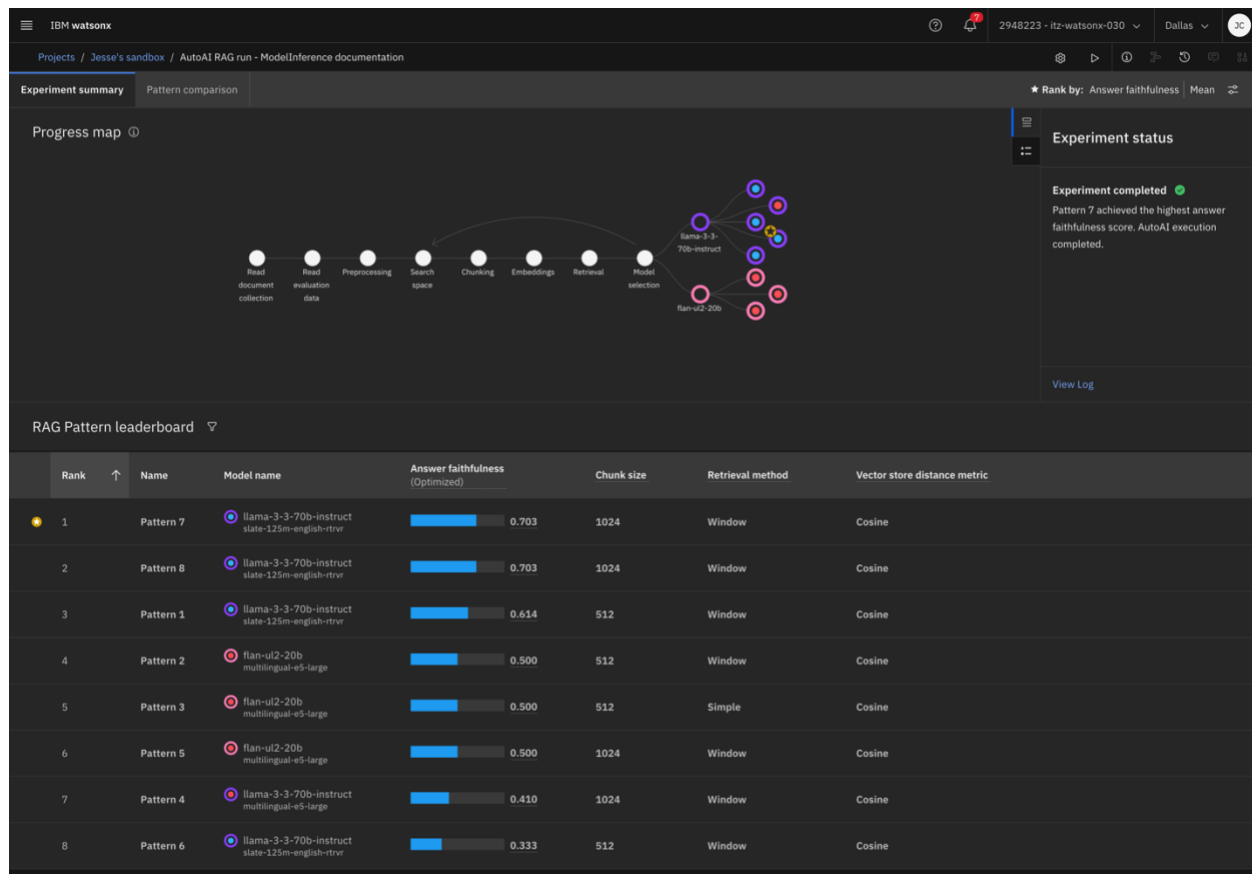
The bottom of the interface shows a summary of the configuration: "Vector database location: In memory", "Evaluation source: benchmarking_data_Base.json", "Optimized metric: Answer faithfulness", and "Models to consider: 2 foundation, 2 embedding". A large green checkmark is visible in the background of the Configure details panel.

Step 8: Review Results

1. Navigate to the **Experiment summary**:

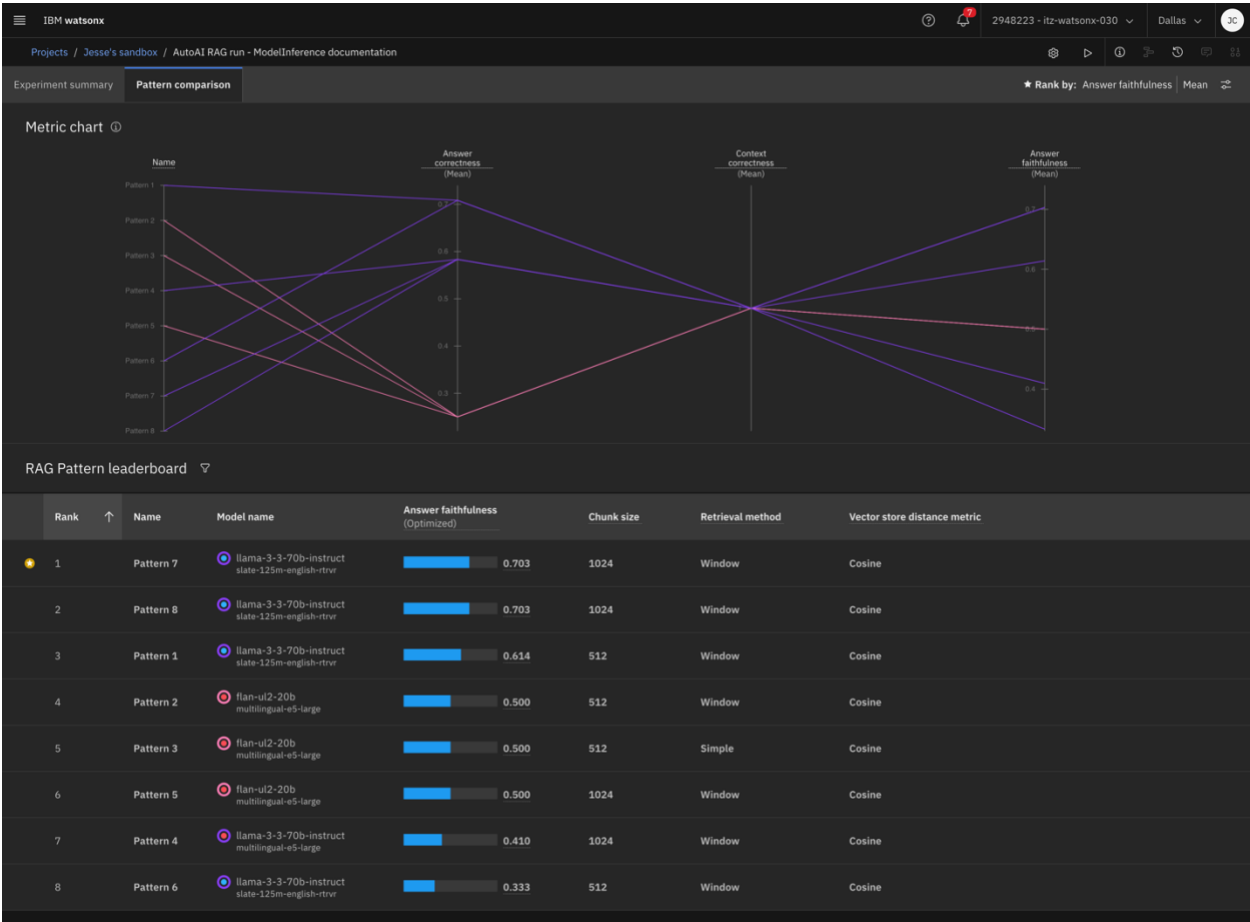
- View the **Progress map** to confirm the experiment stages were completed successfully.
- Check the **RAG Pattern leaderboard** for ranked results based on performance metrics such as **Answer faithfulness** and **Chunk size**.

2. Identify the top-performing pattern, such as Pattern 7 with llama-2-70b-instruct.



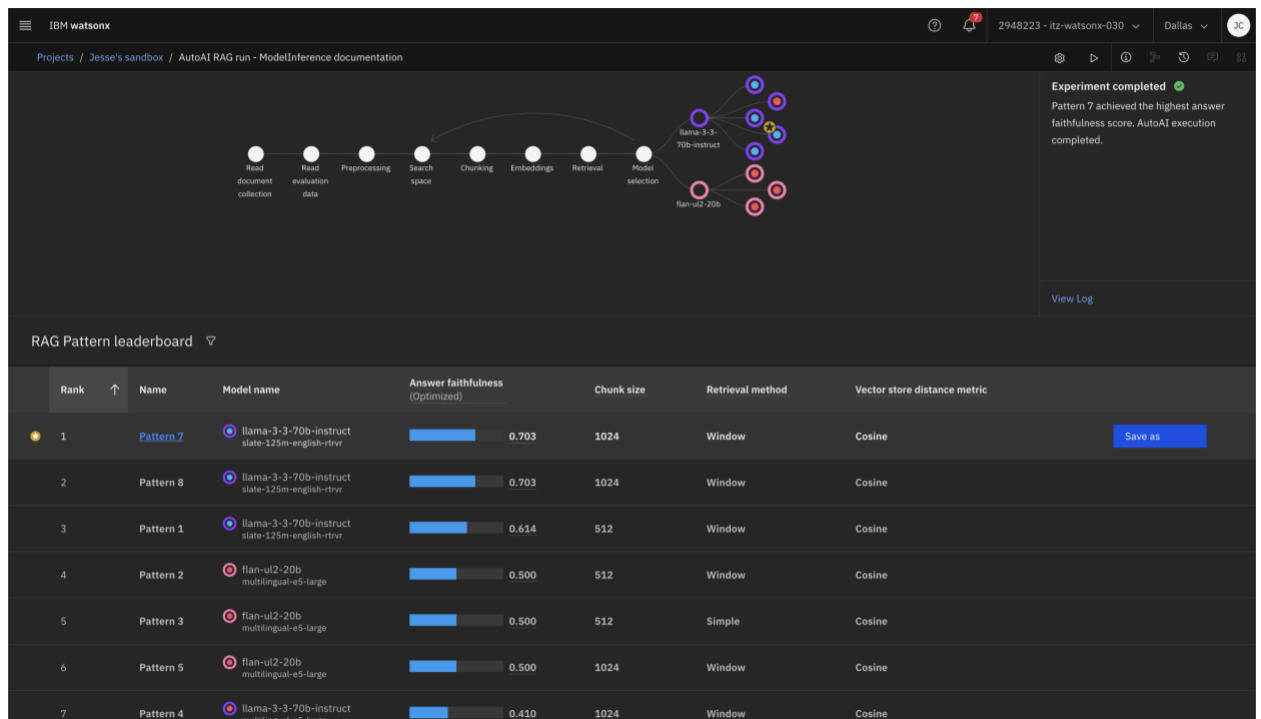
Step 9: Pattern Comparison

- 1. Switch to the **Pattern comparison** tab for detailed insights:
 - Use the **Metric chart** to compare patterns based on metrics like **Answer faithfulness** and **Correctness**.
 - Analyze the trends to validate the optimal configuration for deployment.



Step 10: Save the Results as a Notebook

1. After the experiment is completed:
 - Review the **RAG Pattern leaderboard** to confirm the top-performing pattern.
2. Click on the **Save as** button to generate a detailed notebook of the experiment results.



3. In the **Save notebook** dialog:

- Under Choose your objective, select **Index building** (and Retrieval and generation if you want both).
- Provide a name for the notebook (e.g., *AutoAI RAG - Top-performing Pattern 7*).
- Choose the runtime environment and add an optional description or tags for easier identification.

4. Click **Create** to save the notebook for further use or sharing.

The screenshot shows the 'Save as' dialog in the IBM Watsonx interface. The dialog is titled 'Save as' and contains two main sections: 'Choose your objective' and 'Define details'.

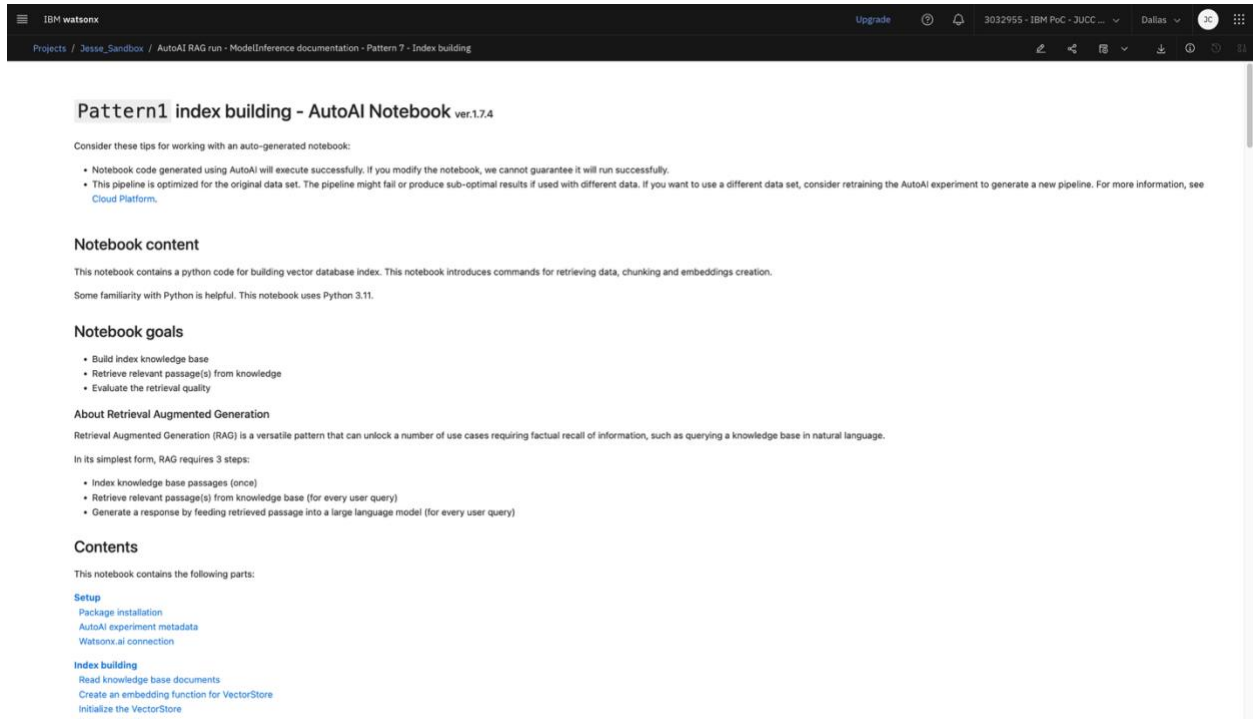
Choose your objective: This section has two options: 'Index building' and 'Retrieval and generation'. 'Index building' is selected, indicated by a radio button. Below each option is a brief description: 'Build an index knowledge base, retrieve relevant passages from the knowledge base, and evaluate the retrieval quality.' for 'Index building', and 'Build and deploy a function as an endpoint to inference with the RAG Pattern.' for 'Retrieval and generation'.

Define details: This section contains several fields: 'Asset type' is set to 'Notebook'; 'Name' is 'AutoAI RAG run - ModelInference documentation - Pattern 7 - Index building'; 'Runtime environment' is 'Runtime 24.1 on Python 3.11 AutoAI-M (4 vCPU and 16 GB RAM)'; 'Description (optional)' is a text area labeled 'Notebook description'; and 'Tags' is a section with a prompt 'Add tags to make assets easier to find' and an 'Add a tag' button.

At the bottom right of the dialog are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Create'.

Step 11: Open and Explore the Notebook

1. Once the notebook is created:
 - Open the notebook to explore the detailed steps, data set, configurations, and metrics used in the experiment.



2. Run the notebook with following:
 - **Run the notebook cells**, check Instructions for setting up the vector store and index building.
 - **Watsonx.ai API key** for connection (**step 0**)
 - Details on RAG retrieval and generation processes.
 - Code snippets to reproduce the experiment and generate results.
3. Use the notebook to further refine or replicate the experiment as needed.

Step 12: Extract RAG Pattern Configuration Keys

1. Open the code or notebook cell containing your `rag_pattern = { ... }` definition.

The RAG Pattern details.

```
In [ ]: rag_pattern = {
  "composition_steps": [
    "model_selection",
    "chunking",
    "embeddings",
    "retrieval",
    "generation",
  ],
  "duration_seconds": 12,
  "name": "Pattern1",
  "settings": {
    "chunking": {"method": "recursive", "chunk_size": 1024, "chunk_overlap": 256},
    "embeddings": {
      "truncate_strategy": "left",
      "truncate_input_tokens": 512,
      "model_id": "ibm/slate-l25m-english-rtrvr",
    },
    "vector_store": {
      "datasource_type": "elasticsearch",
      "index_name": "autoai_rag_69210001_20250527023933",
      "distance_metric": "cosine",
      "operation": "upsert",
      "schema": {
        "id": "autoai_rag_1.1",
        "name": "Document schema using open-source loaders",
        "type": "struct",
        "fields": [
          {
            "name": "pk",
            "description": "Primary key",
            "type": "string",
            "role": "pk",
          },
          {
            "name": "text_field",
            "description": "text field",
            "type": "string",
            "role": "text",
          },
          {
            "name": "document_id",
            "description": "document name field",
            "type": "string",
            "role": "document_name",
          },
          {
            "name": "start_index",
            "description": "chunk starting token position in the source document",
            "type": "number",
            "role": "start_index",
          },
        ],
      },
    },
  },
}
```

2. Locate the top-level keys and the nested settings that drive each module.
3. Copy out the following key names for use in your module in later lab:

IBM watsonx.ai Embeddings Key

	Where to get it?	Value
watsonx API Endpoint	->	https://us-south.ml.cloud.ibm.com
API Key	Step 0	(get your own config)
Project ID	Find 'experiment_metadata'	(get your own config) e.g. cd2dadd2-68e5-4680-8d79-cf8db08cc8c8
Embedding Model Name	rag_pattern: embeddings -> model_id	(get your own config) e.g. intfloat/multilingual-e5-large

IBM watsonx.ai Key

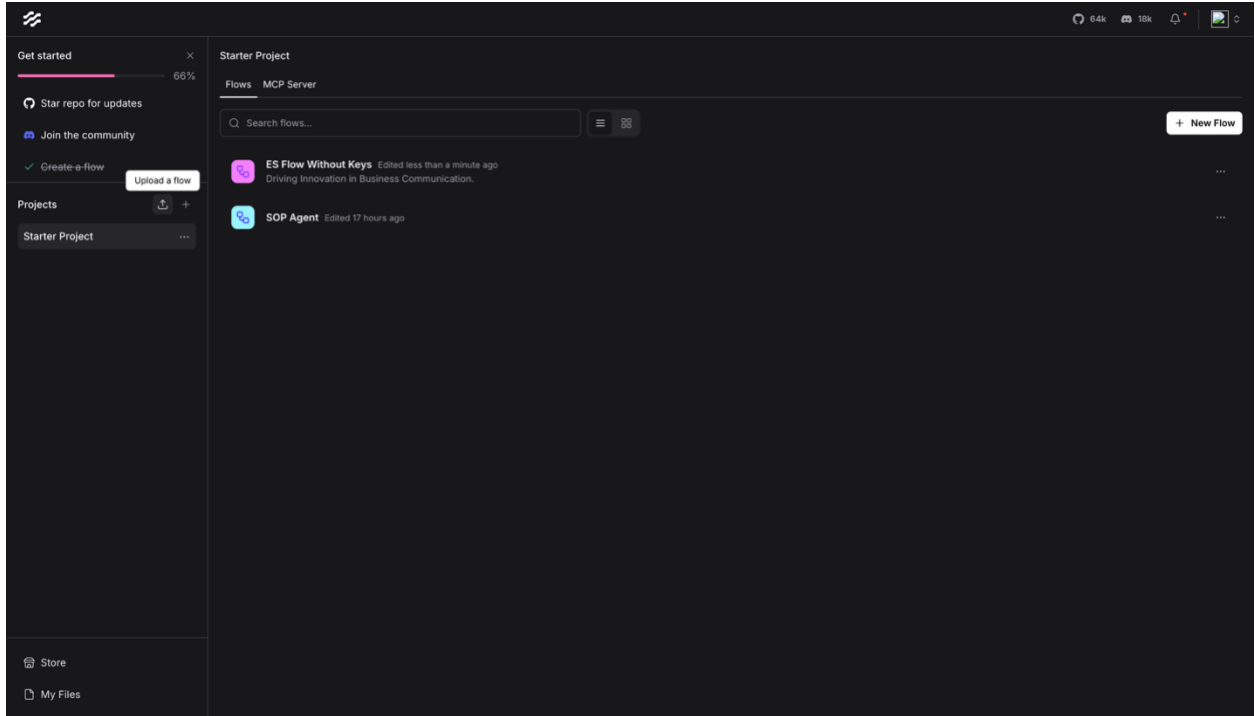
	Where to get it?	Value
watsonx API Endpoint	->	https://us-south.ml.cloud.ibm.com
Model Name	rag_pattern: generation -> model_id	(get your own config) e.g. meta-llama/llama-3-3-70b-instruct

Elasticsearch Vector Store

	Where to get it?	Value
Elasticsearch URL	->	https://us-south.ml.cloud.ibm.com
Index Name	rag_pattern: vector_store -> index_name	(get your own config) e.g. autoai_rag_69210801_20250527023933
Username	Step 0 -> sub-step 6	(get your own config) e.g. ibm_cloud_c06543e4_08e4_42d9_836e_9de74a8cff8d
Password	Step 0 -> sub-step 6	(get your own config) e.g. eGq3GJdEh9kHhQHfetUu3gOE6hwGIP7l

Step 13: Upload the ES Flow into Lang flow

1. In your browser, navigate to the Langflow UI: <http://158.176.6.193:7860/>
2. In the left-hand sidebar, click Upload a flow.
3. browse to the local JUCC-Workshop folder you downloaded earlier, select **ES Flow Without Keys.json**, and click Open.
4. Langflow will import the flow and display it on the canvas for you to review and configure

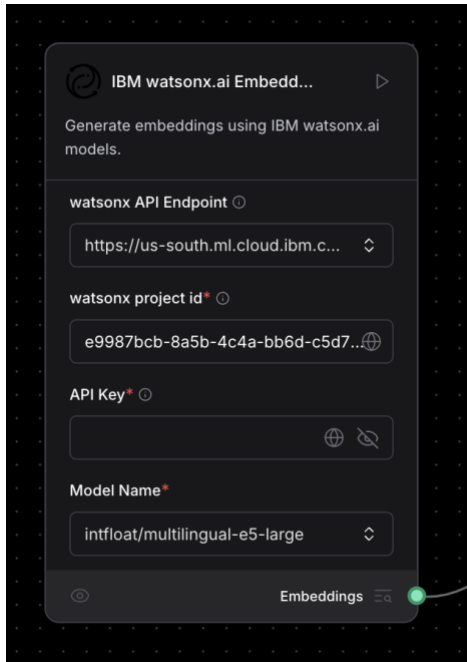


Step 14: Configure Each Langflow Component and Understand Its Role

1. watsonx.ai Embeddings

Role: Transforms text (documents or queries) into vector representations that capture semantic meaning, enabling similarity-based search in later steps.

- watsonx API Endpoint: <https://us-south.ml.cloud.ibm.com>
- watsonx project id: your project ID
- API Key: your API key
- Model Name: your embeddings model (e.g. `intfloat/multilingual-e5-large`)



The image shows a configuration window for the 'IBM watsonx.ai Embeddings' component. The window has a dark theme and contains the following fields:

- watsonx API Endpoint**: A dropdown menu showing `https://us-south.ml.cloud.ibm.c...`.
- watsonx project id**: A text input field containing `e9987bcb-8a5b-4c4a-bb6d-c5d7...`.
- API Key**: A text input field with a placeholder and a small icon.
- Model Name**: A dropdown menu showing `intfloat/multilingual-e5-large`.

At the bottom of the window, there is a tab labeled 'Embeddings' and a green status indicator.

2. Elasticsearch Vector Store

Role: Stores and indexes those embeddings; given a query vector, it retrieves the top most similar document chunks to serve as context.

- Elasticsearch URL: your Elasticsearch URL
- Index Name: your index name (e.g. autoai_rag_69210801_20250527023933)
- Username: your Elasticsearch username
- Password: your Elasticsearch password

The image shows a configuration interface for an Elasticsearch Vector Store. It features several input fields for configuration: Elasticsearch URL, Elastic Cloud ID, Index Name, Search Query, Username, and Password. Below these fields are two output sections: 'Ingest Data' and 'Embedding'. The 'Ingest Data' section includes a 'Search Query' field with the value 'Receiving input'. The 'Embedding' section includes a 'Search Results' field with the value 'Search Results' and a 'DataFrame' field with the value 'DataFrame'. The interface is dark-themed and includes a sidebar on the left with a blue dot and a green dot, and a bottom bar with a red dot and a pink dot.

Elasticsearch

Elasticsearch Vector Store with with advanced, customizable search capabilities.

Elasticsearch URL ⓘ

`https://ibm_cloud_c06543e4_08e...`

Elastic Cloud ID ⓘ

Index Name ⓘ

`jesse-t2`

Ingest Data

Search Query ⓘ

`Receiving input`

Username ⓘ

`ibm_cloud_c06543e4_08e4_42d9...`

Password ⓘ

Embedding

Search Results ⓘ

DataFrame ⓘ

3. IBM watsonx.ai (Generation)

Role: Consumes the retrieved chunks plus the user's query to generate a coherent, context-grounded answer using a foundation language model.

- watsonx API Endpoint: <https://us-south.ml.cloud.ibm.com>
- Model Name: your generation model (e.g. meta-llama/llama-3-3-70b-instruct)

The screenshot displays the IBM watsonx.ai mobile application interface. At the top, there is a status bar with a green dot, the text "Update ready", and buttons for "Dismiss" and "Update". Below this is the app header with the IBM logo and the text "IBM watsonx.ai". The main content area is titled "Generate text using IBM watsonx.ai foundation models." and contains several configuration sections:

- Input:** A text input field with the placeholder "Receiving input".
- System Message:** A text input field with the placeholder "Type something...".
- watsonx API Endpoint:** A dropdown menu showing the URL "https://us-south.ml.cloud.ibm.c...".
- Model Name:** A dropdown menu showing "meta-llama/llama-3-3-70b-inst...".
- Max Tokens:** A numeric input field set to "1000".
- Temperature:** A slider control set to "0.10".
- Top P:** A slider control set to "0.90".
- Frequency Penalty:** A slider control set to "0.50".
- Presence Penalty:** A slider control set to "0.30".
- Random Seed:** A numeric input field set to "8".

At the bottom of the screen, there are two buttons: "Message" and "Language Model".

Step 15: Test Your RAG Flow in the Playground

1. In the top-right corner of Langflow, click **Playground**.
2. In the “New chat” prompt that appears, type your test question (for example, “What is SPSS?”).
3. Press **Enter** or click **Send**.
4. Observe how the flow:
 - Converts your question into an embedding,
 - Retrieves the most relevant document chunks from Elasticsearch,
 - Feeds those chunks + your question into the generation model,
 - Returns a grounded answer in the chat pane.
5. Review the **Session** sidebar to inspect earlier queries and responses or start a fresh chat by clicking the **+** next to **Chat**.

