# How to create a DocumentDB database account using the Azure portal

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To use Microsoft Azure DocumentDB, you must create a DocumentDB database account using either the Azure portal, Azure Resource Manager templates, or Azure command-line interface (CLI). This article shows how to create a database account using the Azure portal. To create an account using Azure Resource Manager or Azure CLI, see [Automate DocumentDB database account creation](/documentation/articles/documentdb-automation-resource-manager-cli).

Are you new to DocumentDB? Watch [this](https://azure.microsoft.com/documentation/videos/create-documentdb-on-azure/) four minute video by Scott Hanselman to see how to complete the most common tasks in the online portal.

[AZURE.INCLUDE [documentdb-create-dbaccount](../includes/documentdb-create-dbaccount.md)]

## Next steps

Now that you have a DocumentDB account, the next step is to create a DocumentDB database. You can create a database by using one of the following:

* The C# .NET samples in the [DatabaseManagement](https://github.com/Azure/azure-documentdb-net/tree/master/samples/code-samples/DatabaseManagement) project of the [azure-documentdb-net](https://github.com/Azure/azure-documentdb-net/tree/master/samples/code-samples) repository on GitHub.
* The Azure portal, as described in [Create a DocumentDB database using the Azure portal](/documentation/articles/documentdb-create-database).
* The all-inclusive tutorials: [.NET](/documentation/articles/documentdb-get-started), [.NET MVC](documentdb-dotnet-application.md), [Java](/documentation/articles/documentdb-java-application), [Node.js](documentdb-nodejs-application.md), or [Python](/documentation/articles/documentdb-python-application).
* The [DocumentDB SDKs](/documentation/articles/documentdb-sdk-dotnet). DocumentDB has .NET, Java, Python, Node.js, and JavaScript API SDKs.

After creating your database, you need to [add one or more collections](/documentation/articles/documentdb-create-collection) to the database, then [add documents](/documentation/articles/documentdb-view-json-document-explorer) to the collections.

After you have documents in a collection, you can use [DocumentDB SQL](/documentation/articles/documentdb-sql-query) to [execute queries](/documentation/articles/documentdb-sql-query#executing-queries) against your documents by using the [Query Explorer](/documentation/articles/documentdb-query-collections-query-explorer) in the Portal, the [REST API](https://msdn.microsoft.com/library/azure/dn781481.aspx), or one of the [SDKs](/documentation/articles/documentdb-sdk-dotnet).

To learn more about DocumentDB, explore these resources:

* [Learning path for DocumentDB](https://azure.microsoft.com/documentation/learning-paths/documentdb/)
* [DocumentDB resource model and concepts](/documentation/articles/documentdb-resources)