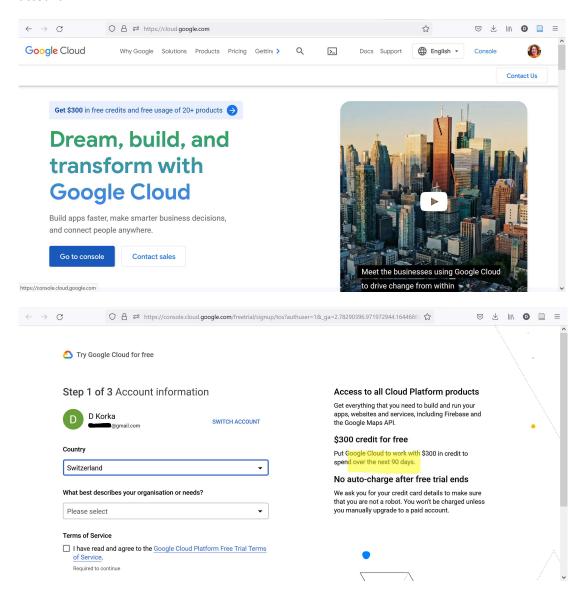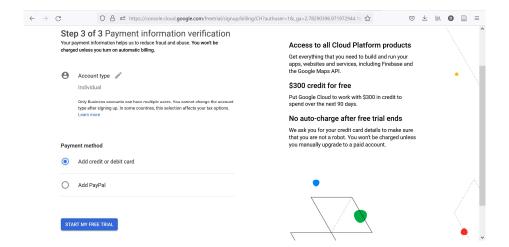# Week 1: Introduction to Cloud Services: Google Cloud: Creating an Account

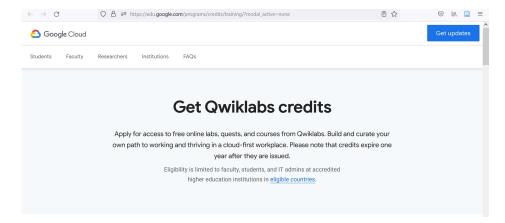Create an account on https://cloud.google.com/

This needs to be a google account. You will need to link it either to **your credit card** or **your PayPal account**.

Note: For the Google Cloud account, you will have to enter your credit card information, but you won't be charged. It is just to verify that you are not a bot. Upon joining, you will receive a free $300 credit valid **for 3 months**.

See also this link for classes on Google Cloud for students (https://cloud.google.com/edu/students).

The Google Cloud documentation is available here: https://cloud.google.com/docs.