

# Using the Mobile Foundation service to set-up MobileFirst Server on IBM Containers

## Overview

This tutorial provides step-by-step instructions to set-up a MobileFirst Server instance on IBM Containers using the **Mobile Foundation** service.

Mobile Foundation is a **Bluemix service** that enables quick & easy stand-up of scaleable Developer or Production environments of MobileFirst Platform Foundation v8.0 Beta on **IBM Containers**.

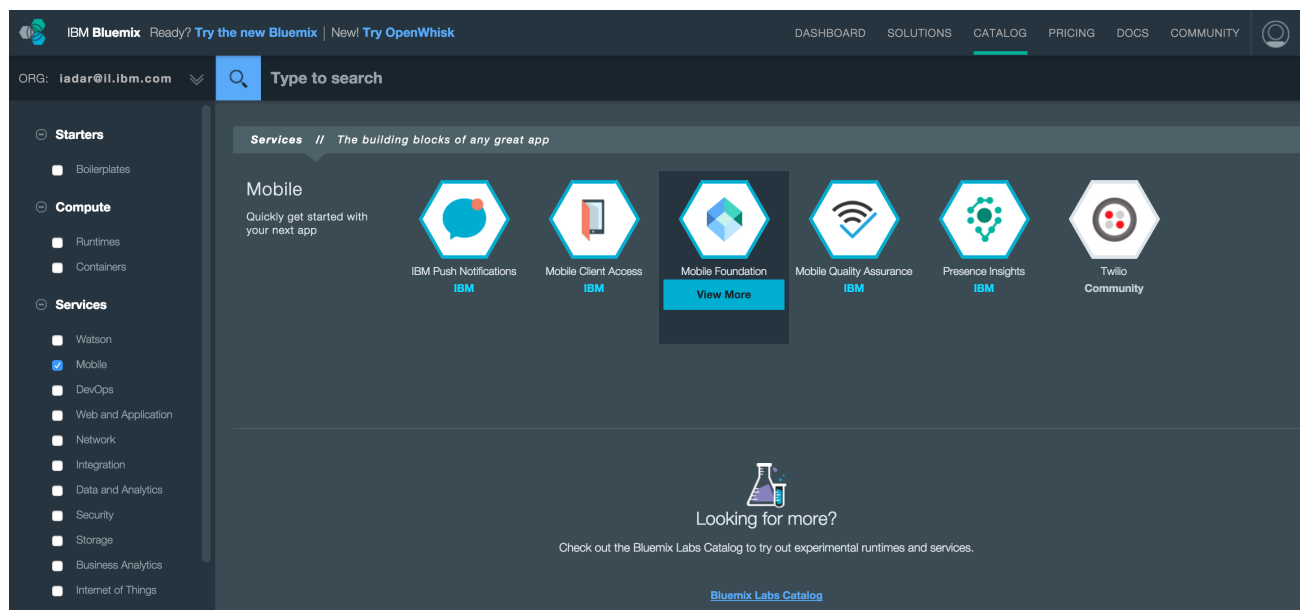
**Prerequisite:** Make sure to read the Introduction to IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation on IBM Containers (../) tutorial.

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## Using the Mobile Foundation Bluemix service

1. Load [bluemix.net](http://bluemix.net) (<http://bluemix.net>) and visit the **Catalog** page.
2. From the left sidebar, tick the "Mobile" checkbox under **Services**. Then, click on the **Mobile Foundation** tile to begin the service creation process.



3. Select a **space** to use and optionally set a **Service name**. Then, click **Create**.

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**Mobile Foundation**  
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**BETA** MobileFirst Platform Foundation helps enterprises deliver on their mobile strategy by reducing both application development integration and maintenance costs, improving time-to-market and enhancing mobile application governance and security.

- What it is:** MobileFirst Platform Foundation includes a comprehensive development environment, mobile-optimized runtime middleware, and an integrated management and analytics console, all supported by various security mechanisms.
- What you get:** This service helps you provision and orchestrate MobileFirst Platform Foundation on the Cloud. Your mobile server(s) will be created in Bluemix Containers, and will provide you with a reliable and scalable environment.
- What can you do:** With MobileFirst Platform Foundation you can connect and synchronize mobile apps with enterprise data, applications and cloud services. Safeguard mobile security at the device, application, data and network layer. Manage your mobile app portfolio from a single central interface with detailed operational analytics.

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✓ Beta	Free + Dependent Services	Free

This service will provision IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation server in a Container environment. It will consume the

Add Service

Space:

Service name:

Selected Plan:

[CREATE](#)

- Agree to the Early Beta license terms, provide your Bluemix username and password, and click **Continue**.
- Start the MobileFirst Server.
  - You can either keep the server configuration at its basic level and click on **Start Basic Server**, or
  - Update the server configuration in the Configuration tab, and click on **Start advanced server**.

During this step an IBM Container is generated for the Mobile Foundation service, and the MobileFirst Platform Foundation environment is being initialized.

This takes between 5 to 10 minutes.

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**Mobile Foundation-3z**

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- With the MobileFirst Server now running, you are presented with the following Dashboard:



7. Click on **Launch Console** to open the MobileFirst Operations Console.



## Server configuration

The basic server instance consists of:

- A single node
- 512MB memory
- 32GB storage capacity

## Advanced server configuration

Through the Configuration tab, the server instance can be further customized with:

- Varying node, memory and storage combinations
- MobileFirst Operations Console admin password
- LTPA keys
- JNDI configuration
- User registry
- TrustStore
- Operational Analytics configuration\*

- Database selection\*
- VPN\*

**Note:** The beta release does not support all mentioned features.

The screenshot shows the IBM Bluemix Mobile Foundation-3z Configuration page. The sidebar on the left includes links for 'Mobile Foundation-3z', 'Manage', 'Service Access Authorization', and 'APPS USING SERVICE'. The main content area has tabs for 'Topology', 'Security', and 'Server Configuration'. The 'Topology' tab is selected, showing a table of server size options.

Server Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Memory (GB)	1	2	4	8	16
Storage (GB)	64	128	256	512	1024

## Further reading

Now that the MobileFirst Server instance is up & running, you can learn more about:

- MobileFirst Operations Console ([../setting-up-your-development-environment/console](#))
- Experience MobileFirst Platform Foundation with these Quick Start tutorials ([../quick-start](#))
- Or read through all available tutorials ([../all-tutorials/](#))