



## Hands on Lab: Creating 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.

#### CAUTION:

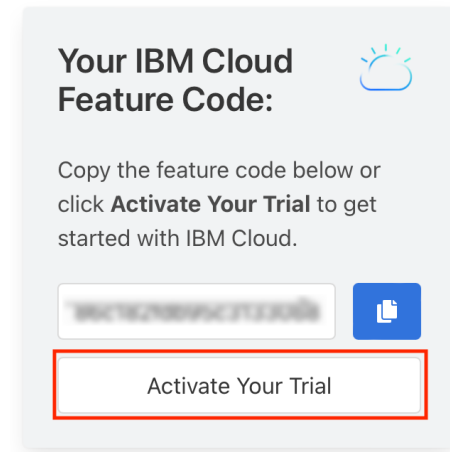
While signing up for an IBM Cloud account, or at a later stage, you may be prompted to enter a credit card. Please note that access to paid services or a credit card is **NOT required** to complete any mandatory labs/projects / or assignments in this course. Instead, those enrolled in this course have access to a **Feature Code**, which enables trial access to IBM Cloud for a limited duration. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you **DO NOT enter** a credit card to complete the required course components.

If you still choose to enter your Credit Card to use IBM Cloud services, you will be liable to pay any resulting charges billed to your credit card. The course team does not take any responsibility for such charges.

In case you encounter issues while activating your account with a Feature Code, or your trial has ended, and you have not yet completed the course, please contact the course support team via the course discussions forums for assistance instead of adding a credit card to your IBM Cloud account.

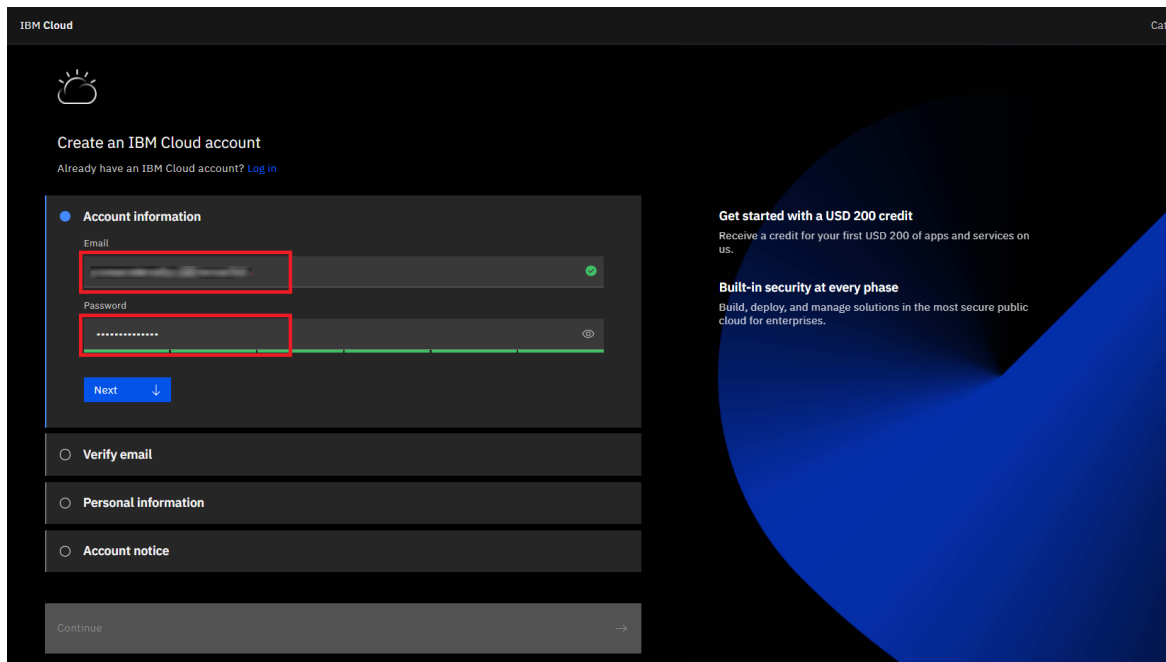
## Activate Trial Account

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.



## 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 and a strong **Password**, as per criteria and then click the **Next** button.



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**Account information**

Email

Password

Next ↓

Verify email

Personal information

Account notice

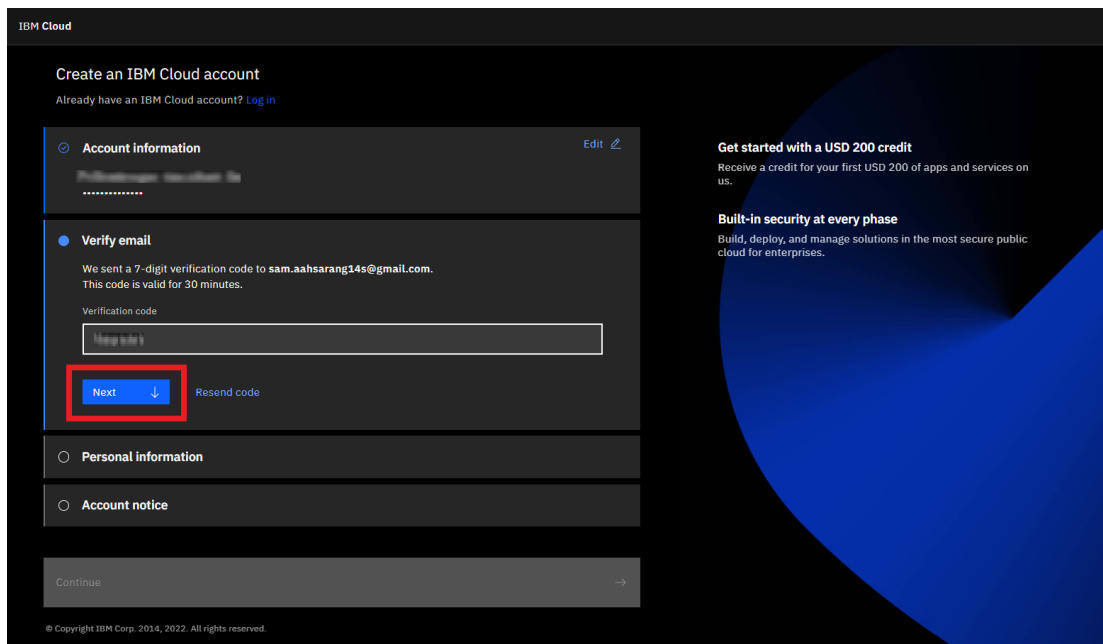
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3. An email is sent to the address that you signed up with to confirm your email address. Check your email and copy and paste **Verification code**. Then click **Next**.



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**Account information** [Edit](#)

**Verify email**

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

Verification code

Next ↓ [Resend code](#)

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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**.

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☐ Verify email


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First name

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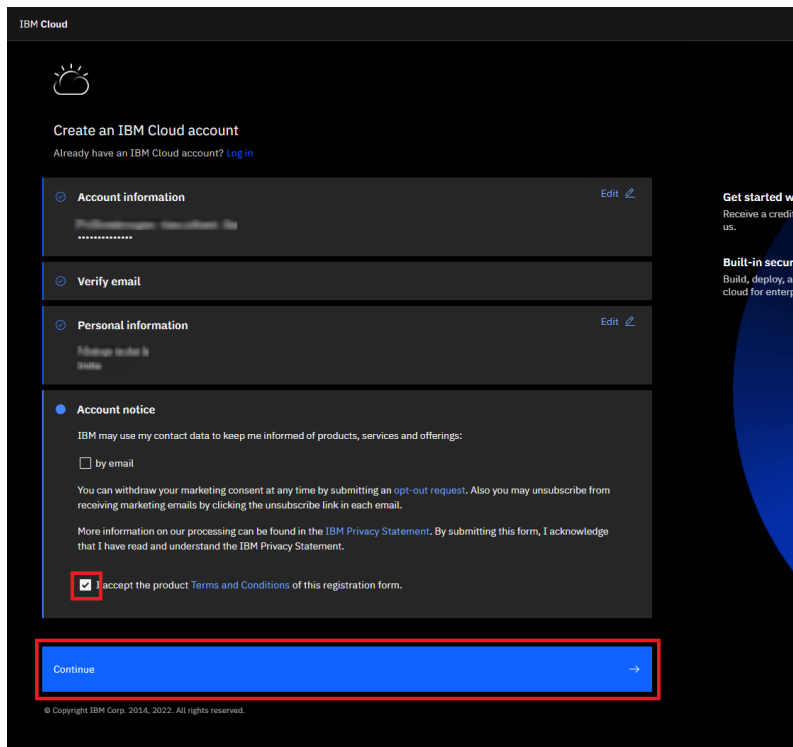
Country or region

Next 

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

7. 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

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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

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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.

8. Once you've successfully created your IBM Cloud account, you should see the dashboard.

The screenshot displays the IBM Cloud Dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the IBM Cloud logo, a search bar, and links to Catalog, Docs, Support, and Manage. The main content area is titled "Dashboard" and includes a sidebar with navigation icons. The dashboard features a "For you" section with several tiles: "Build" (Explore IBM Cloud with this selection of easy starter tutorials and services), "Pick your compute" (Select a compute option based on your needs, or mix and match to fit your environment requirements), "IAM Best Practices" (Check out best practices to effectively manage access to account resources), "Integrate Watson with anything" (Watson AI services are accessed through REST APIs, making them simple to integrate), "Moving your application to the cloud" (Plan the right approach for a successful cloud migration), "Hosting with bare metal servers" (Game server hosting with IBM Cloud + free 20TB bandwidth (previously \$999 USD)), "Use Knowledge Studio" (Use custom machine learning models to identify entities and relationships that are unique to your industry in unstructured text), and "Automate security compliance" (Embed security checks into everyday workflow centrally manage compliance to org and regulatory groups). Below these tiles, there are three main sections: "Resource summary" (No resources available to display. Create a resource or spin up an app using starter kits), "Planned maintenance" (Clear skies! You can view your scheduled maintenance events here), and "IBM Cloud status" (No issues). The dashboard also includes links to "Edit dashboard", "Upgrade account", and "Create resource".

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

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☐ Containers (7)

🌐 Networking (28)

📁 Storage (18)

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🗄️ Databases (38)

🔧 Developer tools (170)

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📦 Migration (6)

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📱 Mobile (6)



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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](mailto:support@cognitiveclass.ai) target="\_blank" rel="noopener noreferrer">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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