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How to sign on to Tableau Public

As you have been learning, Tableau is a powerful data visualization tool used by data professionals around the world. Tableau offers a free browser version of its software, Tableau Public, which allows learners like yourself to test out its capability in a limited capacity. Tableau Public is the software you will use throughout this course on data visualization. In this reading, you will be guided on how to sign up for Tableau Public, and you will be given troubleshooting resources for potential obstacles you may experience.

How to sign in to Tableau Public

Signing in with an existing Tableau.com account

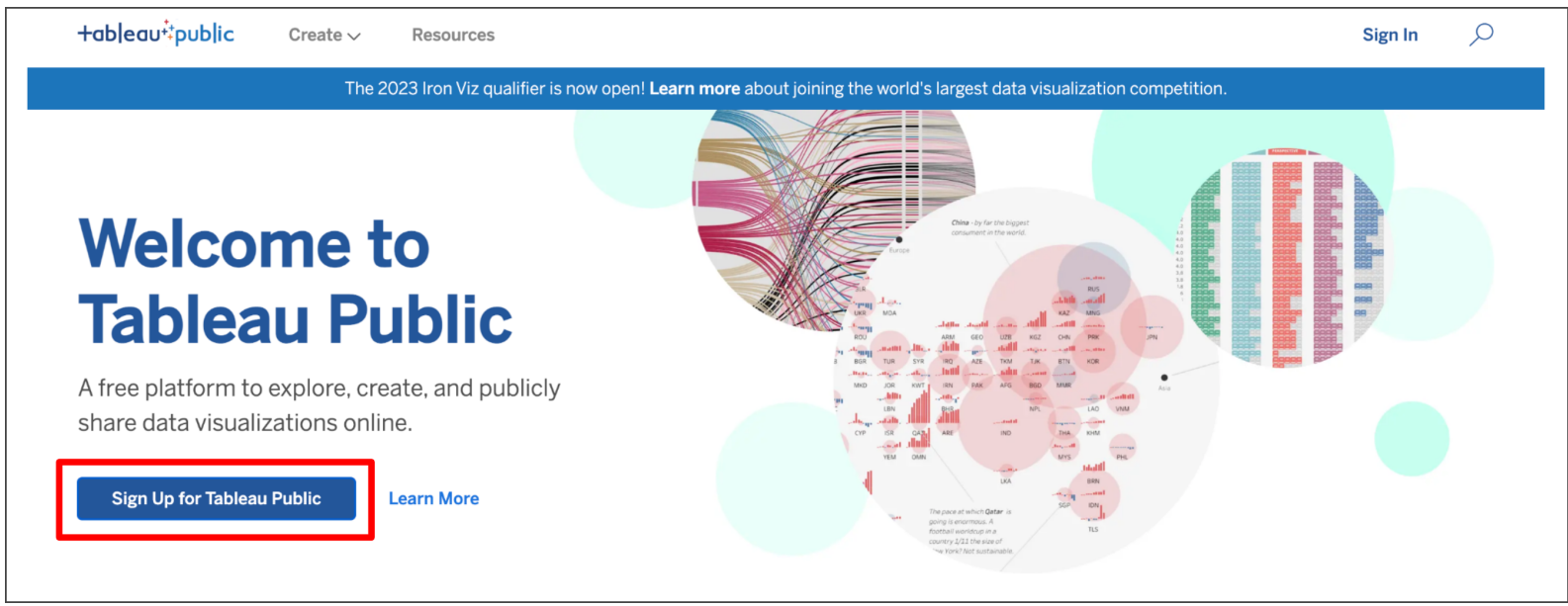
If you already have a Tableau.com account, you can use your existing [login credentials](#) to sign into Tableau Public. Click [here](#) to learn more. If this is your first time signing in to Tableau Public with your Tableau.com account, you can set your account password by resetting your password. To do so, click [reset password](#).

Signing in for the first time

The following instructions show you how to sign up for Tableau Public for the first time, without a pre-existing Tableau.com or Tableau Public account. First, go to the [Tableau Public home page](#). If [this link](#) does not open to Tableau's homepage, type public.tableau.com in your browser's address bar.

Note: Tableau Public works best on Chrome (Windows, Mac, Android), Edge (Windows), Firefox (Windows and Mac), Safari (Mac and iOS).

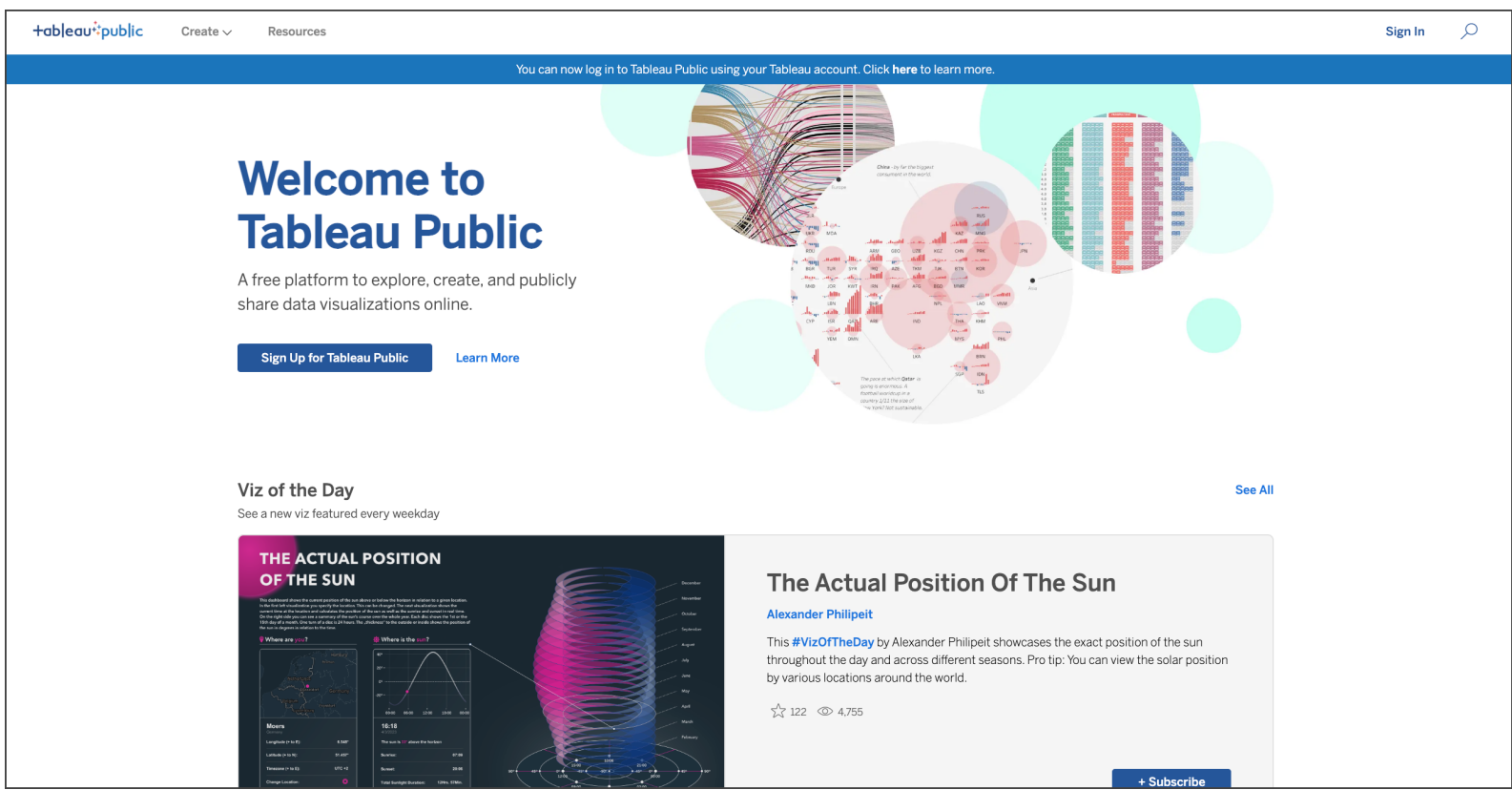
Next, at the top right of the page, click the "Sign Up" button.



Fill in all the required fields and click "Create My Account."

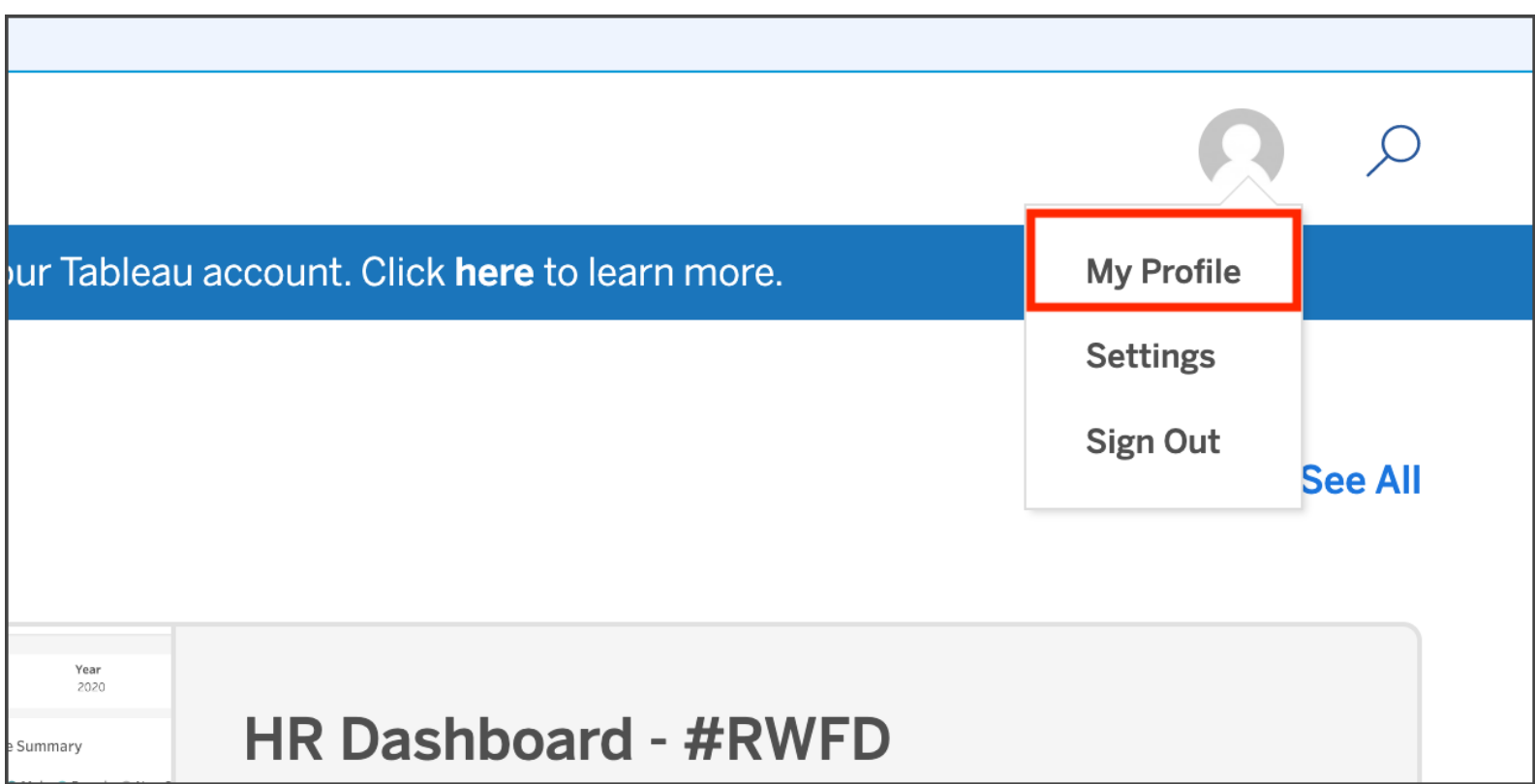
Navigating Tableau Public

The home page for Tableau Public contains resources and guides for helping data professionals learn more about and get inspired by data visualizations. You can explore any and all of the links on this landing page to help enhance your knowledge of Tableau. The most helpful place to start if you are new to Tableau is the [Resources page](#), which has how-to videos, community resources and user forums.



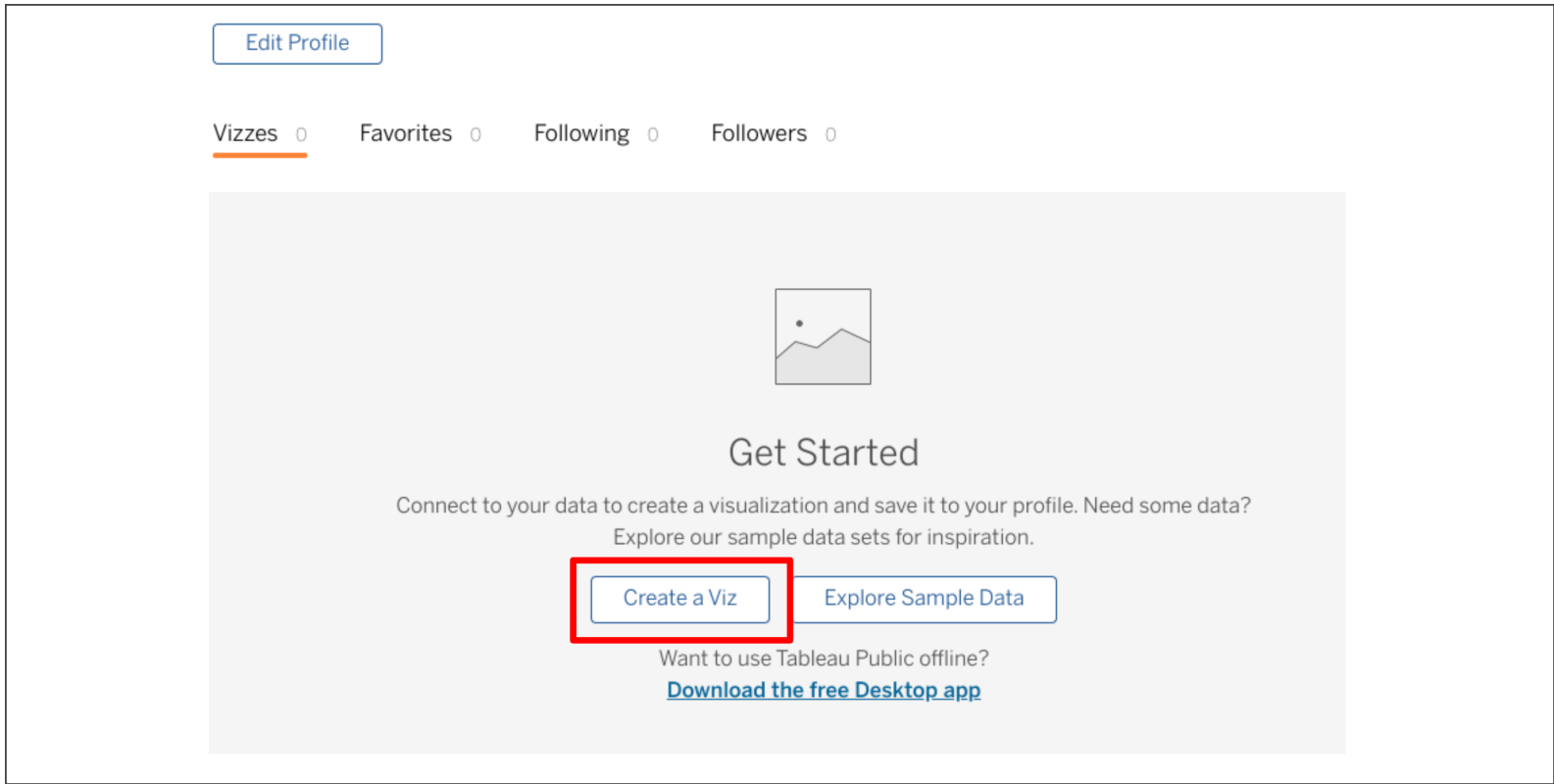
How to start creating your own visualizations

During the instruction videos, the instructor will ask you to log in to Public Tableau and follow along in the creation of a data visualization. Click on the user symbol icon on the top right of the Tableau Public homepage and select "My Profile" to get started.



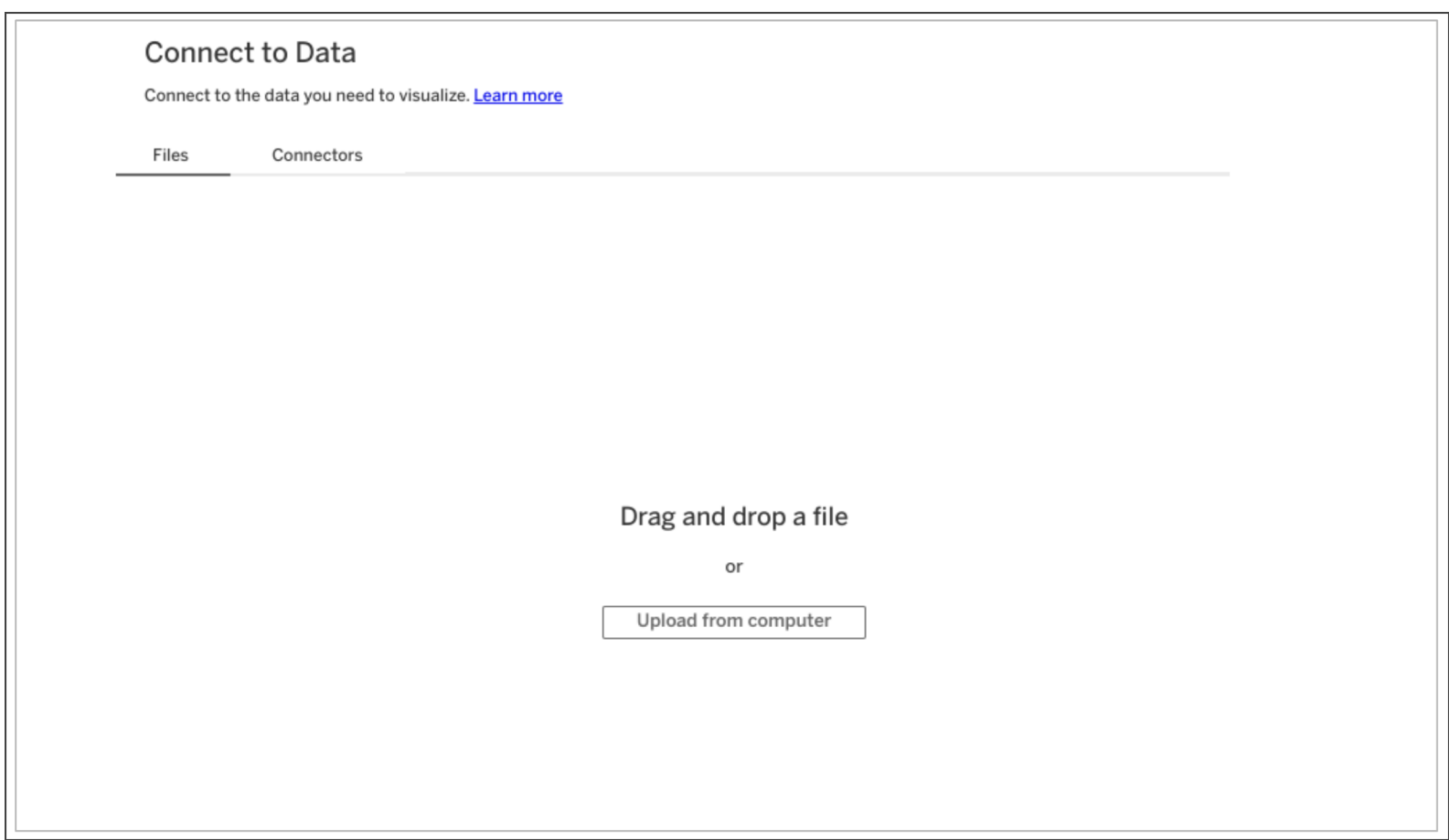
Get Started

Within your Tableau Public profile, you'll find tabs for *Vizzes*, *Favorites*, *Following*, and *Followers*. At the bottom of the page, under the *Vizzes* tab, there will be two buttons, *Create a Viz* and *Explore Sample Data*. Using the Explore Sample Data is a great way to try out the tool on your own and test how the software works in a sandbox-like environment. At the instructors prompt, click *Create a Viz*.



Default to data drop

Once you've clicked on "Create a Viz," you will be directed to a screen that asks you to connect to data. Tableau Public needs data to work with, such as a spreadsheet, json, or csv file, for example. When prompted by the instructor, you will upload the data provided using this screen.



Once you've uploaded data, you are ready to start designing data visualizations. Happy designing, future Viz Whiz!

Key takeaways

Accessing Tableau Public and creating a profile will be your first step to learning how to design data visualizations like a data professional.

Resources for more information

To help you troubleshoot or to learn more, explore take a look at the following links:

- Tableau Public not working? Check out these [Technical specifications and storage requirements](#).
- The [Tableau Public Discover page](#) includes 'Viz of the Day' and other beautiful vizs designed on the platform
- The [Tableau Public Blog](#) offers regular dispatches from the Tableau Public Team

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