

Follow-along guide for Splunk sign-up

Note: The following reading is an optional supplement to the following course item, [Activity: Perform a query with Splunk](#). Both this reading and the following activity are optional and will not affect your completion of the course. You may choose to skip this reading and/or the activity for any reason, and continue progressing through the remainder of the course.

This reading includes detailed instructions for getting started with the following course item, [Activity: Perform a query with Splunk](#). Use this reading for step-by-step instructions on how to create a Splunk Cloud account, activate a Splunk Cloud free trial, and upload data to a Splunk Cloud instance.

The following guide identifies parts of the video that may require adjustment. This reference guide can also serve as a usability reminder when using Splunk Cloud in the future.

Instructions

Part 1 - Create a Splunk Cloud account

1. Go to the [Splunk Cloud Platform Trial](#) page.
2. Fill in the fields in the **Start Your Cloud Platform Trial** sign-up form.
3. Click **Create Your Account**.

The screenshot shows the Splunk Cloud Platform Trial sign-up page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Products, Solutions, Why Splunk, and Resources. Below the navigation, a large pink and orange graphic with the text "TURN DATA INTO DOING" is visible. The main heading is "Splunk Cloud Platform Trial" with the subtext "Try Splunk Cloud free for 14 days. No credit card required." To the left, there are four icons with corresponding text: a cloud icon for "Keep it simple with SaaS — no installation required to start getting data in.", a monitor icon for "Ingest up to 5GB/day of your own data in a Splunk-hosted cloud environment.", a document icon for "Start searching, analyzing and visualizing your data on powerful, easy-to-understand dashboards.", and a lock icon for "Keep your data safe in a highly secure environment that is SOC 2 Type I Attestation, ISO 27001 certification, HIPAA and PCI DSS compliant." Below these, a section titled "Once you sign up for the Splunk Cloud Platform trial, you'll see how it helps you to:" lists five bullet points: "Tackle your hardest security and observability use cases.", "Stream, collect and index any data at any scale.", "Set up real-time alerts so you can act fast.", and "Customize for your unique business needs with free, pre-built apps from Splunkbase." At the bottom left, a note says "Prefer to install Splunk on your own hardware? Try out Splunk Enterprise for free, or explore the rest of our free trials and downloads." On the right side, a large sign-up form is displayed with the title "Start Your Cloud Platform Trial". It includes fields for "Business Email" (marked as required), "Password", "First Name", "Last Name", "Job Title", "Phone Number", "Company", a dropdown for "United States", and a field for "Zip / Postal Code". A checkbox for "I agree to the Splunk Website Terms & Conditions of Use, Splunk Privacy Policy and Splunk General Terms." is present, followed by a "Create Your Account" button.

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Job Title **Analyst** GOOD

Phone Number GOOD

Company **NA** GOOD

United States ▼

Zip / Postal Code **96707** GOOD

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Create Your Account

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Splunk Cloud Trial

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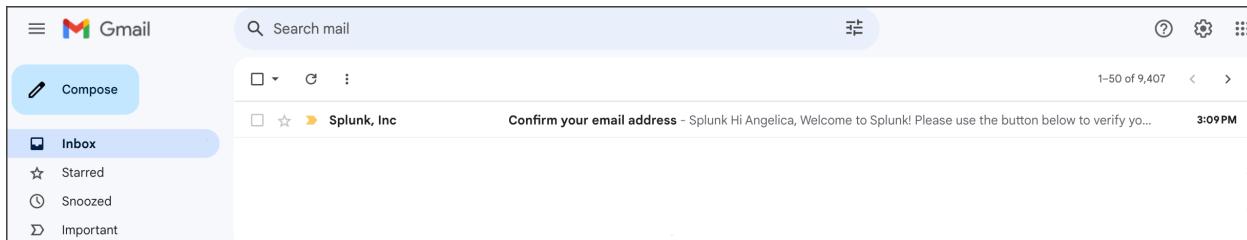
Thank you for registering, your free trial is on its way!

You will receive an email within 15 minutes. Check your spam folder if it doesn't arrive.

If you still need help, please reach out to Splunk support.

Part 2 - Verify your email

1. Check the inbox for the email address that you used to sign up for the Splunk account. Find the verification email from Splunk with the subject line **Confirm your email address**.



2. Open the email and click the **Verify Your Email** button.

A screenshot of an email message. The subject is 'Confirm your email address'. The sender is 'Splunk, Inc <no-reply@idp.login.splunk.com>' and it was sent 'to me' at '3:09 PM (2 minutes ago)'. The email body starts with 'splunk>' and ends with 'splunk>'. It contains a welcome message, instructions to verify the email, a pink 'Verify Your Email' button, a link to the verification page, terms of service, and a note for non-requesters. The entire message is framed by a light gray border.

Note: Check your spam folder if you didn't receive the verification email.

Part 3 - Activate a Splunk Cloud trial

After clicking the **Verify Your Email** button, you'll be redirected to the Splunk Cloud Trial page.

Note: You can activate one Splunk Cloud trial instance at a time, and you can use a maximum of three trials per Splunk account. The Splunk Cloud free trial expires after 14 days, so you may want to complete this activity before the free trial expires.

Note: Alternatively, you can also access the Splunk Cloud Trial page by visiting [Splunk Cloud Platform Trial](#) and logging into your account, then clicking **Start Trial**.

1. Click the **Start Trial** button.

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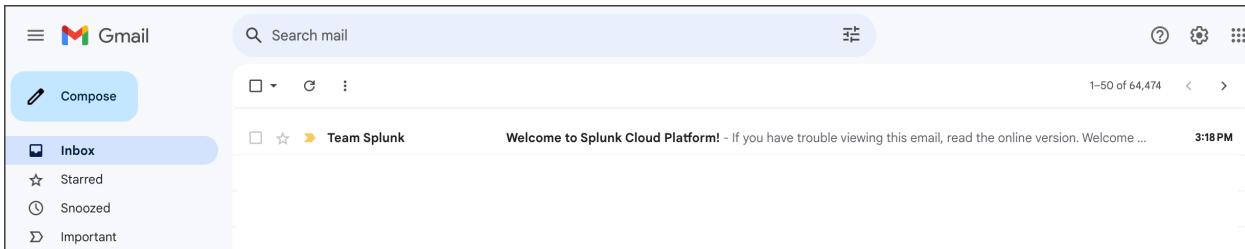
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2. Check your inbox for an email from Team Splunk with the subject line **Welcome to Splunk Cloud Platform!**



3. Open the email to access your Splunk Cloud login information.
4. Click the link beside **URL** to access the Splunk Cloud Platform.

Welcome to Splunk Cloud Platform! [Inbox](#)

Team Splunk <teamsplunk@splunk.com>
to me ▾

If you have trouble viewing this email, [read the online version](#).

splunk>cloud

Welcome to Splunk Cloud Platform!

Thanks for signing up for Splunk Cloud Platform! Here is your login information:

Splunk Cloud Platform URL:	https://prd-p-nyzxg.splunkcloud.com
User Name:	sc_admin
Temporary Password:	4wy5kus20d0t8p26

* You'll be asked to create a permanent password on first login.

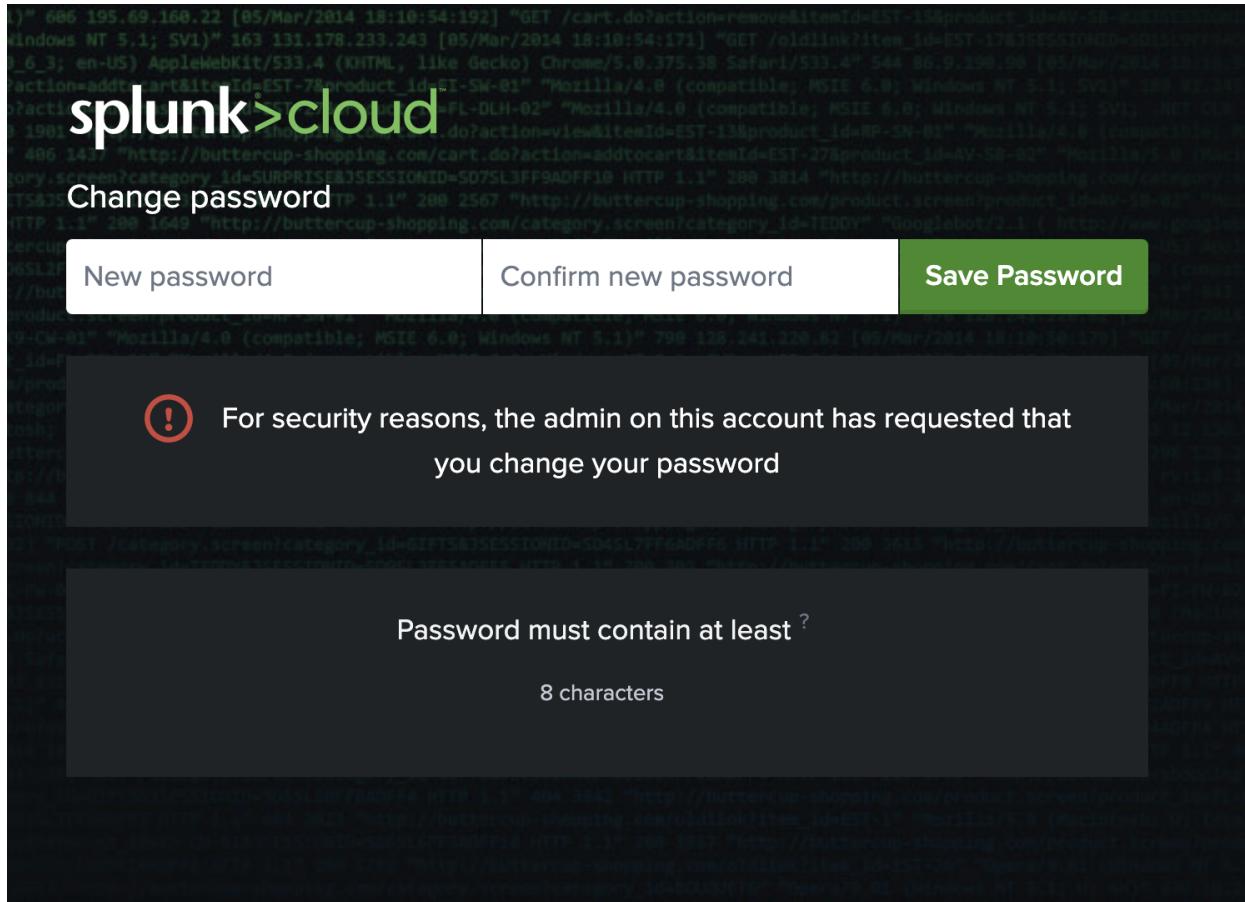
Let the adventure begin

All data journeys start at the same place: getting data in. But we've got some you can start with, if that helps.

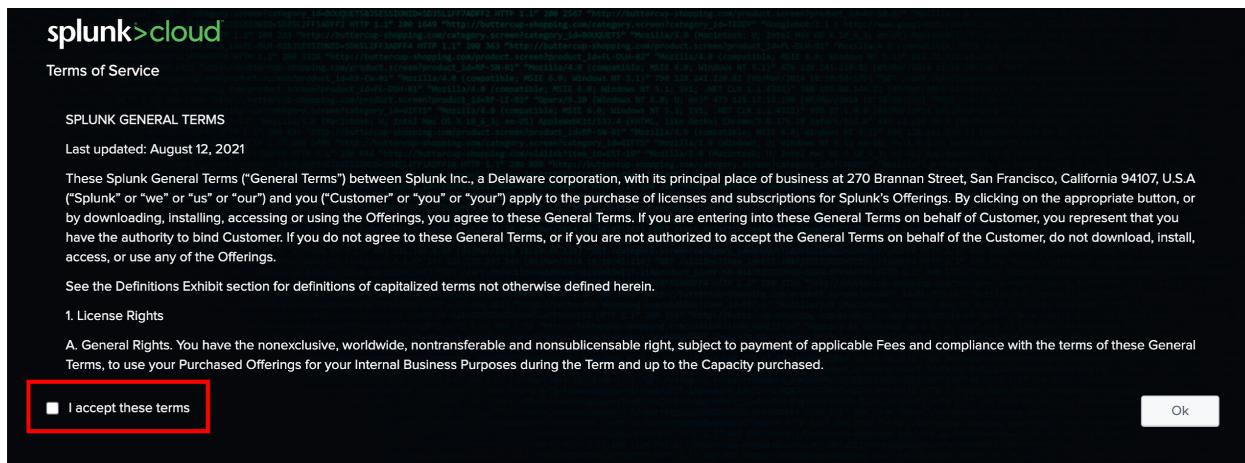
[Get Started](#)

5. Enter the username and password credentials that were included in the email.

6. You will be prompted to change the password of the Splunk Cloud Platform account. Enter a new password and click **Save Password**.



7. Check the box next to **I accept these terms** and click **Ok**.



Part 4 - Download and upload Splunk data

After you've accepted the Terms of Service, you'll automatically be redirected to the Splunk Home dashboard.

1. Go to [Activity: Perform a query with Splunk](#).
2. Go to **Step 1: Access supporting materials**.

✓ Step 1: Access supporting materials

The following supporting materials will help you complete this activity. The data contains log and event information from Buttercup Games' mail servers and web accounts. This includes information like access and authentication logs, email logs, and more.



To download this data, click the link then click the download icon.

Link to supporting materials: [tutorialdata.zip](#) 

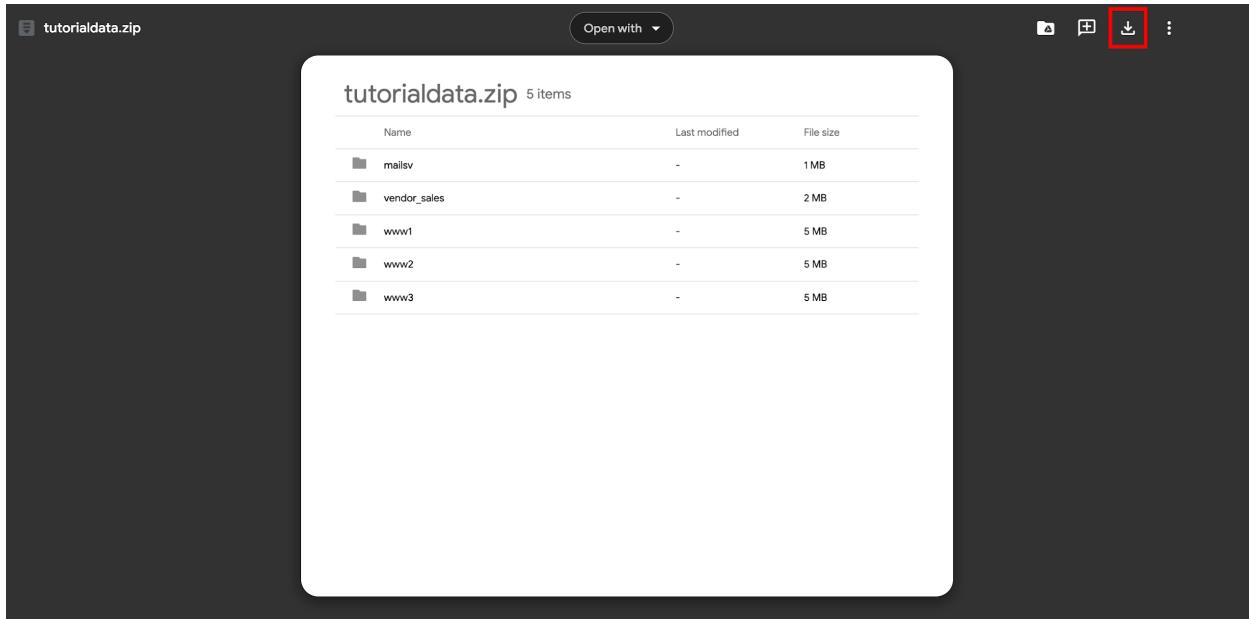
OR

If you don't have a Google account, you can download the supporting materials directly from the following attachment.

 **tutorialdata**
ZIP File

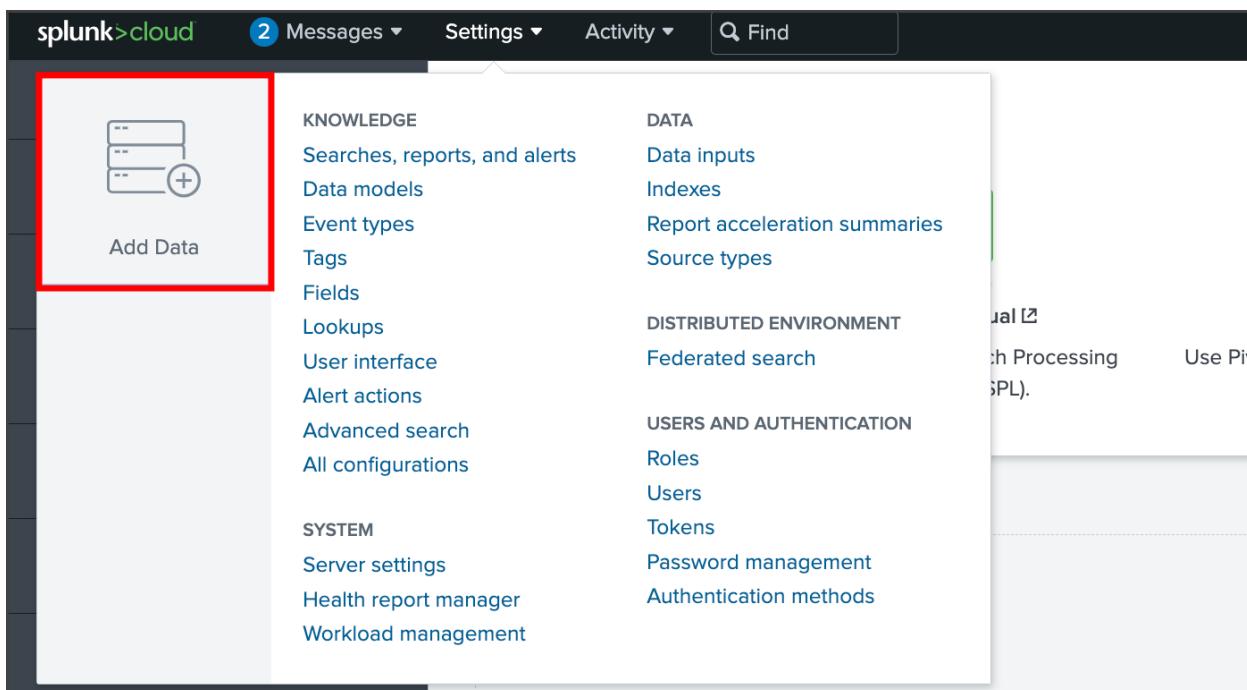
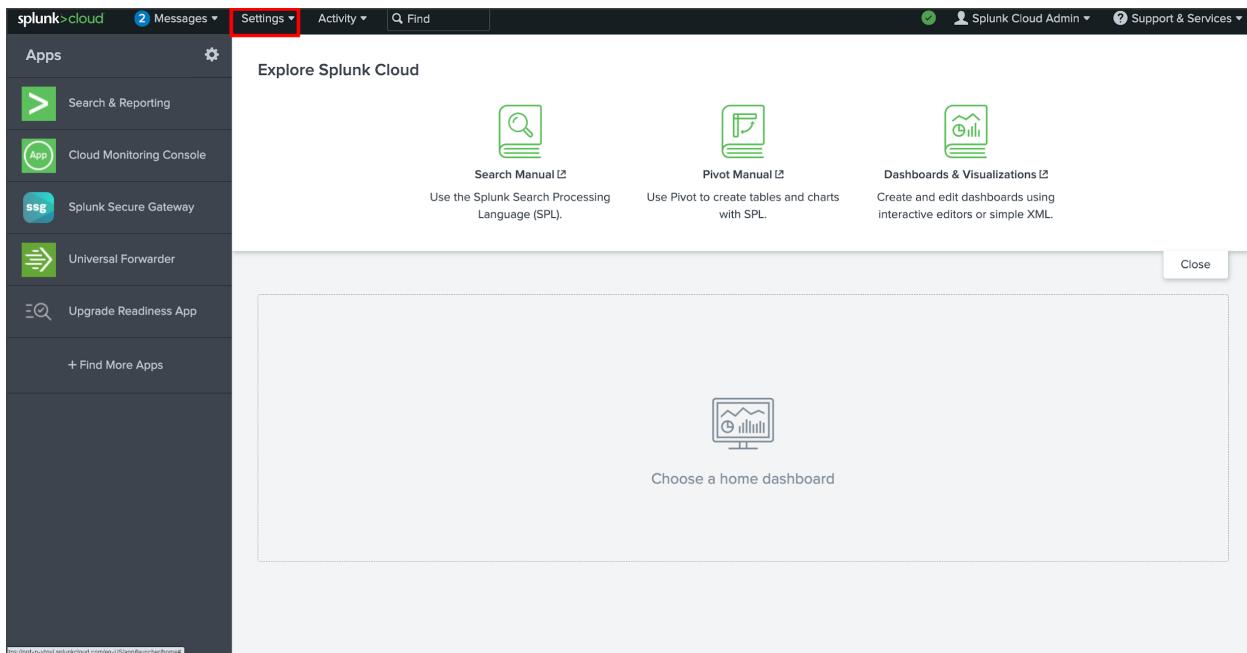
3. Beside Link to supporting materials click [tutorialdata.zip](#).

4. Click the download icon to download the zip file.



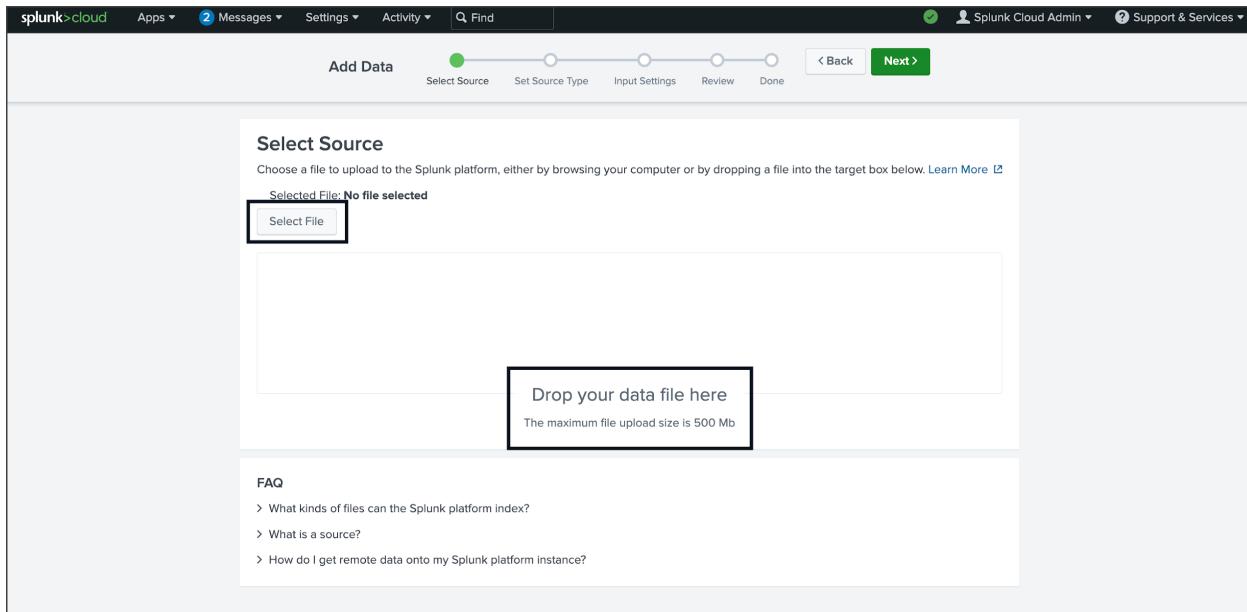
5. Go to the Splunk Home dashboard.

6. On the Splunk bar, click **Settings** and then click **Add Data**.

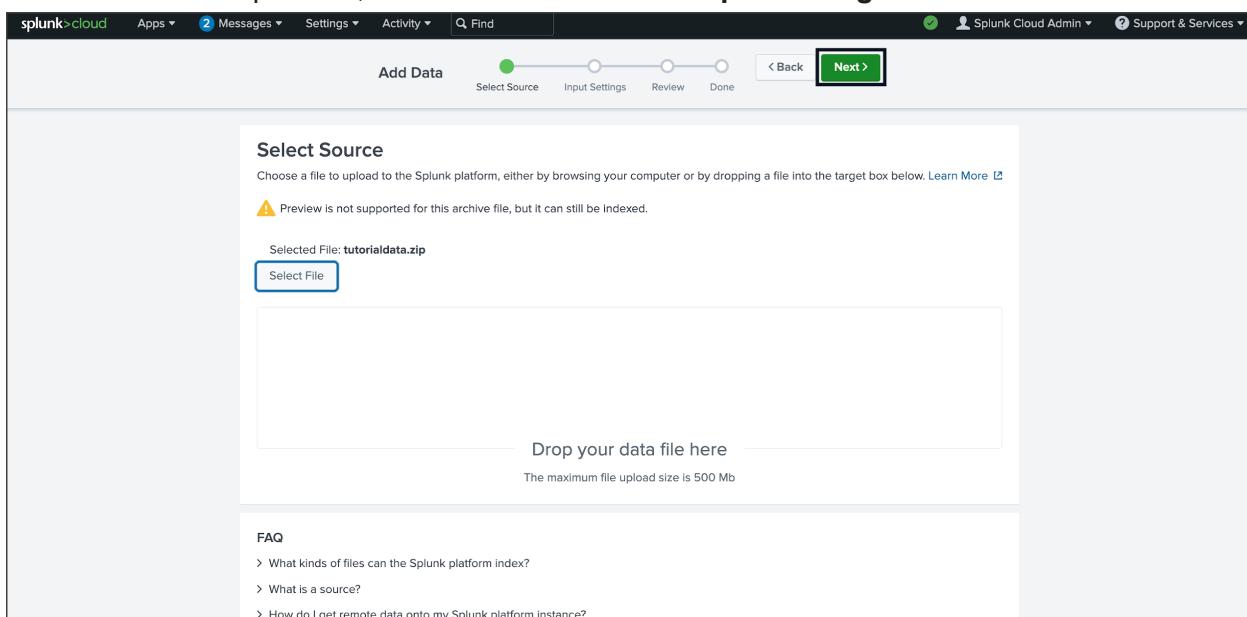


7. Click **Upload**.

8. Click **Select File** to upload the **tutorialdata.zip** file. Alternatively, you can also drag and drop your file in the **Drop your data file here** box.



9. Once the file is uploaded, click **Next** to continue to **Input Settings**.



10. By the **Host** section, select **Segment in path** and enter **1** as the segment number.

Input Settings
Optional set additional input parameters for this data input as follows:

Source type

The source type is one of the default fields that the Splunk platform assigns to all incoming data. It tells the Splunk platform what kind of data you've got, so that the Splunk platform can format the data intelligently during indexing. And it's a way to categorize your data, so that you can search it easily.

Host

When the Splunk platform indexes data, each event receives a "host" value. The host value should be the name of the machine from which the event originates. The type of input you choose determines the available configuration options. [Learn More](#)

Constant value
 Regular expression on path
 Segment in path

Segment number?

Index

The Splunk platform stores incoming data as events in the selected index. Consider using a "sandbox" index as a destination if you have problems determining a source type for

Index

11. Click **Review** and check the details of the upload before you submit. The details should be as follows:

- Input Type: Uploaded File
- File Name: tutorialdata.zip
- Source Type: Automatic
- Host: Source path segment number: 1
- Index: Default

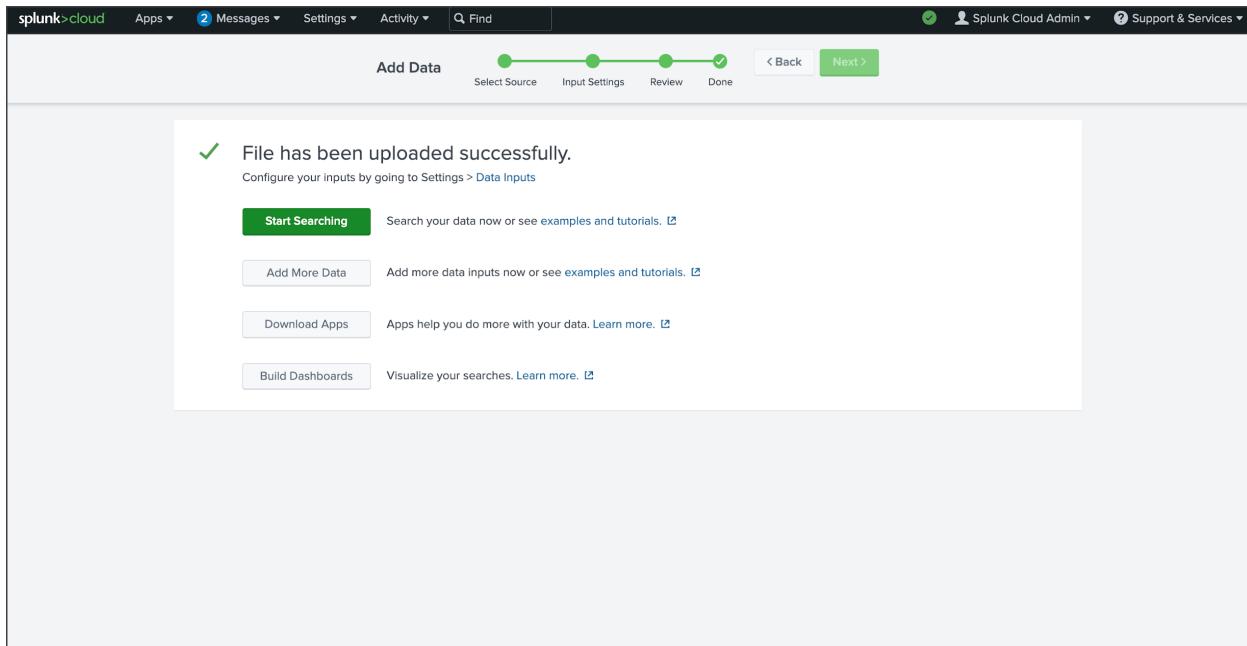
12. After you've verified that the details are correct, click **Submit**.

Review

Input Type Uploaded File
 File Name tutorialdata.zip
 Source Type Automatic
 Host Source path segment number: 1
 Index Default

Submit >

13. Once Splunk has ingested the data, you will receive a confirmation message stating that the file has been uploaded successfully.



14. Click the **Splunk Cloud** logo to return to the home page.

You're done! Once your Splunk Cloud account is set up, you can begin the next course item, [Activity: Perform a query with Splunk.](#)