

How to Open a  
three-months-free

Google Cloud

Account



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## Introduction

In this document, I explain how to open a **three-months-free** Google Cloud Platform (**GCP**) account.

There might be other ways than explained here, but I can only pass on what I have been doing.

Google practices might change from time to time due to continuous improvement, therefore some of the steps in this document might become out-of-date.



I learned about **Google Cloud Platform** in a Bootcamp by **Istanbul Data Science Academy**.  
<https://istdatascience.com/>



Thank you very much **Google** and **Istanbul Data Science Academy**!

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### PREP for the Main Process

If you do not have a Gmail account, you can skip this section and go to the next section — Main Process.

#### Step 1. Bookmark your existing Gmail accounts

To be able to get a free GCP account, we will sign out of our gmail accounts.

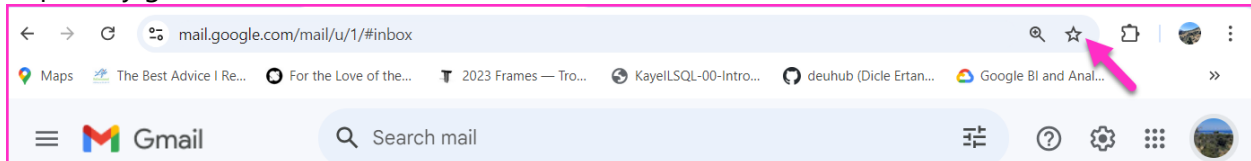
To be able to sign in again quickly and easily, it is best to bookmark your existing Gmail accounts, if they are not bookmarked already.



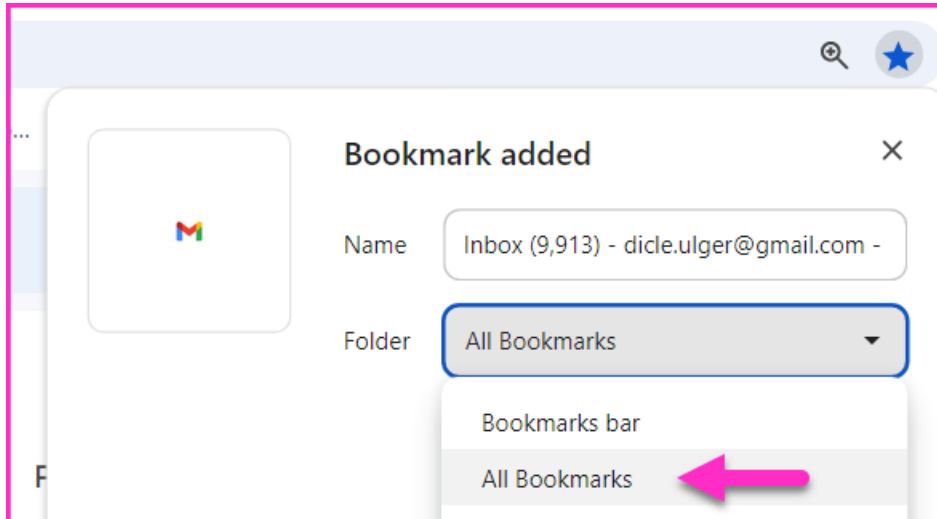
I have two Gmail accounts that I use frequently.

Here is how I bookmark them.

I open my gmail, and click on the **STAR \***.

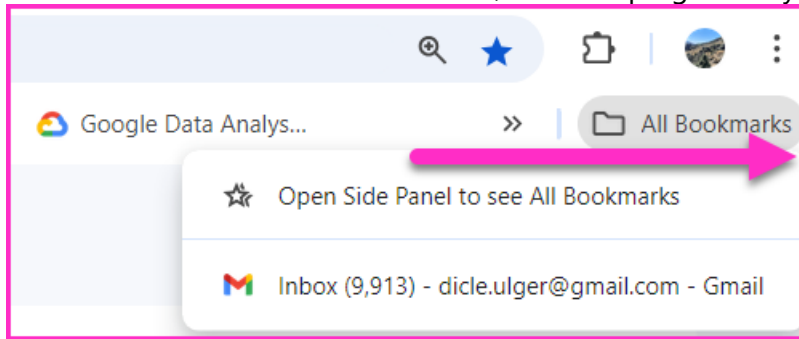


I add this Bookmark to the **All Bookmarks** folder.



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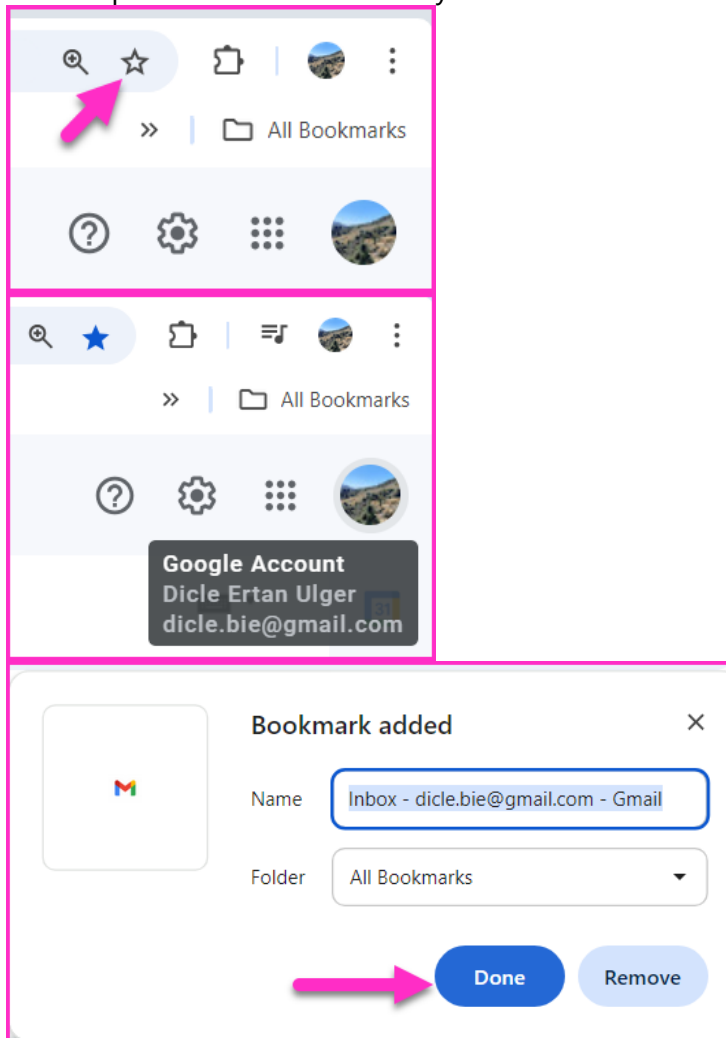
And here is the **All Bookmarks** folder, on the top right of my browser.



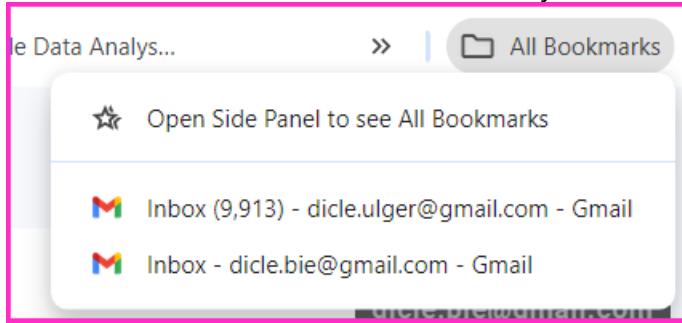
I can access my Gmail anytime I want to.

~~Of course, you can use any other folder of your choice 

I now repeat the bookmark for my other Gmail account.



Here is the **All Bookmarks** folder, with my two Gmails Bookmarked.



### Step 2. Write down the passwords of your Gmail accounts

I keep my **Gmail e-mail passwords** handy, somewhere I can reach easily.

I write them down, so that when I sign in again and Google asks me what they are, I can easily find them.

### Step 3. Sign-out of all your Gmail accounts

We now sign out of all of our Gmail accounts.

**I believe this is essential** to be able to get a new **free** Google Cloud Account, and a new Gmail for that Google Cloud Account.

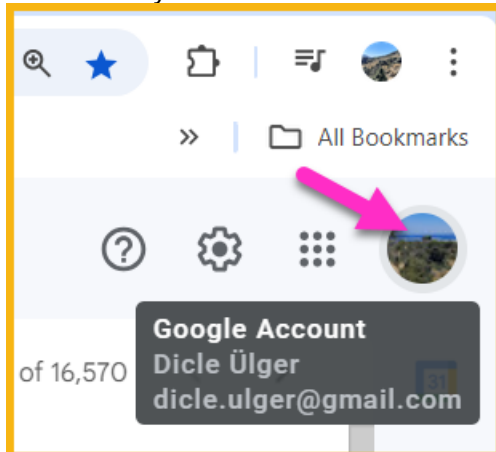
There might be other ways, but this is what worked out for me.

During the coming steps, until after we open a new free GCP account, we will not be able to receive any Gmail e-mails.

When we complete the process of opening a free GCP account, we can sign-in again.

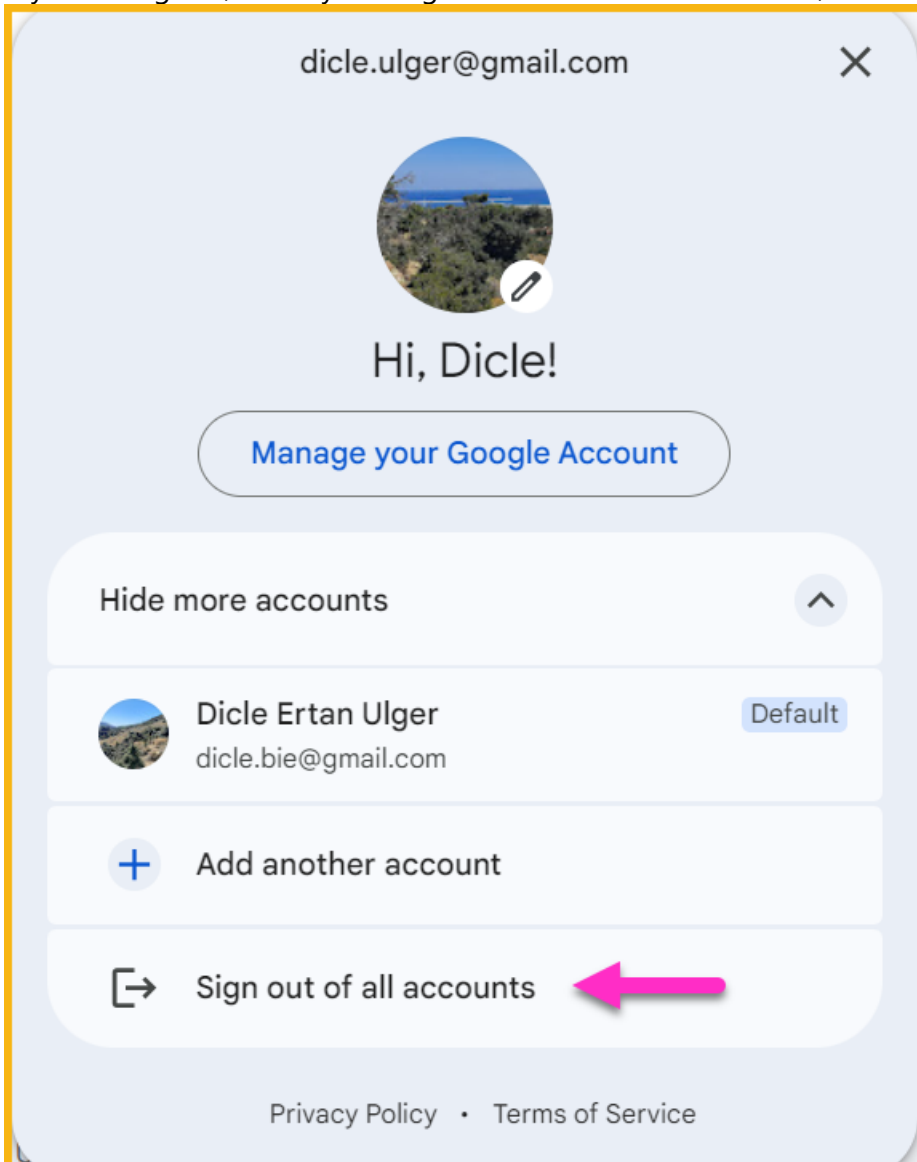
This is how I sign out.

I click on my Profile Picture which is on the top right corner.



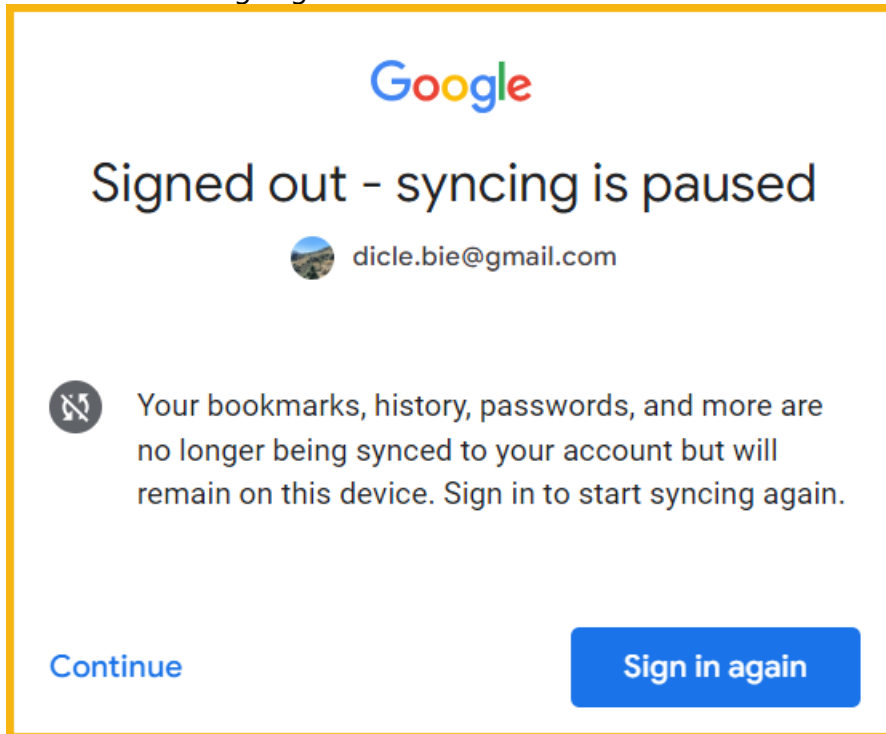
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My current gmail, and my other gmails if connected to this one, are all displayed.

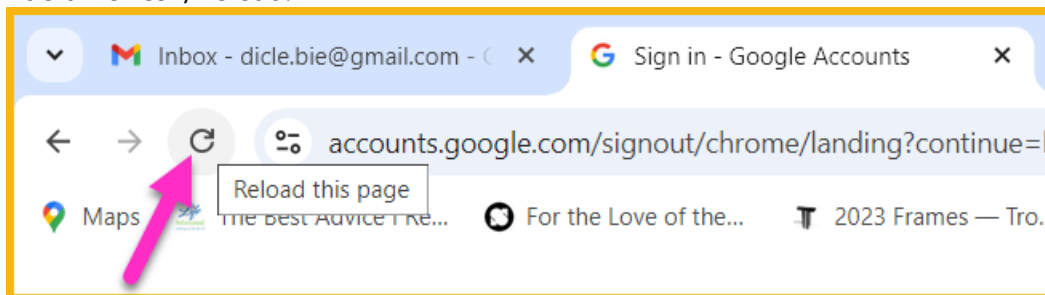


I click on the last option: **Sign out of all accounts**

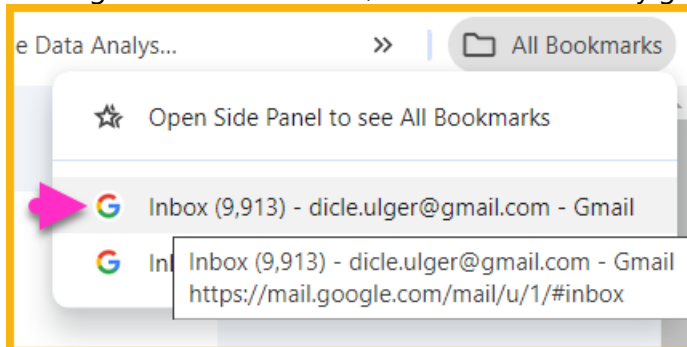
Here is the message I get.



I do a Refresh/Reload.



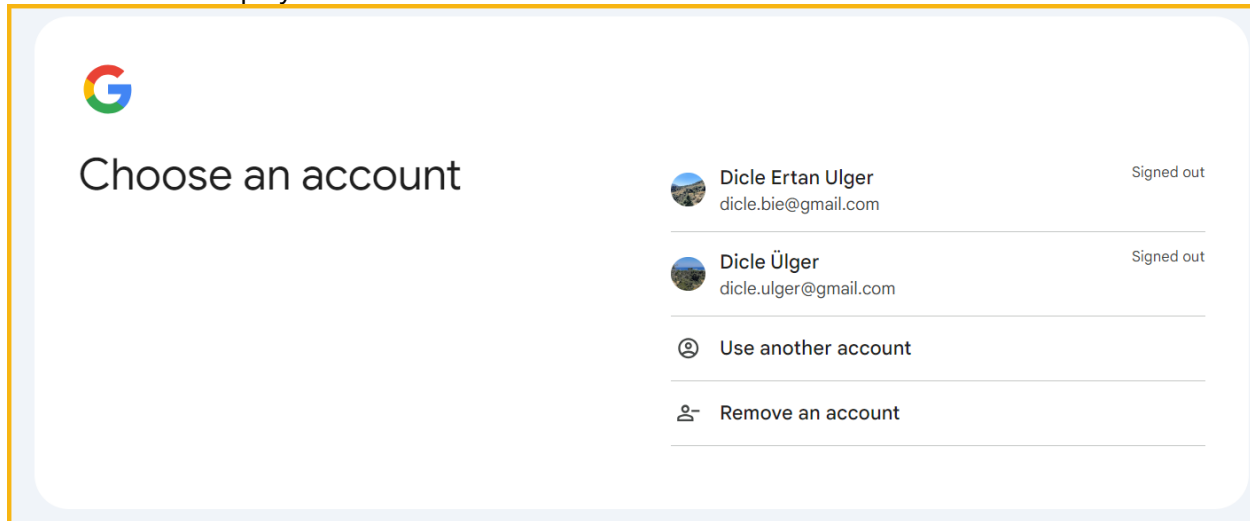
I then go to **All Bookmarks**, and select one of my gmail accounts.





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Here is what is displayed.



I have signed out of all my gmail accounts.  
This is exactly what I wanted.

So far;

- We Bookmarked our existing Gmail Accounts
- We wrote down our Passwords for our Gmails for easy access later
- We signed out of all of our Gmail accounts

We can now start the Main Process of Opening a three-months-free Google Cloud Account.

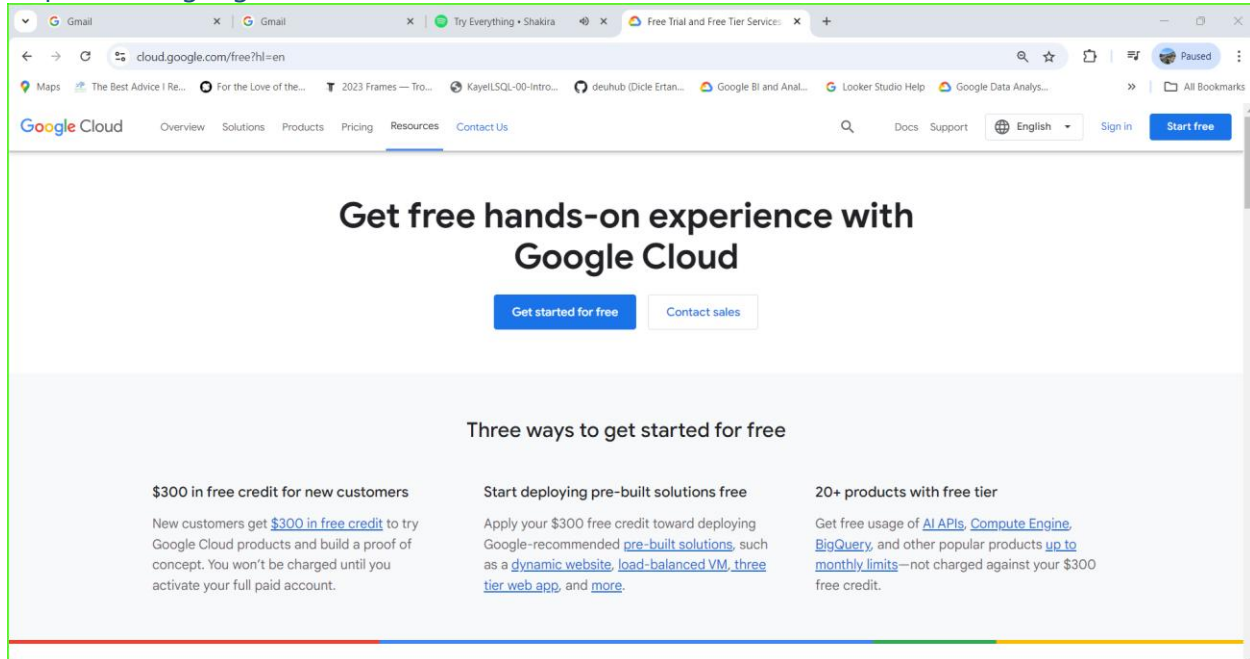


## Main Process: Open a three-months-free GCP Account

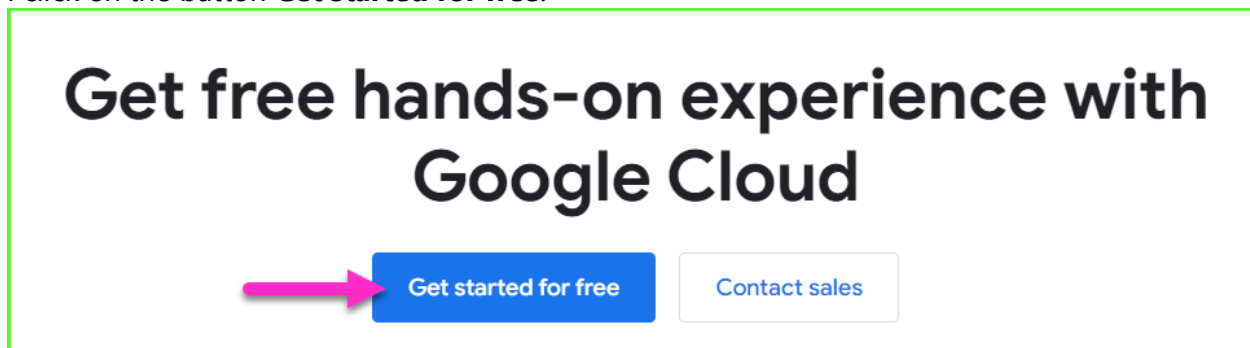
### Step 1. <https://cloud.google.com/free>

I go to the address below.

<https://cloud.google.com/free>



I click on the button **Get started for free**.



## Step 2. Select “Use another account”

Google gives me the following screen.

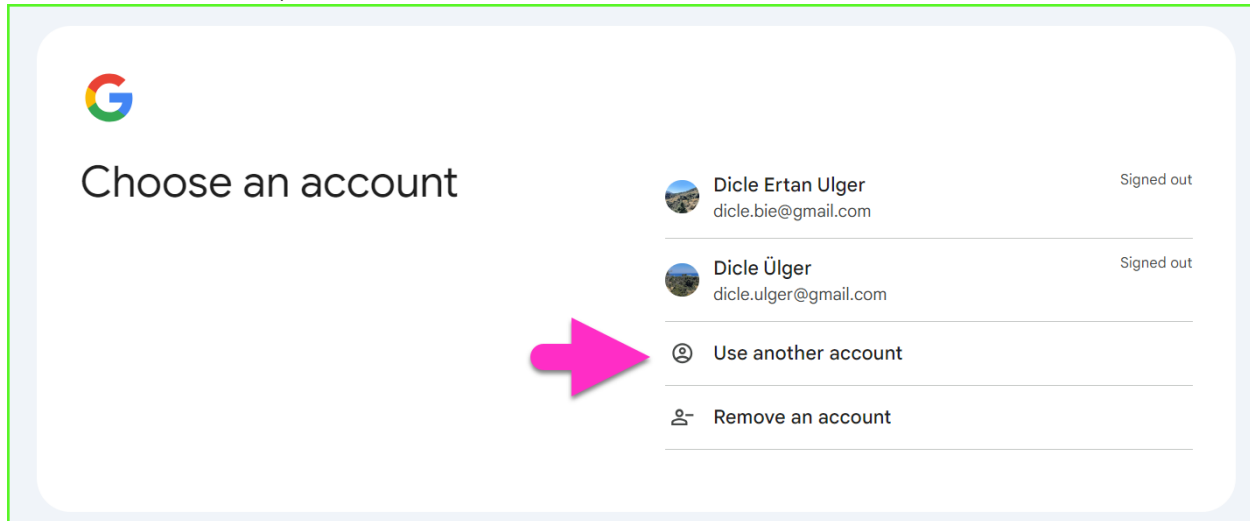
Google wants me to Choose a Gmail Account.

I can either “Use one of my existing Gmail Accounts”, or “Use another account”.

I will NOT use one of my existing accounts.

I will Create a new account, for my new three-months-free GCP.

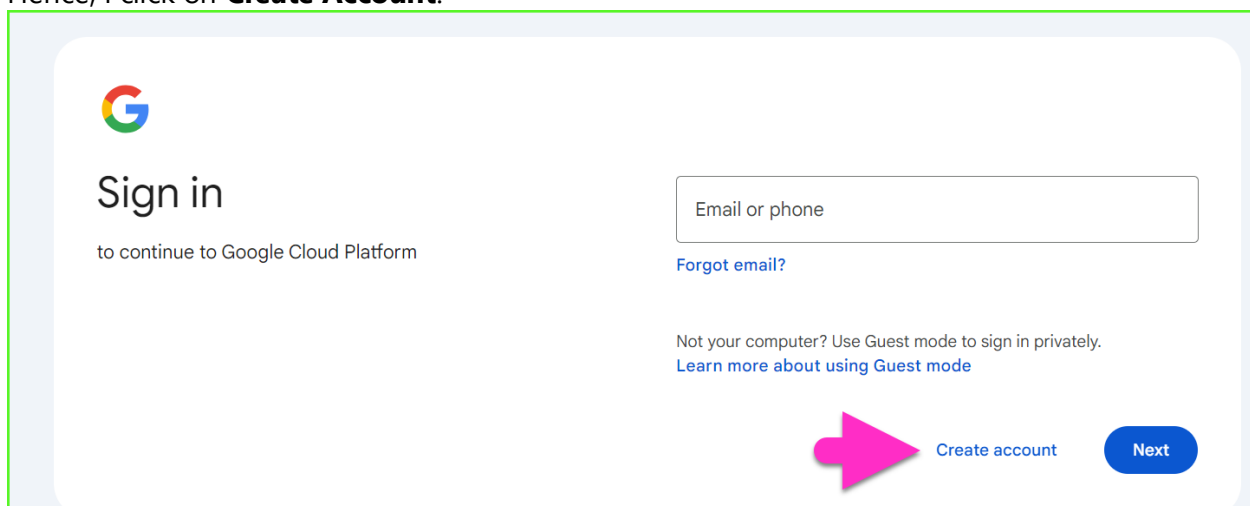
To be able to do that, I click on **Use another account**.



## Step 3. Select “Create account”

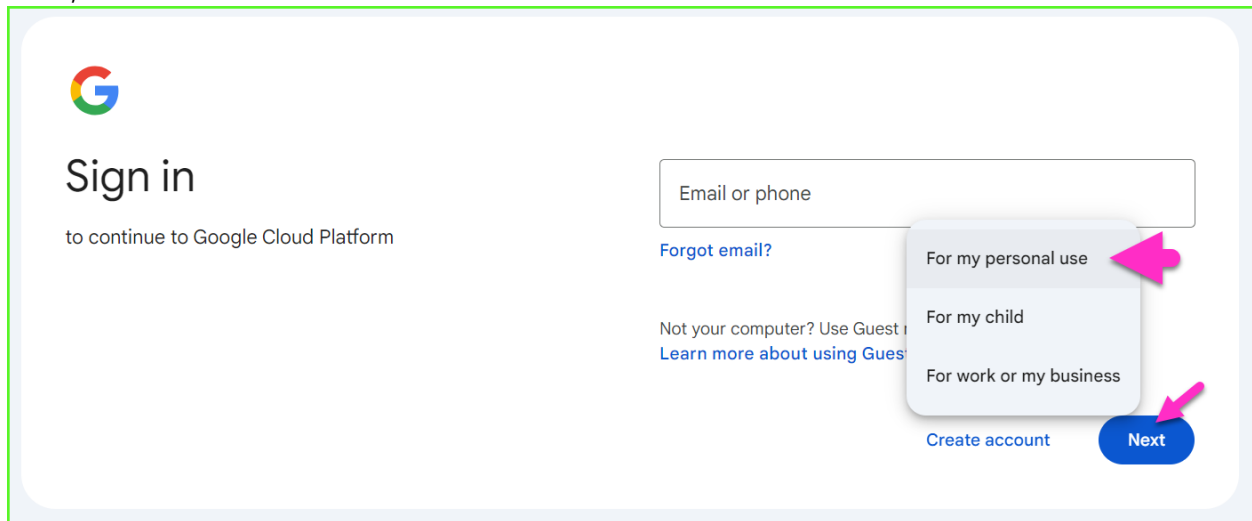
Google still expects me to type in another e-mail or a phone number, but I will **Create a new account**.

Hence, I click on **Create Account**.



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When I click on **Create account**, Google gives me three options.  
I click on **For my personal use**.  
Then, I click on **Next**.

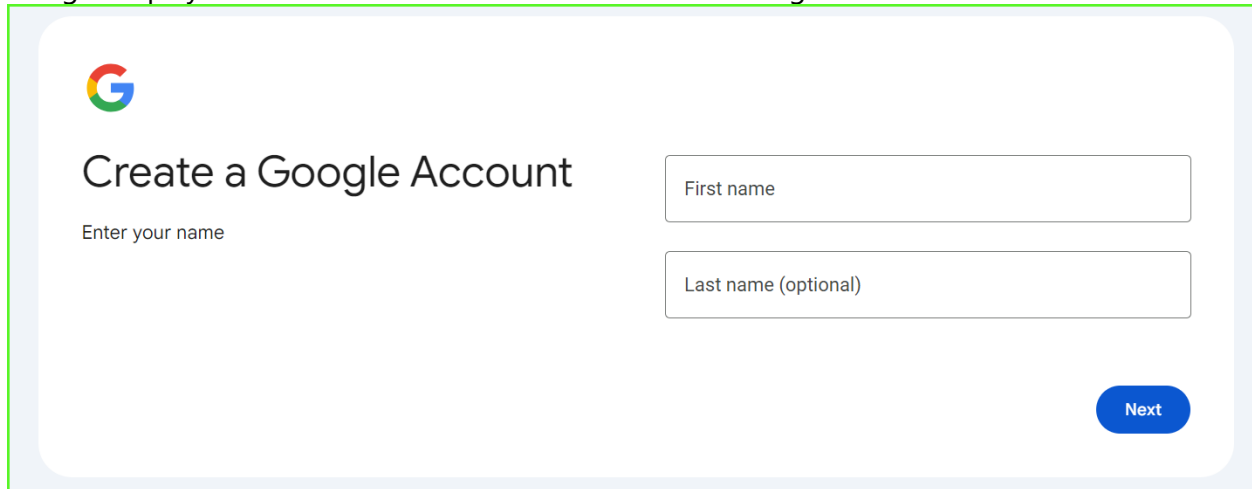



The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Platform sign-in page. On the left, the Google logo is above the text "Sign in" and "to continue to Google Cloud Platform". In the center, there is a text input field labeled "Email or phone". Below it is a link "Forgot email?". Further down, there is a link "Not your computer? Use Guest" and another link "Learn more about using Guest". On the right side, there is a "Create account" button. A dropdown menu is open from this button, showing three options: "For my personal use", "For my child", and "For work or my business". A pink arrow points to the "For my personal use" option. Below the dropdown menu is a "Next" button, also with a pink arrow pointing to it.



## Step 4. Enter Name

Google displays a new screen so that I can create a new Google Account.





### Create a Google Account

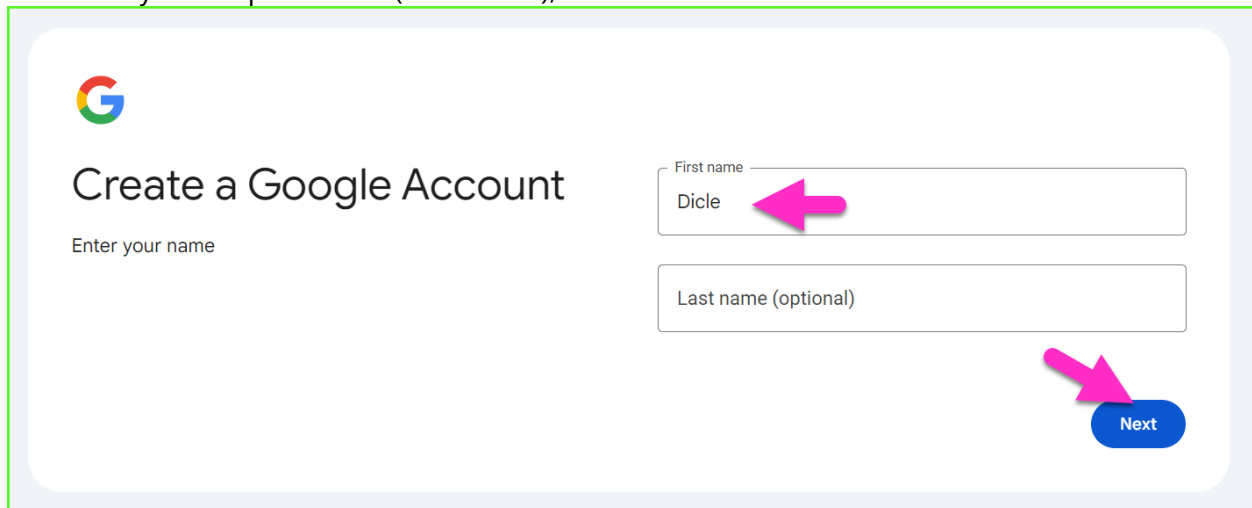
Enter your name


First name

Last name (optional)

Next

I enter only the required field (First Name), then click on Next.





### Create a Google Account

Enter your name

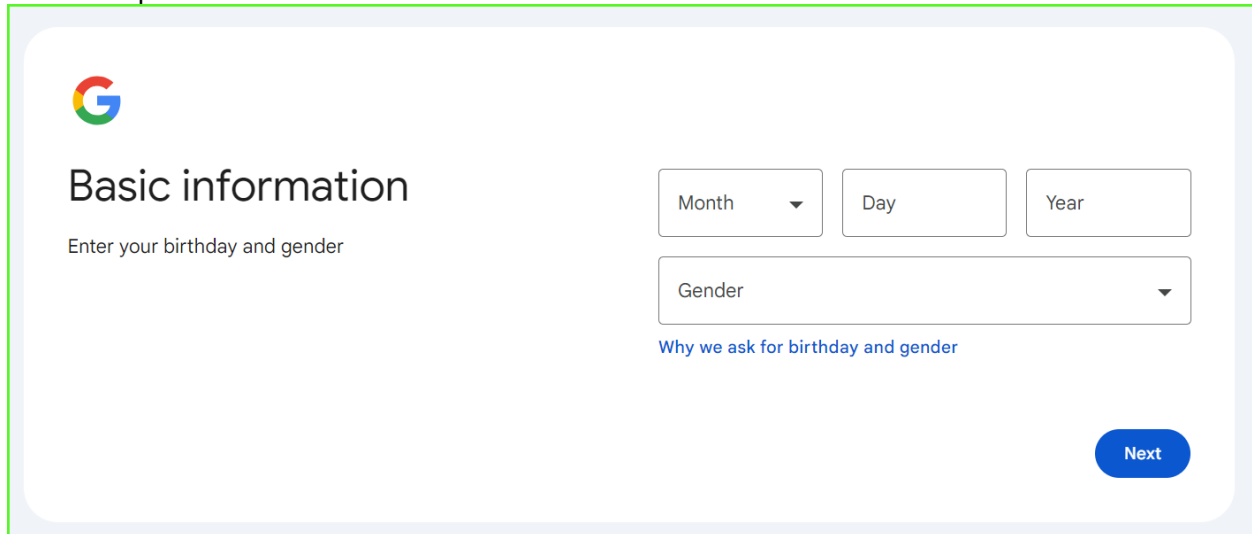
First name  
Dicle

Last name (optional)

Next

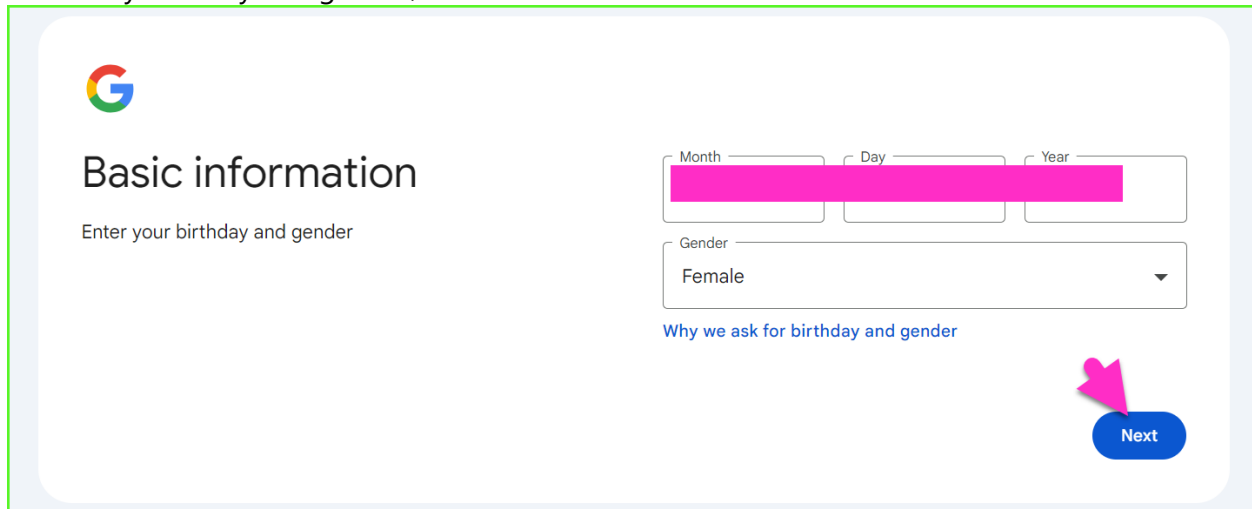
## Step 5. Enter Birthday and Gender

Time to input Basic Information.



The screenshot shows the 'Basic information' step of the Google account creation process. On the left, there is the Google 'G' logo, the title 'Basic information', and the instruction 'Enter your birthday and gender'. On the right, there are three input fields for 'Month', 'Day', and 'Year', followed by a 'Gender' dropdown menu. Below these fields is a link that says 'Why we ask for birthday and gender'. At the bottom right, there is a blue 'Next' button.

I enter my birthday and gender, and click on Next.



This screenshot shows the same 'Basic information' step as the previous one, but with data entered. The 'Month', 'Day', and 'Year' fields are now filled with a solid pink color. The 'Gender' dropdown menu is set to 'Female'. A pink arrow points to the blue 'Next' button at the bottom right. The rest of the interface, including the Google logo and the 'Why we ask for birthday and gender' link, remains the same.

## Step 6. Select “Get a Gmail address instead”

Dear Google still wants me to use one of my existing emails, however I will **Get a Gmail address instead**, a new one for my free account.

Hence, I click on **Get a Gmail address instead**.

The screenshot shows the Google account creation interface. On the left, the Google logo is at the top, followed by the heading "Use your existing email" and the instruction "Enter the email address you want to use for your Google Account". On the right, there is a text input field labeled "Email address". Below the input field, a note states "You'll need to confirm that this email belongs to you". A link labeled "Get a Gmail address instead" is positioned below the note, with a pink arrow pointing to it. At the bottom right, there is a blue "Next" button.

When I click on **Get a Gmail address instead**,

Google offers me some gmail addresses it created, as well as an option to **Create my Own Gmail address**.

The screenshot shows the "Choose your Gmail address" screen. On the left, the Google logo is at the top, followed by the heading "Choose your Gmail address" and a link "Pick a Gmail address or create your own". On the right, there are three radio button options. The first two are "dicle9789@gmail.com" and "d52608505@gmail.com", each with a green arrow pointing to it. The third option is "Create your own Gmail address", which is selected with a blue dot and a pink arrow pointing to it. Below this option is a text input field labeled "Create a Gmail address" containing the text "deucloud89", with a pink arrow pointing to it. To the right of the input field is the "@gmail.com" suffix. Below the input field, a note states "You can use letters, numbers & periods". At the bottom right, there is a blue "Next" button and a link "Use your existing email".

### Step 6 A. EITHER Pick Google's Offer

I can pick one of the Gmail addresses that Google Offers me.

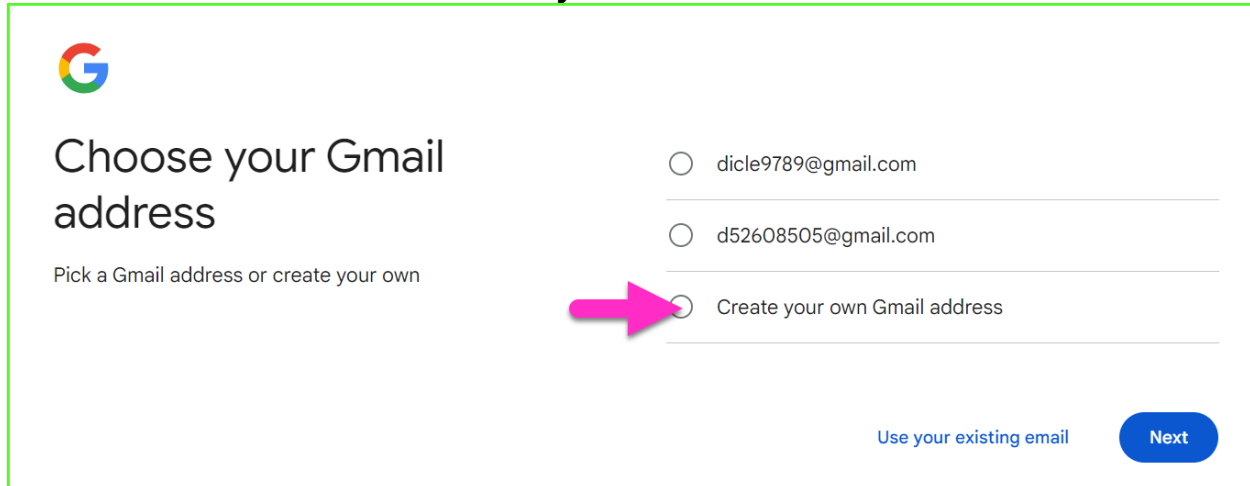
I can pick a Gmail address, and then click on **Next**.

## Step 6 B. OR Create My Own

Or, I can create a brand new Gmail Address for myself.

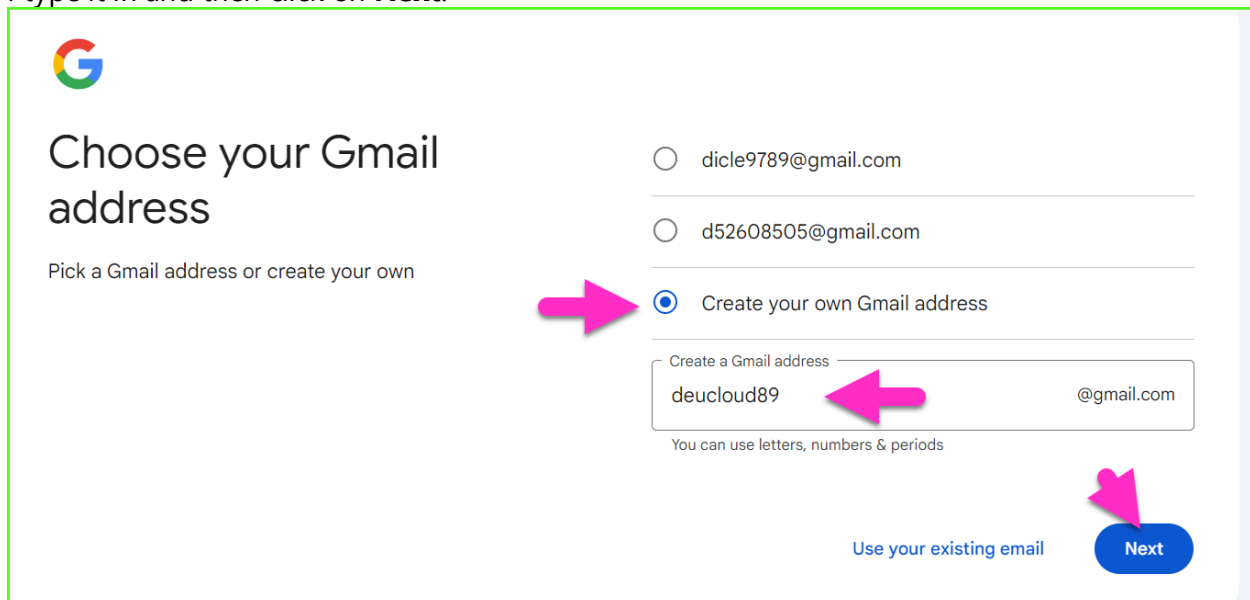
This time, I prefer to create my own.

Hence, I click on the radio-button "**Create your own Gmail address**".



When I click on the radio button for **Create your own Gmail address**, Google opens a box for me to type a Gmail address of my own choice.

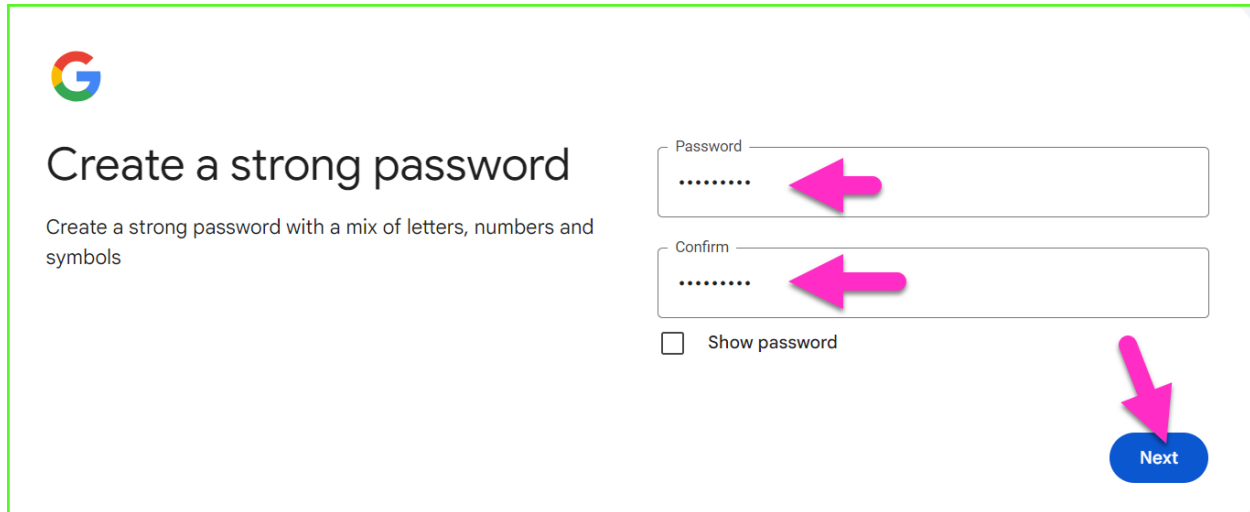
I type it in and then click on **Next**.





## Step 7. Create a Password

Next is the Password screen.



I type in the Password I created, Confirm, and then click on **Next**.

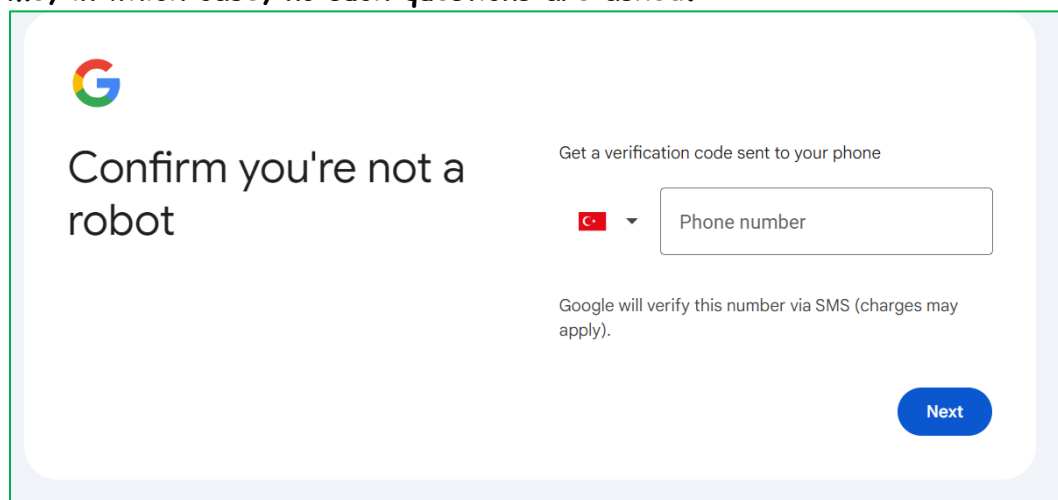
## Another Step?

Sometimes, the screen below appears ... however, it does not always appear.

If it appears, I enter my phone number, and apply the verification code which comes as an SMS.

**\*\* I believe that this screen which requests my phone number, is displayed only when I choose to create my own Gmail, instead of picking one that Google offers me.**

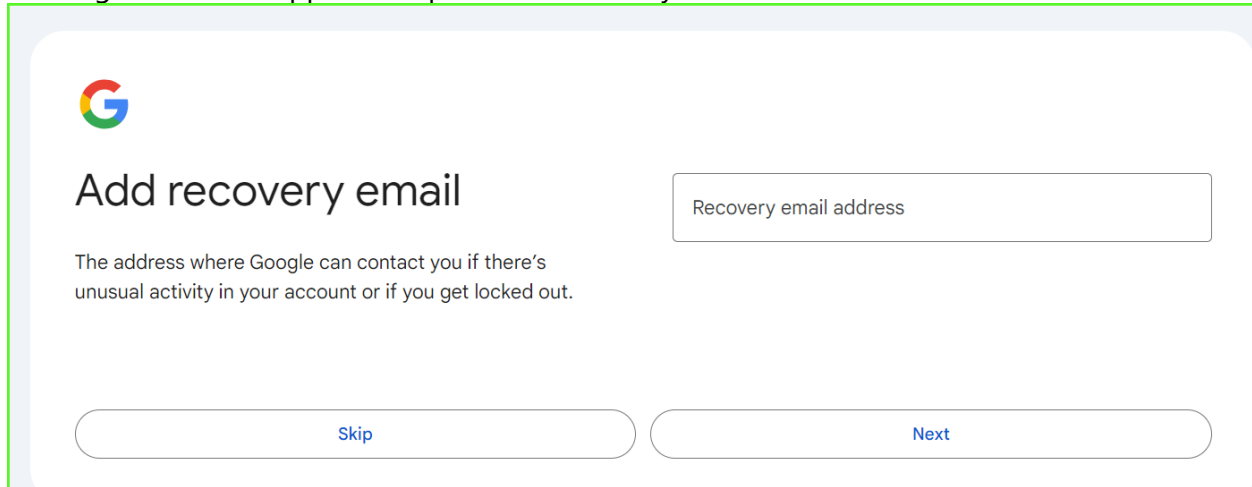
**\*\* If I open free accounts many times with same phone number, Google will not let me proceed. I can then go back and pick one of the gmail addresses Google offers me, in which case, no such questions are asked.**



## Step 8. Provide a Recovery email

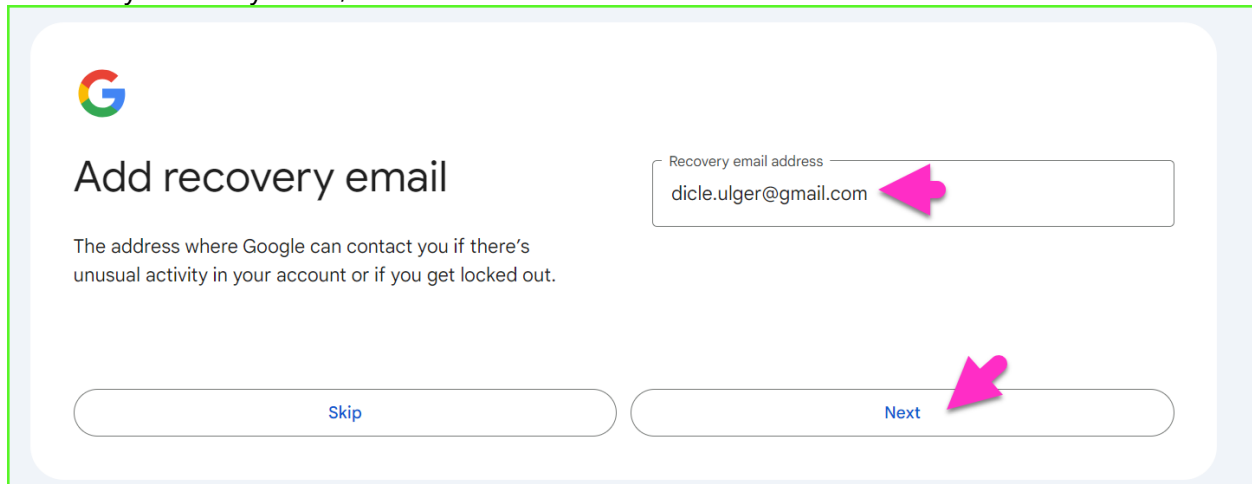
This step is to provide a Recovery email to Google.

Although it can be skipped, I do provide a Recovery email.



The screenshot shows the 'Add recovery email' screen. At the top left is the Google 'G' logo. Below it, the title 'Add recovery email' is displayed. Underneath the title is a descriptive text: 'The address where Google can contact you if there's unusual activity in your account or if you get locked out.' To the right of this text is a text input field labeled 'Recovery email address'. At the bottom of the screen, there are two buttons: 'Skip' on the left and 'Next' on the right.

I enter my Recovery email, and then click on Next.



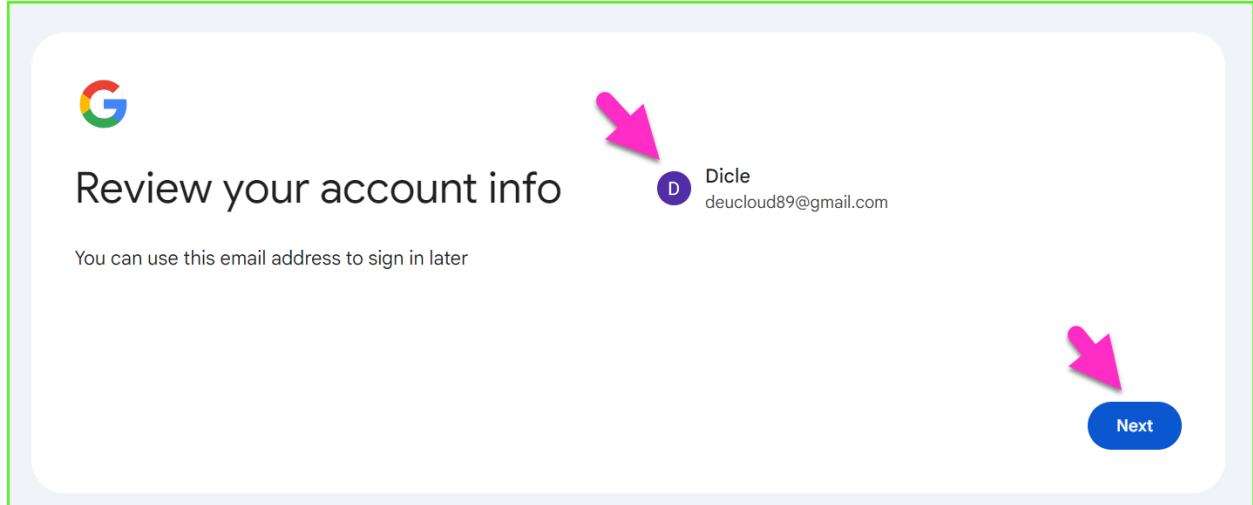
This screenshot shows the same 'Add recovery email' screen as the previous one, but with the email address 'dicle.ulger@gmail.com' entered into the 'Recovery email address' field. A pink arrow points to the email text. Another pink arrow points to the 'Next' button at the bottom right, indicating the next step in the process.

## Step 9. Review Your Account Info

Google is satisfied with the information I have provided.

It asks me to take a note of my Gmail address.

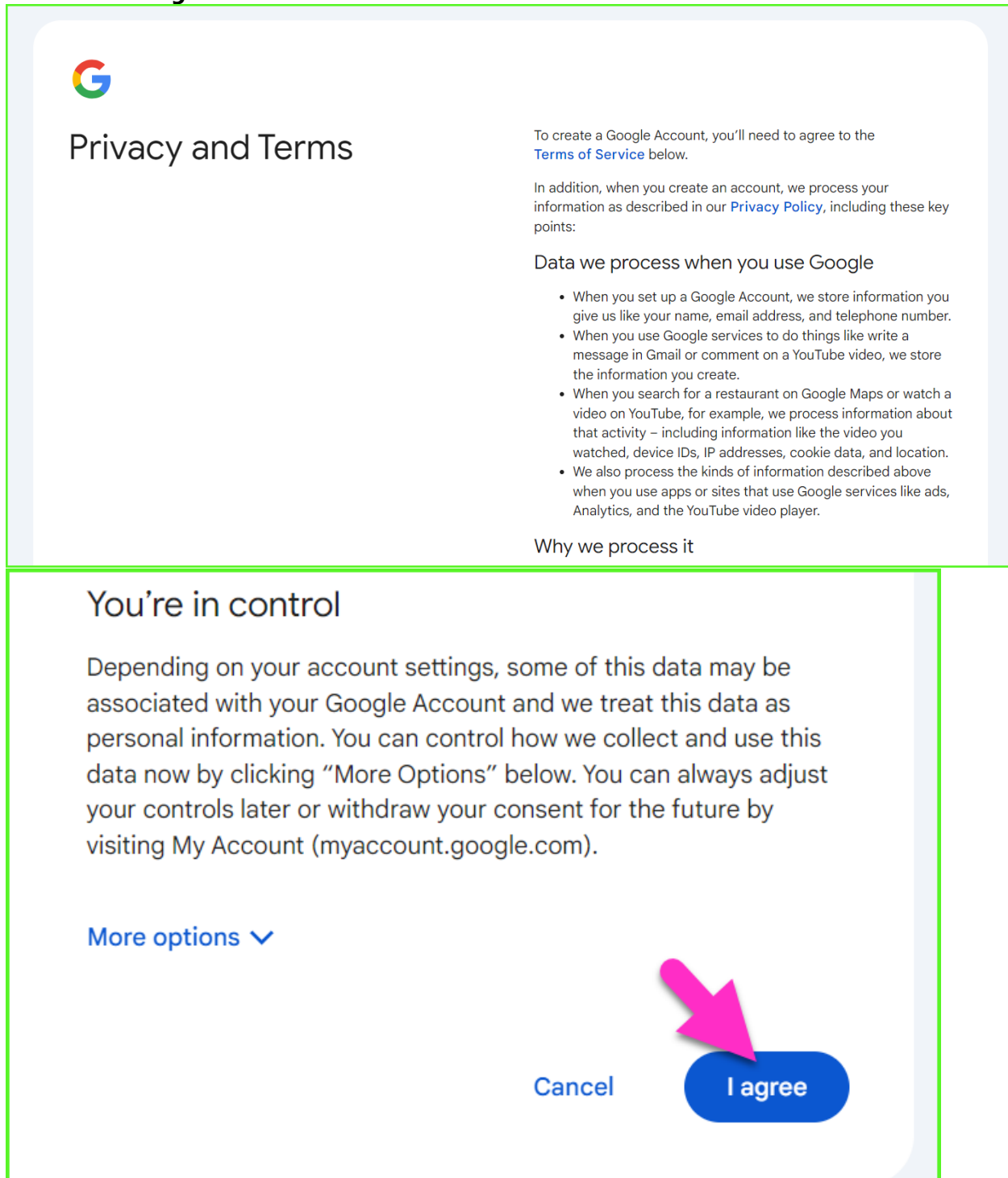
I click on Next.




## Step 10. Privacy and Terms

Google displays the Terms of Service and the Privacy Policy.

I click on the **I agree** button at the bottom of the screen.



The screenshot shows the Google 'Privacy and Terms' screen. On the left, there is a large 'G' logo and the title 'Privacy and Terms'. On the right, there is text explaining that to create a Google Account, the user must agree to the Terms of Service. Below this, it states that when creating an account, Google processes information as described in its Privacy Policy, listing key points: storing account information (name, email, phone), processing data from services like Gmail or YouTube, and processing data from Google Maps or YouTube searches. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'I agree'. A pink arrow points to the 'I agree' button.



## Privacy and Terms

To create a Google Account, you'll need to agree to the [Terms of Service](#) below.

In addition, when you create an account, we process your information as described in our [Privacy Policy](#), including these key points:

### Data we process when you use Google

- When you set up a Google Account, we store information you give us like your name, email address, and telephone number.
- When you use Google services to do things like write a message in Gmail or comment on a YouTube video, we store the information you create.
- When you search for a restaurant on Google Maps or watch a video on YouTube, for example, we process information about that activity – including information like the video you watched, device IDs, IP addresses, cookie data, and location.
- We also process the kinds of information described above when you use apps or sites that use Google services like ads, Analytics, and the YouTube video player.

Why we process it

## You're in control

Depending on your account settings, some of this data may be associated with your Google Account and we treat this data as personal information. You can control how we collect and use this data now by clicking "More Options" below. You can always adjust your controls later or withdraw your consent for the future by visiting My Account ([myaccount.google.com](https://myaccount.google.com)).

[More options](#) ▼

[Cancel](#) [I agree](#)

## Step 11. Account Information


And here is the legendary Account Information screen at last.

### Step 1 of 2 Account Information

On the 1<sup>st</sup> screen, I click on **AGREE & CONTINUE**.

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### Step 1 of 2 Account Information

 **Dicle**  
deuccloud89@gmail.com [SWITCH ACCOUNT](#)

**Country**

Türkiye ▼

**Email updates**

☐ I would like to receive periodic emails on news, product updates and special offers from Google Cloud and Google Cloud Partners.

By using this application, you agree to the [Google Cloud Platform](#), [Supplemental Free Trial](#), and [any applicable services and APIs](#) Terms of Service.

**AGREE & CONTINUE**

**Access to all Google Cloud products**

Get everything you need to build and run your apps, websites and services, including Firebase and the Google Maps API.

**\$300 credit for free**

Put Google Cloud to work with \$300 in credit to spend over the next 90 days.

**No autocharge after free trial ends**

We ask you for your credit card to make sure you are not a robot. If you use a credit or debit card, you won't be charged unless you manually activate your full account.

### Step 2 of 2 Account Information

The second screen is displayed.

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### Step 2 of 2 Payment Information Verification

Your payment information helps us reduce fraud and abuse. If using a credit or debit card, you won't be charged until you manually activate your full account.

Payments profile

Create new payments profile

Your payment information is saved in a payments profile, which is associated with your Google Account and shared across Google services. [Learn more about payments profile](#)

Payment method

Add payment method

Please complete the previous sections before continuing

This service can only be used for business and commercial reasons. You are responsible for assessing and reporting VAT.

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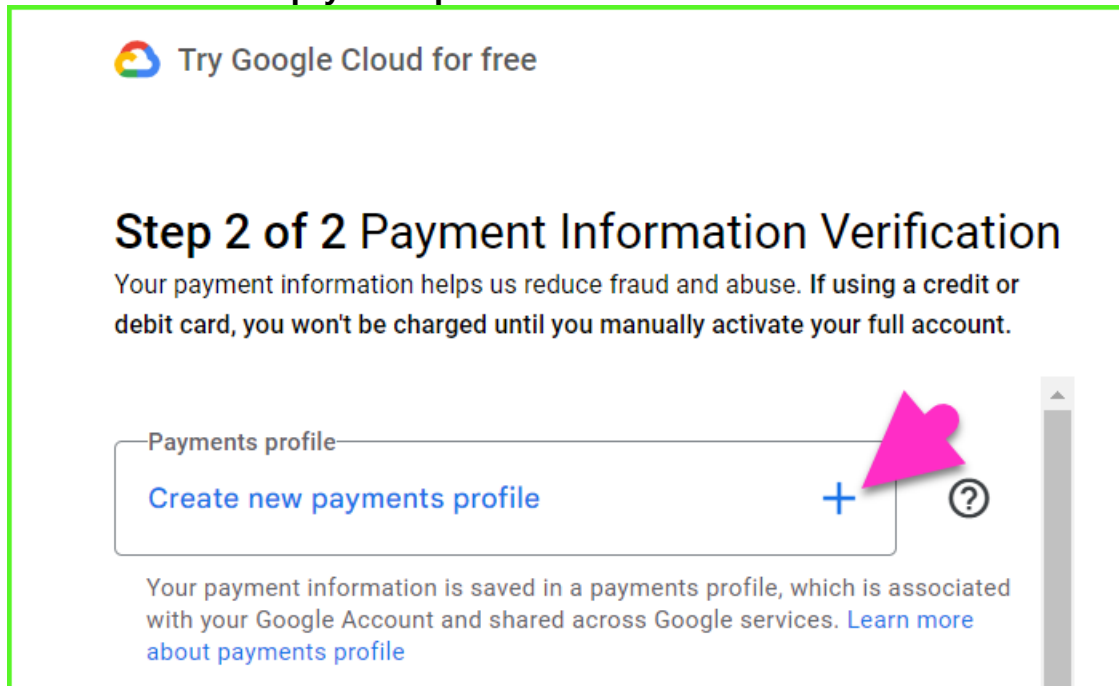
We ask you for your credit card to make sure you are not a robot. If you use a credit or debit card, you won't be charged unless you manually activate your full account.

I will be using a Virtual Credit Card (Sanal Kart), which has a credit limit around 1 USD.  
My Virtual Credit Card has a 30 Turkish Lira credit.

## Create New Payments Profile

Initially, I have to create a **Payments profile**.

I click on **Create new payments profile**.




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I then fill in **all the required fields** in the new screen which opens up. **Profile type** should be selected as **Individual**.

### Create a payments profile

Only **Organization** profiles can have multiple users. If you select an **Individual** profile, you agree that use of your profile is for your trade, business, craft, or profession. In some countries, this selection affects your tax options. Your profile type can't be changed after signing up. [Learn more about payments profile](#)

Profile type

Individual

Legal name

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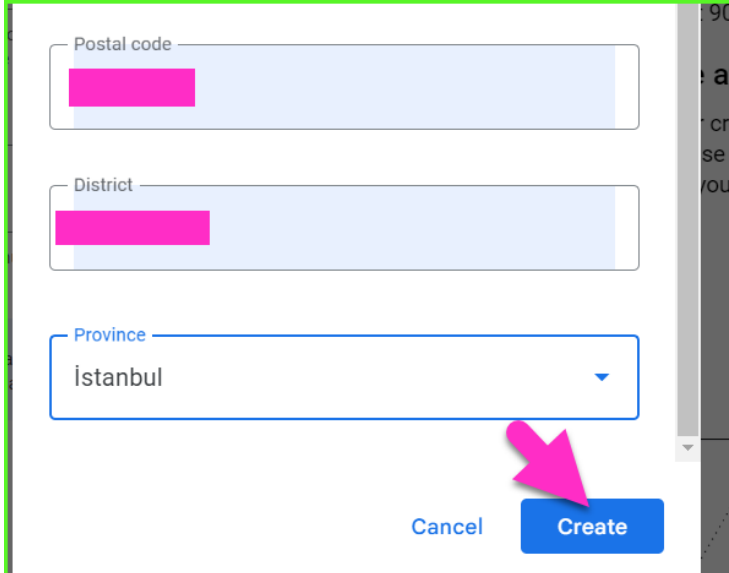
Street address

Apt, suite, etc. (optional)

Postal code



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Postal code

District

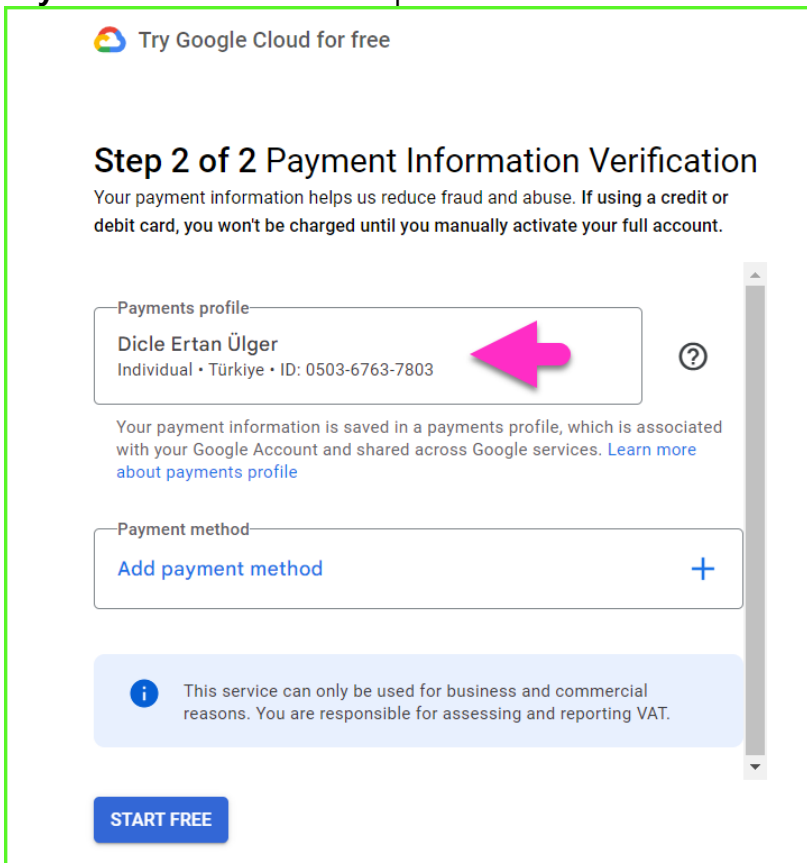
Province  
İstanbul

Cancel Create

A pink arrow points to the 'Create' button.

When I fill in all the required fields, I click on **Create**.

**Payments Profile** is now completed.



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### Step 2 of 2 Payment Information Verification

Your payment information helps us reduce fraud and abuse. If using a credit or debit card, you won't be charged until you manually activate your full account.

Payments profile

Dicle Ertan Ülger  
Individual • Türkiye • ID: 0503-6763-7803

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Payment method

Add payment method


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A pink arrow points to the 'Payments profile' section.

## Add Payment Method

I will now add a **Payment Method**.  
I click on the **Add payment method**.

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Your payment information helps us reduce fraud and abuse. If using a credit or debit card, you won't be charged until you manually activate your full account.

Payments profile

Dicle Ertan Ülger  
Individual • Türkiye • ID: 0503-6763-7803

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Your payment information is saved in a payments profile, which is associated with your Google Account and shared across Google services. [Learn more about payments profile](#)

Payment method

Add payment method

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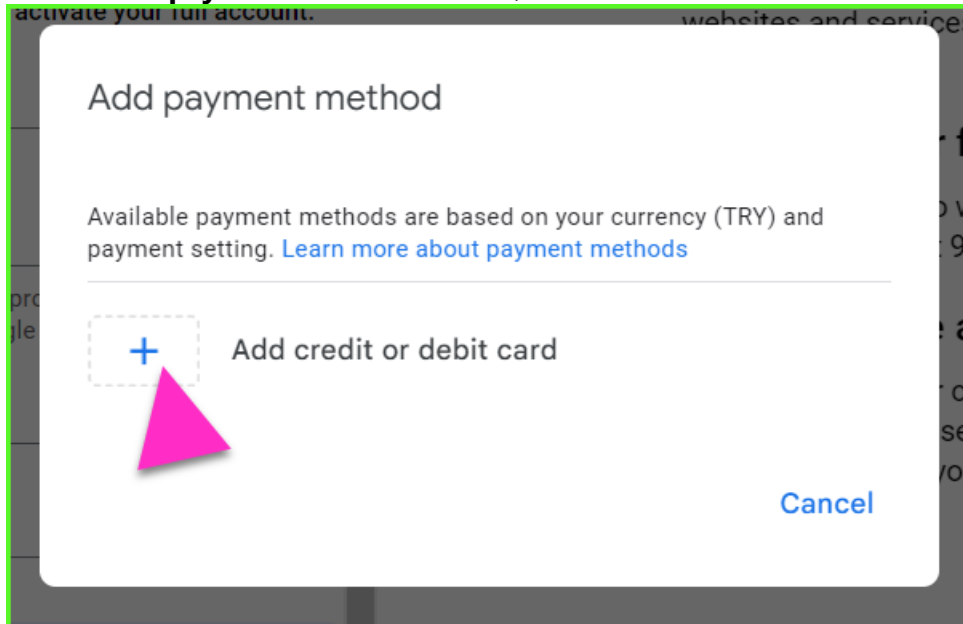
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On the **Add payment method** window, I click on **Add credit or debit card**.

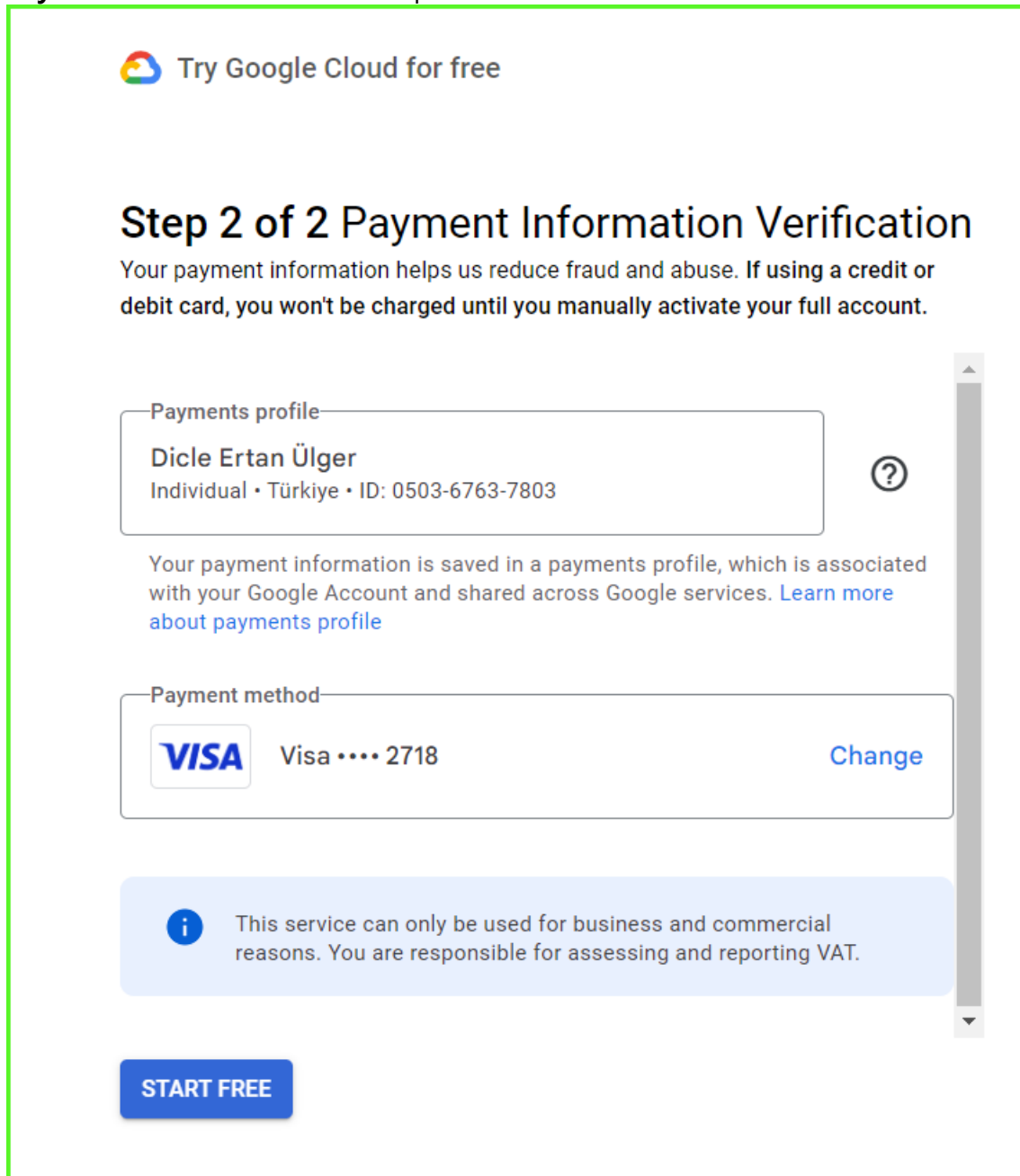


I fill in my **Virtual Card details** which has a **credit limit of approximately 1 USD equivalent in my local currency**.

And then I click on **Save Card**.

A screenshot of a web interface showing a form titled "Add credit or debit card". The form contains several input fields: "Card number" (with a pink bar), "MM/YY" (with a pink bar), "Security code" (with a pink bar), and "Cardholder name" (containing the text "Dicle Ertan Ülger"). There are question mark icons to the right of the "Card number", "Security code", and "Cardholder name" fields. Below the "Cardholder name" field, there is a checked checkbox with the text "Billing address and legal address are the same". At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: a blue "Cancel" button and a blue "Save card" button. A pink arrow points to the "Save card" button.

**Payment method** is now also completed.



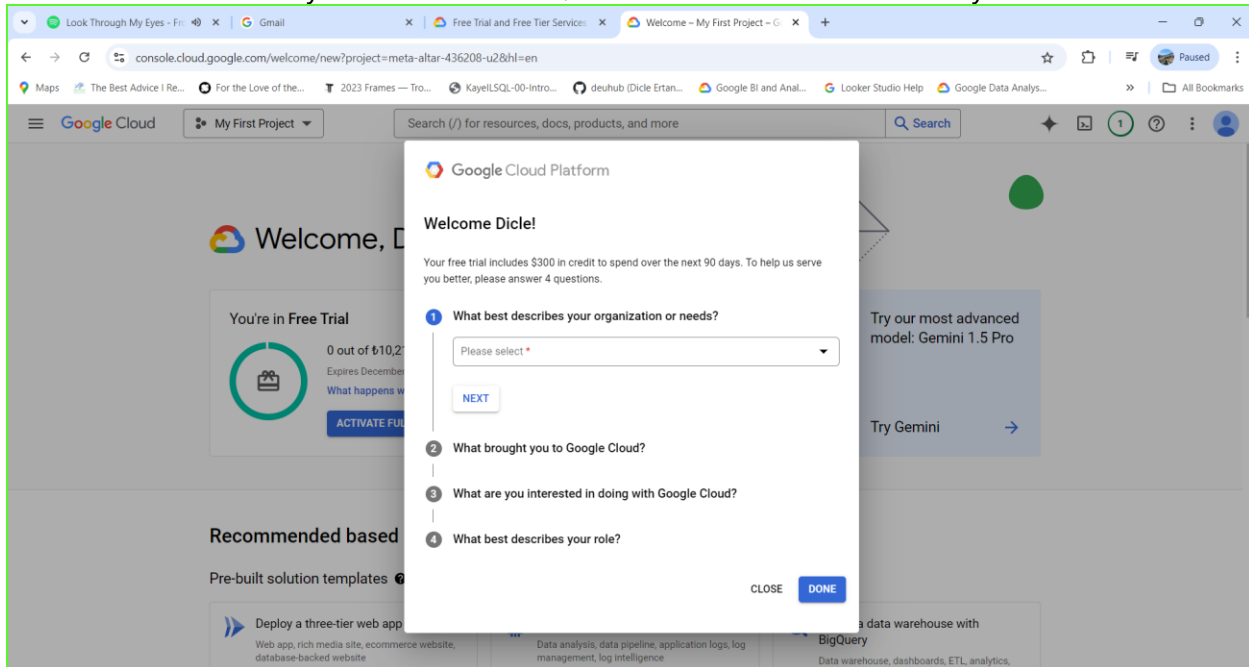
The screenshot shows the 'Step 2 of 2 Payment Information Verification' page. At the top, it says 'Try Google Cloud for free'. Below that, the title 'Step 2 of 2 Payment Information Verification' is displayed, followed by a subtext: 'Your payment information helps us reduce fraud and abuse. If using a credit or debit card, you won't be charged until you manually activate your full account.' The page is divided into two main sections: 'Payments profile' and 'Payment method'. The 'Payments profile' section shows the name 'Dicle Ertan Ülger', the type 'Individual', the country 'Türkiye', and the ID '0503-6763-7803'. Below this, a note states: 'Your payment information is saved in a payments profile, which is associated with your Google Account and shared across Google services. [Learn more about payments profile](#)'. The 'Payment method' section shows a Visa card ending in '2718' with a 'Change' link. A light blue information box at the bottom of the form states: 'This service can only be used for business and commercial reasons. You are responsible for assessing and reporting VAT.' At the very bottom of the form is a blue 'START FREE' button.

I click on the **START FREE** button which is at the bottom of the screen.



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A little while after I click on the **START FREE** button, Google welcomes me!  
And informs me that my free trial includes \$300 in credit for the next 90 days.



However, I have a few questions to answer before I can start.

### Step 12. Some Questions to Answer

I fill in the 4 questions below.

Your answers will naturally differ.

A screenshot of the Google Cloud Platform (GCP) welcome page, focusing on the first question of the onboarding process. The modal window is titled "Welcome Dicle!" and states: "Your free trial includes \$300 in credit to spend over the next 90 days. To help us serve you better, please answer 4 questions." The first question is "1 What best describes your organization or needs?". Below the question is a dropdown menu with the text "Please select \*" and the selected option "Startup". A "NEXT" button is located below the dropdown menu. The background of the modal is white, and the GCP logo is at the top left.

**2** What brought you to Google Cloud?

Please select \*

Learn more / explore

NEXT

**3** What are you interested in doing with Google Cloud?

Websites

Mobile apps

Move workloads

✓ Data analytics

Data management

Artificial intelligence / machine learning

Storage / backup

Game development

Virtual machines (VMs)

Hybrid / multi-cloud

Containerization

SAP on Google Cloud

Secure apps and/or services

Google Maps

Other APIs (e.g., Text-to-Speech, Speech-to-Text, Vision)

Other

I'm not sure yet

NEXT

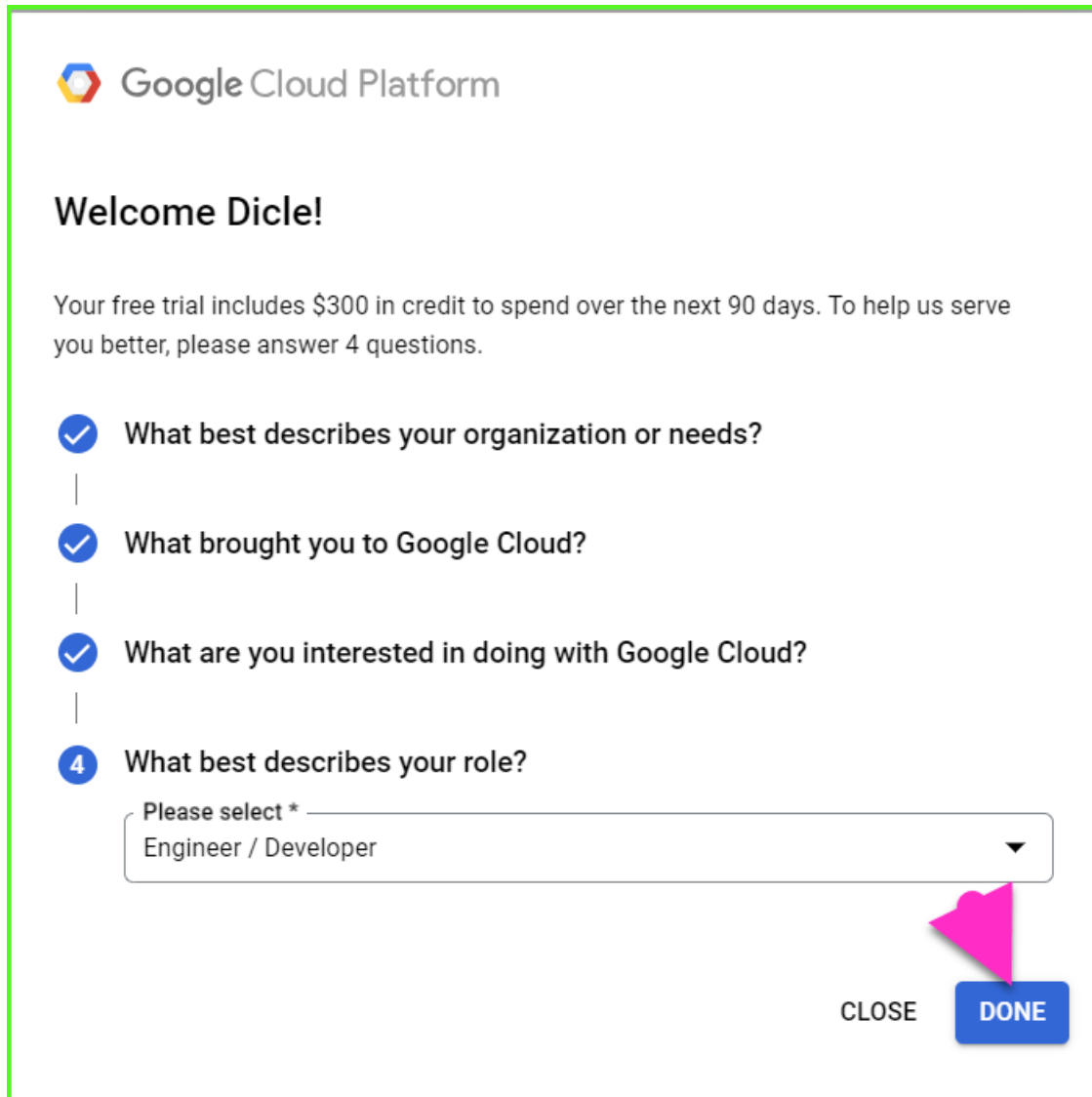
**4** What best describes your role?

Please select \*

Engineer / Developer

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I answer all the questions.  
I click on **Done**.



The image shows a Google Cloud Platform welcome dialog box. At the top is the Google Cloud Platform logo. Below it is the heading "Welcome Dicle!". A message states: "Your free trial includes \$300 in credit to spend over the next 90 days. To help us serve you better, please answer 4 questions." There are four questions listed, each with a blue checkmark icon in a circle to its left. The first three questions are: "What best describes your organization or needs?", "What brought you to Google Cloud?", and "What are you interested in doing with Google Cloud?". The fourth question is "What best describes your role?". Below the fourth question is a dropdown menu with the text "Please select \*" and "Engineer / Developer". A pink arrow points to the "DONE" button. To the left of the "DONE" button is a "CLOSE" button.

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### Welcome Dicle!

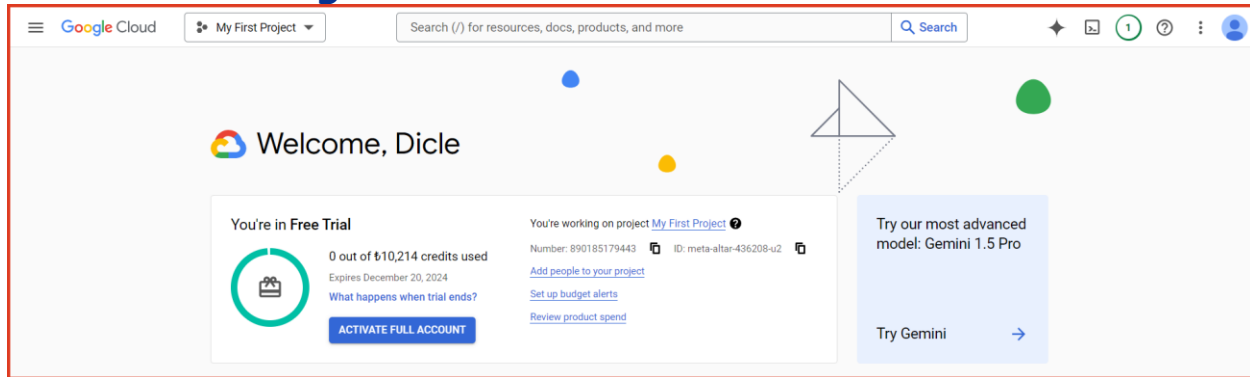
Your free trial includes \$300 in credit to spend over the next 90 days. To help us serve you better, please answer 4 questions.

- ✓ What best describes your organization or needs?
- ✓ What brought you to Google Cloud?
- ✓ What are you interested in doing with Google Cloud?
- 4 What best describes your role?  
Please select \*  
Engineer / Developer

CLOSE DONE

When click on Done, Google takes me to the Cloud Console.

## Here is the Google Cloud Console!



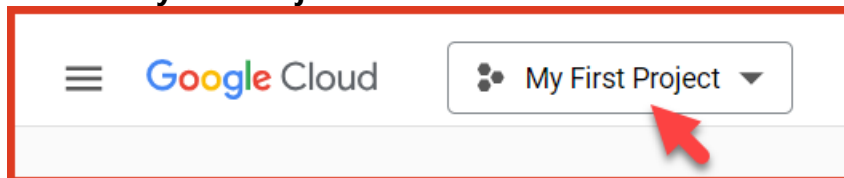
I **DO NOT** click on ACTIVATE FULL ACCOUNT.

I will work on a free account for three months.

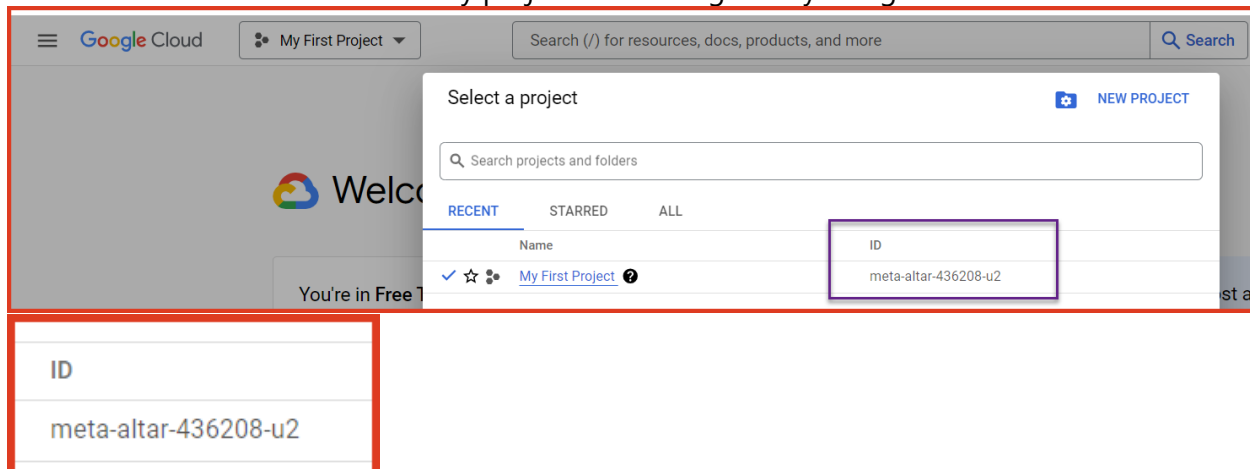
At the end of three months, I can open another free account, just the same way I have just done.

Google assigned me a Project for my free account.

I click on **My First Project**.



I can see the name and the ID of my project. The ID is given by Google.



This is it.

We are good to go.

If I want to access my Google Cloud Console at any time, I use the address below, and preferably in a Chrome browser.

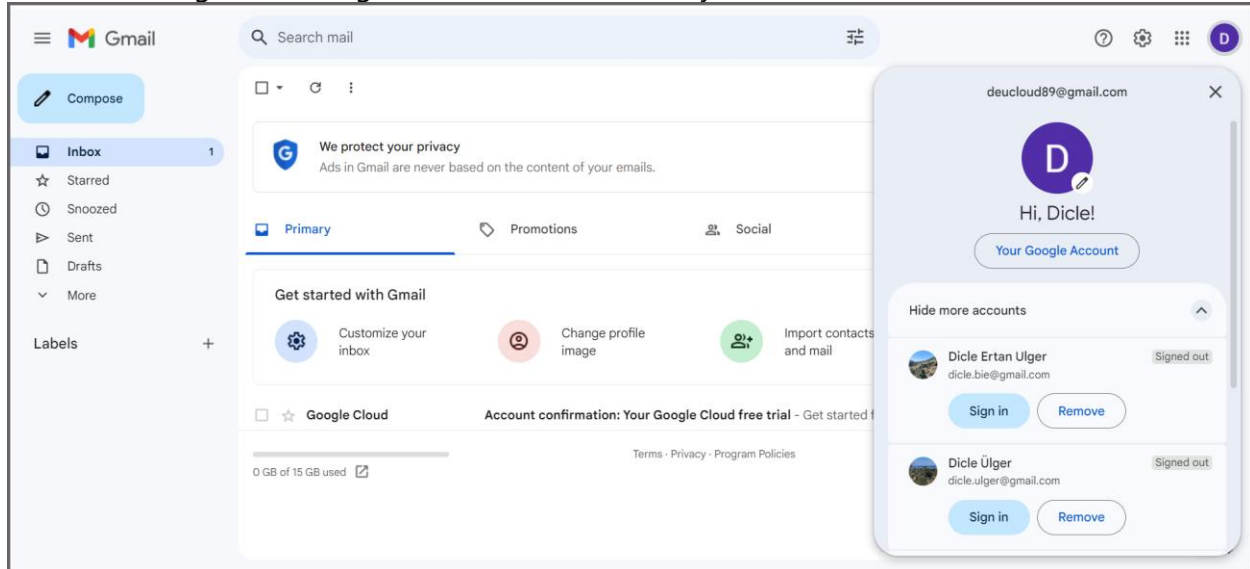
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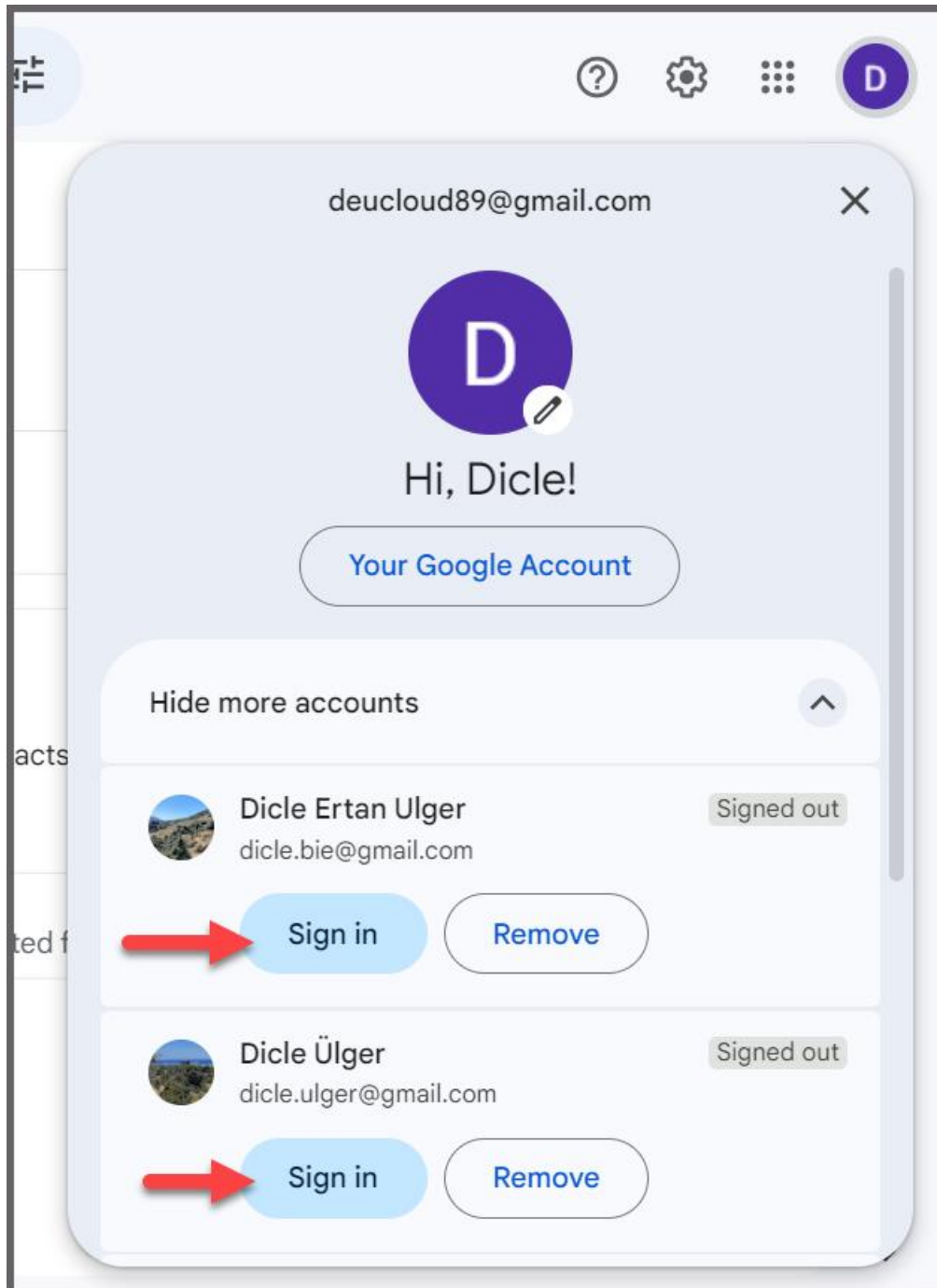


## Post Process: Sign Back in to your Gmail Accounts

We have completed the process of opening a free GCP account.

We can now sign in to our gmail accounts we use daily.





I click on the Sign in buttons, and type in my password, and any other verification Google asks from me.

## !!! Please Remember !!!

Your free Google Cloud Platform account will end at the end of three months.

Any projects you have will be deleted, in the GCP – the Google Cloud Platform.

However, the Gmail Address you created or the one you picked of Google's when opening the free account will remain!

Please remember to delete this Gmail Address, if you were only using it as part of your

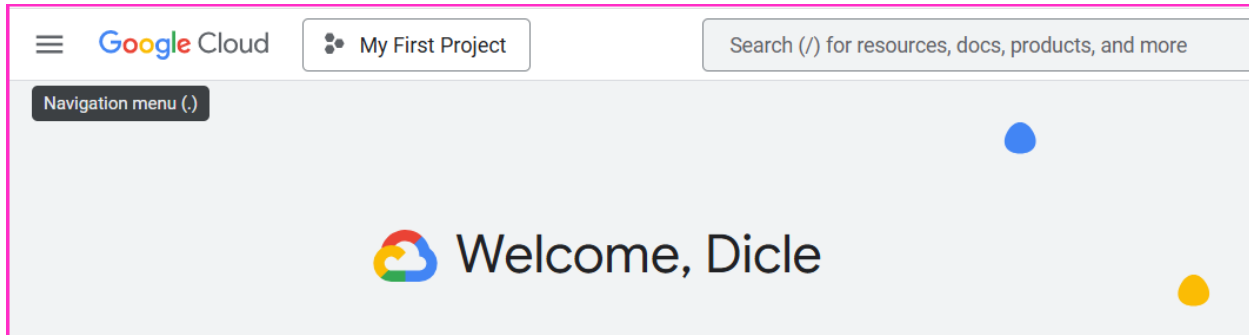


temporary projects, to reduce the digital clutter



## The End

This is the end of the document on opening a free GCP (Google Cloud Platform) account for three months.



Thanks very much Google!

There is now a new world at our fingertips.



*The world is our oyster.  
It is up to us to find the pearls.*

I wish you courage and good health always, luck and success in all of your endeavours.