

Hands-on Lab Prerequisites

To be able to complete the hands-on tutorials, you need to have access to some services on IBM Cloud, which in turn requires you have access to an IBM Cloud account.

If you already have an IBM Cloud account and you know how to access and create service instances on IBM Cloud, you do not need to continue reading this document.

The following steps outline the steps to create an IBM Cloud account and the required services for this hands-on lab. In this document, we'll show how to create Watson Assistant service but the same process can be followed for creating other services.

Create IBM Cloud account and required services

- 1- If you have an IBM Cloud account already, then navigate to <https://cloud.ibm.com> and provide your IBMid (annotated with red rectangle in Figure 1) and click **Continue** to authenticate by providing your IBM Cloud account credentials.

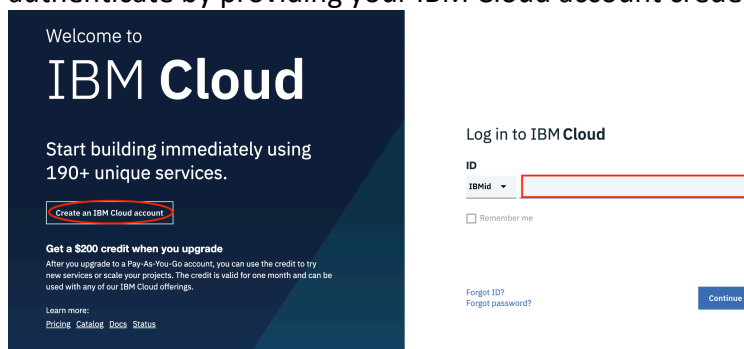


Figure 1: IBM Cloud Sign up

If you do not have an IBM Cloud account, please sign up for an IBM Cloud account by navigating to <https://cloud.ibm.com/registration> and following the instruction to sign up for an account.

- 2- Once you've authenticated, click on **Catalog** (annotated with red oval) and click on AI in the left navigation column (annotated with red arrow) as shown in Figure 2.

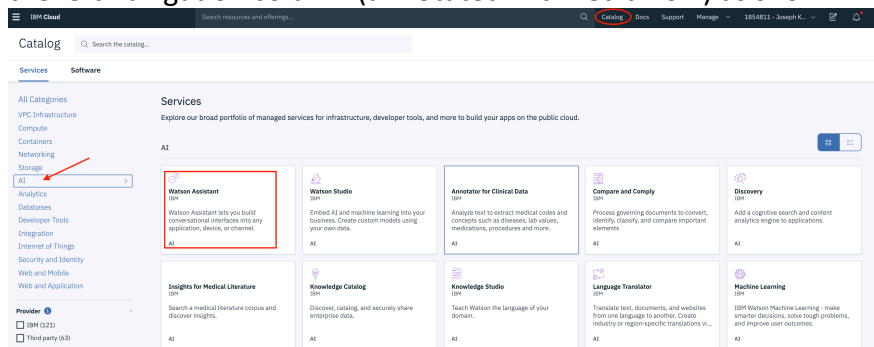


Figure 2: IBM Cloud AI Catalog

- 3- Click on **Watson Assistant** tile (annotated with red rectangle) as shown in Figure 2.
- 4- On Watson Assistant service creation page, select a region (Dallas), choose the **Plus Trial** plan (note that Plus Trial plan is unique to Watson Assistant; however most services support a **Lite** plan which is free), and click **Create** button. You can also optionally specify a unique name for the service and add any tags if you wish (need to scroll down).

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Create About

Select a region

Dallas

Select a pricing plan

Displayed prices do not include tax. Monthly prices shown are for country or region: United States

PLAN	FEATURES	PRICING
Lite	10,000 Messages/Month AI-based Intent and Entity Recognition Entity Synonym Recommendations Visual Dialog Edit with Simple Response Types (Text, Options, Images, etc.) Prebuilt Content Available Analytics Dashboard with 7 Days of Storage 5 Dialing Skills, Each with 100 Dialing Nodes Shared Public Cloud	Free
Plus Trial	Everything in Lite, for 30 days, for free! 50,000 Messages 5,000 Users Creation limits consistent with the Lite Plan	Free
Standard	Everything in Lite, with these additions... Unlimited Messages/Month 20 Dialing Skills, Each with Unlimited Dialing Nodes 10 Versions per Dialing Skill Analytics Dashboard with 30 Days of Storage	\$0.0025 USD/API call*

Plus Trial Plan
Lite plan services are deleted after 30 days of inactivity.

Summary

Watson Assistant Free

Region: Dallas
Plan: Plus Trial
Service name: Watson Assistant-4e
Resource group: default

Create

Add to estimate

View terms

FEEDBACK

Figure 3: Watson Assistant service creation page

- 5- ****Optional**** If you need to get service credentials to be able to access the service via APIs, follow these steps:
On the Watson Assistant page, click Service credentials from the left navigation column (annotated with red oval). If credentials are already created for your service, click on the View credentials drop down (annotated with red arrow) and copy/paste the credentials. If not, then click New credential (annotated with red rectangle) and press **Add** on the pop-up window. Then copy/paste credentials from View credentials drop down as shown in Figure 4.

Manage

Service credentials

Plan

Connections

Resource list /

Watson Assistant-io

Resource group: default Location: Dallas Add Tags

Service credentials

Credentials are provided in JSON format. The JSON snippet lists credentials, such as the API key and secret, as well as connection information for the service. Learn more

Service credentials

New credential

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KEY NAME	DATE CREATED	ACTIONS
Auto-generated service credentials	JAN 9, 2020 - 05:10:53 PM	View credentials

Figure 4: Service Credentials

You can repeat these steps to create other service instances on IBM Cloud.