

IBM Cloud

IBM Cloud sign-up

Navigating IBM Cloud

Lab Guide





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Lab Environment Overview

Installed Software and Tools

Software	Link
IBM Cloud	https://www.ibm.com/cloud/



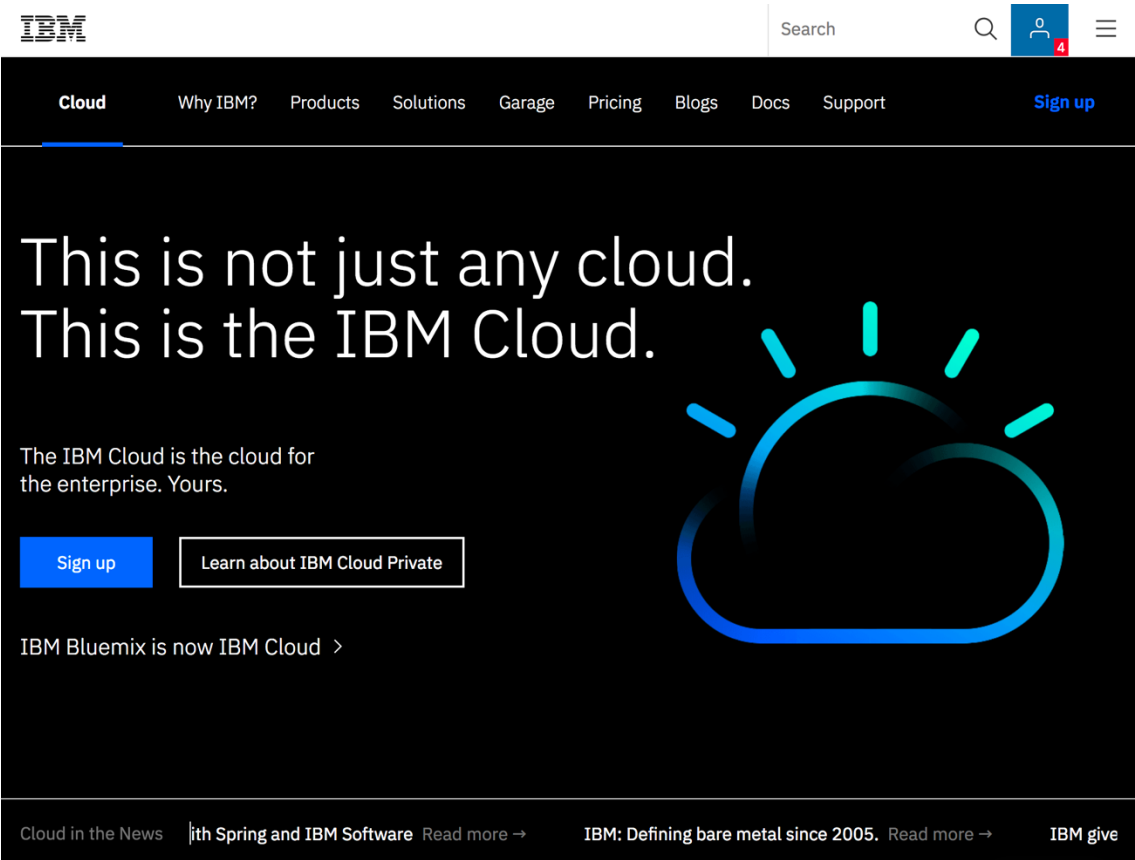
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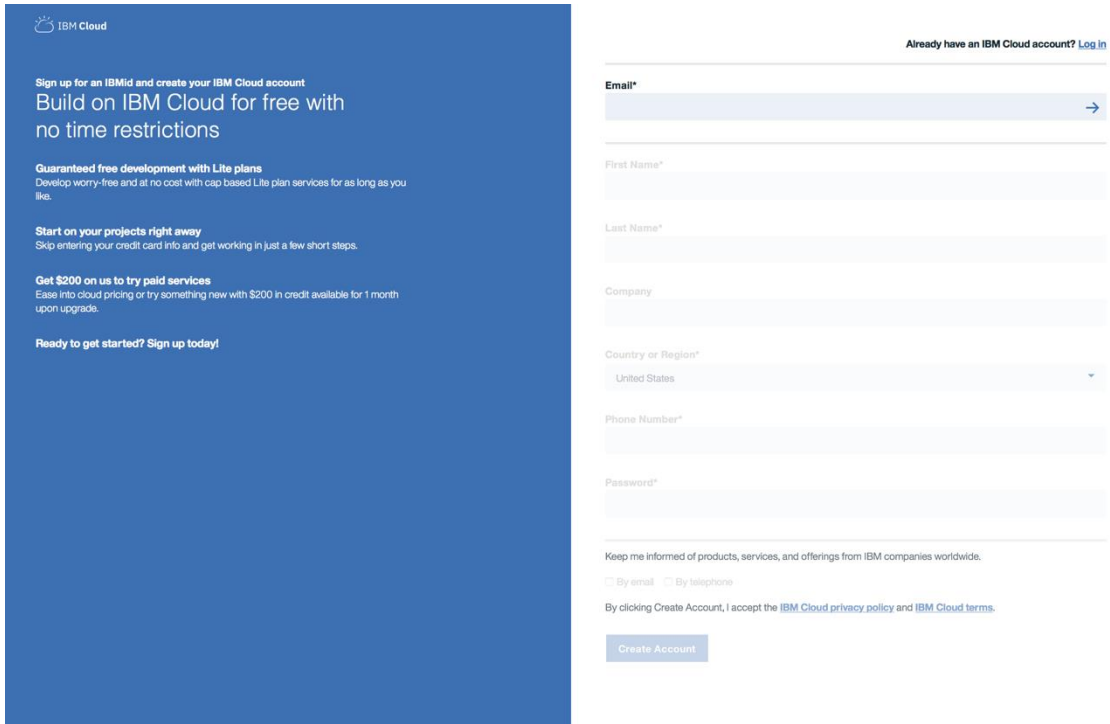
Purpose:	<p>This lab introduces the subject of Cloud. After completing the lab, you should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand Cloud• Navigate IBM Cloud Platform
Tasks:	<p>Tasks you will complete in this lab exercise include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signing up for IBM Cloud• Navigating the IBM Cloud Platform

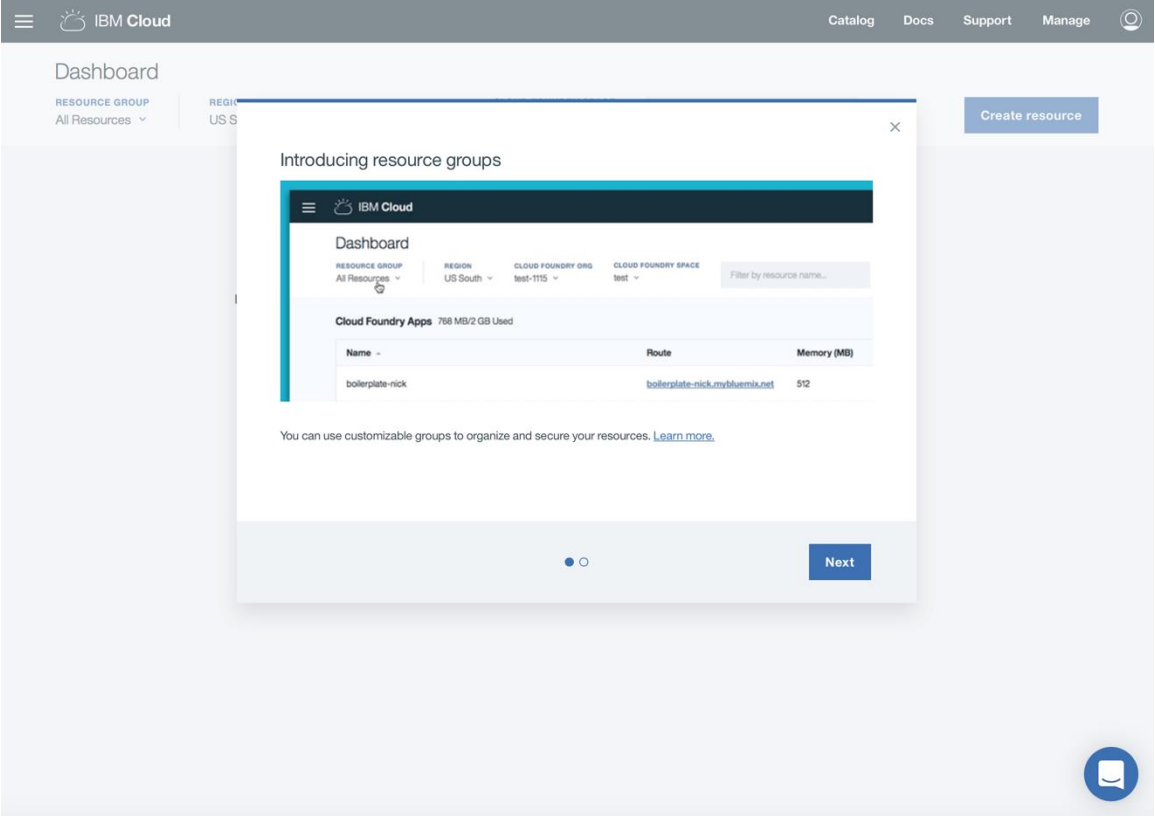
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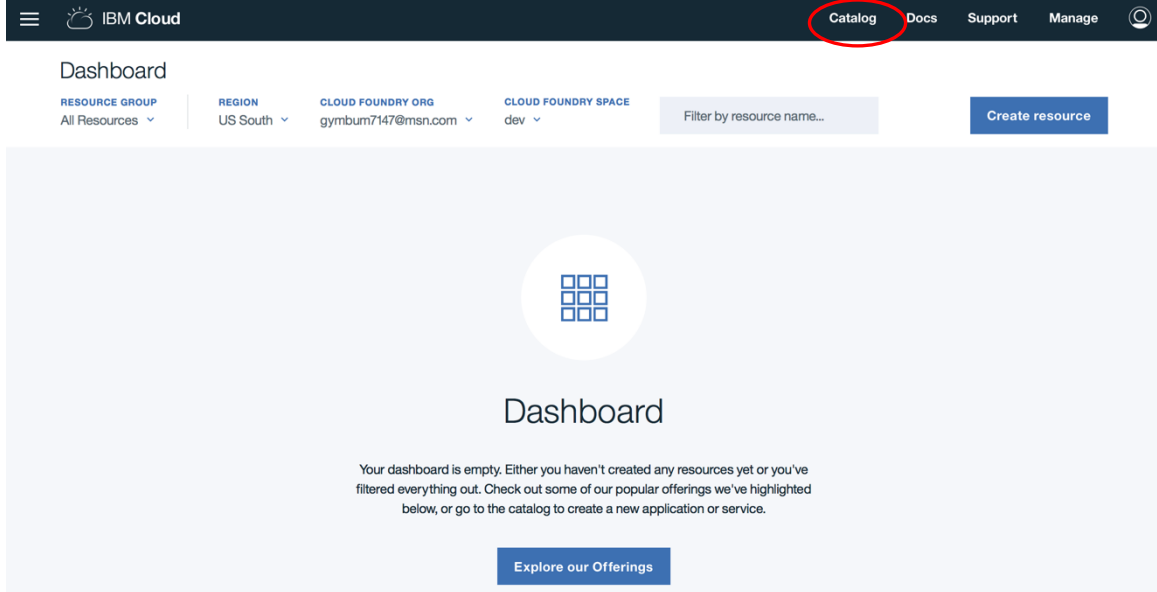
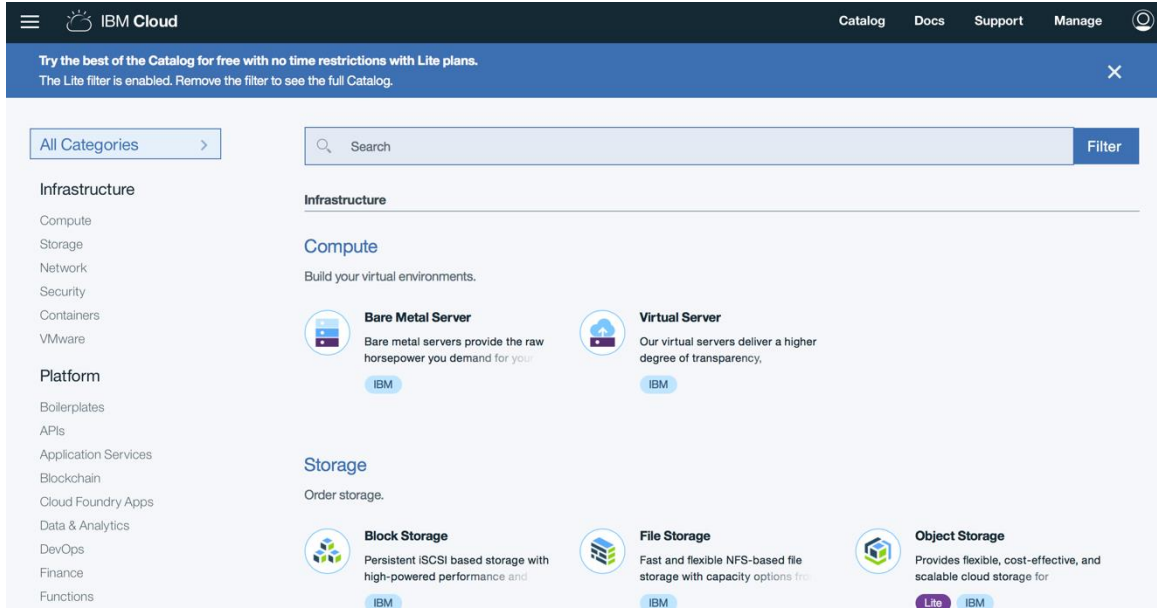
- 1 • Signing up for IBM Cloud
- 2 • Navigating the IBM Cloud Platform

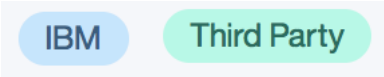
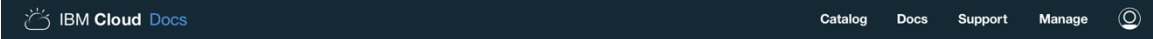
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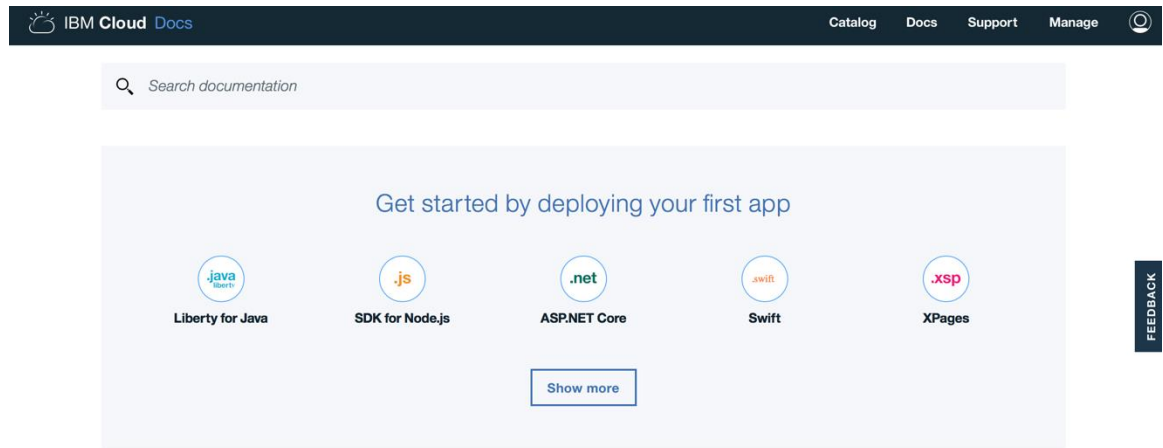
Step	Action
1	<p><u>Signing up for IBM Cloud</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Go to https://www.ibm.com/cloud/ We are going to sign up for a free IBM Cloud account. Click “Sign up”. 

Step	Action
	<p>d. Fill in the required boxes.</p> <p>e. Click “Create Account”.</p> <div data-bbox="306 478 1409 1197">  </div>

Step	Action
2	<p><u>Navigating the IBM Cloud Platform</u></p> <p>a. Log into IBM Cloud at https://console.bluemix.net/dashboard/apps/</p> <p>If this is the first time you are using IBM Cloud (formerly Bluemix), an introduction window will appear, feel free to read it. Otherwise, click through.</p> <p>b. Click “Next”, Click “Finish”.</p>  <p>c. We are now looking at the IBM Cloud Dashboard.</p> <p>d. Click on the “Catalog” button found in the upper right hand corner of the screen.</p>

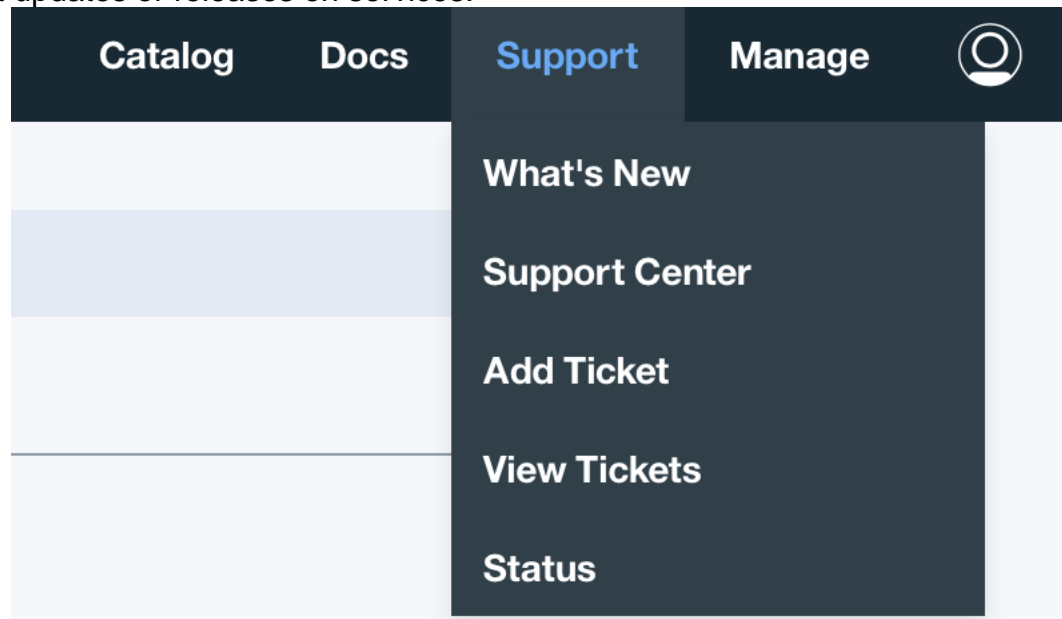
Step	Action
	 <p>e. The Catalog is a compilation of the services offered on the IBM Cloud.</p> 


Step	Action
	<p>As you look around the catalog, there are a few places to observe. The page is laid out for simple navigation. We already selected the Catalog button to open the Catalog. The Docs link provides details on each of the services. We will touch on this when we initialize our service here in a bit. The Support page is available to answer any questions that cannot be found in Docs. And lastly Manage is where you can manager your account Space and Organization. You can have multiple Spaces. This is a way to keep different projects organized.</p> <p>Services are organized in categories. These include Infrastructure, Compute, Storage, Watson, etc. Each service will have a title, icon, brief explanation of the service, and either a blue or green oval.</p> <p>f. IBM Cloud supports both IBM products and services, as well as third-party. They are indicated by the small ovals below each service description.</p> <div data-bbox="310 814 691 890" data-label="Image">  </div> <p>Going along the same navigation bar as we found the catalog, we can see docs, support and manage.</p> <div data-bbox="310 1041 1456 1079" data-label="Image">  </div> <p>g. Click on "Docs".</p> <p>This is the first "go to" resource if you have questions about any of the services. IBM Cloud Docs houses tutorials, demo's, videos, starter kits...if you have questions about a service, this is a great resource. Scrolling down you can see that there are numerous links. Each service has a link. Click on one to look at the type of documentation. The documentation ranges from "getting started" and high level "what is this service" to technical details about deploying the services.</p>



h. Click on “Support”.

Support is a next level of information and help. When you click on it, it will display a drop down menu. If the answers cannot be solved by looking for Docs OR if an emergency situation arises with one of the services, this is where you go to open a ticket. Once the ticket is open, this is also where you can see the status of your tickets. The “What’s new” tab will show you what is new on IBM Cloud. This is where you can go to see recent updates or releases on services.



Step	Action
	<p>i. Click on “Manage”. Manage is where you can keep track of your own account, billing and usage and security. Within the account tab, you can monitor users, groups, organizations, etc.</p> <p>j. Click on the head icon.</p> <p>Finally, the head icon will bring you to your personal account page. This is another way to access and manage your accounts such as organizations you are a part of or spaces you are working in.</p> 

Lab Summary

To summarize what we just covered in this lab:

1. Sign up for IBM Cloud
2. Navigate the IBM Cloud Platform