

# Hands-on Lab: Dashboards in Cloudant

Estimated time needed: **30** minutes

## Objectives

After completing this lab you will be able to:

- Create a database through the Cloudant dashboard
- Perform simple operations, such as inserting a document and querying data
- Replicate, or copy data, from one database to another
- Monitor your active tasks and your instance to detect potential issues

## Prerequisite

In order to complete this lab, you will need to create an instance of Cloudant on IBM Cloud. If you haven't yet created one, you can create one by referring to the [Create an Instance of IBM Cloudant](#) lab.

Note: While working on this lab, you may be prompted to login when ever your session expires. Use your credentials to authenticate. This may happen when you step out or leave your Cloudant session unattended.

## Exercise 1 - Launch Cloudant Dashboard

Step 1: Click on [cloud.ibm.com/resources](#).

Step 2: Click on the Databases chevron.

Step 3: Click on your instance of Cloudant.

► Click here for Hint

Step 4: Click on Launch Dashboard.

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Search resources and offerings...

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Docs

Support

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Resource list /

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Active

Add tags

Manage

Service credentials

Plan

Connections

Overview

Dashboard

Capacity

Docs

Deployment details

CRN

crn:v1:bluemix:public:cloudantnosqldb:eu-gb:a/9ff7e8c5d25d4ac7aa5dcdf286db5a8db9::

Location

London

External Endpoint

<https://4646e655-6aee-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudant.com>

External Endpoint (preferred)

<https://4646e655-6aee-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudantnosqldb.a>

Authentication methods

[IBM Cloud IAM](#) and [Cloudant credentials](#)

Activity Tracker event types

Management

Save

Disk encryption

Yes. Automatically generated disk encryption key.

Capacity details

The Cloudant dashboard looks like this.

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Log Out

Databases

Database name ▼

Your Databases

Name	Size	# of Docs	Partitioned
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Showing 1–0 of 0 data

## Exercise 2 - Create a database

Step 1: Click on Create Database.

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Databases

Database name ▾

Your Databases

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Showing 1–0 of 0 data

- Step 2: Enter *training* as the name of the database.
- Step 3: Select 'Non-partitioned'.
- Step 4: Click on Create.

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Databases

Database name ▾

Your Databases

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Showing 1–0 of 0 data

The database will be created. You should see a screen like this.

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. On the left is a dark navigation sidebar with icons for navigation, monitoring, database, permissions, changes, design documents, and user management. The main content area is titled 'training' and shows a list of document types: 'All Documents', 'Query', 'Permissions', 'Changes', and 'Design Documents'. A blue arrow points from the 'All Documents' link to the main content area. The main content area displays a large cloud icon and the text 'No Documents Found'. At the bottom right, it says 'Showing 0 documents'.

### Exercise 3 - Perform a simple insert

Step 1: Click on Create Document.

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training

No partition selected

Document ID

All Documents +

Query

Permissions

Changes

Design Documents +

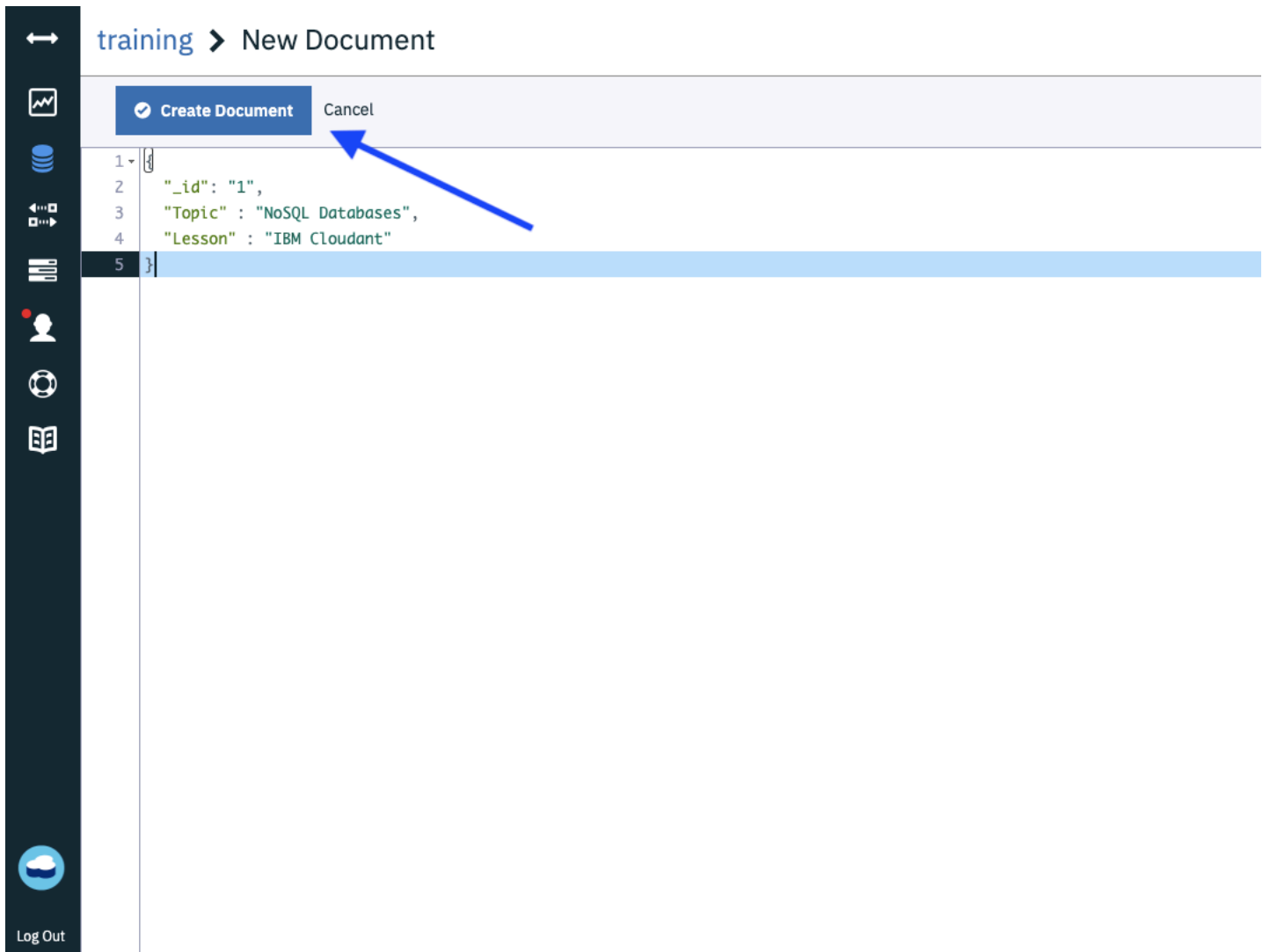
No Documents Found

Showing 0 documents

Step 2: Copy the below given JSON document and replace the default sample document given on the page.

```
{
  "_id": "1",
  "Topic": "NoSQL Databases",
  "Lesson": "IBM Cloudant"
}
```

### Step 3: Click on Create Document



The document is created, and you should see a screen like this.

training

All Documents

Query

Permissions

Changes

Design Documents

Document ID

Table

Metadata

JSON

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Showing document

Step 4: Select **Table** view to view the documents in a tabular form.

You should now see documents like this.



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## Exercise 4 - Perform a simple query

Step 1: Click on Query.

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All Documents

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Query

Permissions

Changes

Design Documents

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Log Out

Document ID

Table

Metadata

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Lesson

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NoSQL Databases

Showing 3 of 4 columns.

Show all columns.

Showing document

Step 2: Copy the below given query and replace the default sample query given on the page.

```
{
  "selector": {}
}
```

Step 3: Click on Run Query

training > Cloudant Query

Query history

Cloudant Query ?

1 {

2 "selector": {}

3 }

Run Query

Explain

manage indexes

No Documents Found

Showing 0 documents

[training](#) ➤ [Cloudant Query](#)

Query history

Cloudant Query 

```
1 {
2   "selector": {}
```

Run Query

### Explain

manage indexes



No Documents Found

Showing 0 documents

You will see the query results.

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training > Cloudant Query

Query history

Cloudant Query ?

1

{

2

"selector": {}

3

}

Run Query

Explain

manage indexes

Executed in 2 ms

Table

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Showing 3 of 4 columns. ☐ Show all columns.

Showing document

Cloudant queries are also in the JSON format. What we have queried here is the equivalent of `select * from training`.

## Exercise 5 - Replicate a database

Step 1: Api Key is needed for setting up replication. Fetch the apikey from Cloudant Service Credentials.

► Click here for Hint

Step 2: Click on the Replication icon.

training > Cloudant Query

Query history

Cloudant Query ?

1 {

2 "selector": {}

3 }

Run Query

Explain

manage indexes

Executed in 2 ms

Table

{ } JSON

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Showing 3 of 4 columns. ☐ Show all columns.

Showing document

Step 3: You will land on the Replication dashboard. Click on New Replication.

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Replication

Replicator DB Activity

\_replicate Activity

Replications must have a replication document to display in the following table.

Filter replications

<input type="checkbox"/>	Source ▾	Target ▾	Start Time ▲	Ty
There is no replicator-db activity or history to display.				

Log Out

Step 4: On the Job Configuration page, select the following details.

- Under Source
- Select Type = Local database

Select Name = training

Select Authentication = "IAM Authentication"

Paste the api key you copied earlier in the IAM API Key textbox.
- Under Target
- Select Type = New local database

Select Name = training\_replica

Select Authentication = "IAM Authentication"

Paste the api key you copied earlier in the IAM API Key textbox.
- Under Options:
- Select Type = Continuous

Step 5: Click on Start Replication.

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Job Configuration

Source

Type:Local database

Name:training

Authentication:IAM Authentication

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Target

Type:New local database

New database:training\_replica

New database options:☐ Partitioned

Authentication:IAM Authentication

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Options

Replication type:Continuous

Replication document:Custom ID (optional)

Start ReplicationClear

Step 6: A replication status of running indicates that the replication is working.

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Replication

Replicator DB Activity

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Replications must have a replication document to display in the following table.

Filter replications

<input type="checkbox"/>	Source ▾	Target ▾	Start Time ▲	Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="https://4646e655-6aee-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudant.com/training">https://4646e655-6aee-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudant.com/training</a>	<a href="https://4646e655-6aee-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudant.com/training_replica">https://4646e655-6aee-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudant.com/training_replica</a>	Apr 12th, 4:11 pm	Cont

Step 7: Click on the Database icon. You should see a new database named **training\_replica**.



## Database name

## Your Databases

Name	Size	# of Docs	Partitioned
_replicator	4.7 KB	2	No
training	1.1 KB	1	No
training_replica	1.2 KB	1	No

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Step 8: Click on the **training\_replica** database. You should see the document you have inserted in the training database.

training\_replica

All Documents

Query

Permissions

Changes

Design Documents

Table

Metadata

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Lesson

Topic

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Showing 3 of 4 columns.

Show all columns.

You have successfully setup continuous replication between the training and training\_replica databases. Whatever changes you make on the training database will be replicated to the training\_replica database.

## Exercise 6 - Monitor active tasks

Step 1: Click on the Active Tasks icon.

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Replicator DB Activity    \_replicate Activity

Replications must have a replication document to display in the following table.

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Filter replications

<input type="checkbox"/>	Source ▾	Target ▾	Start Time ▲	Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	https://4646e655-6aee-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudant.com/training	https://4646e655-6aee-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudant.com/training_replica	Apr 12th, 4:11 pm	Con

The Active tasks page displays a list of all running tasks. You can use this to find out what is happening on your Cloudant instance. You can see a list of active tasks, which includes compaction, replication, and indexing.

Here is a sample Active Tasks view.

Active Tasks

Polling Interval

15 seconds

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All Tasks    Replication    Database Compaction    Indexer    View Compaction

Search for databases...

Type	Database	Started on -	Updated on	PID	Status
replication	From: https://d360fd11-57ef-46cd-af46-496f14ace2bb-bluemix.cloudant.com/orders/ To: https://d360fd11-57ef-46cd-af46-496f14ace2bb-bluemix.cloudant.com/orders-replica/	Jun 9th, 10:34:20 am a minute ago	Jun 9th, 10:35:40 am a few seconds ago	0.27010.5142	7341 docs written. 44301 pending changes.
indexer	shards/b0000000-00000000-d360fd11-57ef-46cd-af46-496f14ace2bb-bluemix/orders.1549538088 (View: _design/app)	Jun 9th, 10:35:38 am a few seconds ago	Jun 9th, 10:35:41 am a few seconds ago	0.12427.5145	Progress: 96% Processed 3074 of 3073 changes. 2929 Changes done.
indexer	shards/b0000000-00000000-d360fd11-57ef-46cd-af46-496f14ace2bb-bluemix/orders.1549538088 (View: _design/app)	Jun 9th, 10:35:38 am a few seconds ago	Jun 9th, 10:35:41 am a few seconds ago	0.19505.5145	Progress: 100% Processed 3074 of 3073 changes. 3074 Changes done.
indexer	shards/e0000000-00000000-d360fd11-57ef-46cd-af46-496f14ace2bb-bluemix/orders.1549538088 (View: _design/app)	Jun 9th, 10:35:38 am a few seconds ago	Jun 9th, 10:35:41 am a few seconds ago	0.21199.5144	Progress: 93% Processed 2929 of 3123 changes. 2929 Changes done.
indexer	shards/b0000000-00000000-d360fd11-57ef-46cd-af46-496f14ace2bb-bluemix/orders.1549538088 (View: _design/app)	Jun 9th, 10:35:38 am a few seconds ago	Jun 9th, 10:35:41 am a few seconds ago	0.21474.5145	Progress: 91% Processed 2929 of 3187 changes. 2929 Changes done.
indexer	shards/b0000000-00000000-d360fd11-57ef-46cd-af46-496f14ace2bb-bluemix/orders.1549538088 (View: _design/app)	Jun 9th, 10:35:38 am a few seconds ago	Jun 9th, 10:35:41 am a few seconds ago	0.23817.5146	Progress: 94%

## Exercise 7 - Monitor your instance

Monitor your usage in realtime with a graph that shows your throughput by reads, writes, and global queries. You can see your current operations, denied requests, and storage usage.

Step 1: Click on the Monitoring icon.

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All Tasks

Replication

Database Compaction

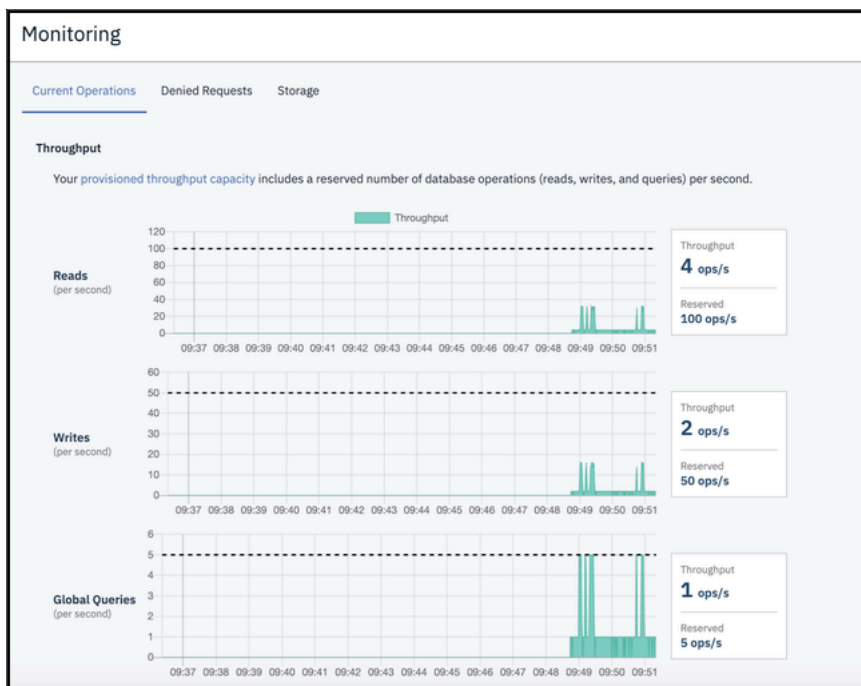
Indexer

View Compaction

Search for databases...

Type	Database	Started on ▲	Updated on	PID
No active tasks				

Here is a sample monitoring view for Current Operations.



Note: Your monitoring output could be different from the screen shot above, mostly 0 ops/s as there may not be any load on your instance.

Step 2: Click on the Denied Requests tab.

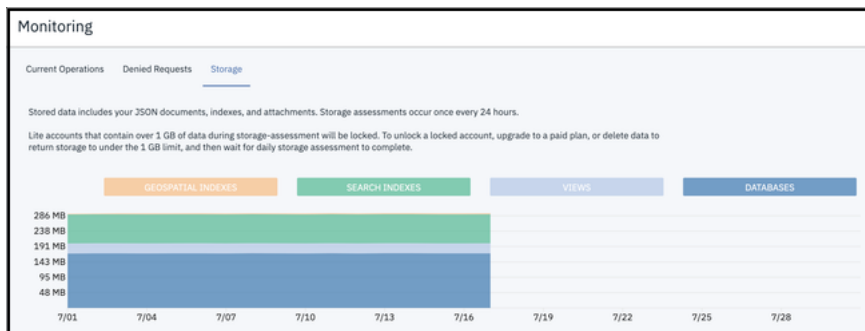
Here is a sample monitoring view for Denied Requests. Whenever we perform more reads or writes than our plan allows, those requests will be denied and shown here.



Note: Your monitoring output could be different from the screen shot above, depending upon your usage.

Step 3: Click on the Storage tab.

Here is a sample Storage view. It shows how much storage is used for data, indexes and views.



Note: Your monitoring output could be different from the screen shot above, depending upon your usage.

## Practice exercises

1. Problem:

*Create a database named **test**.*

► [Click here for Hint](#)

2. Problem:

*Insert a **sample document**.*

► [Click here for Hint](#)

3. Problem:

*Setup **continuous replication** between **test** and **test\_replica** databases.*

► [Click here for Hint](#)

4. Problem:

*Find out if any **denied requests** were **denied**.*

► [Click here for Hint](#)

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