

How to Create a Kaggle Account and Become a Contributor:

Step-by-Step Guide for Mentees

This guide will walk you through the process of creating a Kaggle account and completing all the necessary steps to achieve the "Contributor" tier, which is the first milestone in Kaggle's progression system. This is ideal for mentees starting their data science journey.

Step 1: Register for a Kaggle Account

- Visit the [Kaggle website](#).
 - Click on the "Register" or "Sign Up" button.
 - Choose your preferred sign-up method: Google, email, Facebook, or Yahoo.
 - If you use Google, select your Google account and follow the prompts.
 - Fill in the required details (email, username, password) if registering via email.
 - Complete any verification steps, such as confirming your email or entering a code sent to your phone.
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Step 2: Verify and Set Up Your Profile

- After registration, Kaggle may prompt you to verify your account via SMS before you can run notebooks (kernels).
 - Once verified, click on your profile icon and select "Edit Profile."
 - Add a profile picture, a brief bio, your location, occupation, and links to your LinkedIn, GitHub, or personal website. This helps you connect with the community and makes your profile more credible⁶.
 - Save your profile changes.
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Step 3: Explore the Kaggle Platform

- Familiarize yourself with the Kaggle dashboard, which includes sections for competitions, datasets, notebooks, and discussions.
 - Browse available datasets and competitions to get a sense of the platform's offerings²⁶.
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Step 4: Complete the Requirements to Become a Contributor

Upon account creation, you are assigned the "Novice" tier. To progress to "Contributor," you must complete the following actions in **any one of the four main categories** (Competitions, Datasets, Notebooks, Discussions)⁵⁷³:

Requirement	How to Complete
Run one notebook or script	Go to the "Code" section, open a public notebook, and click "Run" to execute it. You may also create your own simple notebook and run it 37 .
Make one competition or task submission	Join a "Getting Started" competition (e.g., Titanic), download the data, create a simple submission (even a sample submission), and upload it 7 .
Make one comment	Go to any discussion, notebook, or dataset and leave a constructive comment 7 .
Give one upvote	Upvote a notebook, dataset, or discussion post you find helpful 7 .

Tips:

- For beginners, the "Titanic: Machine Learning from Disaster" competition is highly recommended for your first submission.
- Upvoting and commenting on helpful content is encouraged and helps build community.

Step 5: Confirm Contributor Status

- Once you have completed the above actions, your profile will automatically be upgraded to the "Contributor" tier in the respective category.
- You can check your progression status by visiting your profile and looking at your tier badges[57](#).

Step 6: Continue Engaging and Learning

- Participate in more competitions, create and share notebooks, explore datasets, and contribute to discussions.
- As you gain experience and earn medals (through upvotes and competition results), you will progress through higher tiers: Expert, Master, and Grandmaster[57](#).

Summary Table: Steps to Become a Kaggle Contributor

Step	Action
1. Register	Sign up and verify your account
2. Set Up Profile	Add bio, picture, and social links

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3. Explore Platform	Browse competitions, datasets, and notebooks
4. Contributor Requirements	Run a notebook, submit to a competition, comment, upvote
5. Confirm Status	Check your profile for "Contributor" status
6. Engage Further	Keep learning and participating to progress further

Additional Resources for Mentees

- Kaggle offers free courses and tutorials to help you get started with data science and machine learning.
- Study public notebooks and discussions to learn different problem-solving approaches⁷.