

Deploy Your First Cloud Foundry App to Any Cloud Foundry Service Provider



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1. About This Workshop:

This workshop will teach anyone with basic IT understanding how to deploy his or her first Cloud Foundry Web app.

2. Target Audience:

Other than installing software and typing commands in a terminal, we don't use any advanced tools, so IT pros, developers, architects, and project managers should be able to complete this workshop.

3. Pre-requisites:

For this workshop, you will need:

- Your own Windows, Mac, or Linux computer with internet access
- A Cloud Foundry Service Provider (CFSP): Pivotal Web Services or IBM Bluemix. Other Cloud Foundry service providers may be used, but these instructions have not been tested with them:
 - Pivotal Web Services: run.pivotal.io (30-day trial)
 - IBM Bluemix: bluemix.net (30-day trial)
 - Stackato (by ActiveState): activestate.com/stackato/sandbox (30 day trial)
 - HP Helion Dev Platform (coming soon)
 - CenturyLink (coming soon)
- An e-mail address. Like many free Cloud Computing services, Cloud Foundry service providers require that you have a valid e-mail.

Note: Pivotal Web Services also requires that you provide an SMS-enabled phone number, to verify that you are not a bot.

Exercise 1: Deploy and Scale the “Hello Cloud” app

1. Prepare your application:

- a. Download (or create) your first application
 - You can download the “Hello Cloud” app created for this exercise from <http://cloudworkshop.org/cloudfoundry>
 - Unzip the “hellocloud.zip” archive into any directory you want (such as *c:/workshop* (or *~/workshop*).
 - Navigate to the new hellocloud app folder (such as *c:/workshop/hellocloud* (or *~/workshop/hellocloud*).
 - Modify the text in the *manifest.yml* file as required to deploy your app.
 - Change host: property from *cf-node-hellocloud-dcn* to a unique hostname with your initials. For example, you might change the last three letters to that of your own initials, such as ‘xyz’ (such as *cf-node-hellocloud-xyz*).

Quiz: What happens if you run this app code on a server that is not Cloud Foundry?

2. Create your account:

a. Sign-up for your free trial:

- Pivotal Web Services, 60-day trial: <http://run.pivotal.io>
- IBM Bluemix, 30-day trial: <http://bluemix.net>

b. Check your e-mail. Click the link to verify your e-mail address. Pivotal will also require that you confirm your mobile phone number via SMS text message.

c. Create an org, e.g., *mydevteam*.

Note: Bluemix will create an org for you based on your e-mail address.

3. Setup your development space:

a. Download the Cloud Foundry CLI:

- Visit <http://github.com/cloudfoundry/cli>
- Scroll down to the "Downloads" section of the github page
- Download the appropriate (stable) installer

b. Install the Cloud Foundry CLI:

- For Windows:

- Unzip the installer-windows.zip file you downloaded above.
- Run the cf_installer.exe that was unzipped by the previous step
- This will create a folder: C:\Program Files (x86)\CloudFoundry
- Add the C:\Program Files (x86)\CloudFoundry to your %PATH% variable
- Open the Command app (cmd.exe)
- Type the following command to make sure the CLI was installed correctly:

```
> cf -help
```

- For Mac:

- Open the Terminal application.
- Type the following command to make sure the CLI was installed correctly:

```
$ cf -help
```

c. Run the following command to log into your Cloud Foundry service provider account:

```
> cf login -a https://api.run.pivotal.io  
or  
> cf login -a https://api.ng.bluemix.net
```

When prompted, enter the e-mail address and password you used to create your Cloud Foundry Service Provider account.

d. Run the following commands to see details about your org and space:

```
> cf apps
> cf orgs
> cf spaces
> cf target -o [org] -s [space]
example: > cf target -o mydevteam -s development
```

- e. Push your app (run this command from within your hellocloud app folder):

```
> cf push
```

- f. Run the 'apps' command again and see your new app listed:

```
> cf apps
```

- g. Run the 'app' command to see health and status details about a specific app:

```
> cf app [app name]
example: > cf app hellocloud
```

- h. Run the 'scale' command to increase the number of instances running your new app:

```
> cf scale [app name] -i [# of instances]
example: > cf scale hellocloud -i 2
```

- i. Open your Web browser to the URL provided by the output of the *cf push* process. It should look something like this:

- For Pivotal Web Services: `cf-node-hellocloud-<your initials>.cfapps.io`
- For IBM Bluemix: `cf-node-hellocloud-<your initials>.mybluemix.net`

- j. Open the Web console and view the dashboard for your app:

- See your app listed within the *developer* space dashboard.
- Click on your app to see the app's dashboard.
- Click the Plus (+) button two more times to add a couple more instances to your app.
- View your app in the Web browser again to see the new instances in use. You may have to refresh the Web browser a few times.

- k. Go back to your terminal and shut down your app:

- Reduce the number of app instances to one:

```
> cf scale [app name] -i 1
```

- Then stop your instance, so you don't use up any more of your free trial hours:

```
> cf stop [app name]
> cf apps
```

- Finally, delete your instance, so you don't take up any space at all

```
> cf delete [app name]
```

```
> cf apps
```

l. View the logs and events you have generated so far:

- To view Events:

```
> cf events [app name]
```

- To view Logs:

```
> cf logs [app name]
```

m. View other information of interest, such as buildpacks and quotas:

```
> cf buildpacks
> cf quotas
```

Exercise 2: Deploy Contact Form and a Database Service

1. Prepare your application:

a. Download (or create) your application (<http://www.cloudworkshop.org/cloudfoundry/>)

- Unzip it into *c:/workshop/contactform* (or *~/workshop/contactform*).
- Navigate into this new app folder.
- Modify the source code in the *manifest.yml* file.
 - Change host property from *cf-node-contactform* to a unique hostname. For example, you might add your own initials to *contactform* to create a unique hostname, such as *contactform-dcn*.

b. (Optional) Setup a runtime environment on your computer and test your app:

- Install Node.js: <http://nodejs.org/download>
- Install MySQL: <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/>
- Install MySQL Workbench: <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/workbench/>

c. Push your app:

```
> cf push
```

d. Test your app:

- Open your Web browser to the URL provided by the output of the *'push'* command. It should look something like this:
 - For Pivotal Web Services: *cf-node-contactform-dcn.cfapps.io*
 - For IBM Bluemix: *cf-node-contactform-dcn.mybluemix.net*
- Enter any name, e-mail, and message into the form fields. Press Enter to submit the Web form. You will see an error message. Can you guess why? It's because you don't have a database setup for your app yet.

2. Add a database service to your application:

- a. View the list of marketplace services provided by your CFSP and add the ClearDB service. ClearDB is a highly available MySQL service which will be used by this contact form app.

- Command line:

```
> cf marketplace
> cf marketplace -s cleardb
```

- Web console:

Click Marketplace on the Web console dashboard.

- b. Add a database service to your app. There are three ways of consuming service instance credentials within your application: Auto-configuration, CFRuntime, and manual. We will use the manual process.

- Use the Web Console to bind a ClearDB service to your app:

- In your web browser, select the “Development” space on the menu on the left side of the screen.
- Select “Add Service.” Browse the different services available. Some of these may be hosted by your CFSP, others may be hosted outside of your CFSP.
- Select “ClearDB MySQL Database.”
- Click “Select this plan” to select the **free** plan.
- Enter an Instance Name, e.g., *cf-node-contactform-mysql-dcn*.
- Bind the service to the app:
 - Select your app, e.g., *cf-node-contactform-dcn*.
 - Click “Add.”

- Use the command line:

```
> cf start cf-node-contactform
> cf create-service cleardb spark cleardb-mine
> cf bind-service cf-node-contactform clear-db-mine
```

- c. Find the service variables:

- In your terminal window, type:

```
> cf env [app name]
example: > cf env cf-node-contactform
```

- Look for the following ClearDB properties:

- *hostname:*
- *username:*
- *password:*
- *name:*

- Find and replace these property values in the *server.js* file and replace them with the environmental variables from above:
 - *hostname* -> *host*
 - *username* -> *user*
 - *password* -> *password*
 - *name* -> *database*
- Use MySQL Workbench or any other tool you are familiar with to connect to your ClearDB database service. Then create a database table called '*contact*' with the following fields:
 - name varchar(50)
 - email varchar(50)
 - message text(50)

3. Re-open your Web browser to the URL provided by the output of the *cf push* process. Use *cf app [app name]* to view the URL again. Enter your name, e-mail, and message into the contact form. Press Enter to submit the form.

You will no longer see an error message because your database now works.

Exercise 3: Registration Form with e-mail verification

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Exercise 4: Registration Form with SMS verification

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