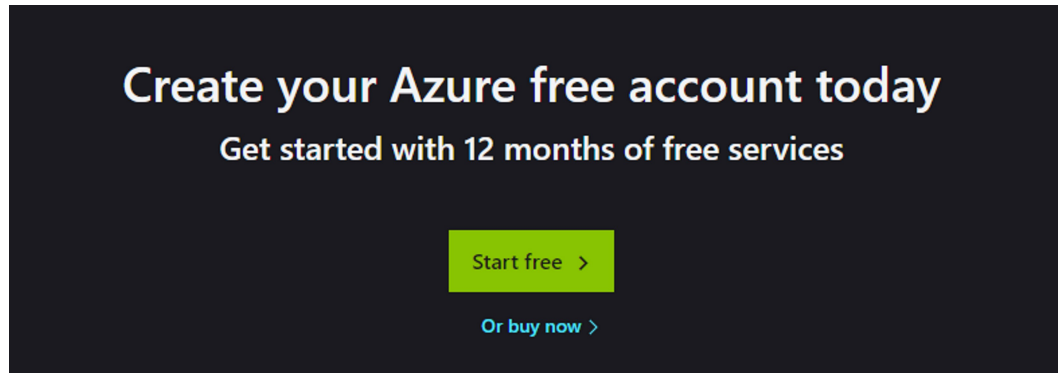


## Create your free Microsoft Azure account

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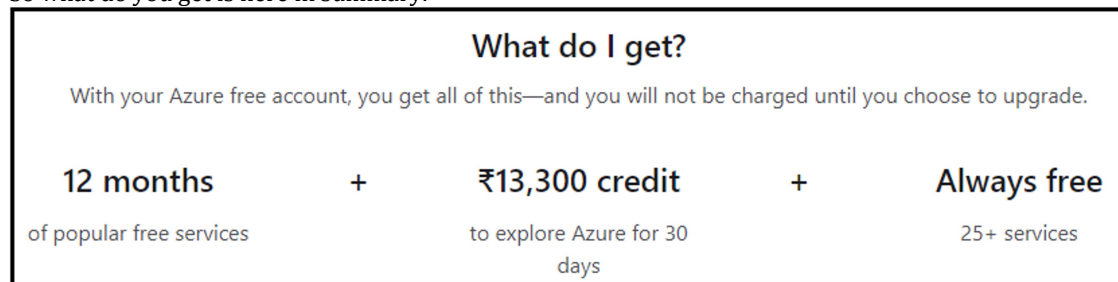
1. Click on the link below and you would see the page as shown below

<https://azure.microsoft.com/free>



Azure Portal, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

So what do you get is here in summary.

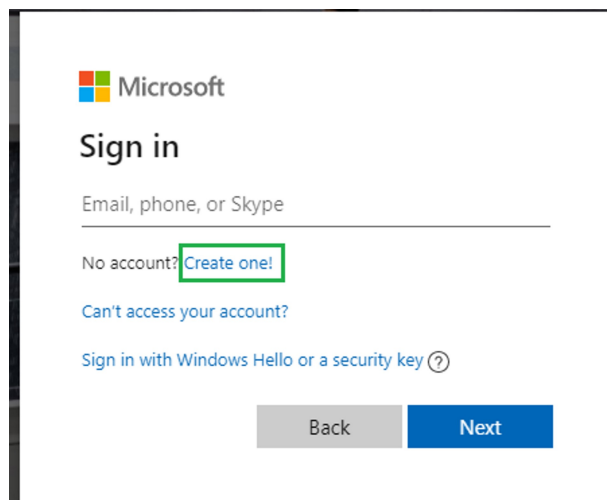


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2. Click on Start free.

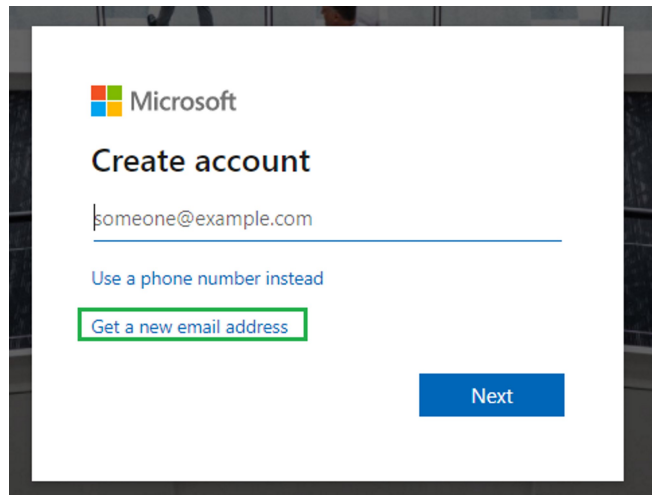
If you have existing outlook account, enter the outlook email account. You can easily create a new one too if you don't have existing account. I have office outlook account which is obviously paid by my organization to access azure services so I will not use them. I will create new account for development and sharing knowledge purpose

So lets create a new one, click on Create one as boxed below in green



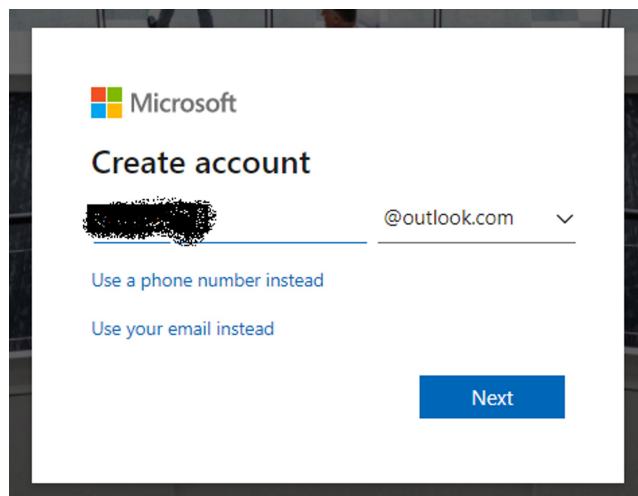
Sign Up , Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

3. Now you see the page where you can create a new outlook email id or use phone number. I want to keep it to email id for all updates purposes.  
Click on Get a new email address



Sign Up Page, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

4. Now type your new email id



Account Creation, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

5. Enter password and if you don't like to receive information's, tips, offer. please uncheck. I am going to uncheck it as I read tech updates anyway .

The screenshot shows the Microsoft account creation interface. At the top is the Microsoft logo. Below it is a back arrow and a partially obscured email address ending in '@outlook.com'. The main heading is 'Create a password'. Below this, it says 'Enter the password you would like to use with your account.' There is a text input field labeled 'Create password'. Below the input field are two checkboxes: 'Show password' (unchecked) and 'I would like information, tips, and offers about Microsoft products and services.' (checked). At the bottom, there is a note: 'Choosing **Next** means that you agree to the Microsoft Services Agreement and privacy and cookies statement.' and a blue 'Next' button.

Account Creation, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

6. Please add characters below as displayed, sorry I likes the paint brush so much that I did paint on the captcha too , never mind :-)

The screenshot shows the Microsoft account creation interface at the 'Create account' step. It features the Microsoft logo, a back arrow, and a partially obscured email address ending in '@outlook.com'. The heading is 'Create account'. Below the heading, it says 'Before proceeding, we need to make sure a real person is creating this account.' There is a captcha image showing a collection of black dots with a paintbrush stroke over it. To the right of the image are two buttons: 'New' and 'Audio'. Below the captcha, it says 'Enter the characters you see' followed by a text input field. At the bottom right is a blue 'Next' button.

Account Creation, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

7. Congratulations, your email id is created and now you have to give your details to access azure portal for free. Here looks the page where you need to give details to complete accessing to azure portal.

# Try Azure for free

Follow these steps to get started. We ask for these details to protect your account and information. There are no upfront charges or fees.

- 1 **Your profile**
- 2 Identity verification by phone
- 3 Identity verification by card
- 4 Agreement

## What's included

- 12 months of free products**  
Get free access to popular products like *virtual machines*, *storage*, and *databases* in your first 30 days, and for 12 months after you upgrade your account to pay-as-you-go pricing.
- ₹13,300 credit**  
Use your ₹13,300 credit to experiment with any Azure service in your first 30 days—beyond the free product amounts.

Add Details, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

Section 1 : Your profile section needs your first name, last name, phone and organization details. PAN number (like SSN number) is optional, isn't it amazing :-):-).

Section 2 : Needs verification sms or call sent to your phone and once verified, go to section 3.

Section 3 : Needs credit card details, They will charge minimal amount Rs 2 and give it back to verify the card details are genuine. Microsoft won't charge you automatically unless you would click on upgrade account or select "pay as you go" account.

8. And After entering credit card details and click on Next would take you to your Credit Card service provider website where you need to confirm deduction of Rs 2.

## Identity verification by card

We ask for your credit card number to verify your identity and to keep out spam and bots.  
**You won't be charged unless you upgrade.**

We found this payment method associated with your account:

[Masked Credit Card Number]

[Add a new payment method](#)

**Next**

Verification Step, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

9. And there the last step comes :-). I honestly felt these steps are easy. Please read and check the agreement and sign up.

## 2 Agreement

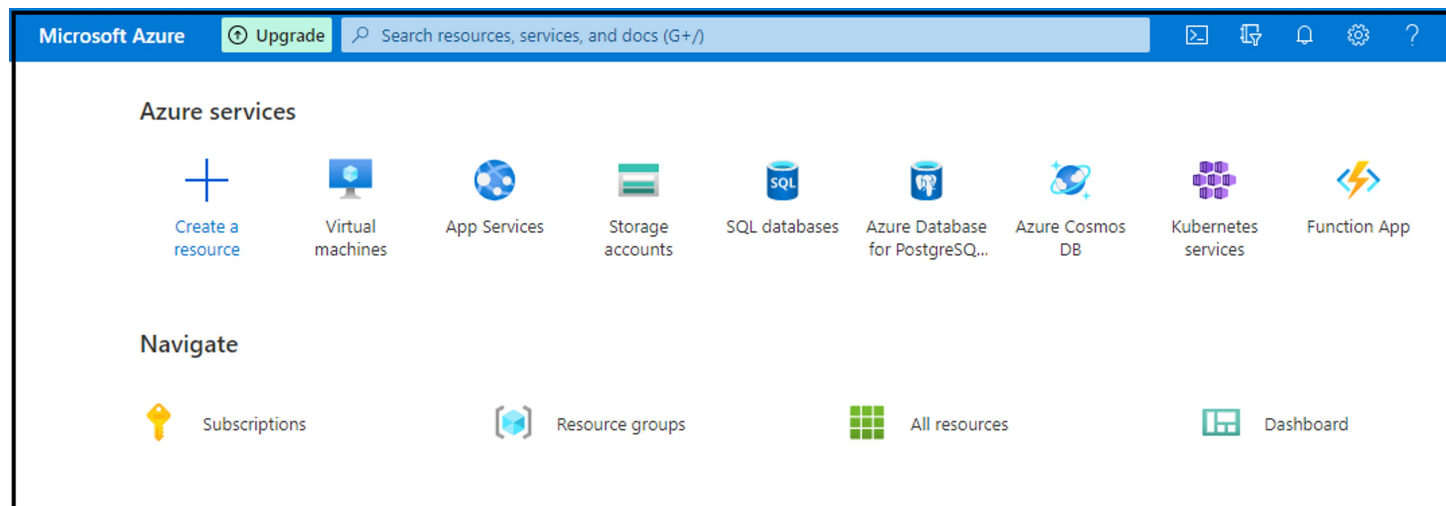
☐ I agree to the [subscription agreement](#), [offer details](#), and [privacy statement](#).

I will receive information, tips, and offers about Azure, including Azure Newsletter, Pricing updates, and other Microsoft products and services.

Sign up

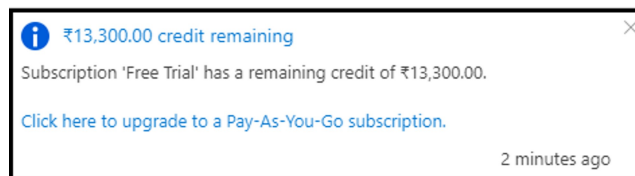
Agreement-The final step, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

10. Azure portal is now up and available up for you.



Azure Portal View after Sign-Up, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

11. As I said in introduction, I have got free subscription of Rs 13,300 for 1 month whichever gets exhausted earlier either the free credits based on the resource I create or the 30 days .



Notification, Image credit: [Microsoft Azure](#)

If you want to use the same resources after 1 month or exhaustion of 13,300 credits, then you need to pay and upgrade your account to "pay as you go" .

In the next two months, I would check and explore the resources free for next 11 months as mentioned and would love to check the development options available to explore for free.

I would update post exhaustion of my free credits which resources I can still use it effectively for free and development purpose.