

Hands-on Lab: Create an instance of IBM Cloudant



Estimated time needed: **10** minutes

Objectives

In this lab you will:

- Create an instance of IBM Cloudant
- Create Cloudant service credentials, which provide you with access to modify the instance
- Retrieve your API key, username, password and URL for future use

Exercise 1 - Log in to IBM Cloud

You need an IBM Cloud account to work with IBM Cloudant.

If you do not have an account, you can sign up for one using the instructions [here](#).

Step 1: Navigate to cloud.ibm.com.

Step 2: Login using your IBM cloud credentials.

You will land on the the Cloud Dashboard page.

Exercise 2 - Create an IBM Cloudant instance

Step 1: Click on cloud.ibm.com/catalog/services/cloudant to create a Cloudant instance.

Or you can alternatively click on **Create Resource**, search for Cloudant on the Dashboard page.

You will be taken to the Cloudant instance creation page.

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Cloudant

Author: IBM

Create About

Select an offering

Cloudant ✓

IBM Cloudant is a fully managed JSON document database that offers independent serverless scaling of throughput capacity and storage.

Lite plan available

Select an environment

Multitenant Dedicated

Your instance will be running securely on environments with shared resources.

Available regions

London

Step 2: Select the region under the “Available regions”.

It is OK to go with the default option, if you cannot figure out which region to choose.

Step 3: Scroll down to configure Cloudant instance.

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Configure Cloudant instance

Instance name

mycloudant

Resource group

Default

Tags

Examples: env:dev, version-1

Authentication method ⓘ

IAM and legacy credentials

Plan

Lite

Full functionality for development and evaluation with a set capacity. Only one Lite plan instance per account.

Free - Only in multi-tenant

Standard

Granular control over provisioned throughput capacity allocated. Billing prorated hourly.

Starting at \$75.00/month

Standard on Transaction Engine

Uses IBM's next generation data layer architecture which provides lower costs, no conflicts in-region, and scalable and consistent querying. Billing prorated hourly.

Starting at \$22.00/month

[Compare Standard vs. Standard on Transaction Engine](#)

Capacity

20 Reads per second

10 Writes per second

5 Queries per second

1 GB Storage included

Step 4: Set your instance name to mycloudant or anything else that you prefer.

Step 5: Authentication Method is a critical setting. Select “IAM and legacy Credentials” as your Authentication Method. If you choose any other Authentication Method, some labs will not work.

Step 6: Select the **Lite** plan.

Step 7: Click on create

You should see a screen like this

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Service created

The service might take time to provision. You are being redirected to the resource list now.

X

Your Cloudant service will be created and you will be redirected to the Resource list page.

Step 8: If you are not redirected, you can click on this link cloud.ibm.com/resources?groups=resource-instance

You may see a screen like this, indicating the Provision in progress.

Step 9: Wait till the status turns 'Active' and click on `mycloudant` or your custom instance name.

You have successfully created the Cloudant instance.

Step 1: On the Cloudfant instance page, click on Service Credentials

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Deployment details

CRN

crn:v1:bluemix:public:cloudantnosqldb:eu-gb:a/9ff7e8c5d25d4ac7aa5dcdf286:db5a8db9::

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

Step 2: Click on New Credential.

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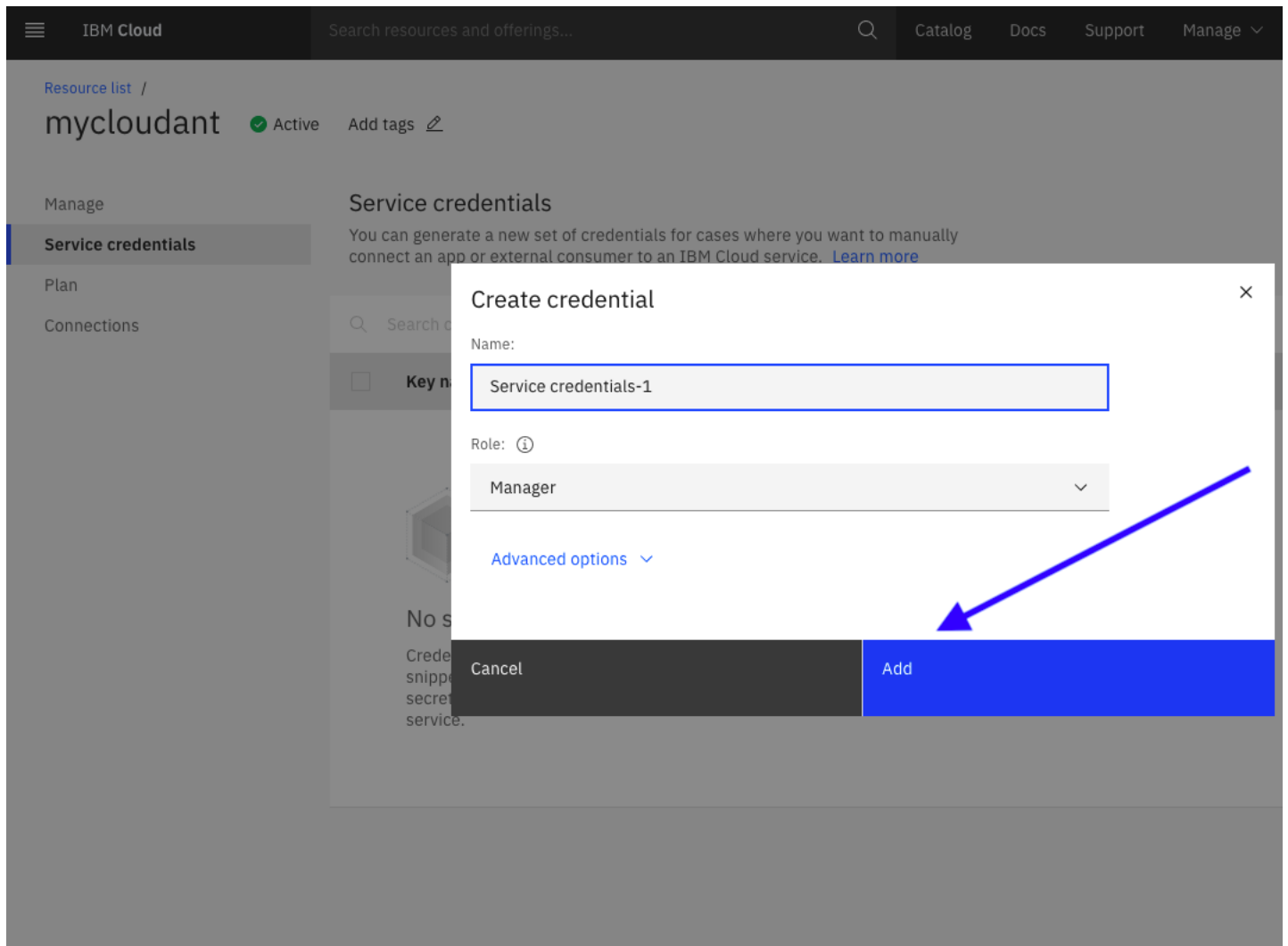
You can generate a new set of credentials for cases where you want to manually connect an app or external consumer to an IBM Cloud service. [Learn more](#)

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Search credentials...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Key name	Date created
<div><div></div><div><div>No service credentials</div><div>Credentials are provided in JSON format. The JSON snippet lists credentials, such as the API key and secret, as well as connection information for the service.</div></div></div>		

Step 3: Create credential pop up appears. Accept the default values for Name and Role and click on Add



Step 4: Your Cloudant Service credentials will be created. Click on the chevron to view the credentials.

DO NOT attempt to use the credentials shown here. These are expired credentials.

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	Key name	Date created
	Service credentials-1	2021-04-12 1:26 PM

Step 5: You will be using the username, password and url in the next labs.

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{
  "apikey": "M5_LAn8A0d13NK2Y7HcZ-X6f1SfX2o-1ezsyUyP2XyQz",
  "host": "4646e655-6aee-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudantnosqldb.appdomain.cloud",
  "iam_apikey_description": "Auto-generated for key 1f757674-c0fa-4064-8f2c-6be47754d",
  "iam_apikey_name": "Service credentials-1",
  "iam_role_crn": "crn:v1:bluemix:public:iam:::serviceRole:Manager",
  "iam_serviceid_crn": "crn:v1:bluemix:public:iam-identity::a/9ff7e8c5d25d4ac7aa5dcdfadddaa-8111-4cb7-bbd4-3a6982702639",
  "password": "6b3dc2399426437b2397e08ac9cf0184",
  "port": 443,
  "url": "https://apikey-v2-1ktn8d6fuuo6kjoz145fris5ccx24fhmirsku7o3q7bh:6b3dc2399426-42d8-8b93-d2bde6e9a6ca-bluemix.cloudantnosqldb.appdomain.cloud",
  "username": "apikey-v2-1ktn8d6fuuo6kjoz145fris5ccx24fhmirsku7o3q7bh"
}
```

You have successfully created a Cloudant instance and Service credentials for your instance.

Note: If you do not see the password field in your credentials, it is because in Exercise 2, Step 5 you have not selected “IAM and legacy credentials”. You can fix it by deleting your current Cloudant instance and following this lab from the beginning to create a new instance of Cloudant.

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