

# Follow-along guide for Splunk sign-up

*Note: The following reading is an optional supplement to the following course item, [Activity: Perform a query with Splunk](#). Both this reading and the following activity are optional and will not affect your completion of the course. You may choose to skip this reading and/or the activity for any reason, and continue progressing through the remainder of the course.*

This reading includes detailed instructions for getting started with the following course item, [Activity: Perform a query with Splunk](#). Use this reading for step-by-step instructions on how to create a Splunk Cloud account, activate a Splunk Cloud free trial, and upload data to a Splunk Cloud instance.

The following guide identifies parts of the video that may require adjustment. This reference guide can also serve as a usability reminder when using Splunk Cloud in the future.

## Instructions

### Part 1 - Create a Splunk Cloud account

1. Go to the [Splunk Cloud Platform Trial](#) page.
2. Fill in the fields in the **Start Your Cloud Platform Trial** sign-up form.
3. Click **Create Your Account**.

### Part 2 - Verify your email

1. Check the inbox for the email address that you used to sign up for the Splunk account. Find the verification email from Splunk with the subject line **Confirm your email address**.

2. Open the email and click the **Verify Your Email** button.

*Note: Check your spam folder if you didn't receive the verification email.*

### Part 3 - Activate a Splunk Cloud trial

After clicking the **Verify Your Email** button, you'll be redirected to the Splunk Cloud Trial page.

***Note:** You can activate one Splunk Cloud trial instance at a time, and you can use a maximum of three trials per Splunk account. The Splunk Cloud free trial expires after 14 days, so you may want to complete this activity before the free trial expires.*

***Note:** Alternatively, you can also access the Splunk Cloud Trial page by visiting [Splunk Cloud Platform Trial](#) and logging into your account, then clicking **Start Trial**.*

1. Click the **Start Trial** button.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Check your inbox for an email from Team Splunk with the subject line **Welcome to Splunk Cloud Platform!**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Open the email to access your Splunk Cloud login information.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Click the link beside **URL** to access the Splunk Cloud Platform.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Enter the username and password credentials that were included in the email.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. You will be prompted to change the password of the Splunk Cloud Platform account. Enter a new password and click **Save Password**.

splunk>cloud

Change password

New password

Confirm new password

Save Password

⚠ For security reasons, the admin on this account has requested that you change your password

Password must contain at least ?

8 characters

7. Check the box next to **I accept these terms** and click **Ok**.

splunk>cloud

Terms of Service

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☒ I accept these terms

Ok

## Part 4 - Download and upload Splunk data

After you've accepted the Terms of Service, you'll automatically be redirected to the Splunk Home dashboard.

1. Go to [Activity: Perform a query with Splunk](#).

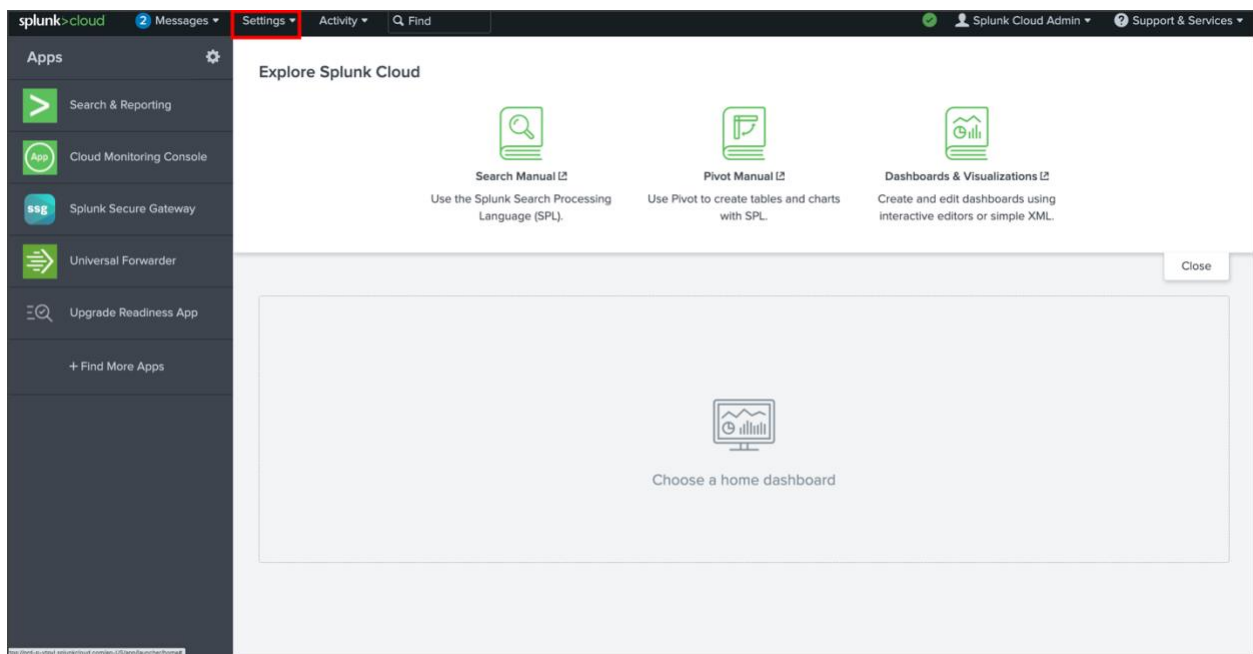
2. Go to **Step 1: Access supporting materials**.

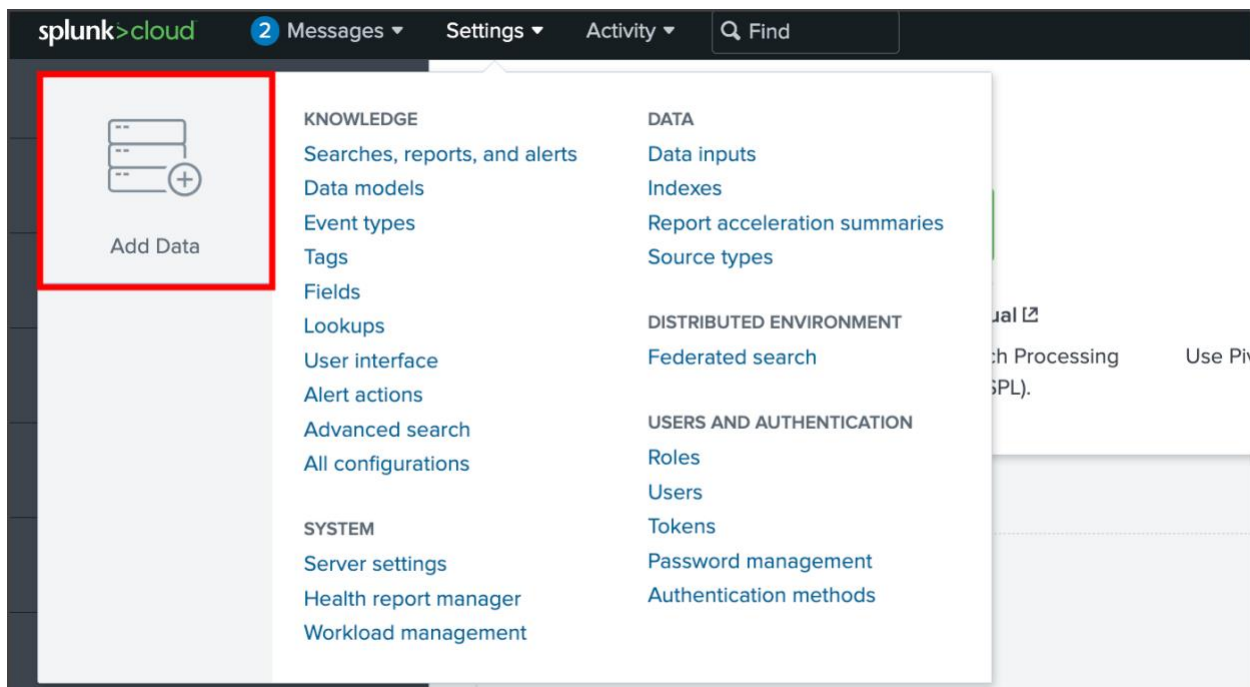
3. Beside **Link to supporting materials** click [tutorialdata.zip](#).

4. Click the **download icon** to download the zip file.

5. Go to the Splunk Home dashboard.

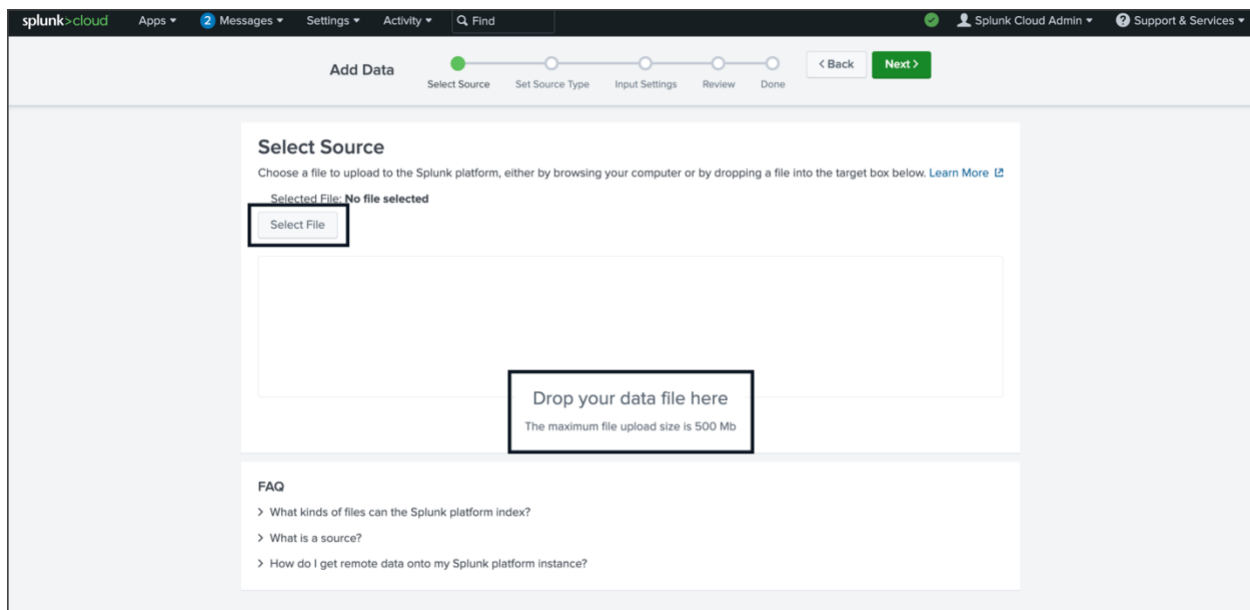
6. On the Splunk bar, click **Settings** and then click **Add Data**.





7. Click **Upload**.

8. Click **Select File** to upload the **tutorialdata.zip** file. Alternatively, you can also drag and drop your file in the **Drop your data file here** box.



9. Once the file is uploaded, click **Next** to continue to **Input Settings**.

**Add Data**

Select Source   Input Settings   Review   Done

< Back   **Next >**

### Select Source

Choose a file to upload to the Splunk platform, either by browsing your computer or by dropping a file into the target box below. [Learn More](#)

⚠ Preview is not supported for this archive file, but it can still be indexed.

Selected File: **tutorialdata.zip**

Select File

Drop your data file here

The maximum file upload size is 500 Mb

**FAQ**

- > What kinds of files can the Splunk platform index?
- > What is a source?
- > How do I get remote data onto my Splunk platform instance?

10. By the **Host** section, select **Segment in path** and enter **1** as the segment number.

**Add Data**

Select Source   **Input Settings**   Review   Done

< Back   **Review >**

### Input Settings

Optionally set additional input parameters for this data input as follows:

**Source type**

The source type is one of the default fields that the Splunk platform assigns to all incoming data. It tells the Splunk platform what kind of data you've got, so that the Splunk platform can format the data intelligently during indexing. And it's a way to categorize your data, so that you can search it easily.

Automatic   Select   New

**Host**

When the Splunk platform indexes data, each event receives a "host" value. The host value should be the name of the machine from which the event originates. The type of input you choose determines the available configuration options. [Learn More](#)

☐ Constant value  
☐ Regular expression on path  
☒ Segment in path

Segment number <sup>?</sup>

**Index**

The Splunk platform stores incoming data as events in the selected index. Consider using a "sandbox" index as a destination if you have problems determining a source type for

Index   Default ▾

11. Click **Review** and check the details of the upload before you submit. The details should be as follows:

- Input Type: Uploaded File
- File Name: tutorialdata.zip
- Source Type: Automatic
- Host: Source path segment number: 1
- Index: Default

12. After you've verified that the details are correct, click **Submit**.

splunk>cloud Apps Messages Settings Activity Find Splunk Cloud Admin Support & Services

Add Data

Select Source Input Settings Review Done

< Back Submit >

Review

Input Type .....	Uploaded File
File Name .....	tutorialdata.zip
Source Type .....	Automatic
Host .....	Source path segment number: 1
Index .....	Default

13. Once Splunk has ingested the data, you will receive a confirmation message stating that the file has been uploaded successfully.

14. Click the **Splunk Cloud** logo to return to the home page.

**You're done!** Once your Splunk Cloud account is set up, you can begin the next course item, [Activity: Perform a query with Splunk](#).

*Need additional help? If you are experiencing any issues with your Splunk Cloud account, please contact [Splunk's Help Center](#). Remember, the following course item, [Activity: Perform a query with Splunk](#), is optional and will not affect your completion of the course. If you are not able to create and set up a Splunk Cloud account, you can skip the activity.*