

GCP: HOWTO Get Free Credit

1. Prerequisites

1.1 Prerequisite: Google account OR Google Gmail account

Before proceeding,

- The user should have a Google account or Google Gmail account at hand.
 - If not, the user should create a new one first

IMPORTANT NOTES:

--> **NO special character** like the **period ‘.’** in the username of the account.

--> A username with a period ‘.’ – for example: John.Smith@gmail.com – would cause serious problems later.

--> The **best (safest) format** for the username should be only **ONE word**, all lower case.

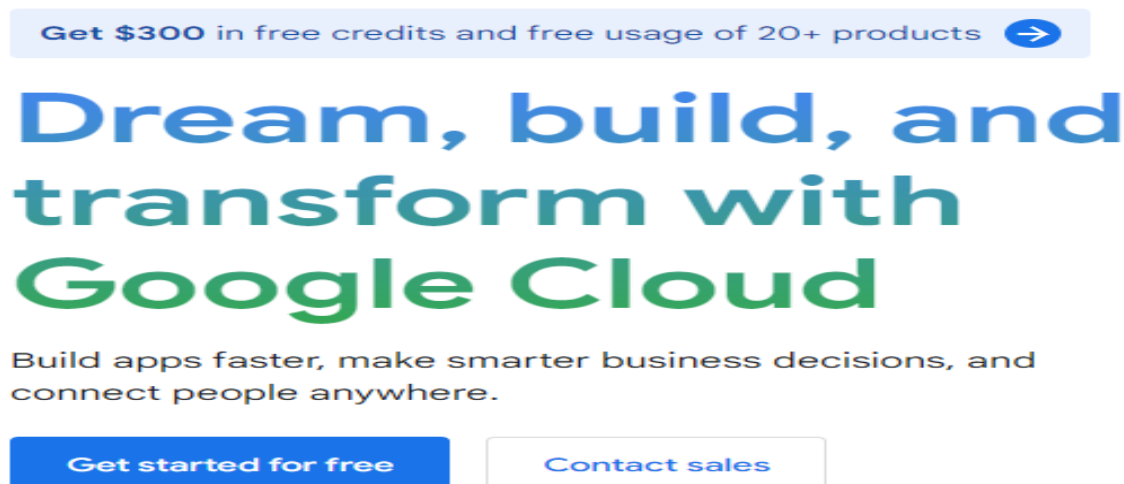
For example: johnsmith@gmail.com.

2. Get Free Credits

Access the link:

<https://cloud.google.com/free>

Using the above Google account/Gmail to get the Free-Trial \$300.00 credit.



The screenshot shows the Google Cloud website's offer for a free trial. At the top, a light blue banner reads "Get \$300 in free credits and free usage of 20+ products" with a right-pointing arrow. Below this, the main heading "Dream, build, and transform with Google Cloud" is displayed in large, bold letters, with "Google Cloud" in green. Underneath the heading, a sub-headline states: "Build apps faster, make smarter business decisions, and connect people anywhere." At the bottom, there are two buttons: a blue "Get started for free" button and a white "Contact sales" button with a grey border.

[Click Get started for free](#)

Try Google Cloud Platform for free

Step 1 of 2

Country

United States ▼

Terms of Service

☐ I have read and agree to the [Google Cloud Platform Free Trial Terms of Service](#).

Required to continue

CONTINUE

Access to all Cloud Platform Products

Get everything you need to build and run your apps, websites and services, including Firebase and the Google Maps API.

\$300 credit for free

Sign up and get \$300 to spend on Google Cloud Platform over the next 12 months.

No autocharge after free trial ends

We ask you for your credit card to make sure you are not a robot. You won't be charged unless you manually upgrade to a paid account.

Check Term of Service: I have read ...

Click CONTINUE

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Payments profile ⓘ

Choose the payments profile that will be associated with this account or transaction. A payments profile is shared and used across all Google products.



Customer info



Account type ⓘ

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NOTES:

--> The user has to provide credit card info here.

Payment method ⓘ

VISA

START MY FREE TRIAL



Click START MYFREE TRIAL

New Project



You have 9 projects remaining in your quota. Request an increase or delete projects. [Learn more](#)

[MANAGE QUOTAS](#)

Project name *

My Project 74418



Project ID: steam-key-251621. It cannot be changed later. [EDIT](#)

Location *

No organization

[BROWSE](#)

Parent organization or folder

CREATE

CANCEL

ENTER Project name: **EXAMPLE-PROJECT**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

--> The user can name the project as he/she wants.

Click EDIT

New Project

Project name *

EXAMPLE-PROJECT

Project ID *

example-project-264606



Project ID can have lowercase letters, digits, or hyphens. It must start with a lowercase letter and end with a letter or number.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

--> Write down the PROJECT-ID.

--> It is much needed later.

Click **CREATE**

..... MAY NEED TO REFRESH THE PAGE SEVERALL TIMES UNTIL THE NEW PROJECT SHOWS UP

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Manage resources [+ CREATE PROJECT](#) [DELETE](#)

Filter tree

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Free trial status: \$300.00 credit and 365 days remaining - with a full account, you'll get unlimited access to all of Google Cloud Platform. DISMISS ACTIVATE

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Manage resources + CREATE PROJECT DELETE HIDE INFO PANEL

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No resource selected

PERMISSIONS LABELS ACTIVITY

Please select at least one resource.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

--> There is a line of text that informs the user about the free credit benefits:
“Free trial status: \$300.00 credit and 365 days remaining - with a full account, you'll get unlimited access to all of Google Cloud Platform.”

--> The user needs to activate the free credit to get all the benefits:

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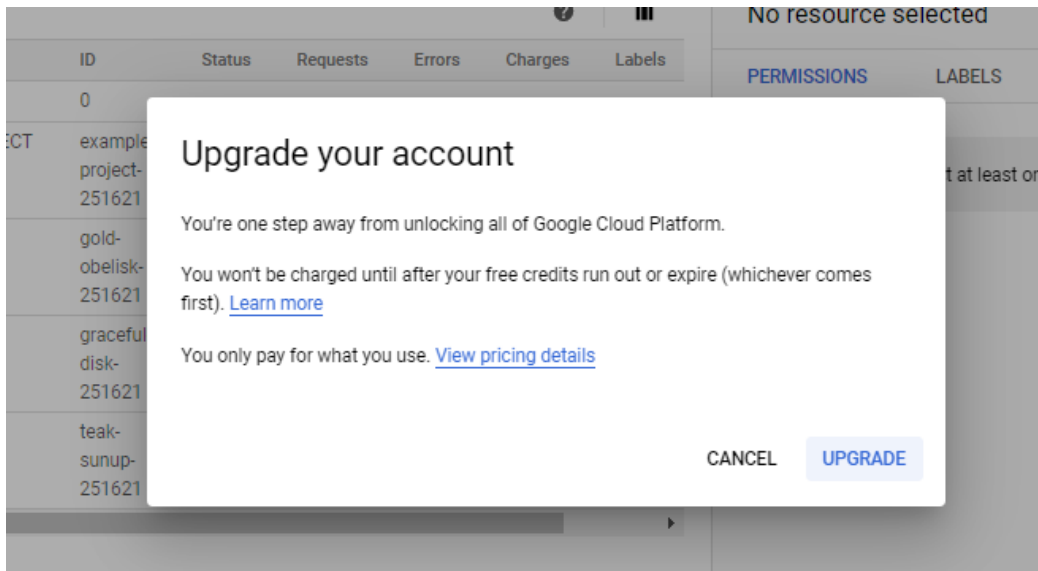
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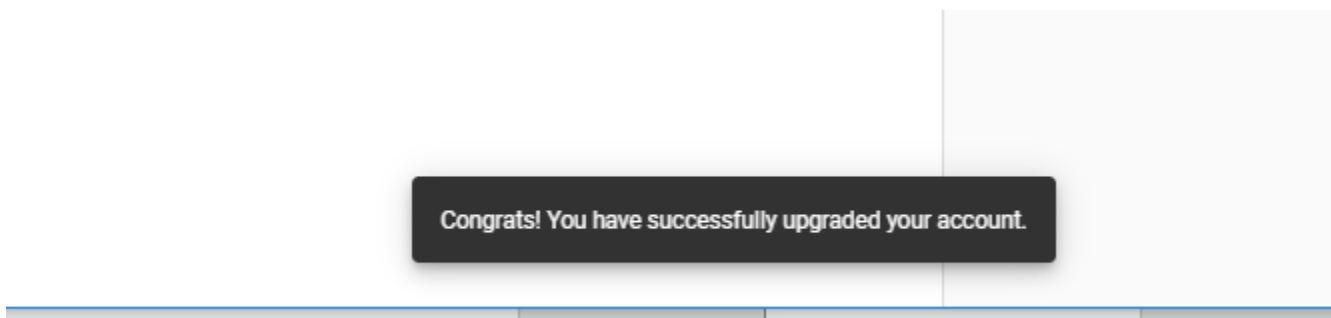
Click **ACTIVATE**



Click **UPGRADE**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- > *The user must **UPGRADE** the status of the account to get all the benefits of the free credit.*
- > ***UPGRADING** the account has nothing to do with whether the credit will be charged or not.*
- > *The credit card will only be charged when the free credit has run out or expired.*



IMPORTANT NOTES:

- > The user should see the above Congrat! message to be sure that he/she can get all the benefits of the free credit.

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Manage resources

CREATE PROJECT

DELETE

SHOW INFO PANEL

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THE ACCOUNT IS READY FOR USE WITH THE FREE CREDIT.