

Creating a trial Microsoft Azure account and activating MSDN benefits

What is Azure? In short, it's Microsoft's cloud platform: a growing collection of integrated services —compute, storage, data, networking, and apps— that help you move faster, do more, and save money. You can build infrastructure, develop modern applications, gain insights from data, manage identity and access and more.

In this lab you will create a free trial Microsoft Azure account, and you will activate the benefits available to MSDN subscribers.

This lab includes the following tasks:

1. [Creating a trial Microsoft Azure Account](#)
2. [Activating MSDN benefits](#)

Creating a trial Microsoft Azure Account

There are several ways to get an Azure subscription, such as the free trial subscription, the **pay-as-you-go** subscription, which has no minimums or commitments and you can cancel any time; **Enterprise agreement** subscriptions, or you can buy one from a Microsoft retailer. In this task you are going to create a free trial subscription.

1. Browse to the following page <http://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/free-trial/> to obtain a free trial account.
2. Click the **Try it Now** button.
3. Enter the credentials for the *Microsoft account* that you want to use. You will be redirected to the **Sign up** page.

Note: Some of the following sections could be omitted in the Sign up process, if you recently verified your Microsoft account.

4. Enter your personal information in the **About you** section. If you have previously loaded this info in your Microsoft Account, it will be automatically populated.

Sign up

Free Trial

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Microsoft Azure

1 About you

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COUNTRY/REGION ?
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CONTACT EMAIL ?	COMPANY/SCHOOL	WORK PHONE
<input type="text"/>	- Optional -	(604) 555-0100

2 Mobile verification ?

Send text message Call me

Canada (+1)

(604) 555-0100

3 Payment information ?

4 Agreement

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

Microsoft may use my email and phone to provide special Microsoft Azure offers.

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Sign up page - About you section

- In the **Mobile verification** section, enter your mobile phone number, and click the **Send text message** button.

2 Mobile verification ?

Send text message Call me

Argentina (+54)

Sign up page - Mobile verification section

- When you receive the verification code, enter it in the corresponding box, and click **Verify code**.

2 Mobile verification ?

Send text message Call me

Argentina (+54)

Sign up page - Mobile verification

- Fill in the **Payment information** form.

3 | Payment information ?

PAYMENT METHOD
New Credit Card ▼

CREDIT CARD NUMBER
- Enter without dashes or spaces -

CARD TYPE
Visa ▼

EXPIRATION DATE
MM ▼ YYYY ▼

CVV ?

NAME ON CARD

ADDRESS LINE 1

PHONE NUMBER
- Prefix - - Number -

ADDRESS LINE 2
- Optional -

CITY

STATE
▼

POSTAL CODE
- Example: A1234B

Sign up page - Payment information

Note: You may be prompted to agree the User Consent in order to enter your payment information. If this happens, after reading the dialog, click **Agree**.

- In the **Agreement** section, check the **I agree to the subscription Agreement, offer details, and privacy statement** option, and click **Sign up**
- Your free subscription will be set up, and after a while, you can start using it. Notice that you will be informed when the subscription expires.

4 | Agreement

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

Sign up page - Agreement section and Signup

Click a subscription to view details and usage.



Free Trial

Active

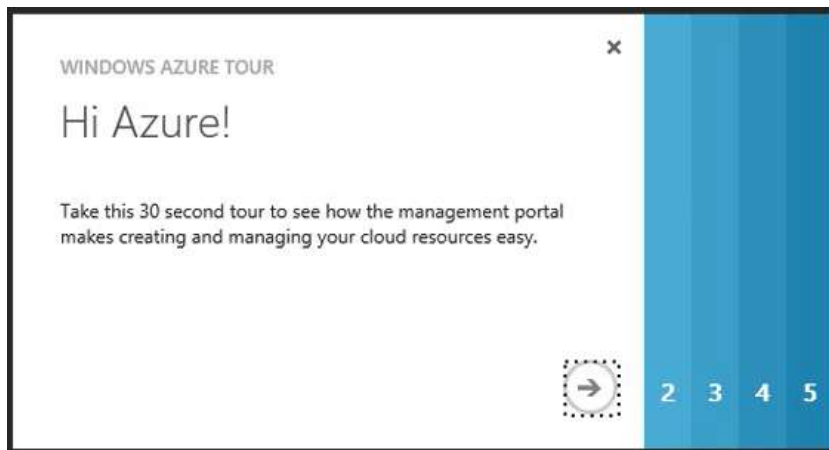


Your Free Trial expires in 29 day(s). [Click here to upgrade now.](#)

Free Trial subscription completed

Note: Your credit card will not be billed, unless you remove the spending limits. If you run out of credit, your services will be shut down unless you choose to be billed.

- Click the **Portal** link at the top-right of the page, to navigate to the **Azure Management Portal**. You will be greeted by the **Windows Azure Tour** dialog, which gives you a sense on how to move around in the Azure portal.



Windows Azure Tour

Activating MSDN benefits

If you happen to be an MSDN subscriber you can activate your Azure MSDN benefits. It is no charge, you can use your MSDN software in the cloud, and most importantly you get up to \$150 in Azure credits every month. You can also get 33% discount in Virtual Machines and much more.

1. To active the MSDN benefits, browse to the following URL: <http://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/member-offers/msdn-benefits-details/>
2. Scroll down to see the full list of benefits you will get for being a MSDN member. There is even a FAQ section you can read.
3. Click the **Activate** button to activate the benefits.

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FREE TRIAL

Azure benefit for MSDN subscribers

Activate your Azure MSDN benefit at no additional charge and use your MSDN software in the cloud.

Use MSDN Dev and Test Pay-As-You-Go on Azure to enable powerful team scenarios.

Activate

Monthly Azure credits

The choice is now yours on how you use your Azure credits. Use them on any Azure service based on your needs including, Virtual Machines, Websites, Cloud Services, Mobile Services, Storage, SQL Database, Content Delivery Network, HDInsight, Media Services, and many more.

SUBSCRIPTION LEVEL	VISUAL STUDIO PROFESSIONAL WITH MSDN	VISUAL STUDIO TEST PROFESSIONAL WITH MSDN	MSDN PLATFORMS	VISUAL STUDIO PREMIUM WITH MSDN	VISUAL STUDIO ULTIMATE WITH MSDN
Azure Credits included per month	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$100	\$150
Annual Savings first year ¹	\$600+	\$600+	\$1,200+	\$1,200+	\$1,800+

¹Estimated saving only includes the monthly credits we provide, and does not include any savings from the discounts and the use of MSDN software. Actual savings can be much higher.

Use up to your monthly Azure credits at no charge. If you exceed your monthly credits, your service will be disabled for that month. You can choose to turn off your Spending Limit, and any usage each month in excess of the monthly credits will be charged at the rates specified in this offer. [Read more about the Spending Limit feature.](#)

Activate Azure Benefits site

- You will need to enter your Microsoft account credentials to verify the subscription and complete the activation steps.

Summary

In this lab you have seen how to create a free Microsoft Azure trial account, and how to activate the MSDN subscription benefits in your azure account.