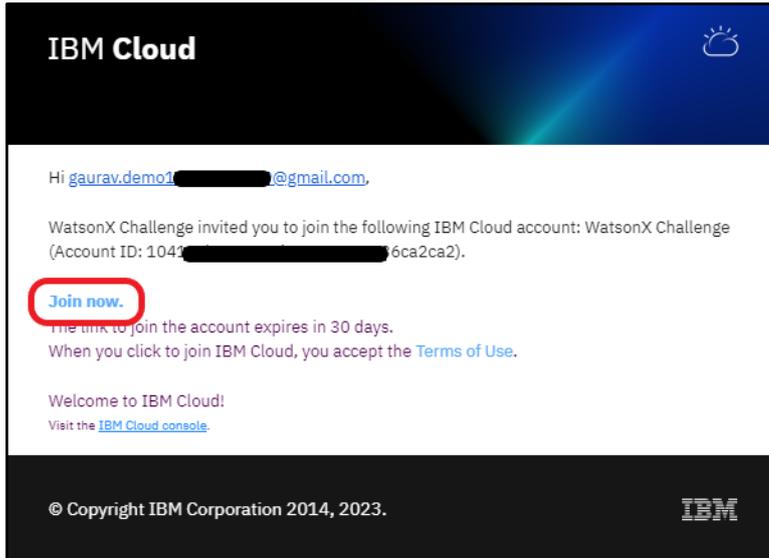


IBM Cloud Account Set Up Instructions

1. Access your IBM Cloud account

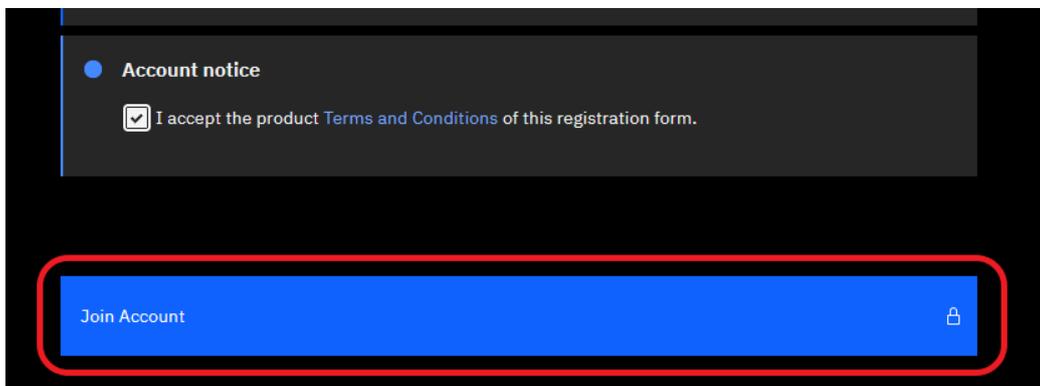
1. Go to your email inbox used for the Generative AI Hackathon with IBM watsonx registration and open the email you received from the IBM Cloud team about joining your cloud account.*

Click the **Join Now** button seen in that email.

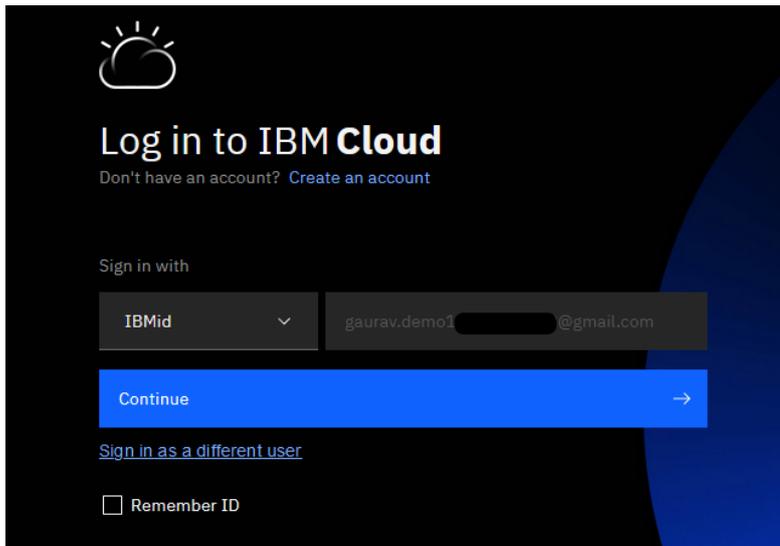


* You should have received an email invitation from the IBM Cloud team. Please check your junk/spam folders if you are not able to find the email in your inbox. You can also quickly search for “IBM Cloud” to locate the email.

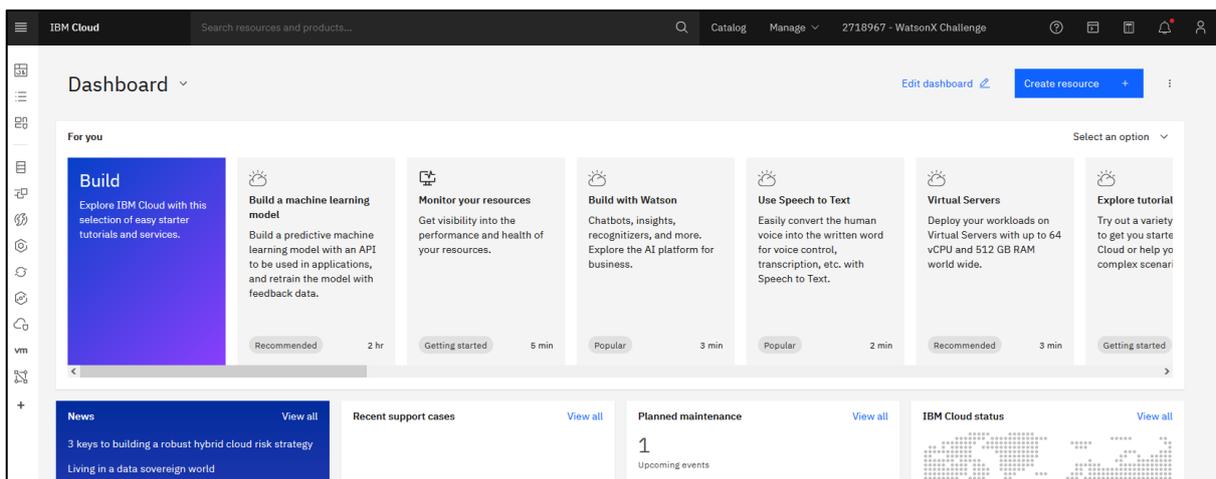
2. A new browser tab will open with the cloud account sign up page. Read and accept the terms and conditions and click the **Join Account** button.



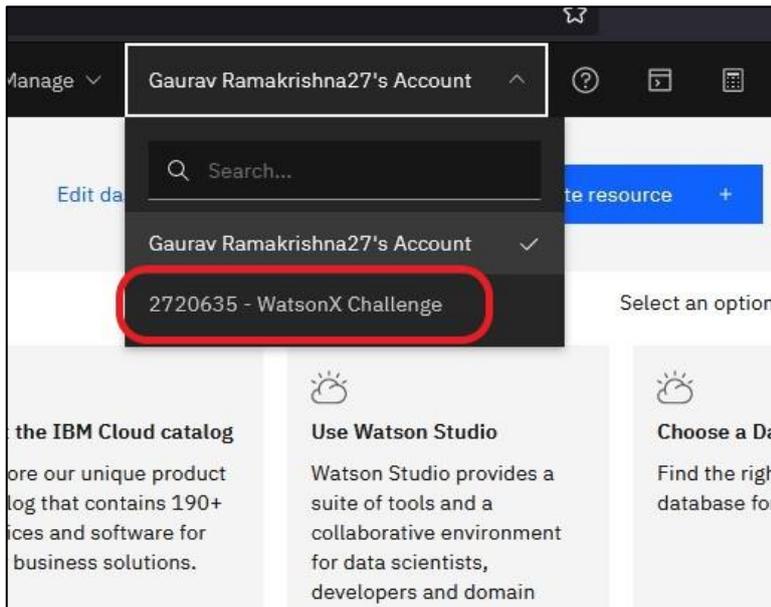
3. Complete the authentication process by clicking the **Continue** button.



After you authenticate successfully, you will be taken to the IBM Cloud dashboard.



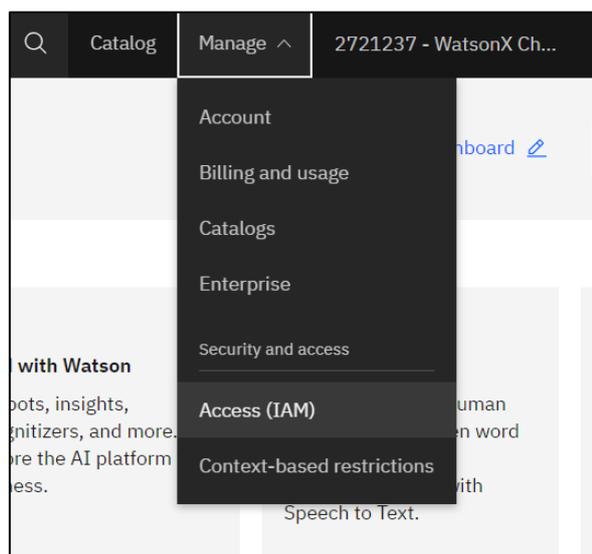
Note: If you have an existing IBM Cloud account, sometimes you will be directed to your existing account. In this case, please switch your account to the **xxxxxxx-WatsonX Challenge** cloud account. Refer to the below image.



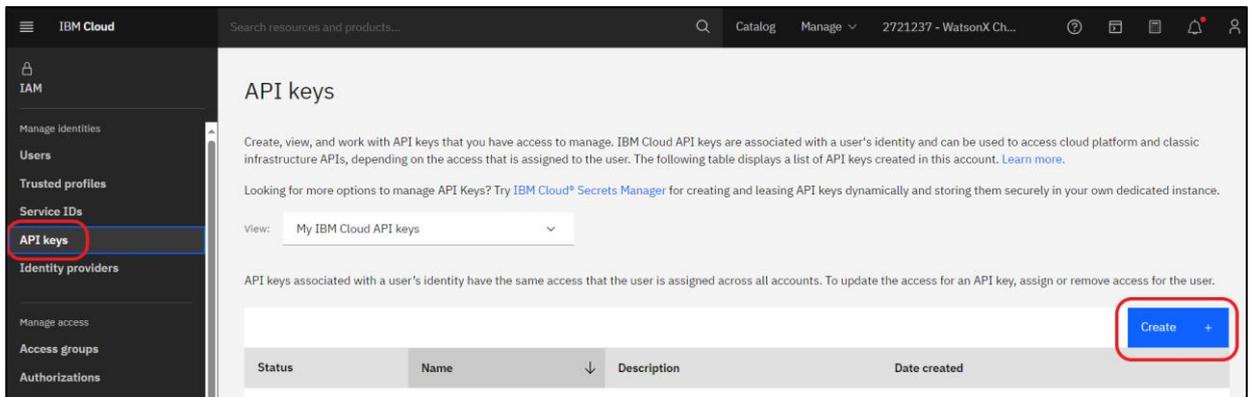
2. Create an IBM Cloud API key

An IBM Cloud API key would be required to generate [IAM access token](#) or an [endpoint integration of watsonx.ai](#) service.

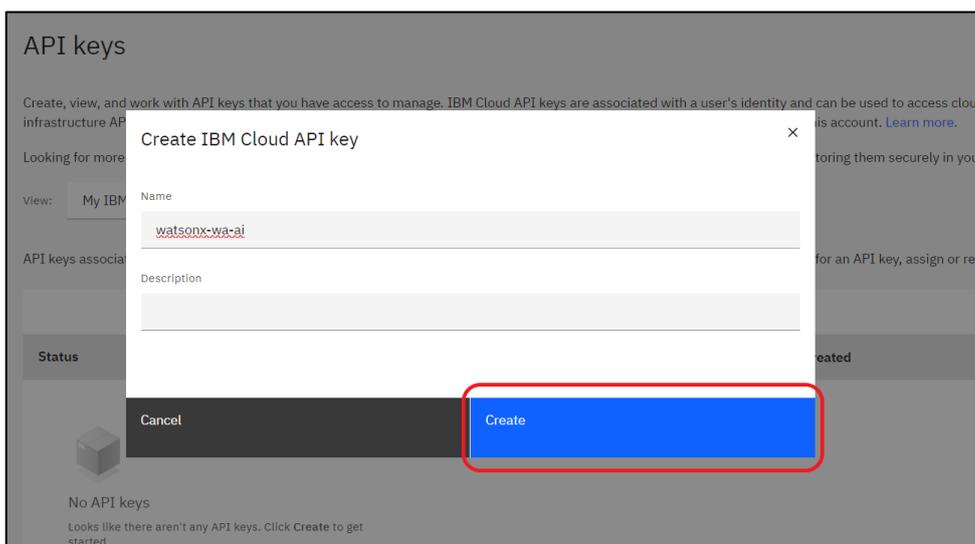
1. In your IBM Cloud account dashboard, select **Manage > Access (IAM)** at the top of the IBM Cloud dashboard.



2. Select **API keys** on the left pane and click the **Create +** button.



3. Enter a name and click the **Create** button.



4. An API key will be created. Download and save the file in a secure path in your system.