

Getting started with

# IBM® Storage Insights

IBM Storage Insights is an IBM cloud service that can help you predict and prevent storage problems before they impact your business.

Take a video tour at <https://ibm.biz/insightstour1>

## 1 Sign up

Estimated time: 10 minutes

If you own IBM block storage systems and don't already have IBM Storage Insights, sign up at <https://ibm.biz/insightsreg>. Within 24 hours an IBM representative will contact you to get started. It's that simple, and free, so why wait?

### What you need to know about signing up:

- You'll need an IBM ID. Don't worry, it's easy. Just go to [Create your IBM account](#) and complete the form.
- When you register, specify an owner for IBM Storage Insights. The owner manages access for other users and acts as the main contact.
- You'll receive a Welcome email when IBM Storage Insights is ready. The email contains a direct link to your dashboard.

## 2 Deploy data collectors

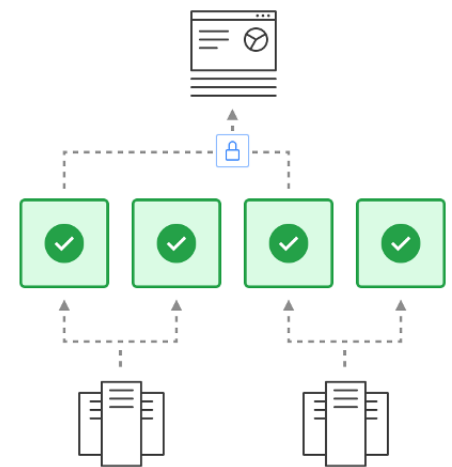
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Deploy one or more lightweight data collectors in your data center to stream performance, capacity, and configuration metadata to IBM Storage Insights.

1. Log in to IBM Storage Insights (the link is in your Welcome email).
2. From the **Configuration** menu, select **Data Collectors**.
3. Click **Deploy Data Collector**.
4. Download the data collector for your operating system (Windows, Linux, or AIX).
5. Extract the contents of the data collector file on the virtual machine or physical server where you want it to run.
6. For Windows, run 'installDataCollectorService.bat'.  
For Linux or AIX, run 'installDataCollectorService.sh'.

After a data collector is deployed, it attempts to establish a connection to IBM Storage Insights. When the connection is complete, you're ready to start adding your storage systems for monitoring!

**Learn more:** <https://ibm.biz/insightsdatacollector>



### Data collector requirements

Provide at least 1 GB of RAM and 3 GB of disk space.

Operating systems:

- Windows Server 2012 and later
- Linux:
  - x86-64: RHEL6 and later, CentOS 6 and later
  - PPC64LE: POWER8 with RHEL7
- AIX: POWER6® or later systems with AIX® versions 7.x and later

## 3 Add storage systems

Estimated time: 1 minute per storage system

Connect IBM Storage Insights to the storage systems that you want to monitor.

1. From the **Dashboards** menu, select **NOC**.
2. Click **Add Storage Systems** and follow the prompts. You can add one or more storage systems at a time.

**Learn more:** <https://ibm.biz/insightsaddingdevices>

Sign up now!

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## 4 View your dashboards

Dashboards provide insights into key aspects of your storage at a glance. Identify storage systems that need attention, monitor notifications of events that occur, get an overview of your environment, and more. For example, on the NOC dashboard, you can view:

- The overall condition of monitored storage systems.
- Key capacity metrics so you know whether you've got enough capacity to meet your storage demands.
- Key performance metrics so you know whether the performance of your storage systems meets operational requirements.

**Learn more:** <https://ibm.biz/insightsdashboards>

## 5 Enable Call Home

Estimated time: 5 minutes per storage system

Get the most out of IBM Storage Insights by enabling Call Home on your IBM block storage systems. With Call Home, you'll be able to view a diagnostic feed of events and notifications about their health and status.

Stay informed so you can act quickly to resolve incidents before they affect critical storage operations.

**Learn more:** <https://ibm.biz/insightscallhome>

## 6 Add users to your dashboard

Estimated time: 1 minute per user

*Optional:* Add users, such as other storage administrators, IBM Technical advisors, and IBM Business Partners, at any time so that they can access your IBM Storage Insights dashboard.

1. In IBM Storage Insights, click your user name in the upper-right corner of the dashboard.
2. Click **Manage Users**.
3. On your MYIBM page, ensure that IBM Storage Insights is selected.
4. Click **Add new user**.

**Learn more:** <https://ibm.biz/insightsmanageusers>

## What's next?

After you're up and running with IBM Storage Insights, there's even more that you can do:

- Have an open ticket with a storage system? Upload logs with ease.
- Encounter an issue with your storage? Open a support ticket with a few clicks.
- Create custom dashboards to model your data centers and storage environments.
- Try [IBM Storage Insights Pro](#). You get a free 60-day trial of its advanced monitoring and planning capabilities.
- Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) to see the latest videos for IBM Storage Insights.

## For your reference

Need more information? Explore these resources about IBM Storage Insights:

- [Troubleshooting](#) Having trouble getting started? Get answers here.
- [Security](#) Get a quick, high-level view of security in IBM Storage Insights.
- [FAQ](#) View answers to common questions.
- [Looking for help](#) Learn how to get help, where and when you need it.