



Creating a Google Play API Key

Scriptoria Admin Help

Introduction

Scriptoria allows the automated publishing of Android apps to the Google Play Store. In order to do this, Scriptoria needs a Google Play API Key from the organization for each Google Play Store account. **Only the owner of the Google Play Developer Account can perform these steps.** This document provides guidance specific to Scriptoria.

Full documentation from Google is available at: https://developers.google.com/android-publisher/getting_started

In 2023, Google removed the **API access** page from the Google Play Console. In their documentation (above), they say: "Note: You no longer need to link your developer account to a Google Cloud Project in order to access the Google Play Developer API."

Now you first need to create a Google Cloud Project (one can be used for multiple Google Play Store accounts)

Steps

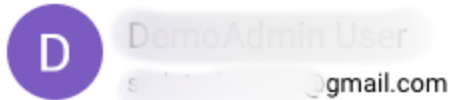
Create a Google Cloud Project

Go to the Google Cloud Console <https://console.cloud.google.com> and either use an existing project or create a new one. You can have more than one Google Play Store configured in a Google Cloud Project. If this is your first time accessing Google Cloud, you will need to read and agree to the Terms of Service.



Welcome **DemoAdmin User**!

Create and manage your Google Cloud instances, disks, networks, and other resources in one place.



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Country

United States

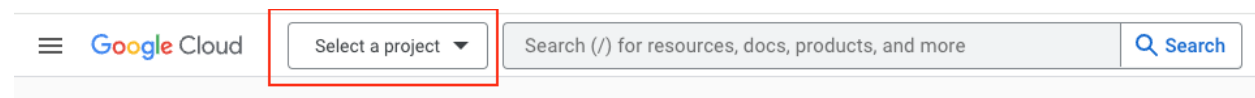
Terms of Service

☐ I agree to the [Google Cloud Platform Terms of Service](#), and the terms of service of [any applicable services and APIs](#).

[AGREE AND CONTINUE](#)

To create a project:

1. In the menu bar of the website, click on the **Select a project** dropdown.



2. In the **Select a project** dialog, click on the **NEW PROJECT** link

Select a project

 NEW PROJECT

Search projects and folders



RECENT

STARRED

ALL

Name

ID



No organization

0

3. In the **New Project** page, enter a Project name (e.g. Google Play Console Developer). You may select an organization or not assign an organization. It is up to you.

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New Project



You have 12 projects remaining in your quota. Request an increase or delete projects. [Learn more](#)

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Project name *

Google Play Console Developer



Project ID: zinc-code-410016. It cannot be changed later. [EDIT](#)

Location *



No organization

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Parent organization or folder

CREATE

CANCEL

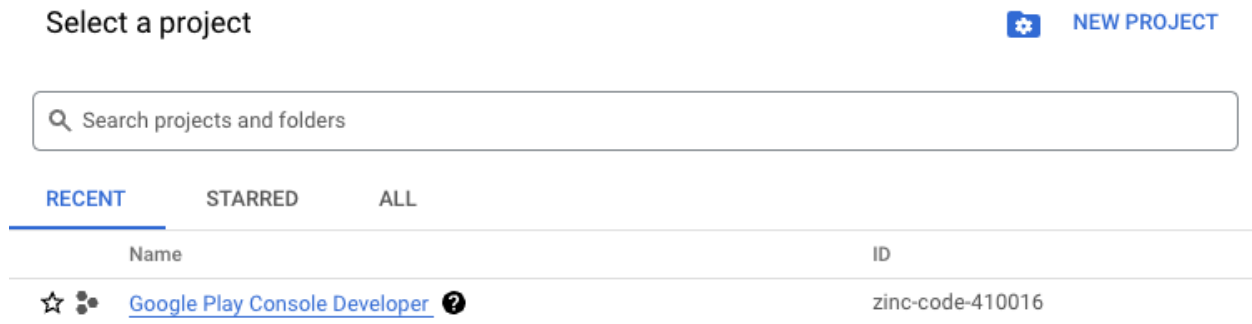
Select the Project

To select a pre-existing project or the newly created project:

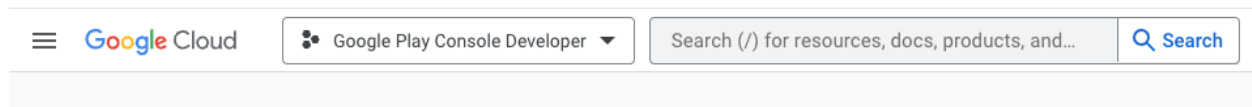
1. In the menu bar of the website, click on the **Select a project** dropdown.



2. In the Select a project dialog, click on the link for the project name.



You should now see the project name displayed in the **Select a project** dropdown.

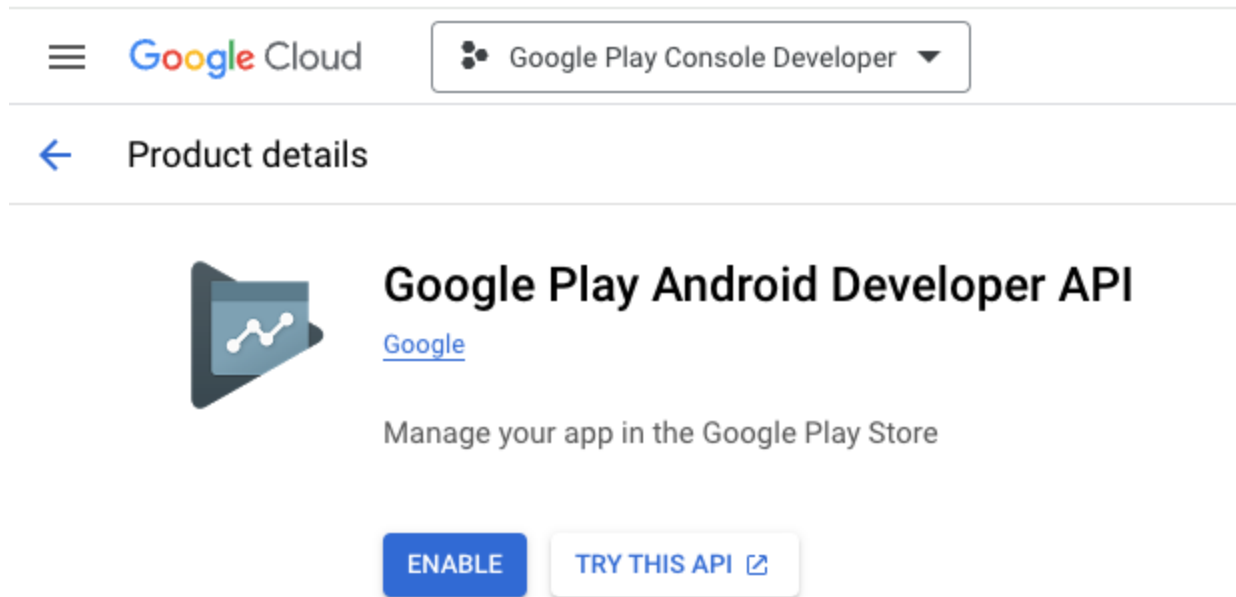


Enable the API

Once you have set up the Google Cloud Project, you need to enable the Google Play Developer API for this project. This is only for new projects.

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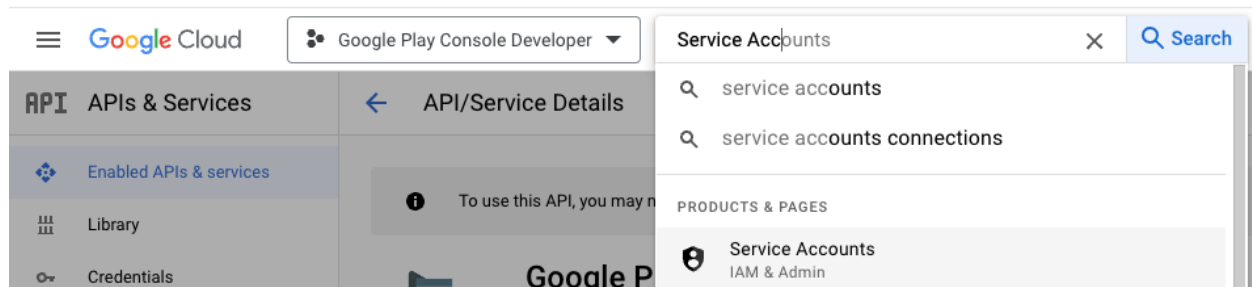
1. Go to the [Google Play Developer API](#) page in Google Cloud Console.
2. Click **Enable**.



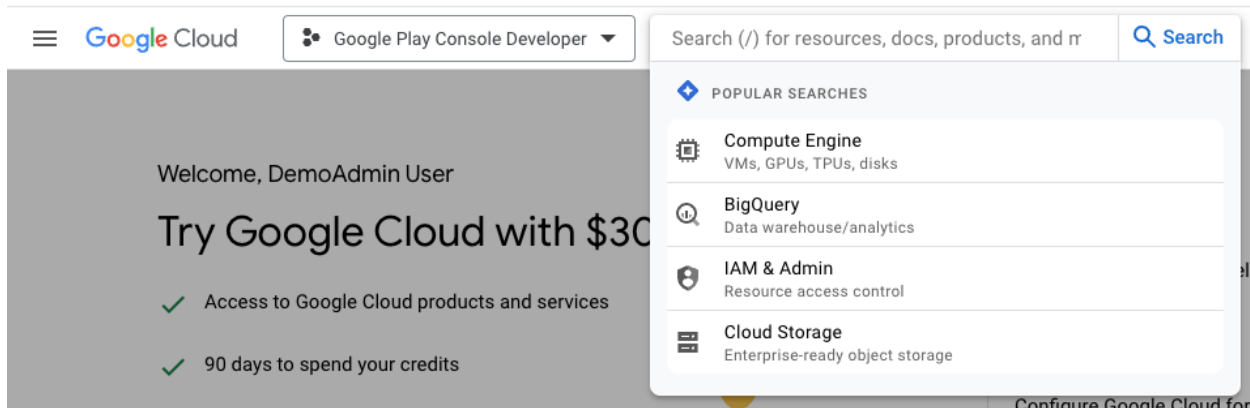
Create Service Account

For Scriptoria to publish to Google Play on your behalf, you will need to create a service account. A service account is created in the IAM & Admin section of the Google Cloud Console. To navigate to this section, you can:

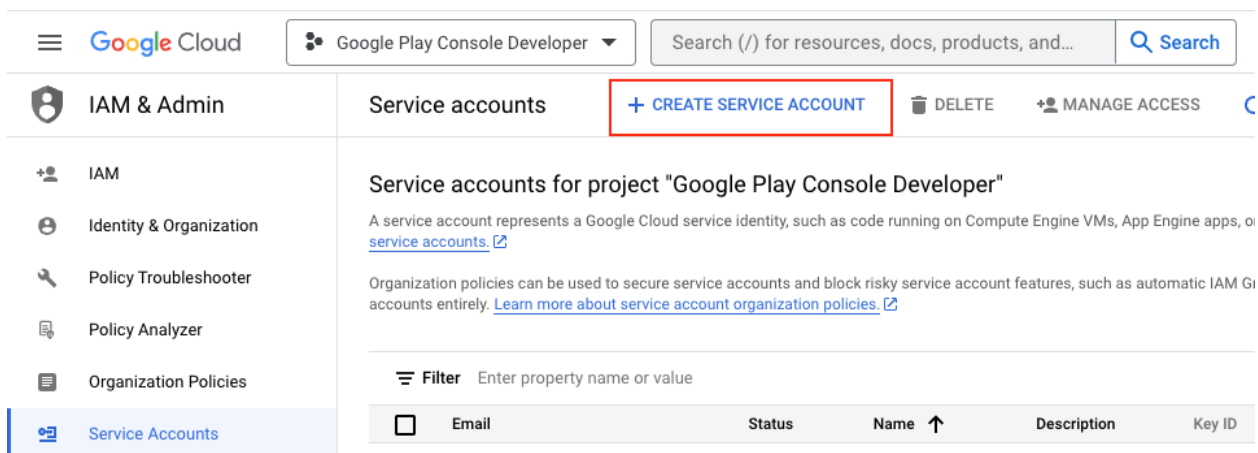
1. type "Service Accounts" in search field or



2. click on the search field and then click on **IAM & Admin** in the **POPULAR SEARCHES** list and then select **Service Accounts** from the menu on the left.



3. Click on **+ CREATE SERVICE ACCOUNT**



4. Enter a **Service account name** (e.g. YOUR_ORG_NAME-scriptoria) and **Service account description** (optional)

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Create service account

1

Service account details

Service account name

ScriptoriaDemo-scriptoria

Display name for this service account

Service account ID *

scriptoriademo-scriptoria

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Email address: scriptoriademo-scriptoria@zinc-code-410016.iam.gserviceaccount.com

Service account description

Publish apps to Google Play using Scriptoria

Describe what this service account will do

CREATE AND CONTINUE

2

Grant this service account access to project (optional)

3

Grant users access to this service account (optional)

DONE

CANCEL

5. Click on **CREATE AND CONTINUE**

6. Set **Grant this service account access to project (optional)** to **Basic > Owner**

7. Click on **CONTINUE**

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Create service account

✓ Service account details

2 Grant this service account access to project (optional)

Grant this service account access to Google Play Console Developer so that it has permission to complete specific actions on the resources in your project. [Learn more](#)

Role

Owner

Full access to most Google Cloud resources. See the list of included permissions.

IAM condition (optional)

+ ADD IAM CONDITION

+ ADD ANOTHER ROLE

CONTINUE

3 Grant users access to this service account (optional)

DONE CANCEL

- Click on **DONE**
- On the row with the new service account, click on the vertical dot menu and click on **Manage keys**

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Service accounts | + CREATE SERVICE ACCOUNT | DELETE | + MANAGE ACCESS | REFRESH | LEA

Service accounts for project "Google Play Console Developer"

A service account represents a Google Cloud service identity, such as code running on Compute Engine VMs, App Engine apps, or systems running outside Google. [Learn more about service accounts.](#)

Organization policies can be used to secure service accounts and block risky service account features, such as automatic IAM Grants, key creation/upload, or the creation of service accounts entirely. [Learn more about service account organization policies.](#)

Filter Enter property name or value

	Email	Status	Name ↑	Description	Key ID	Key creation date	OAuth 2 Client	Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	scriptoriademo-scriptoria@zinc-code-410016.iam.gserviceaccount.com	Enabled	ScriptoriaDemo-scriptoria	Publish apps to Google Play using Scriptoria	No keys		10677092692	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage details Manage permissions Manage keys View metrics View logs Disable Delete

10. On the Keys page, click **ADD KEY** and then **Create new key**

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ScriptoriaDemo-scriptoria

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Keys

Service account keys could pose a security risk if compromised. We recommend you avoid downloading service account keys. You can learn more about the best way to authenticate service accounts on [Workload Identity Federation](#).

Add a new key pair or upload a public key certificate from an existing key pair.

Block service account key creation using [organization policies](#). [Learn more about setting organization policies for service accounts](#)

ADD KEY ▾

Create new key

Upload existing key

Key creation date	Key expiration date
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11. Use JSON Key type (default) and click **CREATE** (which will prompt to save a JSON file with the Google Play API Key to your computer).

Status	Key	Key creation date	Key expiration date
<h2>Create private key for "ScriptoriaDemo-scriptoria"</h2> <p>Downloads a file that contains the private key. Store the file securely because this key can't be recovered if lost.</p> <p>Key type</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> JSON Recommended</p> <p><input type="radio"/> P12 For backward compatibility with code using the P12 format</p> <p>CANCEL CREATE</p>			


12. Click **Close** on the **Private key saved to your computer** dialog.
13. Click on the **back arrow** to go back to the list of Service accounts.


Reload this page


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 IAM

 Identity & Organization

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Keys

14. Hover your mouse over the Email field of the new Service account and click on the **copy icon** to copy the email address of the service account.

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud IAM & Admin console. The left sidebar lists various IAM tools, with 'Service Accounts' selected. The main panel displays 'Service accounts for project "Google Play Console Developer"'. It includes a filter bar and a table of service accounts. One account is listed with the email `scriptoriademo-scriptoria@zinc-code-418616.iam.gserviceaccount.com`, which is highlighted with a red box. The account is in an 'Enabled' status.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Email	Status	Name ↑	Description	Key ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	scriptoriademo-scriptoria@zinc-code-418616.iam.gserviceaccount.com	Enabled	ScriptoriaDemo-scriptoria	Publish apps to Google Play using Scriptoria	a7eff791

Invite Service Account to Google Play

Now that you have the service account created and the JSON API Key downloaded, you need to give permission to the service account in your Google Play console.

1. Open the Google Play Developer Console (<https://play.google.com/console/developers>) for your Google Play Store.
2. Go to the **Users and permissions** section
3. Click on **Invite new users** button

The screenshot shows the Google Play Console 'Users and permissions' section. The 'Users' tab is selected, showing a list of 3 users. The 'Invite new users' button is prominently displayed in the bottom right corner. The interface includes a search bar for users and a filter option.

4. Paste in the Email address of the service account into the **Email address** field.
5. Select **Account permissions** tab and check **Admin (all permissions)**

Google Play Console

Search Play Console

← Users and permissions

Invite user

User details

Email address:

Access expiry ? ☐ Set access expiry date

Permissions

Choose the apps and areas of Play Console that this user has access to. Grant permissions for individual apps, or use Account permissions to grant access to all apps in your developer account. Some account permissions give additional access.

App permissions Account permissions Permission groups

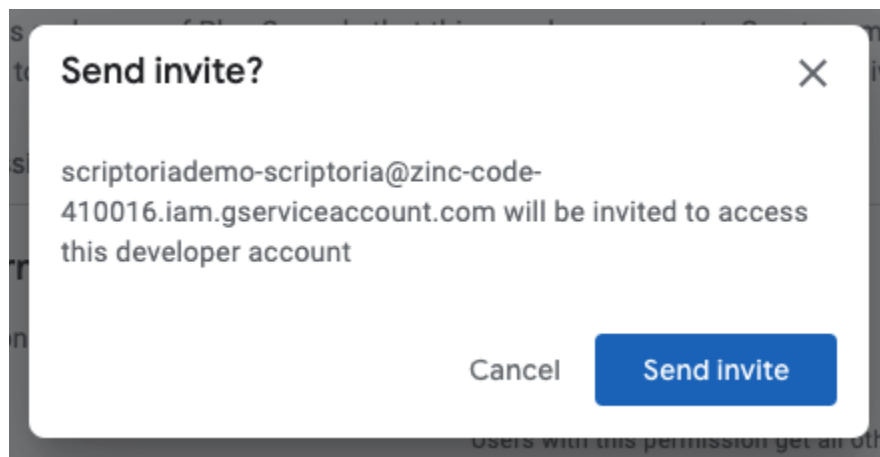
Account permissions

Grant permissions for all apps in your developer account

App access

- ☒ **Admin (all permissions)**
Users with this permission get all other permissions for your developer account. They can also invite new users to your developer account, remove users, manage all other user's permissions, change access expiry dates, and view changes made in Play Console using the activity log.
Some additional actions can only be done by the account owner, like agreeing to Terms of Service agreements.
- ☒ **View app information and download bulk reports (read-only)**
View all app information, including any associated Play Games Services projects - but not financial data. Users with this permission can also download bulk reports, and will be able to view any new apps that you add to Play Console in the future.
This permission does not allow users to edit information, or make any changes. To grant access to financial data, give users the 'View financial data' permission.

6. Click the **Invite user** button at the bottom of the page.
7. Click the **Send Invite** button in the **Send invite?** dialog box.



You will be redirected back to the **Users and permissions** list and will see the new entry for the service account email address with the **Active** status.

Send JSON API Key to Scriptoria

Email the JSON API Key file to the Scriptoria administrator who is assisting with the creation of your Scriptoria account.