

# **Getting Started Guide**

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#### **Overview**

The Aquila Clouds SAAS platform enables you to run your cloud with confidence and efficiency. Aquila clouds gathers configuration, cost and performance data from your cloud environment, analyzes it and provides summarized reports and recommendations in addition to automating some aspects of managing your cloud environment.

The platform's features can be broadly classified into three aspects

- Visibility
- Recommendations
- Actions.

Visibility provides insights into the cost and utilization of your environment summarized in a neat Dashboard by different dimensions of interest such as Sub account, groups, Services, Resource types etc.

Recommendations Dashboard offers suggestions to save cost and improve performance.

Actions are either one time tasks or continuous tasks that are automatically executed on schedule or based on certain conditions or events which the platform can perform on your behalf.



To use the platform, you need to SignUp and onboard the AWS account(s) that you wish to manage using Aquila Clouds. The SignUp process starts with a request for access to the software. It can occur via a manual interaction with a Aquila Clouds Sales contact or via our company portal at <a href="https://aquilaclouds.com">https://aquilaclouds.com</a>. Once you SignUp an email will be sent to you with the URL for accessing the platform and onboarding your Cloud Environment to be managed by Aquila Clouds.

### **Basic Onboarding Steps**

- 1. Agree to the Terms of Service/Software License Agreement
- 2. Select whether you wish to go with <u>Free Tier</u> (Aquila Clouds Platform limits analysis to first 100 Instances and 3 month Data History for Free Tier) OR <u>Enterprise Tier</u> (Unlimited, 30 days Free Trial after which License needs to be purchased)
- 3. Provide Company Email and Password

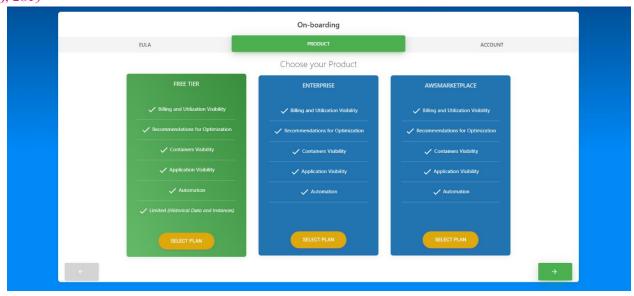
### <u>Step 1</u>

Read the terms and Accept (if you agree) or Abort by killing the browser window (if you disagree to the terms)

### Step 2

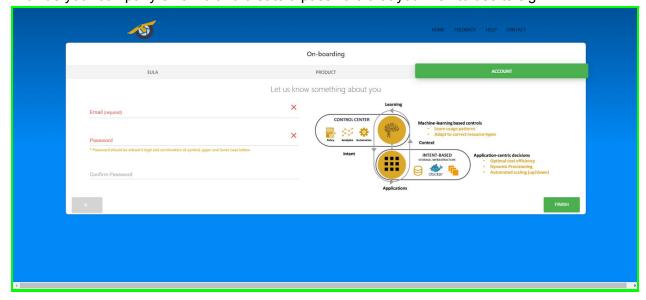
Choose your Product License type





# Step 3

Provide your company email id and create a password that you wish to use to signin.



You are Onboarded Now.



Please note, Aquila Clouds discovers objects in your environment and retrieves utilization metrics from it via Cloudwatch API (please note cloudwatch api use will incur charges from AWS. Please refer to AWS cloudwatch pricing information for charges incurred). You can check those charges in AWS Console -> Billing -> Cost Explorer.

Before you login and start using the product, you need to add a cloud environment like AWS, Azure etc. And before we add the environment, we need to create an IAM role, a s3 bucket and an access policy in AWS console.

# **AWS Specific Instructions**

# **Steps for creating IAM Role**

We recommend that you use the Role Creator Tool provided by us to create the role. Its easy and reliable way to create an IAM role for this application.

If you can not use the tool for some reason, please follow the steps elaborated below.

**STEP 1**: In AWS console go to IAM service. Click Roles -> Create Role



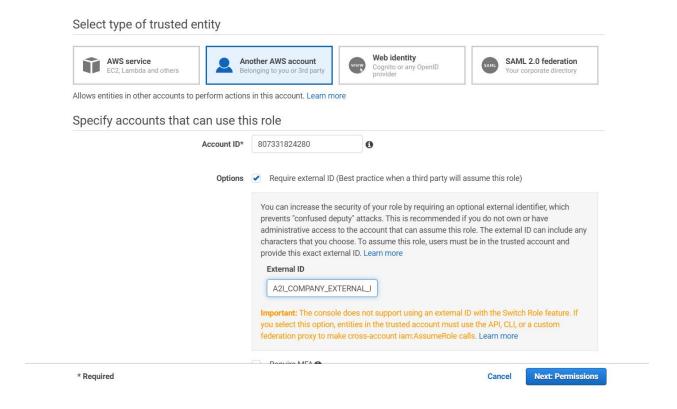
STEP 2: Choose another AWS Account

STEP 3: Enter the AQUILA CLOUDS AWS ACCOUNT ID

(807331824280)

STEP 4: Select the checkbox for require EXTERNALID and enter the ID

(A2I\_COMPANY\_EXTERNAL\_ID) as shown below



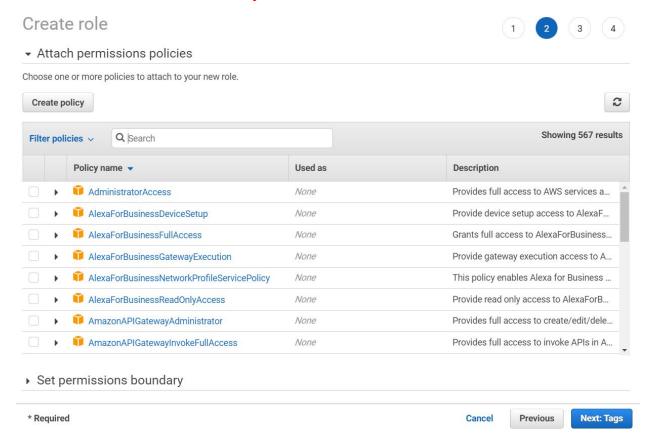
## Step 4

Assign all the required permissions for the platform by referring to the permissions section Permissions needed in IAM Role to enable features. In case you wish to limit the permissions to the lowest level ie Read Only then select these 2 permissions in the permissions screen. else please refer



information below to provide other permissions required to realize the full power of the platform

- AmazonEC2ReadOnlyAccess
- CloudWatchReadOnlyAccess



# Step 5

Skip the Tags step and Give a name and create ROLE

### Step 6

Go to the Roles Page and open the role you just created

# Step 7

Select the Trust Relationships tab and click Edit Trust Relationship



### Step 8

replace the word root with this string *user/aquila\_product\_user* as done in the image below and click update trust policy button

#### **Edit Trust Relationship**

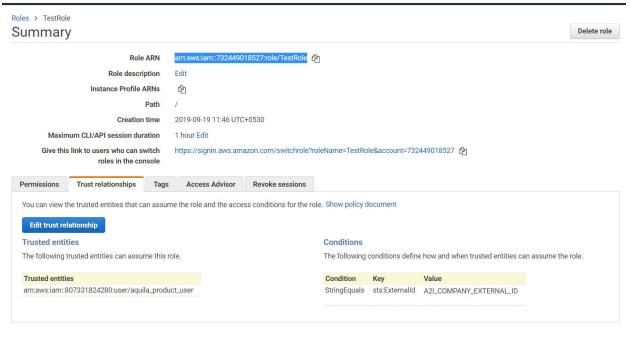
You can customize trust relationships by editing the following access control policy document.

#### **Policy Document**

### Step 9

Copy the *Role ARN* (highlighted in the example image below). This is the string you need to enter in the Add Environment screen of Aquila.





#### Permissions needed in IAM Role to enable features

Users can choose to grant various levels of permissions to access different Aquila Clouds features. We strongly suggest that all permissions be granted as listed to derive maximum value from the platform.

## **Enabling Billing**

# Enabling access to detailed Billing data as detailed in the steps below.

#### Refer AWS S3 doc:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/awsaccountbilling/latest/aboutv2/billing-reports-gettingstarted-s3.html.

#### Steps to activate S3 based billing



#### Steps:

- 1) Create an S3 bucket to store the daily billing reports of your AWS resources that are generated by AWS. Log in to the Amazon S3 console to create a bucket: <a href="https://console.aws.amazon.com/s3">https://console.aws.amazon.com/s3</a>
- 2) To create billing report and schedule the AWS Cost and Usage report to be generated daily.
- a) Open the Billing and Cost Management console: https://console.aws.amazon.com/billing/
- b) Click Reports > Create report.
- c) On the Select Content page, configure the following properties:

Report name: Type a name for the report

**Time unit:** Select Daily to aggregate report data every day. **Include:** 

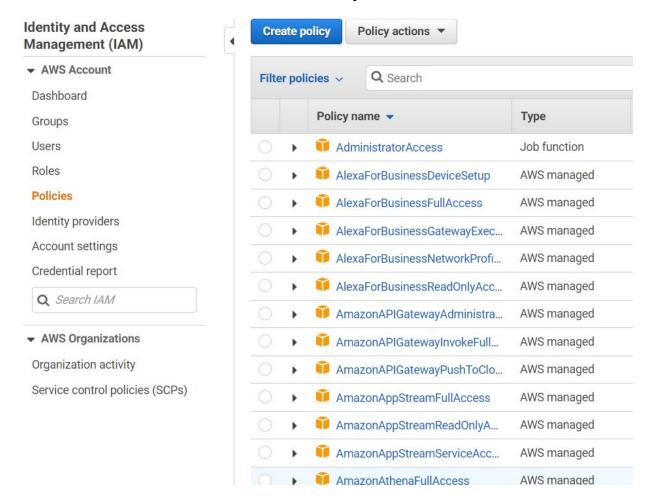
Enable Include the Resource IDs check box to associate the resources with the business services.

Enable Automatically refresh your Cost & Usage Report when charges are detected for previous months with closed bills checkbox

- d) Click Next.
- 3) On the Report details page, configure the following properties:
  - a) Click on the Configure and select the s3 bucket we just created. Verify whether the bucket has appropriate permissions to store the reports and click Save.
  - b) In the Report path prefix box, type the prefix that you want to append to the report name. Select *Daily* time granularity and *Create new report version*.
    - c) Click Next.

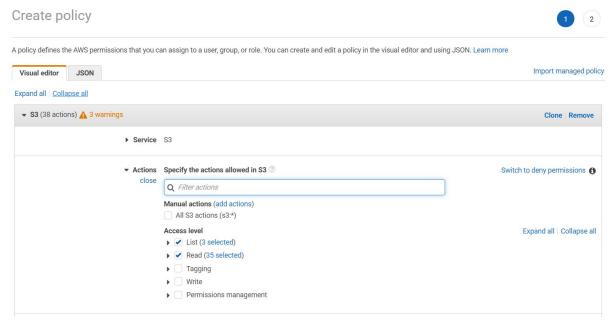


- d) Review the settings, and click Review and Complete
- 4) Create a policy that grants access to the s3 bucket we created. Go to AWS console -> IAM -> Policies -> Create Policy.

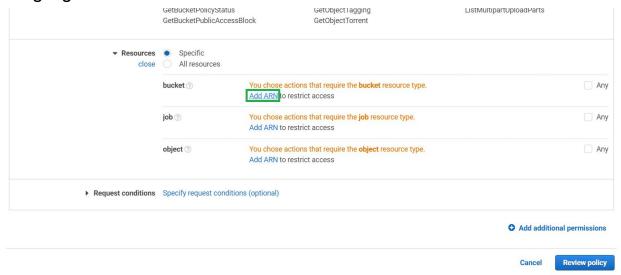


b) Select s3 service and choose List & Read Actions as shown below.



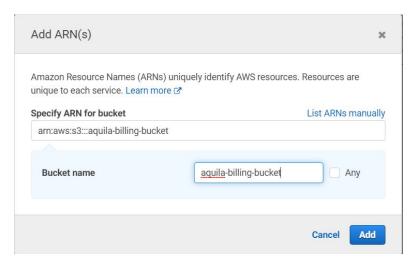


c) Click on resources and then on 'Add ARN' from the *bucket* section highlighted below

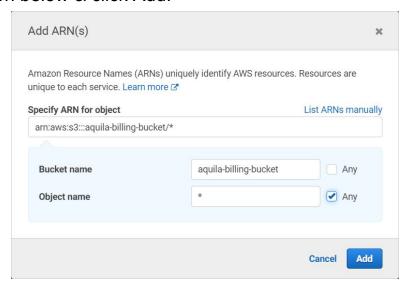


d) Enter the Bucket name and click on Add.



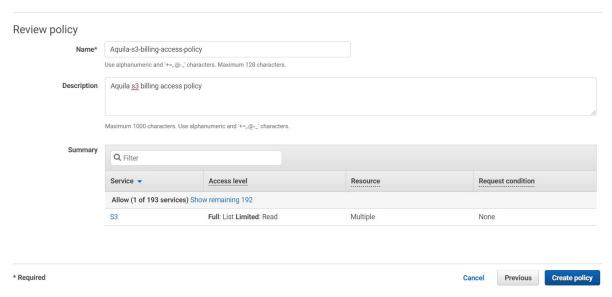


e) Now click on Add ARN' from *object* section and fill in detail as shown below & click Add.



f) Now, click on Review Policy and enter Name & Description before clicking on Create Policy.





g) Next step is to attach this policy to the role we created for Aquila. Go to IAM -> Roles, select the role and click on Attach Policies



h) Select the newly created policy from list and click on Attach policy



aquila\_product\_policy

Aquila-s3-billing-access-policy

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aquila\_product\_policy for external product

Aquila s3 billing access policy

	Pancel Attach policy

5) Go s3 -> Buckets and make sure that our bucket json permissions look something like below:

Customer managed Permissions policy (1)

Customer managed

```
{
Version: 2012-10-17,
   Statement: [
   {
   Effect: Allow,
   Principal: {
      AWS: 386209384616
},
   Action: [
      s3:GetBucketAcl,
      s3:GetBucketPolicy
],
   Resource: arn:aws:s3:::<bucketname>
   },
   {
   Effect: Allow,
}
```



```
Principal: {
   AWS: 386209384616
},
Action: s3:PutObject,
Resource: arn:aws:s3:::<bucketname>/*
   }
   ]
}
```

Replace <bucketname> with the name of your bucket.

Do not change the Principal number 386209384616. AWS uses it to send reports to your bucket.

### Feature-wise breakup of Permissions

Permissions required for Visibility, Recommendation, Alerts (Cost, Recommendation, Alerts, Utilization, Container and Application Dashboards). This is apart from billing permissions stated above

```
ec2:DescribeSnapshots,
ec2:DescribeVolumes,
ec2:DescribeVolumeStatus,
ec2:DescribeSnapshotAttribute,
ec2:DescribeInstances,
ec2:DescribeVolumeAttribute,
ec2:DescribeInstanceStatus,
ec2:DescribeTags,
ecs:List*,
ecs:Describe*,
eks:List*,
eks:Describe*,
ec2:Describe*,
elasticloadbalancing:Describe*,
cloudwatch:ListMetrics,
cloudwatch: GetMetricStatistics,
cloudwatch:GetMetricData,
```



cloudwatch:Describe\*, autoscaling:Describe\*,

Permissions required for Actions/Automation features of Aquila Clouds (Actions enabled in Recommendation Dashboard, Action Console). These are in addition to those needed for Visibility/Recommendation Dashboards and Billing mentioned above.

- ec2:CopySnapshot
- ec2:ModifyVolumeAttribute,
- ec2:CreateImage,
- ec2:ResetInstanceAttribute,
- ec2:Copylmage,
- ec2:StartInstances,
- ec2:StopInstances
- ec2:ImportSnapshot,
- ec 2: Create Launch Template Version,
- ec2:CreateLaunchTemplate,
- ec2:ModifyInstanceCreditSpecification,
- ec2:AssociatelamInstanceProfile
- ec2:UnmonitorInstances
- ec2:MonitorInstances,
- ec2:ReportInstanceStatus,
- ec2:DeleteVolume,
- ec2:ModifySnapshotAttribute,
- ec2:StartInstances,
- ec2:CreatePlacementGroup,
- ec2:ImportImage,
- ec2:DetachVolume,
- ec2:ModifyVolume,
- ec2:ResetImageAttribute,
- ec2:CreateTags,
- ec2:RegisterImage,
- ec2:ModifyInstanceEventStartTime,
- ec2:RunInstances.
- ec2:StopInstances,
- ec2:CreateVolume,



```
ec2:EnableVolumeIO,
ec2:AttachVolume,
ec2:ImportVolume,
ec2:RequestSpotInstances,
ec2:DeleteTags,
ec2:RunScheduledInstances,
ec2:RequestSpotFleet,
ec2:ModifyImageAttribute,
ec2:CreateSnapshot,
ec2:ModifyInstanceAttribute,
ec2:ModifyReservedInstances,
ec2:RebootInstances,
ec2:CreateInstanceExportTask,
ec2:ModifyInstancePlacement,
ec2:TerminateInstances,
ec2:ImportInstance,
ec2:ResetSnapshotAttribute,
ec2:ModifyInstanceCapacityReservationAttributes
```

Comprehensive set of Permissions required for entire set of features as single list (This is a cumulative list of both the distinct lists above)

```
Version: 2012-10-17,
Statement: [
{
    Sid: VisualEditor0,
    Effect: Allow,
    Action: [
        ec2:CopySnapshot,
        ec2:DescribeInstances,
        ec2:UnmonitorInstances,
        ec2:ModifyVolumeAttribute,
        ec2:MonitorInstances,
        ec2:CreateImage,
        ec2:ResetInstanceAttribute,
        ec2:CopyImage,
```



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- ec2:DescribeSnapshots,
- ec2:ReportInstanceStatus,
- ec2:DeleteVolume,
- ec2:DescribeVolumeStatus,
- ec2:ModifySnapshotAttribute,
- ec2:StartInstances,
- ec2:CreatePlacementGroup,
- ec2:DescribeVolumes,
- ec2:ImportImage,
- ec2:DetachVolume,
- ec2:ModifyVolume,
- ec2:ResetImageAttribute,
- ec2:CreateTags,
- ec2:DescribeSnapshotAttribute,
- ec2:RegisterImage,
- ec2:ModifyInstanceEventStartTime,
- ec2:RunInstances,
- ec2:StopInstances,
- ec2:DescribeVolumeAttribute,
- ec2:CreateVolume,
- ec2:EnableVolumeIO,
- ec2:ModifyInstanceCapacityReservationAttributes,
- ec2:AttachVolume,
- ec2:ImportVolume,
- ec2:RequestSpotInstances,
- ec2:DeleteTags,
- ec2:RunScheduledInstances,
- ec2:RequestSpotFleet,
- ec2:ModifyImageAttribute,
- ec2:CreateSnapshot,
- ec2:ModifyInstanceAttribute,
- ec2:ModifyReservedInstances,
- ec2:DescribeInstanceStatus,
- ec2:RebootInstances,
- ec2:CreateInstanceExportTask,
- ec2:ModifyInstancePlacement,
- ec2:TerminateInstances,
- ec2:ImportInstance,
- ec2:DescribeTags,
- ec2:ResetSnapshotAttribute,
- ec2:ImportSnapshot,

```
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                     ec2:CreateLaunchTemplateVersion,
                     ec2:CreateLaunchTemplate,
                     ec2:ModifyInstanceCreditSpecification,
                     ec2:AssociatelamInstanceProfile,
                     ecs:List*,
                     ecs:Describe*,
                     eks:List*,
                     eks:Describe*,
                      ec2:Describe*,
                      elasticloadbalancing:Describe*,
                     cloudwatch:ListMetrics,
                     cloudwatch: GetMetricStatistics,
                     cloudwatch:GetMetricData,
                     cloudwatch: Describe*,
                     autoscaling:Describe*,
                     ec2:DescribeInstances,
                     ec2:StartInstances,
                     ec2:StopInstances
                  ],
                  Resource: *
```

```
ec2:StartInstances,
ec2:StopInstances

],
Resource: *
}
]

Billing
{

"Version": 2012-10-17,
"Statement": [
{
```



```
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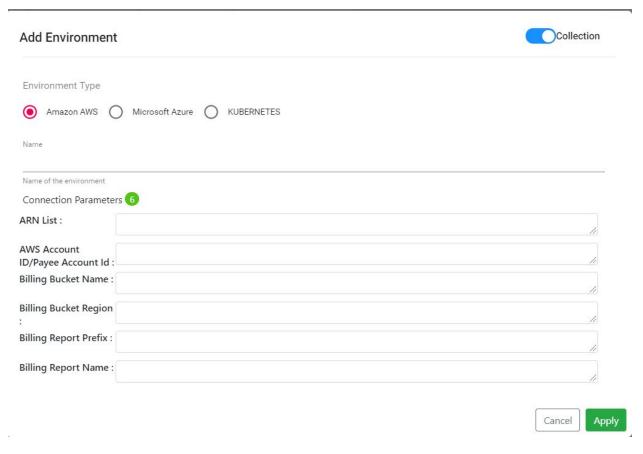
### **Add Environment**

Below section explains how to add AWS and Azure environments to Aquila.

#### **Add AWS Environment**

To start deriving value from the Aquila Clouds Cloud Management Product, you must add one or more environment such as Amazon AWS Cloud Account, Microsoft Azure Cloud Account.

The example below is for Amazon AWS. Go to Administrator -> Manage Environments -> Add Environment.



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#### **Description of Fields**

- 1. List of Role ARNs: Provide the Role ARN or List of Role ARNs corresponding to the cross account roles permitting access to your Cloud accounts for Aquila Clouds. You would typically have a list of role ARNs when a set of related accounts (Root and it's Sub accounts together) need to be managed by Aquila Clouds. The role ARNs for another set of related accounts would be added as part of different Environment altogether. More information here.
- 2. **Payee Account ID/Root Account ID:** Provide the Payee Account ID for the AWS Cloud environment you wish to manage using Aquila Clouds. In the case where a explicit Payee Account is not designated, you can provide the Root Account.
- 3. Billing information:
  - a. Provide the Billing S3 Bucket Name (more info here),
  - b. Billing S3 Bucket Region (AWS Region code(e.g., us-east-2 for Ohio))
  - c. Billing Report Prefix\_(Billing prefix name without '/' as mentioned in steps <a href="here">here</a>.)
  - d. Billing Name to be used by the Aquila Clouds platform to analyze cost incurred for your Cloud environment.

Click Apply and confirm. Your AWS environment is now added.



#### **Add Azure Environment**



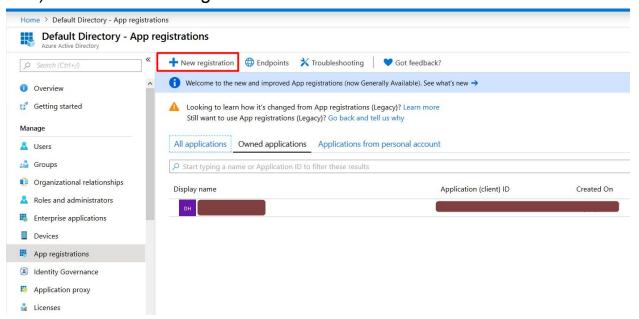
#### Description of fields:

- 1) Name: Name for your Azure environment like *Azure < Company name>*.
- 2) Tenant ID: Navigate to Azure Portal -> Azure Active Directory -> Properties -> The Directory ID in there is your Tenant ID.
- 3) Application Access Key: This key needs to be copied and saved somewhere when its created while registering the application. If you do not this key ready, it can be created by registering a new application for



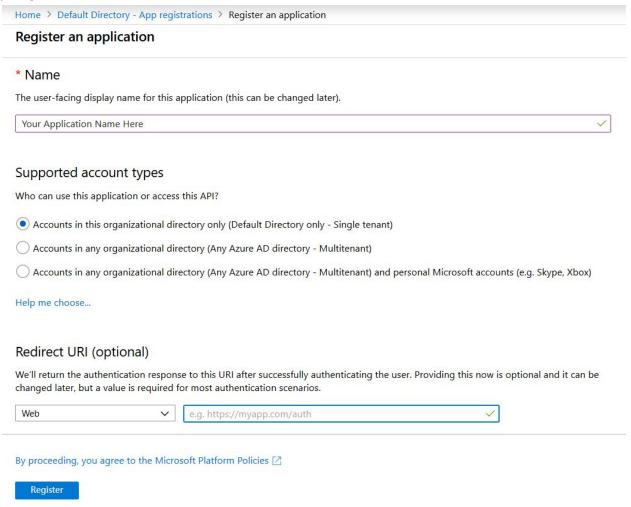
the sole purpose of on-boarding it on Aquila. Below are the steps to follow to register an application.

- a) Go to Azure Portal -> Azure Active Directory -> App registrations
- b) Click on +New Registration



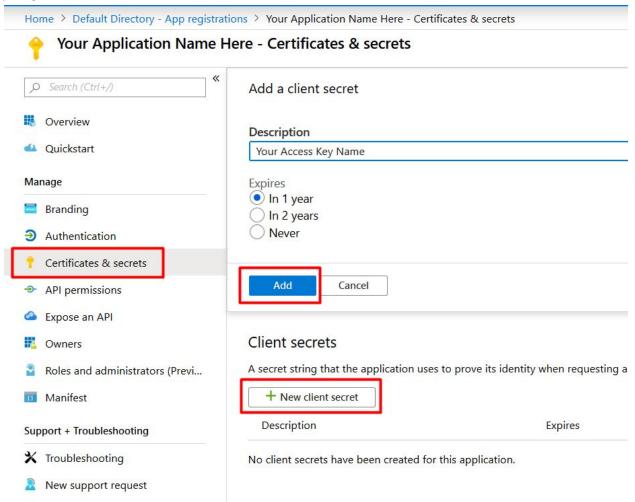
c) Enter your application name and click on Register



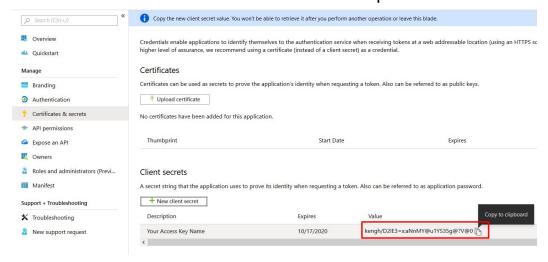


d) Click on Certificates & secrets, then on +New client secret and then after naming the client secret, selecting the desired duration it stays alive for, click on Add.





e) Please make sure you copy the secret key value and save it. It'll be used to on-board the account on Aquila.

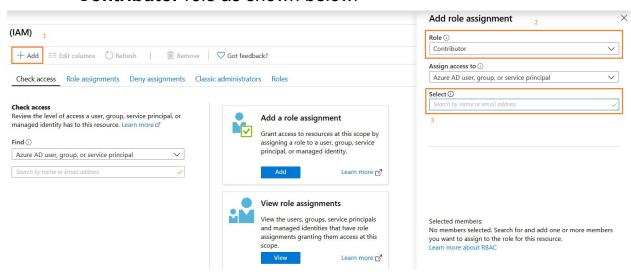




- Application ID: Go to Azure Portal -> Azure Active Directory -> App registrations. Select the ID for desired registered App
- 5) Offer Durable ID: Go to Azure Portal -> Subscriptions -> Properties. The Offer ID is your offer Durable ID.
- 6) Role assignment

Though there is no Role Assignment field on the Add Environment form we need to assign an Azure IAM role to the application in order to get the data into Aquila. Below is how to do it:

- a) Go to All Services -> Subscriptions and click on your subscription.
- b) Now go to *Access Control (IAM)* & click on +*Add.* Then select the **Contributor** role as shown below.



The **Contributor role** is needed when actions are to be performed like, starting & shutting off the VMs, changing VM types, deleting disks etc through Aquila.

Choose the **Reader role** when all you need is to read the data and not perform any actions on it.

- c) Search and select the desired application in the third highlighted field in above screenshot and hit the Save button. A message saying 'Added Role assignment' should be displayed.
- 7) Using all above inputs, fill in the fields on Add Environment form/window and click Apply & confirm.