

Guide

Implementation Guide

Users & Devices

Get to Know JumpCloud

JumpCloud is a comprehensive and flexible cloud directory platform. From one pane of glass, manage user identities and resource access, secure macOS, Windows, and Linux devices, and get a full view of your environment.



As you implement JumpCloud into your organization it is important to understand the best practices related to getting your existing users onboarded, enrolling devices while taking over existing user accounts, integrating with existing IT tools, and enabling user access to all their resources. Implementing resources in piecemeal fashion without a cohesive plan could result in wasted time and a poor user experience. For example, users who come from a preexisting directory (e.g., Active Directory/Azure AD) or an MDM will have a different implementation pathway than organizations implementing a directory platform solution for the first time. Be sure to take advantage of the following resources to streamline your implementation.

Sign up for an account in JumpCloud University!

Check out this [easy-to-follow infographic](#) for the steps to register for a free account.

JCU gives you access to many resources including interactive courses, short tutorial videos, hands-on practice with guided simulations, and help from our experts. Plus, your progress is saved and tracked as you go.

This quick 30-minute course is a great introduction to JumpCloud and is designed to help familiarize you with JumpCloud University.

 [What is JumpCloud?](#)

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Why [get certified](#):

- Feel more confident in your ability to use the JumpCloud platform.
- Be the go-to JumpCloud admin for your IT org.
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Phase 2: Users

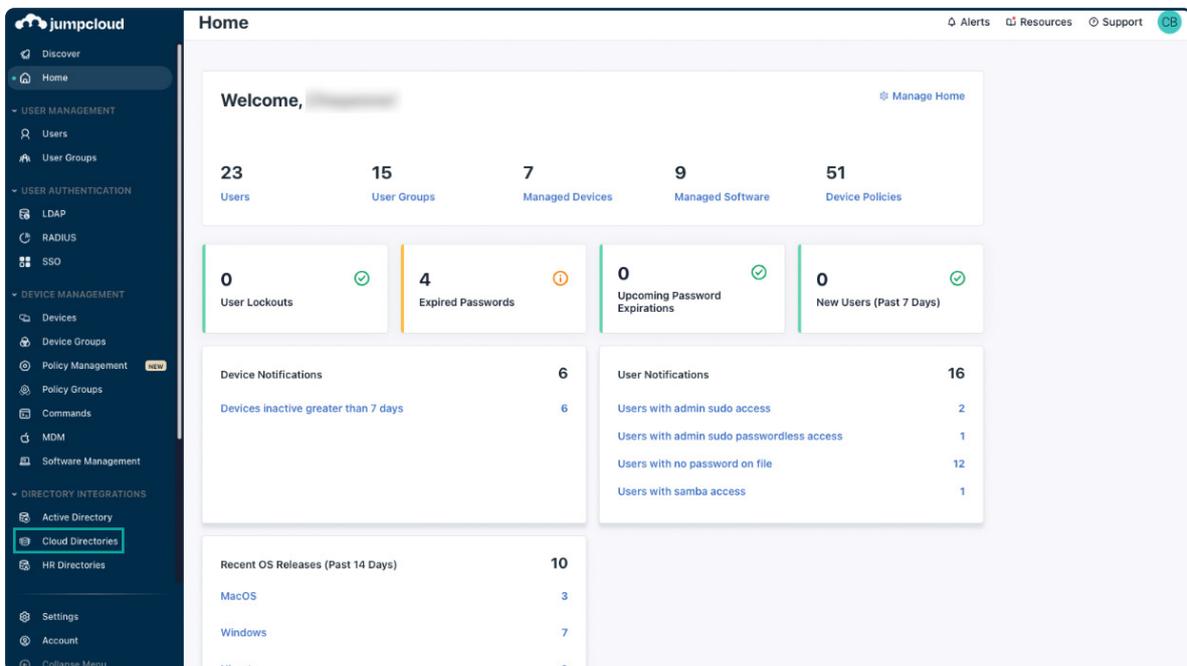
Adding Users From an Existing Cloud Directory

1. Obtain Cloud Directory Admin Credentials

You will need administrator access to your current cloud directory to begin importing users.

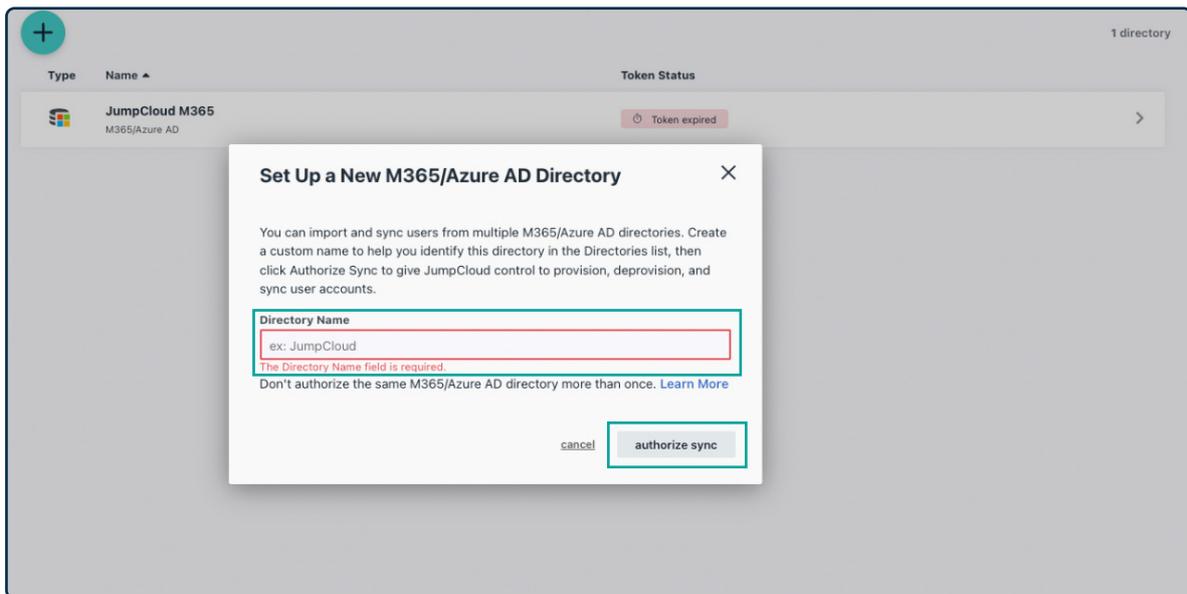
JumpCloud integrates with a variety of popular directory services to synchronize user accounts. These integrations let JumpCloud act as an authoritative directory with a single set of credentials that can be used across all directory services. When you integrate with a directory service, you can securely import existing user accounts as well as persistently replicate data across directories. You're in control of which users get replicated.

2. Navigate to the Cloud Directories Menu



3. Create a new directory, and provide a display name

1. Select Cloud Directories under Directory Integrations.
2. Select the (+) and choose your company's cloud directory to import from the following:
 - Import from Google Workspace
 - Import from M365/ Azure AD
 - Real-time import from Okta
 - Import JumpCloud LDAP into Okta
3. Enter the directory name in the Directory Name field. Then select authorize sync.



4. Utilize the cloud directories admin credentials already obtained to sync with JumpCloud.

Check out these Knowledge Base articles for more details:

- [Importing Office 365 Users](#)
- [Importing G-Suite Users](#)
- [Configure Okta Real-time User and Password Import](#)

Importing Users from CSV

Considerations:

- Each user you import must be a unique user with a unique email address.
- CSV file headings are case sensitive and will fail if they don't match JumpCloud's expected case. To see the case JumpCloud is expecting, you can download the CSV template and update the headings of the file you want to import accordingly.
- Users without passwords are imported into JumpCloud in an inactive state.
- Users created with or without a password are not sent an activation email on CSV import.
- You can also import users from a CSV file using JumpCloud's PowerShell Module.

[Importing Users into JumpCloud from CSV Using the PowerShell Module](#)

Note: Keep in mind that the functionality between the two CSV import methods differs.

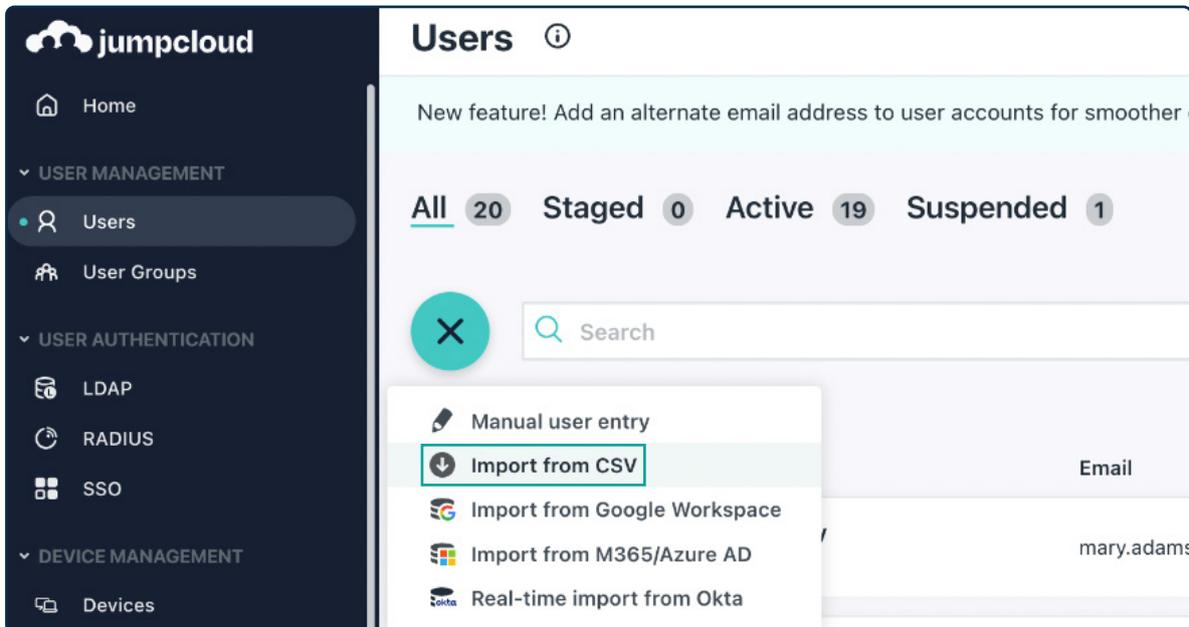
Importing Users from the JumpCloud Admin Portal vs. PowerShell Module

Keep the following differences in mind as you decide whether to import users from CSV into the Admin Portal or the PowerShell Module:

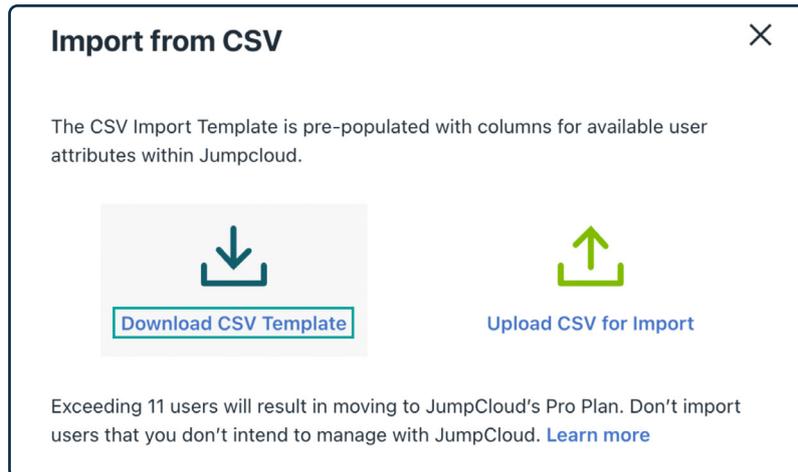
- Users imported from CSV into the Admin Portal can't automatically be connected to user groups. You can create group associations using the PowerShell Module.
- Users imported from CSV into the Admin Portal can't automatically be connected to systems. You can create system associations using the PowerShell Module.
- Users imported from CSV into the Admin Portal can only be created with the following attributes:
 1. First Name
 2. Last Name
 3. Username
 4. Email
 5. Password
- You can import users from CSV with more than the previously mentioned attributes using the PowerShell Module.

To add users via CSV in the Admin Portal:

1. Log in to the [JumpCloud Admin Portal](#).
2. Go to USER MANAGEMENT > Users.
3. Select (+), then select Import from CSV user entry.



4. You will need to download the CSV template first. Please select Download CSV Template.



5. Once you've downloaded the CSV template, fill it out using the template form and save the CSV with all of your users.

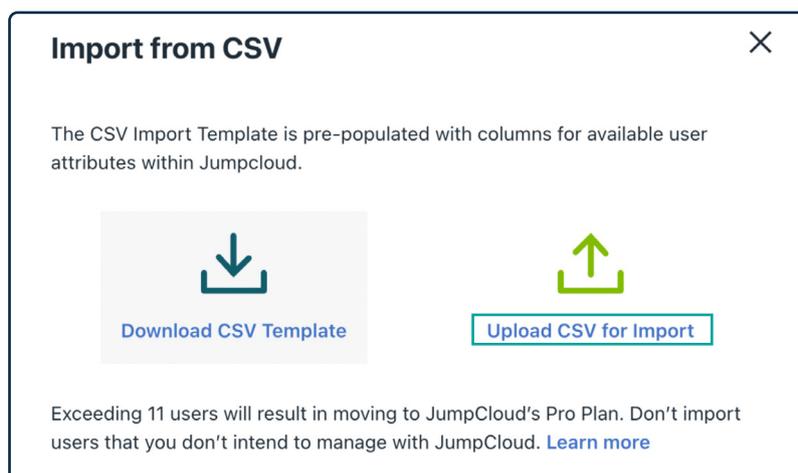
Below are the contents and format of the CSV:

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firstname,lastname,username,email,password  
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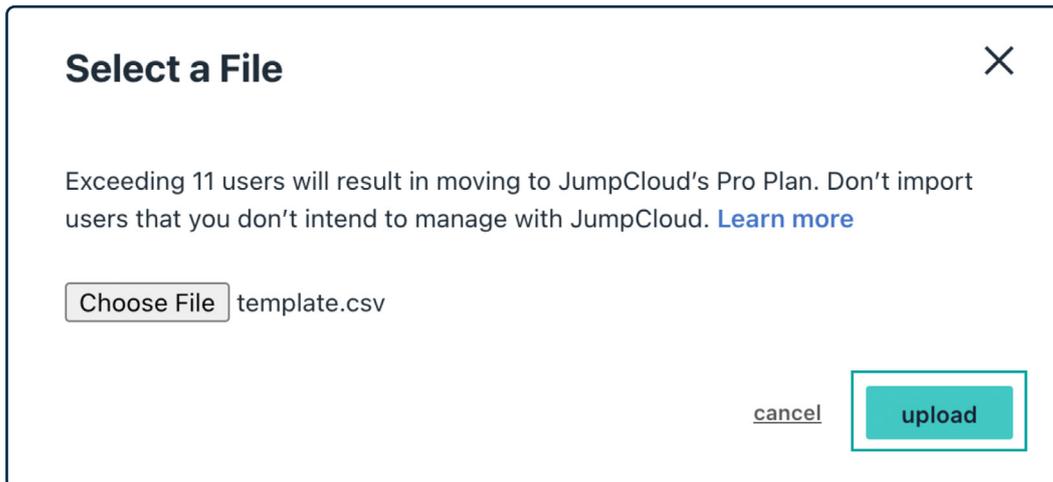
You must adhere to the CSV format with these five attributes.

Note: If you put passwords in the CSV, this will add the users in an activated state with the password you entered in the CSV. Users will not be automatically emailed an activation or welcome email from JumpCloud.

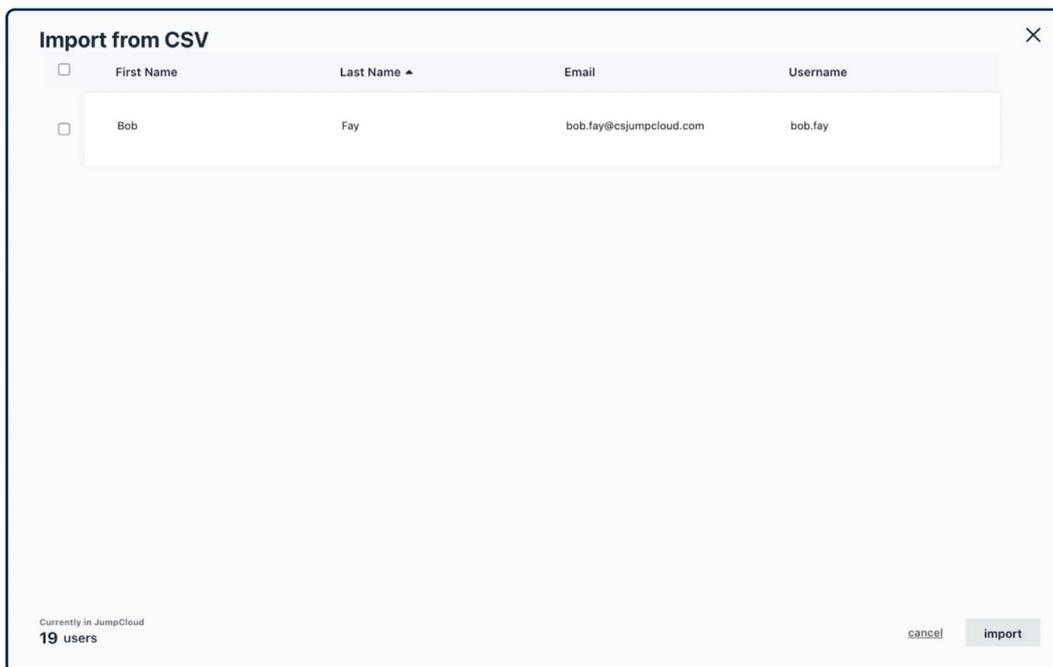
6. When you've finished compiling the CSV, you can then select Upload CSV for Import and upload the CSV you just made.



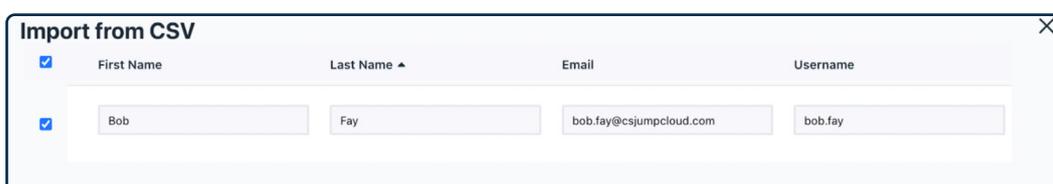
7. Once you've selected your CSV from your local file folder where it's stored, select Upload.



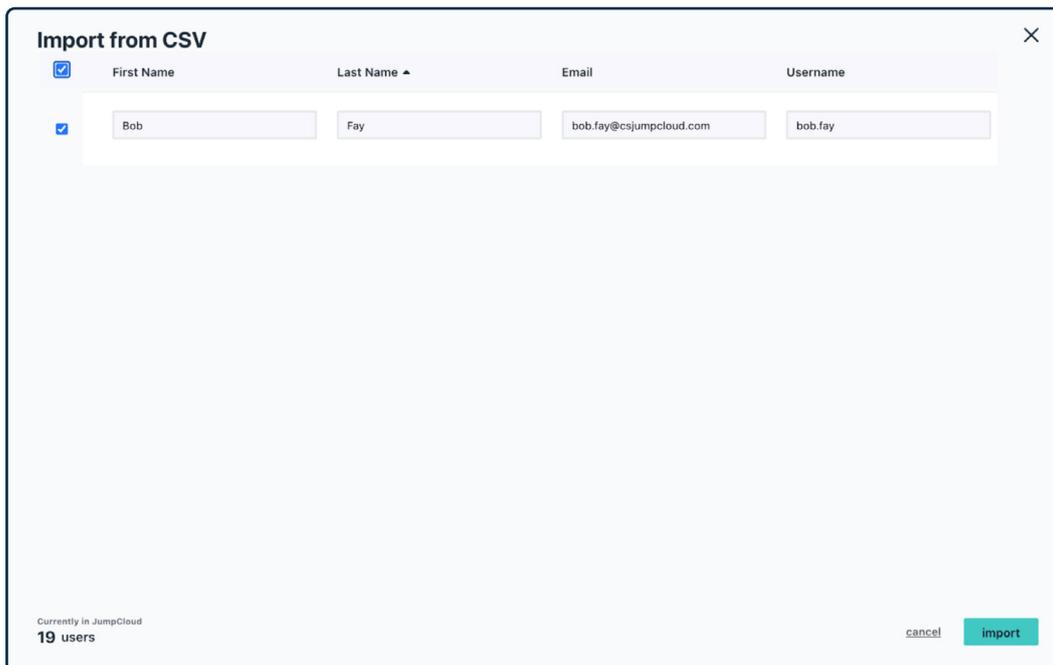
8. The next screen shows all of the users you just added to the CSV.



9. Select all of the users by selecting the top left checkbox button.
10. You will see all of the users with a checked checkbox now. Optionally, you can now change any of the attributes in this list if you need to, such as email address or username.

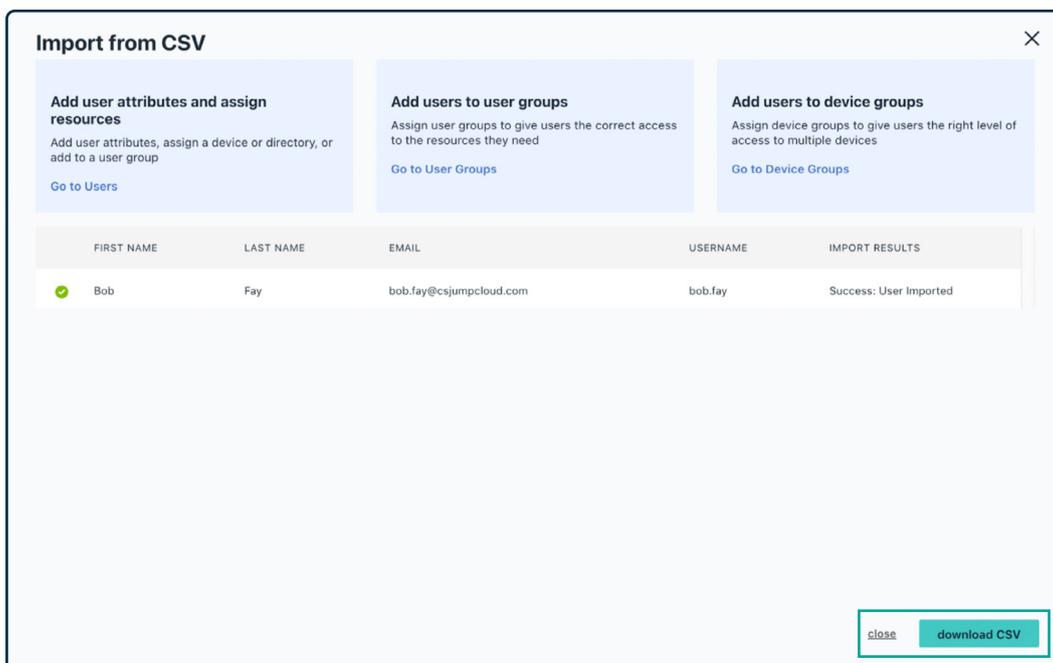


11. Next, select the **Import** button in the bottom right to fully import the users into JumpCloud.



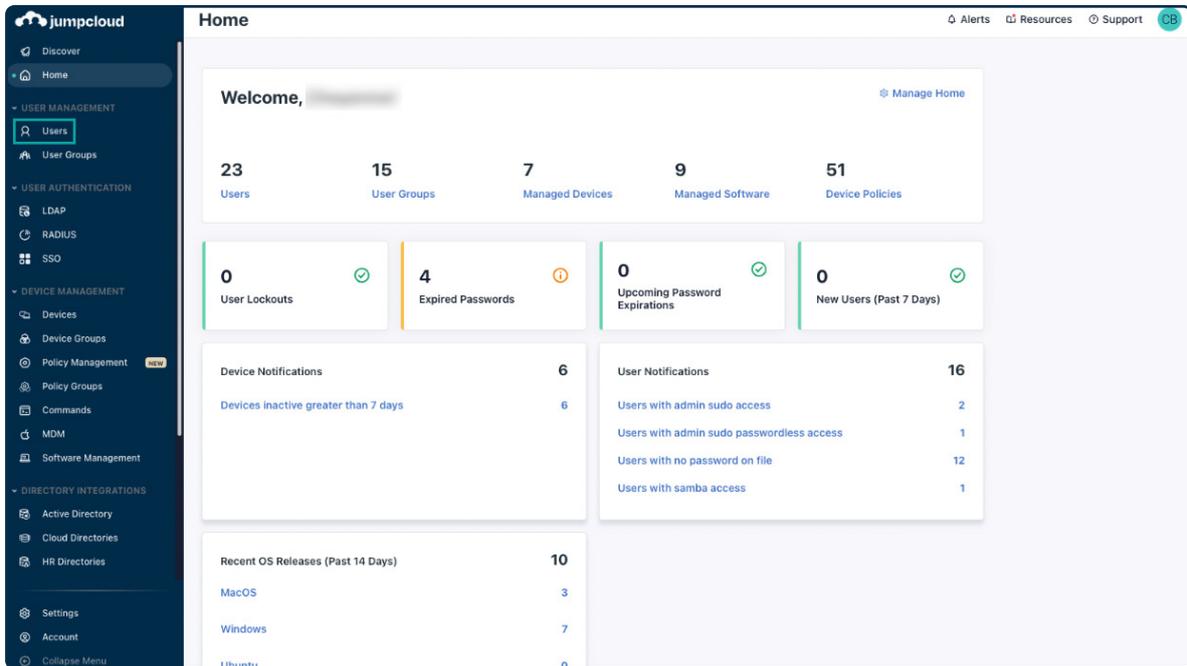
12. This pane will go through the entire user list and add them into JumpCloud. For larger batches over 100 users, this could take several minutes.

13. Once completed, as indicated by a green checkmark next to the user entry, you can download the confirmation CSV by selecting the **download CSV** button in the bottom right, or you can close the window by hitting the close button in the bottom right.



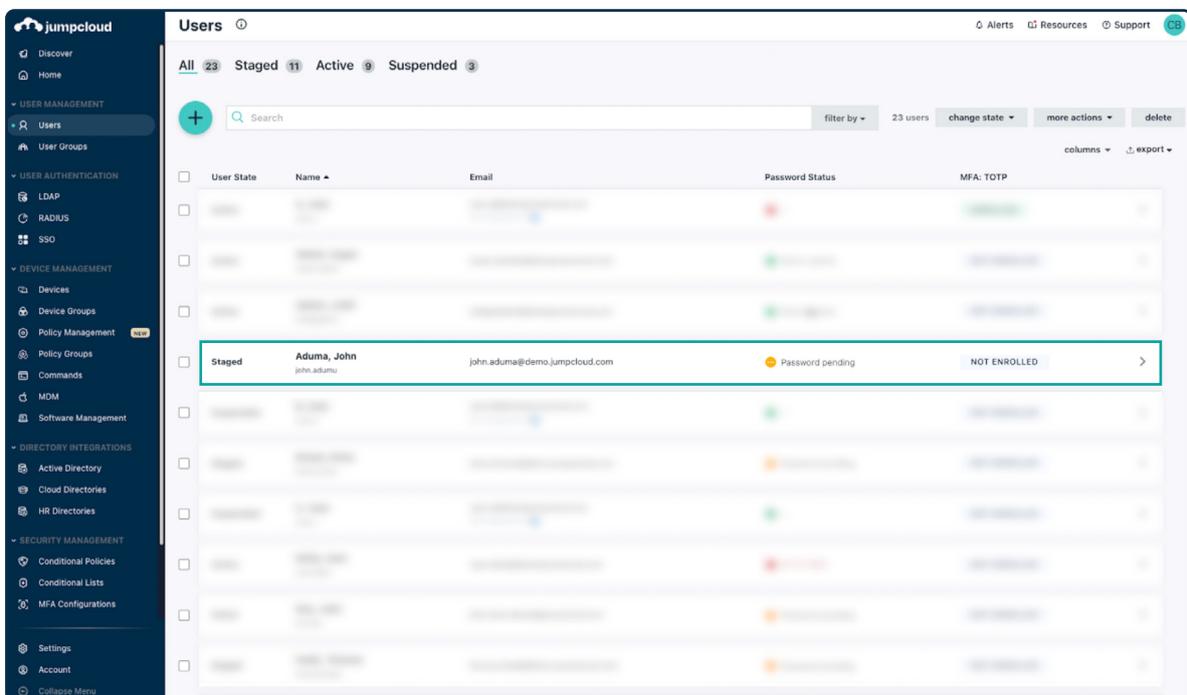
Navigate to Users Menu in JumpCloud Admin Portal

1. For User Management, navigate to Users in JumpCloud Admin Portal.

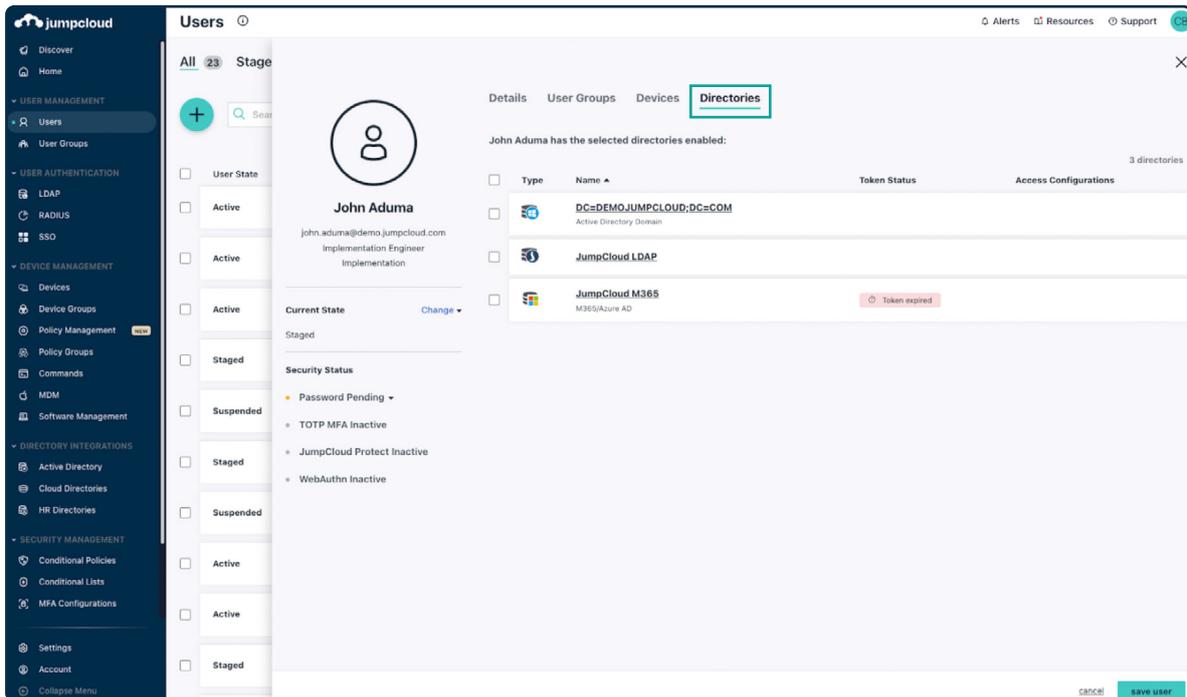


2. Select the newly imported users to access their information.

Note: You can select more than one user at a time.



3. Select the Directories tab for this user, and bind to the cloud directory.



Bind a User to the JumpCloud Directory

Please follow the instructions in these Knowledge Base icon articles:

 [Binding JumpCloud Users to Microsoft 365](#)

 [Binding JumpCloud Users and Groups to Google Workspace](#)

After the User Is Bound

1. The user will receive a Get Started email that requires them to set a JumpCloud password, and in turn update their cloud directory password.
2. The user will become active within JumpCloud.

Create User Groups to Align with Org Layout

JumpCloud saves you time by letting you create groups of users, devices, and policies. Performing group-based assignments on resources can save you time.

User groups grant users access to resources, and connect the resources you want users to be able to access (applications, LDAP resources, networks, and more).

Complete the following steps to create a user group:

1. Log in to the [JumpCloud Admin Portal](#).
2. Go to USER MANAGEMENT > User Groups.
3. Select (+). The Details tab appears by default.

The screenshot shows the 'User Groups' management interface. The 'Details' tab is selected, displaying the configuration for the 'Engineering' group. The 'Name' field contains 'Engineering'. The 'Description' field is empty. Under 'Group Configuration', there are three unchecked checkboxes: 'Enable users as Administrator/Sudo on all devices associated through device groups', 'Create Linux group for this user group', and 'Enable Samba Authentication'. Under 'Custom Attributes', there is a button labeled 'add new custom attribute'. The interface includes a sidebar with a list of user groups, a search bar, and navigation tabs for 'Details', 'Users', 'Device Groups', 'Applications', 'RADIUS', and 'Directories'. The top right corner shows navigation links for 'Product Tour', 'Alerts', 'Resources', and 'Support', along with a user profile icon labeled 'JC'.

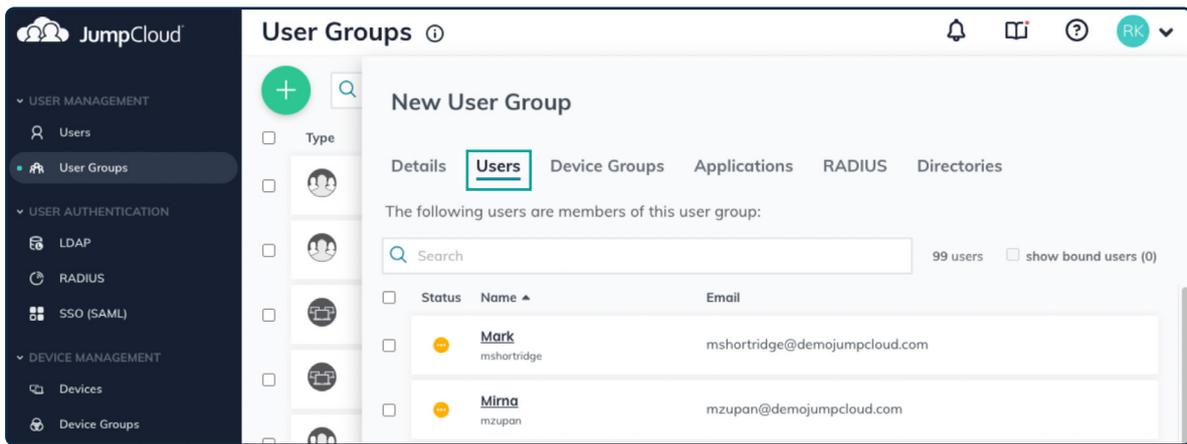
4. For the Name field, enter a description or purpose for the group name.
5. For the Description field, enter the purpose of the group.
6. (Optional) Under Custom Attributes, select add new custom attribute and choose an attribute.

[Custom User Attributes](#)

Adding Users to the Group

Complete the following steps to add users to the group:

1. On the New User Group panel, select the Users tab.
2. Select users from the list.
3. Select Save.



Additionally, JumpCloud has a [tutorial, course, and module on User & Device Groups](#).

Enroll Users in MFA

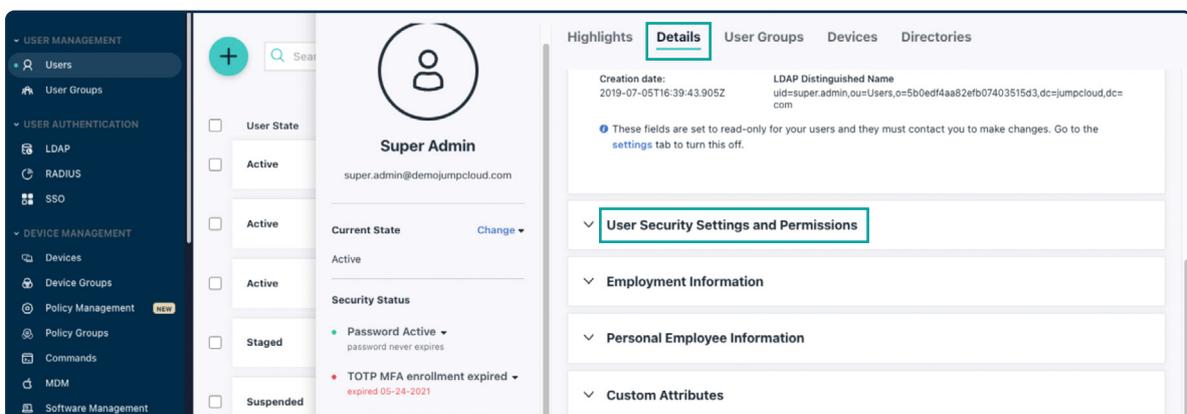
Use multi-factor authentication (MFA) with JumpCloud to secure user access to your organization’s resources. Admins can use Verification Code (TOTP) MFA, Duo Security MFA, WebAuthn MFA, and Push MFA to strengthen security in their organization.



Requiring Multi-Factor Authentication on an Individual User Account

To require MFA on an individual user account:

1. Go to User Management > Users.
2. Select a user to view their details. See [Getting Started: Users](#).
3. In the User Security Settings and Permissions section, select Require Multi-Factor Authentication for User Portal.



4. Specify the number of days the user has to enroll in TOTP MFA before they are required to have MFA at login. You can specify a number of days between 1 and 365. The default value is 7 days. The enrollment period applies only to TOTP MFA and not to other MFA factors.
5. Select save user. After you save, users are notified in an email and are prompted to set up TOTP MFA the next time they log in to their User Portal.
6. During enrollment, the user's details indicate how much time remains on their enrollment period.
7. After the enrollment period expires, the user is locked out of the User Portal.

Phase 3: Devices

Identify Initial Devices to Test Deployment Methods

You can connect Mac, Windows, and Linux devices to JumpCloud by installing the JumpCloud agent. Check [JumpCloud Agent Compatibility, System Requirements, and Impacts](#) before you install an agent. After the agent is installed and connected to a device, you can:

- Remotely and securely manage the device and its user accounts and policies.
- Enable MFA.
- Create, modify, and disable local user accounts.
- Manage SSHD configuration (Linux).
- Enforce MFA on Windows, Mac, and Linux SSH.
- Execute [commands](#).

Adding Windows and Linux Devices

To add a new device:

1. Log in to the [JumpCloud Admin Portal](#).
2. Go to DEVICE MANAGEMENT > Devices.
3. Select the Devices tab.
4. Select (+). The New Device panel that appears contains various device tabs. Each tab includes information about downloading and installing the JumpCloud agent for that device's OS. You can also read the following about installing agents from the [command line](#), [template or system image](#), or the [JumpCloud API](#).
5. (Optional) You can add the JumpCloud agent to your [allow list](#) with your antivirus vendor.
6. After installation completes, the agent checks in with JumpCloud and is active in the Admin Portal. You can view details about the device on the Device panel.

Watch this video about installing the agent remotely:



This Knowledge Base article shows you how to install the agent from the User Portal:



Adding Apple Devices Using MDM

Configure JumpCloud as a Mobile Device Management (MDM) server by establishing a secure connection between Apple and JumpCloud using certificate-based authentication. You can use a push certificate to establish a secure connection between JumpCloud and Apple Push Notification service (APNs). MDM lets you securely and remotely configure your organization’s devices, including updating software and device settings and monitoring compliance with your organization’s policies.

In order to get the most out of JumpCloud with your Apple devices, you must enroll your devices in JumpCloud’s MDM. If you do not enroll your macOS devices in MDM, you will not be able to use the following JumpCloud features:

- Policy Management
- Software Management
- Remote lock, Restart, Shutdown & Erase Security Commands
- Zero-Touch Enrollment
- OS Patch Management

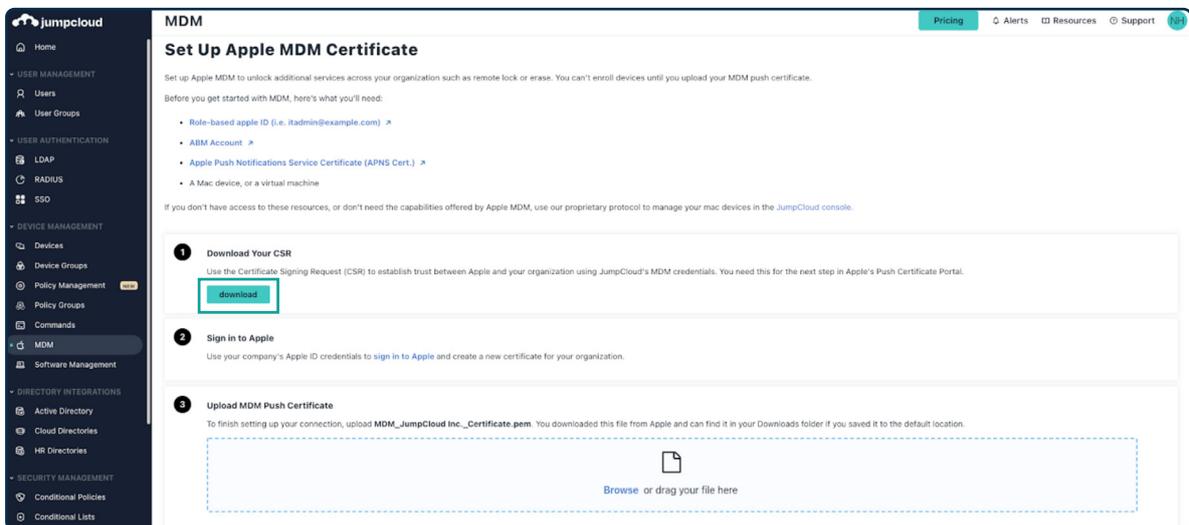
Note: As a prerequisite, you will need an Apple ID and password.

Configuring Your JumpCloud MDM Server

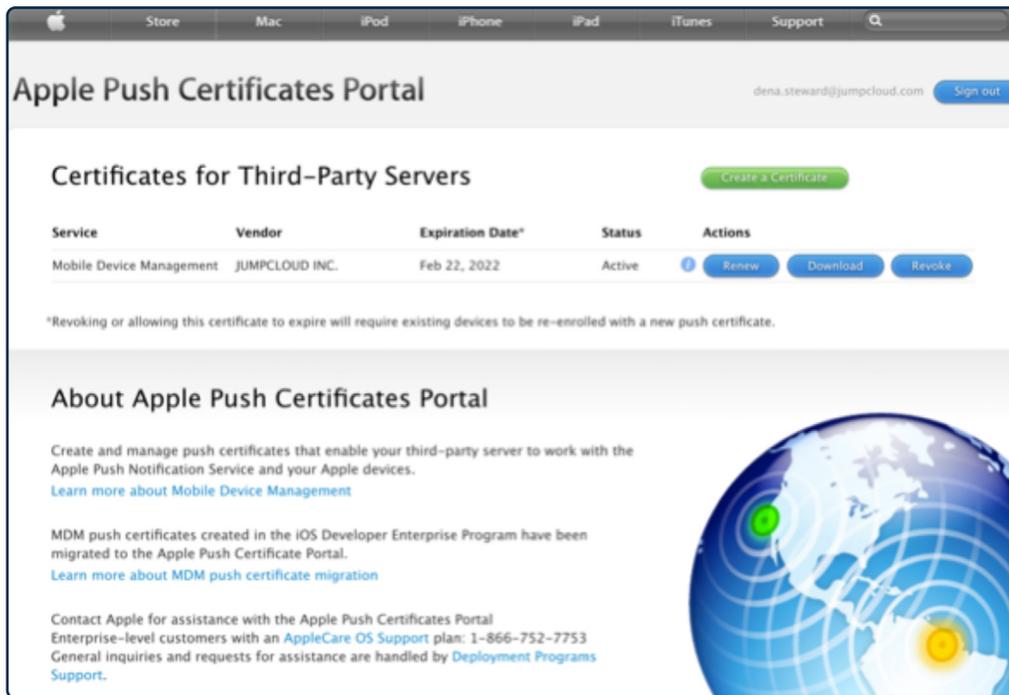
You must download a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) from the JumpCloud Admin Portal. The unique CSR contains your organization’s MDM configuration within JumpCloud. Next, you log in to the Apple Push Certificate Portal and upload the CSR file. Apple validates JumpCloud’s information and issues a push certificate with the public key included in the CSR. After you download the push certificate, you upload it to JumpCloud to create a secure connection. You need to renew the certificate yearly.

To configure MDM:

1. Log in to the [JumpCloud Admin Portal](#).
2. Go to DEVICE MANAGEMENT > MDM.
3. On the MDM homepage, select Configure MDM.
4. Under Download Your CSR, select download and save the file.



- Under Sign in to Apple, select sign in to Apple or log in to the [Apple Push Certificate Portal](#).
- Select Create A Certificate.



Enroll Devices into MDM using Mac MDM policy

After you configure JumpCloud’s MDM server, you can enroll your macOS, iOS, and iPadOS devices in MDM. MDM lets you securely and remotely configure your organization’s devices and update software and device settings.

There are a variety of ways to enroll company-owned and personal devices.

Enrollment Methods	Company-Owned macOS	Company-Owned iOS, iPadOS	Personal iOS, iPadOS
Automated Device Enrollment with Supervision	✓	✓	✗
Device Enrollment	✓	✓	✗
User Enrollment	✗	✗	✓ (iOS and iPadOS only)

You can enroll Apple devices in MDM with these enrollment methods:

- **Apple’s automated device enrollment** – Remotely enroll company-owned macOS Apple devices in MDM so that you can securely configure and deploy devices. The device must be added to your Apple Business Manager (ABM) or Apple School Manager (ASM) account. Supervision can provide additional control over a device.
- **Device enrollment** – If a company-owned iOS device was not added to ABM or ASM, you can’t use Apple’s Automated Device Enrollment. Instead, you can go to the JumpCloud Admin Portal and scan the QR code or you can download the enrollment profile to enroll the device in MDM. Device enrollment is supported for devices that run iOS 13 and later.
- **User approval** – You can enroll personal iOS and iPadOS devices in MDM so that users can access company resources. These devices must run iOS 13 and later, and are owned by the user and enrolled by the user.

This Knowledge Base article covers these MDM enrollment methods:

 [Choosing an MDM Enrollment Method](#)

For more information on MDM, check out this short course:

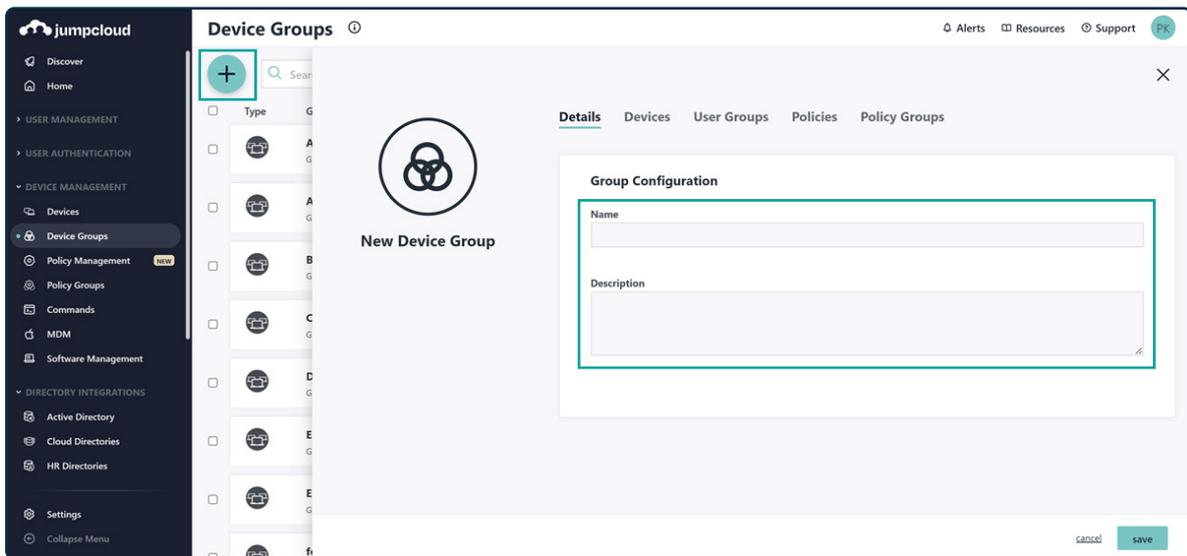
 [Intro to MDM](#)

Assign Users to Their Respective Devices

View the article(s) relevant to the devices you are trying to connect to JumpCloud.

 [Connecting Users to Windows Devices](#)

 [Connecting Users to macOS Devices](#)



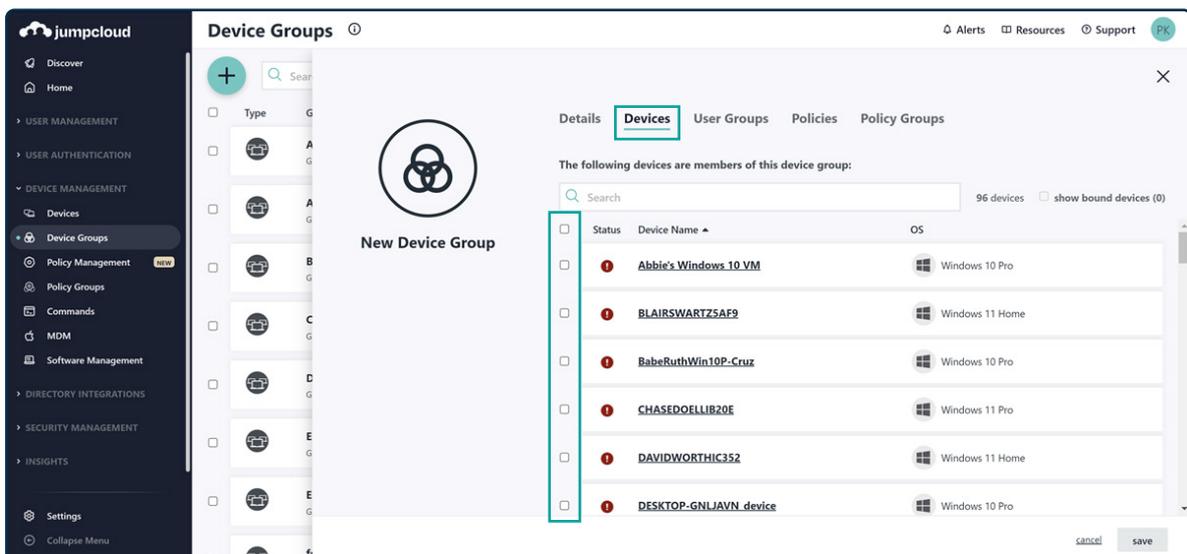
Create Device Groups

Complete the following steps to create a device group:

1. Log in to the [JumpCloud Admin Portal](#).
2. Go to DEVICE MANAGEMENT > Device Groups.
3. Select (+) to add a new device group.
4. Enter the device group Name.
5. (Optional) Enter a short Description of the group's purpose.
6. Select save.

Adding Devices to the Device Group

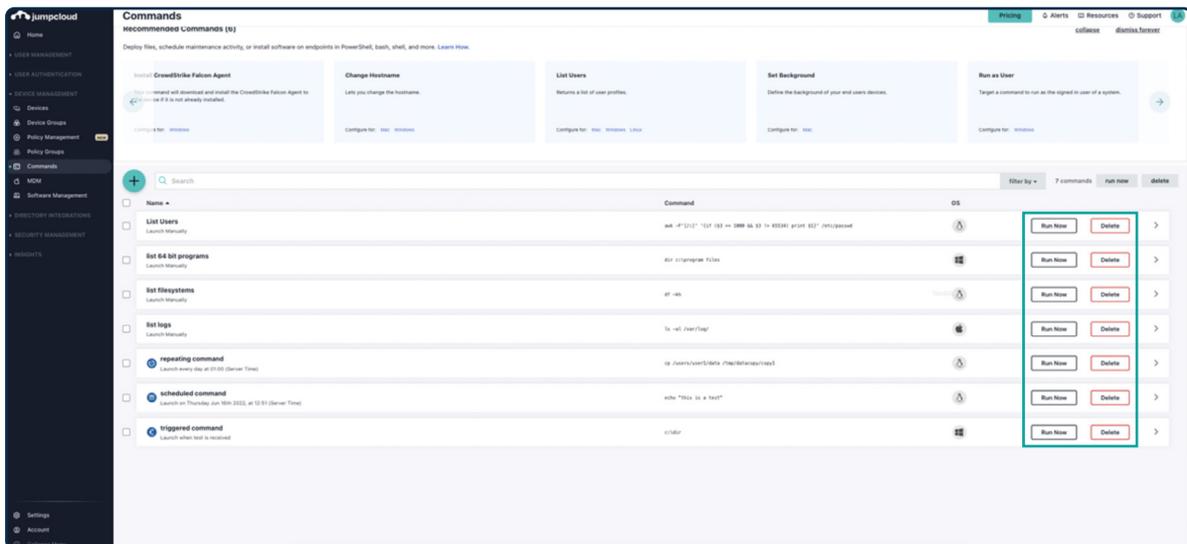
Complete the following steps to add devices to the device group:



Configure and Test Commands (if applicable)

You can run JumpCloud commands to execute scripts on fleets of machines through JumpCloud's system agent. You can deploy files, schedule maintenance activity, or install software on endpoints in PowerShell, Bash, Shell, and more. Commands can run across one or more devices in parallel and retrieve command results (including stdout, stderr, and exit codes).

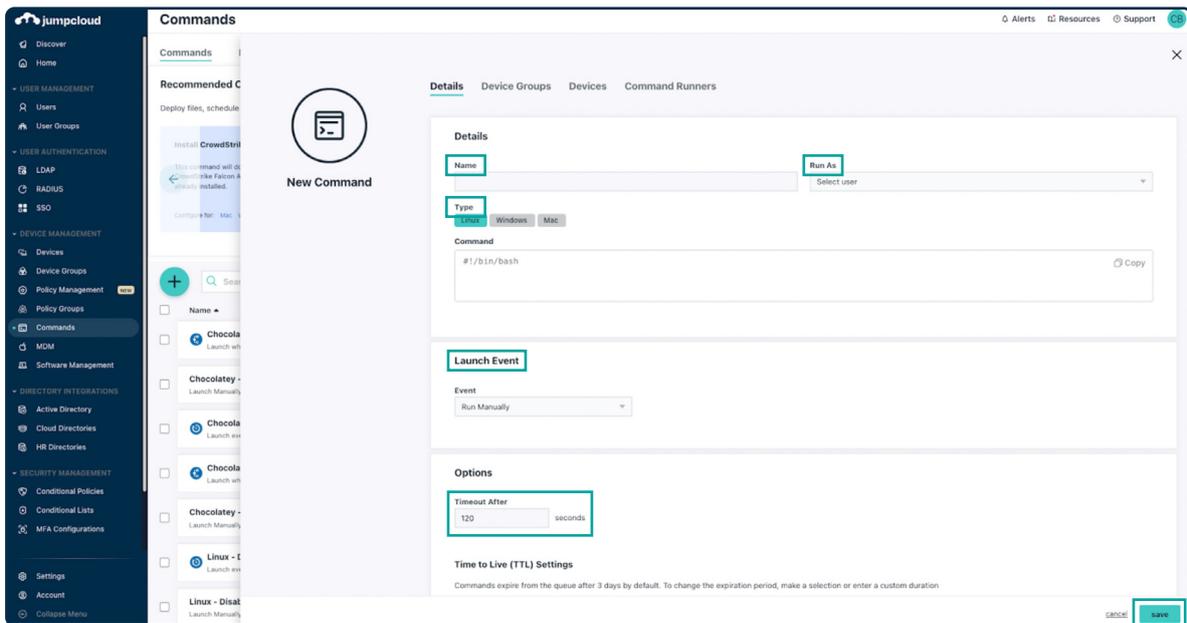
Commands let you quickly and easily automate tasks across multiple servers, launch those tasks based on a number of different types of events, and get full auditing of all command results. From the commands list, you can quickly run or delete a command using the Run Now or Delete buttons.



Create a New Command

To create a new command:

1. Log in to the [JumpCloud Admin Portal](#).
2. Go to **DEVICE MANAGEMENT > Commands**.
3. In the Commands panel, select (+). The New Command panel appears.



4. On the Details tab, enter a name for the new command. This is the name shown in the sortable list view of commands.
5. Select users that you would like the command to Run As.
6. Select your operating device type: Linux, Windows, or Mac.
 - Linux only: Select the Run As user account to use to run the command.
 - Windows only: Commands will be run as the LocalSystem account and optionally can be run as Powershell.
7. Type or paste in a script. The script can be in any language that your servers can execute.
8. Select the Launch Event.
9. Enter a Timeout After value (in seconds). This determines how long the command can continue running before the agent will terminate it.
10. (Optional) Select Upload File to attach a file to the command (see below for details).
11. Select the Device Groups tab to set the specific device groups on which this command will execute.
12. Select the Devices tab to set the specific devices on which this command will execute.
13. (Optional) Select the Command Runners tab to select a user as a Command Runner with access to run the command. By default, admins can run commands on all devices.
14. Select save.

For more information on commands, check out this tutorial:



Enable MFA for Devices

JumpCloud gives organizations the power to layer multi-factor authentication (MFA) on top of nearly any resource you need to secure: Windows, Mac, Linux, applications, networks, infrastructure, and more.

If you'd like to use the JumpCloud Protect™ Push MFA mobile app for your MFA needs, see [Logging into your Device with JumpCloud Protect Push MFA](#).

Check out this Knowledge Base article for more details on how to enable TOTP MFA:



You can also view this tutorial:



Configure Device Configurations/Policies for Mac, Windows, & Linux

You can save time by creating JumpCloud policies to remotely apply a set of rules to one managed device, a group of devices, or your entire fleet. Applying policies lets you customize these types of managed devices and make them more secure:

- Windows
- MacOS
- iOS and iPadOS
- Linux

You can also create a policy group, adding multiple policies to it, and apply the policy group to multiple devices or device groups. For example, you create a policy group that uses JumpCloud's Lock Screen policy to automatically turn on the screen saver if a device is inactive for a specific amount of time. The policy group could also contain a policy to control Apple App Store purchases to allow only updates to existing apps. A policy group is especially useful in implementing security or compliance-related issues on managed devices.

Every policy contains these sections:

- **Policy name** – You can customize this or keep the default. Your policy names must be unique. (All references to policies in this documentation use the default name.)
- **Policy description** – Provides more information on the policy's function and lists the specific OS versions this policy supports.
- **Policy behavior** – Describes the device behavior when the policy is applied.
- **Policy activation** – Lists any additional steps you must take after creating the policy and saving it. After you complete these additional steps, the policy takes effect.
- **Settings** – These options vary depending on the policy and allow you to further define the behavior you want to enforce on a device.

After you apply and save a policy, the system agent checks in with JumpCloud. The agent on an individual device continuously compares the local policy with the policies you set in JumpCloud. If a user modifies the device policy, JumpCloud automatically modifies the device's policy to comply with the JumpCloud policy. This process ensures that JumpCloud policies and local devices are kept in sync.

Check out this tutorial to learn more about configuring policies:



Configure Full-Disk Encryption for Mac and Windows

Mac

You can use this policy to remotely enforce FileVault on macOS devices and easily view Recovery Keys. FileVault full-disk encryption (FileVault 2) helps prevent unauthorized access to the information on your user's startup disks. FileVault 2 uses XTS-AES-128 encryption with a 256-bit key.

After you enforce a FileVault policy, your users need a secure token to enable it. The advent of Apple File Systems (APFS) in macOS 10.13 changed the way Apple manages FileVault encryption keys. To secure and provide access to encryption keys required for FileVault decryption, Apple introduced Secure Tokens. Ensure your users have Secure Tokens by following the instructions in [Installing and Using the Service Account for macOS](#).

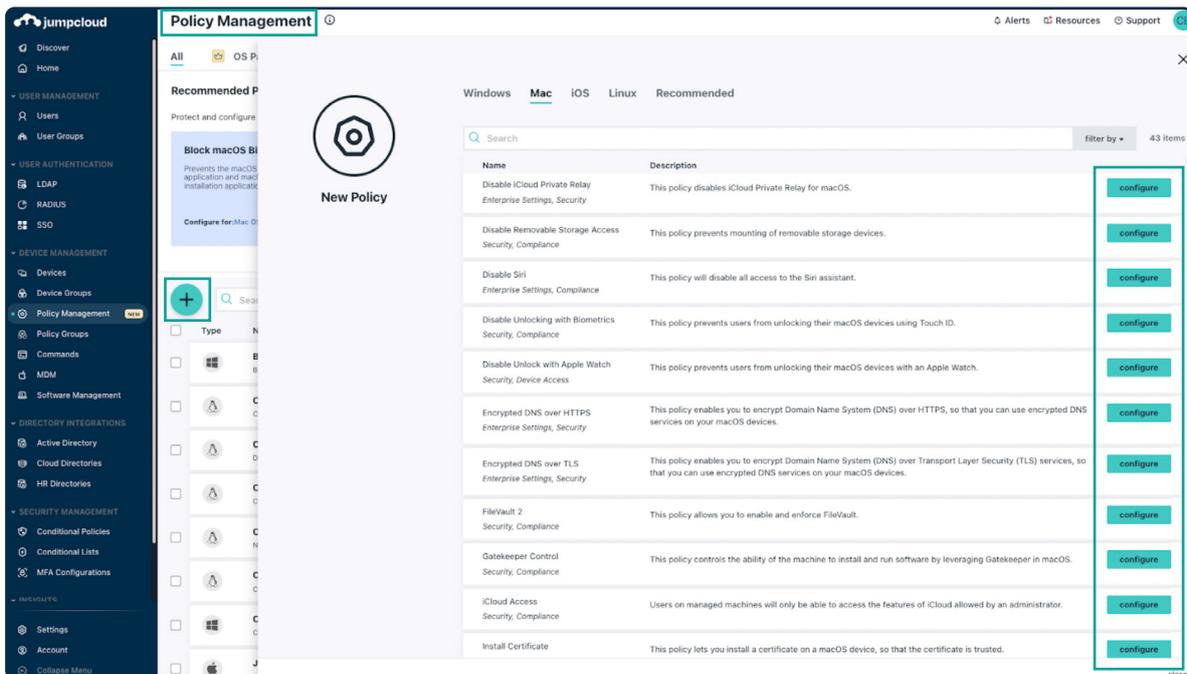
Administrator Experience

When you create a FileVault policy, you can enable and configure the following settings:

- **Show the FileVault Recovery Key to the user when enabled:** When this option is selected, the user sees the Recovery Key and can store it in a safe place.
- **Do not prompt the user to enable FileVault at logout:** There are two possible prompt locations for the user to enable FileVault, at login and at logout. With this option selected, the user is only prompted to enable FileVault when they log in.
- **Number of times the user can bypass enabling FileVault:** You can let the user postpone enabling FileVault for the number of times you enter in this field. When the value you enter has been exceeded the user is forced to enable FileVault before they can login to their device.

To create a FileVault 2 policy:

1. Log in to the [JumpCloud Admin Portal](#).
2. Go to DEVICE MANAGEMENT > Policy Management.
3. Select (+).
4. In the New Policy panel, select the Mac tab.
5. Next to the FileVault 2 policy, select configure.



6. On the New Policy panel, optionally enter a new name for the policy, or keep the default. Policy names must be unique.
7. Select or clear the Show the FileVault Recovery Key to the user when enabled option.
8. Select or clear the Do not prompt the user to enable FileVault at logout option.
9. If you select the Do not prompt the user to enable FileVault at logout option, in Number Of Times The User Can Bypass Enabling FileVault, enter a number greater than zero.
10. Select the Device Groups tab. Optionally, select one or more device groups to apply this policy to. For device groups with multiple OS member types, the policy is applied only to the supported OS.
11. Select the Devices tab. Optionally, select one or more device groups to apply this policy to.
12. Note in the POLICY ACTIVATION that a user will need to log out and log back in for the policy to take effect.
13. Select save policy.

After you save the policy and the user logs out and back in, the policy takes effect on active devices in near-real time, but could take up to a few minutes. The policy is enforced on any inactive devices the next time they become active.

In the Admin Portal, you can check the policy to see if it's successfully applied. If FileVault is already enabled on the device when the policy is applied, the following behavior occurs:

- JumpCloud rotates the Recovery Key on the device.
- Key rotation may be immediate, but may also take up to one hour.
- In order for JumpCloud to rotate the Recovery Key, the JumpCloud Service Account must be present on the device.
- Once the Recovery Key is successfully rotated, JumpCloud records the new Recovery Key in the Admin Portal on the device's details.

At this point, FileVault is now completely enabled on the devices where you applied this policy. You can view the Recovery Key for the device, and users can't disable FileVault.

Here is a tutorial on FileVault management:



Windows

BitLocker is an encryption feature built into computers running Windows. It secures your data by scrambling it so it can't be read without using a recovery key. BitLocker differs from most other encryption programs because it uses your Windows login to secure your data; no extra passwords necessary. Once you're logged in, you can access your files normally. After you log out, everything's secured.

JumpCloud's BitLocker policy lets administrators remotely enforce BitLocker Full Disk Encryption on JumpCloud managed devices.

Administrator Experience

Administrators can create a policy to force BitLocker encryption on managed devices and easily view Recovery Keys.

To create a BitLocker policy:

1. Log in to the [JumpCloud Admin Portal](#).
2. Go to DEVICE MANAGEMENT > Policies.
3. Select (+).
4. On the New Policy panel, select Windows.
5. Find the BitLocker Full Disk Encryption policy, then select policy.
6. (Optional) Select Encrypt All Non-Removable Drives to encrypt all fixed drives on the devices the policy will be enforced on.
7. Apply the policy to a Group of Devices in the Device Groups list, or to an individual device in the Devices list.
8. Select save policy.

After an administrator saves the policy, JumpCloud enables BitLocker on the devices where this policy is applied.

- When the device's volume is completely encrypted, you can view a Recovery Key that can be used to unlock all encrypted drives on that device.
- The drive isn't fully encrypted until the policy result shows that it was applied successfully in the Administrator Portal.
- Removing this policy doesn't disable BitLocker or remove key protectors.

The administrator must wait for the following actions to happen before viewing Recovery Keys:

1. A user sees a prompt requesting that they restart their device to enable BitLocker.
2. On the Administrator Portal the Policy Status is updated to BitLocker Not Protected - Encryption has been enabled. Device drive encryption will begin on the next boot.
3. The user restarts their device.
4. BitLocker begins encrypting the user's volume.

After the drive is completely encrypted, Administrators can view the Recovery Key:

1. In the Administrator Portal, go to DEVICE MANAGEMENT > Policy Management.
2. Select the BitLocker Full Disk Encryption policy and select the Devices tab to display a list of encrypted devices.
3. From the displayed list, locate your desired device, and select "View Key" to display the system's Recovery Key. Users who are not administrators on the device can't disable BitLocker.

Here is a tutorial on BitLocker Policy:



For more information on these topics, please refer to the following courses:

