# Business Edition on AWS

Qubole offers Qubole Data Service (QDS) Business Edition at no cost but usage is limited to 10,000 Qubole compute hours (QCUH) per month - a $1000 value. Each QDS account can utilize any number of cloud-optimized data engines, including Spark, Hadoop, Hive and Presto to power queries. Unique to QDS, you will not have to ingest or migrate any of your data from your account in S3 or other AWS data repositories before processing workloads.

## FAQ:

### What is a QCUH unit and how is it calculated?
The Qubole Compute Unit Hour (QCUH) is defined to be equal to the use of one m1.xlarge instance for one hour in the AWS us-east region. QDS uses a multiplier for other instance types. Please click **here** to learn more about QCUH.

Qubole Business Edition is free, but usage is limited to 10,000 QCUH every month (worth approximately $1000). You must provide your own AWS account and you are responsible for AWS costs. Once you setup and authenticate with your AWS account to process data, you will need to pay AWS directly for the computing resources that Qubole manages.

### How do I get started working with my own data?
Because no data migration is necessary, as soon as you authenticate with your AWS account you can start querying right away using Spark, Hadoop, Hive, Presto, Pig, and more services available to all QDS users.

### Is Business Edition recommended for production usage?
Yes, Qubole recommends Business Edition for production usage. However, to get the full benefits of the QDS platform such as lower TCO, performance optimization and automation, upgrade to the Enterprise Edition.

### When should I switch from Business Edition to Enterprise Edition?
Once you are consistently reaching/exceeding your monthly limit of 10,000 QCUH, upgrade to Enterprise Edition. QDS **Cloud Agents** will be available on a one-time trial basis for up to 3 months as part of the Business Edition. To continue using Cloud Agents beyond the trial period, you should upgrade to Enterprise Edition. You can contact us through the subscription upgrade page within the product or by filling up the contact us form.

### Have more questions?
Drop us a note at **info@qubole.com** and we'll get back to you right away.