

Getting an AWS Account

Getting started

You need to sign up for an AWS account before you can do anything else. Do so by the first recitation, on Friday, September 11.

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The sign-up for an AWS account is unfortunately somewhat involved; you can find a slide deck on the course website depicting these steps. If you run into any trouble, post a private Piazza note to the instructors.

- Go to <https://aws.amazon.com/> and click Create an AWS Account or Sign Up in the upper-right-hand corner (slide 1).
- You must sign up with your MIT email address, *username@mit.edu*; type this into the E-mail or mobile number: box, and click Sign in using our secure server (slide 2).
- On the following page, you should enter your real name, and create a password; this password should *not* be the same as your Athena password (slide 3).
- On the following page, fill out the contact information. The phone number must be valid; Amazon requires confirmation of your account via phone call (slide 4). If you don't have access to a working phone, post a private note to the instructors on Piazza.
- On the next screen, enter your credit card number, and click Continue (slide 5). If you don't have a credit card, post a private Piazza note to the instructors.
- Click Call Me Now (slide 6).
- Amazon will call your phone. Once you pick up and say "hello" (or make any sound), you will be prompted for the PIN displayed on your screen, which you can enter with the keypad (slide 7).
- Shortly after they hang up, the page will automatically update; click Continue to select your Support Plan (slide 8).
- Select the Basic (Free) option, and click Continue (slide 9).

You will need your Account Number for the next step. To find this, go to <https://aws.amazon.com>.

- Click Sign In to the Console (slide 10). If need be, sign into your account (slide 11).
- Click the down arrow next to your name (slide 12), and click My Account. Note: You can see billing information here. The account Id is at the top (slide 13). Make note of it, for you will need it in the next step.
- Now you need to sign up for an AWS Educate account. Go to <https://aws.amazon.com/education/awseducate>. Click Apply Now (slide 14).
- Click Apply for AWS Educate for Students (slide 15).
- Say that you are a Student, and click Next (slide 16).
- Enter “Massachusetts Institute of Technology” into the Institution Name. It is essential that the spelling is correct; you should type the first few letters, wait for the drop-down, and click on the relevant entry. The city is Cambridge. Choose Computer Science for Field of Study (but if you choose otherwise, it doesn’t matter). Enter your MIT email address; it must be the same as the email you used to register for AWS, which must be your actual MIT email address, and not a mailing list. Select Undergraduate–Adv Courses (or anything else). Click the rightwards-facing triangle to make it Chosen. Enter your graduation year and month. Paste in your AWS Account ID from the previous step (slide 17).
- Click Next.
- Check your email for the verification code (slide 18). Enter the code into the AWS Educate site, and click the checkbox to say that you are not a robot by completing the recognition task. Click Next (slide 19).
- Read and agree to the terms (slide 20).
- You should receive an email almost instantaneously that you have been approved (slide 21).
- The email will contain a credit code (slide 22).
- Go to <https://aws.amazon.com> and click on the down arrow next to My Account or your user name, and click Billing & Cost Management (slide 23).
- Click Credits on the left (slide 24).
- Paste the code from the email into the Promo Code box, and fill out the captcha (slide 25).
- Click Redeem. You should see \$100.00 under Credits Remaining.

If you have trouble with any of these steps, post a private Piazza note to the instructors. Please ensure these steps are finished by the beginning of the first recitation.