The tutorial consists of 4 sections:

- Account Registration
- Environment Settings
- VM Creating
- Linux Administration.

## Account Registration

1. Open the link [https://www.awseducate.com/Application](https://www.awseducate.com/Application), click [Next].

### Step 1. Choose Your Role

I am a(n)  
- [ ] Educator  
- [x] Student

[Next]
2. Fill in the form (leave the **AWS Account ID** empty) and click the link in the red circle.
   Note: Do not close the current page!

### Step 2. Fill out Application

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<tr>
<th><strong>Institution Name</strong></th>
<th>Example: Harvard University</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Country</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Field of Study</strong></td>
<td>--Select One--</td>
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<td><strong>Email</strong></td>
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<td><strong>AWS Account ID</strong></td>
<td>Don't have one? Sign up now</td>
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<td>Available</td>
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3. Fill in the email/mobile and choose **I am a new user**, then click the button.

**Sign In or Create an AWS Account**

**What is your e-mail or mobile number?**

**E-mail or mobile number:**

chenkaidev@gmail.com

- I am a new user.

- I am a returning user and my password is:

  ![Sign in using our secure server](image)

[Forgot your password?]
4. Fill in the form and click the button.

**Login Credentials**

Use the form below to create login credentials that can be used for AWS as well as Amazon.com.

- **My name is:**
- **My e-mail address is:** chenkaidev@gmail.com
- **Type it again:**
  
  note: this is the e-mail address that we will use to contact you about your account

- **Enter a new password:**
- **Type it again:**

  Create account

5. Fill in the contact information form.

Postal code can be any numbers and the phone number must be your real number.

**Contact Information**

- *Required Fields*
  - **Full Name**
  - **Company Name**
  - **Country:** United States
  - **Address:** Street, P.O. Box, Company Name, c/o
    Apartment, suite, unit, building, floor, etc.
  - **City**
  - **State / Province or Region**
  - **Postal Code**
  - **Phone Number**

- **Security Check**
  
  Refresh Image

Please type the characters as shown above
6. Offer the credit card information and click **Continue**.

**Payment Information**

Please enter your payment information below. You will be able to try a broad set of AWS products for free via the Free Usage Tier. We will only bill your credit or debit card for usage that is not covered by our Free Usage Tier.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>AWS Free Usage Tier</th>
<th>Compute Amazon EC2</th>
<th>Storage Amazon S3</th>
<th>Database Amazon RDS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>free for 1 year</td>
<td>750 hrs/month*</td>
<td>5 GB</td>
<td>750 hrs/month*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*View full offer details*

**Credit/Debit Card Number**

**Expiration Date**

**Cardholder’s Name**

- Use my contact address
- Use a new address

**Continue**

7. Confirm your phone number and click **Call Me Now**.

**Identity Verification**

You will be called immediately by an automated system and prompted to enter the PIN number provided.

**1. Provide a telephone number**

Please enter your information below and click the "Call Me Now" button.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country Code</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Ext</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hong Kong (+852)</td>
<td>110</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Call Me Now**

**2. Call in progress**

**3. Identity verification complete**
8. A phone call will be made to you and you should input the 4-digit code shown on your screen.

![Identity Verification](image)

9. Select basic plan (which is selected in default) and click **Continue**.

![Support Plan](image)
10. You will finish the first procedure and can see the following page. Click **Sign in** button and sign in using your account.

11. This is the console page. Click your account name on the right top and select **My Account** from the dropdown menu.

12. You can see your account id here. Copy it and return to previous page at step 2, paste it to the empty input box, then click **Next**.
13. Verify your email address. The verification code can be found in your mailbox.

Step 3. Verify Email Address

We need to verify the email address you provided in your AWS Educate application before we can process it.

We sent an email address verification message to your mail box at 383664470@qq.com. Please check your messages and input the verification code provided in the email.

Please do not close this page until you enter the verification code sent to your email address. If you close this page before entering the verification code, you will need to restart the application process. If you don't receive an email with the verification code in a few minutes, try checking your spam or junk mail folders.

**Verification Code**: 227930

Please click the box below to help assure that a person and not an automated program is submitting this application. If a set of letters is displayed enter them on the line. If you have any difficulty with the letters, you can click the reload icon to get a new set of letters, or click the headphones to hear audio of what to enter.

14. Go on.

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- [ ] Accept the terms

Submit
It will take some time to approve your AWS Educate application.

Environment Settings

Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) provides scalable computing capacity in the Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud. We will use EC2 in our course to help us build our services. Before we can launch virtual servers using EC2, we should first set it up with it.

Create an IAM user

Accessing AWS using the credentials for your AWS account is not recommended, it’s better to use AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) instead. Create an IAM user, and then add the user to an IAM group with administrative permissions or and grant this user administrative permissions.

Create the Administrators group

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the IAM console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/.
2. In the navigation pane, click Groups, and then click Create New Group.
3. In the Group Name box, type Administrators, and then click **Next Step**.

### Set Group Name

Specify a group name. Group names can be edited any time.

**Group Name:** Administrators

Example: Developers or ProjectAlpha

Maximum 128 characters

4. In the list of policies, select the check box next to the AdministratorAccess policy.

### Attach Policy

Select one or more policies to attach. Each group can have up to 10 policies attached.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Policy Name</th>
<th>Attached Entities</th>
<th>Creation Time</th>
<th>Edited Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AdministratorAccess</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2015-02-07 02:39 UTC+0800</td>
<td>2015-02-07 02:39 UTC+0800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AmazonAPIGatewayAdmin</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2015-07-10 01:34 UTC+0800</td>
<td>2015-07-10 01:34 UTC+0800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AmazonAppStreamFullAccess</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2015-07-10 01:36 UTC+0800</td>
<td>2015-07-10 01:36 UTC+0800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AmazonAppStreamReadOnly</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2015-02-07 02:40 UTC+0800</td>
<td>2015-02-07 02:40 UTC+0800</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5. Click **Next Step**, and then click **Create Group**.

### Create an IAM user

1. In the navigation pane, click **Users**, and then click **Create New Users**.
2. In box 1, type a user name. Clear the check box next to Generate an access key for each user. Then click **Create**.

   ![Enter User Names](image)

   *Enter User Names:*
   1. Your user name here
   2. 
   3. 
   4. 
   5. 

   *Maximum 64 characters each*

   ![Generate an access key for each user](image)

   *Users need access keys to make secure REST or Query protocol requests to AWS service APIs.*
   
   *For users who need access to the AWS Management Console, create a password in the Users panel after completing this wizard.*

3. In the list of users, click the name (not the check box) of the user you just created. You can use the Search box to search for the user name.

4. In the Groups section, click **Add User to Groups**.

   ![IAM > Users > chenkai](image)

   **Summary**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>User ARN:</th>
<th>arn:aws:iam::911714604265:user/chenkai</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Has Password:</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Groups (for this user):</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Path:</td>
<td>/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Creation Time:</td>
<td>2015-09-16 19:33 UTC+0800</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

   **Groups**

   *This user does not belong to any groups.*

   ![Add User to Groups](image)

5. Select the check box next to the Administrators group. Then click **Add to Groups**.

   ![Select groups that user chenkai will be added to.](image)

   Select groups that user **chenkai** will be added to.
6. Scroll down to the Security Credentials section. Under Sign-In Credentials, click **Manage Password**.

7. Select Assign a custom password. Then type a password in the Password and Confirm Password boxes. When you are finished, click **Apply**.

**Sign in as the new IAM user**

1. (optional but recommended) Create an alias for your account.
   
   If you don’t want the URL for your sign-in page to contain your AWS account ID, you can create an account alias. From the IAM dashboard, click Customize and enter an alias, such as your company name.

   **Welcome to Identity and Access Management**
   
   IAM users sign-in link:
   
   [https://kchen.signin.aws.amazon.com/console](https://kchen.signin.aws.amazon.com/console)

2. Sign out of the AWS console, then use the following URL, where `your_account_alias` is your AWS account alias.

   [https://your_account_alias.signin.aws.amazon.com/console/](https://your_account_alias.signin.aws.amazon.com/console/)

   If you omitted step 1, then use the following URL instead, where `your_aws_account_id` is your AWS account number.

   [https://your_aws_account_id.signin.aws.amazon.com/console/](https://your_aws_account_id.signin.aws.amazon.com/console/)

   Enter the IAM user name and password that you just created. When you’re signed in, the navigation bar displays “your_user_name @ your_account_alias” or “your_user_name @ your_aws_account_id”.

**Create a Key Pair**
AWS uses public-key cryptography to secure the login information for your instance. A Linux instance has no password; you use a key pair to log in to your instance securely.

1. Sign in to AWS using the URL that you created in the previous section. Open the Amazon EC2 console.
2. From the navigation bar, select a region for the key pair. I recommend Asia Pacific which is geographically closer to us. Here I select Tokyo.
3. Click **Key Pairs** in the navigation pane.
4. Click **Create Key Pair**.

5. Enter a name for the new key pair in the Key pair name field of the Create Key Pair dialog box, and then click Create. Choose a name that is easy for you to remember, such as your IAM user name, followed by -key-pair, plus the region name. For example, chenkai-key-pair_ap2.

6. The private key file is automatically downloaded by your browser. The base file name is the name you specified as the name of your key pair, and the file name extension is .pem. Save the private key file in a safe place.

**Create a Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)**
If you can find a default VPC, you can skip this section and move to the next task. Otherwise, follow the steps.

Create a Security Group

Security groups act as a firewall for associated instances, controlling both inbound and outbound traffic at the instance level. You must add rules to a security group that enable you to connect to your instance from your IP address using SSH. You can also add rules that allow inbound and outbound HTTP and HTTPS access from anywhere.

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console.
2. From the navigation bar, select a region for the security group. Security groups are specific to a region, so you should select the same region in which you created your key pair.
3. Click Security Groups in the navigation pane.
5. Enter a name for the new security group and a description. Choose a name that is easy for you to remember, such as your IAM user name, followed by SG, plus the region name. For example, chenkai_SG_ap2.
6. In the VPC list, select your VPC. If you have a default VPC, it’s the one that is marked with an asterisk (*).

![Security Group](image1.png)

7. On the Inbound tab, create the following rules (click Add Rule for each new rule), and then click Create:

- Select **HTTP** from the Type list, and make sure that Source is set to Anywhere (0.0.0.0/0).
- Select **HTTPS** from the Type list, and make sure that Source is set to Anywhere (0.0.0.0/0).
- Select **SSH** from the Type list. In the Source box, ensure Custom IP is selected, and set the source to 137.189.0.0/16 (which means that any IP from CUHK can access your instance using SSH, if you want to access your instance from other places, add the ip address similarly).

![Security Group Rules](image2.png)

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**VM Creating**

**Launch an Amazon EC2 Instance**

1. From the console dashboard, click **Launch Instance**.

![Launch Instance](image3.png)

Note: Your instances will launch in the Asia Pacific (Tokyo) region.
2. The Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI) page displays a list of basic configurations, called Amazon Machine Images (AMIs), that serve as templates for your instance. Select the fourth one: Ubuntu Server 14.04 LTS (HVM). Notice that this configuration is marked “Free tier eligible.”

Step 1: Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>AMI</th>
<th>Region</th>
<th>State</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ubuntu Server 14.04 LTS (HVM)</td>
<td></td>
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</table>
```

3. On the Choose an Instance Type page, you can select the hardware configuration of your instance. The default selection is t2.micro, if not, change it to t2.micro.

Step 2: Choose an Instance Type

```
Filter by: All instance types
Current generation
Show/Hide Columns
```

4. Click Review and Launch to let the wizard complete the other configuration settings for you.

5. On the Review Instance Launch page, under Security Groups, Click Edit security groups.

Step 7: Review Instance Launch

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Security Group Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>launch-wizard-1</td>
<td>Created: 2015-08-19T13:33:47.074+08:00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```
6. On the **Configure Security Group** page, ensure the **Select an existing security group** option is selected. Select your security group from the list of existing security groups, and click **Review and Launch**.

**Step 6: Configure Security Group**

A security group is a set of security rules that control the traffic for your instance. On this page, you can add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance. For example, if you want to set up a web server and allow Internet traffic to reach your instance, add rules that allow unrestricted access to the HTTP and HTTPS ports. You can create a new security group or select from an existing one below. Learn more about Amazon EC2 security groups.

<table>
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<th>Security Group ID</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Actions</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sg-75c19410</td>
<td>checkal_90_ap2</td>
<td>security group for ERS04030</td>
<td>Copy to new</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sg-541c5631</td>
<td>default</td>
<td>default VPC security group</td>
<td>Copy to new</td>
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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HTTPS</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>443</td>
<td>0.0.0.0/0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HTTP</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>0.0.0.0/0</td>
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</table>

7. On the **Review Instance Launch** page, click **Launch**.

8. In the **Select an existing key pair or create a new key pair** dialog box, select **Choose an existing key pair**, then select the key pair you created when getting set up.

A key pair consists of a **public key** that AWS stores, and a **private key file** that you store. Together, they allow you to connect to your instance securely. For Windows AMIs, the private key file is required to obtain the password used to log into your instance. For Linux AMIs, the private key file allows you to securely SSH into your instance.

Note: The selected key pair will be added to the set of keys authorized for this instance. Learn more about [removing existing key pairs from a public AMI](#).

9. A confirmation page lets you know that your instance is launching. Click **View Instances** to close the confirmation page and return to the console.

10. On the Instances screen, you can view the status of your instance. It takes a short time for an instance to launch. When you launch an instance, its initial state is pending. After the instance starts, its state changes to running, and it receives a public DNS name.

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**Linux Administration**
Connect to Your Instance

For Mac/Linux users

1. Open your command shell and run the following command, in which “my-key-pair.pem” is the private key filename downloaded by browser at the step Create a Key Pair.

   chmod 400 my-key-pair.pem

2. Next, run the following command:

   ssh -i /path/my-key-pair.pem ubuntu@public_dns_name

If there is a warning like the following, input yes and enter.

For example, I run the following commands on my computer.

   chmod 400 ~/Downloads/ck-key-pair.pem

   ssh -i ~/Downloads/ck-key-pair.pem ubuntu@ec2-52-69-238-207.ap-northeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com

For Windows Users

You will use PUTTY to connect to your instance.

1. Download and install PuTTY from http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/. Be sure to install the entire suite.
2. Start PuTTYgen
3. Under Type of key to generate, select SSH-2 RSA.
4. Click Load. By default, PuTTYgen displays only files with the extension .ppk. To locate your .pem file, select the option to display files of all types.
5. Select the private key file that you created in the previous procedure and click Open. Click OK to dismiss the confirmation dialog box.
6. Click **Save private key**. PuTTYgen displays a warning about saving the key without a passphrase. Click **Yes**.
7. Specify the same name for the key that you used for the key pair. PuTTY automatically adds the .ppk file extension.
8. Start PuTTY
9. In the Category pane, select **Session** and complete the following fields.
   - In the **Host Name** box, enter ubuntu@public_dns_name (do not follow the image below).
   - Under **Connection type**, select **SSH**.
   - Ensure that **Port** is 22.

10. In the **Category** pane, expand **Connection**, expand **SSH**, and then select **Auth**. Complete the following:
    - Click **Browse**.
    - Select the .ppk file that you generated for your key pair, and then click **Open**.
    - Click **Open** to start the PuTTY session.
11. If PuTTY displays a security alert dialog box that asks whether you trust the host you are connecting to. Click Yes. A window opens and you are connected to your instance.

Some useful commands

**cd**
Change directory

**ls**
List information about file(s)

**mkdir**
Create new folder(s)

**cp**
Copy one or more files to another location

**mv**
Move or rename files or directories

**rm**
Remove files or directories
apt-get

Search for and install software packages

top

List processes running on the system

Install and setting up with Nginx

1. Install nginx

   ```
   sudo apt-get install nginx
   ```

2. Run nginx

   Nginx should have started automatically. You can run the following command to check it.

   ```
   sudo service nginx status
   ```

   You can stop/restart nginx by running the following command

   ```
   sudo service nginx stop/restart
   ```

   If there is error messages like the following

   ```
   nginx: [emerg] bind() to 0.0.0.0:80 failed (98: Address already in use)
   nginx: [emerg] bind() to [::]:80 failed (98: Address already in use)
   ```

   run the command

   ```
   sudo killall -9 nginx
   ```

   Then try to start nginx again.

3. Check whether nginx is successfully started. Run the following command.

   ```
   curl localhost
   ```
Welcome to nginx!

If you see this page, the nginx web server is successfully installed and working. Further configuration is required.

For online documentation and support please refer to nginx.org. Commercial support is available at nginx.com.

Thank you for using nginx.

Reference