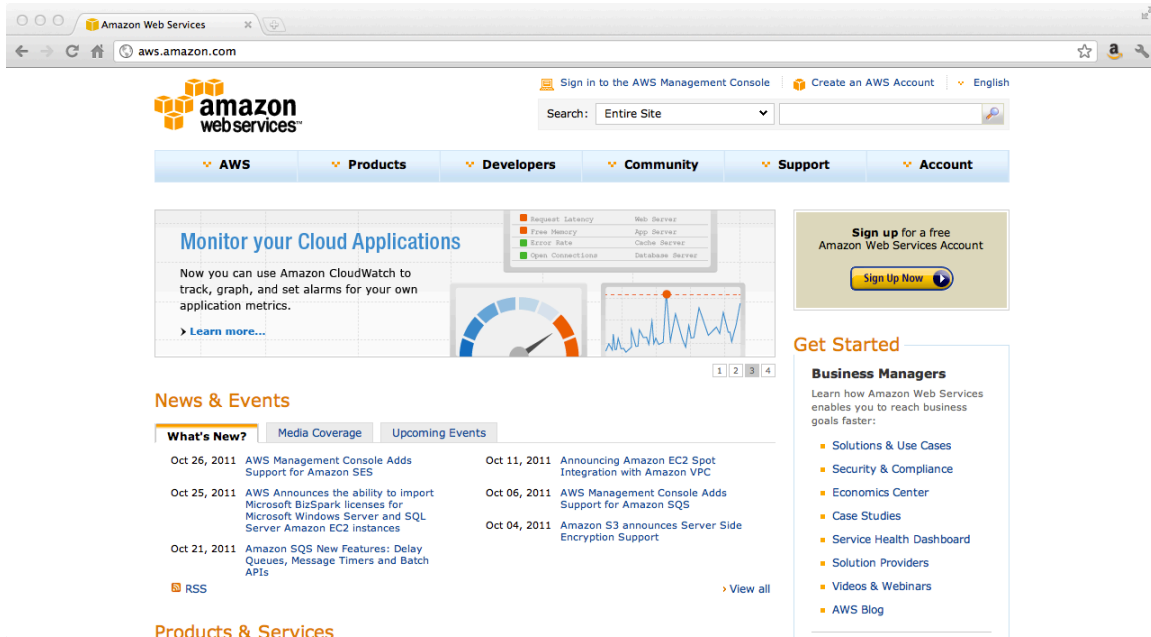


# How to create a new free tier Amazon EC2 account

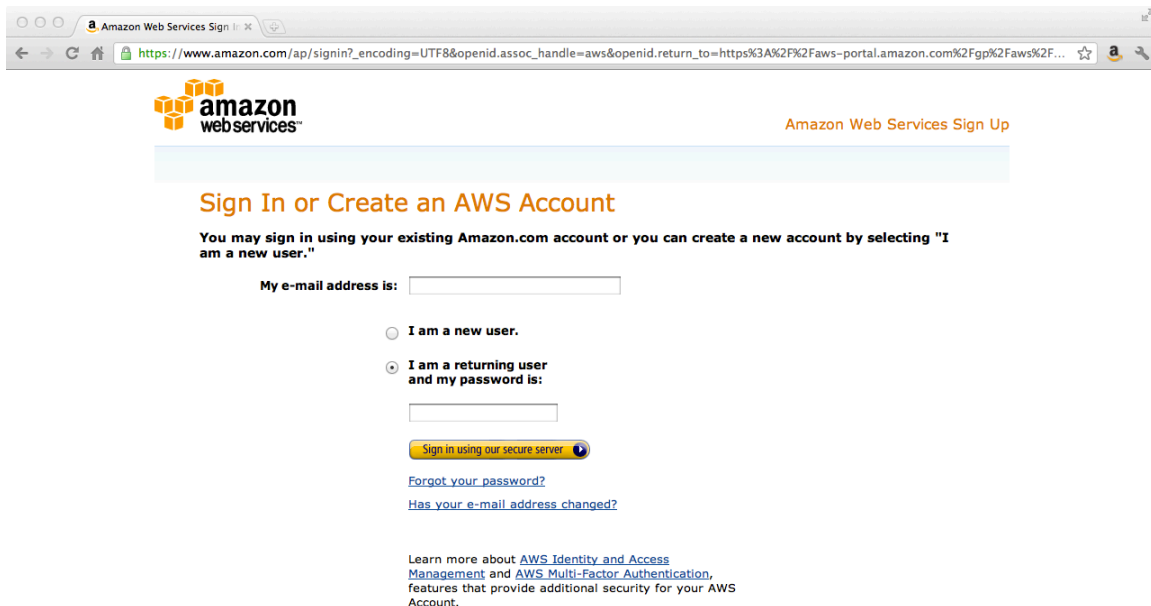
1. - Open your web browser and navigate to: <http://aws.amazon.com>



The screenshot shows the Amazon Web Services homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Sign in to the AWS Management Console', 'Create an AWS Account', and 'English'. Below this is a search bar and a menu with categories: AWS, Products, Developers, Community, Support, and Account. The main content area features a 'Monitor your Cloud Applications' section with a graph, a 'Sign up for a free Amazon Web Services Account' button, and a 'Get Started' section with links to 'Business Managers', 'Solutions & Use Cases', 'Security & Compliance', 'Economics Center', 'Case Studies', 'Service Health Dashboard', 'Solution Providers', 'Videos & Webinars', and 'AWS Blog'. There's also a 'News & Events' section with a list of recent announcements.

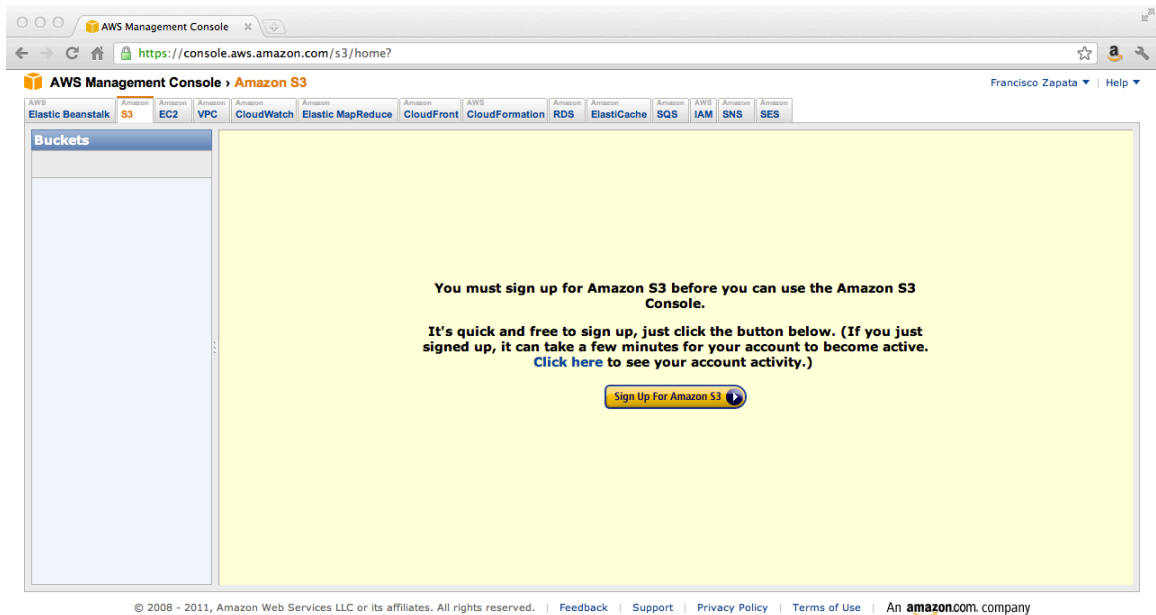
Click on the “Sign Up Now” button.

2. - If you already have an Amazon store account you can use it here to login to Amazon EC2 services and then register for the free tier. If you don't have an Amazon store account you can create a new account here by typing your email and selecting the “I am a new user” radio button. Then click the “Sign in using our secure server” button to continue.

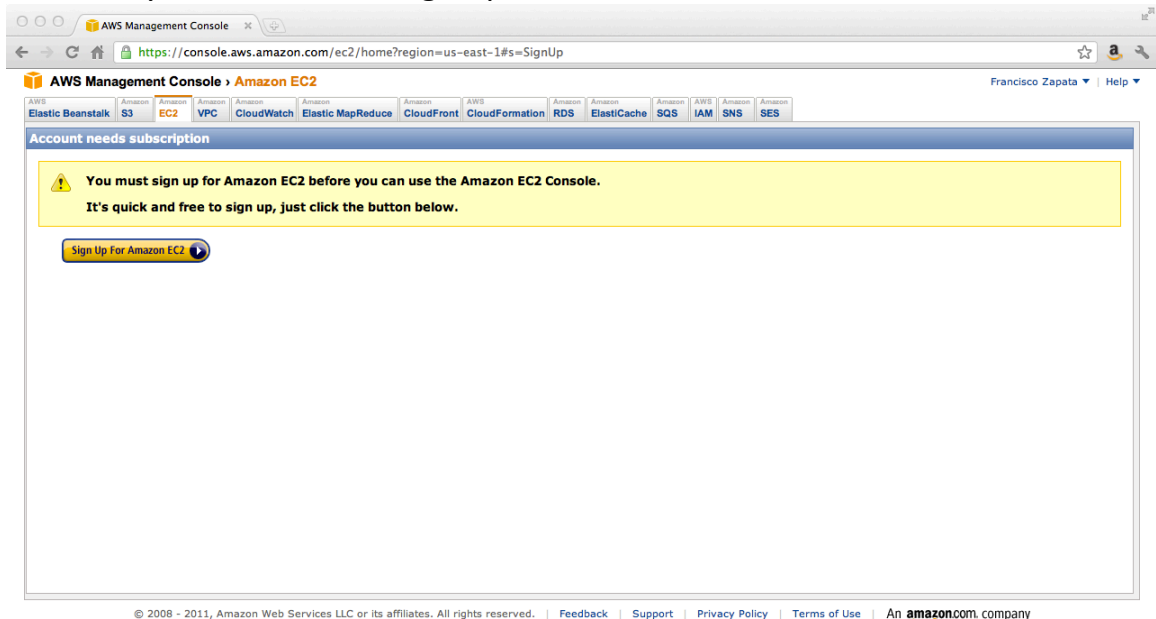


The screenshot shows the Amazon Web Services Sign Up page. It has a header with the Amazon Web Services logo and the text 'Amazon Web Services Sign Up'. The main heading is 'Sign In or Create an AWS Account'. Below this, it says 'You may sign in using your existing Amazon.com account or you can create a new account by selecting "I am a new user."'. There's a form for 'My e-mail address is:' with a text input field. Below the input field are two radio buttons: 'I am a new user.' and 'I am a returning user and my password is:'. The 'I am a returning user' option is selected. Below the radio buttons is a password input field. At the bottom of the form is a button labeled 'Sign in using our secure server'. Below the button are two links: 'Forgot your password?' and 'Has your e-mail address changed?'. At the very bottom, there's a link to 'Learn more about AWS Identity and Access Management and AWS Multi-Factor Authentication, features that provide additional security for your AWS Account.'

3. - Once logged in you will be taken to the Amazon S3 service tag. Amazon S3 is where you manage your Internet storage. If you click on the EC2 tag you will be taken to the Amazon EC2 services page.



4. - Here you click in the “Sign up for Amazon EC2” button.



5. - Now you must fill in your credit card info and billing address.

The screenshot shows the 'Enter Your Payment Information' step of the AWS account creation process. At the top, a progress bar indicates the current step is 'PAYMENT METHOD', with previous steps 'CREATE ACCOUNT' and 'IDENTITY VERIFICATION' completed, and 'CONFIRMATION' yet to come. The Amazon Web Services logo is in the top left. Below the progress bar, the heading 'Enter Your Payment Information Below' is followed by a disclaimer about the AWS free usage tier. A list of required fields includes 'Credit Card\*', 'Card Number\*', 'Cardholder's Name\*', and 'Expiration Date\*'. The 'Credit Card\*' field has a dropdown for 'Select card type'. The 'Expiration Date\*' field has dropdowns for month (01) and year (2011). Below this, the heading 'Enter Your Billing Address' is followed by the instruction 'Enter a new address'. Required fields for the address include 'Full Name\*' and 'Country\*', which is currently set to 'United States'.

This screenshot shows the 'Enter Your Billing Address' step. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://aws-portal.amazon.com/gp/aws/developer/subscription/index.html?ie=UTF8&productCode=AmazonEC2>. The 'Expiration Date\*' field from the previous step is visible at the top, with month (01) and year (2011) selected. The heading 'Enter Your Billing Address' is followed by 'Enter a new address'. A list of required fields includes 'Full Name\*', 'Country\*' (set to 'United States'), 'Address Line 1\*', 'Address Line 2\*', 'City\*', 'State, Province or Region\*', 'ZIP or Postal Code\*', and 'Phone number\*'. Address Line 1 has a hint: 'Street address, P.O. box, company name, c/o'. Address Line 2 has a hint: 'Apartment, suite, unit, building, floor, etc.'. At the bottom of the form is a yellow 'Continue' button with a right arrow. Below the form, there is a footer with links for 'Privacy Policy' and 'Customer Agreement', a copyright notice for 2011 Amazon Web Services LLC, and the text 'An amazon.com company'.

6. - You will be taken to an identity verification page that will already have your phone number, so you just have to click the “Call me now” button.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://aws-portal.amazon.com/gp/aws/developer/subscription/index.html>. The Amazon Web Services logo is at the top left. A progress bar at the top indicates four steps: CREATE ACCOUNT, PAYMENT METHOD, IDENTITY VERIFICATION (which is the current step), and CONFIRMATION. Below the progress bar, a yellow box states: "In order to complete the sign up process, we will need to verify your identity." The main heading is "Identity Verification by Telephone". Below this, a paragraph explains: "After you provide a telephone number where you can be reached below, you will then be called immediately by an automated system and prompted to enter the PIN number over the phone. Once completed, you'll be able to proceed to review your account details. Please follow the 3 simple steps below." The first step, "1. Provide a telephone number", is highlighted in a blue box. It contains the instruction: "Please enter your information below and click the 'Call Me Now' button." Below this is a form with "Country Code" set to "United States (+1)", a "Phone number" input field, and an "ext:" input field. A yellow "Call Me Now" button is at the bottom of this section. Below the first step are two more steps, "2. Call in progress" and "3. Identity verification complete", which are currently inactive.

7. - The next page will show your PIN # while a call is made to the phone number you have provided. You need to answer the call and dial in your phone the PIN # the webpage is providing you for identity verification purposes.

This screenshot shows the same Amazon Web Services identity verification page, but at a later stage. The progress bar at the top now shows "IDENTITY VERIFICATION" as the current step, with "CONFIRMATION" as the next step. The yellow box at the top still says: "In order to complete the sign up process, we will need to verify your identity." The heading "Identity Verification by Telephone" is still present. The paragraph below it now says: "After you provide a telephone number where you can be reached below, you will then be called immediately by an automated system and prompted to enter the PIN number over the phone. Once completed, you'll be able to proceed to review your account details. Please follow the 3 simple steps below." The first step, "1. Provide a telephone number", is now marked with a checkmark and is no longer highlighted. The second step, "2. Call in progress", is highlighted in a blue box. It contains the instruction: "Please follow the instructions on the telephone and key in the foirting Personal Identification Number (PIN) on your telephone when prompted." Below this is a large yellow box with the text "Your PIN: 6895" in bold. Below the yellow box, it says: "If you have not yet received a call at the number indicated above please wait. This page will automatically update with what you need to do next." The third step, "3. Identity verification complete", is still inactive. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for "Privacy Policy" and "Customer Agreement", a copyright notice "© 2011 Amazon Web Services LLC or its affiliates. All rights reserved.", and the text "An amazon.com company".

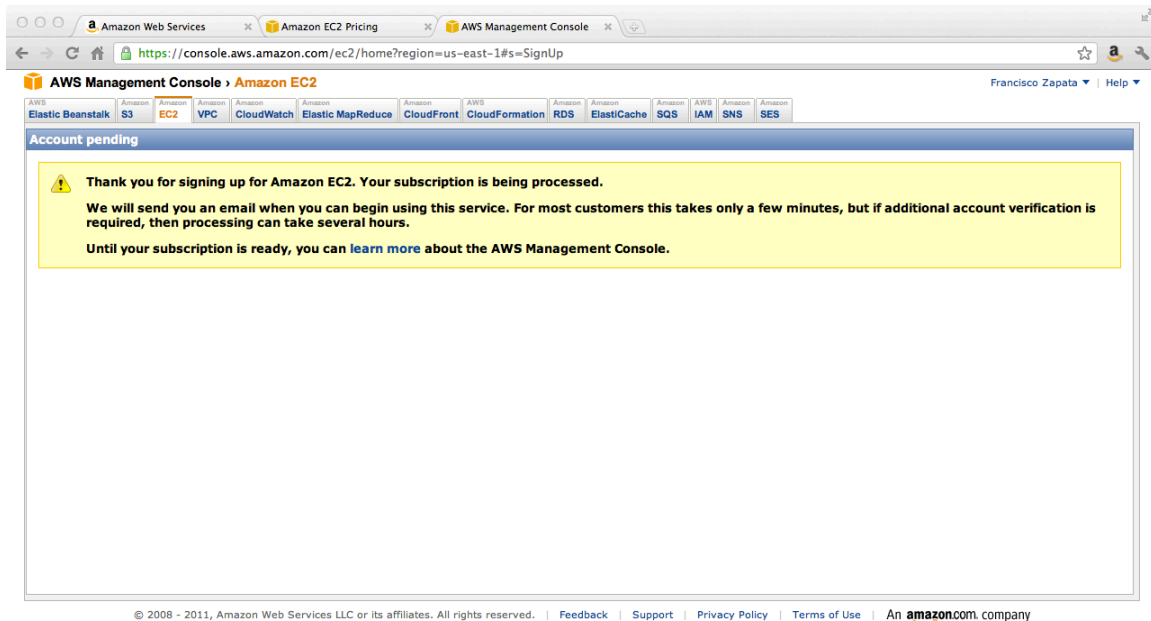
8. -Once your verification is complete just click the “Continue” button.

The screenshot shows the Amazon Web Services Identity Verification page. At the top, a progress bar indicates the steps: CREATE ACCOUNT, PAYMENT METHOD, IDENTITY VERIFICATION (current step), and CONFIRMATION. Below the progress bar, a yellow box states: "In order to complete the sign up process, we will need to verify your identity." The main heading is "Identity Verification by Telephone". The text explains that after providing a telephone number, the user will be called by an automated system to enter a PIN. Below this, there are two blue boxes with checkmarks: "Provide a telephone number" and "Call to 1 (915) 412-6259". The section "3. Identity verification complete" follows, with the message "Your identity has been verified successfully" and a yellow "Continue" button. At the bottom, there are links for "Privacy Policy" and "Customer Agreement", a copyright notice for 2011 Amazon Web Services LLC, and the text "An amazon.com company".

9. - Now your account will be processed for activation. It may take somewhere between 30 minutes to 1 hour for you to receive an email confirmation that your Amazon Cloud Services account has been activated.

The screenshot shows the Amazon Web Services account activation page. At the top, a progress bar indicates the steps: CREATE ACCOUNT, PAYMENT METHOD, IDENTITY VERIFICATION, and CONFIRMATION (current step). Below the progress bar, the Amazon Web Services logo is displayed. The main heading is "Activating your account...". The text explains that the account is being activated so that the user can begin using Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2). It also states that the user will be notified by email at fag74@gmail.com once the verification is complete. Below this, there are two sections: "Start Exploring Amazon EC2" with links to Service Details, Detailed Service Pricing, Documentation, FAQs, and Discussion Forums; and "Sign Up For AWS Premium Support" with a description of the support channel and a "Sign Up Now" button. At the bottom, there are links for "Privacy Policy" and "Customer Agreement".

10. -Until your account is activated this is how your EC2 tag will look like:



11. -Please remember what are the free features of the service:

### Free Tier\*

As part of AWS's Free Usage Tier, new AWS customers can get started with Amazon EC2 for free. Upon sign-up, new AWS customers receive the following EC2 services each month for one year:

- 750 hours of EC2 running Linux/Unix Micro instance usage:
  - Basic 32-bit Amazon Linux AMI 2011.09 or**
  - Basic 64-bit Amazon Linux AMI 2011.09**
  - These images feature a server with 1 core, 613Mb of Ram and up to 10Gb of persistent storage.**
- 750 hours of Elastic Load Balancing plus 15 GB data processing
- 10 GB of Amazon Elastic Block Storage (EBS) plus 1 million IOs and 1 GB snapshot storage
- 15 GB of bandwidth out aggregated across all AWS services
- 1 GB of Regional Data Transfer

12. -If you need to use a bigger instance with more cores, more ram or more persistent storage then Amazon will charge your credit card according to the following pricing chart depending of the geographic region where you allocate your server:

Region:	US East (Virginia)	
	Linux/UNIX Usage	Windows Usage
<b>Standard On-Demand Instances</b>		
Small (Default)	\$0.085 per hour	\$0.12 per hour
Large	\$0.34 per hour	\$0.48 per hour
Extra Large	\$0.68 per hour	\$0.96 per hour
<b>Micro On-Demand Instances</b>		
Micro	\$0.02 per hour	\$0.03 per hour
<b>Hi-Memory On-Demand Instances</b>		
Extra Large	\$0.50 per hour	\$0.62 per hour
Double Extra Large	\$1.00 per hour	\$1.24 per hour
Quadruple Extra Large	\$2.00 per hour	\$2.48 per hour
<b>Hi-CPU On-Demand Instances</b>		
Medium	\$0.17 per hour	\$0.29 per hour
Extra Large	\$0.68 per hour	\$1.16 per hour
<b>Cluster Compute Instances</b>		
Quadruple Extra Large	\$1.60 per hour	\$1.98 per hour
<b>Cluster GPU Instances</b>		
Quadruple Extra Large	\$2.10 per hour	\$2.60 per hour

The complete price listing can be found here:

<http://aws.amazon.com/ec2/pricing/>