



HOW TO CREATE AN AWS ACCOUNT



Explore AWS with a Free Tier account!

In this tutorial, we will explain how to create an AWS Free Tier account. The sign-up process involves the following:

- Step 1: Select email, account name, and password
- Step 2: Add contact information
- Step 3: Add a payment method
- Step 4: Confirm your identity
- Step 5: Select a support plan.

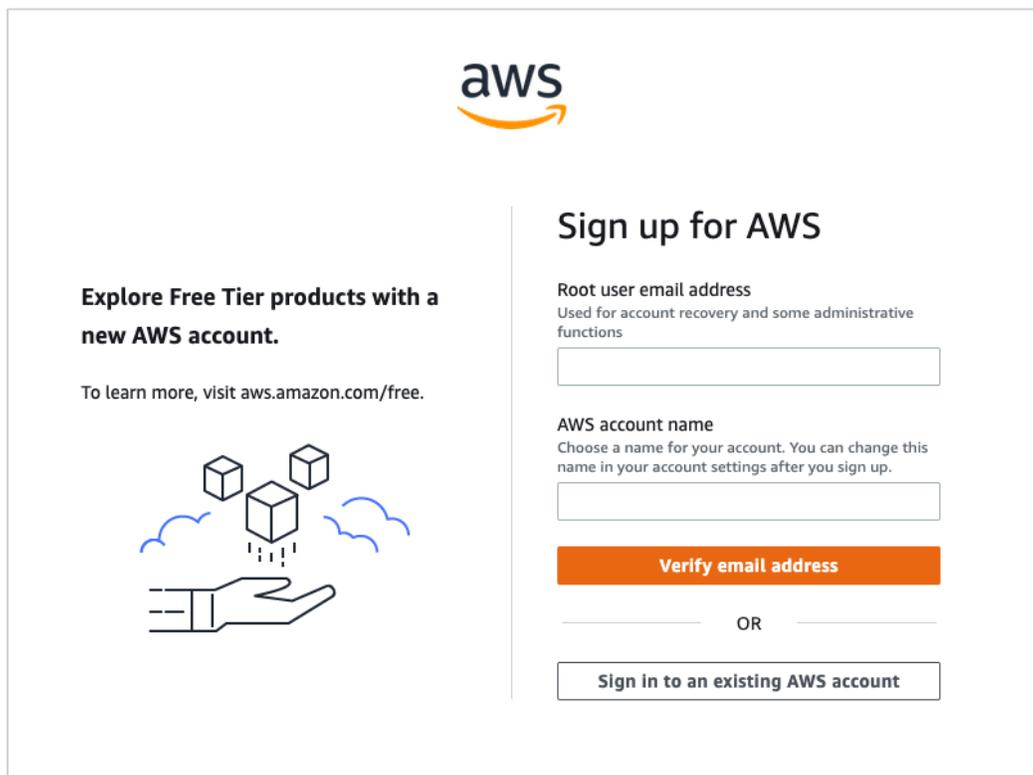
In AWS, there is only one account owner (root user). Additional users that are created by the root user are known as IAM users. IAM users can be configured as “admins” and be given the ability to create other IAM users. The root user is given full access to resources in the AWS account, while IAM users are granted permissions that are set in place by the root user. In addition, the root user’s sign-in credentials can be used for account recovery and other administrative functions.

AWS offer Free Tier to gain free, hands-on experience with the AWS products and services. For more details, go to <https://aws.amazon.com/free/>

Step 1 : Select email, account name, and password

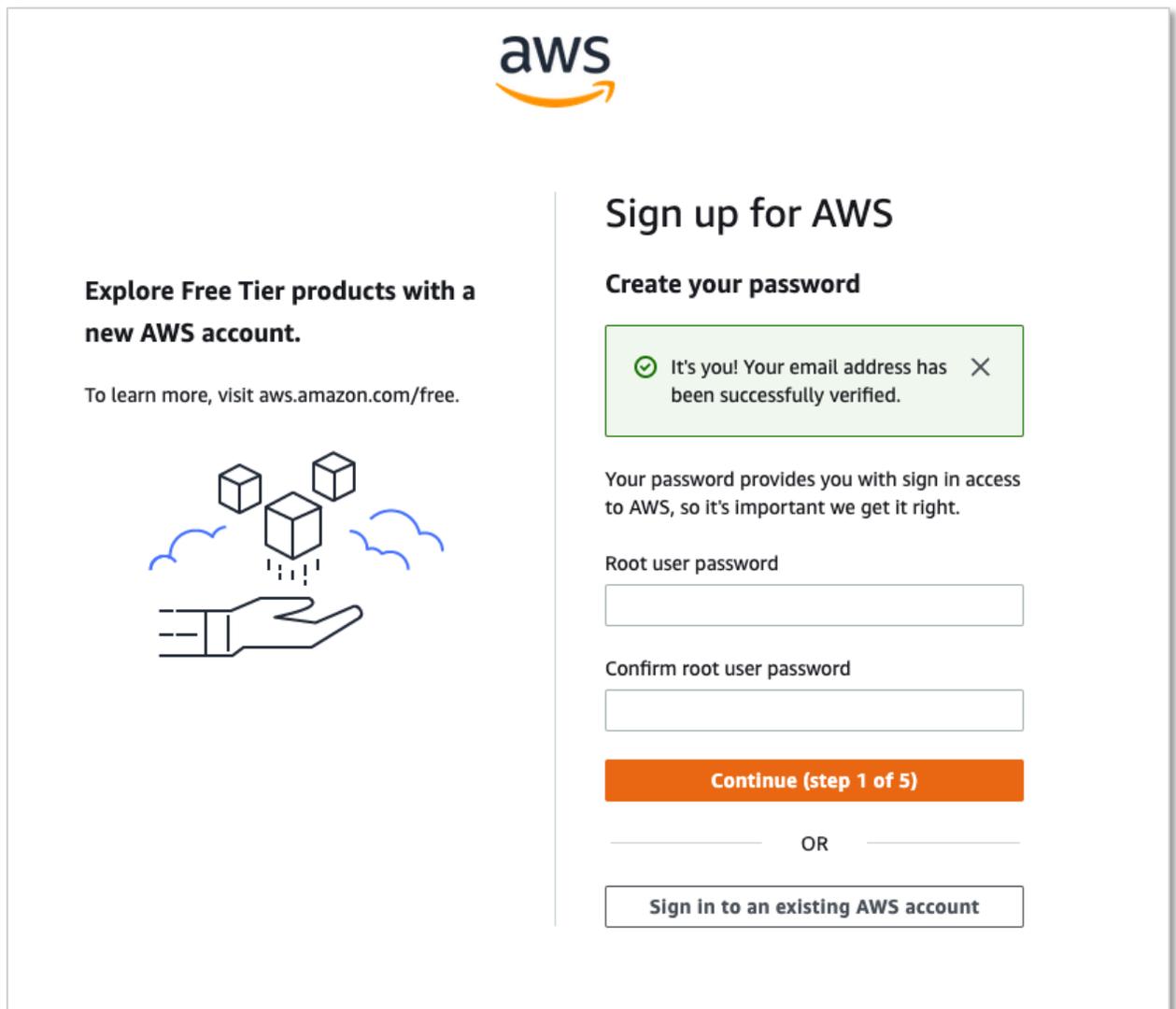
To create a new AWS account, go to aws.amazon.com and choose [Create an AWS Account](#).

1. Enter an email address and an account name.
 - Carefully consider which email address you want to use. If you are setting up for a personal account, we don't recommend using a work email address because you may change jobs at some point. Conversely, for business accounts, we recommend using an email alias that can be managed because the person setting up the account may, at some point, change roles or companies.
2. Select Verify email address.
 - You will get a verification code in your email. Enter the verification code and choose Verify.
 - You will be redirected to a new screen where you will create your root user password.



The screenshot shows the AWS sign-up page. At the top center is the AWS logo. On the left side, there is a promotional message: "Explore Free Tier products with a new AWS account." followed by "To learn more, visit aws.amazon.com/free." Below this is an illustration of a hand holding three server blocks. On the right side, the main sign-up form is titled "Sign up for AWS". It contains two input fields: "Root user email address" (with a subtext "Used for account recovery and some administrative functions") and "AWS account name" (with a subtext "Choose a name for your account. You can change this name in your account settings after you sign up."). Below the first input field is an orange button labeled "Verify email address". Below the second input field is a button labeled "Sign in to an existing AWS account". Between these two buttons is the text "OR".

3. Create your root user password.
 - The password you choose is extremely sensitive, and should be shared only with people who have access to the credit card that will be used on this account.
 - Your password must include: uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, and non-alphabetic characters.
4. Once you have entered and confirmed your password, choose **Continue (step 1 of 5)**.



The screenshot shows the AWS sign-up interface. At the top center is the AWS logo. On the left side, there is a section titled "Explore Free Tier products with a new AWS account." with a link to aws.amazon.com/free and an illustration of a hand holding three server blocks. On the right side, the main heading is "Sign up for AWS" followed by "Create your password". A green success message box states: "It's you! Your email address has been successfully verified." Below this, a note says: "Your password provides you with sign in access to AWS, so it's important we get it right." There are two input fields for "Root user password" and "Confirm root user password". An orange button labeled "Continue (step 1 of 5)" is positioned below the fields. Below the button is the text "OR" and a button labeled "Sign in to an existing AWS account".

Step 2 : Add contact Information

Now you need to add your contact information and select how you plan to use AWS.

1. Choose between a business or personal account.
 - There is no difference in account type or functionality, but there is a difference in the type of information required to open the account for billing purposes.
 - For a business account, choose a phone number that is tied to the business and can be reached if the person setting up the account is not available.
2. Once you have selected the account type, fill out the the contact information about the account.
 - Save these details in a safe place. If you ever lose access to the email or your two-factor authentication device, AWS Support can use these details to confirm your identity.
3. At the end of this form, please read through the terms of the [AWS Customer Agreement](#) and select the checkbox to accept them.
4. Choose Continue (step 2 of 5) to proceed to the next screen.



Free Tier offers

All AWS accounts can explore 3 different types of free offers, depending on the product used.



Always free
Never expires



12 months free
Start from initial sign-up date



Trials
Start from service activation date

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Contact Information

How do you plan to use AWS?

- Business - for your work, school, or organization
- Personal - for your own projects

Who should we contact about this account?

Full Name

Phone Number

 +1

Country or Region

United States

Address

Apartment, suite, unit, building, floor, etc.

City

State, Province, or Region

Postal Code

I have read and agree to the terms of the [AWS Customer Agreement](#).

Continue (step 2 of 5)

Step 3 : Add a payment method

In the following screen, add your preferred credit or debit card to use for payment.

1. Enter your Billing Information details.
 - A small hold will be placed on the card, so the address must match what your financial institution has on file for you or your business.
2. You can use any credit card, debit card or prepaid card.
3. Select Verify and Continue (step 3 of 5) to proceed.



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Secure verification

 We will not charge you for usage below AWS Free Tier limits. We may temporarily hold up to \$1 USD (or an equivalent amount in local currency) as a pending transaction for 3-5 days to verify your identity.



Billing Information

Credit or Debit card number

AWS accepts all major credit and debit cards. To learn more about payment options, review our [FAQ](#)

Expiration date

Cardholder's name

Billing address
 Use my contact address
 Use a new address

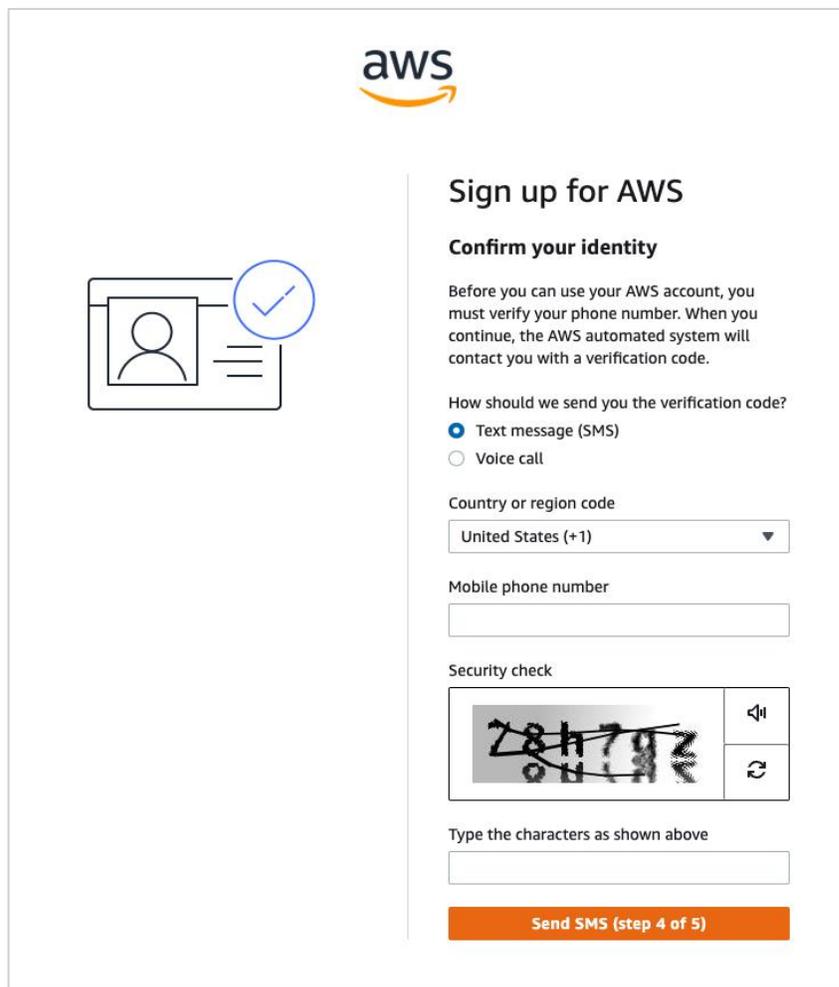
Verify and Continue (step 3 of 5)

You might be redirected to your bank's website to authorize the verification charge.

Step 4 : Confirm your identity

Now you need to verify your account.

1. Choose how you want to confirm your identity.
 - You can verify your account either through a text message (SMS) or a voice call on the number you are associating with this account.
 - For the text message (SMS) option, you will be sent a numeric code to enter on the next screen after you choose Send SMS.
 - For the Voice call option, you will be shown a code on the screen to enter after being prompted by the automated voice verification system.
2. Enter the code as appropriate for your verification choice, then choose Continue to proceed to the final step.



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Confirm your identity

Before you can use your AWS account, you must verify your phone number. When you continue, the AWS automated system will contact you with a verification code.

How should we send you the verification code?

Text message (SMS)

Voice call

Country or region code

United States (+1)

Mobile phone number

Security check

Type the characters as shown above

Send SMS (step 4 of 5)

Step 5 : Select a support plan

Choose a support plan for your AWS account.

1. Choose a support plan. For this tutorial, we recommend the default selection.
 - You have three options for support plans. The default option is called Basic Support and is free of charge. Select Basic Support. You can always change support tiers at a later date.
 - To see the full list of differences between the tiers, see [Compare AWS Support Plans](#).
2. To finish creating your account, choose Complete sign up.



The screenshot shows the AWS 'Sign up for AWS' page. At the top is the AWS logo. Below it is the heading 'Sign up for AWS' and a sub-heading 'Select a support plan'. A paragraph of text reads: 'Choose a support plan for your business or personal account. [Compare plans and pricing examples](#) [You can change your plan anytime in the AWS Management Console.](#)'

There are three support plan options presented in cards:

- Basic support - Free** (Selected):
 - Recommended for new users just getting started with AWS
 - 24x7 self-service access to AWS resources
 - For account and billing issues only
 - Access to Personal Health Dashboard & Trusted AdvisorIcon: A document with a checkmark.
- Developer support - From \$29/month**:
 - Recommended for developers experimenting with AWS
 - Email access to AWS Support during business hours
 - 12 (business)-hour response timesIcon: A laptop with code symbols.
- Business support - From \$100/month**:
 - Recommended for running production workloads on AWS
 - 24x7 tech support via email, phone, and chat
 - 1-hour response times
 - Full set of Trusted Advisor best-practice recommendationsIcon: A briefcase.

Below these options is a section titled 'Need Enterprise level support?' with an icon of a building. The text reads: 'From \$15,000 a month you will receive 15-minute response times and concierge-style experience with an assigned Technical Account Manager. [Learn more](#) [You can change your plan anytime in the AWS Management Console.](#)'

At the bottom center is an orange button labeled 'Complete sign up'.