1. Sign-Up with Amazon Web Services and obtain Access Key ID and Secret Access Key
   1. Log in to AWS
   2. Navigate to IAM console under the Services tab
      * Create or Select an IAM user name
      * Click User Actions, then click Manage Access Keys
      * Click Create Access Key
      * Download Credentials – store in safe location
2. Install StarCluster
   1. On Mac/ Linux computers
      * Open Terminal and type:
        + sudo easy\_install StarCluster
        + (enter admin password)
   2. On Windows
      * Install python 2.7 from python.org
      * Install dependencies listed here:
        + <http://star.mit.edu/cluster/docs/latest/installation.html>
      * in python 2.7 type:
        + easy\_install StarCluster
3. Configure StarCluster
   1. To set up the configuration file - Type:
      * starcluster help
        + choose the second option type:
      * 2
   2. Customize the configuration file using Vi text editor
      * Tips for using Vi
        + vi filename #to start edit filename at line 1
        + While in Vi type:
          - i #insert text before cursor, until <Esc> hit
          - u #undo whatever you just did
          - x #delete single character under cursor
          - :x #quit vi, writing out modified file to file named in original invocation
          - :q! #quit vi even though latest changes have not been saved for this vi call
      * vi ~/.starcluster/config