Cloud Infrastructure—AWS

# Create an account.

Search (Google, Bing, etc.) for AWS educate, or go to this link:  
<https://aws.amazon.com/education/awseducate/>

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The login page is somewhat confusing, at least for me. The 'Register now' button is straightforward, but after registering us the small link below it, 'Sign in to AWS Educate', to access course materials. The link at the top left gives access to AWS infrastructure, and you will use that while you are taking courses.

You may want to register with a personal email account rather than your SVGS email account. You can earn badges in AWS Educate that might (maybe, I don't know) be useful after you graduate, and you'll need your email account to access them. If you are worried about AWS spamming you, you can create a gmail account for this.

# Take a course.

Once you have signed in to AWS Educate, you should see this page:  
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You should probably start with *'Introduction to the Cloud 101'*. The first half is a combination of AWS marketing and generic cloud information. The second half has demos of how to use the major services, which should be useful. After that, feel free to scroll through each category (highlighted above) to pick interesting courses. I prefer the lab courses—you can find them by clicking on Course Features at the left.

This is the path that AWS recommends, but you can choose your own path if you wish:

1. Getting Started with Storage
2. Getting Started with Compute
3. Getting Started with Networking
4. Getting Started with Databases

I find that I prefer courses that are labeled as 'Labs', since they give you access to AWS resources for practice.  
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