# Creating an AWS Account

To access any web service AWS offers, you must first create an AWS account at http://aws.amazon.com. An AWS account is simply an Amazon.com account that is enabled to use AWS products; you can use an existing Amazon.com account login and password when creating the AWS account.

From your AWS account you can view your AWS account activity, view usage reports, and manage your AWS Security Credentials.

To set up a new account

Open <https://aws.amazon.com/> , and then choose Create an AWS Account.

Follow the online instructions.

Part of the sign-up procedure involves receiving a phone call and entering a PIN using the phone keypad.