

Cloud 9 Setup Instructions

The Seattle Coder Dojo Workspace

We're trying out something new this year: many of our classes will be using something called **Cloud9**. This is a development environment, sold as a service by Amazon Web Services (AWS). It is, however, free for students, no credit card required.

The Cloud9 environment will give you free access to a computer that exists “in the cloud”. It will contain all the software you need for this class, and it is accessible from anywhere you can get a web browser.

Getting an Account

1. Ask a mentor or volunteer about getting a Cloud9 account.
2. Enter your email address and wait for the invitation email from `support@c9.io`.
3. Click the sign up link.
4. Create an account:
 - Enter your name (or parent's name if preferred.)
 - Enter a unique user name.
 - Under *What kind of developer are you?* choose *Student*.
 - Under *How will you use Cloud9?* choose *Coursework*.
5. Now, check your email as you should have an invitation to change your password. I encourage you to save this email, as it contains your user name.

Creating your Workspace

1. Click *Create a new Workspace*.
2. Fill in the details:
 - For *workspace name* type `vim-class`
 - For *workspace description* add a meaningful description. ¹
3. Under *Templates*, select *Blank*.
4. Create your workspace!

¹ In software engineering, it's expected we use descriptions that explain what things are for, so others can understand what we were up to.