# Step 5: Research AWS

You’ve described your proposed architecture and included a diagram to provide leadership a way to envision the system. Now, it’s time to look closely at the leading cloud providers to see if their services will fit BallotOnline’s needs.

Each cloud provider provides a unique profile of services, so it is good practice to compare cloud vendors and evaluate their reliability, performance, ease of use, cost, security and compliance measures. As more providers enter the marketplace, many will specialize on specific needs and use cases, making this evaluation even more critical.

In this step, you will [explore AWS](https://lti.umuc.edu/topic) and assess the feasibility of this platform for deploying the architecture proposed in the previous step. You should also consider issues related to [AWS Pricing](https://aws.amazon.com/pricing/).

Based on your research, determine to what degree AWS supports the elements of the BallotOnline business and technical requirements.