

# Shark Account Set up

## Initial Request

Go to the High Performance Computing Webpage: <http://hpcweb.mdanderson.org/>

On the left hand side of the page click on [New Accounts](#)

Click on the link for [New User Request Form](#) and answer questions appropriately

- For [Cluster to Use](#) question indicate [Shark](#)

A submitted request will be reviewed by Research Information Systems & Technology Services (RISTS) administrators. The approval process could take up to two weeks.

## Orientation

Once approved you will be emailed an invitation to orientation.

Before the orientation you will be required to demonstrate a level of linux proficiency via a short online quiz. If you do not achieve a successful score, RISTS will recommend some steps you can take to improve your score.

- Linux Quiz will be found in the MDA Education Center:  
<http://inside.mdanderson.org/education/edcenter/index.html>
- After you login select [Learn](#) on the left hand side on the page and search for [RIST001](#). This search should find the test labeled [RISTS HPC Linux System Test](#).

**Any questions related to your initial account request or orientation should be directed to [RIS.Request@mdanderson.org](mailto:RIS.Request@mdanderson.org)**

## Helpful Linux resources

If you would like to review linux commands RISTS has suggested these websites:

For a quick tutorial or review of sections you think your knowledge is weak in visit Cornell Univ Virtual Workshop: [www.cac.cornell.edu/VW/Linux/](http://www.cac.cornell.edu/VW/Linux/)

Online terminal where you can practice commands: <http://bellard.org/jslinux/>