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Prepare to Pass Your AWS Certification Exam

Get ready to build credibility and confidence by validating your cloud experience with an industry-recognized credential. AWS Certification will help you highlight your in-demand skills for any organization looking to build effective, innovative teams for cloud initiatives using AWS.

Before taking an AWS Certification exam, we recommend you have hands-on experience with relevant AWS products and services. We offer resources, including optional training, to supplement your experience and help you prepare for **AWS Certification**.

This overview of the certification exam and recommended training courses will help you prepare to validate your knowledge and experience with an AWS Certification.

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On Track for Success

In advance of the AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate exam, we recommend you have one or more years of hands-on experience designing available, cost-efficient, fault-tolerant, and scalable distributed systems on AWS. You can supplement your hands-on experience with related AWS training.

This learning path is designed for solutions architects, solution design engineers, and anyone who wants to learn how to design applications and systems on AWS. It's designed to help you build technical skills with a recommended progression of courses as you move toward AWS Certification:
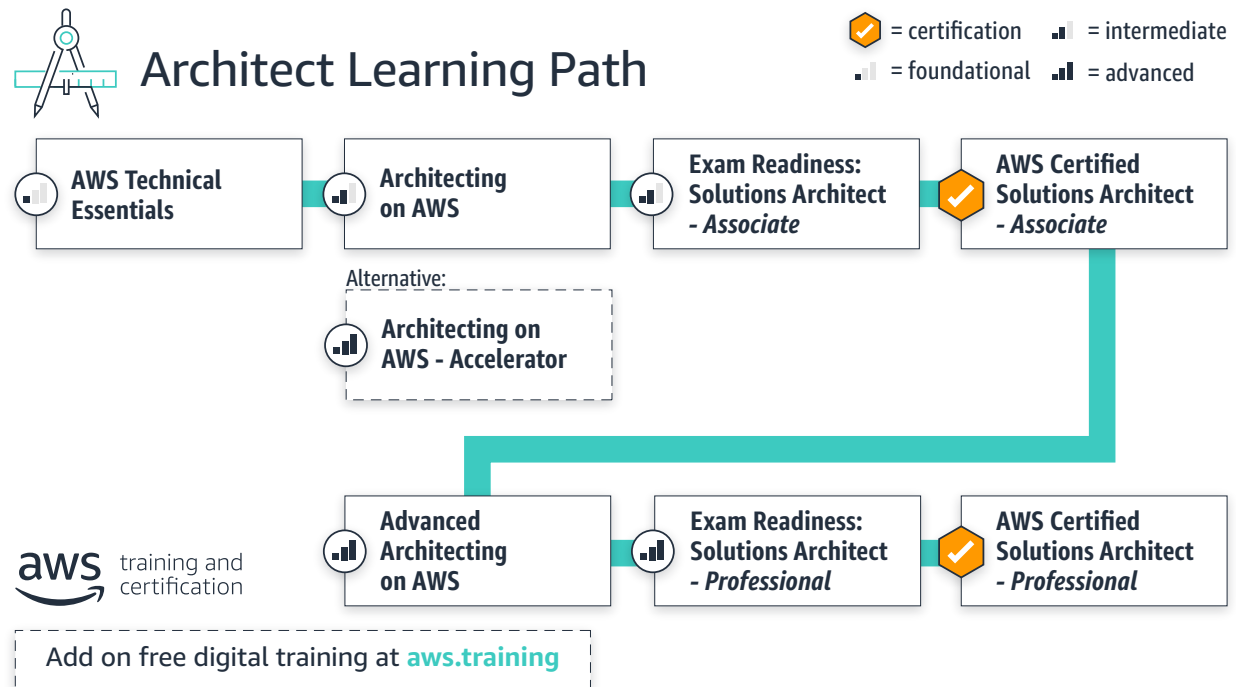
AWS Technical Essentials ✔

This course teaches you the fundamentals of identifying AWS services so that you can make informed decisions about IT solutions based on your business requirements.

Architecting on AWS ✔

In this course, you'll learn the fundamentals of building IT infrastructure on AWS so you can build scalable and resilient solutions in the cloud.

Exam Readiness ✔

This intermediate-level workshop will prepare you for the exam by exploring topic areas and mapping them to developing on AWS and to specific areas to study.

Architect Learning Path

= certification   = intermediate
= foundational   = advanced

AWS Technical Essentials → Architecting on AWS → Exam Readiness: Solutions Architect - *Associate* → AWS Certified Solutions Architect - *Associate*

Alternative:
Architecting on AWS - Accelerator

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Advanced Architecting on AWS → Exam Readiness: Solutions Architect - *Professional* → AWS Certified Solutions Architect - *Professional*

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Know Your Material

The exam includes the following topics, so make sure you have them covered:

Design Resilient Architectures

- Design a multi-tier architecture solution

- Design highly available and/or fault-tolerant architectures

- Design decoupling mechanisms using AWS services

- Choose appropriate resilient storage

Design High-Performing Architectures

- Identify elastic and scalable compute solutions for a workload

- Select high-performing and scalable storage solutions for a workload

- Select high-performing networking solutions for a workload

- Choose high-performing database solutions for a workload

Design Secure Applications and Architectures

- Design secure access to AWS resources

- Design secure application tiers

- Select appropriate data security options

Design Cost-Optimized Architectures

- Identify cost-effective storage solutions

- Identify cost-effective compute and database services

- Design cost-optimized network architectures

If you need to revisit the fundamentals of any of the above topics, AWS offers a wide variety of resources designed to further your learning. Access whitepapers, FAQs, technical documentation, and more.

Certification Prep page »

Looking for more in-depth resources to build your skills as an AWS solutions architect?

AWS Ramp-Up Guide: Architect »

AWS provides <u>sample questions</u> to help you prepare and a practice exam to give you an idea of what to expect.

Take the practice exam »

Know What To Expect

Here's what to expect from the actual exam, which costs $150 USD and allows for 130 minutes to complete:

Response Types

There are two types of questions on the examination:

- Multiple-choice: One correct response and three incorrect responses (distractors).
- Multiple-response: Two or more correct responses out of five or more options.

Select one or more responses that best complete the statement or answer the question. Distractors are plausible response options for the content area that an examinee with incomplete knowledge or skill would likely choose. Unanswered questions are scored as incorrect; there is no penalty for guessing.

Unscored Content

Your examination may include non-scored questions that are placed on the test to gather statistical information. These questions are not identified on the form, and do not affect your score.

Exam Results

- This is a pass or fail exam scored against a minimum standard established by AWS professionals guided by certification-industry best practices and guidelines.
- Your results are reported as a score from 100 - 1000, with a minimum passing score of 720. Scaled scoring models are used to equate scores across multiple exam forms that may have slightly different difficulty levels.
- Your score report contains a table of classifications of your performance at each section level. You do not need to "pass" the individual sections, only the overall examination. Each section has a specific weighting, so some have more questions than others. The table contains general information to highlight your strengths and weaknesses.

When you're skilled, you know. When you're certified, everyone knows.

Ready to put your knowledge to the test? If so, schedule your exam today. If you feel like you need more preparation, access more tools and resources until you are ready to take the exam.

You're building valuable cloud skills. Now keep going. Get AWS Certified.

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AWS Certified AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate (SAA-C02) Overview