HOW WE PASSED OUR AWS CERTIFICATIONS AND WHY YOU SHOULD TOO_

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ABOUT US_

Consultant at The Scale Factory Certifications:

- AWS Solutions Architect Professional
- AWS SysOps Administrator Associate
- AWS Security Specialty
- Terraform Associate
- Jenkins Engineer

ABOUT US_

Consultant at The Scale Factory Part of the hiring team Certifications:

- AWS Solutions Architect Associate and Professional
- Certified Kubernetes Administrator
- Terraform Associate

TOPICS COVERED_

- 1. Overview of AWS Certifications
- 2. Benefits of Getting Certified
- 3. Techniques & Resources
- 4. Practicalities
- 5. Conclusion

AWS CERTIFICATIONS

Professional

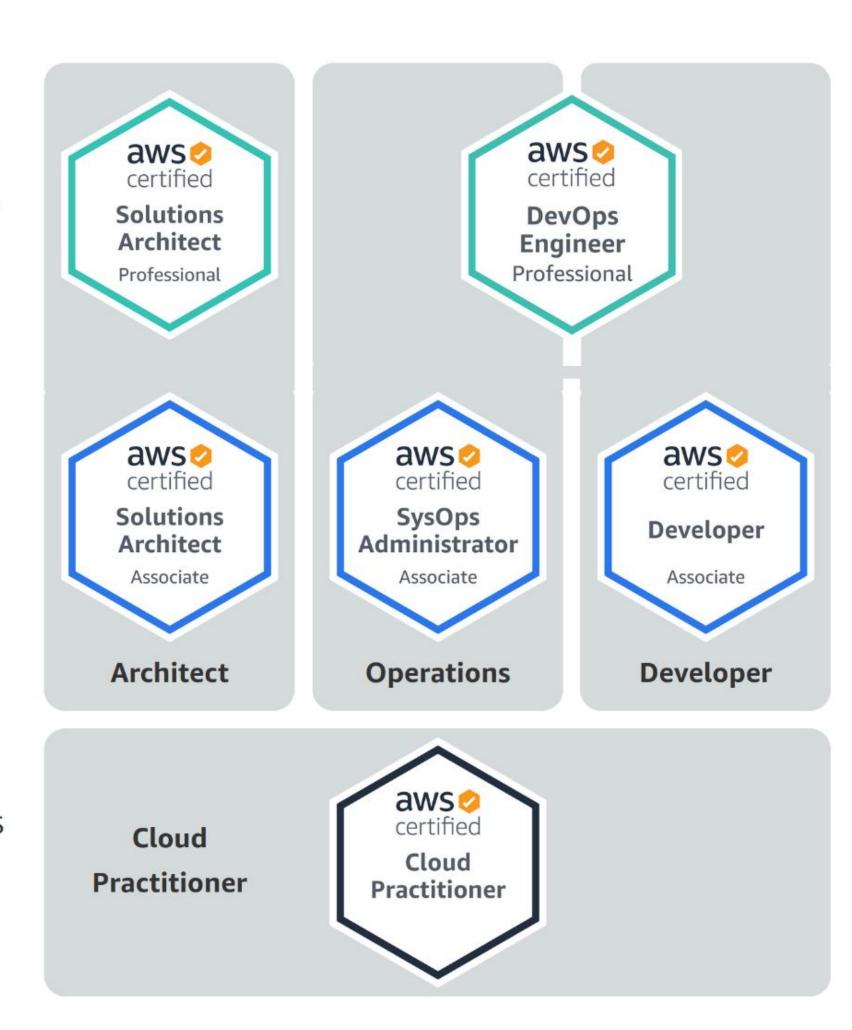
Two years of comprehensive experience designing, operating, and troubleshooting solutions using the AWS Cloud

Associate

One year of experience solving problems and implementing solutions using the AWS Cloud

Foundational

Six months of fundamental AWS Cloud and industry knowledge



Specialty

Technical AWS Cloud experience in the Specialty domain as specified in the exam guide



BENEFITS_

For employees

- Better job opportunities and salary
- Professional growth
- Professionalise your team

For employers

Identify skilled IT professionals via AWS certifications

BENEFITS_

- Increase your confidence
- Change career direction

PERCEIVED DOWNSIDES_

- I don't have the time / money
- I don't think I'm ready
- They aren't valuable

TECHNIQUES & RESOURCES_

- Video lectures
- Practice quizzes
- etc.

TECHNIQUES & RESOURCES_

Video

- Video courses (A Cloud Guru, Udemy)
- Exam readiness
- re:Invent videos

Books

- Study Guide
- AWS documentation and whitepapers

Hands-on

- Practical experience
- Hands-on Labs
- Practice exams

HOW MATT STUDIES_

- Video lectures to get a broad understanding
- Practice quizzes to find where I need to focus
- Feynman Technique to improve understanding

PRACTICALITIES

- Support for non native English speakers
- Booking a test
- etc

PRACTICALITIES _

Home (Remote Proctored)

- Can be quieter and more comfortable
- More flexible

Test centre

- Potentially less effort before hand
- Fewer requirements.

THE HIRING PERSPECTIVE

Personally I like seeing:

- Certifications that match practical experience
- A variety of certifications
- Certifications that were taken a while ago



AWS Consultant

SALARY	£65,000 to £100,000
EXPERIENCE LEVEL	Mid/Senior
LOCATION	Remote

Fully remote and flexible working
Incredibly knowledgeable colleagues
High trust, low stress environment

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CONCLUSION & TAKEAWAYS_

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https://aws.amazon.com/certification

AWS Certification E-book

https://www.experteach.eu/at/assets/files/AWS_TC_Cert_AllUp_eBook_FINAL.pdf

AWS Well-Architected Hands-on Labs

https://wellarchitectedlabs.com

Practice exams (SA Pro)

https://portal.tutorialsdojo.com/courses/aws-certified-solutions-architect-professional-practice-exams

https://www.udemy.com/course/aws-solutions-architect-professional-practice-exams-amazon



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