Using accounts:

Certification Portals
The Accounts (Sigh)   A CLOUD GURU

1. Amazon Retail or Amazon Partner Network account (by Amazon)
   · Used for authenticating you into…
2. AWS Training Portal account (by Amazon)
   · Used for authenticating you into…
3. CertMetrics account (by Alpine)
   · Used for authenticating you into…
4. PSI account (by PSI Services; was Webassessor by Kryterion until Sept 2017)
5. AWS Certification Swag Store account (by Sunrise Identity)
   · Separate authentication (i.e. new username and password)

Most accounts have a separate profile with your email!

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Using The Accounts   A CLOUD GURU

1. Amazon Retail or Amazon Partner Network account (by Amazon)
   · Just auth
2. AWS Training Portal account (by Amazon)
   · AWS training
3. CertMetrics account (by Alpine)
   · Cert verification, badges, logos, benefits, pass/fail results (delayed up to 5 days)
4. PSI account (by PSI Services)
   · Exam scheduling, practice exams, NO detailed scores like Webassessor had
5. AWS Certification Swag Store account (by Sunrise Identity)
   · Items unlocked with code from "Benefits" screen in CertMetrics account

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Making Your Accounts   A CLOUD GURU

· Start at https://aws.training
   · Or link from "aws certification prep" page
· Make/use Amazon retail (not AWS) account, when prompted
· Tie the accounts to your *personal* email address
   · *You* are getting certified, not your company
   · Notified six months before certification expiry
   · Company email address can be added to profile (for Amazon Partner Network)
· Link existing Webassessor account after creating new portal accounts

Value Proposition

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- Everything changes
  - *Especially* with technology
- Anything you learn immediately begins to decay
- Your learning must *outpace* technology change or you'll become irrelevant
- Therefore, being able to learn efficiently and effectively is your *primary* skill

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Distributed Practice

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- Spacing Effect: Learning is more effective when spread out, not compressed
- Study more frequently but in smaller chunks
  - Even "little minutes" here and there
- Gives brain time to absorb information ("percolating", "shower thoughts")
- Leverages Primacy and Recency effects
- Studies show this to be a *highly* effective technique

Varied/Interleaved Practice

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- Frequently change tasks and topics so that you are forced to think about the material in different ways
- Learn new things by incorporating and reinforcing previously-learned material
  - Let your existing mental model *help* you learn new things
  - Strengthen and refine your mental model by using it

Practical Ideas

- Return to course lectures later on
- Keep going back to the forums
- Try many different things out and think about interactions
- Try to spread out learning time
- Take advantage of "little minutes"
  - Waking up
  - Waiting in line
  - On your breaks