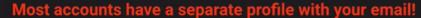
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Certification Portals

The Accounts (Sigh)



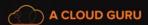
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 - · Used for authenticating you into...
- 4. PSI account (by PSI Services; was Webassessor by Kryterion until Sept 2017)
- 5. AWS Certification Swag Store account (by Sunrise Identity)
 - · Separate authentication (i.e. new username and password)





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Using The Accounts



- 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

Certification Portals

Making Your Accounts



- · 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



Learning Effectively

Value Proposition



- · 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

Timing Effects

Distributed Practice



- · 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

Timing Effects

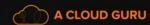
Varied/Interleaved Practice



- 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

Timing Effects

Practical Ideas



- · Return to course lectures later on
- · Keep going back to the forums
- \cdot 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