



AWS Academy Cloud Architecting  
Module 15 Student Guide  
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Welcome to Module 15: Bridging to Certification.

## Module overview



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This module includes the following sections:

1. Certification exam resources
2. Additional resources

## Module objectives



At the end of this module, you should be able to:

- Identify how to prepare for the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate exam
- Identify where to find resources

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Module 15: Bridging to Certification

# Section 1: Certification exam resources

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Introducing Section 1: Certification exam resources.

## Certification exam domain 1 objectives



### Domain 1: Design Resilient Architectures (30%)

- 1.1 Design a **multi-tier** architecture solution
- 1.2 Design **highly available** and/or **fault-tolerant** architectures
- 1.3 Design **decoupling mechanisms** using AWS services
- 1.4 Choose appropriate **resilient storage**



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Domain 1 of the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate examination is *Design Resilient Architectures*. It is 30 percent of the exam and covers the following objectives:

- 1.1 Design a multi-tier architecture solution
- 1.2 Design highly available and/or fault-tolerant architectures
- 1.3 Design decoupling mechanisms using AWS services
- 1.4 Choose appropriate resilient storage

This information can be found in the [exam guide](#).



## Certification exam domain 2 objectives



### Domain 2: Design High-Performing Architectures (28%)

- 2.1 Identify **elastic and scalable compute** solutions for a workload
- 2.2 Select **high-performing and scalable storage** solutions for a workload
- 2.3 Select **high-performing networking** solutions for a workload
- 2.4 Choose **high-performing database** solutions for a workload



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Domain 2 of the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate examination is *Design High-Performing Architectures*. It is 28 percent of the exam and covers the following objectives:

- 2.1 Identify elastic and scalable compute solutions for a workload
- 2.2 Select high-performing and scalable storage solutions for a workload
- 2.3 Select high-performing networking solutions for a workload
- 2.4 Choose high-performing database solutions for a workload

This information can be found in the [exam guide](#).

## Certification exam domain 3 objectives



### Domain 3: Design Secure Applications and Architectures (24%)

- 3.1 Design **secure access** to AWS resources
- 3.2 Design **secure application tiers**
- 3.3 Select appropriate **data security options**



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Domain 3 of the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate examination is *Design Secure Applications and Architectures*. It is 24 percent of the exam and covers the following objectives:

- 3.1 Design secure access to AWS resources
- 3.2 Design secure application tiers
- 3.3 Select appropriate data security options

This information can be found in the [exam guide](#).

## Certification exam domain 4 objectives



### Domain 4: Design Cost-Optimized Architectures (18%)

- 4.1 Identify **cost-effective storage** solutions
- 4.2 Identify **cost-effective compute and database** services
- 4.3 Design **cost-optimized network** architectures



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Domain 4 of the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate examination is *Design Cost-Optimized Architectures*. It is 18 percent of the exam and covers the following objectives:

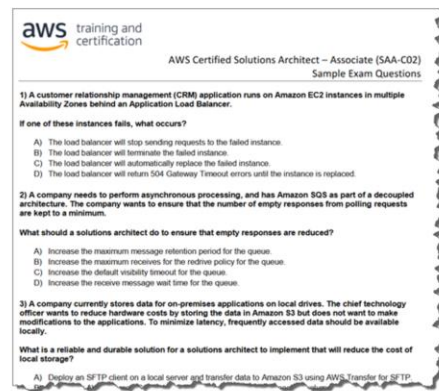
- 4.1 Identify cost-effective storage solutions
- 4.2 Identify cost-effective compute and database services
- 4.3 Design cost-optimized network architectures

This information can be found in the [exam guide](#).

# Exam guide and sample questions



Exam Guide



Sample Exam Questions

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Review the [Exam Guide](#), which contains the content outline and target audience for the certification exam.


Perform a self-assessment to identify your knowledge or skills gaps. AWS offers [Sample Exam Questions](#) for the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate exam.

The screenshot displays the AWS Academy website with a teal header. The main heading is "Exam readiness training" with the AWS Academy logo. Below this, there are three distinct sections. The first section, titled "COURSE", features a blue background and the text "Exam Readiness: AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate". It includes links for "ABOUT" and "SCHEDULE", and a "FIND A CLASS" button. The second section, titled "CURRICULUM", has a purple background and the text "Exam Readiness: AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate (Digital)". It includes links for "ABOUT" and "MODULES", and a "SIGN IN" button. The third section, titled "FREE COURSE", has a teal background and the text "Exam Readiness Intensive Workshop: AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate". It includes the subtext "Get ready for your certification with a focused five-day workshop". At the bottom, there is a copyright notice: "© 2020, Amazon Web Services, Inc. or its Affiliates. All rights reserved." and a page number "10".

AWS also offers *Exam Readiness: AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate* training in [classroom](#) and [free digital training](#) formats. This training helps you prepare for the AWS certification exam. AWS develops the training so that the content is current with the newest best practices. The training teaches you how to interpret exam questions and allocate your study time. It also reviews sample exam questions in each topic area. It teaches you how to interpret the concepts that are tested so that you can more easily eliminate incorrect responses.

There is also a 5-day, instructor-led [Exam Readiness Intensive Workshop](#) that can help you prepare for the exam.

# Practice exam



## AWS Certification

AWS Certification helps learners build credibility and confidence by validating their cloud expertise with an industry-recognized credential, and organizations identify skilled professionals to lead cloud initiatives using AWS.

[Learn more](#) on how to prepare for your exams.

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- View your exam history
- Access your digital badges
- Download your certificate
- View your certification benefits

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[GO TO YOUR ACCOUNT](#)

You will be redirected to CertMetrics.

Register at [AWS Training](#)

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When you are ready, you can register to take a practice exam at [AWS Training](#). The practice exam supplements the exam guide and helps you test your knowledge before you take the final exam.

The slide features a teal header with the text 'AWS whitepapers and guides' and the AWS Academy logo. The main content area is white and contains a dark blue rectangular box with the title 'AWS Whitepapers & Guides' and a descriptive paragraph. Below this box is a link to the 'AWS Whitepapers & Guides' website. The footer includes a copyright notice and the slide number '12'.

## AWS whitepapers and guides

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### AWS Whitepapers & Guides

Expand your knowledge of the cloud with AWS technical content authored by AWS and the AWS community, including technical whitepapers, technical guides, reference material, and reference architecture diagrams.

[AWS Whitepapers & Guides](#) website

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It's a good idea to broaden your technical understanding by reading whitepapers and other technical content. AWS, independent analysts, and AWS Partner Network (APN) Partners create many of these helpful resources.

You can find whitepapers, technical guides, reference material, and architecture diagrams on the [AWS Whitepapers & Guides](#) website.



The diagram illustrates the AWS Well-Architected Framework. At the top, a teal banner contains the title "AWS Well-Architected Framework" and the "aws academy" logo. Below this, a teal speech bubble on the left says "Read the AWS Well-Architected Framework and Pillar whitepapers". To its right is an orange box with the text "AWS Well-Architected" and "Learn, measure, and build using architectural best practices". Below these elements is a link to the "AWS Well-Architected Framework website". At the bottom, six icons represent the pillars: Framework (three interlocking hexagons), Security (a shield), Operational Excellence (two interlocking gears), Reliability (two interlocking links), Performance Efficiency (a speedometer), and Cost Optimization (a stack of coins). Each icon is labeled with its respective pillar name.

Read the AWS Well-Architected Framework and Pillar whitepapers

**AWS Well-Architected**  
Learn, measure, and build using architectural best practices

[AWS Well-Architected Framework website](#)

Framework Security Operational Excellence Reliability Performance Efficiency Cost Optimization

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To prepare for the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate exam, focus on reading the whitepapers for the AWS Well-Architected Framework and each of the Pillars:

- [Framework](#)
- [Security Pillar](#)
- [Operational Excellence Pillar](#)
- [Reliability Pillar](#)
- [Performance Efficiency Pillar](#)
- [Cost Optimization Pillar](#)

You can also find links to these whitepapers on the [AWS Well-Architected website](#), as well as other resources.



# AWS frequently asked questions



## FAQs

Select from the following list of Product and Technical FAQs. Browse through these FAQs to find answers to commonly asked questions. If you're a new customer of one of the services below, we encourage you to read through the relevant articles.

<b>Compute</b>	<b>Machine Learning</b>
<a href="#">Amazon EC2 FAQ</a>	<a href="#">AWS SageMaker FAQ</a>
<a href="#">Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling FAQ</a>	<a href="#">AWS Comprehend FAQ</a>
<a href="#">Amazon EC2 Windows FAQ</a>	<a href="#">AWS Lex FAQ</a>
<a href="#">Amazon EC2 Container Registry FAQ</a>	<a href="#">AWS Polly FAQ</a>
<a href="#">Amazon EC2 Container Service FAQ</a>	<a href="#">AWS Rekognition FAQ</a>
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<a href="#">AWS Batch FAQ</a>	<a href="#">AWS Transcribe FAQ</a>
<a href="#">AWS Elastic Beanstalk FAQ</a>	<a href="#">AWS Transcribe FAQ</a>
<a href="#">AWS Fargate FAQ</a>	<a href="#">AWS DeepLens FAQ</a>
<a href="#">AWS Lambda FAQ</a>	<b>Analytics</b>
<a href="#">AWS Serverless Application Repository FAQ</a>	<a href="#">Amazon Athena FAQ</a>
<a href="#">Elastic Load Balancing FAQ</a>	<a href="#">Amazon Elastic MapReduce FAQ</a>
<a href="#">Amazon Cloud on AWS FAQ</a>	<a href="#">Amazon CloudSearch FAQ</a>
<b>Storage</b>	<a href="#">Amazon Elasticsearch Service FAQ</a>
<a href="#">Amazon S3 FAQ</a>	<a href="#">Amazon Kinesis FAQ</a>
<a href="#">Amazon EBS FAQ</a>	<a href="#">Amazon Redshift FAQ</a>

Review the FAQs for:

- Amazon EC2
- Amazon S3
- Amazon VPC
- Amazon Route 53
- Amazon RDS
- Amazon SQS

[AWS FAQs](#) website

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Browse the [product and technical frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) to familiarize yourself with commonly raised questions and issues.

Be sure to review the following FAQs:

- Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2)
- Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3)
- Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (Amazon VPC)
- Amazon Route 53
- Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS)
- Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS)

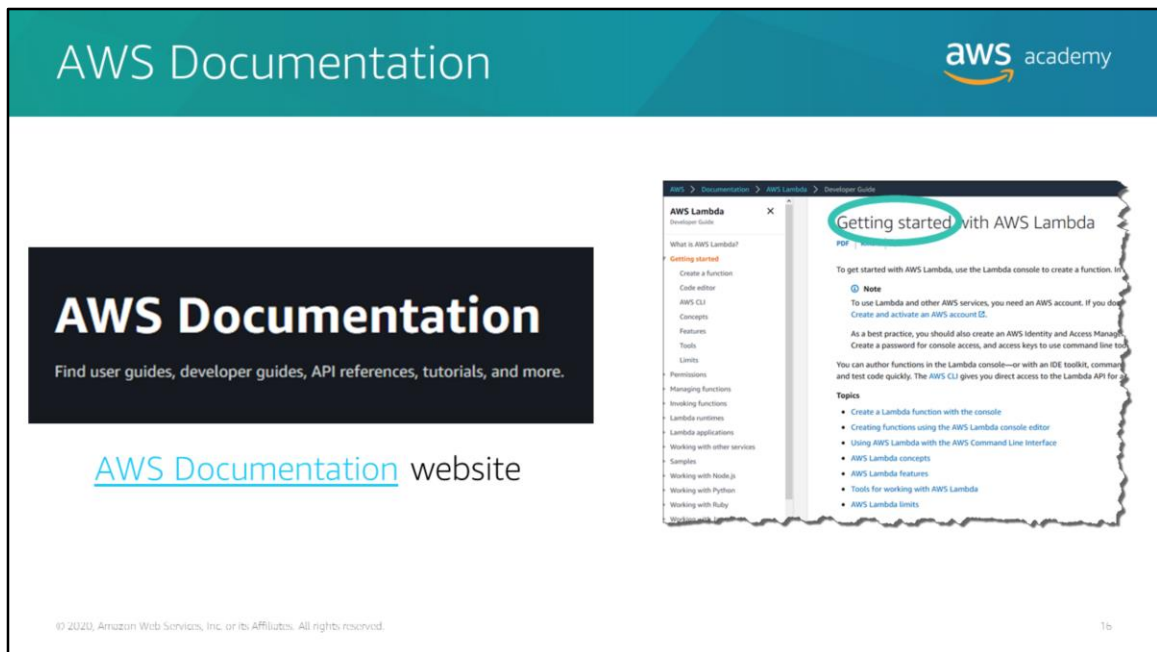
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## Section 2: Additional resources

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Introducing Section 2: Additional resources.



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**AWS Documentation**  
Find user guides, developer guides, API references, tutorials, and more.


[AWS Documentation](#) website


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You can find user guides, developer guides, API references, tutorials and projects, SDKs and toolkits, and various other general resources in the [AWS Documentation](#).

The AWS service developer guides contain a *Getting started* section with step-by-step tutorials that can help familiarize you with the services.

# This is My Architecture video series





Innovative cloud architectures from AWS partners and customers

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**Halodoc: Building the Future of Tele-Health...**

This is My Architecture

Halodoc, a Jakarta-based healthcare platform, uses tele-health and artificial intelligence to connect patients, doctors, and pharmacies. Join builder Adrian De Luca as he dives deep into the telehealth architecture of this Indonesian health-tech platform that

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ViacomCBS's Multiplatform Distribution uses AWS services and partners as its media supply chain to process, orchestrate, and deliver media for linear and video-on-demand (VOD) distribution platforms. The system uses AWS to safely ingest media as well as

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**Atlassian: Secure Code Invocation at Scale with...**

This is My Architecture

Rossan from Atlassian explains how the company enables customers to securely deploy and invoke code at scale with the Atlassian Forge platform on AWS. Learn how Atlassian uses JavaScript, IAM, and AWS account boundaries to


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[This is My Architecture](#) is a video series that can help you learn about the innovative cloud architectures that APN Partners and customers have built.

# AWS Cloud Adoption Framework



 BUSINESS	 PLATFORM
 PEOPLE	 SECURITY
 GOVERNANCE	 OPERATIONS

AWS CAF perspectives

[AWS Cloud Adoption Framework](#) website

- Provides guidance and best practices to help organizations build a comprehensive approach to cloud computing
- Can be used across the organization and throughout the IT lifecycle to accelerate successful cloud adoption
- Is organized into six perspectives that consist of sets of capabilities

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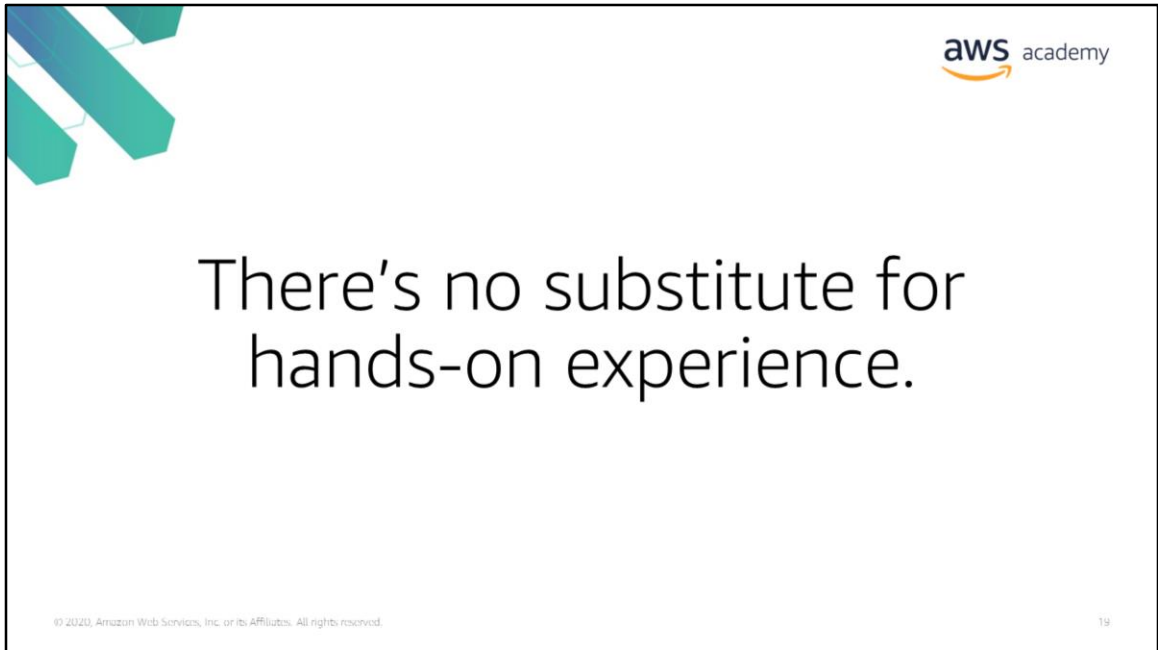
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Each organization's cloud adoption journey is unique. However, for any organization to successfully migrate its IT portfolio to the cloud, three elements (people, process, and technology) must be in alignment. Business and technology leaders in an organization must understand the organization's current state, target state, and the transition necessary to achieve the target state. In this way, they can set goals and create processes for staff.

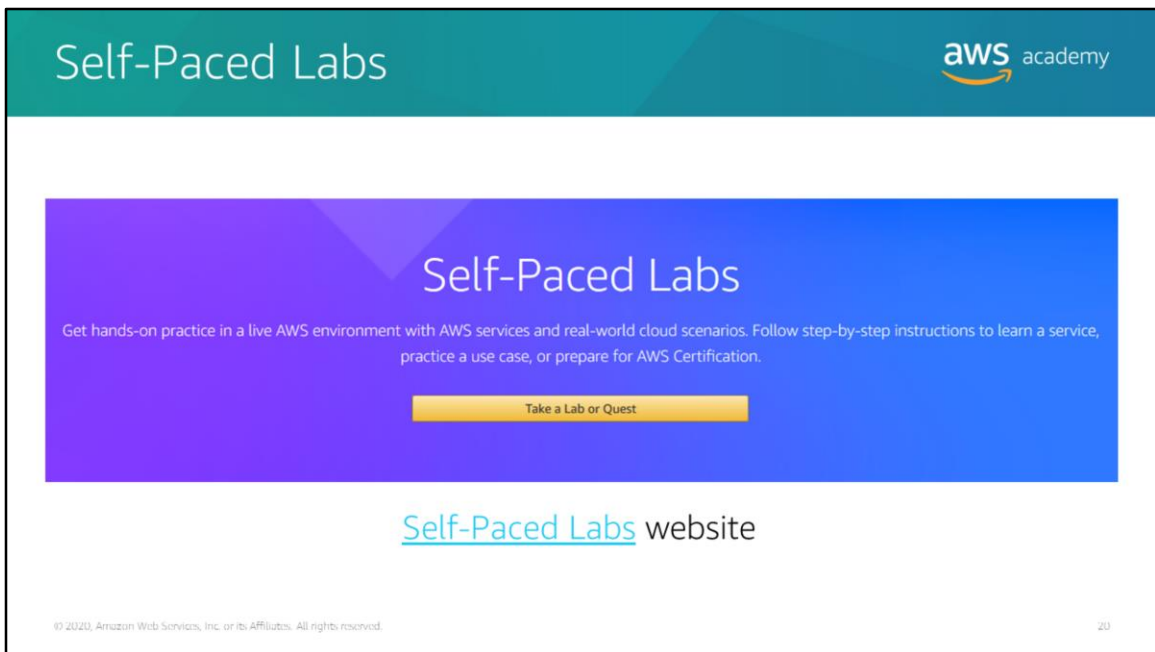
The AWS Cloud Adoption Framework ([AWS CAF](#)) provides guidance and best practices to help organizations identify gaps in skills and processes. It also helps organizations build a comprehensive approach to cloud computing—both across the organization and throughout the IT lifecycle—to accelerate successful cloud adoption.

At the highest level, the AWS CAF organizes guidance into six areas of focus, called *perspectives*. Perspectives span people, processes, and technology. Each perspective consists of a set of *capabilities*, which covers distinct responsibilities that functionally related stakeholders own or manage.

Capabilities within each perspective are used to identify which areas of an organization require attention. By identifying gaps, prescriptive work streams can be created that support a successful cloud journey.



When you are preparing for the AWS Certification exam, it's important to remember that hands-on experience has no substitute. Before you take an AWS Certification exam, AWS recommends that you have hands-on experience with relevant AWS products and services. AWS offers various resources to help you gain hands-on experience with AWS services.

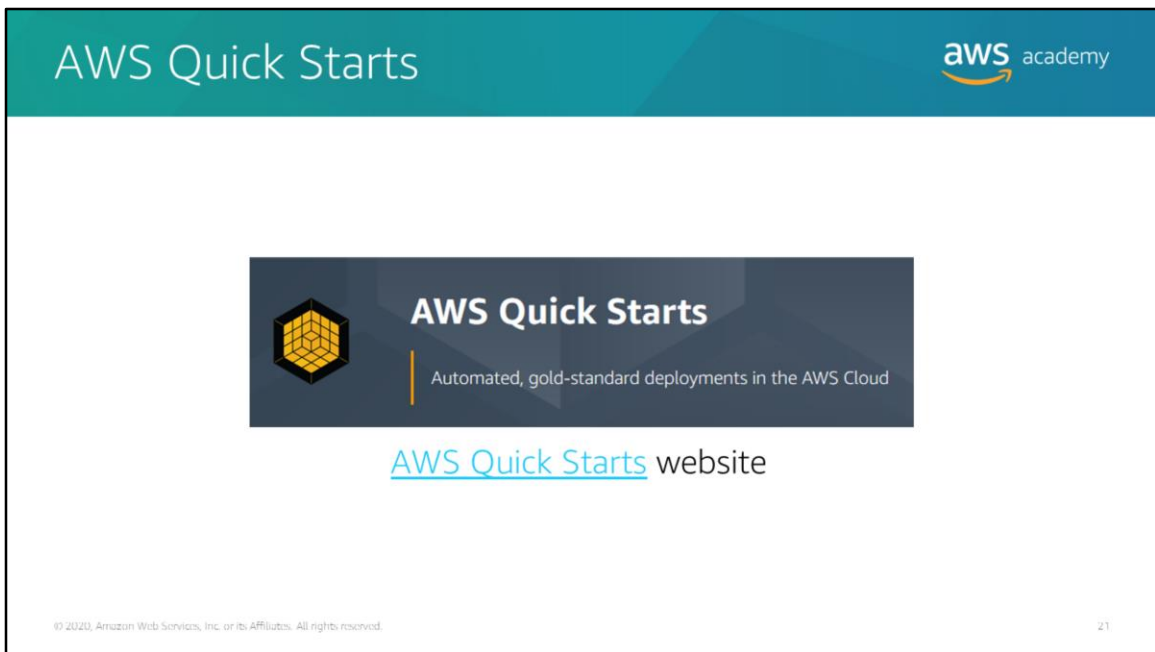


Self-paced labs are a way for you to get hands-on practice with AWS services and real world-cloud scenarios in a live AWS environment.

You can:

- Take an individual lab to get familiar with an AWS service.
- Follow a learning quest that will lead you through a sequence of labs so that you can learn how to work with related AWS services. When you complete a quest, you will earn a Quest Badge that you can display on your resume, website, or LinkedIn profile.

For more information about self-paced labs, see the [Self-Paced Labs](#) website.



AWS solutions architects and partners build Quick Starts to help you deploy popular technologies on AWS. These technologies are based on AWS best practices for security and high availability. These accelerators reduce hundreds of manual procedures into a few steps, so you can build your production environment quickly and start to use it immediately.

Each Quick Start includes AWS CloudFormation templates that automate the deployment and a guide that discusses the architecture and provides step-by-step deployment instructions.

For more information, see [AWS Quick Starts](#).



# Getting Started tutorials

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## Getting Started with AWS

Learn the fundamentals and start building on AWS now.

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- ☐ Machine Learning
- ☐ Mobile
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- ☐ Storage
- ☐ Account Management

Cloud Level

- ☐ 100
- ☐ 200
- ☐ 300

Content Type

- ☐ Hands-on
- ☐ Video

STORAGE

Hands-On

### Host a Static Website

Host your personal or simple marketing website on AWS.

30 Minutes

COMPUTE

Hands-On

### Launch a Linux Virtual Machine

Launch, configure and, connect to a Linux instance with Amazon Lightsail.

10 Minutes

MOBILE

Hands-On

### Deploy and Host a ReactJS App

Connect your Git repository to the AWS Amplify Console to deploy and host a ReactJS app with CI/CD.

10 Minutes

COMPUTE

Hands-On

### Launch a WordPress Website

Get a website up and running with WordPress on Amazon EC2.

10 Minutes

STORAGE

Hands-On

### Store and Retrieve a File

Securely store and access files at scale in the AWS Cloud.

10 Minutes

SERVERLESS

Hands-On

### Run a Serverless "Hello, World!"

Learn the basics of running code on AWS Lambda.

10 Minutes

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[Getting Started hands-on tutorials and learning paths](#) help you learn the fundamentals of AWS and start building on AWS right away.

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### Module wrap-up

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It's now time to review the module.

## Module summary



In summary, in this module, you learned how to:

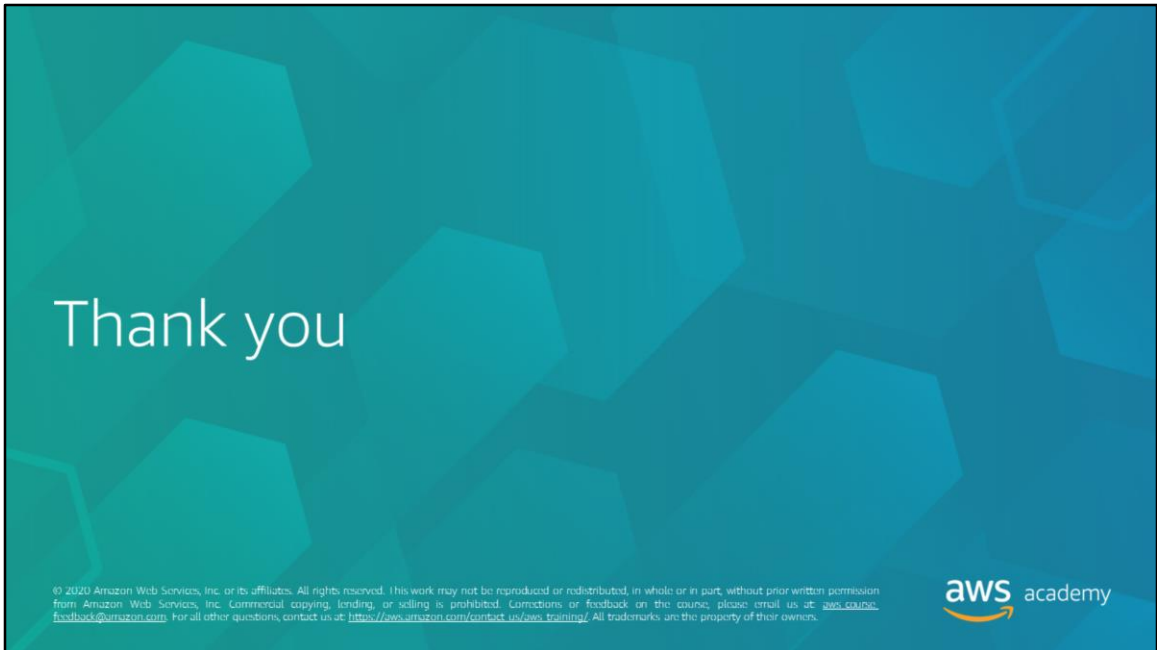
- Identify how to prepare for the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate exam
- Identify where to find resources

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In summary, in this module, you learned how to:

- Identify how to prepare for the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate exam
- Identify where to find resources



Thank you for completing this module.