



# **GSI Global AWS Certification Accelerator Groups**

Cloud Practitioner – Session 1

AWS DXC Partner SA team



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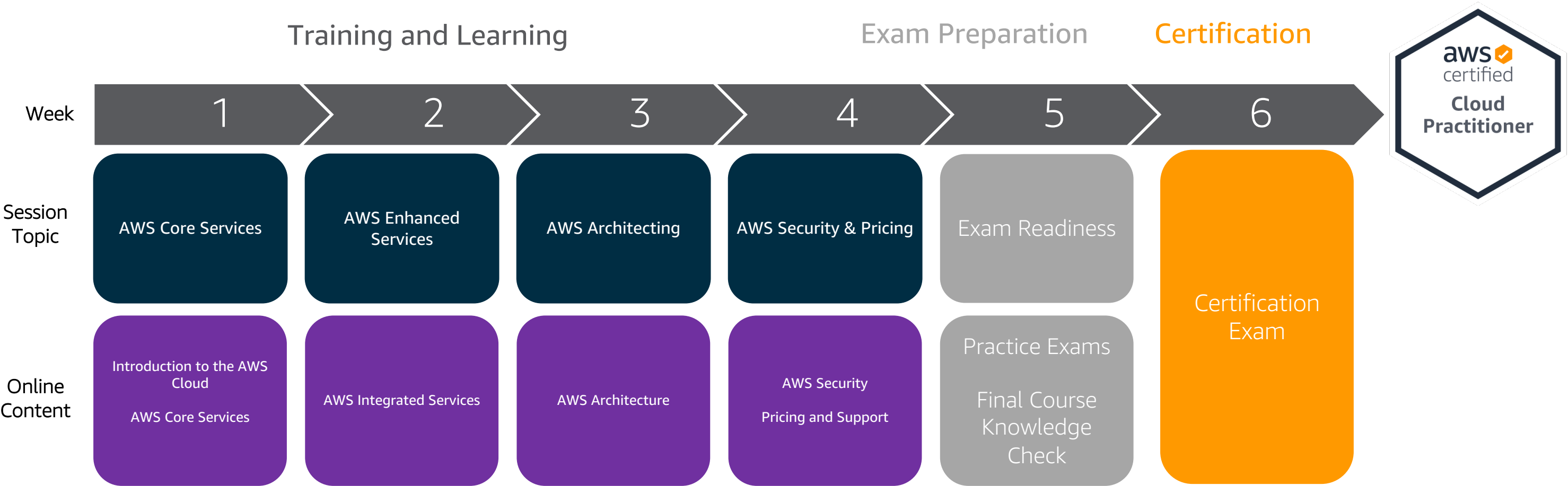
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# Today's Agenda

- Session 1 – Topic Recap (5 mins)
- Key Concepts (10 mins)
- Practice Questions (15 mins)
- Next Weeks Session (5 mins)
- Discussion (20 mins)

# Session 1 – Topic Overview

# AWS CAG: Cloud Practitioner Course Schedule



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Session Topic – AWS Core Services

Online Modules:

**AWS Core Services**

Supplementary Content:

- AWS Whitepaper - <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/whitepapers/latest/aws-overview/introduction.html>

# Key Concepts

# Key Concepts – AWS Cloud Advantages

- Agility
  - Spin-up resources on-demand in short time to nurture fast growth and two-way door experimentation
- Cost Savings
  - Capital expense to variable IT expense
  - AWS's economies of scale lowers variable expense.
- Elasticity
  - No longer required to plan for peak
  - scaling in/out is easy



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- Innovate
  - Offload undifferentiated heavy lifting
  - Focus on business goals and end customer experience
- Global
  - Global in minutes. Region is cluster of datacenters in physical location around work, and Availability zone is logical grouping of datacenters within region
  - 76 Availability Zones across 24 geographic regions with over 11 regional edge caches, 205 edge locations and we don't plan to stop there.

# Key Concepts – Is the AWS Cloud secure?

- **Yes, and security will always be top priority.** AWS has been architected to be the most flexible and secure cloud computing environment available today to satisfy the security requirements for military, global banks, healthcare, life sciences, medical devices and other high-sensitivity organizations
- **Shared responsibility model** with the customer; **AWS manages and controls** the components from the host operating system and virtualization layer down to the physical security of the facilities in which the services operate, and **AWS customers are responsible for building secure applications.**
- AWS has achieved a **number of internationally recognized certifications and accreditations [over 89]**, demonstrating compliance with 3rd party assurance frameworks, such as ISO 27017 for cloud security, ISO 27018 for cloud privacy, and SOC 1, SOC 2 and SOC 3.

# Key Concepts – AWS Core Services

## Compute

Elastic Compute Cloud or Amazon EC2

## Storage

Elastic Block Store or Amazon EBS

Simple Storage Service or Amazon S3

## Networking

Virtual Private Cloud or Amazon VPC

Security Groups

## Global Infrastructure

# Key Concepts - Elastic Compute Cloud or Amazon EC2

- Compute or servers. AWS terminology is Instances.
- Increase or decrease capacity within minutes, not hours or days
- Pay as you go (per-second billing options)
- Broad selection of HW/SW. i.e. choice of processor, storage and networking options, operating system, and purchase model
- Over 275 instance types to optimize the cost and performance of workloads.

# Tips to get overview of an AWS service

Learn through questions

- Description
- Security
- Reliability [Durability]
- Scalability and Performance
- Cost

# Key Concepts - Elastic Block Store or Amazon EBS

- Description – Storage unit for EC2 instances
- Security – Easy and transparent Encryption
- Reliability [Durability] – Replicated within same availability zone to provide durability (data persistence) and availability. Snapshots for accidental recovery.
- Scalability and Performance – customizable block storage with choice of hard-disk or SSD types
- Cost - Options range from highly cost-effective dollar per gigabyte volumes to high performance volumes with high IOPS and high throughput designed for mission critical workloads

# Key Concepts - Simple Storage Service or Amazon S3

- Description – Managed object storage service (store and retrieve) with industry leading assurance on all well-architected pillars.
- Security – Security and audit support for data at rest, transit, and access with several regulatory compliance.
- Reliability [Durability] –
  - Amazon S3 is designed for 99.999999999% (11 9's) of data durability because it automatically creates and stores copies of all S3 objects across multiple systems.
  - Highly scalable, available, fast, inexpensive data storage infrastructure with 99.99% availability.
  - Versioning for accidental recovery.
- Scalability and Performance – customizable storage class with ability to store over trillions of objects
- Cost – pay as you go model with pricing varying by storage class, region, and data transfer.

# Key Concepts - Virtual Private Cloud or Amazon VPC

- Description – Managed networking service that lets you create common network setups; so you spend less time setting up/managing, and can focus on building applications.
- Security – You can create isolated sections varying from network level (group of instances) to hardware level (one instance). Also, have advanced security features like network access control, and Security Groups for firewalling/filtering. Further, securely connect on-premises to AWS with out-of-band and inline traffic inspection.
- Reliability/Performance –
  - Spawns across Availability zone, and Regions and helps extend on-premise to AWS for elasticity, and DR with highly performant network options for both hardware (EC2 Nitro) and connections (bandwidth, DXC).
- Cost – pay as you go model with pricing varying by VPC features (VPN, inter-connect/DX, EIP), region, and data transfer.



# Practice Time!

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