

My AWS Certification Journey

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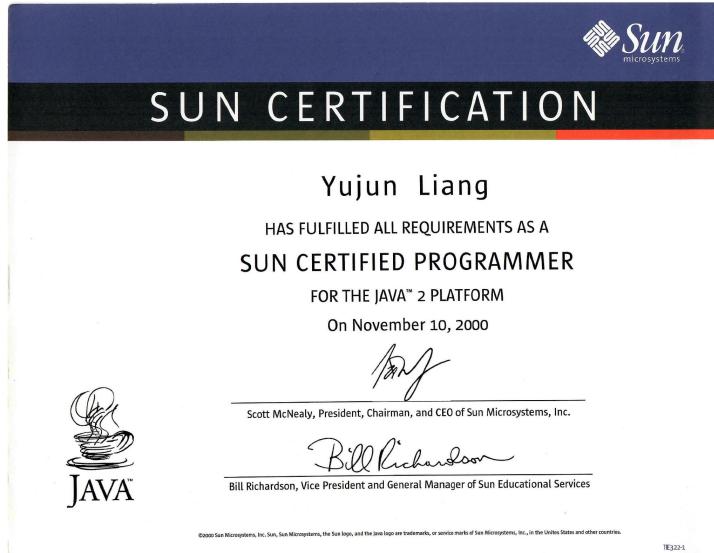


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Java Certifications



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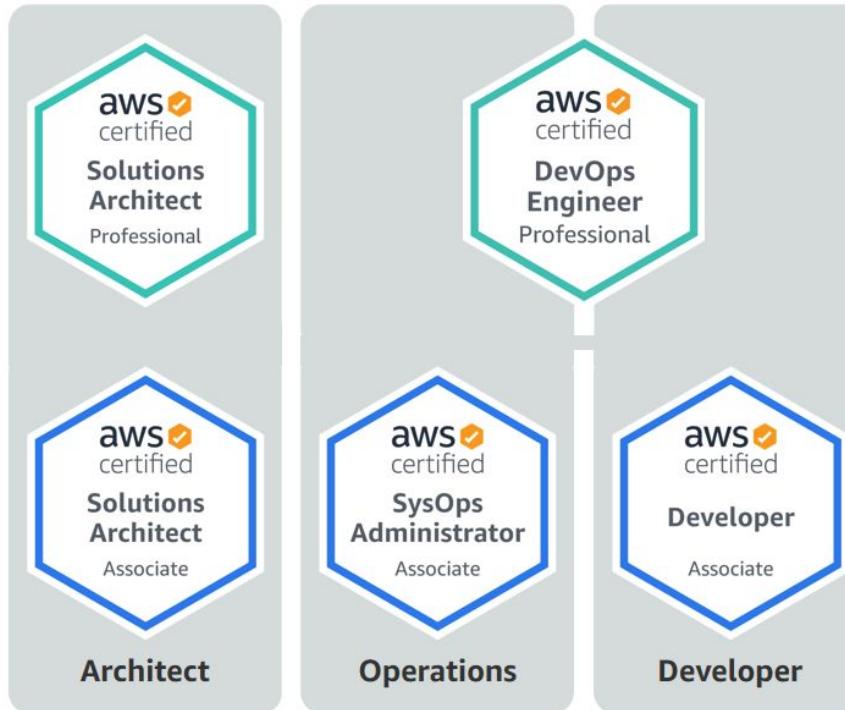
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- Holy Cow! It opened a whole new world for me

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Professional

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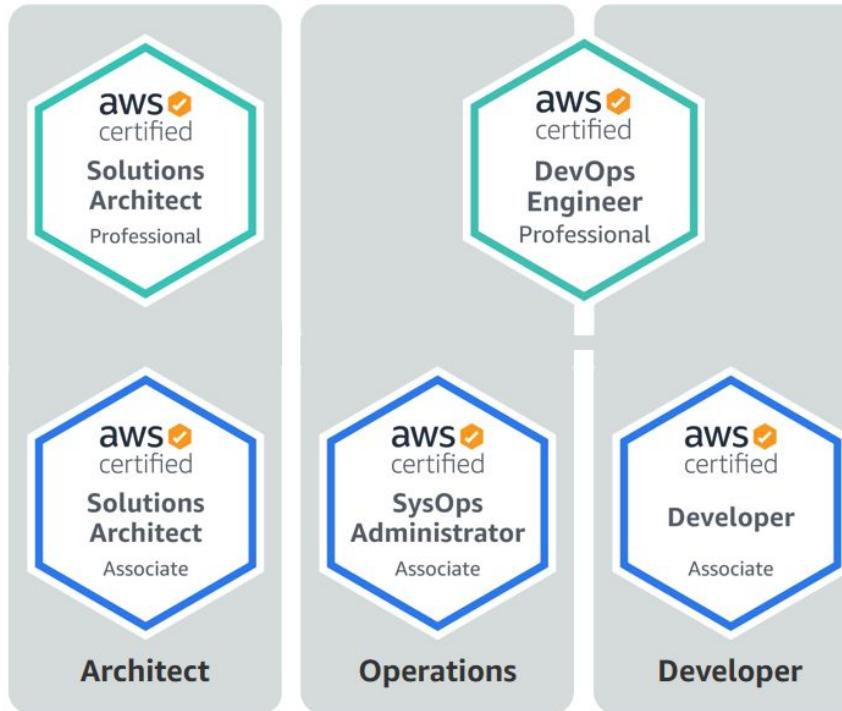
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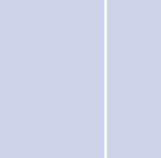
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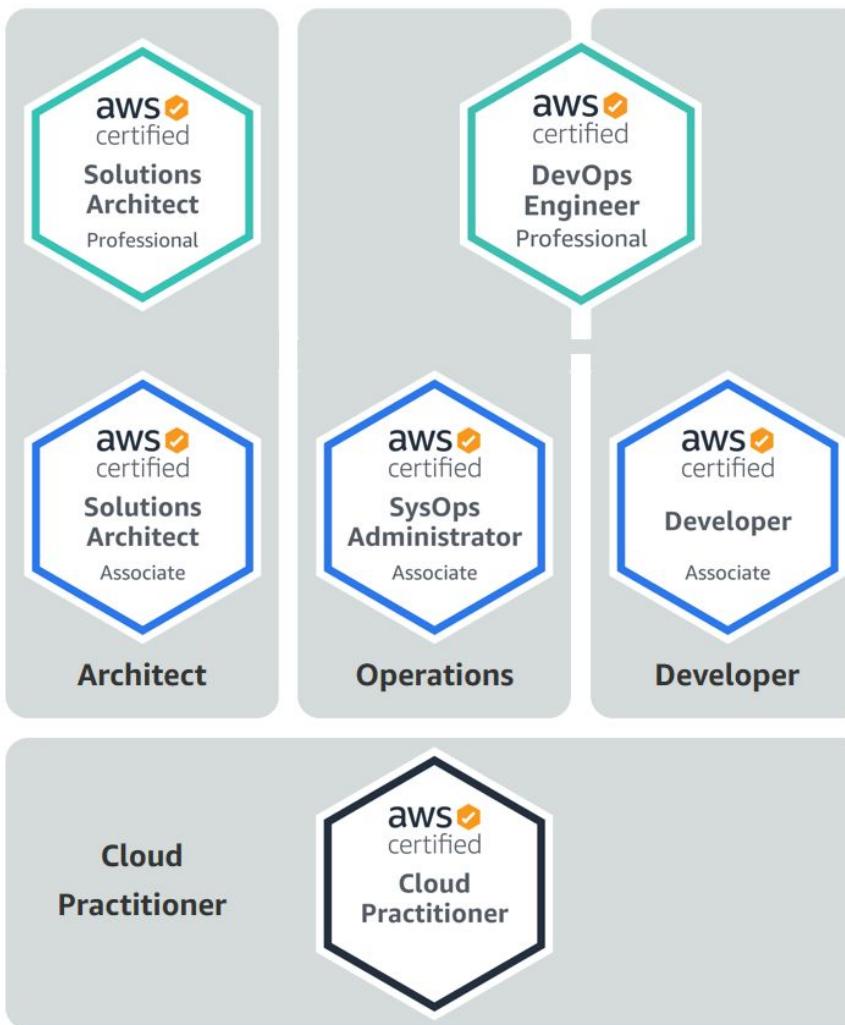


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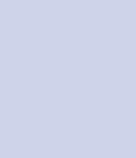
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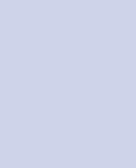
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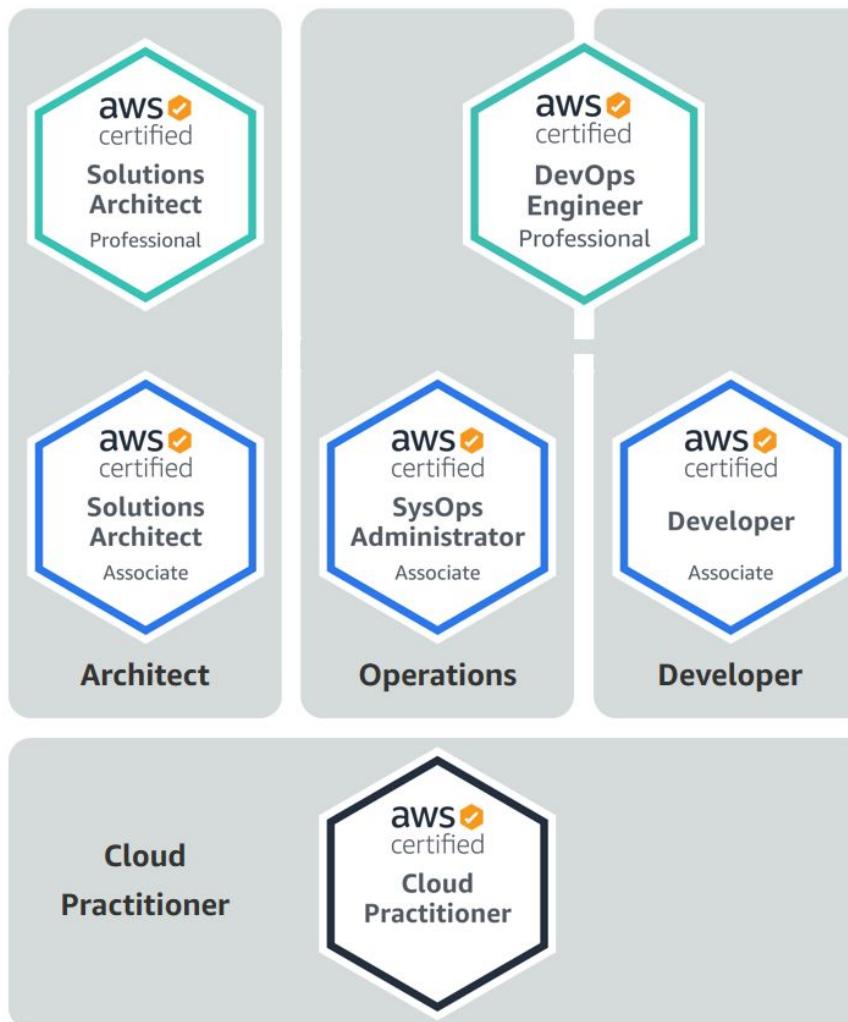
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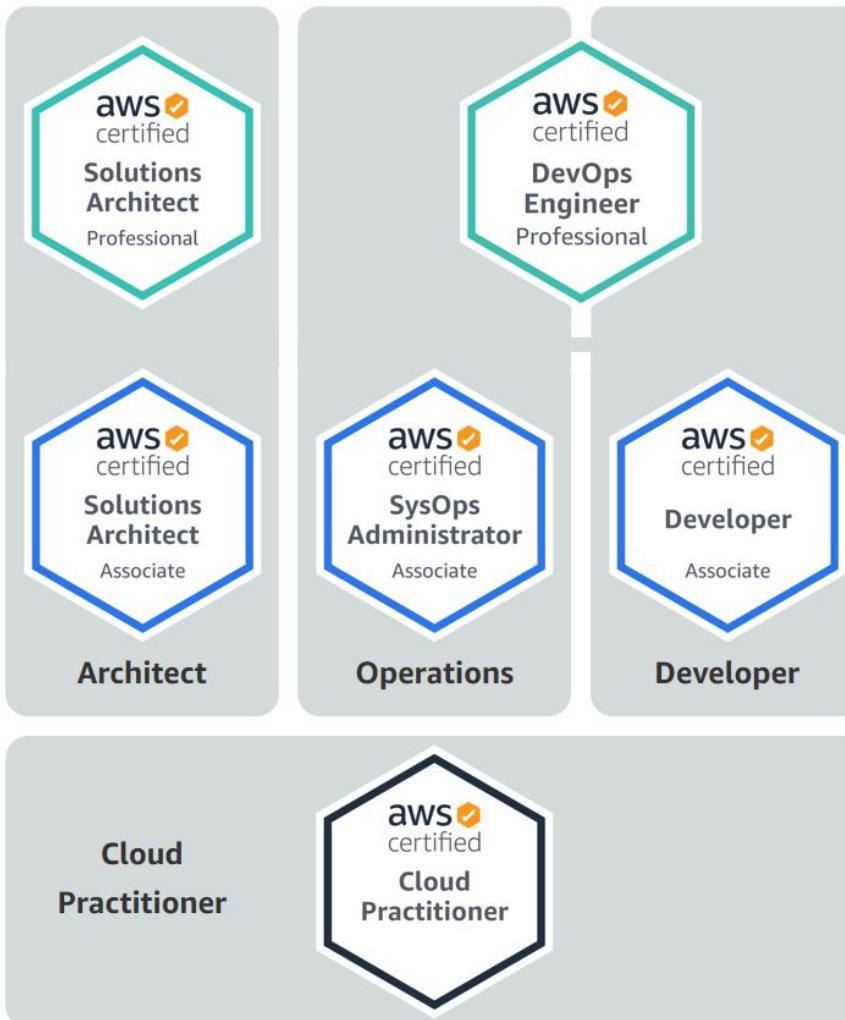


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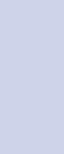
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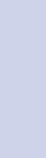
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2019	 aws certified Alexa Skill Builder Specialty								 aws certified Machine Learning Specialty 👍			 aws certified DevOps Engineer Professional
2020	 aws certified Data Analytics Specialty 👍				 aws certified Data Analytics Specialty 👍		 aws certified Big Data Specialty 👍					

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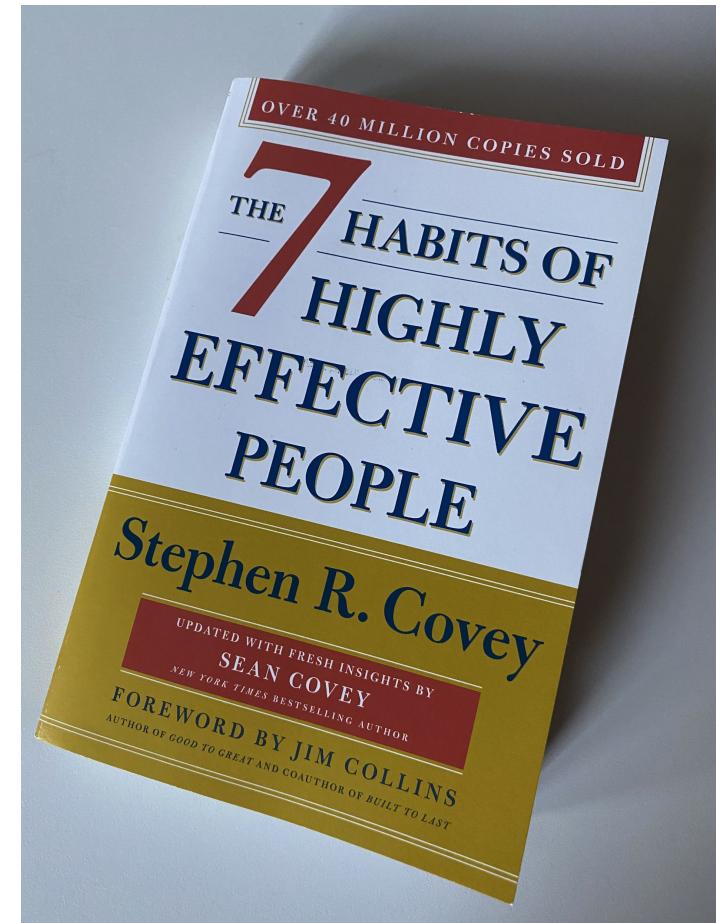
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How Did I Do it

What does it take to get there

- Just Do It!
- Don't overthink it!
- I hesitated for so long, which is totally wrong.
- Think strategically, act tactically
 - Treat the long term learning journey as a marathon
 - Treat each individual exam as a 100 meter sprint
- Use online training, learn anything, anywhere, anytime
 - <https://aws.amazon.com/certification/>
 - <https://cybray.it>
 - <https://www.aws.training/>
 - <http://Acloud.guru>
 - <http://Linuxacademy.com>
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 - <https://www.whizlabs.com/>
- Read more,
 - AWS >> <https://lnkd.in/eEmAHGX>
 - GCP >> <https://lnkd.in/e9-UJJ5>



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2022

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2025



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Exam History



Training & Certification

Exam	Exam Date	Exam Results	Score	Passing	Platform
CKS	04/04/2021	No Pass	54	67	ubuntu18
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LFCE	12/06/2020	No Pass	19	57	ubuntu18
LFCS	10/18/2020	No Pass	59	66	ubuntu18
LFCE	11/29/2020	No Pass	8	57	ubuntu18
LFCE	11/24/2018	No Pass		57	ubuntu16
LFCS	11/23/2018	No Pass	17	66	ubuntu16
LFCS-MSFT	10/08/2017	No Pass		74	ubuntu16
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What is cloud?



Happyness comes
from conquering
your fear, moving
out of your comfort
zone, and living
your dream.



--Confucius