Azure Certifications: How to successfully obtain the certificates.
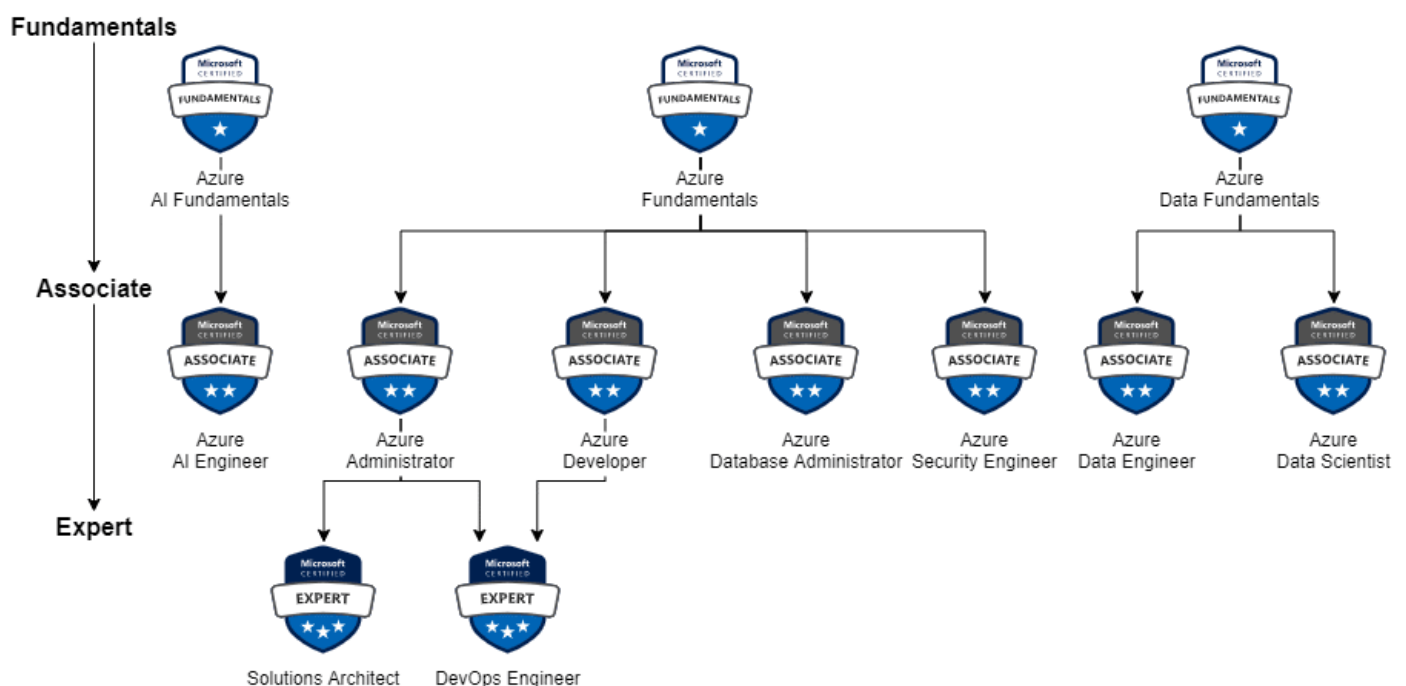
Azure is a cloud computing service and provides software as a service (SaaS), platform as a service (PaaS), and infrastructure as a service (IaaS).

Today Azure offers more than 200 products and services across different domains. It's easy to get lost at the beginning of your Azure journey. To help you get acquainted with the Azure, Microsoft created learning paths on the Learn Platform. In addition to the learn platform Certifications were introduced. The main purpose of them is to validate your knowledge of the specific Microsoft product. In the case of Azure to get you familiar with Cloud concepts and the services offered by Microsoft.

In this document I will try to get you more familiar with different types of Azure Certifications and the best ways to learn that helped me get 5 Azure Certificates throughout the duration of the internship.

The Azure Certifications are divided into 3 levels of experience with the Cloud: Fundamentals, Associate, and Expert. Here is a list of the Azure Certifications:

I recommend starting off with the Azure Fundamentals Certification and then progressing into a field of your choice: Data & AI, Security, Development, or Administration. Please refer to Microsoft Learn Platform for more information about the specific Certification.

Note that there are other Certifications that you might find interesting like Security Fundamentals (SC-900), Power Platform Fundamentals (PL-900). I encourage you to browse through them here.

How to study for a certification of your choice:

1) Get familiar with the Certification skill outline provided on the page of each Certification. It lists the skills that are measured on the exam(s) associated with the Certification
2) Go through the modules of the learning path on the Learn platform (example: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/certifications/azure-fundamentals/)
3) Follow YouTube tutorials - I recommend these 2 channels: Freecodecamp, John Savill's Technical Training. They provide great summaries of the topic. I would treat it as an addition to the learning paths on the Learn Platform. Don't forget to take notes!
4) Practice Trial Certification Tests. It's helpful to get familiar with the format of the exam and the questions. This website provides trial tests for Microsoft Employees:
5) Take an official exam for the Certification and if successful move on to the next!

Good luck with your Azure journey!

In the GitHub folder I uploaded the summaries of the material, I have made for different certifications: feel free to use them😊

Here you will find other useful links for learning and more:

1) https://www.microsoft.com/en-ie/training-days?activetab=0:primaryr4#azure – Virtual trainings from Azure
2) https://microsoft.sharepoint.com/sites/infopedia/engineering/pages/EngineeringAcademy.aspx
3) https://microsoft.sharepoint.com/SitePages/Glossary.aspx
4) https://microsoft.sharepoint.com/teams/BrandCentral/
5) http://leanonazure.net/index.html