ISC2 CCSP? Completed it, mate. 👌

After just 20 days of study, I am pleased to announce that I have provisionally passed my first cybersecurity certification of 2024: the CCSP! ☁️🔒

The CCSP is a four hour long vendor neutral cloud security exam covering everything from the cloud specific standards: ISO 27017 & ISO 27018, to application security, to legal issues surrounding cloud usage. I even had a cheeky question on IPv4 classes.

Here’s how I passed in 20 days:

- Mike Chapple and David Seidl’s CCSP official study guide, published by Sybex. Which I read through, cover to cover, twice. The book also contains audio recordings from Chapple going over the key takeaways for the exam, which was great for recap.

- Pete Zerger 🔐☁️ CCSP exam cram on YouTube. Zerger’s videos are amazing and have helped so much on my certification journey. He explains concepts clearly, and gave detailed examples in action on Azure. I can’t count the number of times I’ve listened to and watched his series.

- LearnZapp & Pocket Prep practice questions, two fantastic apps for quick tests on the go.

My three top tips for the exam are:

1️⃣ Pace yourself. 🏃

It works out at just over 1 minute 30 seconds per question, try to stick to that. You do not want to be in the last 10 minutes and have 15 questions to answer (which was totally not me! 👀).

2️⃣ Read the question slowly. Then read it again. 📖

ISC2 words the questions so that just one word can change the whole meaning. Like with all ISC2 exams, once you answer a question, you cannot go back.

3️⃣ Don’t forget to think like a manager. 👨🏻‍💼

If you’ve already taken your CISSP, you will be familiar with this mindset. For this exam, you are not a cloud engineer, you are a cloud security manager.

This achievement comes only 3 weeks after provisionally passing my CISSP. If you missed my post where I shared my secrets on how to pass the gold standard of cyber security certifications in 60 days, here’s the link: https://lnkd.in/eErjBtux

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