

Exam Preparation Section

Quick note on Distractors

- There are many services you will find in questions that are **distractors**
- There are **over 200 AWS services**, and we can't cover them all
 - Quicksight, Cognito, AppStreams, Server Migration Service, etc...
- I have covered all services that from my research and experience, people get questions for at the exam.
- If you see a service not covered by my course, but in someone else's practice exam, don't panic, I must have intentionally left it out
- If you see a service that is an answer at the exam but not covered in my course, please let me know!

State of learning checkpoint

- Let's look how far we've gone on our learning journey
- <https://aws.amazon.com/certification/certified-cloud-practitioner/>

Practice makes perfect

- If you're new to AWS, take a bit of AWS practice thanks to this course before rushing to the exam
- The exam recommends you have 6 months or more of hands-on experience on AWS
- Practice makes perfect!
- If you feel overwhelmed by the amount of knowledge you just learned, just go through it one more time

Exam content

- Two types of questions:
 - **Multiple choice:** has one correct answer and three incorrect responses
 - **Multiple response:** has two or more correct responses out of five or more options – CAREFUL: the exam software does not tell you if you selected the right number of answers (but the required number is mentioned)
- Always try to answer the question
 - Unanswered questions are considered as incorrect
 - No penalty for a wrong answer → guess!
- If you need to review a question for later (when you're done answering all questions), you can **flag it**

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION

Which AWS service does rock...?

- ☐ Option 1
- ☐ Option 2
- ☐ Option 3
- ☐ Option 4

MULTI RESPONSE QUESTION

Blabla question...? (SELECT TWO)

- ☐ Option 1
- ☐ Option 2
- ☐ Option 3
- ☐ Option 4
- ☐ Option 5

Proceed by elimination

- Most questions are going to be high-level “pick-a-service” questions
- For all the questions, rule out answers that you know for sure are wrong
- For the remaining answers, understand which one makes the most sense
- There are very few trick questions
- Don't over-think it
- If a solution seems feasible but highly complicated, it's probably wrong

Read each service's Overview

- Example: <https://aws.amazon.com/s3/>
- Overviews cover a lot of the questions asked at the exam
- They help confirm your understanding of a service

Get into the AWS Community

- Help and discuss with other people in the course Q&A
- Review questions asked by other people in the Q&A
- Do the practice test in this section
- Do extra practice exams (for example from my practice exam course)
- Read forums online
- Read online blogs
- Attend local meetups and discuss with other AWS engineers
- Watch re-invent videos on YouTube (AWS Conference)

How will the exam work?

- You'll have to register online at <https://www.aws.training/>
 - Fee for the exam is 100 USD
 - Provide two identity documents (ID, Credit Card, details are in emails sent to you)
 - No notes are allowed, no pen is allowed, no speaking
 - 65 questions will be asked in 90 minutes
 - At the end you can optionally review all the questions / answers
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- You would know right away if you passed / failed the exams
 - You will not know which answers were right / wrong
 - You will know the overall score a few days later (email notification)
 - To pass you need a score of **at least 700 out of 1000**
 - If you fail, you can retake the exam again 14 days later