

Cloud Security Expert

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Module 1 (Mapped to AWS Certified Security – Specialty)

Domain 1: Incident Response

- Given an AWS abuse notice, evaluate the suspected compromised instance or exposed access keys.
- Preparation stages for incident response
- Mitigation steps to perform Incident response steps
- Verify that the Incident Response Plan includes relevant AWS services
- Evaluate suspected compromised credentials
- Evaluate suspected compromised EC2 Instances
- AWS Guard Duty
- Evaluate the configuration of automated alerting, and execute possible remediation of security-related incidents and emerging issues.

Domain 2: Logging and Monitoring

- Design, Implement & troubleshoot security monitoring and alerting.
- Design, Implement & troubleshoot a logging solution.
- Continuous Security Monitoring
- AWS Security Solutions for Visibility and Compliance
- AWS Inspector
- AWS Detective & Security Hub
- AWS WAF and Shield
- AWS Systems Manager
- AWS CloudWatch, CloudTrail and Config
- AWS Athena
- AWS Macie
- S3 Events & VPC Flow Logs

Domain 3: Infrastructure Security

- Design edge security on AWS.
- Design and implement a secure network infrastructure.
- Troubleshoot a secure network infrastructure
- Design and implement host-based security
- AWS CloudFront
- Security groups & Network ACLs
- IPS/IDS concepts in cloud
- DDoS Mitigation
- Network Segmentation
- Bastion Hosts
- Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)
- VPC Endpoints
- Compliance Frameworks
- AWS lambda fundamentals
- AWS Simple Email Service
- AWS Route53 DNS

Domain 4: Identity and Access Management

- Design and implement a scalable authorization and authentication system to access AWS resources.
- Understand the Principle of Least Privilege
- IAM Policies & Roles
- IAM JSON Policy Elements
- IAM Permission boundaries
- Understanding Delegation, STS
- Cross account policies & roles

- Understanding Federation & SSO
- AWS Directory services
- AWS Organizations
- S3 Security, Cross Account S3 access
- S3 Versioning
- AWS License manager
- AWS Cognito
- Troubleshoot an authorization and authentication system to access AWS resources

Domain 5: Data Protection

- Design and implement key management and use
- Cryptography fundamentals
- Cloud Hardware Security Module (HSM)
- AWS Key Management Service (KMS)
- Envelope Encryption
- KMS Authentication and Access Control
- CloudTrail and Encryption
- EBS Architecture and Secure Data Wiping
- S3 Encryption
- Secrets Manager
- AWS Certificate Manager
- Load Balancer Security
- Docker and container security fundamentals
- AWS Glacier
- Troubleshoot key management.
- Design and implement a data encryption solution for data at rest and data in transit.

Module 2 (Mapped to Azure AZ-500)

1. Azure Cloud Fundamentals

- Azure infrastructure: Regions, Availability Zones, Geographies
- Azure Resource Groups, Tags & ARM
- Azure Portal, Cloud Shell, Powershell and CLI
- Azure subscription
- Billing and cost management

2. Azure Virtual Machines

- Compile a checklist for creating an Azure Virtual Machine
- Describe the options available to create and manage an Azure Virtual Machine
- Availability management, Maintenance and Downtime
- Monitoring VMs
- Creating VM with Powershell/Bash
- Managing Linux Instances
- Availability Sets, Fault Domain and Update Domain
- VM Custom Script Extensions, DSC
- VM Scale Sets, Types scaling
- Azure Bastion Service
- Deploying ARM Templates
- Add Data Disks & NIC to VM
- Resizing VMs
- Azure disk encryption & Disk encryption on Windows
- VM security best practices
- Key vault for disk encryption
- VM backup & restore
- VM hardening in Security Center

3. Azure App Services

- Introduction to Azure app services
- App Service plans & sizing
- Web apps and settings
- Scalability

4. Containers & Security

- Containerization concepts, Docker & Kubernetes overview
- Azure Container Service (ACS)
- Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)
- Create an AKS Cluster
- Create a container registry
- Run an application on Kubernetes
- Securing the container registry
- Container isolation for AKS
- Container security in AKS & Container scanning

5. Azure Storage Services

- Azure storage accounts overview
- Access Keys and Shared Access Signature (SAS)
- Storage Types, Standard & premium storage accounts
- Create Storage Account
- Azure Storage Explorer
- Azure Blob Containers
- Storage Performance Tiers
- Blob Access Policies
- Blob Storage Pricing
- Azure Files
- Files Vs Blobs
- Azure File Sync

- Secure File Transfer
- File Share Snapshots
- Storage Security & Authorization Options
- Storage Security, Encryption keys & Key Vault
- Managing Permissions
- Blob Public Access Level
- RBAC Authentication for Storage
- Log Analytics
- AZ Copy
- Azure Backup
- Azure Import/Export
- Azure CDN

6. Azure Virtual Network (Vnet)

- Purpose of Virtual Networks
- Creating a private network in Azure
- Subnets
- Azure Service Endpoints
- Domain and Custom Domains
- Azure DNS
- DNS Delegation
- Public and Private zones
- Network Security Groups
- Azure Load Balancing Services
- Azure Application Gateway
- Network Traffic Management & Network Routing
- User defined routes & Vnet peering
- Gateway Transit
- Virtual Network Gateway
- Azure firewall
- DDoS protection

7. Azure Active Directory

- Azure AD overview
- Create an Azure AD tenant
- AD Identity protection
- Conditional Access
- Managing Users, Groups & Devices
- Self Service Password Reset
- AD Connect, Hybrid Identities & identity protection
- SSO and MFA
- Managing Role Based Access Control
- Service principals
- App registration

8. Secure Access by using Azure AD (PIM and Tenant Security)

- Privileged Identity Management overview
- Monitor privileged access for Azure AD Privileged Identity Management (PIM)
- Configure Access Reviews Assigning resource roles (RBAC)
- PIM role activation

9. Governance and Role-based access control (RBAC)

- RBAC overview
- Implementing effective RBAC
- Configure subscription and resource permissions
- Configure resource group permissions
- Configure custom RBAC roles
- Identify the appropriate role
- Apply principle of least privilege
- Azure Policies
- Subscription policies
- Configure security settings by using Azure Policy

- Configure security settings by using Azure Blueprint
- Azure resource locks

10. Security Operations

- Azure Monitor and Alerts
- Log Analytics
- Azure Security Center
- Evaluate vulnerability scans from Azure Security Center
- Configure Just in Time VM access by using Azure Security Center
- Configure centralized policy management by using Azure Security Center
- Configure compliance policies and evaluate for compliance by using Azure Security Center
- Monitor Security by using Azure Sentinel
- Create and customize alerts
- Data sources for Azure Sentinel
- Evaluating results

11. Secure Data Services

- Azure Database services
- Azure SQL service
- SQL long term backup retention
- Azure SQL DB Advanced Threat Protection
- Database encryption
- Design auditing and caching strategies
- Azure Cosmos DB
- Azure Data Lake Store

12. Key Management

- Encryption and key management
- Azure Key Vault
- Manage permissions to secrets, certificates, and keys

- Configure RBAC usage in Azure Key Vault
- Configure key rotation

Module 3 (Mapped to CCSP)

Domain 1: Cloud Concepts, Architecture and Design

- 1.1 Understand Cloud Computing Concepts
- 1.2 Describe Cloud Reference Architecture
- 1.3 Understand Security Concepts Relevant to Cloud Computing
- 1.4 Understand Design Principles of Secure Cloud Computing
- 1.5 Evaluate Cloud Service Providers

Domain 2: Cloud Data Security

- 2.1 Describe Cloud Data Concepts
- 2.2 Design and Implement Cloud Data Storage Architectures
- 2.3 Design and Apply Data Security Technologies and Strategies
- 2.4 Implement Data Discovery
- 2.5 Implement Data Classification
- 2.6 Design and Implement Information Rights Management (IRM)
- 2.7 Plan and Implement Data Retention, Deletion and Archiving Policies
- 2.8 Design and Implement Auditability, Traceability and Accountability of Data Events

Domain 3: Cloud Platform and Infrastructure Security

- 3.1 Comprehend Cloud Infrastructure Components
- 3.2 Design a Secure Data Center
- 3.3 Analyze Risks Associated with Cloud Infrastructure
- 3.4 Design and Plan Security Controls
- 3.5 Plan Disaster Recovery (DR) and Business Continuity (BC)

Domain 4: Cloud Application Security

- 4.1 Advocate Training and Awareness for Application Security
- 4.2 Describe the Secure Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) Process
- 4.3 Apply the Secure Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)
- 4.4 Apply Cloud Software Assurance and Validation
- 4.5 Use Verified Secure Software
- 4.6 Comprehend the Specifics of Cloud Application Architecture
- 4.7 Design Appropriate Identity and Access Management (IAM) Solutions

Domain 5: Cloud Security Operations

- 5.1 Implement and Build Physical and Logical Infrastructure for Cloud Environment
- 5.2 Operate Physical and Logical Infrastructure for Cloud Environment
- 5.3 Manage Physical and Logical Infrastructure for Cloud Environment
- 5.4 Implement Operational Controls and Standards (e.g., Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) 20000-1)
- 5.5 Support Digital Forensics
- 5.6 Manage Communication with Relevant Parties
- 5.7 Manage Security Operations

Domain 6: Legal, Risk and Compliance

- 6.1 Articulate Legal Requirements and Unique Risks within the Cloud Environment
- 6.2 Understand Privacy Issues
- 6.3 Understand Audit Process, Methodologies, and Required Adaptations for a Cloud Environment
- 6.4 Understand Implications of Cloud to Enterprise Risk Management
- 6.5 Understand Outsourcing and Cloud Contract Design

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