

Course Duration: 8 hours (1 Day)

Zero Trust Architectures on AWS

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of **Zero Trust Architecture (ZTA) principles** and their implementation within **AWS environments**. It covers the fundamental security model of "never trust, always verify" and how AWS services and best practices can be used to enforce Zero Trust policies. The course includes hands-on labs, real-world use cases, and architectural patterns to help participants design and deploy secure cloud workloads using Zero Trust principles.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the core principles of Zero Trust and its necessity in modern cloud security.
- Design and implement Zero Trust security architectures using AWS services.
- Utilize AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM), AWS Verified Access, AWS PrivateLink, and other AWS security tools.
- Apply network segmentation, identity-based policies, and continuous authentication.
- Secure applications and data while minimizing the attack surface.
- Monitor and automate security policies to enforce Zero Trust principles.

Prerequisites

- Completed AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials, or AWS Technical Essentials, and Security Engineering on AWS.
- Familiarity with the **Linux command line** and basic terminal commands
- Familiarity with cloud computing concepts

Target Audience

- Cloud Security Engineers
- Solutions Architects
- DevSecOps Engineers
- Security Analysts
- IT Managers and Compliance Officers

- Anyone responsible for securing cloud environments using Zero Trust principles

Course outline

Module 1: Introduction to Zero Trust

- What is Zero Trust?
- Why is it necessary in cloud environments?
- Key Zero Trust principles
- Differences between traditional security and Zero Trust

Module 2: AWS Security Services for Zero Trust

- Overview of AWS security services
- AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)
- AWS Organizations and Service Control Policies (SCPs)
- AWS Verified Access

Module 3: Identity and Access Management in Zero Trust

- Identity as the new perimeter
- Implementing least privilege access using AWS IAM
- AWS IAM Policies, Roles, and Permissions Boundaries
- AWS Cognito for identity federation

Lab 1: Implementing IAM Zero Trust Policies

Module 4: Network Security and Zero Trust Implementation

- AWS PrivateLink and VPC Endpoints for secure communications
- Network segmentation and micro-segmentation with AWS Security Groups and Network ACLs

Module 5: Data Protection and Zero Trust

- AWS Key Management Service (KMS) for encryption
- Amazon Macie for sensitive data detection
- AWS Secrets Manager for credentials security

- Zero Trust for S3 buckets and AWS data stores

Module 6: Monitoring, Logging, and Automation

- AWS Security Hub and AWS Config for continuous compliance
- AWS CloudTrail and Amazon GuardDuty for security monitoring
- Automating security policies with AWS Lambda and AWS Step Functions

Lab 2: Automating Security Enforcement Using AWS Lambda

Module 7: Best Practices and Next Steps

- Zero Trust adoption roadmap for AWS
- Common pitfalls and how to avoid them
- Compliance and regulatory considerations