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AZ-305 Study Plan

About the exam

Azure Solutions Architect Expert (AZ-305) is a design exam. You are asked to choose the right service and pattern for a scenario, not to click through the portal.

- Scenario-based questions and case studies
- Passing score: 700 out of 1000
- You need the Azure Administrator Associate (AZ-104) as well to earn the Expert certification

The four skill areas

- Design identity, governance and monitoring solutions
- Design data storage solutions
- Design business continuity solutions
- Design infrastructure solutions

Six-week plan

Week	Focus	Goal
1	Identity, governance, monitoring	Explain Entra ID, Policy, Monitor choices
2	Data storage	Pick the right database for a workload
3	Business continuity	Design backup, DR and high availability
4	Infrastructure	Compute, apps, networking, migration
5	Case studies	Two timed case studies
6	Review	Practice assessment, fix weak areas

Tips

- Pass AZ-104 first. AZ-305 assumes you already know how the services work and asks you to choose between them.
- Learn the trade-offs: when to pick each storage, database, compute and networking option, and why.
- Study the Azure Well-Architected Framework and the Cloud Adoption Framework. Many questions follow their logic.
- Practice case studies under time pressure. Read the requirements first, then the scenario.
- Use Microsoft Learn's free practice assessment to find weak areas before you book.