Expert Tips for ALL Your Snowflake SnowPro Certifications

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Introduction

Welcome

Welcome to **Expert Tips for ALL Your Snowflake SnowPro Certifications**, a unique high-quality book with professional advice and practice tests, to help you pass ANY of the 6 SnowPro certification exams today.

The live interactive version of these practice tests has been implemented on Udemy as a video course, with the **Expert Tips for ALL Your Snowflake SnowPro Certifications** title. The present book has been actually adapted from the manuscript of that course.

My name is Cristian Scutaru and I'm a world-class expert in Snowflake, SnowPro SME (Subject Matter Expert) and former Snowflake Data Superhero. For several years, I helped Snowflake create many of the exam questions out there. Many of the exam questions and answers from the SnowPro exams have been indeed created by me.

I passed over the years 5 out of the 6 SnowPro exams myself, I just didn't find time for the last one. In the last 3-4 years alone, I passed over 40 paid proctored certification exams overall. And I still never failed one, I was lucky so far. I'll speak from my experience here and I'll let you know what it takes. This is a book I wish I had when I prepared for my own exams.

But I have no recipe for guaranteed success here. And make no mistake, you'll still need external resources and practice tests to prepare. But I will help you out with that precious extra 10 to 20% that usually makes the difference in an exam. That can help you better getting over the finish line.

I focused here on 100 selected questions similar to the exams, with elaborated answers and references. I also included all the 30 questions from the Study Guides, and provided valuable explanations and references.

I designed this content for anyone looking to pass a Snowflake certification exam, starting with SnowPro Core and ending up with the more challenging Advanced exams. If you work for Snowflake, for a Snowflake Partner, or you're in other Snowflake programs, you may get free or reduced vouchers and try all your Advanced certifications, why not.

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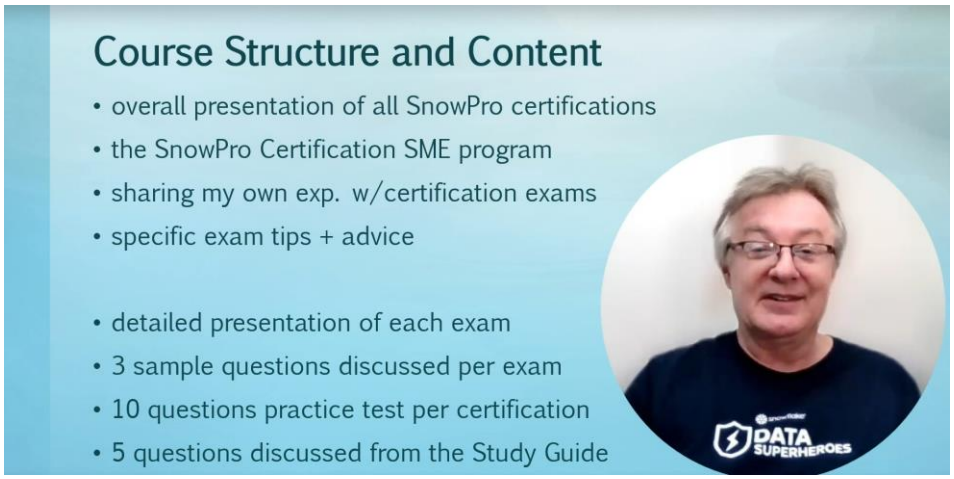


I will start with an overall presentation of all SnowPro Certifications. Then I will introduce you to the SnowPro Certification SME program. This is how the exam questions are created and I've been part of this program for years. A few of the exam questions in the SnowPro certifications are created by myself.

I will share my own experience with certification exams, because I have five out of six SnowPro certifications. And in the last 3-4 years alone I passed over 40 paid proctored certifications, I still have to fail one.

I will share specific exam tips and advice. Then you will have one section for each individual SnowPro certification. I will start with a detailed presentation of each exam. Followed by an original practice test, with 15 or 25 questions, including those from the Study Guide. Get a pen and try to find the answers to these questions by yourself. Then check the rich explanations and references for these same questions in the next chapter.

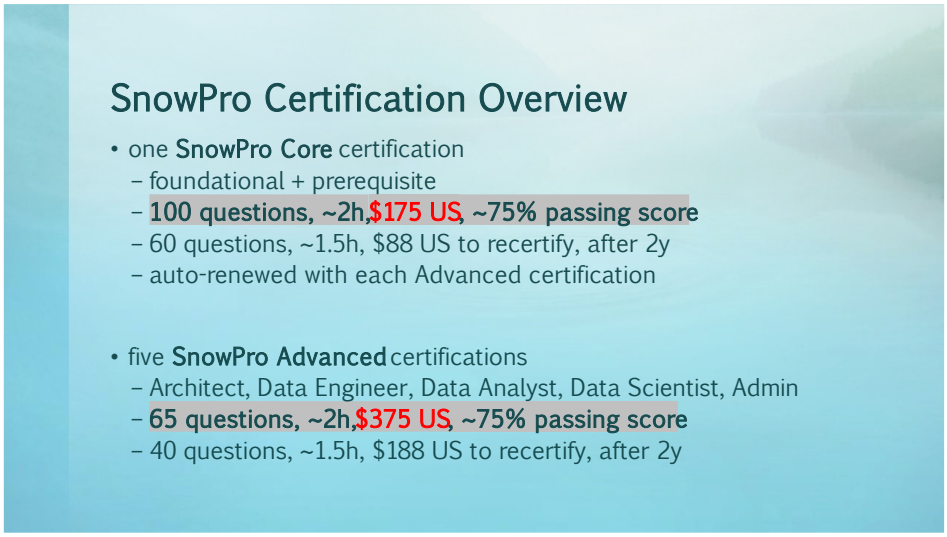
For each exam, there are 5 questions in the Study Guide, but with no explanations or references. I added some here, to help you at the exam.

The Snowflake SnowPro Certifications

Let's start with some basic information about all the exams, about the certification itself, at Snowflake.

So first of all, they are called SnowPro, Snowflake Professional certifications, if you want to. We have the Core certification, with the fundamentals, a prerequisite basically for any other advanced certifications: Architect, Data Engineer, Data Analyst, Data Scientist and Administrator.

I passed all of them except for the Administrator. So far, I didn't go for it. And I passed them all from the first attempt.



The SnowPro Certification Overview. We have one SnowPro Core certification, foundational and prerequisite for all the others.

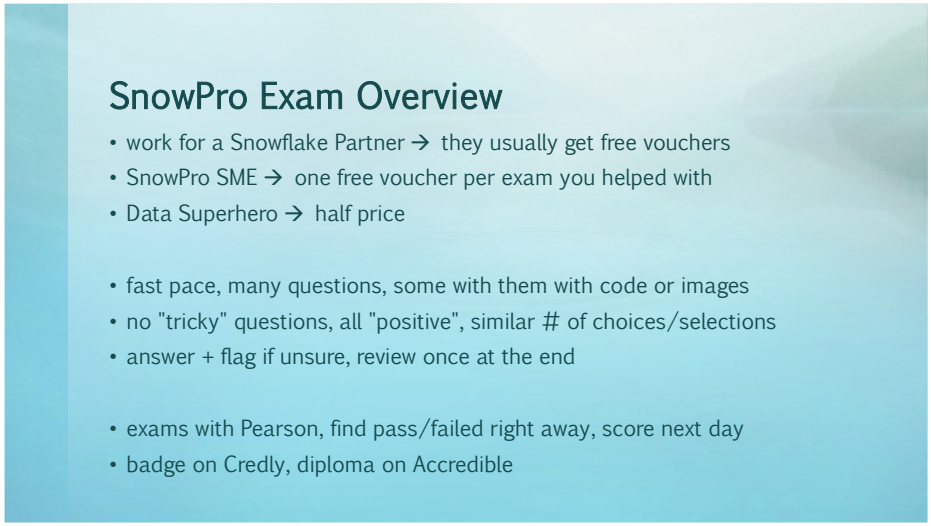
If you go for the first time into such an exam, you'll have 100 questions in around two hours, for $175 USD. And the passing score is about 75%.

All the certifications last for two years. After two years, while the certification is still valid, you can try to recertify with 60 questions this time, 1.5 hours, and $88 USD.

Passing or auto-renewing an advanced certification will also automatically renew the basic SnowPro certification, for other two years. So you don't have to pass it again separately, if you pass an advanced certification.

This is what I did. Basically, I passed just once long ago the SnowPro Core. And then I passed just advanced certifications.

I was saying we have five SnowPro Advanced certifications: Architect, Data Engineer, Data Analyst, Data Scientist, and Administrator. 65 questions each, in also around two hours, $375 USD, the same about 75% passing score. And to renew this also after two years, you can go for 40 questions in about 1.5 hours, $188 USD. So it's always the half price to try to renew, to recertify. And yeah, just as a personal opinion, they are expensive.



What I did personally, I worked for two Snowflake Partners over the last few years. I've been full time employed by them and they usually get free vouchers from Snowflake. And they distribute these free vouchers to their employees.

I had people going to fail sometimes the exam, at the first attempt. Just to see how it is. Another way to get free vouchers is to join a Snowflake program, like the SnowPro SME. I've been part of this program, and you may get one free voucher for each exam you help with.

As a Data Superhero, unfortunately the last time I've been there, they were giving us vouchers but at half the price. And I wasn't very happy with that, what can I say.

Generally speaking, the exams are fast pace, because there are many questions: 100 for SnowPro Core, 65 but much harder as you can expect for advanced. Some of them are with code or images. There could be large sequences of code. I don't want to scare you, but especially for Advanced, you'll have to prepare.

There are no tricky questions. And all are positive, you'll not be asked things like "What is NOT a good choice here". You have a similar number of choices

and selections per question type. There will be just multi-choice and multi-select questions, just remember this.

Let's say you're unsure on some answers. My advice is to always provide an answer anyway, and to flag, to mark basically the question. You review only once at the end all of them, because usually you don't have enough time. You may have another approach definitely, it's up to you. This is just my honest advice, this is what I do.

All the exams, today at least, are with Pearson. I passed them all online, never in a remote center or different location. You'll find the pass/failed result right away. The actual score may came the next day, or just in a few hours, through email.

You will receive a badge that today is on Credly. And they still keep different information, like diplomas, on Accredible. This could change in time, you'll see.