Cloud Computing Roadmap with Timeline (12 Months)

Phase 1: Fundamentals (Months 12)

Focus: Understanding Cloud Basics

Goals:

- Learn what cloud computing is (laaS, PaaS, SaaS)
- Understand public, private, hybrid clouds
- Explore leading cloud providers (AWS, Azure, GCP)
- Set up a free tier account on one platform

Key Topics:

- Virtualization, scalability, high availability
- Regions, zones, pricing models

Milestones:

- Clear understanding of cloud service models
- Free-tier setup completed and explored

Phase 2: Core Cloud Services (Months 34)

Focus: Using Compute, Storage, Networking

Goals:

- Launch and manage virtual machines (EC2, Compute Engine)
- Set up object storage (S3, Blob, GCS)
- Basic networking (VPC, Subnets, IPs, Firewalls)

Key Tools:

- AWS EC2, S3 / Azure VM, Blob / GCP Compute, Cloud Storage

Milestones:

- Launch and SSH into a VM
- Upload and retrieve files from cloud storage

Phase 3: Cloud Security & IAM (Months 56)

Focus: Secure Access and Resource Management

Goals:

- Learn Identity and Access Management (IAM)
- Understand encryption, security groups, KMS
- Set up user roles and permissions

Milestones:

- Configure IAM users and roles
- Secure cloud resources with access policies

(More phases like DevOps on Cloud, Serverless, Monitoring, and Certification Prep can follow.)