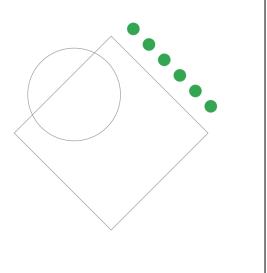


Welcome to section 1 of the exam guide: Setting Up a Cloud Solution Environment.

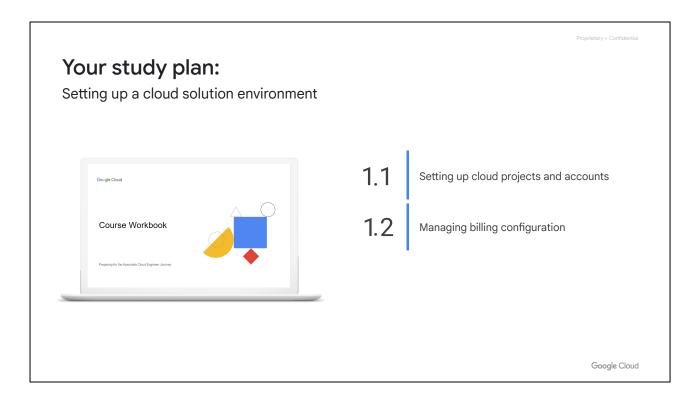
Review and study planning



Google Cloud

Now let's review how to use these diagnostic questions to help you identify what to include in your study plan.

As a reminder - this isn't meant to be a crash course teaching you everything you need to know about setting up a solution in Google Cloud. Instead, it's meant to give you a better sense of the scope of the section and the different skills you'll want to develop as you prepare for the certification.



We'll approach this review by looking at the objectives of this exam section and the questions you just answered about each one. We'll introduce an objective, briefly review the answers to the related questions, then talk about where you can find out more in the learning resources and/or in Google Cloud documentation. As we go through each section objective, use the page in your workbook to mark the specific documentation, courses (and modules!), and skill badges you'll want to emphasize in your study plan.

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1.1 Setting up cloud projects and accounts

Activities include:

- Creating a resource hierarchy
- Applying organizational policies to the resource hierarchy
- Granting members IAM roles within a project
- Managing users and groups in Cloud Identity (manually and automated)
- Enabling APIs within projects
- Provisioning and setting up products in Google Cloud Observability
- Assessing quotas and requesting increases

Google Cloud

At the start of this module we mentioned some of the tasks you'd undertake as an Associate Cloud Engineer to help set up Cymbal Superstore's cloud projects and accounts. This includes tasks such as creating a resource hierarchy related to the three applications migrating to the cloud and their associated departments, granting IAM roles, and the activities here.

Many of the questions you just answered relate to this area - these are key concepts for an Associate Cloud Engineer!

Question 1 tested your ability to assign users to IAM roles. Question 2 explored using organization resource hierarchies in Google Cloud, and question 3 tested your knowledge of the relationship between resources and projects to track resource usage, billing, or permissions. Question 4 examined concepts of permission hierarchy, and questions 5 and 6 tested your knowledge of roles in Google Cloud.

Let's review.

1.1 Diagnostic Question 01 Discussion



Stella is a new member of a team in your company who has been put in charge of monitoring VM instances in the organization. Stella will need the required permissions to perform this role.

How should you grant her those permissions?

- A. Assign Stella a roles/compute.viewer role.
- Assign Stella compute.instances.get permissions on all of the projects she needs to monitor.
- C. Add Stella to a Google Group in your organization. Bind that group to roles/compute.viewer.
- D. Assign the "viewer" policy to Stella.

Google Cloud

Question:

Stella is a new member of a team in your company who has been put in charge of monitoring VM instances in the organization. Stella will need the required permissions to perform this role. How should you grant her those permissions?

1.1 Diagnostic Question 01 Discussion



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D. Assign the "viewer" policy to Stella.

Google Cloud

Feedback:

A. Incorrect. You should not assign roles to an individual user. Users should be added to groups and groups assigned roles to simplify permissions management.

- B. Incorrect. Roles are combinations of individual permissions. You should assign roles, not individual permissions, to users.
- * C. Correct! Best practice is to manage role assignment by groups, not by individual users.
- D. Incorrect. A policy is a binding that is created when you associate a user with a role. Policies are not "assigned" to a user.

Where to look:

https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/overview

Content mapping:

- Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure (ILT and On-demand)
 - M2 Resources and Access in the Cloud
- Architecting with Google Compute Engine (ILT)
 - M4 Identity and Access Management
- Essential Google Cloud Infrastructure: Core Services (On-demand)
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- (<u>https://www.cloudskillsboost.google/course_templates/648</u>)
- Set Up an App Dev Environment on Google Cloud (https://www.cloudskillsboost.google/course_templates/637)

Summary:

You assign members to roles through an IAM policy. Roles are combinations of permissions needed for a role. Members can be a Google account, a service account, a Google group, a Google Workspace domain, a Cloud Identity domain, all authenticated users, and all users. A service account is an account for an application instead of an end user.

Summary content continues on the next slide.



IAM lets administrators authorize who can take action on specific resources. An IAM policy has a "who" part, a "can do what" part, and an "on which resource" part.

1.1 Diagnostic Question 02 Discussion



How are resource hierarchies organized in Google Cloud?

- A. Organization, Project, Resource, Folder.
- B. Organization, Folder, Project, Resource.
- C. Project, Organization, Folder, Resource.
- D. Resource, Folder, Organization, Project.

Google Cloud

Question:

How are resource hierarchies organized in Google Cloud?

1.1 Diagnostic Question 02 Discussion



How are resource hierarchies organized in Google Cloud?

- A. Organization, Project, Resource, Folder.
- B. Organization, Folder, Project, Resource.



- C. Project, Organization, Folder, Resource.
- D. Resource, Folder, Organization, Project.

Google Cloud

Feedback:

A: Incorrect. Folders are optional and come in between organizations and projects.

*B: Correct! Organization sits at the top of the Google Cloud resource hierarchy. This can be divided into folders, which are optional. Next, there are projects you define. Finally, resources are created under projects.

C: Incorrect. Organization is the highest level of the hierarchy.

D: Incorrect. Organization is the highest level of the hierarchy, followed by optional folders, projects, and then resources.

Where to look:

https://cloud.google.com/resource-manager/docs/cloud-platform-resource-hierarchy#resource-hierarchy-detail

Content mapping:

- Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure (ILT and On-demand)
 - M2 Resources and Access in the Cloud
- Skill Badge
 - Implement Load Balancing on Compute Engine (https://www.cloudskillsboost.google/course_templates/648)

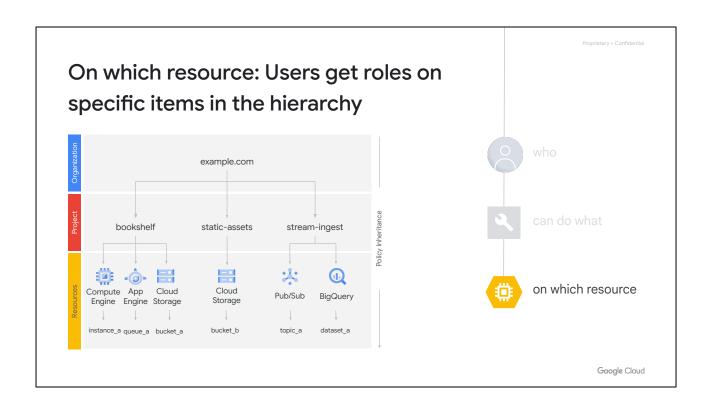
Summary:

You may find it easiest to understand the Google Cloud resource hierarchy from the bottom up. All the resources you use--whether they're virtual machines, Cloud

Storage buckets, tables in BigQuery, or anything else in Google Cloud--are organized into projects. Optionally, these projects may be organized into folders; folders can contain other folders. All the folders and projects used by your organization can be brought together under an organization node. Projects, folders, and organization nodes are all places where policies can be defined. Some Google Cloud resources let you put policies on individual resources too, like Cloud Storage buckets.

Policies are inherited downwards in the hierarchy.

Summary content continues on the next slide.



When you give a user, group, or service account a role on a specific element of the resource hierarchy, the resulting policy applies to the element you chose, as well as to elements below it in the hierarchy.

1.1 Diagnostic Question 03 Discussion



What Google Cloud project attributes can be changed?

- A. The Project ID.
- B. The Project Name.
- C. The Project Number.
- D. The Project Category.

Google Cloud

Question:

What Google Cloud project attributes can be changed?

1.1 Diagnostic Question 03 Discussion



What Google Cloud project attributes can be changed?

- A. The Project ID.
- B. The Project Name.



D. The Project Category.

Google Cloud

Feedback:

A: Incorrect. Project ID is set by the user at creation time but cannot be changed. It must be unique.

*B: Correct! Project name is set by the user at creation. It does not have to be unique. It can be changed after creation time.

C: Incorrect. Project number is an automatically generated unique identifier for a project. It cannot be changed.

D: Incorrect. Project category isn't a valid attribute when setting up a Google Cloud project.

Where to look:

https://cloud.google.com/resource-manager/docs/cloud-platform-resource-hierarchy#projects

Content Mapping:

- Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure (ILT and On-demand)
 - M2 Resources and Access in the Cloud
- Skill Badge
 - Implement Load Balancing on Compute Engine (https://www.cloudskillsboost.google/course_templates/648)

Summary:

A project is required to use Google Cloud, and forms the basis for creating, enabling, and using all Google Cloud services, managing APIs, enabling billing, adding and removing collaborators, and managing permissions.

In order to interact with most Google Cloud resources, you must provide the identifying project information for every request. You can identify a project in either of two ways: a project ID, or a project number.

A project ID is the customized name you chose when you created the project. If you activate an API that requires a project, you will be directed to create a project or select a project using its project ID. (Note that the name string, which is displayed in the UI, is not the same as the project ID.)

A project number is automatically generated by Google Cloud. Both the project ID and project number can be found on the dashboard of the project in the Google Cloud console. For information on getting project identifiers and other management tasks for projects see <u>Creating and Managing Projects</u>.

The initial IAM policy for the newly created project resource grants the owner role to the creator of the project.

1.1 Diagnostic Question 04 Discussion



Jane will manage objects in Cloud Storage for the Cymbal Superstore. She needs to have access to the proper permissions for every project across the organization.

What should you do?

- A. Assign Jane the roles/storage.objectCreator on every project.
- Assign Jane the roles/viewer on each project and the roles/storage.objectCreator for each bucket.
- C. Assign Jane the roles/editor at the organizational level.
- D. Add Jane to a group that has the roles/storage.objectAdmin role assigned at the organizational level.

Google Cloud

Question:

Jane will manage objects in Cloud Storage for the Cymbal Superstore. She needs to have access to the proper permissions for every project across the organization. What should you do?

1.1 Diagnostic Question 04 Discussion



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- D. Add Jane to a group that has the roles/storage.objectAdmin role assigned at the organizational level.



Google Cloud

Feedback:

- A. Incorrect. Inheritance would be a better way to handle this scenario. The *roles/storage.objectCreator* role does not give the permission to delete objects, an essential part of managing them.
- B. Incorrect. This role assignment is at too low of a level to allow Jane to manage objects.
- C. Incorrect. *Roles/editor* is basic and would give Jane too many permissions at the project level.
- *D. Correct! This would give Jane the right level of access across all projects in your company.

Where to look:

https://cloud.google.com/resource-manager/docs/cloud-platform-resource-hierarchy

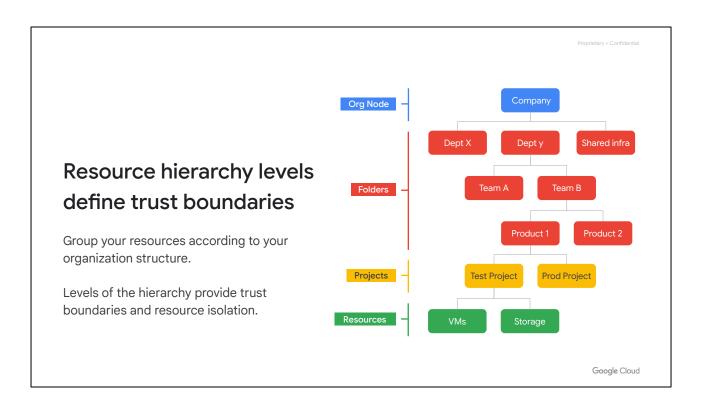
Content mapping:

- Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure (ILT and On-demand)
 - M2 Resources and Access in the Cloud
- Skill Badge
 - Implement Load Balancing on Compute Engine (https://www.cloudskillsboost.google/course_templates/648)

Summary: Resource hierarchy is different from Identity and Access Management.

Identity and Access Management focuses on who, and lets the administrator authorize who can take action on specific resources based on permissions. Organization Policy focuses on what, and lets the administrator set restrictions on specific resources to determine how they can be configured. A constraint is a particular type of restriction against a Google Cloud service or a list of Google Cloud services. A constraint has a type, either list or boolean.

Summary continues on the next slide.



When an organization policy is set on a resource hierarchy node, all descendants of that node inherit the organization policy by default. If you set an organization policy at the root organization node, then the configuration of restrictions defined by that policy will be passed down through all descendant folders, projects, and service resources.

When a child node inherits organization policies based on list constraints, the inherited policies are merged and reconciled with the node's organization policy. In list policy evaluation, DENY values always take precedence.

Organization policies that are derived from boolean constraints do not merge and reconcile policies. If a policy is specified on a resource node, that TRUE or FALSE value is used to determine the effective policy.

.1 Diagnostic Question 05 Discussion



You need to add new groups of employees in Cymbal Superstore's production environment. You need to consider Google's recommendation of using least privilege.

What should you do?

- A. Grant the most restrictive basic role to most services, grant predefined or custom roles as necessary.
- B. Grant predefined and custom roles that provide necessary permissions and grant basic roles only where needed.
- C. Grant the least restrictive basic roles to most services and grant predefined and custom roles only when necessary.
- D. Grant custom roles to individual users and implement basic roles at the resource level.

Google Cloud

Question:

You need to add new groups of employees in Cymbal Superstore's production environment. You need to consider Google's recommendation of using least privilege. What should you do?

1.1 Diagnostic Question 05 Discussion



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What should you do?

- A. Grant the most restrictive basic role to most services, grant predefined or custom roles as necessary.
- B. Grant predefined and custom roles that provide necessary permissions and grant basic roles only where needed.



- C. Grant the least restrictive basic roles to most services and grant predefined and custom roles only when necessary.
- D. Grant custom roles to individual users and implement basic roles at the resource level.

Google Cloud

Feedback:

A: Incorrect. Basic roles are too broad and don't provide least privilege.

*B: Correct! Basic roles are broad and don't use the concept of least privilege. You should grant only the roles that someone needs through predefined and custom roles.

C: Incorrect. Basic roles apply to the project level and do not provide least privilege.

D: Incorrect. You should see if a predefined role meets your needs before implementing a custom role.

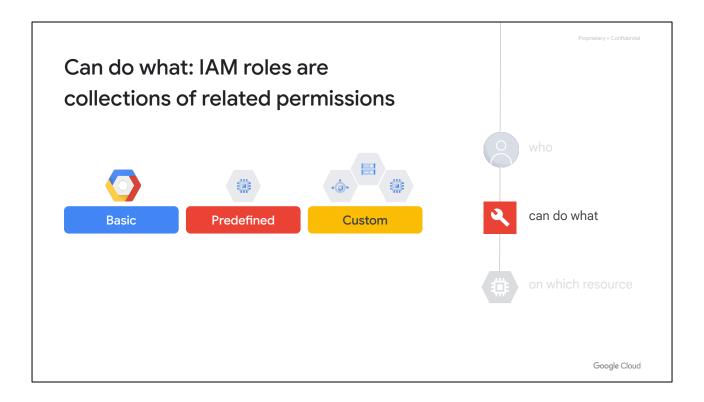
Where to look:

https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/understanding-roles#role types

Content mapping:

- Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure (ILT and On-demand)
 - M2 Resources and Access in the Cloud
- Architecting with Google Compute Engine (ILT)
 - M4 Identity and Access Management
- Essential Google Cloud Infrastructure: Core Services (On-demand)
 - M1 Identity and Access Management
- Skill Badge
 - Implement Load Balancing on Compute Engine (https://www.cloudskillsboost.google/course_templates/648)

Summary: See following slide.



The "can do what" part of an IAM policy is defined by a role. An IAM role is a collection of permissions, because, most of the time you need more than 1 permission to do meaningful work. For example, to manage virtual machine instances in a project, you have to be able to create, delete, start, stop and change virtual machines. So these permissions are grouped together into a role to make them easier to understand and easier to manage.

There are three types of roles in IAM:

- Basic roles, which include the Owner, Editor, and Viewer roles that existed prior to the introduction of IAM.
- Predefined roles, which provide granular access for a specific service and are managed by Google Cloud.
- Custom roles, which provide granular access according to a user-specified list of permissions.

Basic roles are the Owner, Editor, and Viewer.

Pre-defined roles bundle selected permissions up into collections that correlate with common job-related business needs.

1.1 Diagnostic Question 06 Discussion



The Operations Department at Cymbal Superstore wants to provide managers access to information about VM usage without allowing them to make changes that would affect the state. You assign them the Compute Engine Viewer role.

Which two permissions will they receive?

A. compute.images.list

B. compute.images.get

C. compute.images.create

D. compute.images.setIAM

E. computer.images.update

Google Cloud

Question:

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1.1 Diagnostic Question 06 Discussion



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Which two permissions will they receive?

A. compute.images.list



- B. compute.images.get
- C. compute.images.createD. compute.images.setIAM
- E. computer.images.update

Google Cloud

Feedback:

- *A: Correct! Viewer can perform read-only actions that do not affect state.
- *B: Correct! Get is read-only. Viewer has this permission.
- C: Incorrect. This permission would change state.
- D: Incorrect. Only the Owner can set the IAM policy on a service.
- E: Incorrect. Only Editor and above can change the state of an image.

Where to look:

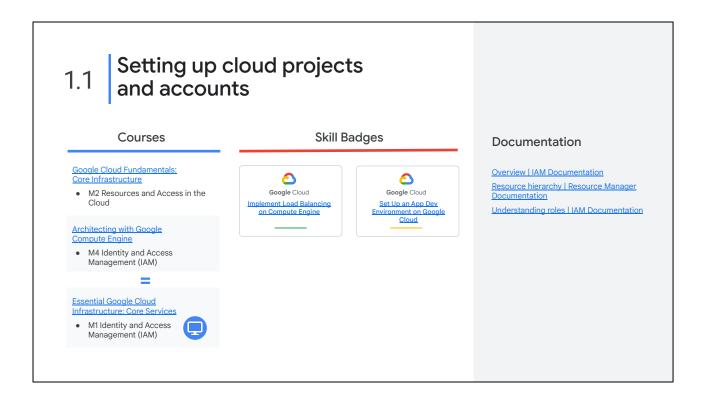
https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/understanding-roles#basic

Content mapping:

- Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure (ILT and On-demand)
 - M2 Resources and Access in the Cloud
- Architecting with Google Compute Engine (ILT)
 - M4 Identity and Access Management
- Essential Google Cloud Infrastructure: Core Services (On-demand)
 - M1 Identity and Access Management
- Skill Badge
 - Implement Load Balancing on Compute Engine (https://www.cloudskillsboost.google/course_templates/648)

Summary: If you're a viewer on a given resource, you can examine it but not change

its state. If you're an editor, you can do everything a viewer can do plus change its state. And if you're an owner, you can do everything an editor can do plus manage roles and permissions on the resource.



Now that we've reviewed the diagnostic questions related to Section 1.1 Setting up cloud projects and account, let's take a moment to consider resources that can help you build your knowledge and skills in this area.

The concepts in the diagnostic questions we just reviewed are covered in these modules, skill badges, and documentation. You'll find this list in your workbook so you can take a note of what you want to include later when you build your study plan. Based on your experience with the diagnostic questions, you may want to include some or all of these.

Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure (On-demand)

Architecting with Google Compute Engine (ILT)

Essential Google Cloud Infrastructure: Core Services (On-demand)

<u>Implement Load Balancing on Compute Engine (Skill Badge)</u>
Set Up an App Dev Environment on Google Cloud (Skill Badge)

https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/overview https://cloud.google.com/resource-manager/docs/cloud-platform-resource-hierarchy https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/understanding-roles

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1.2 Managing billing configuration

Activities include:

- Creating one or more billing accounts
- Linking projects to a billing account
- Establishing billing budgets and alerts
- Setting up billing exports

Google Cloud

Now let's focus on Section 1.2. An Associate Cloud Engineer needs to be able to manage the billing configuration for a cloud solution, which involves tasks such as setting up billing accounts, linking projects, establishing budget alerts, and setting up exports.

Question 7 tested your knowledge of billing accounts and the role of a billing administrator. Question 8 explored budget alerts.

1.2 Diagnostic Question 07 Discussion



How are billing accounts applied to projects in Google Cloud? (Pick two.)

- A. Set up Cloud Billing to pay for usage costs in Google Cloud projects and Google Workspace accounts.
- B. A project and its resources can be tied to more than one billing account.
- C. A billing account can be linked to one or more projects.
- D. A project and its resources can only be tied to one billing account.
- E. If your project only uses free resources you don't need a link to an active billing account.

Google Cloud

Question:

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1.2 Diagnostic Question 07 Discussion



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- D. A project and its resources can only be tied to one billing account.
- E. If your project only uses free resources you don't need a link to an active billing account.

Google Cloud

Feedback:

A: Incorrect. Cloud Billing does not pay for charges associated with a Google Workspace account.

B: Incorrect. A project can only be linked to one billing account at a time.

*C: Correct! A billing account can handle billing for more than one project.

*D: Correct! A project can only be linked to one billing account at a time.

E: Incorrect. Even projects using free resources need to be tied to a valid Cloud Billing account.

Where to look:

https://cloud.google.com/billing/docs/how-to/manage-billing-account

Content mapping:

- Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure (ILT and On-demand)
 - M2 Resources and Access in the Cloud
- Architecting with Google Compute Engine (ILT)
 - M6 Resource Management
- Essential Google Cloud Infrastructure: Core Services (On-demand)
 - M3 Resource Management

Summary:

Cloud Billing accounts pay for usage costs in Google Cloud projects and Google Maps Platform projects. Cloud Billing accounts do not pay for Google Workspace

accounts. Google Workspace customers need a separate Google Workspace billing account.

A project and its service-level resources are linked to one Cloud Billing account at a time.

A Cloud Billing account operates in a single currency and is linked to a Google payments profile.

A Cloud Billing account can be linked to one or more projects.

Usage costs are tracked by Project and are charged to the linked Cloud Billing account.

Important: Projects that are not linked to an active Cloud Billing account cannot use Google Cloud or Google Maps Platform services. This is true even if you only use services that are free.

If you want to change the Cloud Billing account that you are using to pay for a project (that is, link a project to a different Cloud Billing account), see Enable, disable, or change billing for a project.

You can manage your Cloud Billing accounts using the Google Cloud console. For more information about the console, visit General guide to the console.

1.2 Diagnostic Question 08 Discussion



Fiona is the billing administrator for the project associated with Cymbal Superstore's eCommerce application. Jeffrey, the marketing department lead, wants to receive emails related to budget alerts. Jeffrey should have access to no additional billing information.

What should you do?

- A. Change the budget alert default threshold rules to include Jeffrey as a recipient.
- B. Use Cloud Monitoring notification channels to send Jeffrey an email alert.
- C. Add Jeffrey and Fiona to the budget scope custom email delivery dialog.
- D. Send alerts to a Pub/Sub topic that Jeffrey is subscribed to.

Google Cloud

Question:

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1.2 Diagnostic Question 08 Discussion



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Google Cloud

Feedback:

A. Incorrect. To add Jeffrey as a recipient to the default alert behavior you would have to grant him the role of a billing administrator or billing user. The qualifier in the questions states he should have no additional access.

- *B. Correct! You can set up to 5 Cloud Monitoring channels to define email recipients that will receive budget alerts.
- C. Incorrect. Budget scope defines what is reported in the alert.
- D. Incorrect. Pub/Sub is for programmatic use of alert content.

Where to look:

https://cloud.google.com/billing/docs/how-to/budgets

Content Mapping:

- Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure (ILT and On-demand)
 - M2 Resources and Access in the Cloud

Summary:

To create a new budget, complete the following steps:

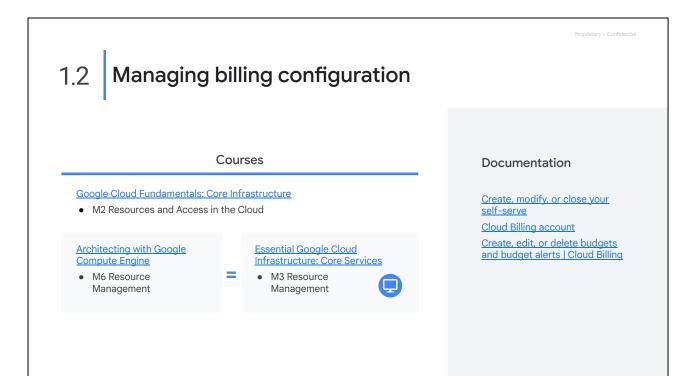
- 1. Create and name the budget
- 2. Set the budget scope
- 3. Set the budget amount
- 4. Set the budget threshold rules and actions
- 5. Click finish to save the new budget

Threshold rules define the triggering events used to generate a budget notification

email. Note that threshold rules are required for email notifications and are used specifically to trigger email notifications. Thresholds rules are not required for programmatic notifications, unless you want your programmatic notifications to include data about the thresholds you set.

Email notification settings can be either role-based, which sends alerts to the Billing account Administrator and Billing Account Users. This is the default behavior.

Or you can set up Cloud Monitoring notification channels to send alerts to email addresses of your choice.



Let's take a moment to consider resources that can help you build your knowledge and skills in this area.

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