

AI Deep Learning with TensorFlow on Google Cloud Platform (GCP) Set up Deep Learning Virtual Machine (VM)

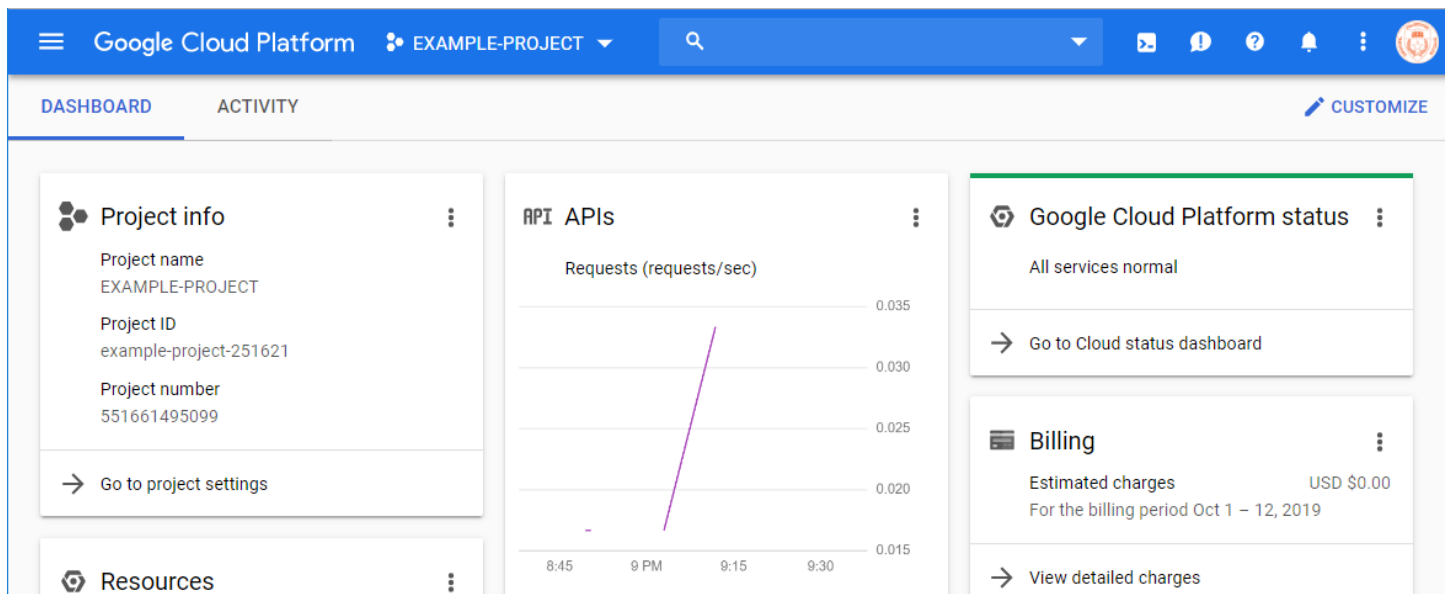
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1. Get Free-Credit and Create Project in GCP

See the document: [gcp_get_free_credit.pdf](#)

2. Access GCP Console

- Open Chrome browser
- Type: [Google Cloud Console](#) into the URL search box



IMPORTANT NOTES:

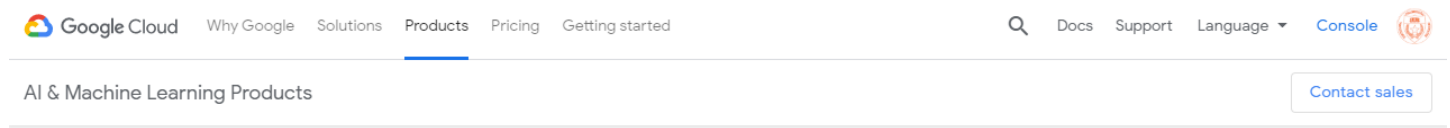
--> The student should be sure that billing on the project has been enabled and associated with the billing account that has the free-trial credits.

3. Create Deep Learning VM Using GCP Deep Learning Images

Cloud Deep Learning VM Image

<https://cloud.google.com/deep-learning-vm/>

Access the link:



Deep Learning VM Image

Preconfigured VMs for deep learning applications.

[Go to console](#)

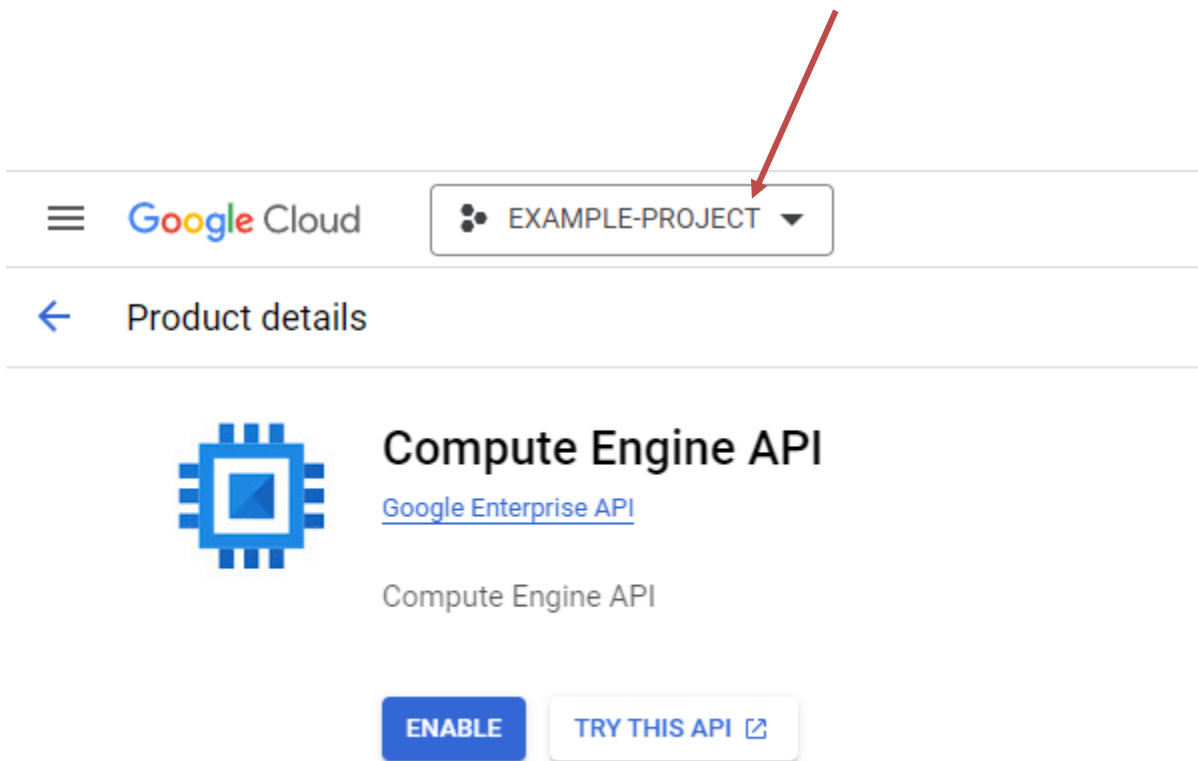
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Build your deep learning project fast on Google Cloud

Provision a VM quickly with everything you need to get your deep learning project started on Google Cloud. Deep Learning VM Image makes it easy and fast to instantiate a VM image containing the most popular AI frameworks on a Google

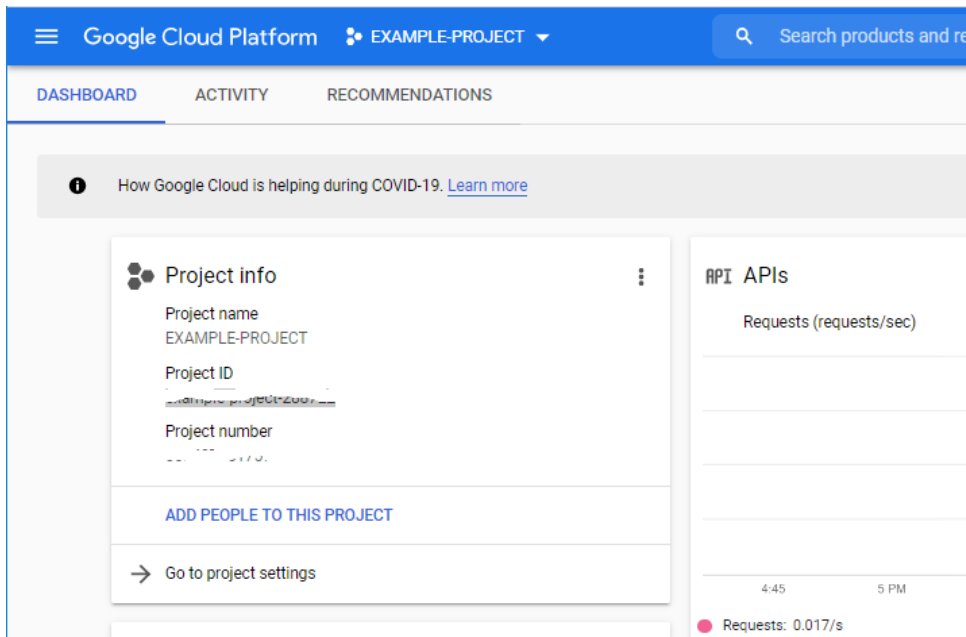


Click [Go to console](#)



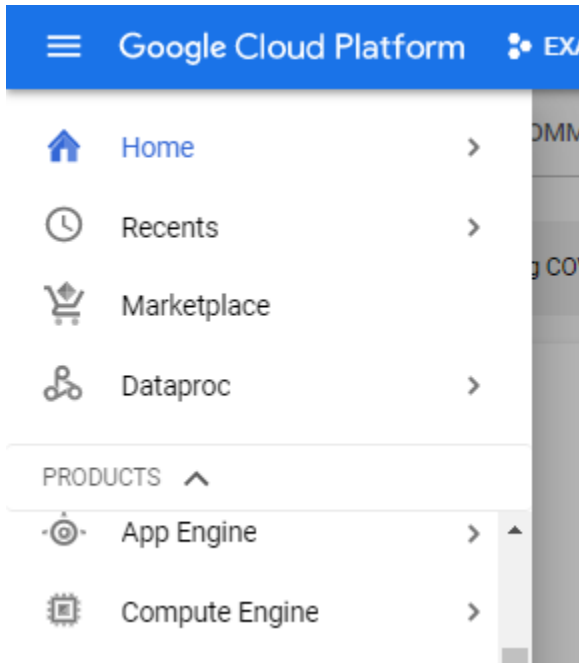
IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ***Be sure*** that the *project name* displayed in the above text field refers to the project that you have created.
- Otherwise,
 - ***Click the arrow to open a drop-down menu and select the correct one.***



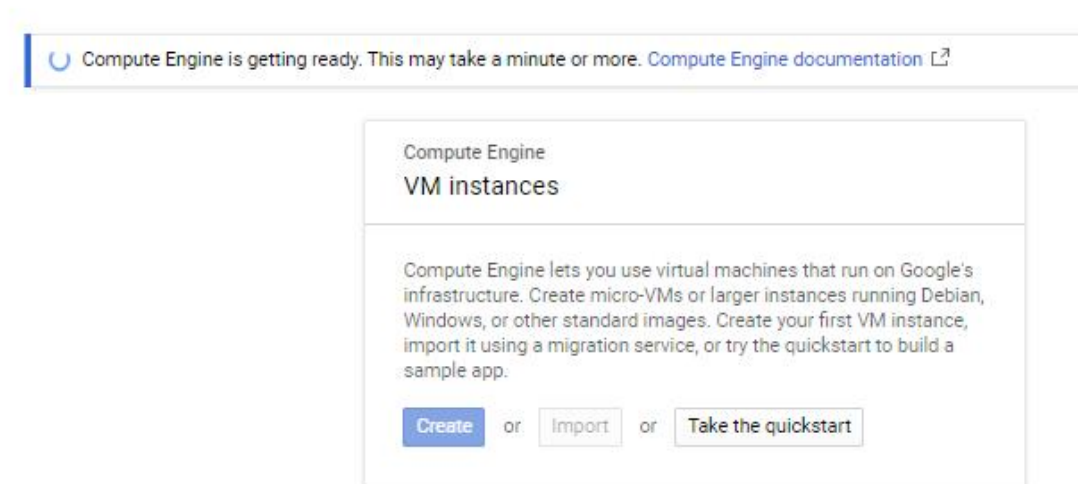
Click to open a menu: Three-Lines icon (on the top left corner)

Scroll down and look for: Compute Engine

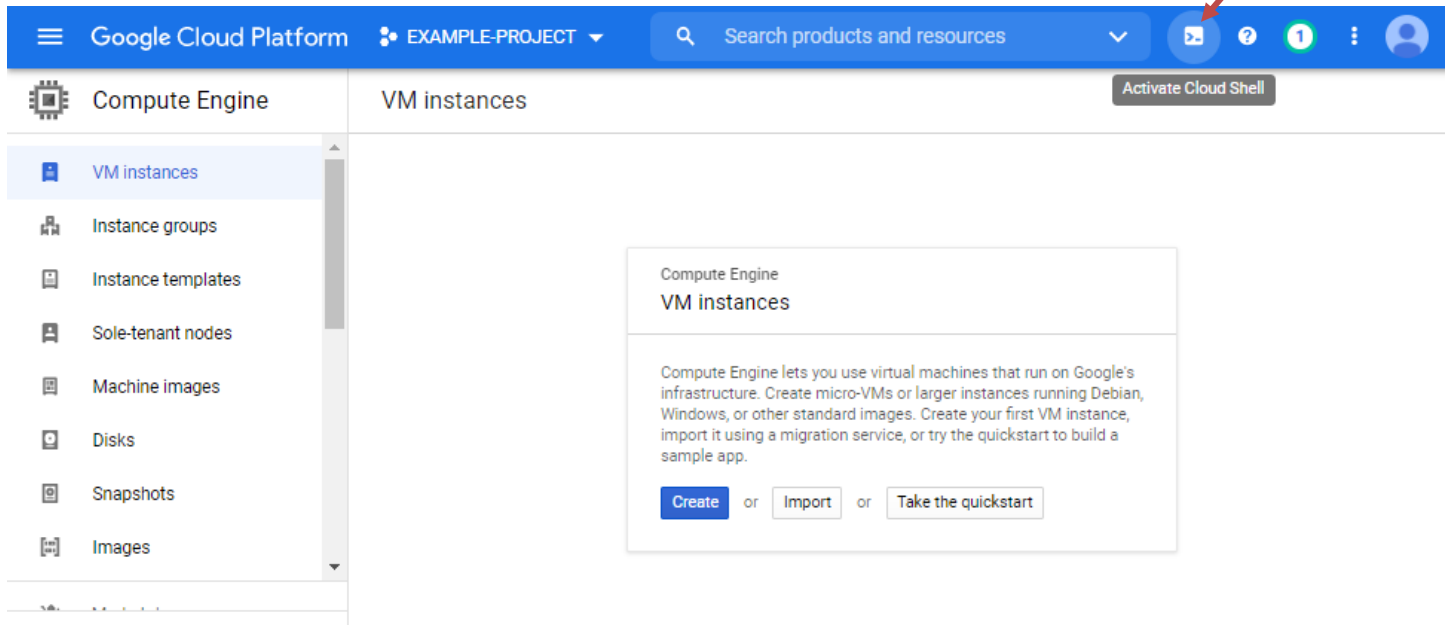


Click: Compute Engine

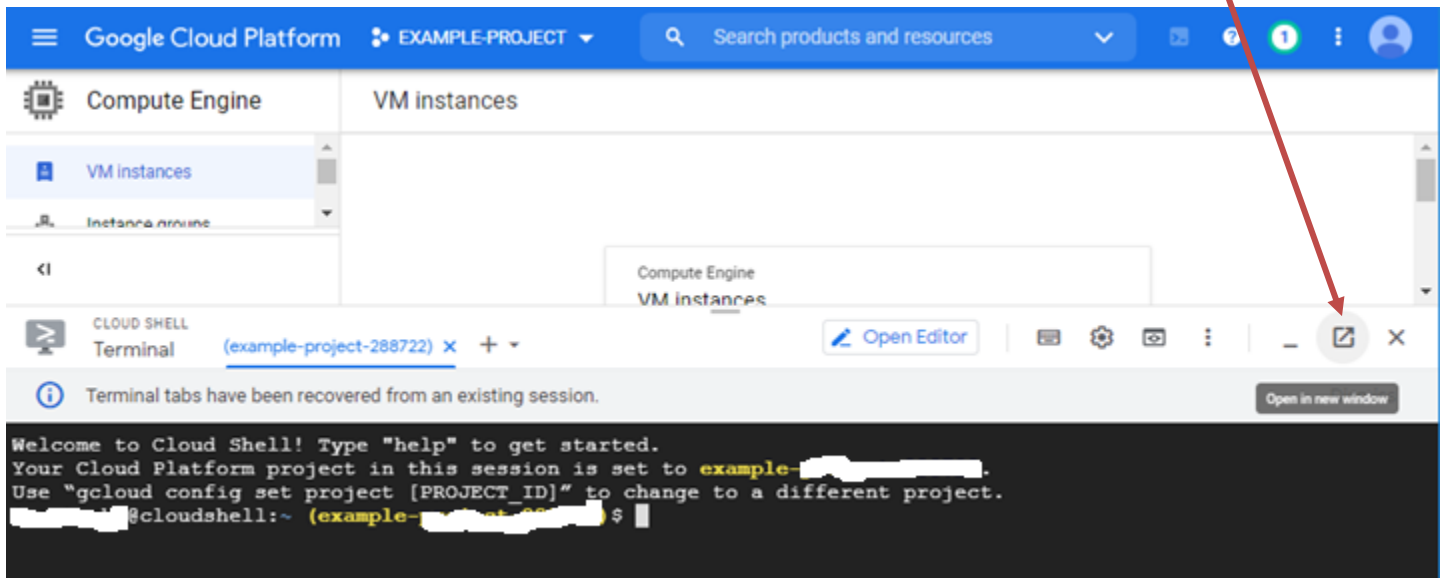
VM instances



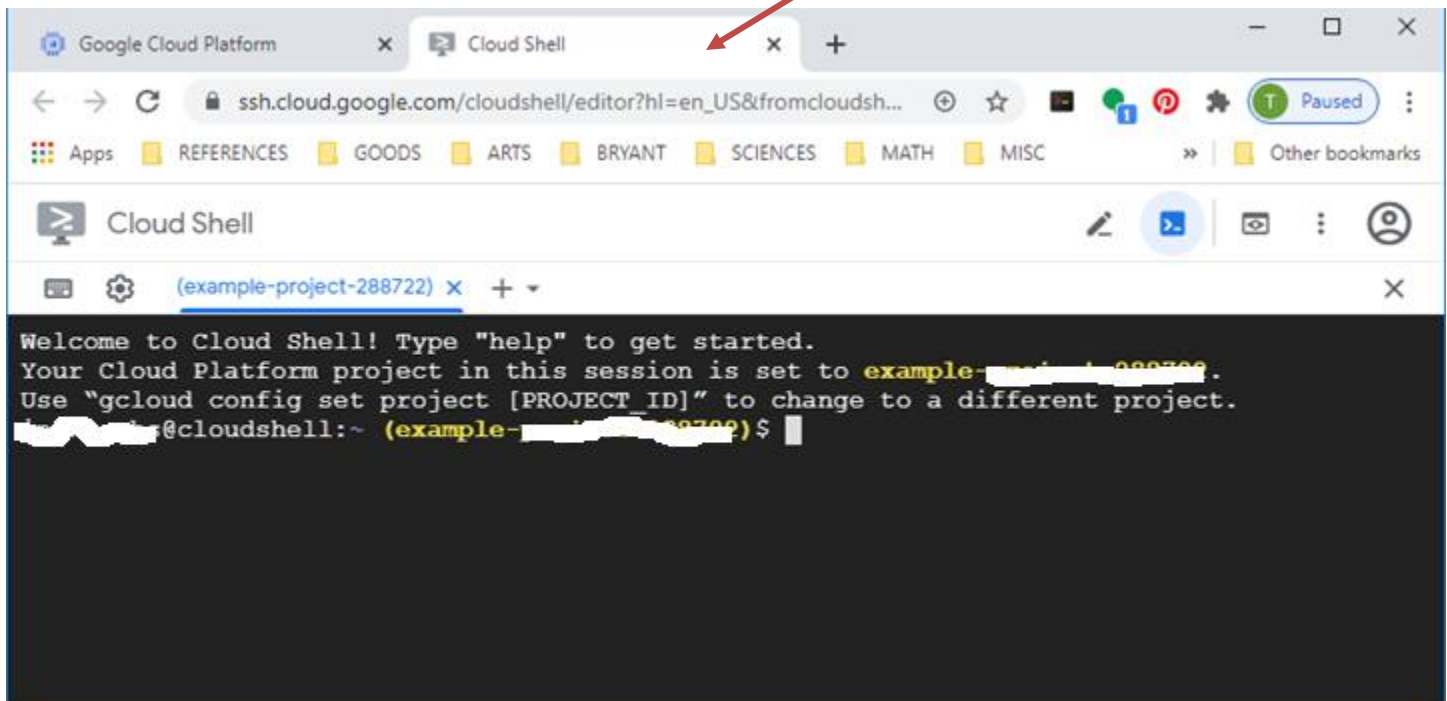
... **Wait** ... (for the compute engine API to be enabled if it has not)



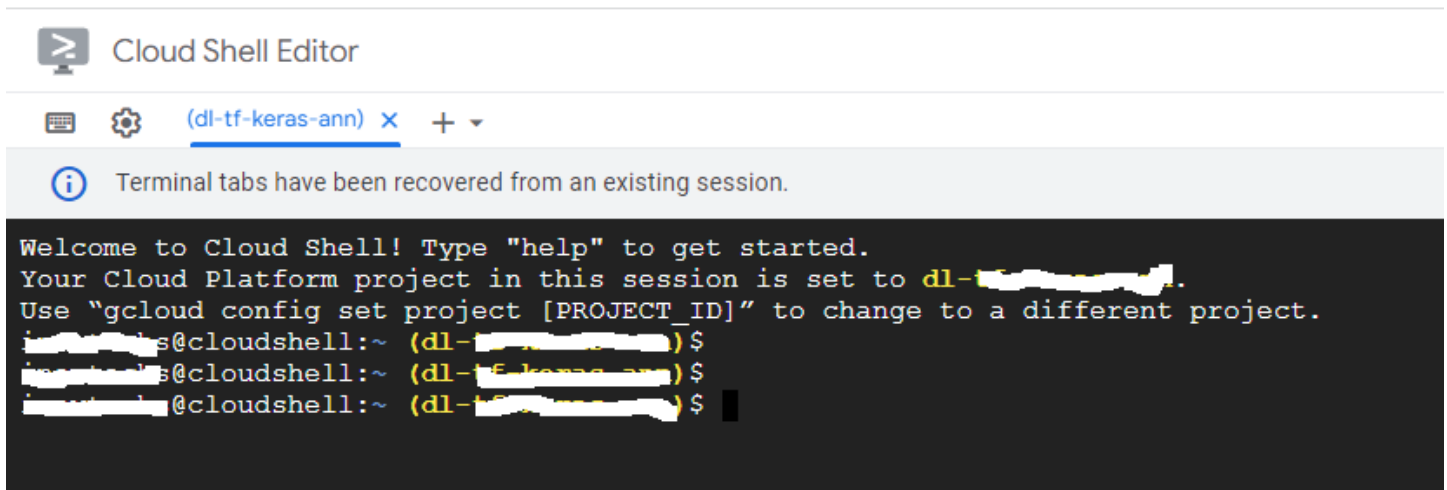
Click to activate: Cloud Shell icon (top bar menu)



Click to open Cloud Shell in a new window



Drag the tab to a new window



IMPORTANT NOTES:

--> *The prompt of the cloud shell should be:*

<google account>@cloudshell~(<project name>)\$

4. Set Up Deep Learning VM Using CLI (Command Line Interface) on CloudShell

- **Type** the following **script** of command lines into **Notepad** or any **pure-text** editor

IMPORTANT NOTES:

--) In Windows, **Notepad** must be used.

- Other pure-text editor must be used in other platforms like MAC OS.

--) The user must be sure that there is no typo.

--) **ANY NAME MUST BE:**

- **lower case, only letters (a – z), digits (0 -9), and hyphen (NOT underscore)**

```
export IMAGE_FAMILY="tf-ent-latest-cpu"
export ZONE="us-south1-c"
export DISK_TYPE="pd-standard"
export INSTANCE_NAME="deep-learning-vm-tf2"
export INSTANCE_TYPE="e2-standard-8"
gcloud compute instances create $INSTANCE_NAME \
  --zone=$ZONE \
  --image-family=$IMAGE_FAMILY \
  --image-project=deeplearning-platform-release \
  --machine-type=$INSTANCE_TYPE \
  --boot-disk-type=$DISK_TYPE \
  --boot-disk-size=1024GB
```

IMPORTANT NOTES:

--) Replace “**Name of the Instance**” with the real name of the instance.

--) The user can name the instance whatsoever he/she wants.

--) The name **MUST** be embedded in the quotes as shown.

--) The user **MUST take note of this piece of information** that will be needed later.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

--) The GCP region and zone: **us-south1-c** (Region: us-south1; Zone: c)

--) The user can select other regions and zones.

- **us-east1-c** OR **us-south1-c** OR **us-central1-c**

--) The user **MUST take note of this piece of information** that will be needed later.

Copy and paste the command line (from Notepad) into the cloud shell terminal

```

[redacted]@cloudshell:~ ([redacted])$
[redacted]@cloudshell:~ ([redacted])$ export IMAGE_FAMILY="tf-ent-latest-cpu"
export ZONE="us-south1-c"
export DISK_TYPE="pd-standard"
export INSTANCE_NAME="deep-learning-vm-tf2"
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gcloud compute instances create $INSTANCE_NAME \
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```

Press **ENTER** to run the command line in the cloud shell terminal

... Wait ... (for the new deep learning server instance to be created)

```

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[redacted]@cloudshell:~ ([redacted])$ export IMAGE_FAMILY="tf-ent-latest-cpu"
export ZONE="us-south1-c"
export DISK_TYPE="pd-standard"
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  --machine-type=$INSTANCE_TYPE \
  --boot-disk-type=$DISK_TYPE \
  --boot-disk-size=1024GB
Created [https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/[redacted]/zones/us-south1-c/instances/deep-learning-vm-tf2].
WARNING: Some requests generated warnings:
  - Disk size: '1024 GB' is larger than image size: '50 GB'. You might need to resize the root repartition manually if the operating system does not support automatic res
    https://cloud.google.com/compute/docs/disks/add-persistent-disk#resize_pd for details.

NAME: deep-learning-vm-tf2
ZONE: us-south1-c
MACHINE_TYPE: e2-standard-8
PREEMPTIBLE:
INTERNAL_IP: [redacted]
EXTERNAL_IP: [redacted]
STATUS: RUNNING
[redacted]@cloudshell:~ ([redacted])$

```

5. Access New Deep Learning Server in Google Cloud Console

Access Google Cloud Console: Compute Engine: VM Instances

VM instances

Filter Enter property name or value

<input type="checkbox"/>	Status	Name ↑	Zone	Recommendations
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	deep-learning-vm-tf2	us-south1-c	
<input type="checkbox"/>	○	tf-ent-latest-cpu-v20230126	us-central1-c	

Google Cloud Console: Compute Engine: VM Instance

- New **Deep Learning VM** shows up in the console

Double Click deep learning vm name (*deep-learning-vm-example*)

Scroll down & look for **Boot Disk**

Verify TensorFlow Enterprise version of the VM image:

- **TensorFlow Enterprise Latest Version for CPU**

Boot disk

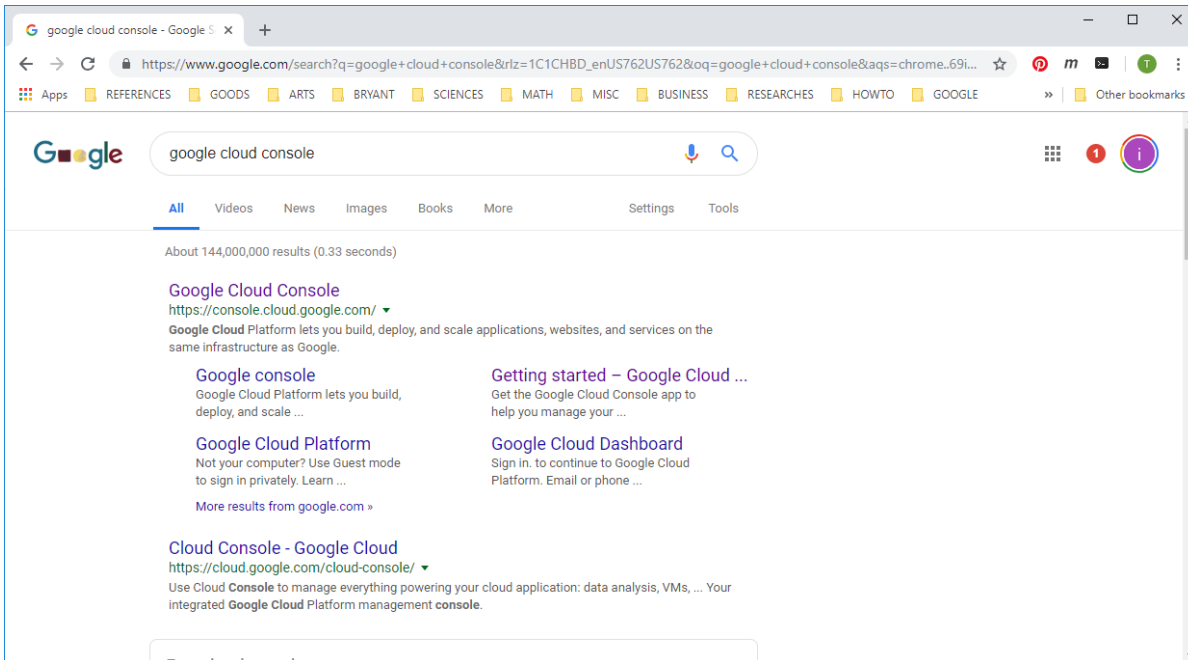
Name ↑	Image	Interface type	Size (GB)	Device name	Type
deep-learning-vm-tf2	tf-ent-latest-cpu-v20230126	SCSI	1024	persistent-disk-0	Standard persistent disk

IT'S DONE!

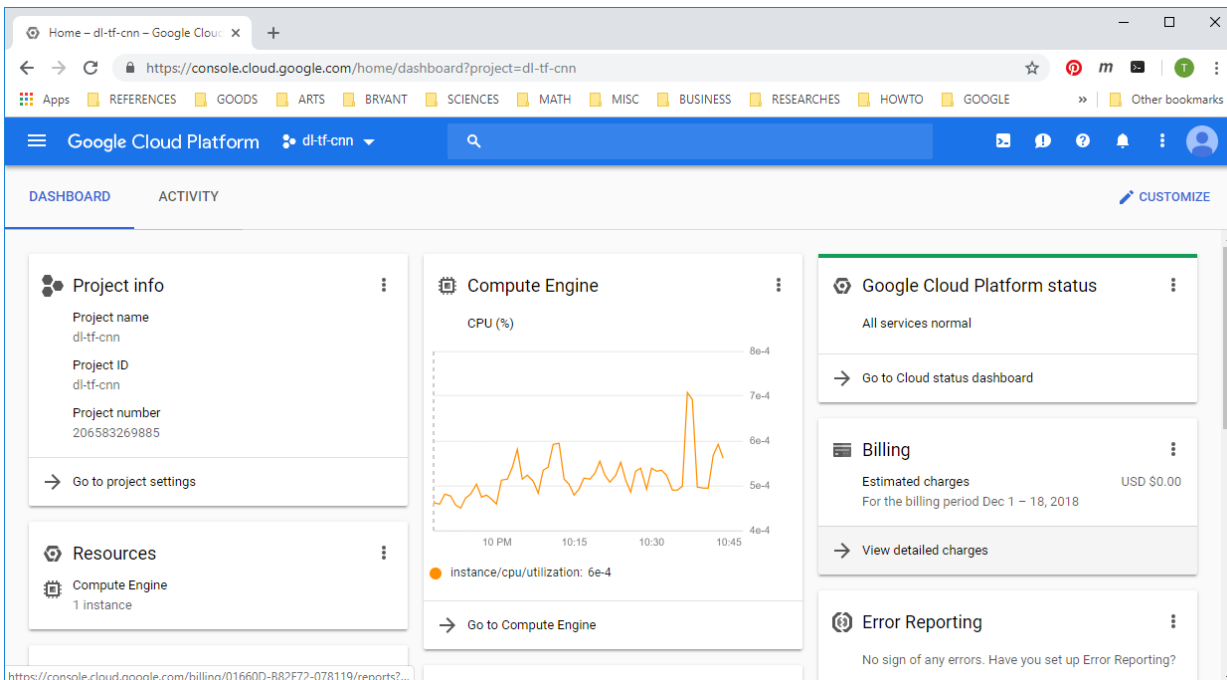
DEEP LEARNING VM ON GCP HAS BEEN SET UP SUCCESSFULLY!

6. Access GCP Remote VM in the Console

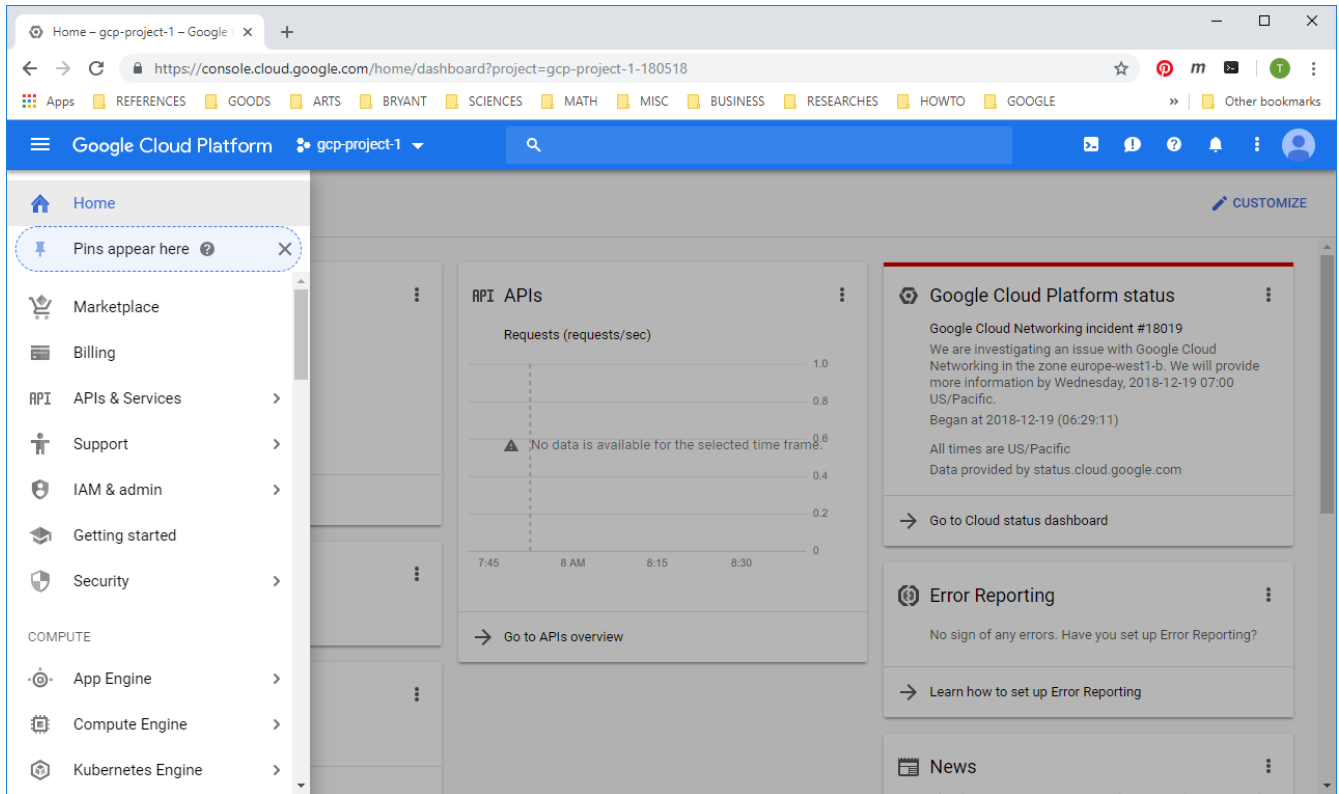
- Access GCP Console
 - Log in the Google account or Gmail account
 - Open Chrome browser
 - Enter: the text of “Google cloud console” into the URL search box



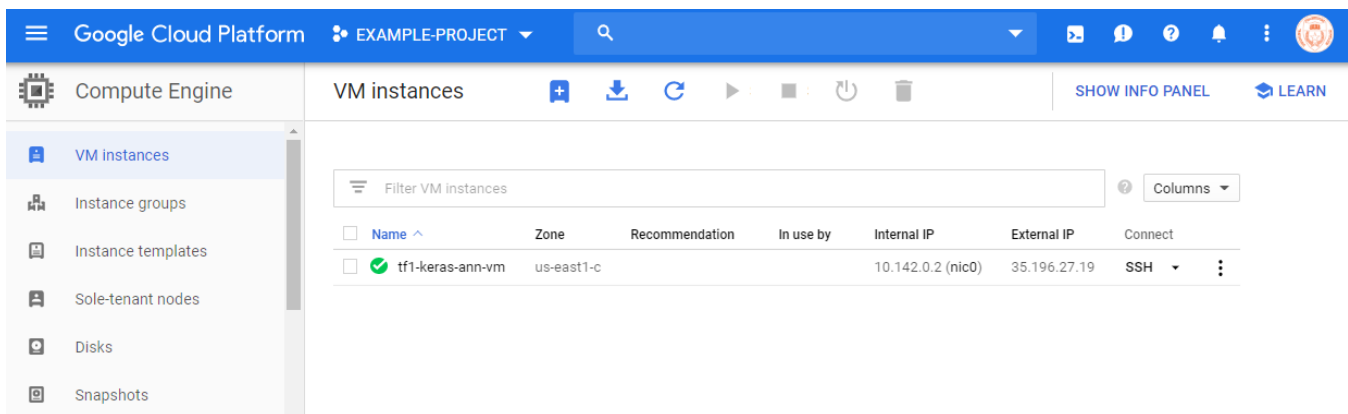
- Click Google Cloud Console



- Click on  in the top left corner.

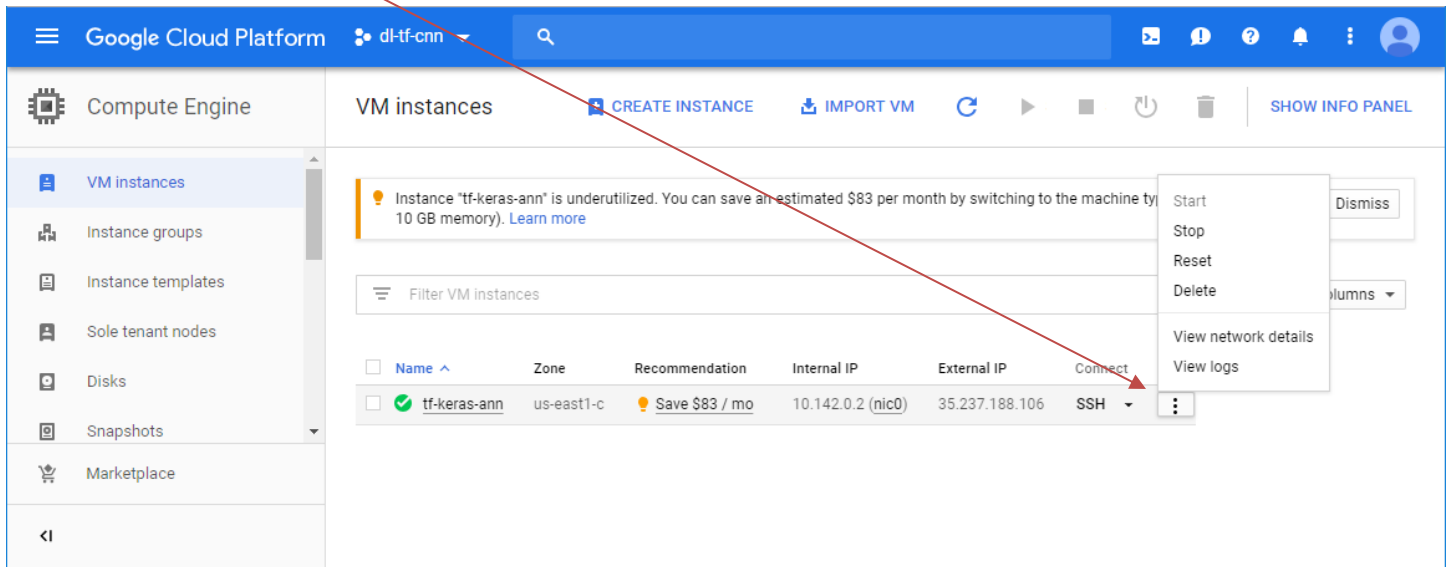


- Click Computer Engine



The remote virtual machine of the deep learning server shows up in the console.

7. Start and Stop GCP Remote Virtual Machine



IMPORTANT NOTES:

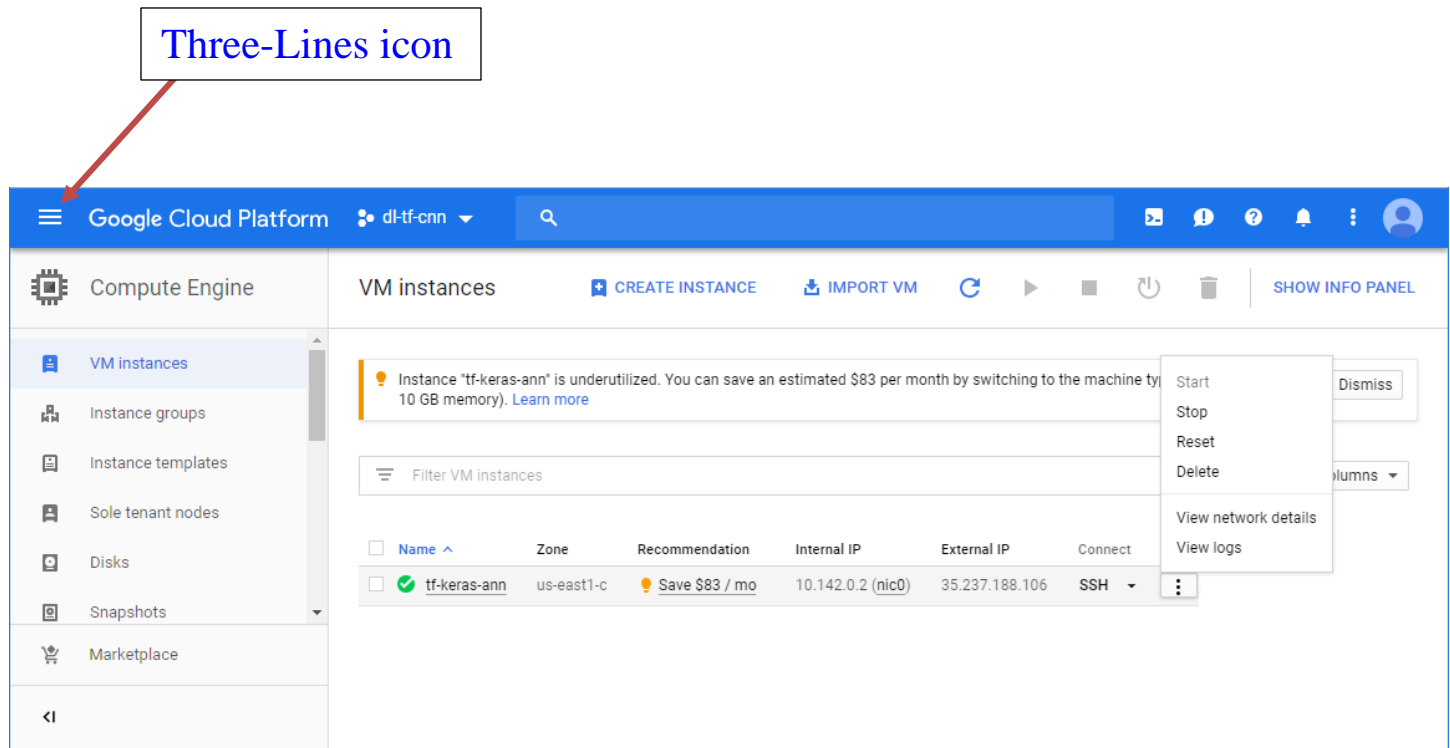
--> The user **MUST** stop the VM while not using it to avoid unnecessary charges.

8. Access GCP Project Information

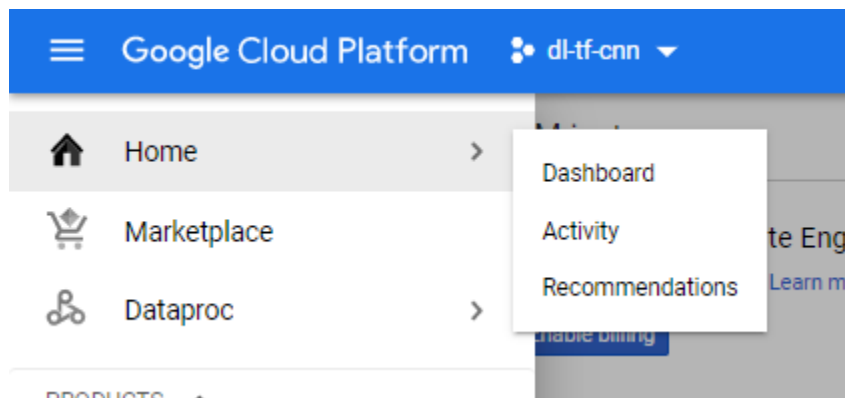
IMPORTANT NOTES:

--> The user should write down the project ID and project name that may be the same or different.

To get important information about a GCP project:

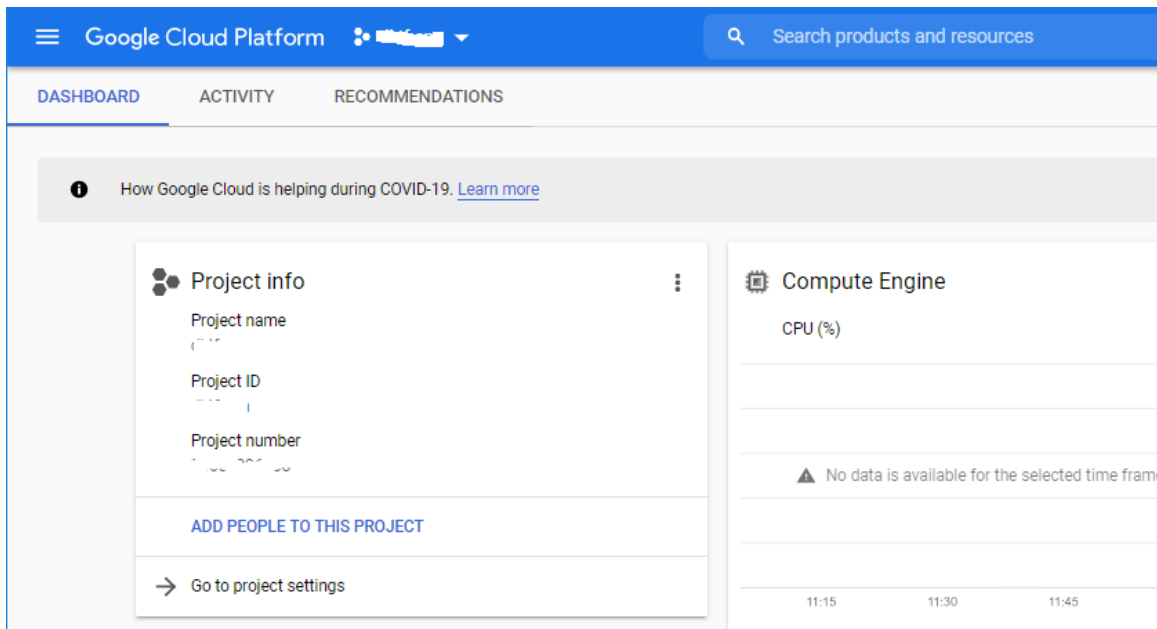


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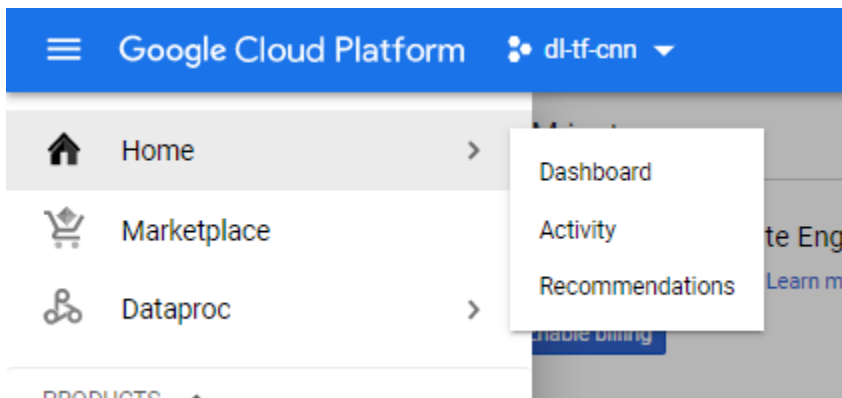


Click **Home**

Click to select: **Dashboard**

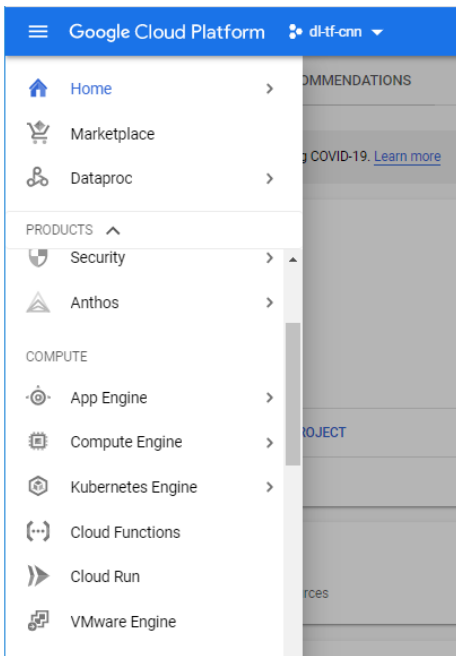


9. Access GCP VM Instance Information: Name, Zone, External IP

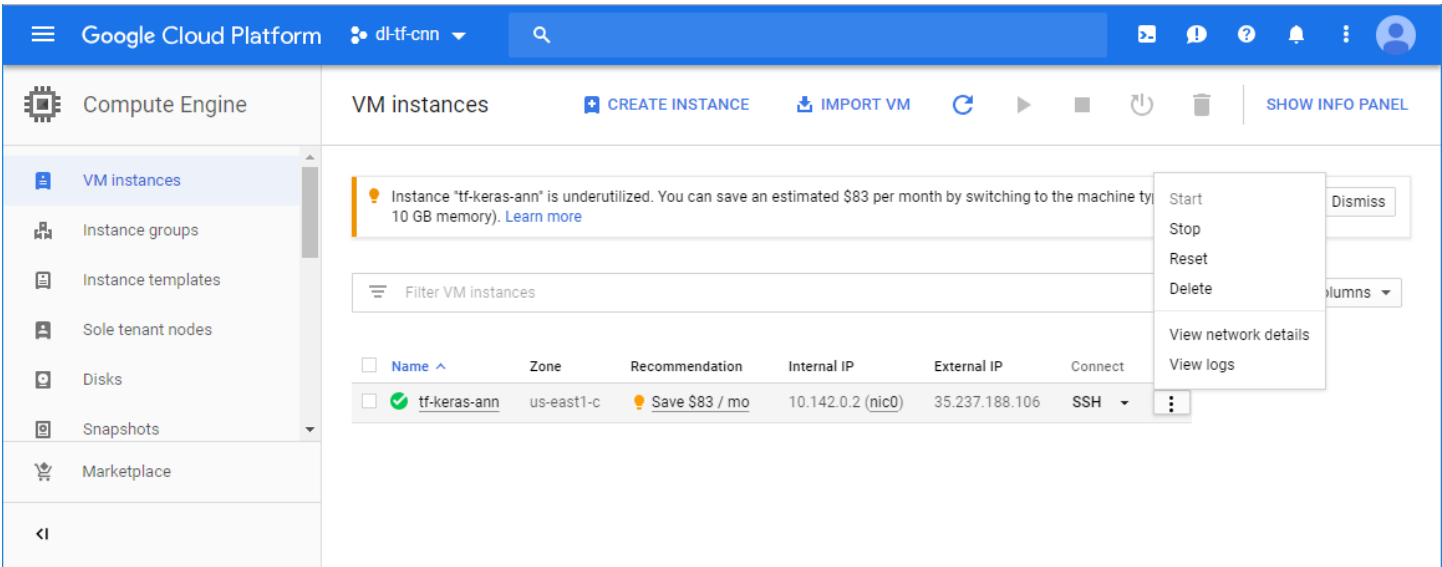


Click to open a menu: Three-Lines icon

Scroll down the menu and look for: Compute Engine



Click to select: **Compute Engine**



IMPORTANT NOTES:
 --) The VM instance: name, zone, external IP are displayed in the console.