

Networking in Google Cloud

Hybrid Load Balancing and
Traffic Management





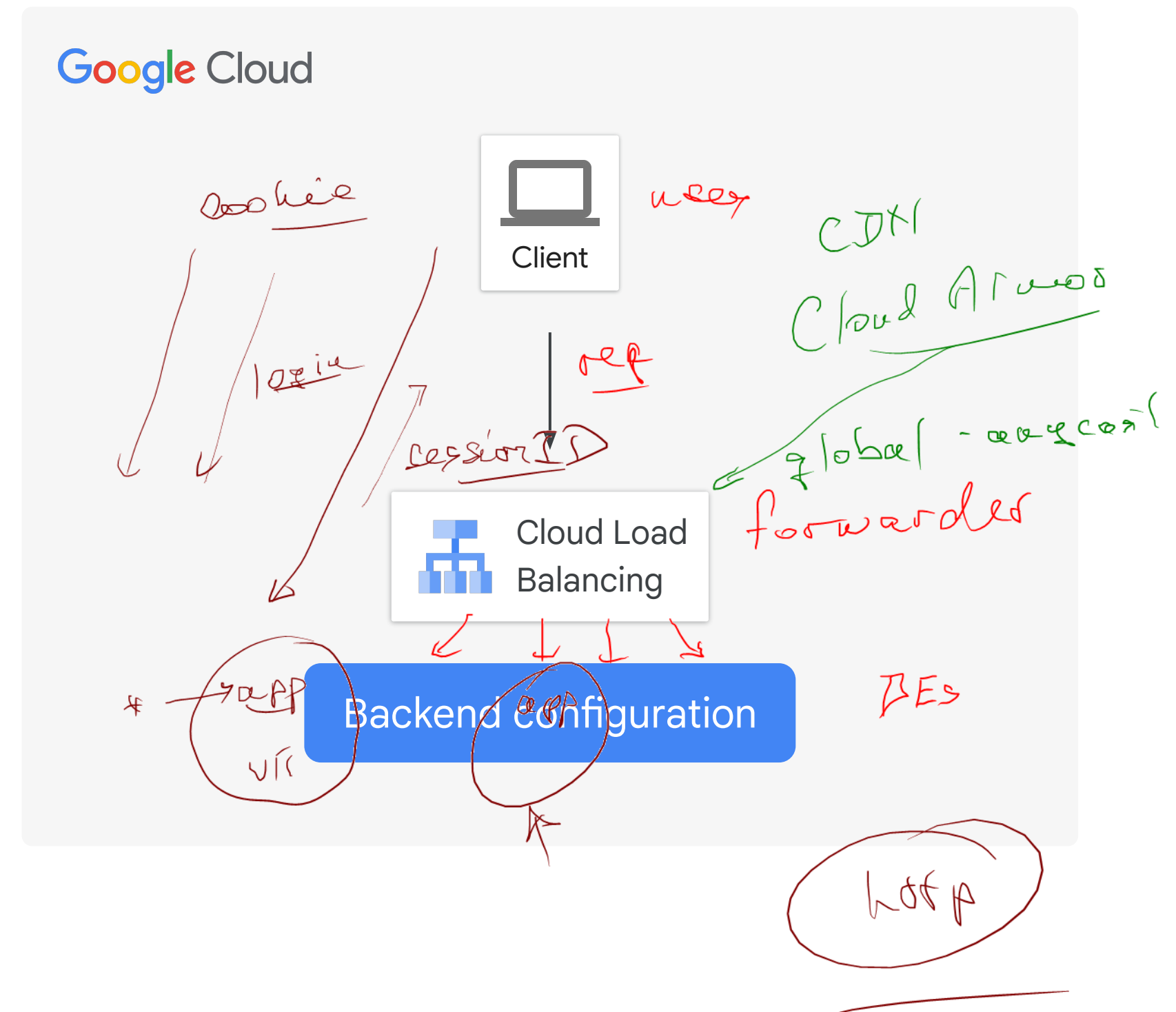
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Overview of Cloud Load Balancing

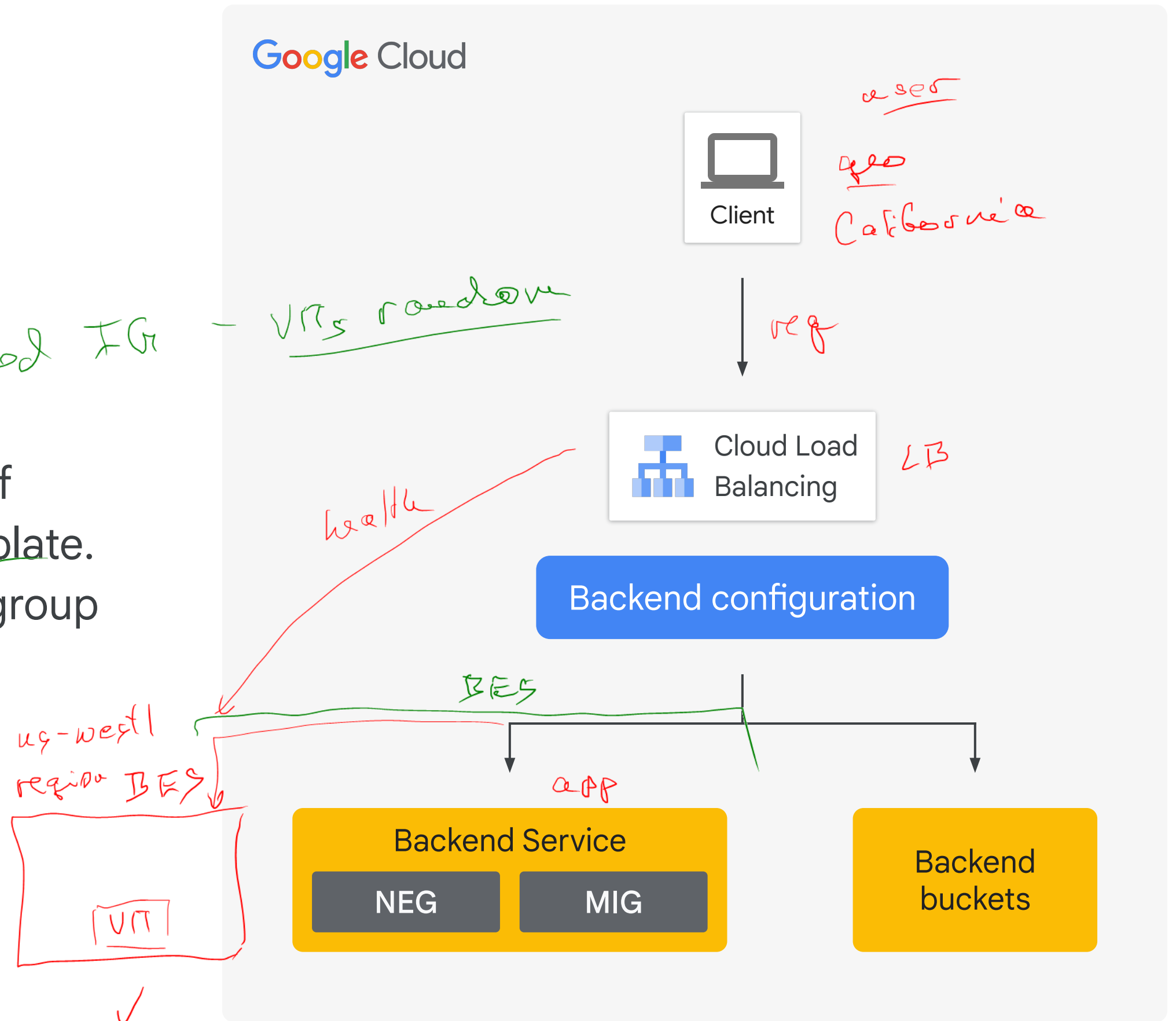
- Cloud Load Balancing receives client traffic.
- The backend can be a backend service or a backend bucket. *images* *app*
- Backend configuration defines:
 - How traffic is distributed.
 - Which health check to use.
 - If session affinity is used.
 - Which other services are used (such as Cloud CDN or Identity-Aware Proxy).



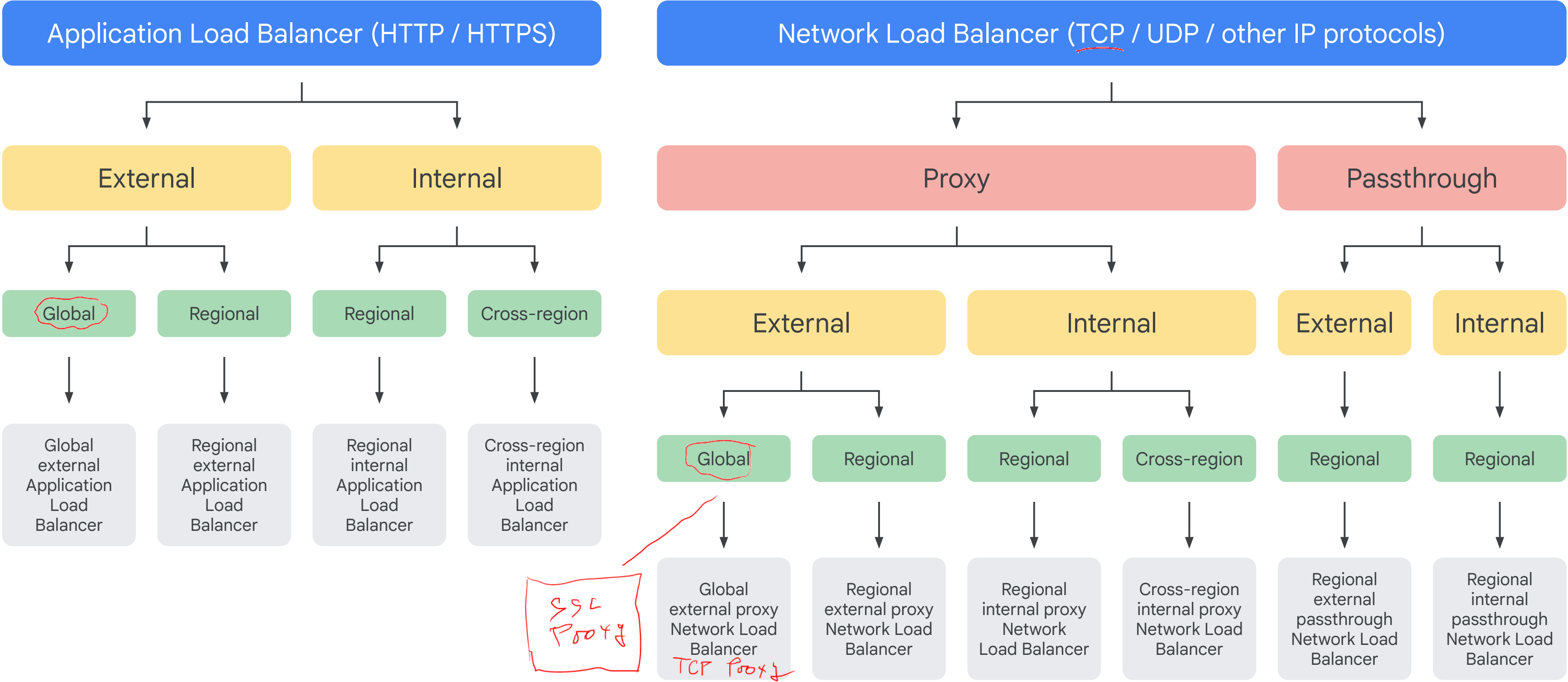
Backend configuration

Cloud Load Balancing can route traffic to:

- Backend Services:
 - Managed instance groups: a group of virtual machines created from a template.
 - Network endpoint groups (NEGs): a group of services or workloads.
- Cloud Storage backend buckets.

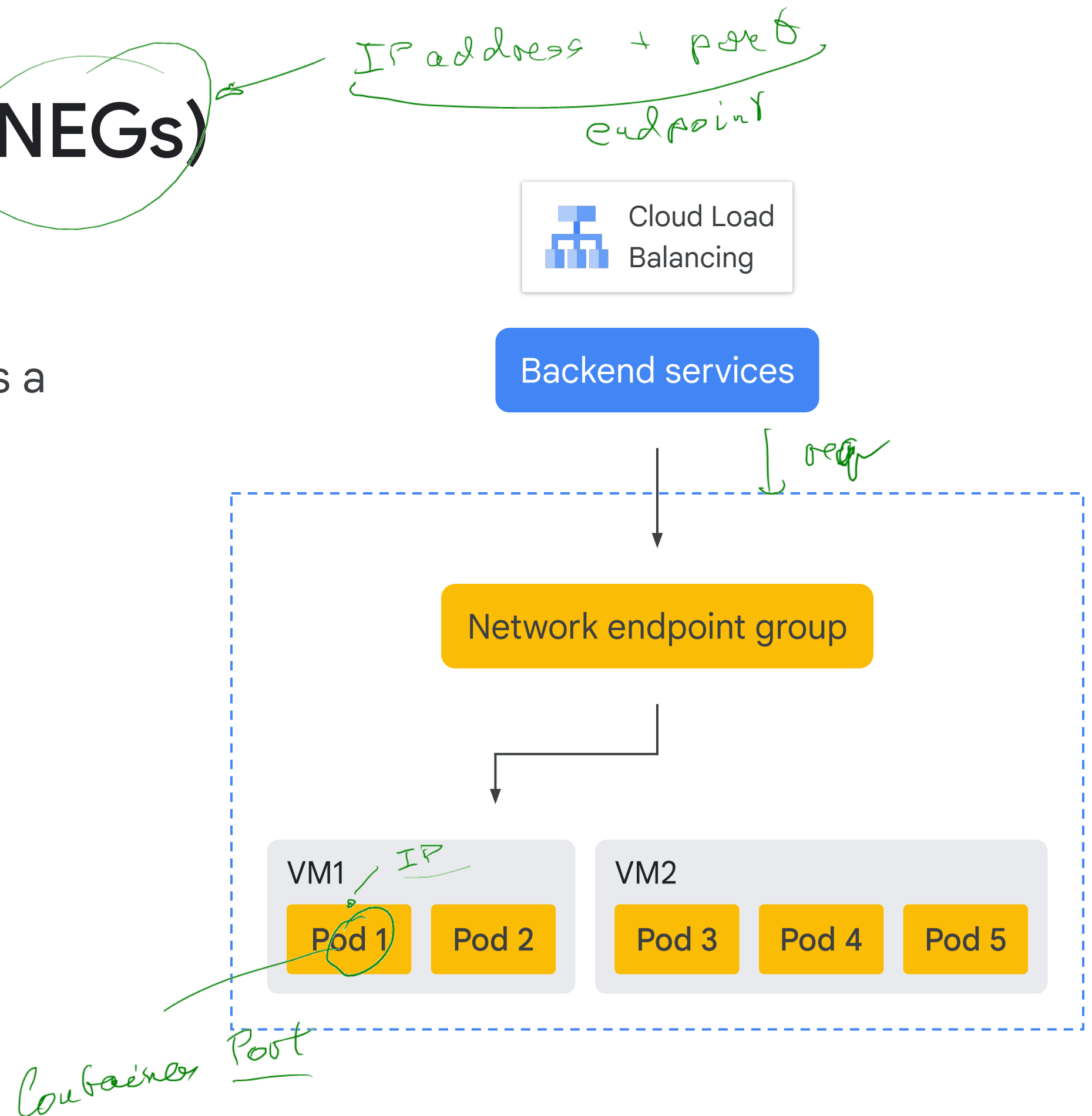


Types of load balancers



Network endpoint groups (NEGs)

- A NEG is a configuration object that specifies a group of backend endpoints or services.
- A common use case for this configuration is deploying services in GKE.
- There are five types of NEGs:
 - Zonal
 - Internet
 - Serverless
 - Private Service Connect
 - Hybrid connectivity





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Hybrid connectivity and load balancing

- A hybrid strategy lets you extend Cloud Load Balancing to workloads that run on your existing infrastructure outside of Google Cloud.

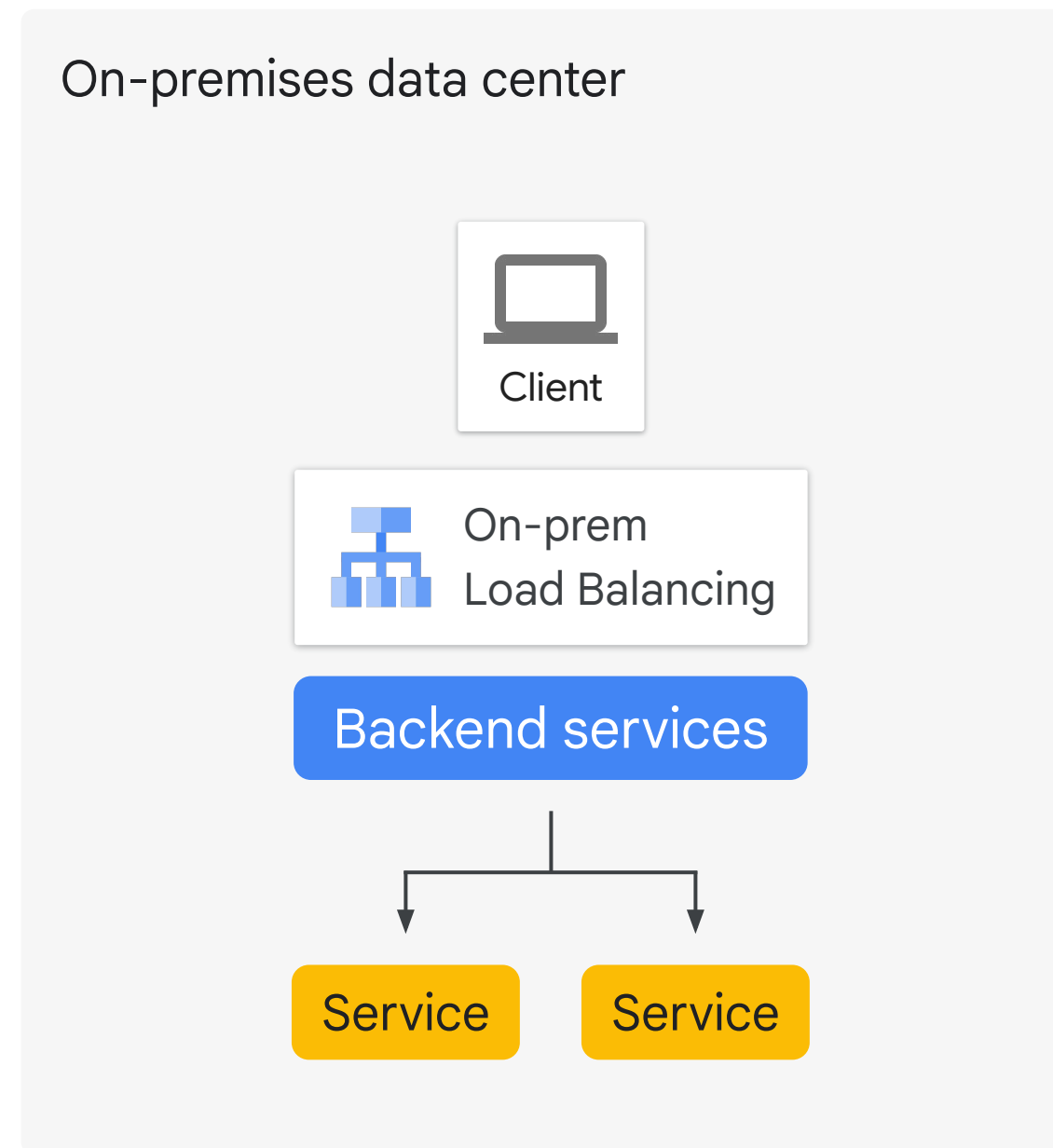
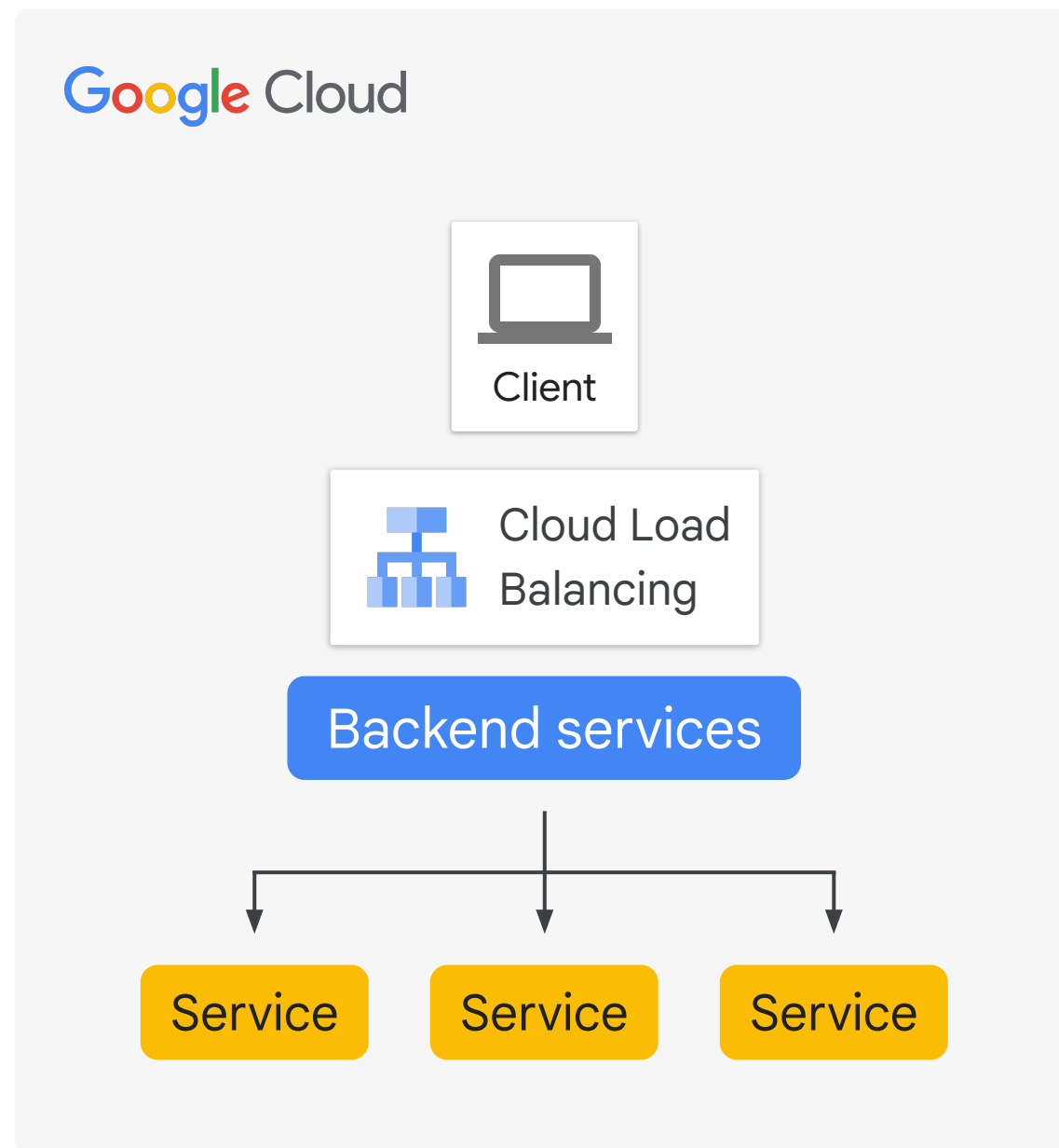
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- This strategy could be:
 - Permanent to provide multiple platforms for your workloads. ✓ *compliance*
 - Temporary as you prepare to migrate your internal or external workload to Google Cloud.

Canary

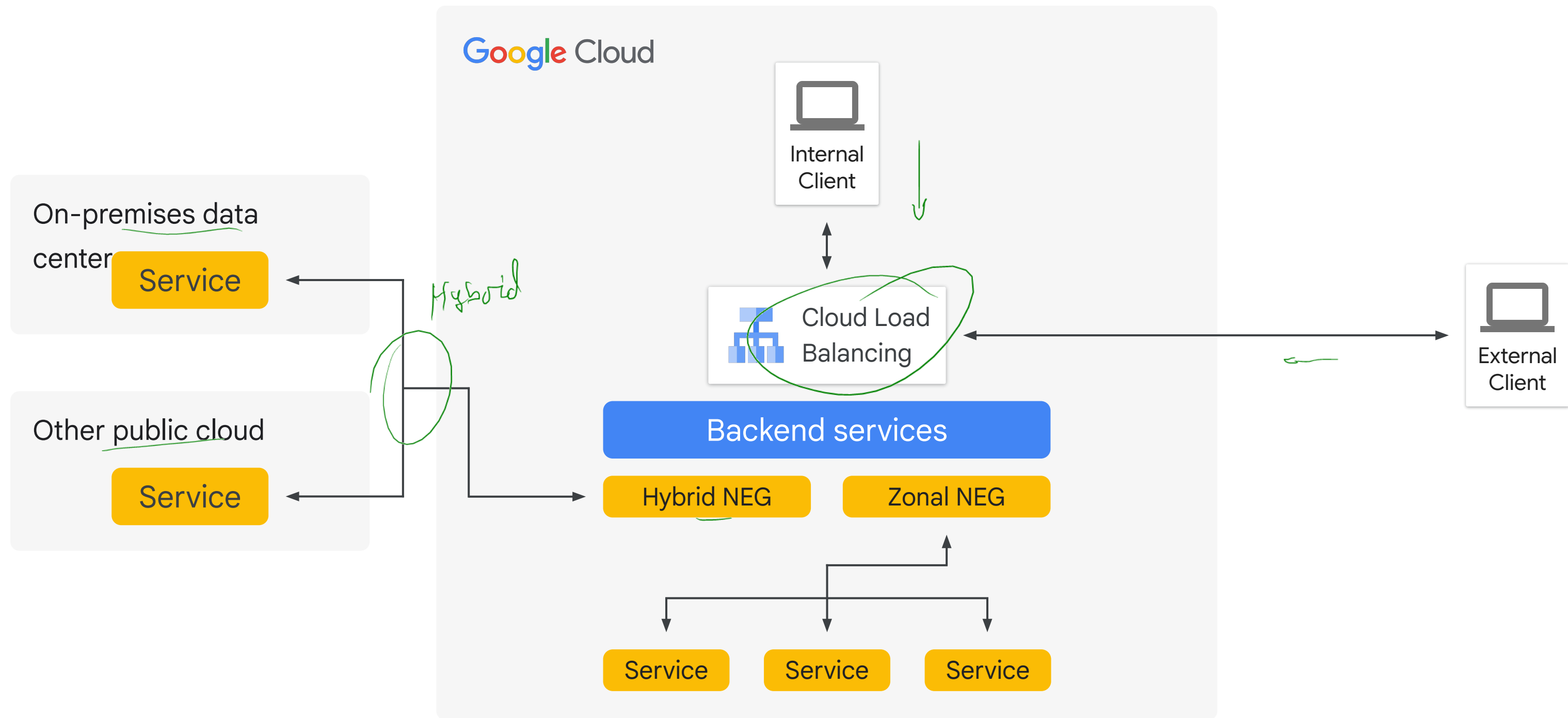
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Use case: Complexity distributing load in hybrid environment



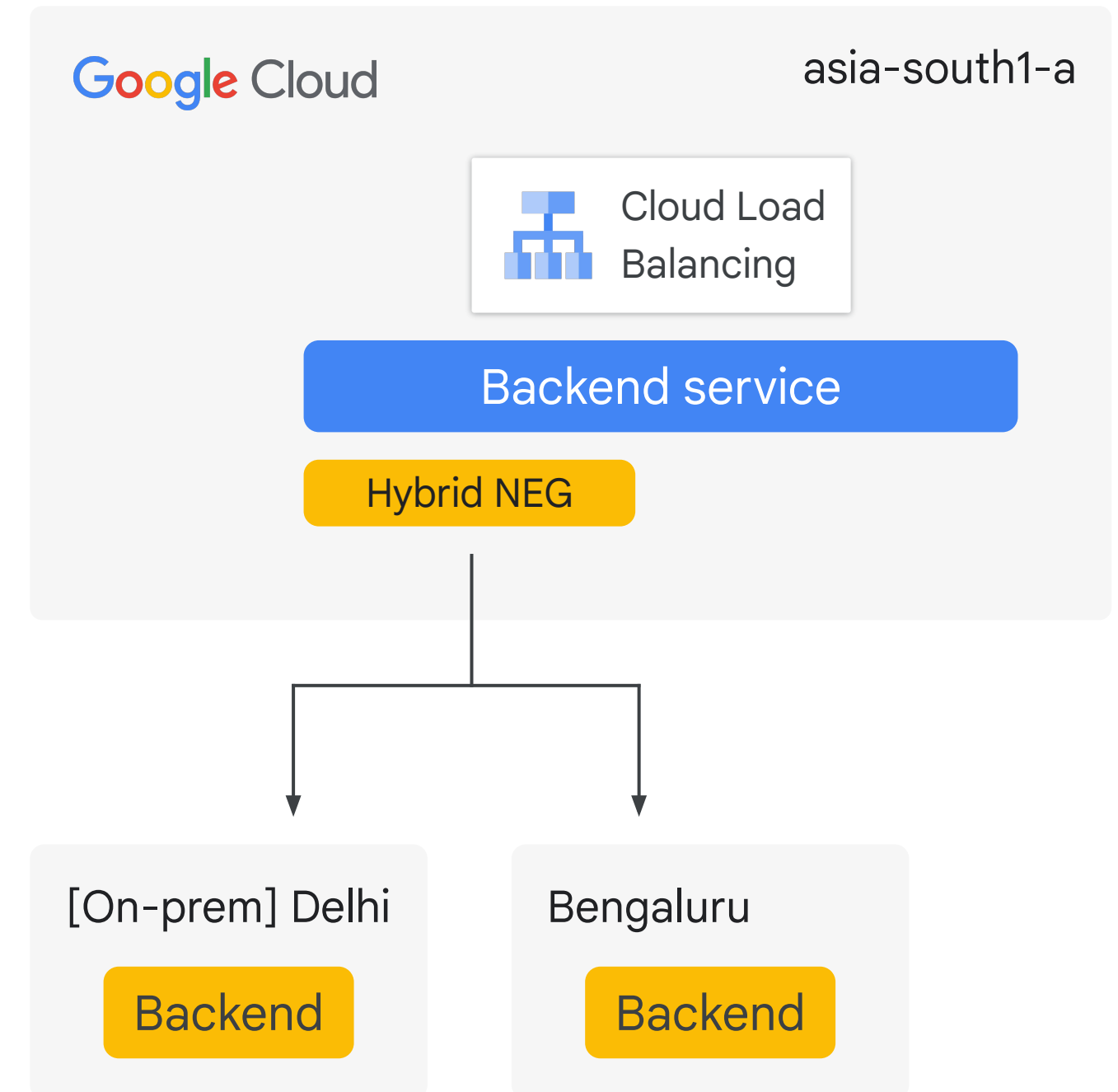
- Maintaining two load balancers
- Routing traffic from on-prem to cloud

Use case: Jie can benefit from hybrid load balancing



Configuring backend services outside of Google Cloud

- Configure one or more hybrid connectivity network endpoint groups (NEG)s:
 - Add the IP address
 - Specify a Google Cloud zone
 - Add a health check to the NEG.
- Add the hybrid connectivity NEG(s) to a hybrid load balancer backend service.



Types of load balancers that support hybrid load balancing — NEG



Global external
Application
Load Balancer



Classic
Application
Load Balancer



Regional
external
Application
Load Balancer



Cross-region
internal
Application
Load Balancer



Regional internal
Application
Load Balancer



Global External
proxy Network
Load Balancer



Regional
External proxy
Network Load
Balancer



Regional internal
proxy Network
Load Balancer



Cross-region
internal proxy
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Caveats: Hybrid load balancing

01

To create, delete, or manage a load balancer with mixed zonal and hybrid connectivity NEG's backends in a single backend service, use the Google Cloud CLI or the REST API.

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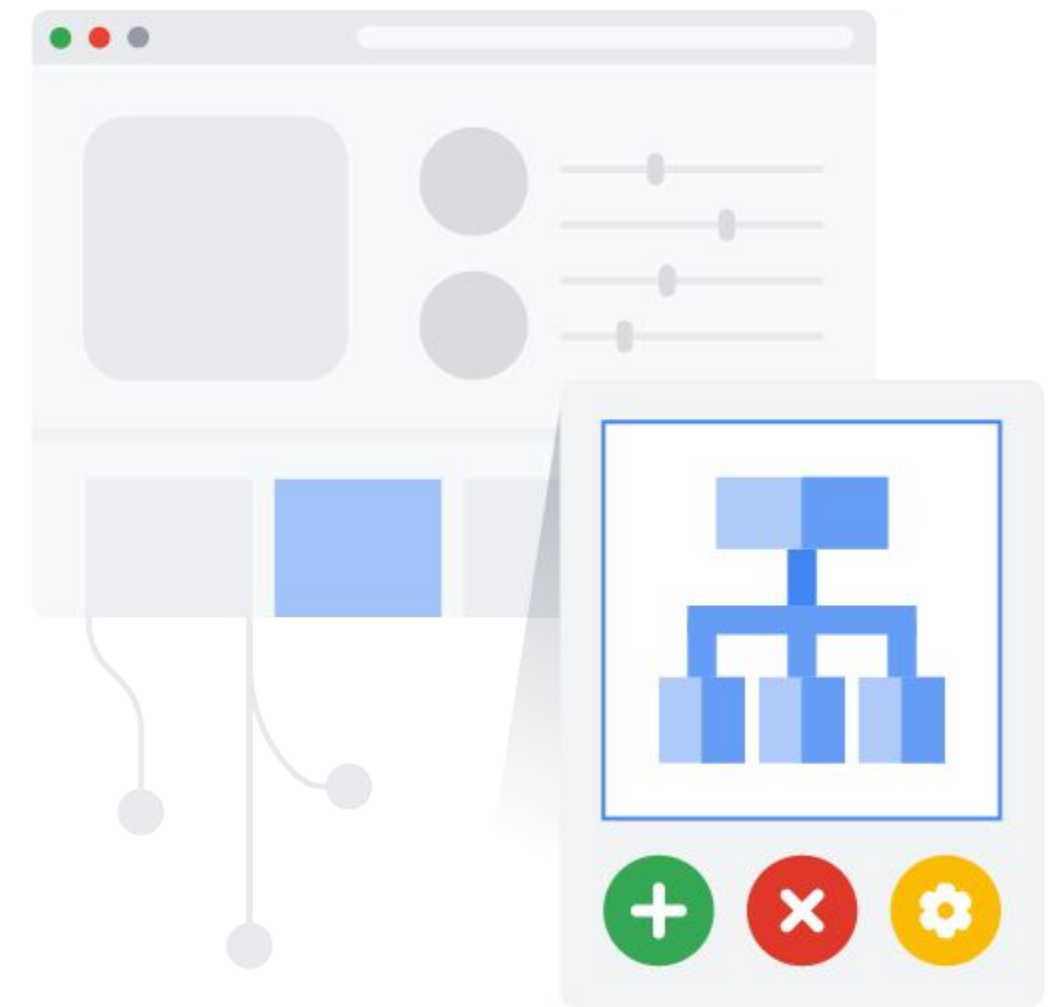
Regional dynamic routing and static routes are not supported.

03

The internal Application Load Balancer and hybrid connectivity must be configured in the same region.

04

Ensure that you also review the security settings on your hybrid connectivity configuration.



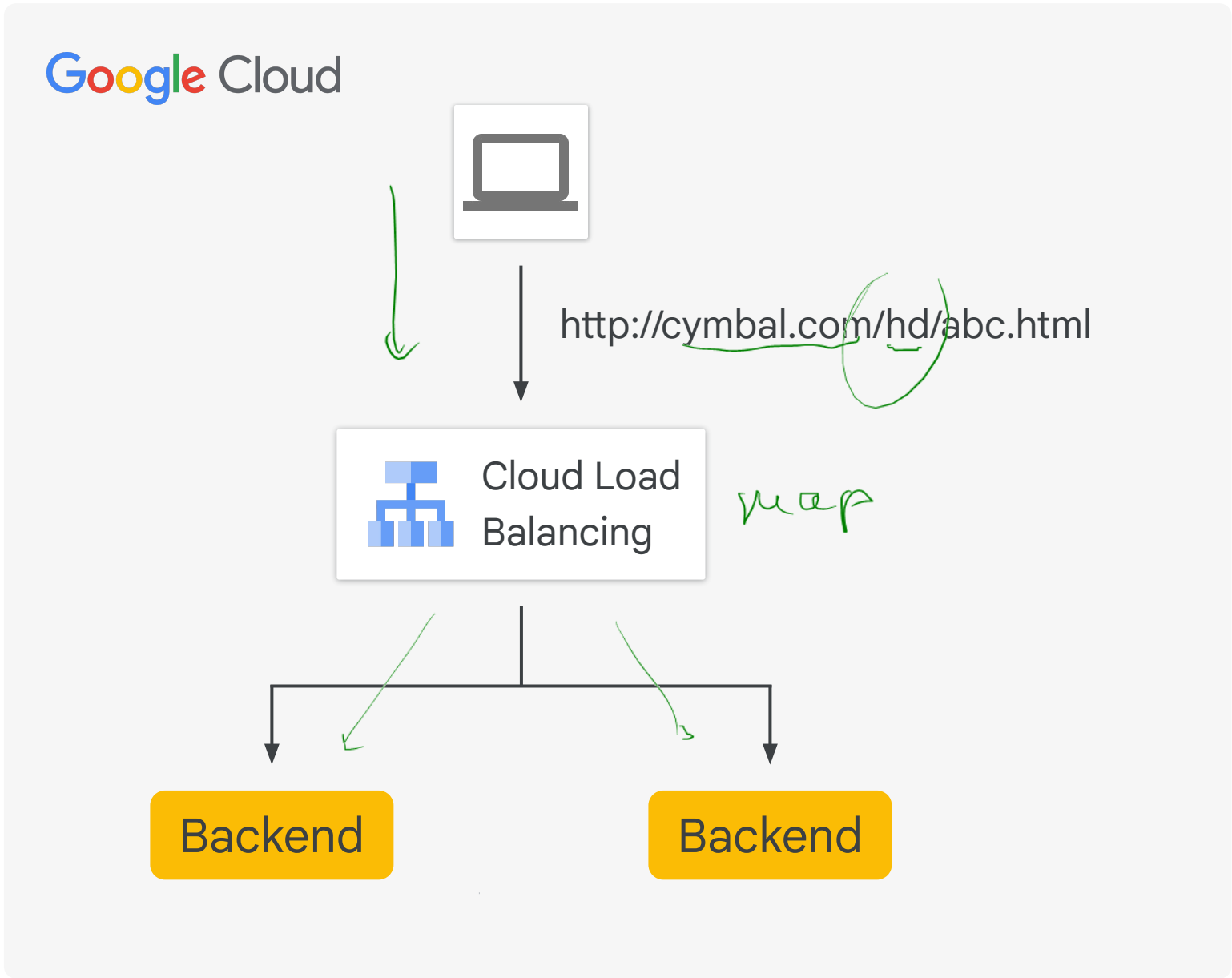


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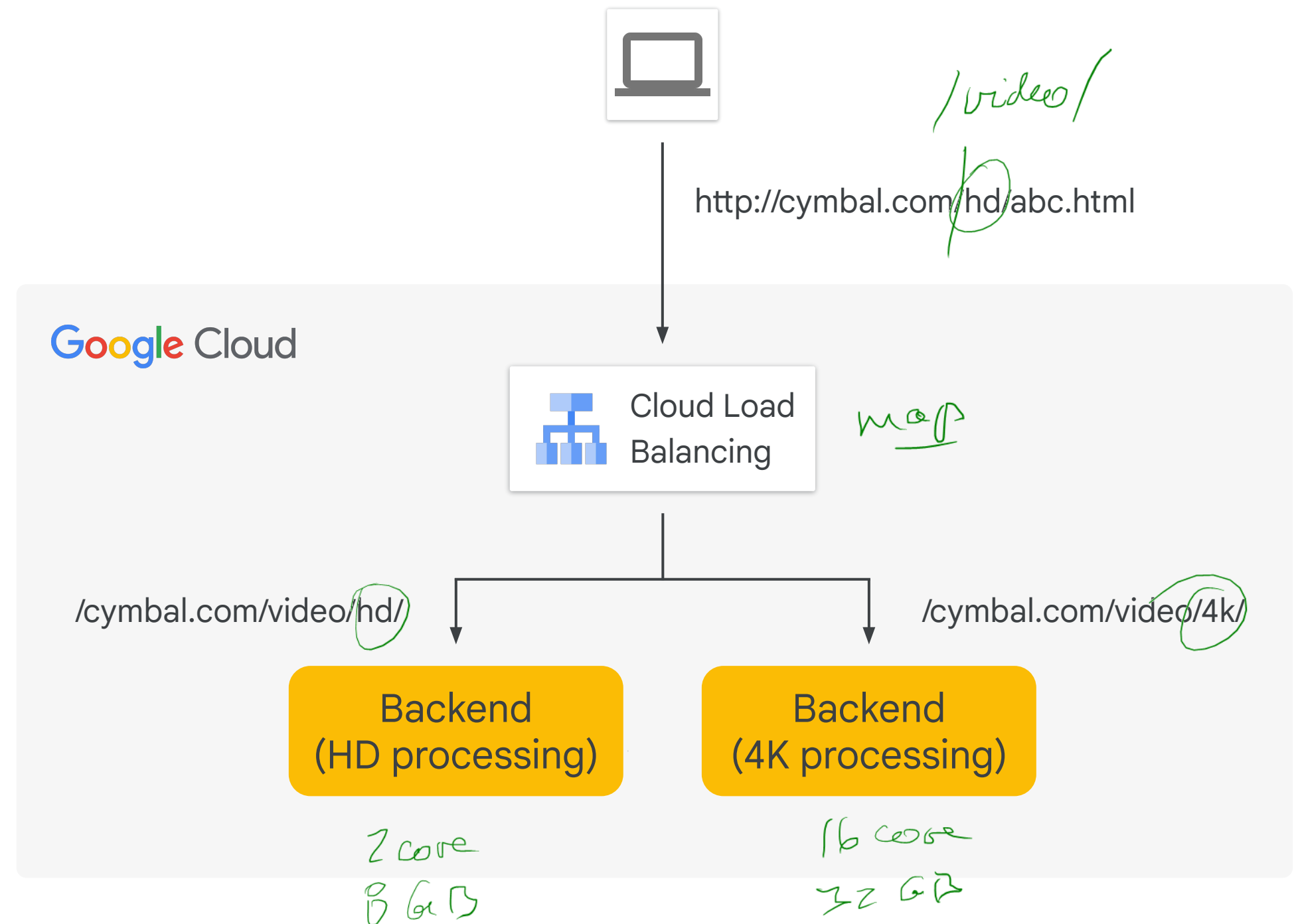
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Use case: Distribute traffic by using URL map



Traffic management

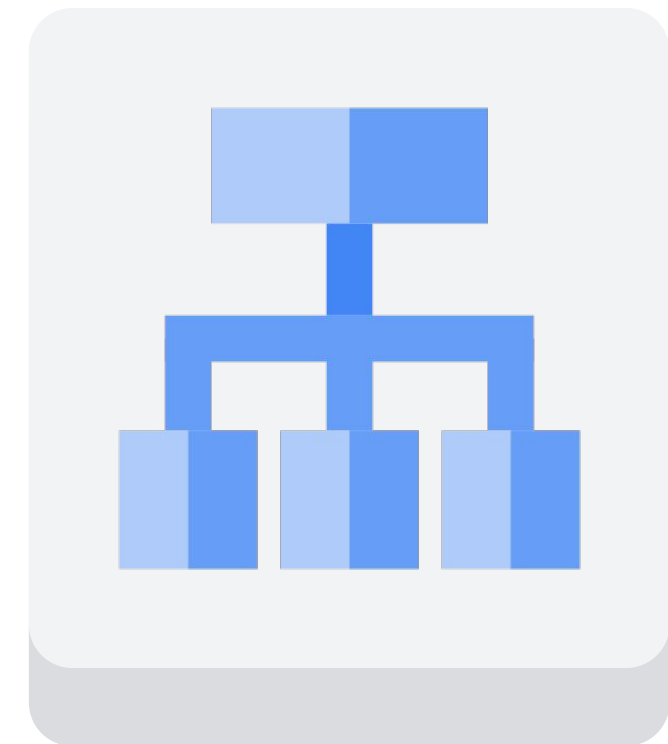
- Traffic management provides enhanced features to route load balancer traffic based on criteria that you specify.
- With traffic management, you can:
 - Direct traffic to a backend based on HTTPS parameters.
 - Perform request-based and response-based actions.
 - Use traffic policies to fine-tune load balancing behavior.



Supported load balancers

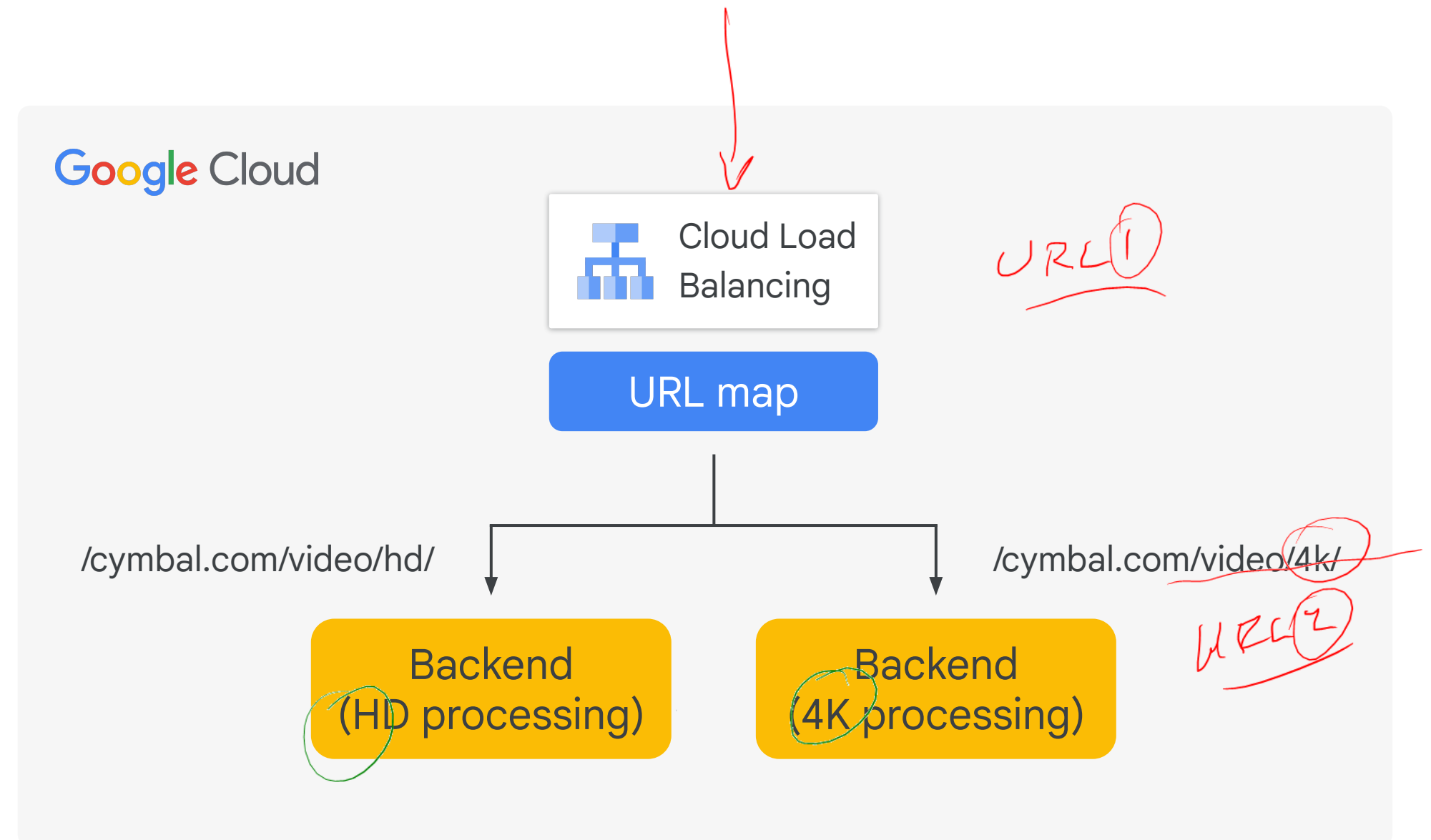
- HTTP(S) LBs

- These load balancers support traffic management features:
 - Global external Application Load Balancer
 - Global external classic Application Load Balancer
 - Regional external Application Load Balancer
 - Internal Application Load Balancer
- Other load balancers have access only to traffic features that are available in backend services, such as balancing mode and session affinity.
- For a complete list of features supported by each load balancer, refer to [Routing and traffic management](#).



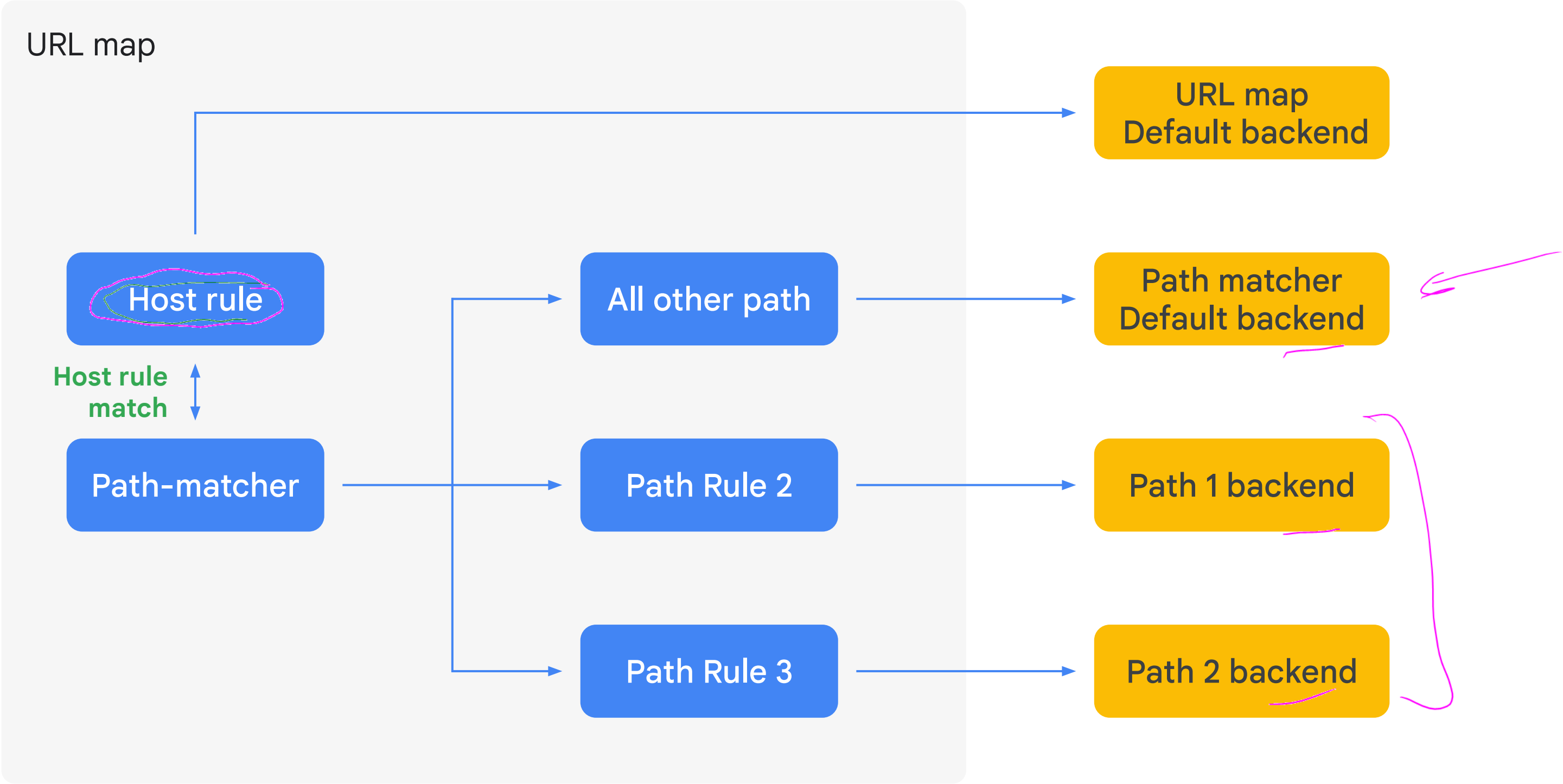
URL map

- The URL map contains rules that define the criteria to use to route incoming traffic to a backend service.
- Traffic management features are configured in a URL map.
- You can choose between the simple and the advanced host mode.

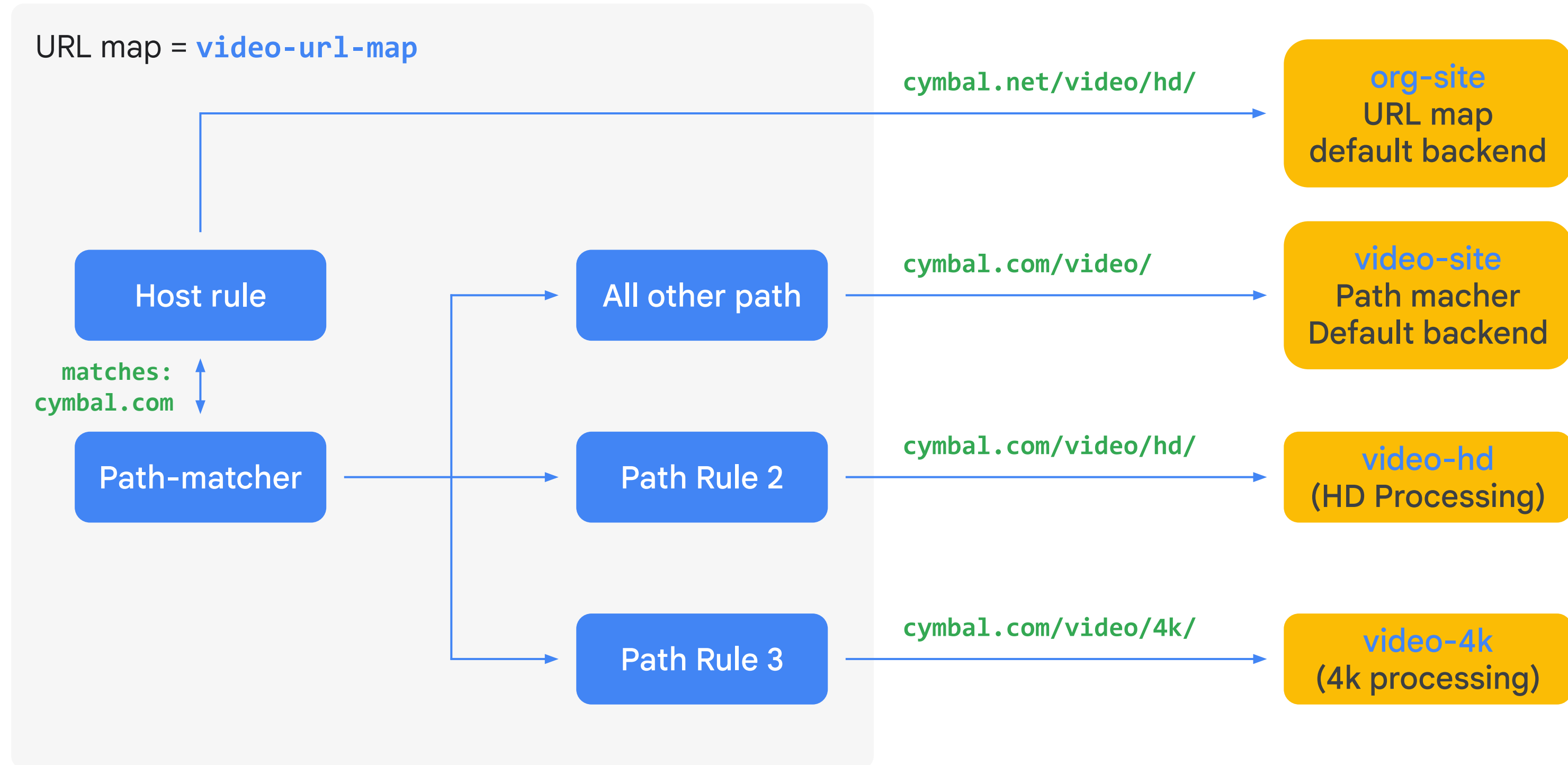


URL map workflow

URL: host/path



Bola can use URL maps to distribute traffic



A simple URL map

YAML

host / path / hd
4k
holes

defaultService: https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/PROJECT_ID/global/backendServices/org-site
fingerprint: mfyJIT7Zurs=

hostRules:

- hosts:

- '*'

pathMatcher: pathmap
name: video-org-url-map

pathMatchers:

- defaultService: https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/PROJECT_ID/global/backendServices/video-site *BE 1*

name: pathmap

pathRules:

- paths:

- /video/hd

service: https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/PROJECT_ID/global/backendServices/video-hd *BE 2*

- paths:

- /video/4K

service: https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/PROJECT_ID/global/backendServices/video-4k *BE 3*

order does not matter

longest-path-matches-first

longest

shortest

order

Advanced routing mode

- The advanced routing mode:
 - Can choose a rule based on a defined priority.
 - Includes additional configuration options.
 - Uses route rules instead of path rules.
 - Can't include any path rules if a URL map includes route rules.

URL: host/path/doc.html 2 param

path, http headers, queries
User agent
=

Rewrite URL
Redirect URL

An advanced routing mode URL map

```
defaultService: https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/PROJECT_ID/global/backendServices/service-a
hostRules:
- hosts:
  - '*'
  pathMatcher: matcher1
name: lb-map
pathMatchers:
- defaultService: https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/PROJECT_ID/global/backendServices/service-b
  name: matcher1
  routeRules:
  - matchRules:
    - prefixMatch: ''
    routeAction:
      weightedBackendServices:
      - backendService: https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/PROJECT_ID/global/backendServices/service-a
        weight: 95
      - backendService: https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/PROJECT_ID/global/backendServices/service-b
        weight: 5
```

Canary test

v1

v2

Advanced routing mode: pathMatchers

pathMatchers:

- defaultService:

`https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/PROJECT_ID/global/backendServices/service-b`

`name: matcher1`

routeRules:

- matchRules:

- prefixMatch: ''

`routeAction:`

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defaultService

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hostRules:

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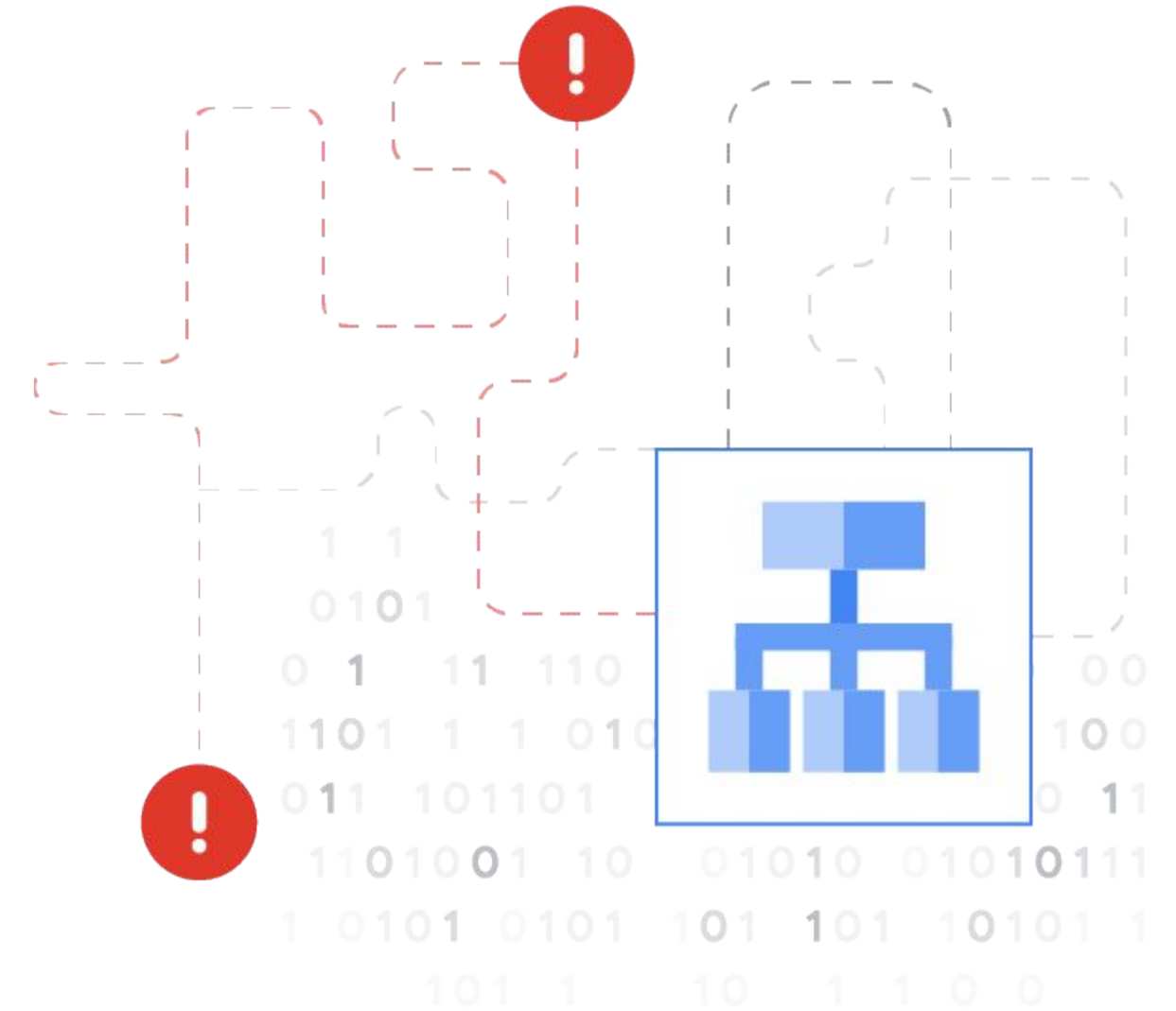
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Used if there's no matching host rule.

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but there's no matching route rule.

Caveats: Traffic routing

- Not all load balancers support all traffic management features. http(s)
- Wildcards are supported, but only after a forward slash (/), for example:
 - Valid: /video/*
 - Invalid: /video*
- Substring matching and regular expressions are not supported, for example:
 - /videos/hd* doesn't match /videos/hd-pdq.
 - /videos/* does match /videos/hd-pdq.



Let's ask Gemini



You are a patient and friendly Google Cloud technical support engineer who specializes in cloud networking and responds to customer's questions.

What is the most **reliable Google Cloud load balancer**?



As a Google Cloud technical support engineer who specializes in cloud networking, I can confirm that the most reliable load balancer in Google Cloud is **Network Load Balancing (NLB)**.

*Gemini responses may vary



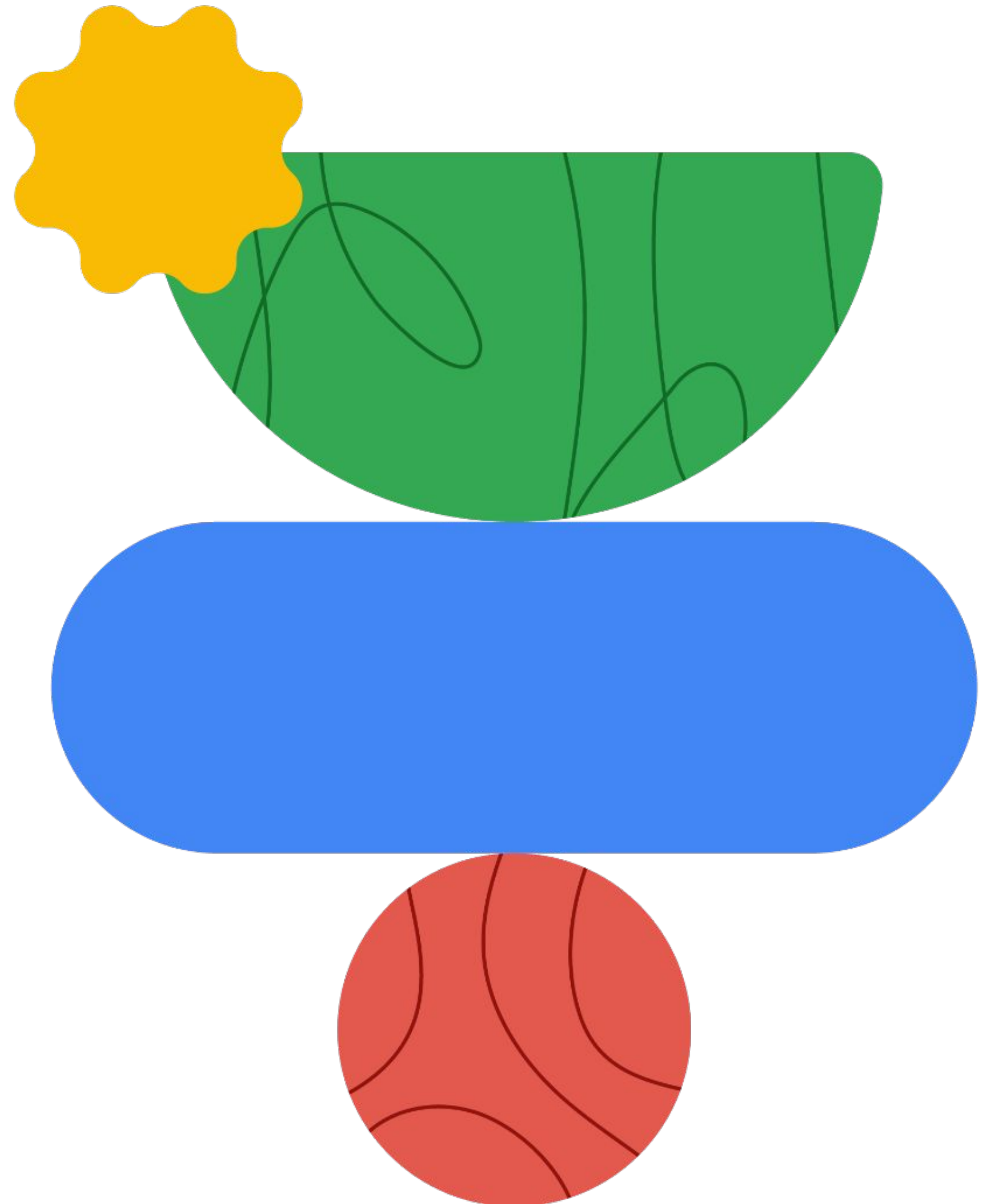
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Lab intro

Configuring Traffic Management
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Quiz | Question 1

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Quiz | Question 2

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Quiz | Question 3

Question

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- A. Google Cloud and on-premises
- B. Google Cloud and AWS
- C. Google Cloud, AWS, and on-premises
- D. Google Cloud, other public clouds, and on-premises

Quiz | Question 3

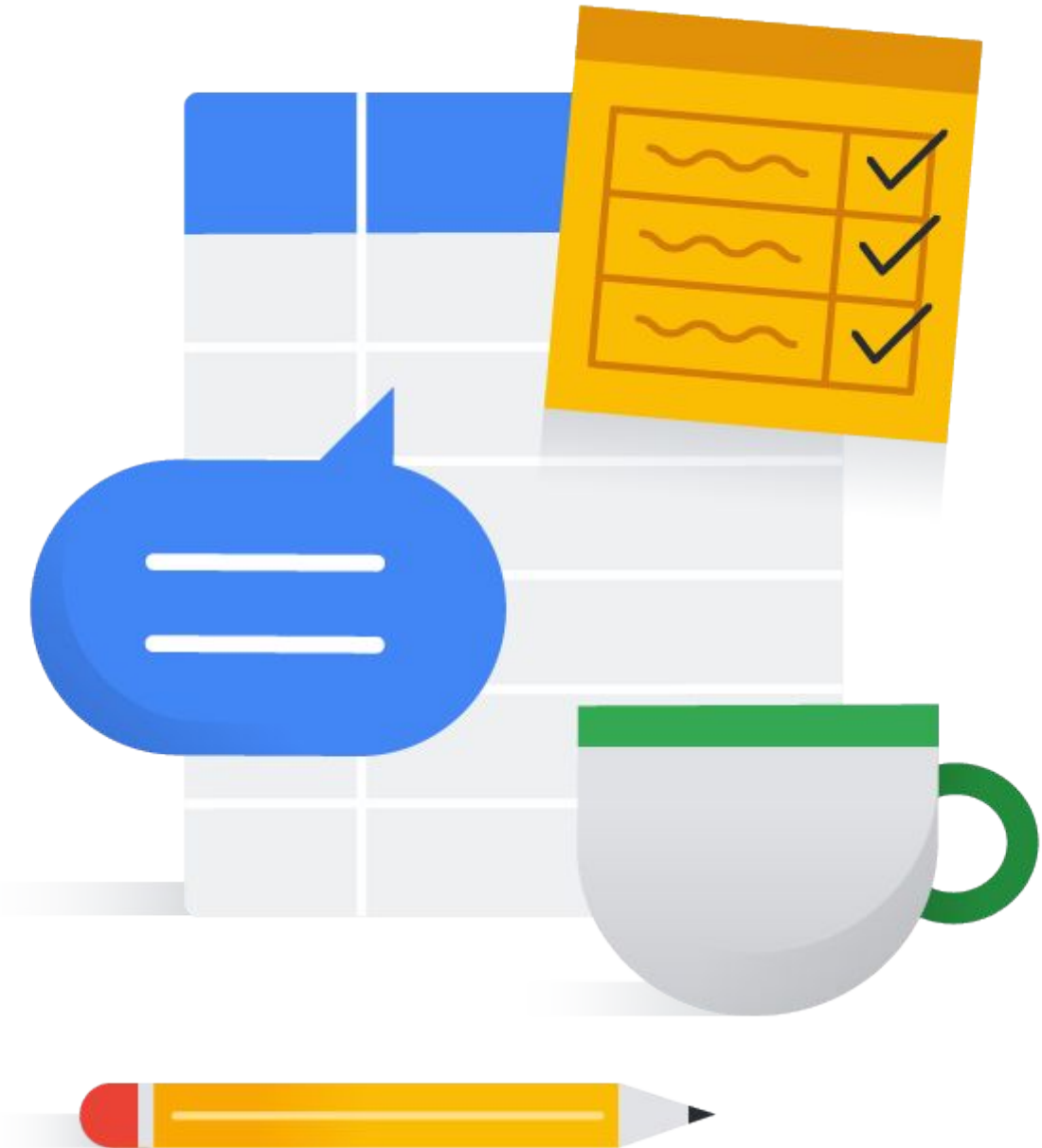
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Debrief





Thank you.

