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TEAM  
→ SECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE

Incident Response  
Google Cloud Platform

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(dvirus@gondor)-[~]  
$ whoami
```



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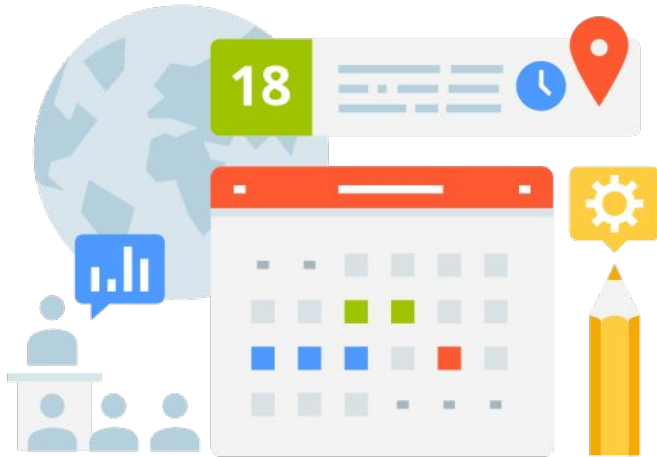
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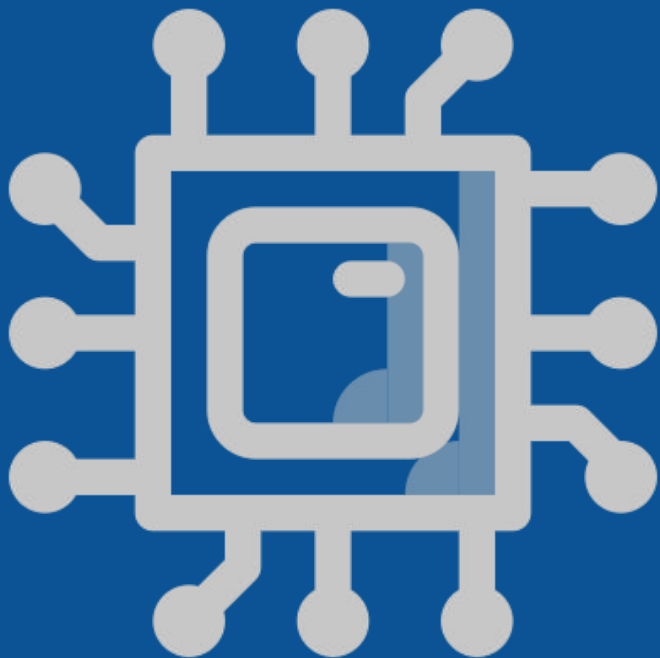
Twitter @dvirus

Website: <https://dvirus.training/>

# Agenda

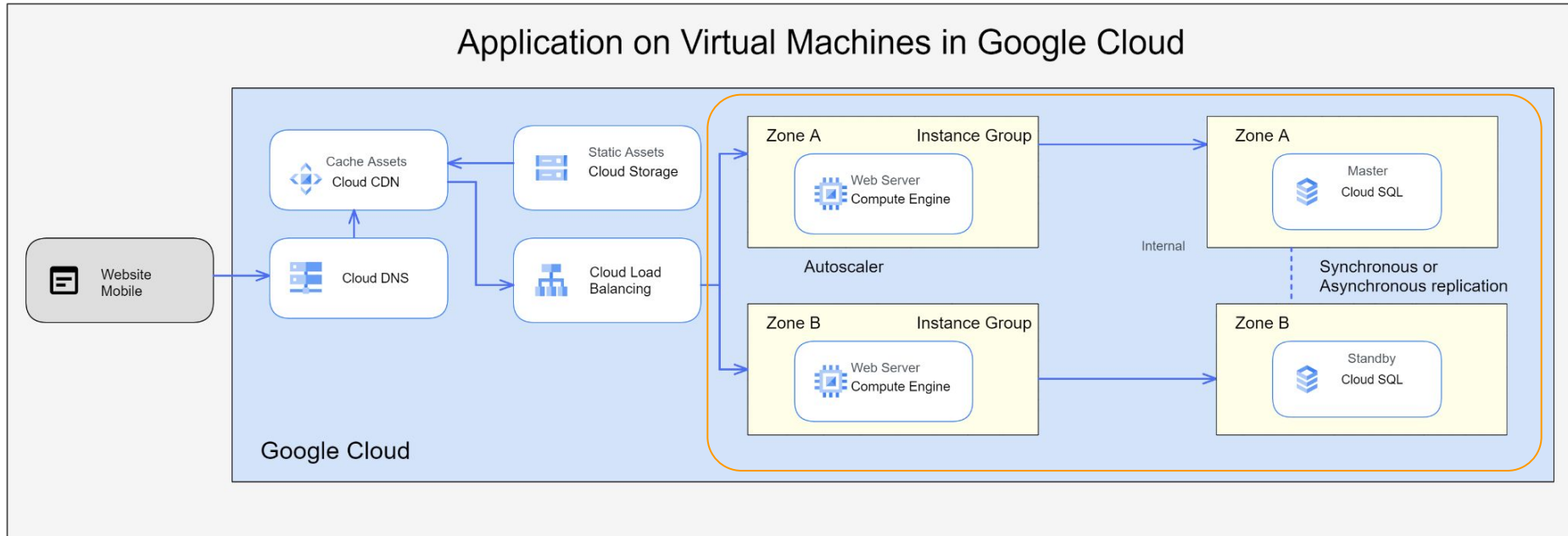


- Investigation of VMs Attacks
- VM logs
- Network Logs
- Network Traffic
- Snapshots
- Questions
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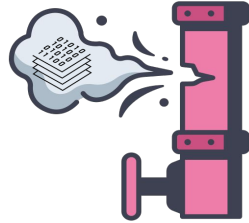


# Investigating VM Attacks

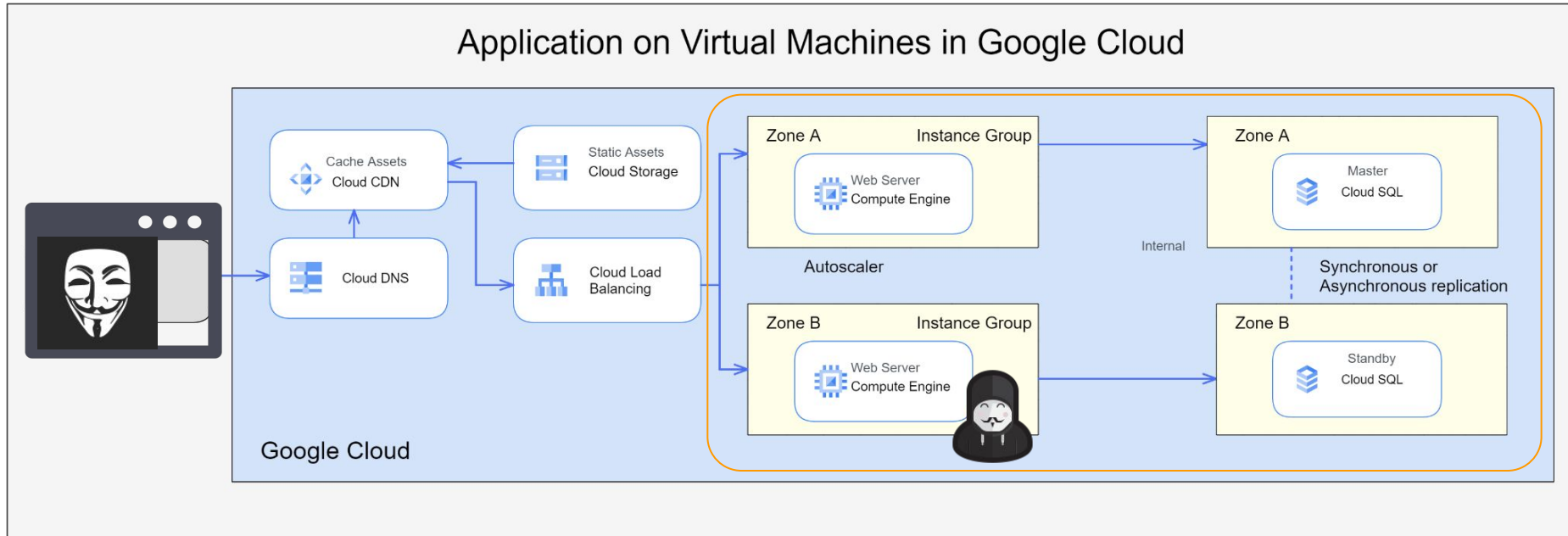
# Architecture



# VMs Impacts



# The Incident | Defacement in GCP



# The Incident | Playbooks

## PLAYBOOK - UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS

The unauthorized access incident response playbook contains all 7 steps defined by the NIST incident response process: Prepare, Detect, Analyze, Contain, Eradicate, Recover, Post-Incident Handling.

Prepare
Detect
Analyze
Contain
Eradicate
Recover
Post-Incident Handling



In the future, you will be able to create your own playbooks and share them with your colleagues and the Incident Response community here at [IncidentResponse.org](https://www.incidentresponse.org).

DOWNLOAD PLAYBOOK - PDF

DOWNLOAD PLAYBOOK - VISIO

<https://www.incidentresponse.org/playbooks/>

## INCIDENT RESPONSE METHODOLOGY IRM #6 WEBSITE DEFACEMENT

Live reaction on a compromised web server

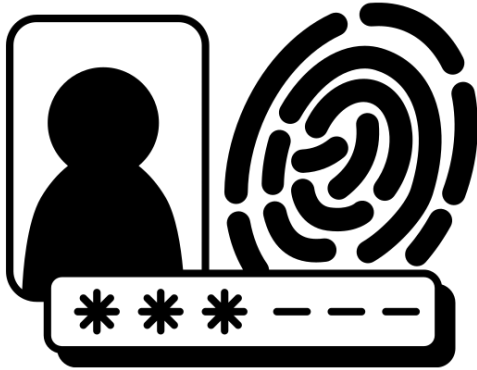
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Contributor: CERT aDvens  
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Web: <https://cert.societegenerale.com>  
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<https://github.com/certsocietegenerale/IRM>



# Logs access control



# Attack Trees



## Attack Flow

<https://center-for-threat-informed-defense.github.io/attack-flow/>

Attack Flow is a language for describing how adversaries combine and sequence various offensive techniques to achieve their goals. The project helps defenders and leaders understand how adversaries operate and improve their own defensive posture.

# Investigation - Sources of evidence



**Access Logs (VM)**  
/var/log/nginx/access.log



**VPC Firewall Logs**  
Disabled by default



**VPC Flow Logs**  
Disabled by default

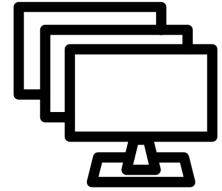
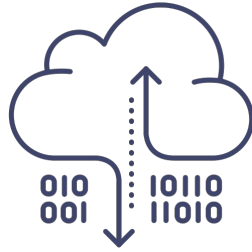


**Packet Capture**  
Disabled by default



**VM Forensic Image**

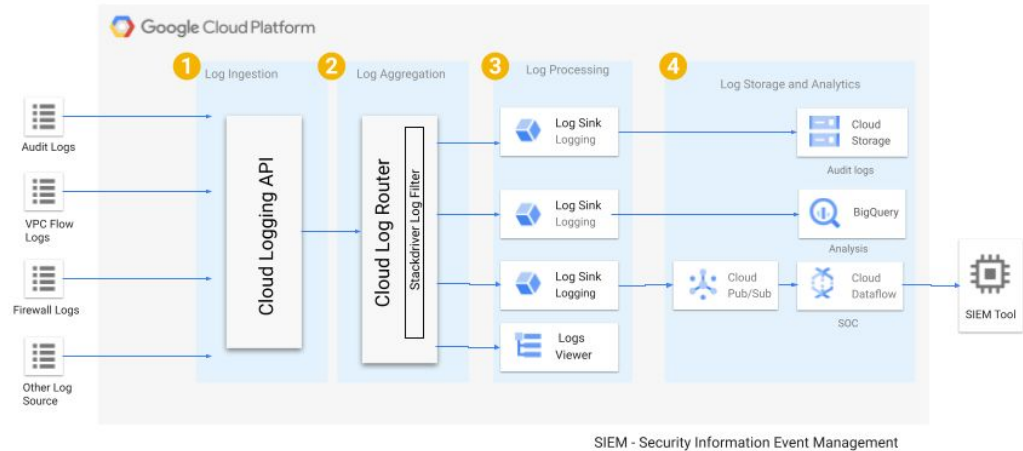
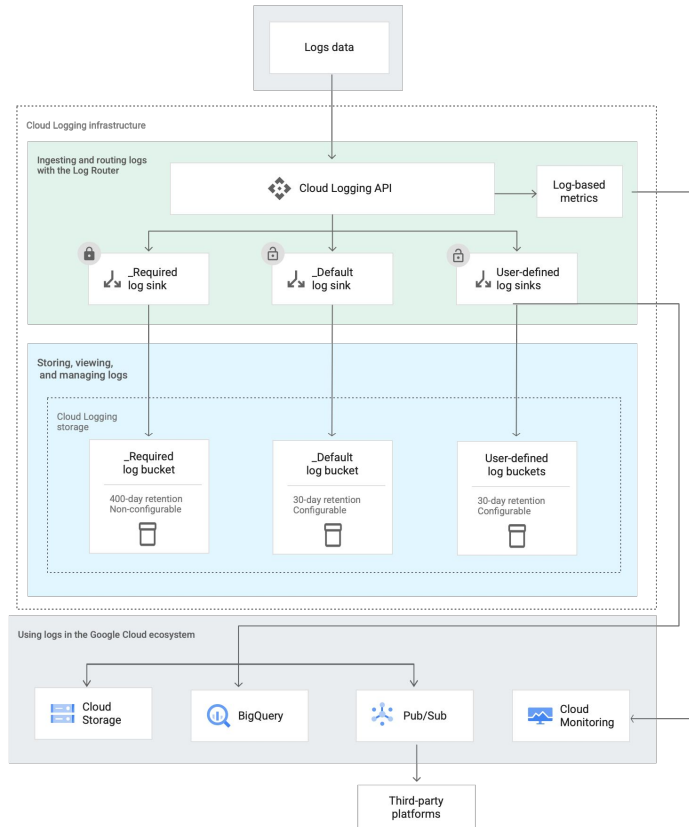
# Pricing





# Investigating VM Logs

# Google Cloud Logging



<https://cloud.google.com/logging/docs/reference/v2/rest/#service:-logging.googleapis.com>

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# Google Cloud Ops Agent



The Ops Agent is the primary agent for collecting telemetry from your Compute Engine instances. Combining logging and metrics into a single agent, the Ops Agent uses Fluent Bit

**Linux:** Syslog

**Windows:** EVTX logs

<https://cloud.google.com/stackdriver/docs/solutions/agents/ops-agent>

# Google Cloud Ops Agent

## Download

```
curl -sSO https://dl.google.com/cloudagents/add-google-cloud-ops-agent-repo.sh
```

## Install

```
sudo bash add-google-cloud-ops-agent-repo.sh --also-install
```

## Configuration File

```
vim /etc/google-cloud-ops-agent/config.yaml
```

## Service Restart

```
sudo systemctl restart google-cloud-ops-agent"
```



# Google Cloud Ops Agent

VM Details RESET ZOOM 1 HOUR ▾

MANAGE VM SSH ▾ SEND FEEDBACK ✕

webservers

Installed agent ✓ Ops Agent 2.23.0

Integrations (2) ✓ Host Metrics ✓ Linux Syslog

Additional details: instance\_id : 7831651878476981217 zone : us-west1-b [View Details](#)

Alerts No open incidents →

Events No recent events →

Uptime Checks No failed checks →

METRICS LOGS

Overview

CPU

Processes

Memory

Network

Summary

Packet Mirroring

Disk

Performance

Capacity

CPU Utilization ?

More chart options

Network Traffic ?

200KiB/s

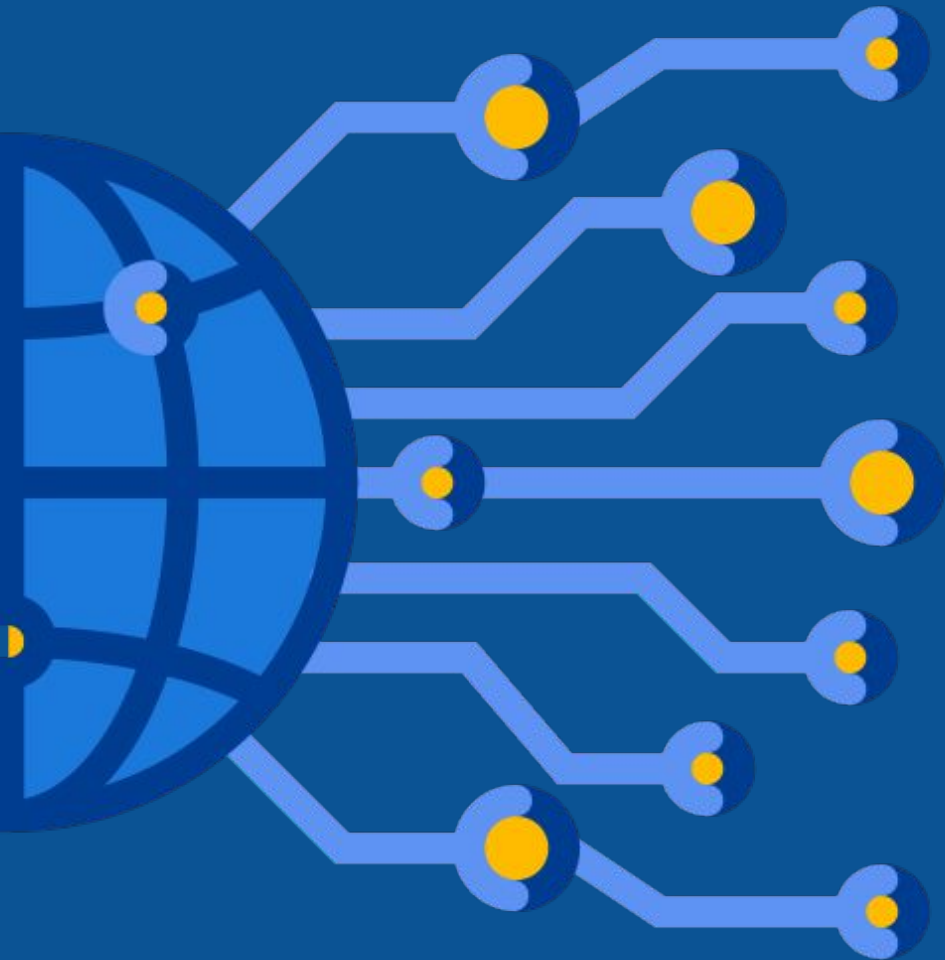
METRICS LOGS

Logs 50 log entries Severity Default ▾ Filter Search all fields and values

SEVERITY	TIMESTAMP	SUMMARY
✓	2022-12-02 13:39:54.773 CET	Dec 2 12:39:54 debian dhclient[332]: bound to 10.138.0.3 -- renewal in 1738 seconds.
✓	2022-12-02 13:42:49.165 CET	Dec 2 12:42:49 debian systemd[1]: Starting GCE Workload Certificate refresh...
✓	2022-12-02 13:42:49.175 CET	Dec 2 12:42:49 debian gce_workload_cert_refresh[11630]: 2022/12/02 12:42:49: Error getting config status, workload certifica...
✓	2022-12-02 13:42:49.175 CET	Dec 2 12:42:49 debian gce_workload_cert_refresh[11630]: 2022/12/02 12:42:49: Done
✓	2022-12-02 13:42:49.178 CET	Dec 2 12:42:49 debian systemd[1]: gce-workload-cert-refresh.service: Succeeded.
✓	2022-12-02 13:42:49.178 CET	Dec 2 12:42:49 debian systemd[1]: Finished GCE Workload Certificate refresh.
✓	2022-12-02 13:51:05.438 CET	45.79.172.21 - - [02/Dec/2022:12:51:05 +0000] "\x16\x03\x01\x00\x08\x01\x00\x00\x01\x03\x03E\xDF\xD6\xE2W96\xB1Z\xDC\xB1\x17\xAD\xA8\x8E\xBBj\t\xDE\x0C\xF3sL\x8A\xA9P\x0C)\x0C/\x0C0\x0C+\x0C,\x0C\xA8\xCC\xA9\x0C\x13\x0C\x09\x0C\x14\x0C" 400 157 "-" "-"


Open in Logs Explorer


```
{
  "insertId": "efj214f2a5bv5",
  "jsonPayload": {
    "message": "45.79.172.21 - - [02/Dec/2022:12:51:05 +0000]\n\"\\x16\\x03\\x01\\x00\\x08\\x01\\x00\\x00\\x01\\x03\\x03E\\xDF\\xD6\\xE2W96\\xB1Z\\xDC\\xB1\\x17\\xAD\\xA8\\x8E\\xBBj\\t\\xDE\\x0C\\xF3sL\\x8A\\xA9P\\x0C)\\x0C/\\x0C0\\x0C+\\x0C,\\x0C\\xA8\\xCC\\xA9\\x0C\\x13\\x0C\\x09\\x0C\\x14\\x0C\" 400 157 \"-\" \"-\""
```





# Investigating Network Logs


# VPC Firewall Rules


 VPC network


 VPC networks


 IP addresses


 Bring your own IP


 Firewall

 Routes


 VPC network peering


 Shared VPC

 Serverless VPC access

 Packet mirroring

Firewall



 CREATE FIREWALL POLICY


 CREATE FIREWALL RULE


## VPC firewall rules


Firewall rules control incoming or outgoing traffic to an instance. By default, incoming traffic from outside your network is blocked. [Learn more](#)


Note: App Engine firewalls are managed in the [App Engine Firewall rules section](#).

 SMTP port 25 disallowed in this project 


 REFRESH

 CONFIGURE LOGS

 DELETE

 Filter

Enter property name or value

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Targets	Filters	Protocols / ports	Action	Priority	Network 	Logs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">allow-ingress-from-iap</a>	Ingress	Apply to all	IP ranges: 35.23!	all	Allow	1000	<a href="#">default</a>	Off
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">default-allow-http</a>	Ingress	http-server	IP ranges: 0.0.0.(	tcp:80	Allow	1000	<a href="#">default</a>	Off
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">default-allow-https</a>	Ingress	https-server	IP ranges: 0.0.0.(	tcp:443	Allow	1000	<a href="#">default</a>	Off

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← Firewall rule details

EDIT

DELETE

default-allow-http

Description

Logs

Turning on firewall logs can generate a large number of logs which can increase costs in Cloud Logging. [Learn more](#)

☒ On

☐ Off

Additional fields ?

☐ Include metadata

^ HIDE LOGS DETAILS

Network

default

Priority \*

1000

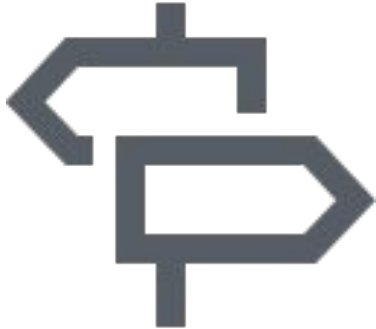
CHECK PRIORITY OF OTHER FIREWALL RULES ?

Priority can be 0 - 65535

Direction

Ingress

# VPC Flow Logs



VPC Flow Logs records a sample of network flows sent from and received by VM instances, including instances used as GKE nodes. These logs can be used for network monitoring, forensics, real-time security analysis, and expense optimization.

TCP and UDP / No ICMP

<https://cloud.google.com/vpc/docs/using-flow-logs>

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VPC network details

EDIT

DELETE VPC NETWORK

Enable DNS API

Applying DNS server policies to the network requires DNS API. This is a one-time enablement per project and may take a few minutes to complete.

ENABLE API

None

Maximum transmission unit

1460

SUBNETS

STATIC INTERNAL IP ADDRESSES

FIREWALLS

ROUTES

VPC NETWORKS

ADD SUBNET

FLOW LOGS

Filter

Region : us-west

Enter property name or value

	Name	Region	Stack Type	Internal IP ranges	External IP ranges
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">default</a>	us-west1	IPv4	10.138.0.0/20	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">default</a>	us-west2	IPv4	10.168.0.0/20	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">default</a>	us-west3	IPv4	10.180.0.0/20	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">default</a>	us-west4	IPv4	10.182.0.0/20	None

VPC flow logs can increase costs

Turning on VPC flow logs won't affect performance, but some systems generate a large number of logs. This can increase costs in Cloud Logging as well as log export destinations such as BigQuery and Cloud Pub/Sub. [Learn more](#)

Manage these logs and resulting costs by adjusting the settings below, or in [Cloud Logging](#)

Aggregation Interval

5 SEC

30 SEC

1 MIN

5 MIN

10 MIN

15 MIN

Additional fields

☒ Include metadata

Sample rate

50

Estimated logs generated per day: 465.63 KB

Depending on your traffic patterns, setting an aggregation interval of 30 sec can reduce your flow logs size by up to 83% compared to the default aggregation interval of 5s [Learn more](#)

CANCEL SAVE

# VPC Flow Logs

Logs Explorer

REFINE SCOPE

Project

Query

Recent (30)

Saved (0)

Suggested (1)

Library

Last 1 hour

Search all fields

Resource

```
1 logName: ("projects/velvety-broker-367220/logs/compute.googleapis.com%2Fvpc_flows") AND resource.labels.subnetwork_id: (11525994588681926)
```

Log fields

Histogram

Log fields

Search fields and values

RESOURCE TYPE

Subnetwork 13

SEVERITY

Default 13

Histogram

<

6

0

Dec 2, 1:58 PM

2:30 PM

Query results

13 log entries

Find in results

SEVERITY

TIMESTAMP

CET

SUMMARY

EDIT

Showing logs for last 1 hour from 12/2/22, 1:58 PM to 12/2/22, 2:58 PM.

Extend time by: 1 hour

Edit time

2022-12-02 14:55:10.466 CET

{ "bytes\_sent": "3584", "connection": { }, "end\_time": "2022-12-02T13:54:52.826044828Z", "packets\_sent": "64", "src\_vpc": { }, "start\_time": "2022-12-02T13:54:47.706235314Z" }

insertId: "1fm783ff2u1tgk"

jsonPayload: {

bytes\_sent: "3584"

connection: {3}

end\_time: "2022-12-02T13:54:52.826044828Z"

packets\_sent: "64"

reporter: "SRC"

src\_instance: {

project\_id: "velvety-broker-367220"

region: "us-west1"

vm\_name: "webserver"

zone: "us-west1-b"

Hide log summary

Expand nested fields



# Investigating Network Packets



# Packet Mirroring



You can use Packet Mirroring to mirror traffic to and from particular virtual machine (VM) instances. The collected traffic can help you detect security threats and monitor application performance.

TCP/UDP load balancer is required

<https://cloud.google.com/vpc/docs/using-packet-mirroring>



# Forensic Images

# Snapshots



- Disk image of the current state of the VM
- Attach the snapshot to your DFIR instance
- Mount as a R/O

<https://cloud.google.com/compute/docs/disks/snapshots>

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