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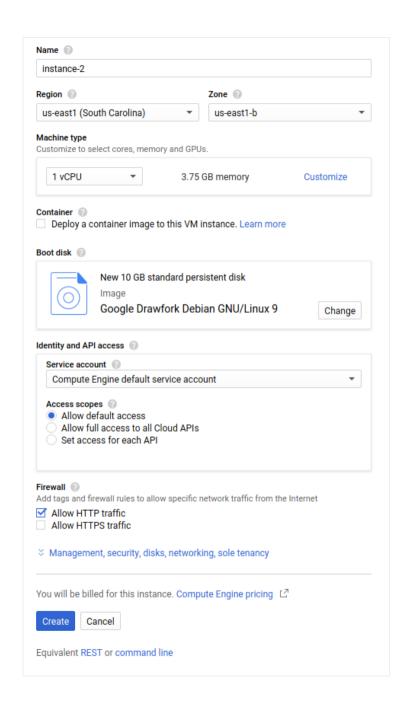
Enable the API

### Create a virtual machine instance

1. In the Cloud Console, go to the VM Instances page.

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- 2. Click Create instance.
- 3. In the **Boot disk** section, click **Change** to begin configuring your boot disk.
- 4. On the **Public images** tab, choose **Debian version 9**.
- 5. Click Select.
- 6. In the Firewall section, select Allow HTTP traffic.
- 7. Click **Create** to create the instance.



Allow a short time for the instance to start. After the instance is ready, it is listed on the **VM instances** page with a green status icon.

## Connect to your instance

1. In the Cloud Console, go to the VM instances page.

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2. In the list of virtual machine instances, click **SSH** in the row of the instance that you want to connect to.



You now have a terminal window for interacting with your Linux instance.

## Clean up

To avoid incurring charges to your Google Cloud account for the resources used in this quickstart, follow these steps.

1. In the Google Cloud Console, go to the VM instances page.

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- 2. Click the name of the instance you created.
- 3. At the top of the instance's details page, click **Delete**.

#### What's next

- Work through a tutorial to Set up a basic web server on your new instance.
- Work through a guided Getting started tutorial in the Google Cloud Console.

- Work through Managing Google Cloud projects with Terraform tutorial.
- Learn how to create and manage virtual machine instances using the gcloud command-line tool and API.
- Learn more about the Linux images available on Compute Engine.
- Learn how to Transfer your files to your instance.

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