



This module introduces DevOps automation, a key factor in achieving consistency, reliability, and speed of deployment.

# Learning objectives

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- Automate service deployment using CI/CD pipelines.
- Leverage Cloud Source Repositories for source and version control.
- Automate builds with Cloud Build and build triggers.
- Manage container images with Container Registry.
- Investigate infrastructure with code using Cloud Deployment Manager and Terraform.



This section defines the Google Cloud services that support continuous integration and continuous delivery practices, part of a DevOps way of working. With DevOps and microservices, automated pipelines for integrating, delivering, and potentially deploying code are required. These pipelines ideally run on on-demand provisioned resources. This section introduces the Google tools for developing code and creating automated delivery pipelines that are provisioned on demand.

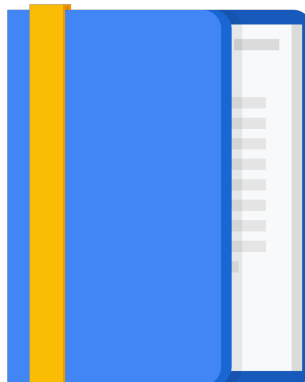
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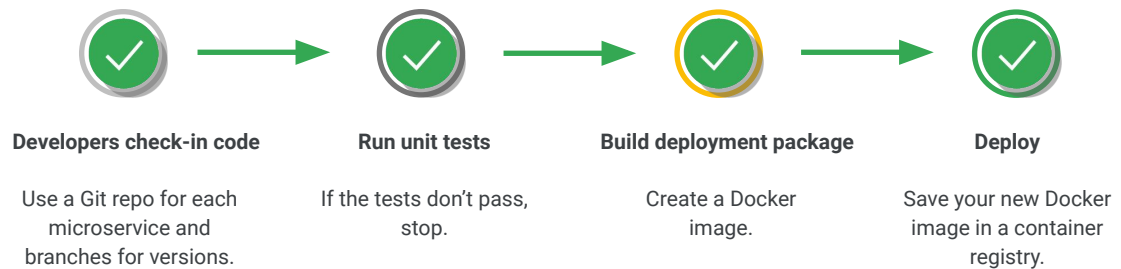
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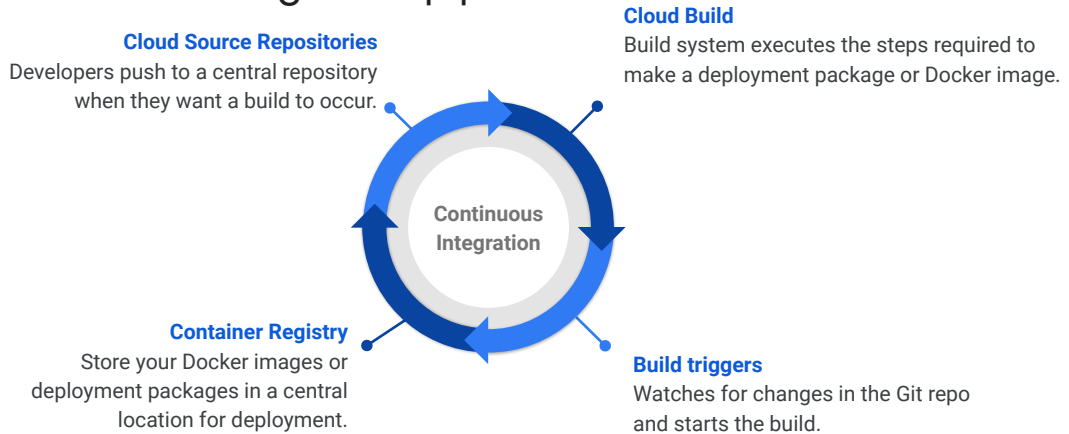
Let's begin by talking about continuous integration pipelines.

## Continuous integration pipelines automate building applications



This is a very simplistic view of a pipeline, which would be customized to meet your requirements. Typical extra steps include linting of code/quality analysis by tools such as SonarQube, integration tests, generating test reports, and image scanning.

# Google provides the components required for a continuous integration pipeline



The **Cloud Source Repositories** service provides private Git repositories hosted on Google Cloud. These repositories let you develop and deploy an app or service in a space that provides collaboration and version control for your code. Cloud Source Repositories is integrated with Google Cloud, so it provides a seamless developer experience.

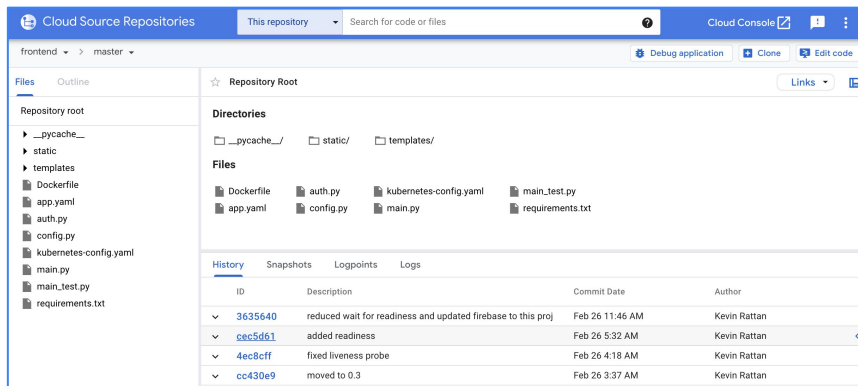
**Cloud Build** executes your builds on Google Cloud infrastructure. It can import source code from Cloud Storage, Cloud Source Repositories, GitHub, or Bitbucket, execute a build to your specifications, and produce artifacts such as Docker containers or Java archives. Cloud Build executes your build as a series of build steps, where each build step is run in a Docker container. A build step can do anything that can be done from a container, irrespective of the environment. There are standard steps, or you can define your own steps.

**Build triggers** A Cloud Build trigger automatically starts a build whenever you make any changes to your source code. You can configure the trigger to build your code on any changes to the source repository or only changes that match certain criteria.

**Container Registry** is a single place for your team to manage Docker images, perform vulnerability analysis, and decide who can access what with fine-grained access control.

# Cloud Source Repositories provides managed Git repositories

Control access to your repos using IAM within your Google Cloud projects.



You can use Cloud IAM to add team members to your project and to grant them permissions to create, view, and update repositories.

Repositories can be configured to publish messages to a specified Pub/Sub topic. Messages can be published when a user creates or deletes a repository or pushes a commit.

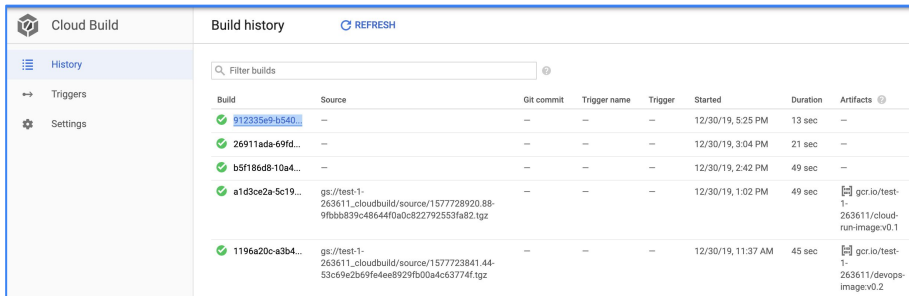
Some other features of Cloud Source Repositories include the ability to debug in production using Cloud Debugger, audit logging to provide insights into what actions were performed where and when, and direct deployment to App Engine. It is also possible to connect an existing GitHub or Bitbucket repository to Cloud Source Repositories. Connected repositories are synchronized with Cloud Source Repositories automatically.

# Cloud Build lets you build software quickly across all languages

- Google-hosted Docker build service
  - Alternative to using Docker build command

- Use the CLI to submit a build

```
gcloud builds submit --tag gcr.io/your-project-id/image-name .
```



The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Build console. On the left is a sidebar with 'History', 'Triggers', and 'Settings'. The main area is titled 'Build history' with a 'REFRESH' button. Below this is a search bar 'Filter builds'. A table lists recent builds with columns: Build, Source, Git commit, Trigger name, Trigger, Started, Duration, and Artifacts. The first build is highlighted.

Build	Source	Git commit	Trigger name	Trigger	Started	Duration	Artifacts
912335e9-b540...	—	—	—	—	12/30/19, 5:25 PM	13 sec	—
26911ade-69fd...	—	—	—	—	12/30/19, 3:04 PM	21 sec	—
b5f186d8-10a4...	—	—	—	—	12/30/19, 2:42 PM	49 sec	—
a1d3ce2a-5c19...	gs://test-1-263611_cloudbuild/source/1577728920.88-9fbb839c48644f0a0c822792553fa82.tgz	—	—	—	12/30/19, 1:02 PM	49 sec	gcr.io/test-1-263611/cloud-run-imagev0.1
1196a20c-a3b4...	gs://test-1-263611_cloudbuild/source/1577723841.44-53c69c2b69fe4ee8929fb0a4c53774f.tgz	—	—	—	12/30/19, 11:37 AM	45 sec	gcr.io/test-1-263611/devops-imagev0.2



Developers gain complete control over defining workflows for building, testing, and deploying across multiple environments including VMs, serverless, and Kubernetes. There is no more need to provision or maintain build environments: all is handled by Cloud Build. You write a build config to provide instructions to Cloud Build on what tasks to perform. These are defined as a series of steps. Each step is executed by a Cloud builder. Cloud builders are containers with common languages and tools installed in them.

Builders can be configured to fetch dependencies, run unit tests, static analyses, and integration tests, and create artifacts with build tools such as docker, gradle, maven, bazel, and gulp. Cloud Build executes the build steps you define. Executing build steps is similar to executing commands in a script.

You can either use the build steps provided by Cloud Build and the Cloud Build community or write your own custom build steps:

Available builders can be found here:

<https://github.com/GoogleCloudPlatform/cloud-builders>

# Build triggers watch a repository and build a container whenever code is pushed

Supports Maven, custom builds, and Docker

The image displays three overlapping screenshots of the Google Cloud Build 'Create trigger' wizard. The first screenshot shows the 'Select source' step with 'Cloud Source Repository' selected. The second screenshot shows the 'Select repository' step with 'default' selected. The third screenshot shows the 'Trigger settings' step with 'Branch' selected as the trigger type and 'Build My Docker Container' as the name.

**Create trigger**

1 Select source 2 Select repository

Select source

Choose a repository hosting option

☒ Cloud Source Repository

☐ GitHub

☐ Bitbucket

Continue Cancel

**Create trigger**

1 Select source 2 Select repository 3 Trigger settings

Select repository

Source: Cloud Source Repository

Filter repositories

☒ default

Cloud Source Repository

Continue Cancel

**Trigger settings**

Source: Cloud Source Repository Repository: <https://source.developers.google.com/p/rem>

Name (Optional)

Build My Docker Container

Trigger type

☒ Branch

☐ Tag

Branch (regex)

Matches the branch: master

.\*

Build configuration

☒ Dockerfile

Specify the path within the Git repo

☐ cloudbuild.yaml

Specify the path to a Cloud Build configuration file in the Git repo [Learn more](#)

Dockerfile directory (Optional)

The directory will also be used as the Docker build context

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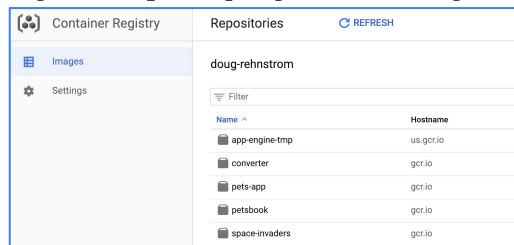
A Cloud Build trigger automatically starts a build whenever a change is made to source code. It can be set to start a build on commits to a particular branch or on commits that contain a particular tag. You can specify a regular expression with the branch or tag value to match. The syntax for the regular expression is at <https://github.com/google/re2/wiki/Syntax>.

The build configuration can be specified either in a Dockerfile or a Cloud Build file. The configuration required is shown in the slide.



# Container Registry is a Google Cloud-hosted Docker repository

- Images built using Cloud Build are automatically save in Container Registry.
  - Tag images with the prefix `gcr.io/your-project-id/image-name`
- Can use Docker push and pull commands with Container Registry.
  - `docker push gcr.io/your-project-id/image-name`
  - `docker pull gcr.io/your-project-id/image-name`

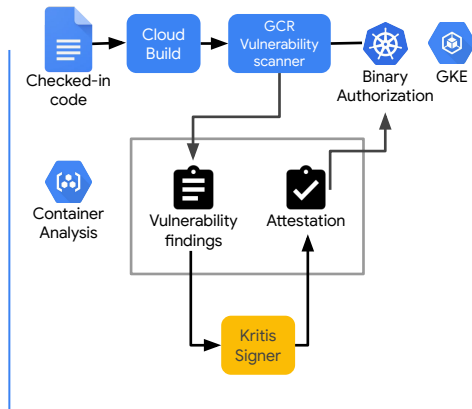


Container Registry provides a secure, private Docker image repository on Google Cloud. Image layer files and tags are stored in Cloud Storage. Cloud Storage IAM allows configuration of who can access, view, or download images. Container Registry provides native Docker support. This means you can push and pull Docker images to your private registry using the standard Docker command line interface. Multiple registries can be defined.

Container Analysis is a service that can also perform vulnerability scanning of images against a constantly updated database of known vulnerabilities. Container Analysis can be integrated with binary authorization to prevent the deployment of images with known security issues. Container Analysis must be explicitly enabled for a project.

## Binary authorization allows you to enforce deploying only trusted containers into GKE

- Enable binary authorization on GKE cluster.
- Add a policy that requires signed images.
- When an image is built by Cloud Build an “attestor” verifies that it was from a trusted repository (Source Repositories, for example).
- Container Registry includes a vulnerability scanner that scans containers.



Binary authorization ensures that internal processes that safeguard the quality and integrity of your software have been successfully completed before an application is deployed to your production environment. Binary authorization is a Google Cloud service and is based on the Kritis specification:

<https://github.com/grafeas/kritis/blob/master/docs/binary-authorization.md>

The Kritis signer listens to Pub/Sub notifications from a container registry vulnerability scanner when new image versions are uploaded and makes an attestation if the image passed the vulnerability scan. Google Cloud binary authorization service then enforces the policy requiring attestations by the Kritis signer before a container image can be deployed.

This flow prevents deployment of images with vulnerabilities below a certain threshold.

More details can be found at:

<https://cloud.google.com/binary-authorization/docs/cloud-build>

<https://cloud.google.com/binary-authorization/docs/vulnerability-scanning>

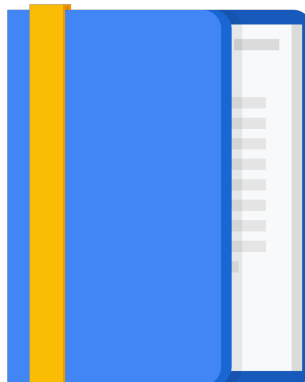
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## Moving to the cloud requires a mindset change

On-Premises	Cloud
Buy machines.	Rent machines.
Keep machines running for years.	Turn machines off as soon as possible.
Prefer fewer big machines.	Prefer lots of small machines.
Machines are capital expenditures.	Machines are monthly expenses.



The on demand, pay-per-use model of cloud computing is a different model to traditional on-premises infrastructure provisioning. Resources can be allocated to best meet demand in a timely manner, and the cloud supports experimentation and innovation by providing immediate access to an ever-increasing range of services.

## In the cloud, all infrastructure needs to be disposable

- Don't fix broken machines.
  - Don't install patches.
  - Don't upgrade machines.
  - If you need to fix a machine, delete it and re-create a new one.
- To make infrastructure disposable, automate everything with code:
    - Can automate using scripts.
    - Can use declarative tools to define infrastructure.



The key term is infrastructure as code (IaC). The provisioning, configuration, and deployment activities should all be automated.

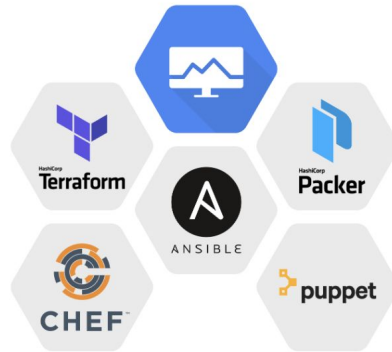
Having the process automated minimizes risks, eliminates manual mistakes, and supports repeatable deployments and scale and speed. Deploying one or one hundred machines is the same effort.

Costs can be reduced by provisioning ephemeral environments, such as test environments that replicate the production environment.

## Infrastructure as code (IaC) allows for the quick provisioning and removing of infrastructures

- Build an infrastructure when needed.
- Destroy the infrastructure when not in use.
- Create identical infrastructures for dev, test, and prod.
- Can be part of a CI/CD pipeline.
- Templates are the building blocks for disaster recovery procedures.
- Manage resource dependencies and complexity.

- Google Cloud supports many IaC tools.



The on-demand provisioning of a deployment is extremely powerful. That this can be integrated into a CI pipeline smooths the path to continuous deployment.

Automated infrastructure provisioning means that the deployment complexity is managed in code and has the flexibility to change as requirements change. And all the changes are in one place.

Several tools can be used for IaC. Google Cloud provides Deployment Manager. Here deployments are described in a YAML file known as a configuration. This details all the resources that should be provisioned. Configurations can be modularized using templates which allow the abstraction of resources into reusable components across deployments.

In addition to Deployment Manager, Google Cloud also provides support for other IaC tools, including:

- Terraform
- Chef
- Puppet
- Ansible
- Packer

# Cloud Deployment Manager is Google Cloud's native IaC tool

- Define infrastructure using YAML syntax.
- Can create dynamic templates using Python or Jinja.
- Use gcloud to create, update, and delete deployments.

```
resources:
# Configure a VM
- name: devops-vm
  type: compute.v1.instance
  properties:
    zone: us-central1-a
    machineType: zones/us-central1-a/machineTypes/f1-micro
    disks:
      - deviceName: boot
        type: PERSISTENT
        boot: true
        autoDelete: true
        initializeParams:
          sourceImage: projects/debian-cloud/global/images...
    # Add VM to default network and give it an external IP
  networkInterfaces:
    - network: global/networks/default
      accessConfigs:
        - name: External NAT
          type: ONE_TO_ONE_NAT
```



The YAML snippet above shows a section from a configuration using Cloud Deployment Manager. The configuration must list resources. In the example provided, a virtual machine resource provision is described. You can see the details, including type of VM, zone, disks, and network interface.

Templates allow the separation of configuration into different pieces that can be used and reused across different deployments. These templates can be specific or more generalized. They can make use of template properties, environment variables, and modules to create dynamic configuration and template files. The template files can be written in Python or Jinja, the Python templating language.

Deployments can be created using the Google Cloud Console, APIs, or gcloud. For example, consider a deployment defined in a configuration file named *example.yaml*. To create the deployment, the command would be as follows, where the example deployment is the name of the deployment to be created:

```
gcloud deployment-manager deployments create example-deployment --config
example.yaml
```

## Terraform is similar to Deployment Manager but can be used on multiple public and private clouds

- Considered a first-class tool in Google Cloud.
- Already installed in Cloud Shell.

```
provider "google" {
  credentials = ""
  project     = "project name"
  region      = "us-central1"
}

resource "google_compute_instance" {
  name         = "instance name"
  machine_type = "n1-standard-1"
  zone         = "us-central1-f"

  disk {
    image = "image to build instance"
  }
}

output "instance_ip" {
  value = "${google_compute.instance_ip_address}"
}
```



Terraform can be used across multiple cloud environments, both public and private. To seamlessly work with Terraform, the tools are installed in Cloud Shell.

The example configuration in the slide begins by indicating that the provider is Google Cloud. What follows is the configuration of a Compute Engine instance and associate disk. The output is there so that the IP address of the provisioned instance can be obtained.

To provision the deployment, the command *terraform apply* is executed. To display the IP address of the provisioned compute instance, the command *terraform output* can be used. This would display all output variables. For the IP address specifically, you could run *terraform output instance\_ip*.

More details are here: <https://www.terraform.io/docs/index.html>



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## Building a DevOps Pipeline



Cloud Source  
Repositories



Cloud Build



Container  
Registry



### Objectives

- Create a Git Repository
- Create a Simple Python Application
- Test Your Web Application in Cloud Shell
- Define a Docker Build
- Manage Docker Images with Cloud Build and Container Registry
- Automate Builds with Triggers
- Test Your Build Changes

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All the above answers are correct. Source Repositories provides a private Git repository, Cloud Build builds containers, and Container Registry is a Docker images repository that performs vulnerability analysis. All three components are typically used in a continuous integration pipeline where on a commit, code is built and tested and an image is built and published to a registry.

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- Easier to make dev, test, and prod environments the same
- Easier to change and fix infrastructure over time
- Simplify administration
- Automate provisioning and decommissioning
- Save money



The test and deployment environments should be the same or as close as possible to being the same. Automating the provisioning of these reduces errors that are likely to occur with manual processes, making it easy to change the infrastructure as requirements and technologies change. Automating also means administration and permissions are much easier to manage through IAM. Once automated, the provisioning is simplified and repeatable and the decommissioning is automated too, which means that the costs for the infrastructure are only incurred while it is in use.

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- A. This answer is correct. Cloud Build triggers have been designed specifically to trigger a build automatically when changes are made to source code.
- B. This answer is not correct. Although these could potentially be used to build a solution, for example, with Webhooks, this is not the use case for Cloud Functions, which is for serverless backends and has built-in support for scalability.
- C. This answer is not correct. App Engine is for deploying applications often deployed as microservices and is a deployment platform.
- D. This answer is not correct. Cloud Scheduler is an enterprise-grade scheduler. Automating a build is an event-triggered process, not a scheduled process.

# Review

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## DevOps Automation



In this module, you learned about services you can use to help automate the deployment of your cloud resources and services. You used Cloud Source Repositories, Cloud Build, triggers, and Container Registry to create continuous integration pipelines. A CI pipeline automates the creation of deployment packages like Docker images in response to changes in your source code.

You also saw how to automate the creation of infrastructure using infrastructure as code tools like Deployment Manager and Terraform.



## More resources

Google Cloud DevOps solutions

<https://cloud.google.com/devops/>

Deployment Manager

<https://cloud.google.com/deployment-manager/>

Terraform on Google Cloud

<https://cloud.google.com/community/tutorials/getting-started-on-gcp-with-terraform>



Here is a list of useful resources to find out more details on subjects discussed in this section.

