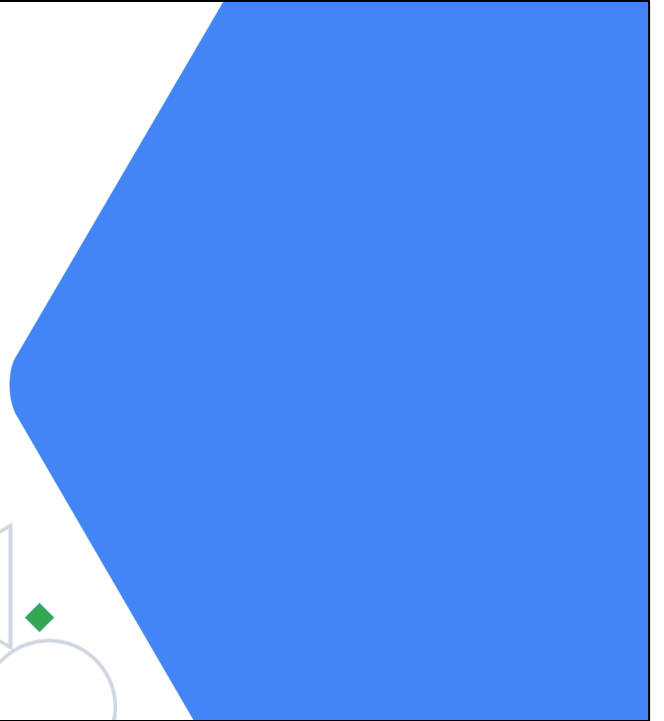
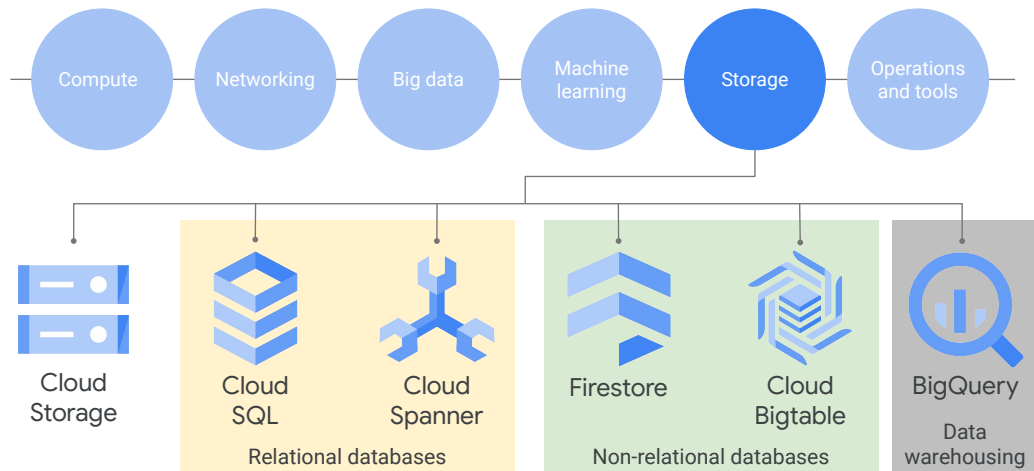




Storage in the Cloud



Google Cloud has many storage options



Google Cloud has many storage options that satisfy nearly every customer use case. In this module, we turn our attention to the core storage options: Cloud Storage, Cloud SQL, Cloud Spanner, Firestore, and Cloud Bigtable.

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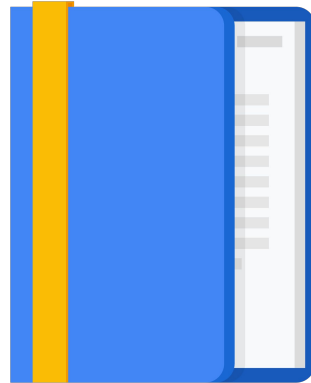
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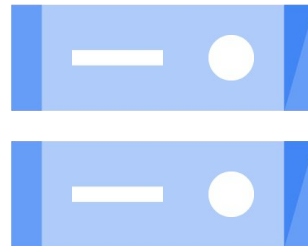
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Cloud Storage is binary large-object storage

- High performance, internet-scale.
 - Simple administration.
- Does not require capacity management.
- Data encryption at rest.
- Data encryption in transit by default from Google to endpoint.
- Online and offline import services are available.



Cloud Storage offers developers and IT organizations durable and highly available object storage. It assesses no minimum fee; you pay only for what you use. Prior provisioning of capacity isn't necessary.

What's object storage? It's not the same as file storage, in which you manage your data as a hierarchy of folders. It's not the same as block storage, in which your operating system manages your data as chunks of disk. Instead, object storage means this: you say to your storage, "Here, keep this arbitrary sequence of bytes,," and the storage lets you address it with a unique key. In Cloud Storage and in other systems, these unique keys are in the form of URLs, which means object storage interacts well with web technologies.

Cloud Storage always encrypts your data on the server side, before it is written to disk, at no additional charge. Data traveling between a customer's device and Google is encrypted by default using HTTPS/TLS (Transport Layer Security). In fact, Google was the first major cloud provider to enable HTTPS/TLS by default.

Cloud Storage is not a file system, although it can be accessed as one via third-party tools such as Cloud Storage FUSE. The storage objects offered by Cloud Storage are "immutable," which means that you do not edit them in place, but instead create a new version. Cloud Storage's primary use is whenever binary large-object storage is

needed: online content, backup and archiving, storage of intermediate results in processing workflows, and more.

Offline Media Import/Export is a third-party solution that allows you to load data into Cloud Storage by sending your physical media, such as hard disk drives (HDDs), tapes, and USB flash drives, to a third-party service provider who uploads data on your behalf. Offline Media Import/Export is helpful if you're limited to a slow, unreliable, or expensive internet connection.

Offline import is available through third-party providers:

<https://cloud.google.com/storage/docs/offline-media-import-export>

Cloud Storage Transfer Service enables you to import large amounts of online data into Cloud Storage quickly and cost-effectively. To use Cloud Storage Transfer Service, you set up a transfer from a data source to data sink. Data sources can be an Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) bucket, an HTTP/HTTPS location, or another Cloud Storage bucket. Data sinks are always a Cloud Storage bucket.

Example uses of Cloud Storage Transfer Service include:

Backing up data to a Cloud Storage bucket from other storage providers.

Moving data from a Standard Storage bucket to a Nearline Storage bucket to lower your storage costs.

Your Cloud Storage files are organized into buckets

Bucket attributes	Bucket contents
Globally unique name	Files (in a flat namespace)
Storage class	
Location (multi-region, dual-region, or region)	
IAM policies or Access Control Lists	Access Control Lists
Object versioning setting	
Object lifecycle management rules	



Your Cloud Storage files are organized into buckets. When you create a bucket: you give it a globally-unique name; you specify a geographic location where the bucket and its contents are stored; and you choose a default storage class. Pick a location that minimizes latency for your users. For example, if most of your users are in Europe, you probably want to pick a European location: a Google Cloud region in Europe, or else the EU multi-region.

There are several ways to control users' access to your objects and buckets. For most purposes, Cloud IAM is sufficient. Roles are inherited from project to bucket to object. If you need finer control, you can create access control lists ("ACLs") that offer finer control, ACLs define who has access to your buckets and objects, as well as what level of access they have. Each ACL consists of two pieces of information: A scope, which defines who can perform the specified actions (for example, a specific user or group of users). And a permission, which defines what actions can be performed (for example, read or write).

Remember that Cloud Storage objects are immutable. You can turn on object versioning on your buckets if you want. If you do, Cloud Storage keeps a history of modifications--that is, overwrites or deletes--of all objects in the bucket. You can list the archived versions of an object, restore an object to an older state, or permanently delete a version, as needed. If you don't turn on object versioning, new always

overwrites old.

Cloud Storage also offers lifecycle management policies. For example, you could tell Cloud Storage to delete objects older than 365 days, or to delete objects created before January 1, 2013; or to keep only the 3 most recent versions of each object in a bucket that has versioning enabled.

Choosing among Cloud Storage classes

Storage Class	Minimum duration	Availability SLA	Typical monthly availability	Use cases	Name for APIs and gsutil
Standard Storage	None	Multi-region 99.95% Dual-region 99.95% Region 99.9%	>99.99% availability in multi-regions and dual-regions; 99.99% in regions	Access data frequently ("hot" data) and/or store for brief periods <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serve website content• Stream videos• Interactive workloads• Mobile and gaming apps	STANDARD
Nearline Storage	30 days	Multi-region 99.9% Dual-region 99.9% Region 99.0%	99.95% availability in multi-regions and dual-regions; 99.9% in regions	Read/modify data ≤ once per month <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data backup• Serve long-tail multimedia content	NEARLINE
Coldline Storage	90 days			Read/modify data no more than once a quarter	COLDLINE
Archive Storage	365 days	None		Read/modify data < once a year <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cold data storage• Disaster recovery	ARCHIVE



Google Cloud Storage has four primary storage classes, with different characteristics, use cases, and prices for your needs.

Standard Storage is best for data that is frequently accessed ("hot" data) and/or stored for only brief periods of time. When used in a region, co-locating your resources maximizes the performance for data-intensive computations and can reduce network charges. When used in a dual-region, you still get optimized performance when accessing Google Cloud products that are located in one of the associated regions, but you also get the improved availability that comes from storing data in geographically separate locations. When used in a multi-region, Standard Storage is appropriate for storing data that is accessed around the world, such as serving website content, streaming videos, executing interactive workloads, or serving data supporting mobile and gaming applications.

Nearline Storage is a low-cost, highly durable storage service for storing infrequently accessed data. Nearline Storage is a better choice than Standard Storage in scenarios where slightly lower availability, a 30-day minimum storage duration, and costs for data access are acceptable trade-offs for lowered at-rest storage costs. Nearline Storage is ideal for data you plan to read or modify on average once per month or less. Nearline Storage is appropriate for data backup, long-tail multimedia content, and data archiving.

Coldline Storage is a very-low-cost, highly durable storage service for storing infrequently accessed data. Coldline Storage is a better choice than Standard Storage

or Nearline Storage in scenarios where slightly lower availability, a 90-day minimum storage duration, and higher costs for data access are acceptable trade-offs for lowered at-rest storage costs. Coldline Storage is ideal for data you plan to read or modify at most once a quarter.

Archive Storage is the lowest-cost, highly durable storage service for data archiving, online backup, and disaster recovery. Archive Storage has higher costs for data access and operations, as well as a 365-day minimum storage duration. Archive Storage is the best choice for data that you plan to access less than once a year. For example, cold data storage, such as data stored for legal or regulatory reasons, and disaster recovery.

For more information, see: <https://cloud.google.com/storage/docs/storage-classes>

Characteristics applicable to all storage classes

- Unlimited storage with no minimum object size.
- Worldwide accessibility and worldwide storage locations.
- Low latency (time to first byte typically tens of milliseconds).
- High durability (99.999999999% annual durability).
- Geo-redundancy if the data is stored in a multi-region or dual-region.
- A uniform experience with Cloud Storage features, security, tools, and APIs.



We've discussed the four primary storage classes and differentiated between them in terms of characteristics, availability and use cases. It is worth noting that there are a number of characteristics that apply across all storage classes. These include:

- Unlimited storage with no minimum object size requirement,
- Worldwide accessibility and locations,
- Low latency and high durability,
- Geo-redundancy if data is stored in a multi-region or dual-region, and
- A uniform experience, which extends to security, tools, and APIs.

There are several ways to bring data into Cloud Storage



Online transfer

Self-managed copies using command-line tools or drag-and-drop.



Storage Transfer Service

Scheduled, managed batch transfers.



Transfer Appliance

Rackable appliances to securely ship your data.



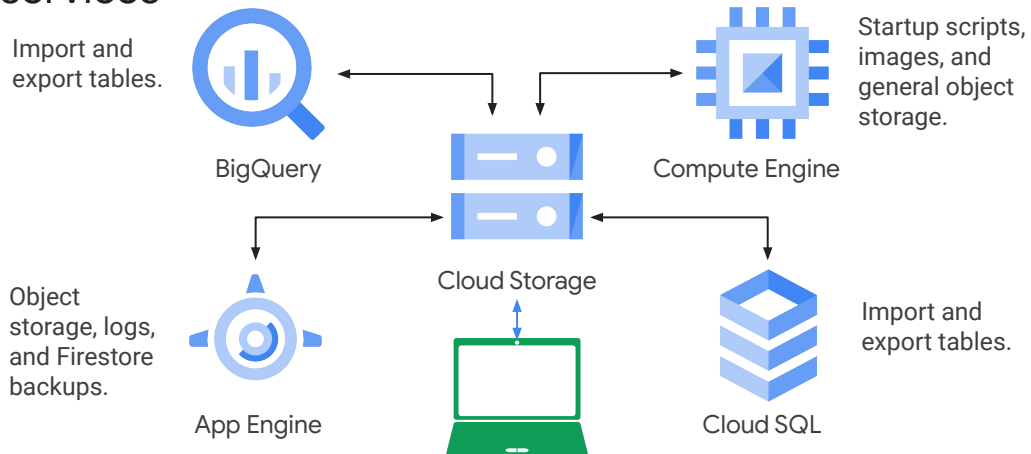
Regardless of which storage class you choose, there are several ways to bring data into Cloud Storage.

Many customers simply use `gsutil`, which is the Cloud Storage command from the Cloud SDK. You can also move data in with a drag and drop in the Cloud Console, if you use the Google Chrome browser. But what if you have to upload terabytes or even petabytes of data? Google Cloud offers the online Storage Transfer Service and the offline Transfer Appliance to help.

The Storage Transfer Service lets you schedule and manage batch transfers to Cloud Storage from another cloud provider, from a different Cloud Storage region, or from an HTTP(S) endpoint.

The Transfer Appliance is a rackable, high-capacity storage server that you lease from Google Cloud. You simply connect it to your network, load it with data, and then ship it to an upload facility where the data is uploaded to Cloud Storage. The service enables you to securely transfer up to a petabyte of data on a single appliance. As of this recording, it's still beta, and it's not available everywhere, so check the website for details.

Cloud Storage works with other Google Cloud services



There are other ways of getting your data into Cloud Storage, as this storage option is tightly integrated with many of the Google Cloud products and services.

For example, you can import and export tables from and to BigQuery, as well as Cloud SQL.

You can also store App Engine logs, Firestore backups, and objects used by App Engine applications like images. Cloud Storage can also store instance startup scripts, Compute Engine images, and objects used by Compute Engine applications.

In short, Cloud Storage is often the ingestion point for data being moved into the cloud, and is frequently the long-term storage location for data.

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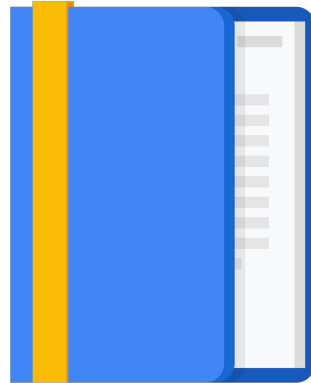
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Cloud Bigtable is managed NoSQL

- Fully managed NoSQL, wide-column database service for terabyte applications.
- Integrated
 - Accessed using HBase API
 - Native compatibility with big data, Hadoop ecosystems



Cloud Bigtable is Google's NoSQL big data database service. It's the same database that powers many core Google services, including Search, Analytics, Maps, and Gmail.

Why choose Cloud Bigtable?

- Replicated storage.
- Data encryption in-flight and at rest.
- Role-based ACLs.
- Drives major applications such as Google Analytics and Gmail.



Customers frequently choose Bigtable if the data is:

Big: Large quantities (>1 TB) of semi-structured or structured data.

Fast: Data is high throughput or rapidly changing.

NoSQL: Transactions, strong relational semantics not required.

And especially if it is:

Time series: Data is time-series or has natural semantic ordering.

Big data: You run asynchronous batch or real-time processing on the data.

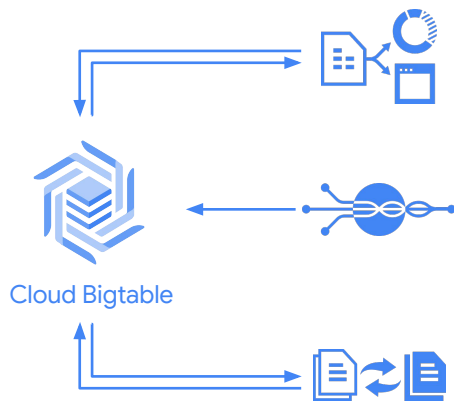
Machine learning: You run machine learning algorithms on the data.

Bigtable is designed to handle massive workloads at consistent low latency and high throughput, so it's a great choice for both operational and analytical applications, including IoT, user analytics, and financial data analysis.

For more information on Cloud Bigtable, see

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://cloudplatform.googleblog.com/2015/05/introducing-Google-Cloud-Bigtable.html>

Bigtable access patterns



Cloud Bigtable

Application API

Data can be read from and written to Cloud Bigtable through a data service layer like Managed VMs, the HBase REST Server, or a Java Server using the HBase client. Typically this will be to serve data to applications, dashboards, and data services.

Streaming

Data can be streamed in (written event by event) through a variety of popular stream processing frameworks like Dataflow Streaming, Spark Streaming, and Storm.

Batch Processing

Data can be read from and written to Cloud Bigtable through batch processes like Hadoop MapReduce, Dataflow, or Spark. Often, summarized or newly calculated data is written back to Cloud Bigtable or to a downstream database.



As Cloud Bigtable is part of the Google Cloud ecosystem, it can interact with other Google Cloud services and third-party clients.

From an application API perspective, data can be read from and written to Cloud Bigtable through a data service layer like Managed VMs, the HBase REST Server, or a Java Server using the HBase client. Typically this will be to serve data to applications, dashboards, and data services.

Data can also be streamed in through a variety of popular stream processing frameworks like Dataflow Streaming, Spark Streaming, and Storm.

If streaming is not an option, data can also be read from and written to Cloud Bigtable through batch processes like Hadoop MapReduce, Dataflow, or Spark. Often, summarized or newly calculated data is written back to Cloud Bigtable or to a downstream database.

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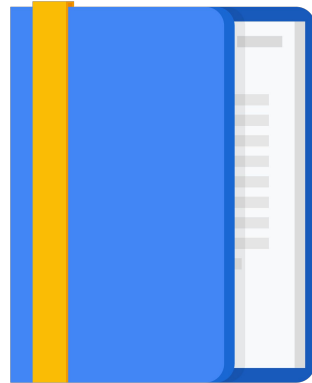
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Cloud SQL is a managed RDBMS

- Offers MySQL, PostgreSQL, and SQL Server databases as a service.
- Automatic replication
- Managed backups
- Vertical scaling (read and write)
- Horizontal scaling (read)
- Google security



Cloud SQL is an easy-to-use service that delivers fully managed relational databases, including MySQL, PostgreSQL, and SQL Server. Cloud SQL lets you hand off to Google the mundane, but necessary and often time-consuming tasks—like applying patches and updates, managing backups, and configuring replications—so you can put your focus on building great applications.

Every Cloud SQL instance includes a network firewall, allowing you to control network access to your database instance by granting access.

Cloud SQL is easy to use: it doesn't require any software installation or maintenance.

Easily scale up to 64 processor cores and more than 400 GB of RAM and 30 TB of storage. Quickly scale out with read replicas.

Automatic replication

Google Cloud SQL supports the following read replica scenarios:

- Cloud SQL instances replicating from a Cloud SQL primary instance
Replicas are other instances in the same project and location as the primary instance.
- Cloud SQL instances replicating from an external primary instance
The primary instance is external to Cloud SQL. For example, it can be outside the Google network or in a Compute Engine instance.
- External MySQL instances replicating from a Cloud SQL primary instance
External replicas are in hosting environments, outside of Cloud SQL.

Managed backups

Cloud SQL takes care of securely storing your backed-up data and makes it easy for you to restore from a backup and perform a point-in-time recovery to a specific state of an instance. Cloud SQL retains up to 7 backups for each instance, which is included in the cost of your instance.

Cloud SQL customer data is encrypted when on Google's internal networks and when stored in database tables, temporary files, and backups.

(MySQL instances are available in either First Generation or Second Generation. Google recommends the use of Second Generation instances for most use cases. First Generation instances are recommended primarily when MySQL 5.5 compatibility is required. Also, First Generation instances may be cost-effective for infrequently used or test/dev database instances, because of their available Per-Use billing plan and the available ON DEMAND activation policy, which causes your instance to automatically shut itself off after 15 minutes of inactivity.)

You can use Cloud SQL with other Google Cloud services



Cloud SQL can be used with App Engine using standard drivers.

You can configure a Cloud SQL instance to follow an App Engine application.



Compute Engine instances can be authorized to access Cloud SQL instances using an external IP address.

Cloud SQL instances can be configured with a preferred zone.



Cloud SQL can be used with external applications and clients.

Standard tools can be used to administer databases.

External read replicas can be configured.



Another benefit of Cloud SQL instances is that they are accessible by other Google Cloud services and even external services. You can use Cloud SQL with App Engine using standard drivers like Connector/J for Java or MySQLdb for Python.

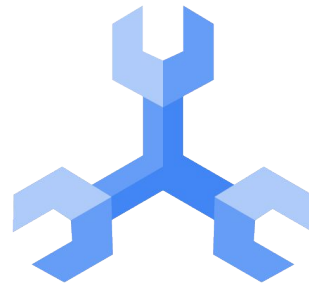
You can authorize Compute Engine instances to access Cloud SQL instances and configure the Cloud SQL instance to be in the same zone as your virtual machine.

Cloud SQL also supports other applications and tools that you might be used to, like SQL Workbench, Toad and other external applications using standard MySQL drivers.

Cloud Spanner is a horizontally scalable RDBMS

Cloud Spanner supports:

- Automatic replication.
- Strong global consistency.
- Managed instances with high availability.
- SQL (ANSI 2011 with extensions).



Cloud Spanner supports strong consistency, including strongly consistent secondary indexes, SQL, and managed instances with high availability through synchronous and built-in data replication. Battle tested by Google's own mission-critical applications and services, Spanner powers Google's \$80 billion business.

Cloud Spanner is especially suited for applications requiring:

- A SQL RDBMS, with joins and secondary indexes
- Built-in high availability
- Strong global consistency
- Database sizes exceeding ~2 TB
- Many IOPS (Tens of thousands of reads/writes per second or more)

For a technical overview of Cloud Spanner, see

<https://cloudplatform.googleblog.com/2017/02/inside-Cloud-Spanner-and-the-CAP-Theorem.html>.

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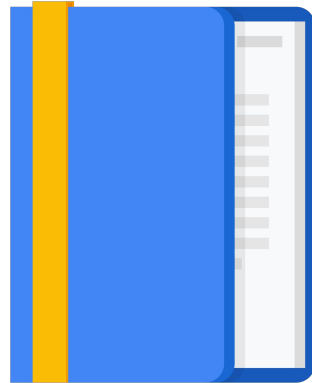
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Firestore is a flexible, horizontally scalable NoSQL cloud database to store and sync data

Key capabilities:

- Flexibility
- Expressive querying
- Realtime updates
- Offline support
- Designed to scale



Firestore is a flexible, horizontally scalable database in the cloud for mobile, web, and server development.

The Firestore data model supports flexible, hierarchical data structures. You store data in documents, organized into collections. Documents can contain complex nested objects in addition to subcollections.

You can use queries to retrieve individual, specific documents or to retrieve all the documents in a collection that match your query parameters. Queries can include multiple, chained filters and combine filtering and sorting. They're also indexed by default, so query performance is proportional to the size of the result set, not the dataset.

Firestore uses data synchronization to update data on any connected device. However, it's also designed to make simple, one-time fetch queries efficiently.

Firestore caches data that an app is actively using, so the app can write, read, listen to, and query data even if the device is offline. When the device comes back online, Firestore synchronizes any local changes back to Firestore.

Firestore leverages Google Cloud's powerful infrastructure: automatic multi-region data replication, strong consistency guarantees, atomic batch operations, and real transaction support.

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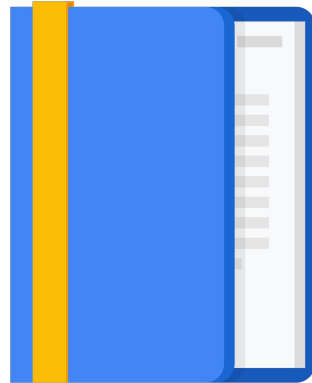
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Comparing storage options: technical details

	Firestore	Cloud Bigtable	Cloud Storage	Cloud SQL	Cloud Spanner	BigQuery
Type	NoSQL document	NoSQL wide column	Blobstore	Relational SQL for OLTP	Relational SQL for OLTP	Relational SQL for OLAP
Transactions	Yes	Single-row	No	Yes	Yes	No
Complex queries	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Capacity	Terabytes+	Petabytes+	Petabytes+	Up to ~10 TB	Petabytes	Petabytes+
Unit size	1 MB/entity	~10 MB/cell ~100 MB/row	5 TB/object	Determined by DB engine	10,240 MiB/row	10 MB/row



Now that we covered Google Cloud's core storage options, let's compare them to help you choose the right service for your application or workflow.

This table focuses on the technical differentiators of the storage services. Each row is a technical specification and each column is a service. Let me cover each service from left to right.

Consider Firestore if you need massive scaling and predictability together with real time query results and offline query support. This storage services provides terabytes of capacity with a maximum unit size of 1 MB per entity.

Consider using Cloud Bigtable if you need to store a large amount of structured objects. Cloud Bigtable does not support SQL queries, nor does it support multi-row transactions. This storage service provides petabytes of capacity with a maximum unit size of 10 MB per cell and 100 MB per row.

Consider using Cloud Storage if you need to store immutable blobs larger than 10 MB, such as large images or movies. This storage service provides petabytes of capacity with a maximum unit size of 5 TB per object.

Consider using Cloud SQL or Cloud Spanner if you need full SQL support for an online transaction processing system. Cloud SQL provides up to Up to 10,230 GB, depending on machine type, while Cloud Spanner provides petabytes. If Cloud SQL does not fit your requirements because you need horizontal scalability, not just

through read replicas, consider using Cloud Spanner.

We didn't cover BigQuery in this module as it sits on the edge between data storage and data processing, but you will learn more about it in the "Big Data and Machine Learning in the Cloud" module. The usual reason to store data in BigQuery is to use its big data analysis and interactive querying capabilities. You would not want to use BigQuery, for example, as the backing store for an online application.

Comparing storage options: use cases

	Firestore	Cloud Bigtable	Cloud Storage	Cloud SQL	Cloud Spanner	BigQuery
Type	NoSQL document	NoSQL wide column	Blobstore	Relational SQL for OLTP	Relational SQL for OLTP	Relational SQL for OLAP
Best for	Storing, syncing, and querying data	"Flat" data, Heavy read/write, events, analytical data	Structured and unstructured binary or object data	Web frameworks, existing applications	Large-scale database applications (> ~2 TB)	Interactive querying, offline analytics
Use cases	Mobile, web, and server development	AdTech, Financial and IoT data	Images, large media files, backups	User credentials, customer orders	Whenever high I/O, global consistency is needed	Data warehousing



Considering the technical differentiators of the different storage services helps some people decide which storage service to choose, others like to consider use cases. Let me go through each service one more time.

Firestore is best for storing, syncing, and querying data for mobile and web apps. Bigtable is best for analytical data with heavy read and write events, like AdTech, financial or IoT data.

Cloud Storage is best for structured and unstructured binary or object data, like images, large media files and backups.

Cloud SQL is best for web frameworks and existing applications, like storing user credentials and customer orders.

Cloud Spanner is best for large-scale database applications that are larger than 2 TB. For example, for financial trading and e-commerce use cases.

As I mentioned at the beginning of the module, depending on your application you might use one or several of these services to get the job done.

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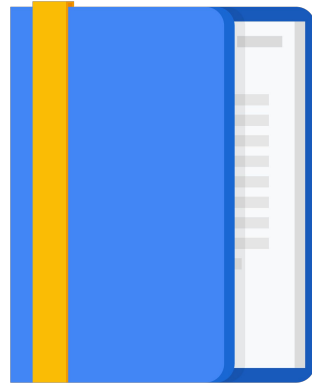
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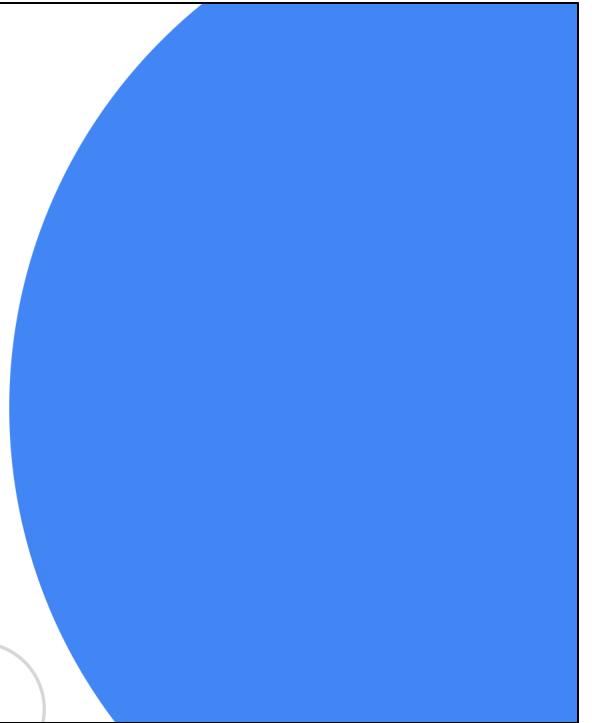
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Getting Started With Cloud Storage and Cloud SQL

Duration: 50 minutes



The objectives for this lab are for you to:

- Create a Cloud Storage bucket and place an image into it.
- Create a Cloud SQL instance and configure it.
- Connect to a Cloud SQL instance from a web server.
- Use an image stored in a Cloud Storage bucket in a web page.

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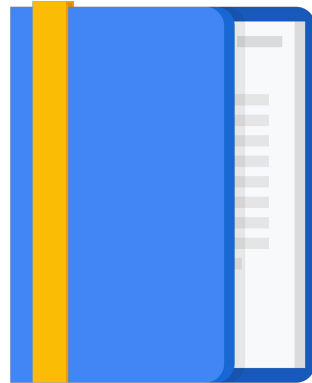
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