Assignment 1, Cloud Computing

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Deliverables: report in pdf

Google form:

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Exercise 1: Understanding Cloud Computing Models

 Objective: Explore different cloud computing models and understand their key differences.

2. Steps:

- Research the three primary cloud service models: Infrastructure as a Service (laaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Software as a Service (SaaS).
- Create a table comparing these models in terms of control, flexibility, and use cases.
- Identify examples of services offered by Google Cloud Platform (GCP) under each model.

3. Questions:

- What are the main differences between laaS, PaaS, and SaaS?
- Which GCP services fall under each of these models?
- Provide a real-world example where each cloud service model might be the most appropriate choice.

laaS: hosting a big company's entire IT infrastructure

PaaS: custom web app SaaS: email services

Cloud service model	Control	Flexibility	Use Cases	GCP Examples
laaS	High control over infrastructure, OS, networking	Very flexible, users manage the infrastructure	Hosting websites, virtual machines, storage	Compute Engine, Cloud Storage
PaaS	Moderate control over applications and data	Moderate flexibility, developer-focus ed	Developing, testing, and deploying applications	App Engine, Cloud Functions
SaaS	Minimal control, mostly just using the software	Low flexibility, ready-to-use software	Using email, CRM, or collaboration tools	Google Workspace, Gmail

Exercise 2: Exploring Google Cloud Platform's Core Services

- 1. **Objective**: Get acquainted with the core services provided by Google Cloud Platform.
- 2. **Steps**:
 - Access the Google Cloud Console and navigate to the list of GCP services.
 - Explore and describe the purpose of the following core services:
 - Compute Engine
 - Offers scalable virtual machines (VMs) to run applications.
 - Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE)

 Simplifies deployment and management of containerized applications using Kubernetes.
 - App Engine
 - Fully managed platform for building scalable web apps.
 - Cloud Storage
 - Object storage for unstructured data like files, backups, or media.
 - BigQuery

 A fully-managed, serverless data warehouse for analyzing large datasets.
 - For each service, identify a potential use case in a business scenario.

3. Questions:

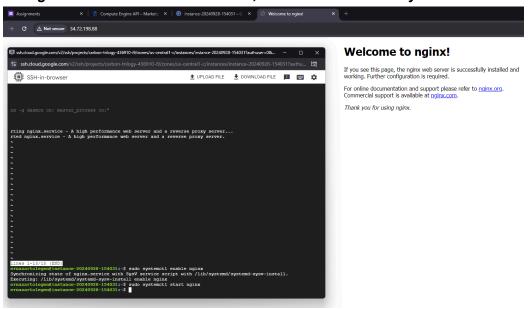
- What is the primary use case of Compute Engine?
 Hosting web applications or running custom workloads like databases.
- How does Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE) simplify the management of containerized applications?
 - GKE automates tasks like scaling, updates, and load balancing for containers, making it easier to manage complex, container-based applications without manual intervention.
- What advantages does Cloud Storage offer for data management?
 Cloud Storage provides scalable, highly available, and cost-effective storage. It's great for storing large amounts of data, offering durability, access from anywhere, and seamless integration with other GCP services.
- Why would a business choose BigQuery for their data analysis needs?
 BigQuery handles big data efficiently with fast SQL queries, scalability, and the ability to analyze petabytes of data without managing infrastructure. It's perfect for businesses doing deep data analysis or reporting.

Exercise 3: Creating and Managing Virtual Machines with Compute Engine

- 1. **Objective**: Learn how to create, manage, and interact with virtual machines (VMs) using Compute Engine.
- 2. **Steps**:

- In the Google Cloud Console, navigate to Compute Engine and create a new VM instance.
- Configure the VM with specific parameters, such as the machine type, region, and operating system.
- Connect to the VM using SSH and install a basic web server (e.g., Apache or Nginx).

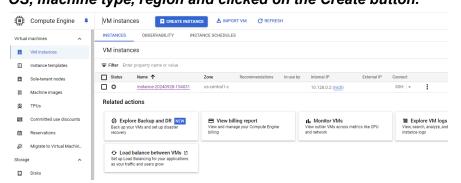
Changed firewalls HTTP traffic to on, and now i can visit my server



Stop, start, and delete the VM through the console.

3. Questions:

What steps did you follow to create the VM?
 Entered to Compute Engine API and clicked Enable in the Google Cloud.
 Then "Create Instance". Selected preferable characteristics of VM such as, OS, machine type, region and clicked on the Create button.



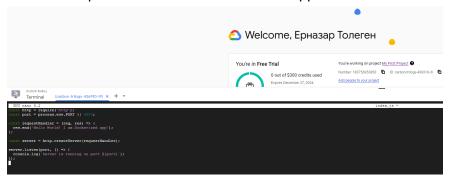
How did you connect to the VM, and what commands did you use to install the web server?

sudo apt update sudo apt install nginx

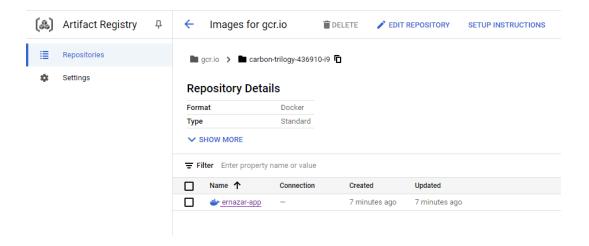
What happens to the VM and its data when it is stopped versus when it is deleted? If it is stopped, data is still approachable, we can enter to VM. But when we delete our VM, data will be deleted fully and VM is not approachable.

Exercise 4: Deploying a Containerized Application on Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE)

- 1. **Objective**: Understand how to deploy and manage containerized applications using Google Kubernetes Engine.
- 2. Steps:
 - Create a simple Docker container for a web application.

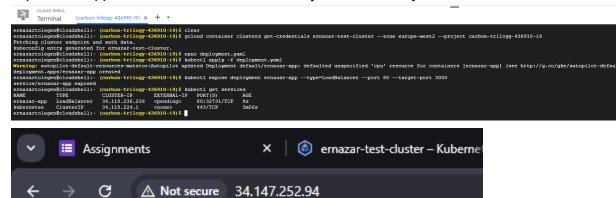


o Push the container image to Google Container Registry (GCR).



- Create a GKE cluster in Google Cloud Console.
- Deploy the containerized application to the GKE cluster.

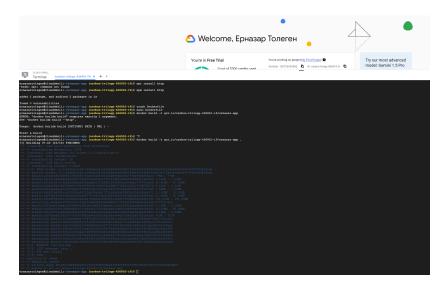
o Expose the application to the internet and verify its accessibility.

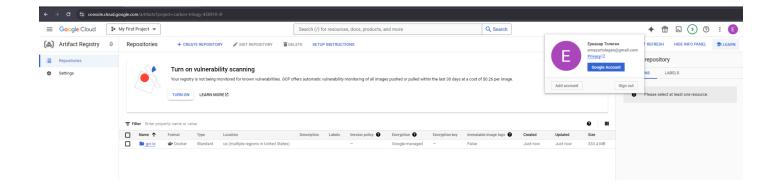


Hello World! I am Dockerized app

3. Questions:

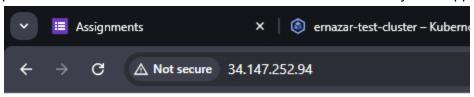
How did you create and push the Docker container to GCR?
 First, I created Web application using "Cloud Shell", then created Dockerfile. In Cloud Shell built docker using docker build -t command and pushed Docker Image to GCR





- What steps were involved in setting up the GKE cluster?
- How did you verify that your application was successfully deployed and accessible?

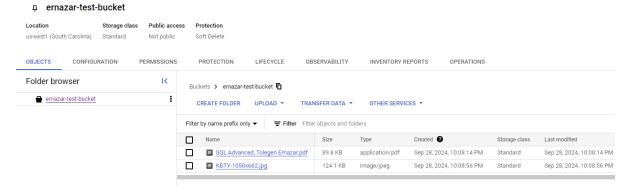
After exposing my app, waited a few minutes for the external IP address to be provisioned. Then visited this IP address and it showed me my Web application



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Exercise 5: Storing and Accessing Data in Google Cloud Storage

- 1. **Objective**: Learn how to store, manage, and access data using Google Cloud Storage.
- 2. Steps:
 - Create a new Cloud Storage bucket in the Google Cloud Console.
 - Upload various types of files (e.g., text, images, videos) to the bucket.



 Set access permissions for the bucket and test public and private access to the files. Use the Cloud Console to download, move, and delete files in the bucket.

3. Questions:

 How do you create a Cloud Storage bucket, and what options are available during setup?

Location type: Choose a **Region**, **Dual-region**, or **Multi-region** based on your geographic storage needs.

Storage Class: Options include **Standard**, **Nearline**, **Coldline**, or **Archive**, depending on the access frequency and cost.

Access Control: Choose between **Uniform access** (bucket-wide permissions) or **Fine-grained access** (object-level permissions).

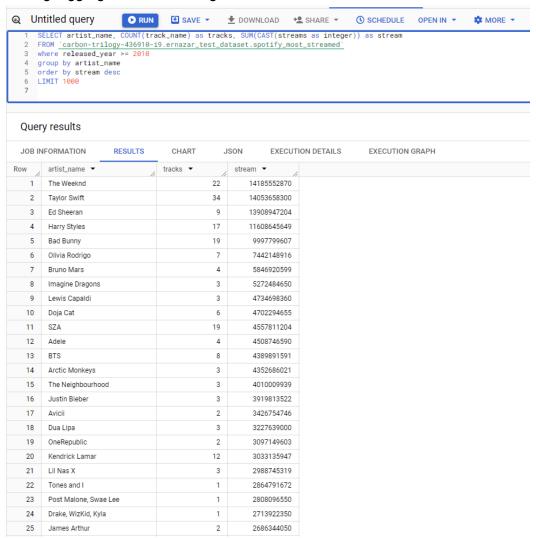
Encryption: Use Google-managed keys or customer-managed keys for encryption.

- What are the differences between setting a bucket to public versus private?
 If it is public, anyone can access objects inside bucket(read-only), while if it is private, only users or services with explicit permissions can access the objects
- How can you manage access permissions for individual files in a bucket?
 Navigate to the Select the file, then Permissions tab. Add or remove permissions for specific users or service accounts. Use roles such as Storage Object Viewer (read access) or Storage Object Admin (full access).

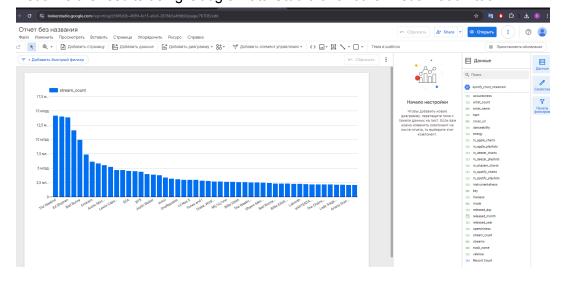
Exercise 6: Analyzing Data with BigQuery

- 1. **Objective**: Perform data analysis tasks using BigQuery.
- 2. Steps:
 - Access BigQuery in the Google Cloud Console.
 - Create a dataset and table by importing a sample dataset provided by Google.

i. Write and execute SQL queries to perform basic data analysis, such as filtering, aggregation, and sorting.



o Visualize the results using Google Data Studio or another visualization tool.



3. Questions:

- What steps did you take to create a dataset and table in BigQuery?
- How did you write and execute SQL queries in BigQuery?
- What insights were you able to derive from the data analysis?