

Google Cloud Professional Cloud Architect

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This is my prep sheet based on my study for the new version of this exam launched in 2021.

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			General Knowledge			
Organisations	What it is Resources are organized hierarchically. This allows you to map your enterprise's operational structure to GCP, and to manage access control and permissions for groups of related resources	 Key points Flow (Organisation, Folders, projects, resources) Where to manage permissions for groups, department, entire organisation, etc 				CYOUD ARCHITEG
Folders	What it is Folders are an additional grouping mechanism on top of projects.	 Key points Folders can be used to identify your departments or various environments of your cloud space. These are optional 	What you should know General knowledge	Review documents Resource Hierarchy	Video Resource Hierarchy	This knowledge is key and fundamental. Combination question may appear with any combination of Org, Folder, project, region, AZ, On prem
Projects	What it is The project resource is the base- level organizing entity. Organizations and folders may contain multiple projects.	 Key points A project is required to use services, resources and billing. 				(hybrid)
Region	What it is Regions are independent geographic areas that consist of zones	Key points Isolated from other regions Transfer fee for data between regions	What you should know • Multi regional design can be used for fault tolerance	Review documents	Video	
				Region and Zones	Region and Zones	
Availability Zone	What it is A zone is a deployment area for Google Cloud resources within a region.	Key points Isolated from other zones Low latency connection between AZ within the region	What you should know Zonal resources operate within a single zone. If a zone becomes unavailable, all of the zonal resources in that zone are unavailable until service is restored	Region, Zone and Multi		
On Prem	What it is Your organisation private data centre	Key points • Why chose cloud • Type of application • Type of infrastructure • How to connect to cloud	 What you should know Why move, what are the requirements. Suitable cloud services (on cloud replacements / equivalents) 			Key points Staple based on the cases. Please review so you can appreciate the architecture and how it can migrate or connect to the cloud.

	Compute										
Compute Engine	What it is Compute Engine lets you create and run virtual machines on Google infrastructure	 What you should know Improve performance Troubleshooting issues How to scale Disable external IP's 	Review documents Compute engine Disable external IP's	Video Best Practices for GCE Enterprise Deployments Managing Highly Available and Scalable Workloads on VMs	Qwiklabs Compute engine	My experience This will be mentioned is several scenarios. Once you understand why, when and what. You can decide if it is necessary an in what configuration.					
App Engine	What it is App Engine is a fully managed, serverless platform for developing and hosting web applications at scale.	 What you should know Know difference between flexible and standard Language supported (go, etc) It's PaaS 	Review documents App engine Standard environment Flexible environment	Video App Engine	Qwiklabs API explore: App engine	My experience A question may pop up					
Cloud Run	What it is Develop and deploy highly scalable containerized applications on a fully managed serverless platform.	What you should know • Uses	Review documents Cloud run	Video Cloud run	Qwiklabs Serverless Cloud Run Development	My experience Good to know					
Cloud Functions	What it is Event-driven serverless compute platform	 What you should know This scales from nothing. No limit must be maintained for it's use 	Review documents Google cloud functions	Video What is Cloud Functions	Qwiklabs Cloud function quick start	My experience A pop up question of two may appear					
Unmanaged groups	What it is Unmanaged instance groups are collections of instances that exist in a single zone and do not share a common instance template.	 What you should know Use instances that are not identical Do not allow automatic creation, deletion or scaling. 	Review documents Unmanaged instance groups			My experience Know the different between a managed instance group and an unmanaged instance group					
Managed groups	What it is This offers autoscaling capabilities, which let you automatically add or based on increases or decreases in load.	 What you should know Use identical instances templates Allow automatic creation, deletion and scaling. 	Review documents Managed instance groups	Video Managed group Managed group template	Qwiklabs Autoscaling an Instance Group with Stackdriver Custom Metrics Join	My experience Know when and why you should use a managed instance group with autoscaling					
Auto Scaling	What it is The ability to scale automatically based on metric defined by user.	What you should knowImportance of autoscalingVarious ways to configure	Review documents Managing autoscalers	Video Scaling Web apps	33						
BYOL Windows	What it is Google Cloud provides you with flexibility for bringing your existing licenses and running them on Compute Engine.	 What you should know How this works Know the steps to achieve this 	Review documents BYOL	Video Running your windows workload on GCP Managing Highly Available and Scalable Workloads on VMs		My experience Knowing the steps and how to set up is a good idea.					

				Compute	<u>e</u>	
Sole tenant	exclusive access to a sole- tenant node, which is a physical Compute Engine server that is dedicated to hosting only your project's VMs	What you should know You will need this for BYOL migration How it works	Sol Provisio	e tenancy nodes on VM on sole-tenant nodes		My experience A question may pop up or be linked to another.
Bare metal	specialized workloads with low latency on Google Cloud	What you should know Used to run - Third-party virtualization software Apps that require direct, low-level access to server			Video specialized workloads with Bare Metal Solution Bare metal solutions	My experience Look out for this. Know the use cases
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Cloud Build	Cloud Build can import source code from a variety of repositories or cloud storage, execute and produce artifacts such as Docker containers or Java archives. What you Importance flow			Review documents Cloud Build	Video Shift left: Cloud build	My experience Be aware of this, not heavily featured
Container Registry			d know	Review documents Container registry	Video Container registry	My experience Be aware of this.
Jenkins	What it is An open-source automation server of enables developers around the work reliably build, test, and deploy the software	which rld to • What Jenkins doe	 What Jenkins does 			My experience This may make a pop-up appearance so know about its purpose can help you analyse if it's relevant or not
Cloud Scheduler		What it is Cloud Scheduler is a fully managed nterprise-grade cron job scheduler. What you should know • How it works and what it does.		Review documents Cloud schedule quick start	Video Moving Cron Job to the cloud	My experience Just be aware of this
API	What it is APIs are a set of functions and procedures that allow for the creati applications that access data ar features of other applications, service operating systems	ion of • API lifecycle nd		Review Release cycle Deprecation		

			DevOps			
Terraform	What it is Terraform is an open-source tool that lets you provision cloud resources with declarative configuration files.	What you should knowIaCDeploy using terraform	Review documents Using terraform with Google Cloud	Video Terraform serverless cloud run		My experience Be aware of this not heavily featured
Deployment manager	What it is Create and manage cloud resources with simple templates	What you should know • What's it used for	Review documents Deployment manager docs	Video IaC with deployment manager		My experience Be aware of this
			Data Analytics /	Big Data		
BigQuery	What it is Enterprise data warehouse that enables super-fast SQL queries using the processing power of Google's infrastructure.	 What you should know Managed by Google Analyse Data with SQL Use API Streaming Data to BQ Support OLAP 	Review documents BigQuery BigQuery API Streaming into Partitions Materialized views	Video Dataware housing with BQ Best practices to speed up BQ	Qwiklabs Building an IoT Analytics Pipeline on Google Cloud Platform	My experience Know what it's used for, API, no management required, streaming data into it, views and permissions and creating partitions. Can pick you up a few points
Dataflow	What it is This is a fully-managed service for transforming and enriching data in stream (real time) and batch (historical) modes with equal reliability and expressiveness	 What you should know Used to batch and real time Reliable, exactly once, low latency. ParDo 	ParDo Deploy a pipeline	Video Real Time Streaming Analytics		My experience What this does is good to know so you can identify when to use in with other tools in GCP. This may pop up on the exam.
Dataprep	What it is Use Cloud Dataprep to explore and transform raw data from disparate and/or large datasets into clean and structured data for further analysis and processing.	What you should know • Detect problem and clean dirty data	Review documents Dataprep	Video Creating ETL with DataPrep Advanced Data Cleanup		My experience Clean Data who does not want that right.
Dataproc	What it is This is you managed Spark and Hadoop cloud offering	What you should knowHadoop/ sparkHow to configure your clusters	Review documents Cloud Dataproc	Video Cloud Dataproc newest features	Qwiklabs Dataproc quick start	My experience Know design options
Cloud Pub/Sub	What it is is a fully-managed real-time messaging service that allows you to send and receive messages between independent applications	What you should know Ingest millions of streaming events Efficient deduplication Schemas	Review documents Pub Sub Efficient deduplication Schemas	Video What is Cloud Pub/Sub?		My experience One of those versatile services you should know. Pay attention to the detail here.
Data Studio	What it is Is a visualization and reporting tool, and an integral part of Google Marketing Platform	 What you should know Use identical instances templates 	Review documents Data Studio	Video Data Studio	Qwiklabs Data Studio Qwiklab	

Firestore

What it is

Use our flexible, scalable NoSQL cloud database to store and sync data for clientand server-side development.

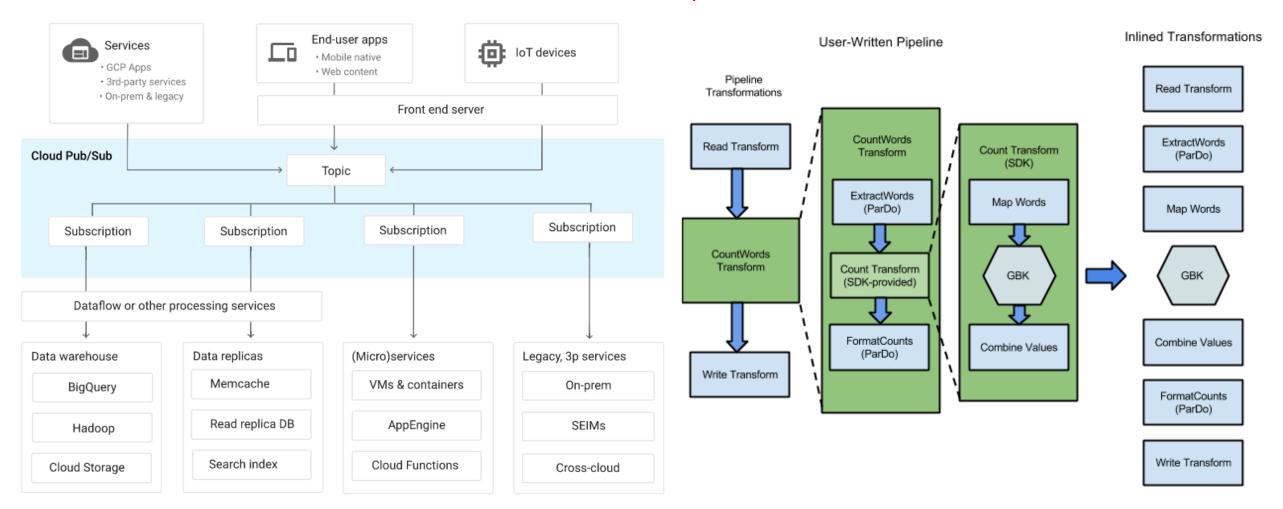
Review document Cloud Firestore

Video Firebase Playlist Firestore

Understand the purpose and use cases of this service

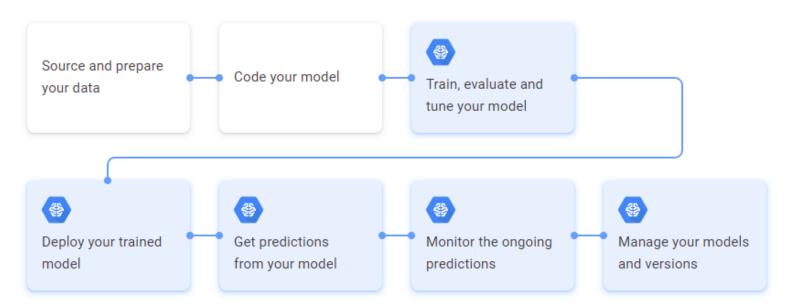
Cloud Pub/Sub flow



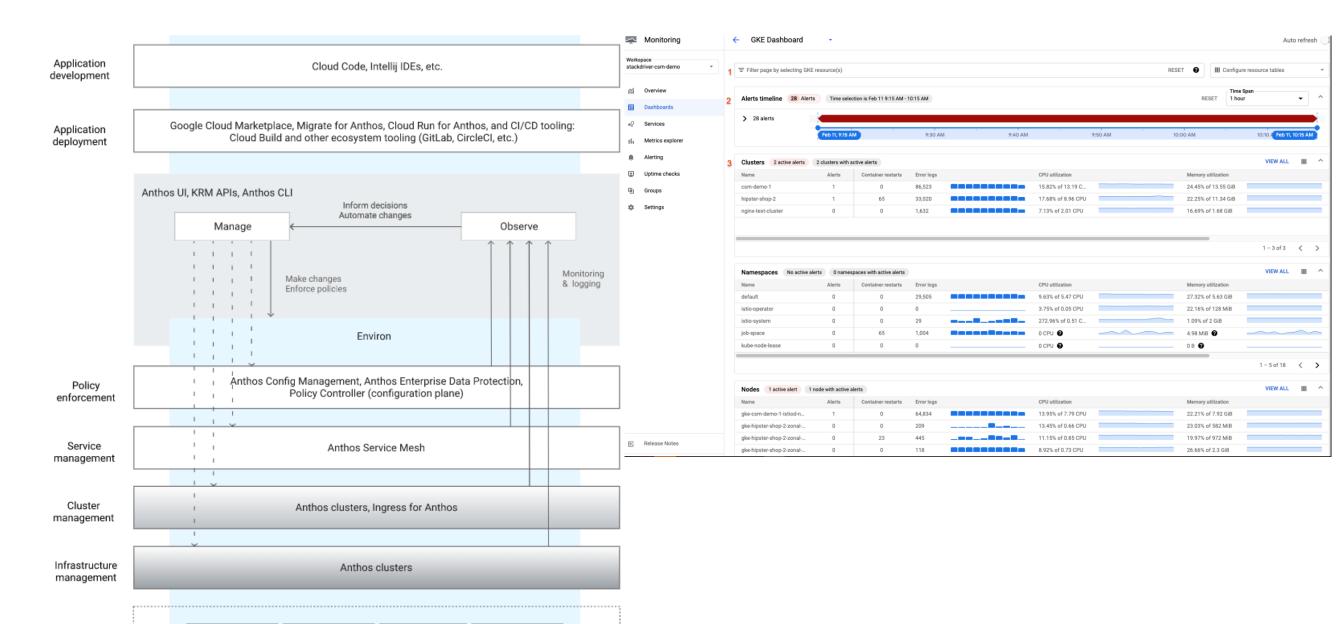


				Al / ML		
Google Al platform	What it is Fully managed, end-to-end platform for data science and machine learning	What you should know What it is When you would use it Components of this service	Review documents Google Al	Video Creating value with depth of Al platform	Qwiklabs Al Platform: Qwik Start	My experience This is a new area so you need to spend some time to get familiar with the Google AI ecosystem. It will be mentioned.
Explainable Al	What it is Tools to understand and help interpret your ML models	What you should knowWhat it isXRAIDifferentiable and non-differentiable	Review documents Intro to AI Explanations AI Explanation Whitepaper	Video Intro to Explanation for AI platform		My experience Don't be surprised if you see something about this. Who know?
TensorFlow	What it is TensorFlow Enterprise provides users with a Google Cloud optimized distribution of TensorFlow with long-term version support.	What you should know • What TensorFlow is used for • Benefits feature of this • Integrations	Review documents TensorFlow overview All features Getting started	Video TensorFlow Enterprise	Qwiklabs Code lab options	My experience Have an awareness of this service.
Vision API	What it is Vision API uses OCR to detect text within images in more than 50 languages and various file types.	What you should know • Uses (images,etc)	Review documents Vision Al	Video What is cloud vision Image recognition and classification with Cloud Vision	Qwiklabs Detect label, faces & landmarks in Images	My experience Have an awareness of this service.

ML workflow



Kubernetes Control of the Control of											
GKE	What it is (GKE) provides a managed environment for deploying, managing, and scaling your containerized applications using Google infrastructure.	 What you should know What it is Doing rolling deployment Be familiar with kubectl syntax Private clusters 	Review documents Overview GKE Private clusters Best practices	Video GKE in a minute Designing GKE for massive scale	Qwiklabs Migrating a Monolithic Website to Microservices on Google Kubernetes Engine	My experience I think you should learn Kubernetes from the basics, also learn the kubectl syntax, and how to deploy, scale, expose services and other stand operations. It's well featured.					
Cluster Autoscaler	What it is Cluster autoscaler automatically resizes the number of nodes in a given node pool, based on the demands of your workloads.	What you should knowWhat it isHow to turn it on and configure	Review documents Cluster Autoscaler Autoscaling a cluster	Video Autoscaling with GKE	Qwiklabs Understanding and Combining GKE Autoscaling Strategies	My experience Get familiar with this ability. Scaling is important for your clusters.					
GKE Dashboard	What it is Useful dashboards for your project's GKE clusters and their resources	What you should knowWhat it doesGeneral familiarity with this	Review documents GKE dashboards			My experience Have an awareness of this.					
Prometheus	What it is Prometheus is a monitoring tool often used with Kubernetes	What you should knowHow it is configuredTroubleshooting	Review documents Prometheus Set up a Prometheus instance	Video Custom metrics with Prometheus		My experience Monitoring is a big part of your application so be aware of various integrations with GKE.					
Istio	What it is Istio is an open service mesh that provides a uniform way to connect, manage, and secure microservices	What you should knowHow to set upWhat it doesWhy to use it	Review documents What is Istio	Video Istio and ASM	Qwiklabs Installing the Istio on GKE	My experience Managing your service mesh is a big deal when dealing with micro services. Question on this may definitely throw you off.					
				Anthos							
Anthos	What it is Anthos is a modern application management platform that provides a consistent development and operations experience for cloud and onpremises environments	What you should know What it is How it's set up Different way to run Anthos	Review documents Anthos technical overview Cloud run for Anthos	Video Anthos deep dive part 1 Anthos deep dive part 2 Get started with Anthos	Qwiklabs Anthos Cloud run for Anthos	My experience Get familiar Anthos is featured					
Anthos SM	What it is The fully managed service mesh for your complex microservices architectures.	What you should knowWhat it isHow to use it	Review documents Anthos Service Mesh	Video Autoscaling with GKE	Qwiklabs Anthos service mesh quest	My experience Get familiar Anthos is featured					



Attached

clusters

AWS

Google

Cloud

Existing networking, storage, and compute

On-premises

			Networking			
VPC Sharing	What it is Used to connect to a common VPC network. Resources in those projects can communicate with each other securely and efficiently across project boundaries using internal IPs.	Key points Centralised management Firewall control Internal RFC1918 communication	What you should know 1- When to use (depend of services and controls necessary etc) 2- Who gets billed	Review documents Hybrid Connectivity Shared VPC	Video CONNECTIVITY	My experience This may pop up. Who knows peering is sharing ③. Core topic
VPC Peering	What it is Access G Suite and Google Cloud features over VPN or the internet, while cutting egress fees. Connect directly with Direct Peering, or choose a partner with Carrier Peering.	Key pointsWhen to peerWhat services you have access to	What you should know 1- How to peer to a shared VPC	Review documents VPC Peering	Connecting to Datacentre	My experience It gets tricky so know when you would use this over other options.
VPN	What it is Connect your on-premises or other public cloud networks to GCP Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) securely over the internet through IPSec VPN	Key pointsHow to setupIPSEC usedBest practices	What you should know 1- Multiple tunnels 2- ECMP	Review documents Cloud VPN		My experience It gets tricky so know when you would use this over other options.
Dedicated Interconnect	What it is Use dedicated Interconnect to connect to Google's network through a highly available, low latency connection. (10GB higher)	Key points 1- Single mode fiber 10GBase-LR LACP for links & 802.1q Vlan Support EBGP with multihop lpv4 link local addresses Meet at Co Location facilities	What you should know 1- Type (system and custom) 2- Default route & Subnet route 3- Static and Dynamic routes 4- Min 10GB 5- Layer2	Review documents Dedicated Interconnect Best practices for Cloud Interconnect		My experience It gets tricky so know when you would use this over other options.
Partner Connect	What it is Use Google Cloud Interconnect - Partner (Partner Interconnect) to connect to Google through a supported service provider. (from 50 MB up)	Key pointsBest case useMin size 50MBNot over the internet	What you should know 1- How to setup (VLAN, Key, request location and capacity) 2- Difference L2 and L3	Review documents Partner Interconnect		My experience It gets tricky so know when you would use this over other options.
VLAN	What it is VLAN attachments (also known as Interconnect Attachments) determine which Virtual Private Cloud networks can reach your on-premises network through an interconnect	Key pointsWorks with Cloud routerMaximum speed 10 GbpsMultiple VLANs	What you should know 1- Create VLAN attachments over Cloud Interconnect connections that have passed all tests and that are ready to use	Review documents Creating VLAN attachment		My experience Basic stuff goof to know
Dynamic routing	What it is Dynamic routing is suitable for any size network. It frees you from maintaining static routes. Also, if a link fails, dynamic routing can automatically reroute traffic if possible.	Key pointsCloud router necessaryBGP session necessary	What you should know 1- IP automatically updated and propagated 2- Modes are Global or regional	Review documents Setting the network dynamic routing mode		My experience Another basic concept.
VPC	What it is A VPC network is your virtual network in the cloud just like an on-premise physical network or data centre or office network.	 Key points VPC are global SDN How to get traffic flowing Using RFC 1918 subnets Internal and external access 	What you should know 1- Internal and external access 2- Controlling access and firewalls 3- How to Connect VPC together (peering or sharing)	Review documents VPC Overview Best practices	Video VPC Deep Dive	My experience Core area. Let me put it like this; you should know what this does and how this works.

					Networking									
CDN	What it is Cloud CDN uses Google's global edge network to serve content closer to users, which accelerates your websites and applications.		Cloud CDN uses Google's global edge ne to serve content closer to users, whice		Cloud CDN uses Google's global edge net to serve content closer to users, which		ich • How to enable (HTTPS LB)		What you shows 1- How to trouble shows 2- Invalidation 3- Serve none cached 4- Cache Control 5- How to enable	oot	CDN C	locuments Overview validation oleshooting	Video CDN Labs Cloud CDN	My experience Good to know
Cloud NAT		What it is	What you should k	now	Key Poi		Re	view		My experience				
	Allows virtual machine (VM) instances withou external IP addresses and private (GKE) clusters to connect to the Internet.					1- Hide internal IP from external host.		IAT		All these area combined made for some very challenging questions				
HTTP(S) Load ba	HTTP(S) Load balancer SSL Proxy		TCP Proxy	Netwo	rk Load balancer	Internal load	d balancer	Kubernetes	Load balancing	Review documents Choosing a load balanced Troubleshooting health HTTPS logging Kubernetes HTTP(s) LB ingress				
	oad balancer for HTTP(S) traffic, global, external, 80 or 8080 on SSL offload, glo		What it is Load balancer for TCP without SSL, global, external. (25, 43, 110, 143,195, 443, 465, 587, 700, 993, 995, 1883, and 5222)		What it is ancer for TCP/UDP no bad, regional, external. (any port)	What Load baland /UE regional, Interr por	cer for TCP OP nal traffic (any	This allows yo	hat it is ou balance between ation running in pernetes	Setting up HTTP Ingress LB Video Cloud Load balancers My experience Loads and loads of variation on this				
What you should know 1- Scope global 2- HTTPS traffic 3- Health checks		What you should know 1- Scope Global 2- Non HTTPS traffic with SSL termination	What you should know 1- Scope Global 2- TCP/UDP traffic 3- Health checks	1- Scope regional		1- Scope regional 1- Scope Reg 2- TCP/UDP traffic 2- Internal TCP/U		1- Ho 2- Conne 3- Type of LB	should know w it works ections points supported (HTTPS- ternal, External)	area. (Global vs Regional, External vs Internal, Traffic type, VoIP, TFTP, IP, TCP, UDP). Understand health checks checks. For Kubernetes understand connection points of load balancers.				
Key Points 1- Services that need H balancing		Key Points 1- SSL termination	Key Points 1- Scope global	1-	Key Points - Scope global - HTTPS traffic	Key Po 1- Scope 2- HTTPS	global	1- What IP	y Points you connect to TPS traffic	,				
		Dedicated	Share	ed		Partner v	s Dedica	ted						

Dedicated

Shared

Public addressing

Private addressing

Dedicated interconnect

Direct peering (no SLA)

connection.

Access to Google and Google

Cloud properties over a direct

Directly connect your on-premises network to your GCP VPC.



Secure multi-Gbps connections over VPN tunnels



Partner interconnect

Peering partner.

Connect your on-premises network to your GCP VPC through a supported service provider.

Carrier peering (no SLA)

Access to Google and Google

Cloud properties via Carrier

Customer uses service provider to meet at a Google POP

Sub-rates are available ranging from 50M to 10G per VLAN attachment

Pay for only what you need

SLAs requires at least two VLANs (default in UI) but the VLAN data rate can be different

In a customer with multiple orgs, resources are managed at the org level



Dedicated

Customer meets Google at existing POP

One to eight 10G ports available

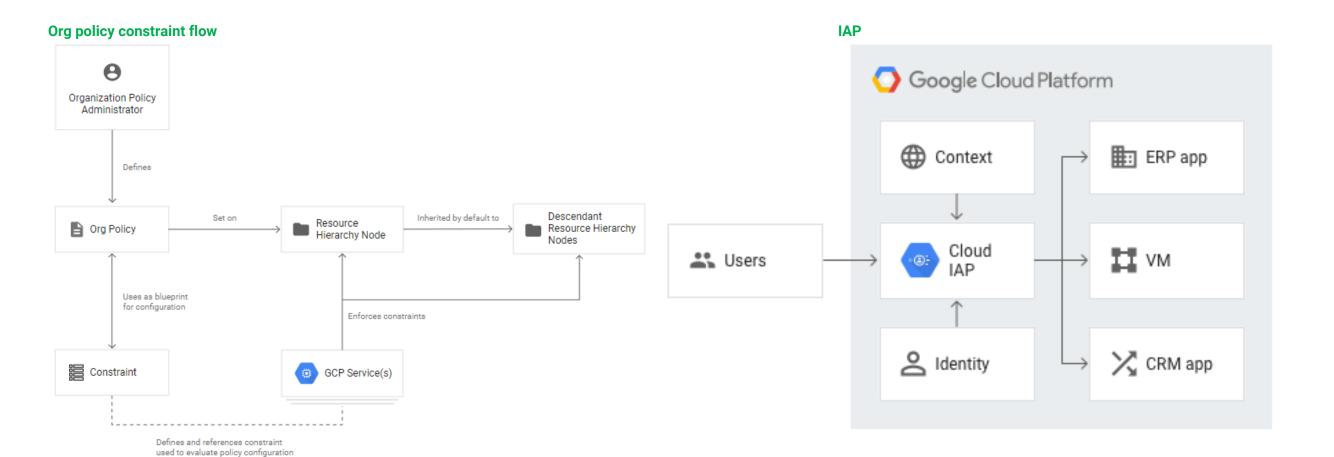
All VLANs are over the same physical link

SLA requires at least two 10G links and associated VLANs to the VPC

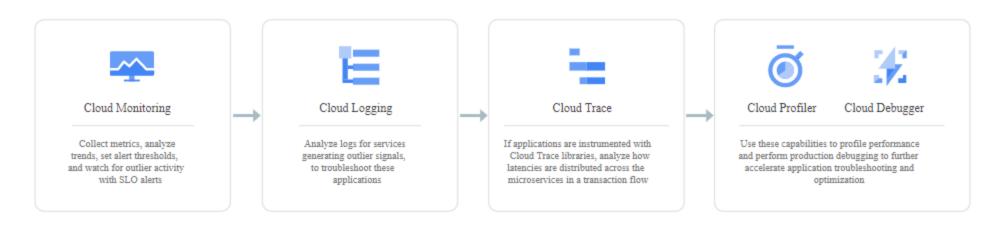
All VLANs are under the same organization

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			Security	V		
Recommender	What it is A recommender is a service on Google Cloud that provides usage recommendations for Google Cloud resources	What you should know What it is gcloud recommender recommendations	Review documents gcloud recommender	Video Recommender		My experience Tricky one indeed.
Firewall	What it is VPC firewall rules let you allow or deny connections to or from your virtual machine (VM) instances based on a configuration that you specify	What you should know How to turn configure Priority gcloud compute firewall-rules update	Review documents VPC Firewall gcloud compute firewall	Video Protect your GCP instances		My experience This should be basic knowledge for an architect.
Binary authorization	What it is Deploy only trusted containers on Google Kubernetes Engine.	What you should knowWhat it doesGeneral familiarity with this	Review documents Binary authorization	Video Binary authorization demo		My experience How do you make sure your images are safe and approved?
Identity aware proxy	What it is Cloud Identity-Aware Proxy (Cloud IAP) controls access to your cloud applications and VMs running on (GCP)	What you should know How it works (HTTPS) JWT (signed headers) How to configure	Review documents Identity-Aware Proxy overview Securing your app with signed headers IAP for on-premises apps	Video Identity Aware Proxy Beyond Corp	Labs User authentication with Identity- Aware Proxy	My experience May pop up
Organization policy constraint	What it is The Organization Policy Service gives you centralized and programmatic control over your organization's cloud resources		Review documents Organization policy OP constraints			My experience Centralized management
CMEK	What it is For greater control you can use customer-managed encryption keys (CMEK). This way you control and manage key encryption keys in Cloud KMS	 What you should know What products support this service (BigQuery, Cloud Build, Cloud Dataproc, Cloud Storage, Compute Engine) 	Review documents Envelope encryption CMEK Cloud KMS	Video KEYS	Labs Encrypt and decrypt data with Cloud KMS Encrypt and decrypt Cloud KMS Asymmetric Sign and verify data with Cloud KMS	My experience It's sometimes about choices and who manages what.
Secret manager	What it is Applications often require access to small pieces of sensitive data at build or run time. These pieces of data are often referred to as secrets.		Review documents Secret manager			My experience How do you make sure your images are safe and approved?



				More stuff		
Cloud Storage	What it is Object storage for companies of all sizes. Store any amount of data. Retrieve it as often as you'd like.	What you should know Lifecycles CRC checks Configs Data retention Transfer data	Review documents Cloud Storage Best practices CRC32C Checks Transfer data	Video Google cloud storage		My experience This is standard so know the ins and outs of this versatile product staple.
Database migrations	What it is Moving your on prem database setup to the cloud	What you should know Various option to migrate a database with minimal data loss and down time	Review documents Database migrations Autoscaling a cluster	Video Database migration Tool for migrating your database	Qwiklabs Migrating Database	My experience Nothing much to say here. Migration would be a common thing as an Architect.
Private access	What it is Allows VM instances with internal (RFC 1918) IP addresses to reach certain APIs and services without internet access.	What you should knowHow to enableWhat it's used for	Review documents Private Access		Qwiklabs Private access	My experience Have an awareness of this.
Price calculator	What it is Check the approximate cost of you cloud services		Review documents Price calculator			My experience Good tool to know
Memorystore	What it is Reduce latency with scalable, secure, and highly available inmemory service for Redis and Memcached	What you should knowHow to set upWhat it doesWhen to use it	Review documents Memorystore	Video Memorystore		My experience May pop up, I can't say.
Cloud Operations (logging and monitoring)	What it is Stackdriver Logging allows you to store, search, analyze, monitor, and alert on log data and events from Google Cloud Platform and Amazon Web Services (AWS).	What you should knowVarious toolsAgentsHow to troubleshoot logs	Review documents Stackdriver	Video Spotlight		My experience Some tricky combination may pop up & you should look at all the components of this area.



25 REGIONS







AVAILABLE IN

NETWORK EDGE LOCATIONS

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

COMING SOON! Google Cloud will continue expanding into the following regions: Doha (Qatar), Toronto (Canada), Melbourne (Australia), Delhi (India), Paris (France), Milan (Italy), Santiago (Chile), and Madrid (Spain).

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