

Enterprise Grade Minecraft On Kubernetes

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Because why not?

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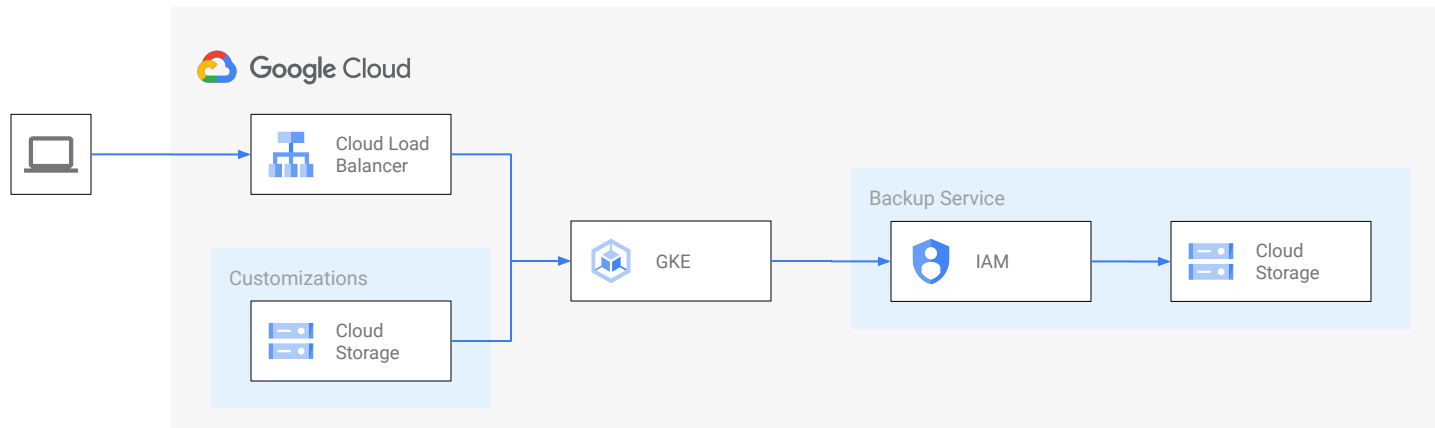
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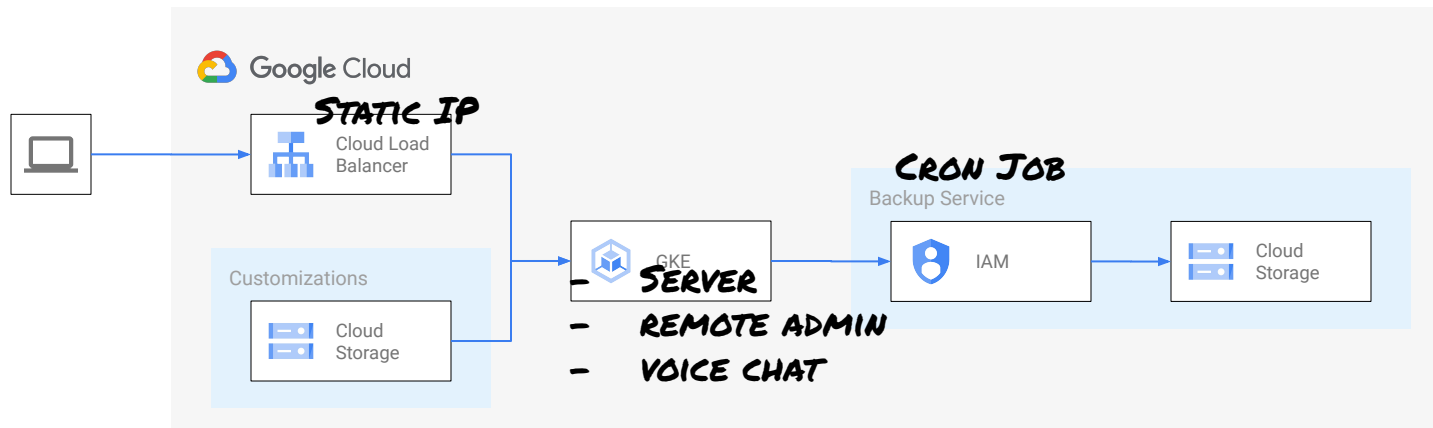
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The Architecture Diagram on Cloud (for real)

Minecraft on Cloud



Create a Cluster

Specify our "fast-disk" storage class in a persistent volume claim to manage state for this service.

```
$ gcloud container clusters create minecraft-cluster  
--zone us-central1-a --release-channel stable  
--machine-type c2-standard-4 --num-nodes 1  
--enable-autoupgrade --enable-autorepair
```

State management

State: StorageClass

This service performs better when disks are faster. Solid State Disks (SSDs) are good.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: fast-disk
provisioner: kubernetes.io/gce-pd
volumeBindingMode: WaitForFirstConsumer
parameters:
  type: pd-ssd
reclaimPolicy: Retain
allowVolumeExpansion: true
```


State: PersistentVolumeClaim

ReadWriteOncePod ensures only a single pod can access the volume.

```
---  
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim  
apiVersion: v1  
metadata:  
  name: minecraft-minecraft-datadir  
  labels:  
    app: minecraft-minecraft  
  annotations:  
    volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-class: "fast-disk"  
spec:  
  accessModes:  
    - ReadWriteOncePod  
  resources:  
    requests:  
      storage: "50Gi"  
  storageClassName: "fast-disk"
```

Secret

This is the super secret password for [RCON](#), a remote control protocol for game servers that can be enabled in this service.

```
---  
apiVersion: v1  
kind: Secret  
metadata:  
  name: minecraft-minecraft  
  labels:  
    app: minecraft-minecraft  
type: Opaque  
data:  
  rcon-password: "rotflmao"
```

Application deployment

Deployment

Disable rolling updates for this disk-based stateful service.

```
---
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: minecraft-minecraft
  labels:
    app: minecraft-minecraft
spec:
  strategy:
    type: Recreate
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: minecraft-minecraft
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: minecraft-minecraft
    spec:
```

Deployment: containers, resources, volumes

Request as much CPU and memory as we can get.

Mount the fast disk for stateful storage.

```
spec:
  containers:
  - name: minecraft-minecraft
    image: "itzg/minecraft-server:latest"
    imagePullPolicy: Always
    resources:
      requests:
        cpu: 1000m
        memory: 5Gi
    volumeMounts:
    - name: datadir
      mountPath: /data
  volumes:
  - name: datadir
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: minecraft-minecraft-datadir
```

Deployment: env

Configure the service using environment variables, the way the vendor designed it.

```
spec:
  containers:
    - name: minecraft-minecraft
      env:
        - name: EULA
          value: "TRUE"
        - name: MEMORY
          value: "4G"
        - name: JVM_XX_OPTS
          value: "-XX:+UseG1GC -XX:+ParallelRefProcEnabled
-XX:MaxGCPauseMillis=200 -XX:+UnlockExperimentalVMOptions
-XX:+DisableExplicitGC -XX:-OmitStackTraceInFastThrow"
        - name: ENABLE_RCON
          value: "true"
        - name: RCON_PASSWORD
          valueFrom:
            secretKeyRef:
              name: minecraft-minecraft
              key: rcon-password
```

Deployment: ports

Ensure we expose all network ports from this application using its hard-coded ports and correct protocols.

```
spec:
  containers:
  - name: minecraft-minecraft
    ports:
    - name: minecraft
      containerPort: 25565
      protocol: TCP
    - name: rcon
      containerPort: 25575
      protocol: TCP
    - name: voicechat
      containerPort: 24454
      protocol: UDP
```

Deployment: probes

Let Kubernetes ensure the app is healthy.

```
spec:
  containers:
  - name: minecraft-minecraft
    readinessProbe:
      tcpSocket:
        port: 25565
      initialDelaySeconds: 30
      periodSeconds: 5
      failureThreshold: 10
      successThreshold: 1
      timeoutSeconds: 1
    livenessProbe:
      tcpSocket:
        port: 25565
      initialDelaySeconds: 30
      periodSeconds: 5
      failureThreshold: 10
      successThreshold: 1
      timeoutSeconds: 1
```


Deployment: initContainers

When deploying or updating the application, run customizations before the application is started.

When modifying state on disk, ensure the disk is mounted and writeable.

```
spec:
  initContainers:
    - args:
      - mkdir -p /data/mods; curl -o
/data/mods/voicechat.jar -L
https://storage.googleapis.com/BUCKET/voicechat-fabric-1.19.2-2.3.12.jar;
      command:
      - /bin/sh
      - -c
      image: curlimages/curl
      name: install-voicechat
      volumeMounts:
      - mountPath: /data
        name: datadir
        readOnly: false
```

Service availability

Service: Static External IP Address

Consistent network addressability is handy.

```
$ gcloud compute addresses create mc-ip  
--region=us-central1-a
```

```
$ gcloud compute addresses describe mc-ip
```

Service: minecraft

Bind the primary network endpoint to the static IP.

```
---  
apiVersion: v1  
kind: Service  
metadata:  
  name: minecraft-minecraft  
  labels:  
    app: minecraft-minecraft  
spec:  
  type: LoadBalancer  
  loadBalancerIP: 34.XX.XXX.XXX  
  externalTrafficPolicy: Cluster  
  ports:  
    - name: minecraft  
      port: 25565  
      targetPort: minecraft  
      protocol: TCP  
  selector:  
    app: minecraft-minecraft
```

Service: rcon

Bind the remote administration protocol.

```
---  
apiVersion: v1  
kind: Service  
metadata:  
  name: "minecraft-minecraft-rcon"  
  labels:  
    app: minecraft-minecraft  
spec:  
  type: LoadBalancer  
  loadBalancerIP: 34.XX.XXX.XXX  
  ports:  
    - name: rcon  
      port: 25575  
      targetPort: rcon  
      protocol: TCP  
  selector:  
    app: minecraft-minecraft
```

Service: voicechat

Bind the voice chat feature we added.

```
---  
apiVersion: v1  
kind: Service  
metadata:  
  name: minecraft-minecraft-voicechat  
  labels:  
    app: minecraft-minecraft-voicechat  
spec:  
  type: LoadBalancer  
  loadBalancerIP: 34.XX.XXX.XXX  
  externalTrafficPolicy: Cluster  
  ports:  
    - name: voicechat  
      port: 24454  
      targetPort: voicechat  
      protocol: UDP  
  selector:  
    app: minecraft-minecraft
```

Data backup

Backups: ServiceAccount

Create a Kubernetes service account.

```
---  
apiVersion: v1  
kind: ServiceAccount  
metadata:  
  name: minecraft-backup-runner-sa  
  annotations:  
    iam.gke.io/gcp-service-account:  
    minecraft-backup-cronjob@PROJECT.iam.gserviceaccount.com
```


Backups: Role

Create a role in Kubernetes that can interact with PODs.

```
---  
kind: Role  
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1  
metadata:  
  name: minecraft-backup-runner  
rules:  
- apiGroups:  
  - "*"   
  resources:  
  - pods  
  - pods/exec  
  verbs:  
  - 'list'  
  - 'get'  
  - 'create'
```

Backups: RoleBinding

Bind your Kubernetes role to your
Kubernetes service account for POD
management.

```
---  
kind: RoleBinding  
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1  
metadata:  
  name: minecraft-backup-runner  
subjects:  
- kind: ServiceAccount  
  name: minecraft-backup-runner-sa  
roleRef:  
  kind: Role  
  name: minecraft-backup-runner  
apiGroup: ""
```

Backups: IAMServiceAccount

Create a Service Account for your
infrastructure provider.

apiVersion: iam.cnrm.cloud.google.com/v1beta1

kind: IAMServiceAccount

metadata:

name: minecraft-backup-cronjob

spec:

displayName: Service account for Minecraft Server Backups

Backups: IAMPolicyMember

Add the IAM service account to a policy that can manage Storage Objects.

```
apiVersion: iam.cnrm.cloud.google.com/v1beta1
kind: IAMPolicyMember
metadata:
  name: policy-member-binding
spec:
  member:
    serviceAccount:minecraft-backup-cronjob@PROJECT.iam.gserviceaccount.com
    role: roles/storage.objectAdmin
    resourceRef:
      apiVersion:
        resourcemanager.cnrm.cloud.google.com/v1beta1
      kind: Project
      external: projects/PROJECT
```

Backups: IAMPolicy

Create a policy that allows a Kubernetes workload (POD) identify as an infrastructure provider IAM Service Account.

```
---
apiVersion: iam.cnrm.cloud.google.com/v1beta1
kind: IAMPolicy
metadata:
  name: iampolicy-workload-identity-minecraft-backup-cronjob
spec:
  resourceRef:
    apiVersion: iam.cnrm.cloud.google.com/v1beta1
    kind: IAMServiceAccount
    name: minecraft-backup-cronjob
  bindings:
    - role: roles/iam.workloadIdentityUser
      members:
        -
serviceAccount: PROJECT.svc.id.goog[default/minecraft-backup-runner-sa]
```

Backups: CronJob

Define a regular backup twice a day.

Ensure we don't try to backup synchronously.

```
apiVersion: batch/v1
kind: CronJob
metadata:
  name: minecraft-backup
spec:
  schedule: "0 */12 * * *"
  concurrencyPolicy: Forbid
  jobTemplate:
    spec:
      template:
```

Backups: template.spec

Safely archive on-disk data.

Move it to long-term storage.

If the job fails, try again.

```
spec:
  serviceAccountName: minecraft-backup-runner-sa
  containers:
  - name: cloud-sdk
    image: google/cloud-sdk:alpine
    command: [ "/bin/sh", "-c" ]
    args:
    -
      gcloud components install kubectl gsutil;
      POD_ID=$(kubectl get pods
--selector=app=minecraft-minecraft
--field-selector=status.phase=Running -o
jsonpath={.items..metadata.name});
      kubectl exec ${POD_ID} -- rcon-cli save-off;
      kubectl exec ${POD_ID} -- rcon-cli save-all;
      kubectl exec ${POD_ID} -- tar cf - /data | gzip > data.tgz;
      kubectl exec ${POD_ID} -- rcon-cli save-on;
      gsutil cp data.tgz gs://BUCKET
  restartPolicy: OnFailure
```

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Location	Storage class	Public access	Protection
us-central1 (Iowa)	Archive	Not public	Object versioning

OBJECTS

CONFIGURATION

PERMISSIONS

PROTECTION

Object versioning (Best for data recovery)

With object versioning on, you can restore objects that have been overwritten or deleted. Live and noncurrent versions are stored in the same bucket and storage class by default. To reduce costs, limit the number of versions by adding a lifecycle rule. [Learn more](#)

✔ OBJECT VERSIONING ON

You have 2 lifecycle rules applied to noncurrent versions.

[MANAGE RULES](#)

Retention policy (Best for compliance)

Prevents the deletion or modification of the bucket's objects for a specified minimum period of time after they're uploaded. The optional step of locking a retention policy ensures that no one (including you) can shorten or remove the retention period. [Learn more](#)

Backup Storage

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App runs?

Play Multiplayer

Family Server

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Welcome to Casey West's Minecraft on Kubernetes!

Scanning for games on your local network

0 0 0

Server

Direct Connection

Add Server

Delete

Refresh

Cancel

Service Connects

Service is Available



Use the Helm Charts

<https://github.com/itzg/minecraft-server-charts>



Thank you.