Introduction to Big Data Graded Assignment 2

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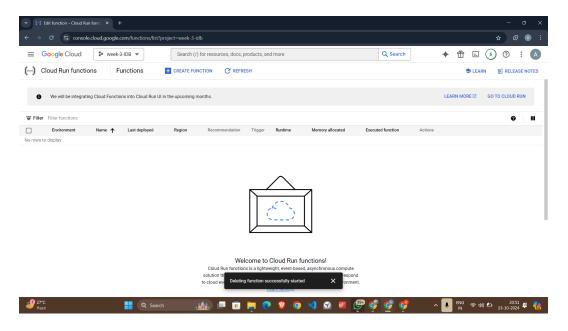
Week 3: Automated Line Counting in Google Cloud Storage Files

Introduction

The objective of this project was to implement an automated system to count lines in text files stored in a Google Cloud Storage (GCS) bucket. Utilizing Google Cloud Functions, the system adopts a serverless approach, ensuring efficient and scalable processing of file uploads. This report details the processes involved in project setup, API activation, Python code development, deployment, and testing.

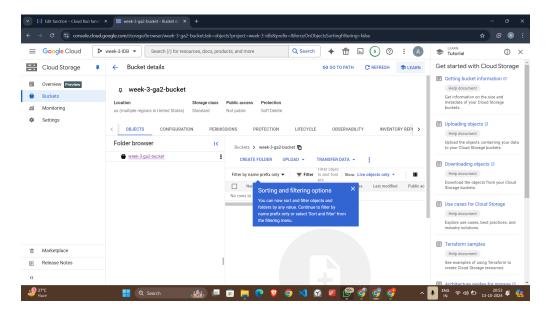
Project Setup

1. **Creating a Google Cloud Project**: A new project, titled "Week-3," was established in the Google Cloud Console, providing a dedicated environment for all related activities and code implementations.



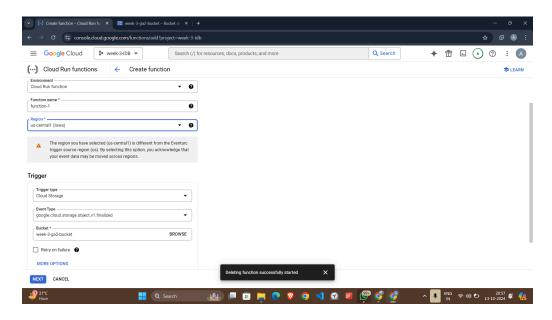
2. **Activating Essential APIs**: Key APIs were enabled to allow interactions with Google Cloud Storage and the deployment of cloud functions:

- Google Cloud Functions API: Facilitates the creation, deployment, and management of cloud functions.
- o Google Cloud Storage API: Enables file storage and retrieval operations.

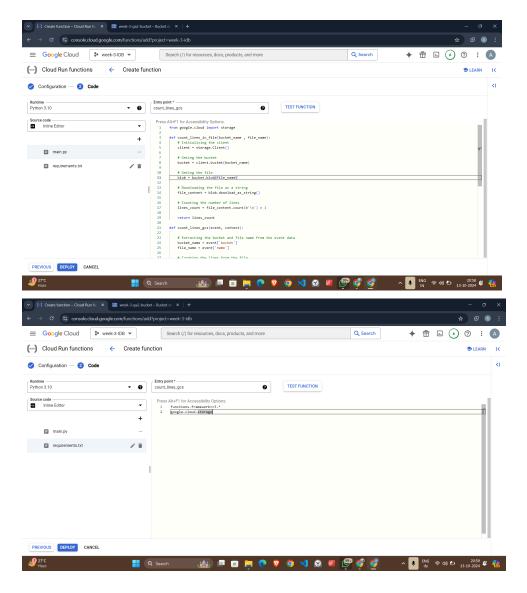


Development and Deployment

3. **Python Code Development**: A Python script was written to count lines in any file uploaded to the GCS bucket. The script uses the google-cloud-storage library to access and manage files.



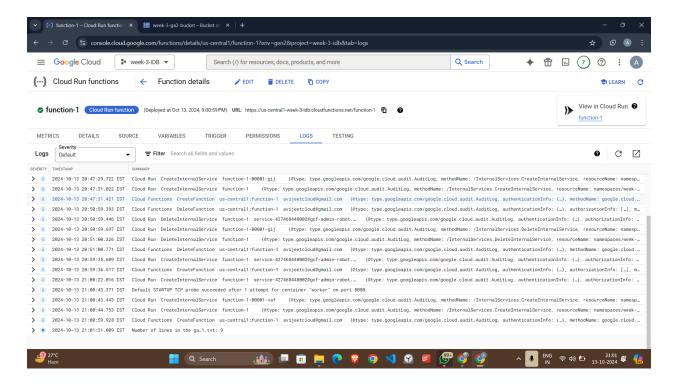
- 4. **Cloud Function Deployment**: The cloud function was deployed via the Google Cloud Console with specific configurations:
 - Trigger: Set to activate when a file is uploaded to the designated GCS bucket.
 - Dependencies: Dependencies, including the google-cloud-storage library, were listed in the requirements.txt file to ensure proper installation during deployment.



Testing the Functionality

5. **Execution Test**: The cloud function's performance was tested by uploading a file named ga_1.txt to the "week-3-ga2-bucket" GCS bucket. The function

triggered as expected, and the number of lines counted was logged, confirming the functionality of the system.



Conclusion

This initiative successfully demonstrated the design and implementation of a Google Cloud Function to automatically count lines in text files uploaded to a GCS bucket. The integration of Google Cloud Storage and Cloud Functions, along with Python scripting, highlighted the system's capability for efficient and scalable serverless operations in cloud settings.