VCC ASSIGNMENT 2:-

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To create a Flask-based REST API project using three Virtual Machines (VMs) on Google Cloud Platform (GCP):-

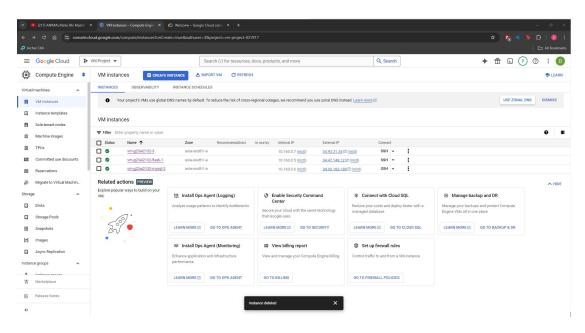
Set up three VMs on GCP:

VM1: This will host the Flask application.

VM2: This will host the MySQL database.

VM3: This will be used to test the API using Postman.

Configure the network settings so that VM1 can communicate with VM2 for database access and VM3 can access the API hosted on VM1.



Deploy the Flask application on VM1.

Set up MySQL on VM2.

Test the API using Postman on VM3.

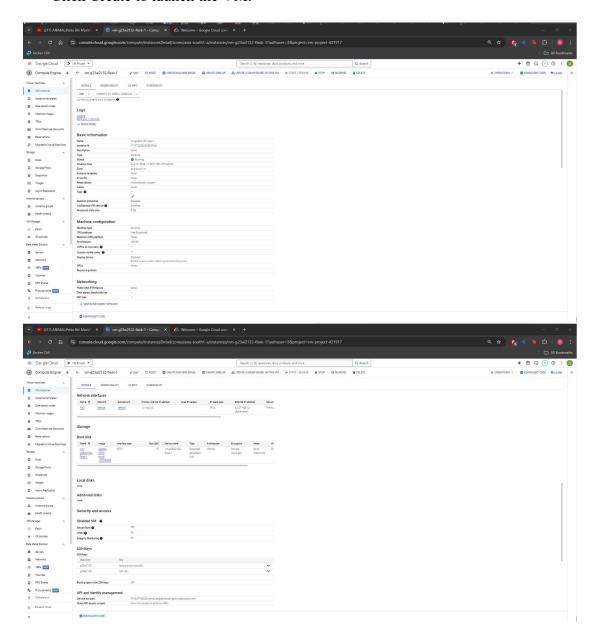
Step 1: Create Virtual Machines on GCP

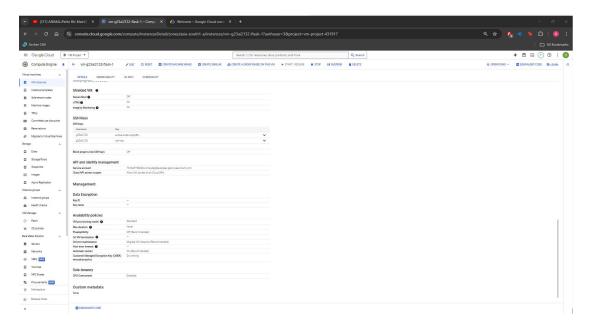
We'll start by creating three VMs on Google Cloud Platform.

1.1. Create VM1 (Flask Application Server)

- ✓ Go to Google Cloud Console
- ✓ Create a New VM Instance:

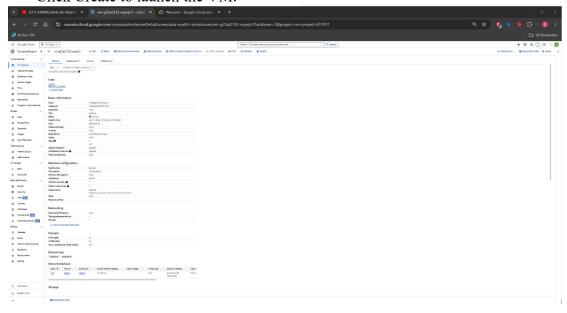
- ✓ Navigate to Compute Engine > VM instances.
- ✓ Click Create Instance.
- ✓ Configure the instance:
- ✓ Name: vm-flask-app
- Region: Choose a region close to you (e.g., us-central1).
- ✓ Machine Type: n1-standard-1 (1 vCPU, 3.75 GB RAM).
- ✓ Boot Disk:
- ✓ OS: Ubuntu 22.04 LTS
- ✓ Size: 10 GB
- ✓ Firewall: Check Allow HTTP traffic.
- Click Create to launch the VM.

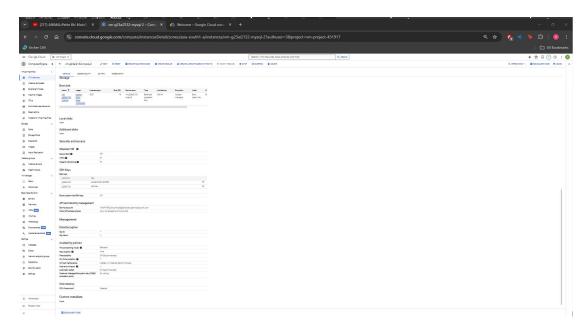




1.2. Create VM2 (MySQL Database Server)

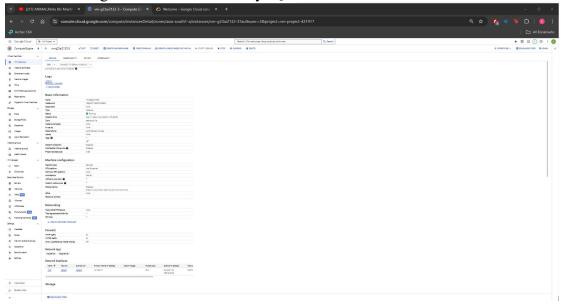
- ✓ Create a New VM Instance:
- ✓ Navigate to Compute Engine > VM instances.
- ✓ Click Create Instance.
- ✓ Configure the instance:
- ✓ Name: vm-mysql-db
- ✓ Region: Same as VM1.
- ✓ Machine Type: n1-standard-1 (1 vCPU, 3.75 GB RAM).
- ✓ Boot Disk:
- ✓ OS: Ubuntu 22.04 LTS
- ✓ Size: 10 GB
- ✓ Firewall: No special settings needed.
- ✓ Click Create to launch the VM.

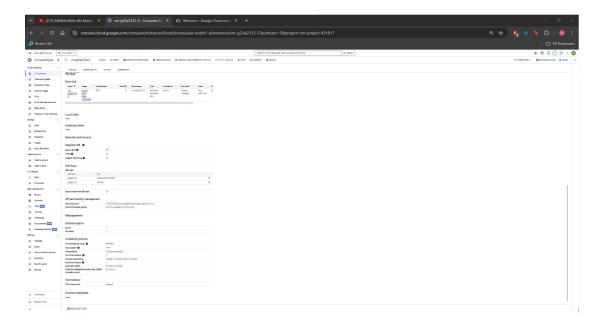




1.3. Create VM3 (Testing Environment)

- ✓ Create a New VM Instance:
- ✓ Navigate to Compute Engine > VM instances.
- ✓ Click Create Instance.
- ✓ Configure the instance:
- ✓ Name: vm-testing
- ✓ Region: Same as VM1 and VM2.
- ✓ Machine Type: n1-standard-1 (1 vCPU, 3.75 GB RAM).
- ✓ Boot Disk:
- ✓ OS: Ubuntu 22.04 LTS
- ✓ Size: 10 GB
- ✓ Firewall: No special settings needed.
- ✓ Click Create to launch the VM.
- ✓ Step 2: Set Up MySQL on VM2
- ✓ Let's configure VM2 to host the MySQL database.





Step 2: SSH into VM2

In the Google Cloud Console, navigate to Compute Engine > VM instances. Find vm-mysql-db and click SSH to open a terminal. Update Packages:

bash

sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y
Install MySQL Server:

bash

sudo apt install mysql-server -y Secure MySQL Installation:

bash

sudo mysql secure installation

Set a root password. Remove anonymous users. Disallow root login remotely. Remove test databases. Reload privilege tables.

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Edit the MySQL configuration file:

bash

sudo nano /etc/mysql/mysql.conf.d/mysqld.cnf

Find the line bind-address = 127.0.0.1 and change it to:

bind-address = 0.0.0.0

Save and exit (CTRL+X, Y, Enter).



Configure MySQL to Accept Remote Connections:

Restart MySQL Service:

bash

sudo systemctl restart mysql

Create a Database and User for Flask App:

Log in to MySQL:

bash

sudo mysql -u root -p

Create the database and user:

sql

CREATE DATABASE mydb; CREATE USER 'dhood'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'dhanshree'; GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON mydb.* TO 'dhood'@'%'; FLUSH PRIVILEGES;

Add data manually into mysql mydb database table employess: INSERT INTO employees (name, position, salary) VALUES ('John Doe', 'Software Engineer', 75000.00);

INSERT INTO employees (name, position, salary) VALUES ('Dhanshree Hood', 'AI Engineer', 80000.00);

INSERT INTO employees (name, position, salary) VALUES ('Vanita Hood', 'HR', 90000.00);

INSERT INTO employees (name, position, salary) VALUES ('Gursharan Singh', 'Buisness Analyst', 60000.00);

EXIT;





Step 3: Deploy Flask Application on VM1 SSH into VM1:

In the Google Cloud Console, navigate to Compute Engine > VM instances. Find vm-flask-app and click SSH to open a terminal.

Update Packages:

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sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

Install Python and Pip:

bash

sudo apt install python3 python3-pip -y

Install Required Python Packages:

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pip3 install Flask Flask-SQLAlchemy Flask-RESTful pymysql
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Install MySQL Client and Libraries:
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sudo apt install libmysqlclient-dev -y
Create the Flask Application:-
Create a directory for your app:
bash
mkdir ~/flask api && cd ~/flask api
Create the app.py file:
bash
nano app.py
Python code:
from flask import Flask, request, isonify
from flask sqlalchemy import SQLAlchemy
from flask restful import Api, Resource
app = Flask( name )
api = Api(app)
# Database configuration
app.config['SQLALCHEMY DATABASE URI'] =
'mysql+pymysql://hood:your password here@<VM2 Internal IP>:3306/mydb'
app.config['SQLALCHEMY TRACK MODIFICATIONS'] = False
db = SQLAlchemy(app)
# Define the Employee model
class Employee(db.Model):
    tablename = 'employees'
  id = db.Column(db.Integer, primary key=True)
  name = db.Column(db.String(100), nullable=False)
  position = db.Column(db.String(50), nullable=False)
  salary = db.Column(db.Numeric(10, 2), nullable=False)
  def to dict(self):
    return {
      'id': self.id,
      'name': self.name,
      'position': self.position,
      'salary': str(self.salary)
    }
# RESTful resource for Employee
class EmployeeResource(Resource):
  def get(self, emp_id=None):
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if emp id:
       employee = Employee.query.get(emp id)
       if not employee:
         return {'message': 'Employee not found'}, 404
       return employee.to dict()
    else:
       employees = Employee.query.all()
       return [emp.to dict() for emp in employees]
  def post(self):
    data = request.json
    new employee = Employee(
       name=data['name'],
       position=data['position'],
       salary=data['salary']
    db.session.add(new employee)
    db.session.commit()
    return {'message': 'Employee created successfully'}, 201
  def put(self, emp id):
    data = request.json
    employee = Employee.query.get(emp id)
    if not employee:
       return {'message': 'Employee not found'}, 404
    employee.name = data.get('name', employee.name)
    employee.position = data.get('position', employee.position)
    employee.salary = data.get('salary', employee.salary)
    db.session.commit()
    return {'message': 'Employee updated successfully'}
  def delete(self, emp id):
    employee = Employee.query.get(emp id)
    if not employee:
       return {'message': 'Employee not found'}, 404
    db.session.delete(employee)
    db.session.commit()
    return {'message': 'Employee deleted successfully'}
# Add API routes
api.add resource(EmployeeResource, '/employees', '/employees/<int:emp id>')
if name == ' main ':
  # Create the database tables
  with app.app context():
    db.create all()
  app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=5000, debug=True)
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Replace <VM2_Internal_IP> with the internal IP address of VM2. You can find this in the VM instances list under Internal IP.

Save and exit the editor: Press CTRL+X, then Y, and Enter.

Run the Flask Application:

bash

python3 app.py

You should see output indicating the app is running:

plaintext

* Running on http://0.0.0.0:

Step 3: Run CRUD operations from vm-g23ai2132-3

Install Necessary Tools on VM 3

Update Package List:

Run the following command to update the package list:

bash

sudo apt update

Install curl:

Install curl which will be used to send HTTP requests:

bash

sudo apt install curl

Perform CRUD Operations from VM 3:

Create (Insert) a New Employee:

Use the following curl command to insert a new employee:

bash

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curl -X POST http://10.160.0.5:3306/employees -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d '{
    "name": "John Doe",
    "position": "Software Engineer",
    "salary": 75000.00
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Retrieve all employee records:

bash

curl -X GET http://10.160.0.5:3306/employees

Retrieve a specific employee by ID:

bash

curl -X GET http://10.160.0.5:3306/employees/1

Update an Employee Record

Update an existing employee record:

bash

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curl -X PUT http://10.160.0.5:3306/employees/1 -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d '{
    "name": "Jane Smith",
    "position": "Senior Software Engineer",
    "salary": 85000.00
}'

Delete an Employee Record

Delete an employee record by ID:
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curl -X DELETE http://10.160.0.5:3306/employees/1

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Conclusion:

In this project, you successfully developed a RESTful API using Flask and SQLAlchemy, allowing CRUD operations on an employee database stored in MySQL. You effectively deployed the Flask application across multiple virtual machines on Google Cloud Platform (GCP), demonstrating an understanding of cloud infrastructure and the importance of proper IP configuration for seamless communication between VMs.

By overcoming various challenges, such as configuring MySQL for remote access, resolving connection issues, and executing API requests through curl, I have gained hands-on experience with both backend development and cloud deployment. This project not only highlights my ability to build and deploy scalable applications but also showcases my problem-solving skills in real-world scenarios. My perseverance and technical proficiency have culminated in a robust, cloud-based application that could serve as a solid foundation for more complex systems in the future.