

Intro:

Background/experience

Tech stack

Cloud Computing familiarity

Movies/series

Req -

Storage

Processing

Network

Power

Heat dissipation

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## Creating a VM & hosting apache web distribution manually

1. Go to Compute Engine > VM instances > Create
2. Specs:
  - a. Name - machine name preferred
  - b. Region - us-central1 zone - us-central1-a
  - c. Machine series: N1 Type n1-std-1
  - d. Boot disk:
    - i. OS: Ubuntu
    - ii. Version: 18.04 (x86 based)
  - e. Create VM
3. Wait for the VM to have running status. Locate ssh button besides VM name.
4. Click on ssh button to connect with vm.
5. Execute following commands:
  - a. `sudo apt update`
  - b. `sudo apt install apache2 -y`
6. Go back to GCP console. Locate “External IP” in the VM entry. Copy the external IP and paste in any browser tab to access apache webpage. You should get a page not found error.

{If you're not able to locate external IP, click on three slider icon towards the right top corner of VM entry. This option is **column-display-options**. Select external IP & internal IP from the options.}
7. Go back to GCP console > locate “Internal IP”. Go to the ssh command window and execute command:
  - a. `curl http://\[internal-ip\]`
8. You should see an html code. Take a screenshot of this as last step.
9. **Delete** the VM instance resource.

## Creating a VPC

1. Go to VPC Networks > Create VPC
  - a. Name: john-web
  - b. Mode of Creation: custom
  - c. Subnet name: john-sub
  - d. Range: select a relevant cidr range
  - e. Region: us-central1 (feel free to change)
  - f. Create subnet
  - g. Firewall rules: select all entries
  - h. Create VPC
2. Once VPC is created, go to firewall rules
  - a. Create firewall rule
  - b. Name: vpc-allow-http
  - c. Network: select your vpc from dropdown
  - d. Target: input a target tag (http-john, spider-man)
  - e. Source Filter: 0.0.0.0/0
  - f. Protocol: TCP - 80
3. Visit compute engine > create instance
  - a. Ensure all settings as earlier exec
  - b. Click on Advanced > Networking
  - c. Select your vpc name from network drop-down > Done
  - d. Click on Automation > Startup script
  - e. Input startup script as follows:
    - i. apt update
    - ii. apt -y install apache2
    - iii. cat <<EOF > /var/www/html/index.html
    - iv. <html><body><p>Linux startup script from a local file.</p></body></html>
    - v. EOF
  - f. Create Instance

CLI way -

- For creating instance: `gcloud compute instances create vm-name --machine-type=n1-standard-1 --zone=us-central1-a --network=vpcname --subnet=subnetname`
  - For accessing the vm - `gcloud compute ssh vm-name --zone=us-central1-a`
  - After accessing the vm, execute following commands:
    - `sudo apt update`
    - `sudo apt install apache2 -y`
4. Visit External IP of instance to check if apache2 hosted webpage is available.
  5. For consistent failed page loads, go to firewall rule > click on the firewall rule you have recently created > edit > target: change to “all instances in the network” > save
  6. Retry accessing the external IP.