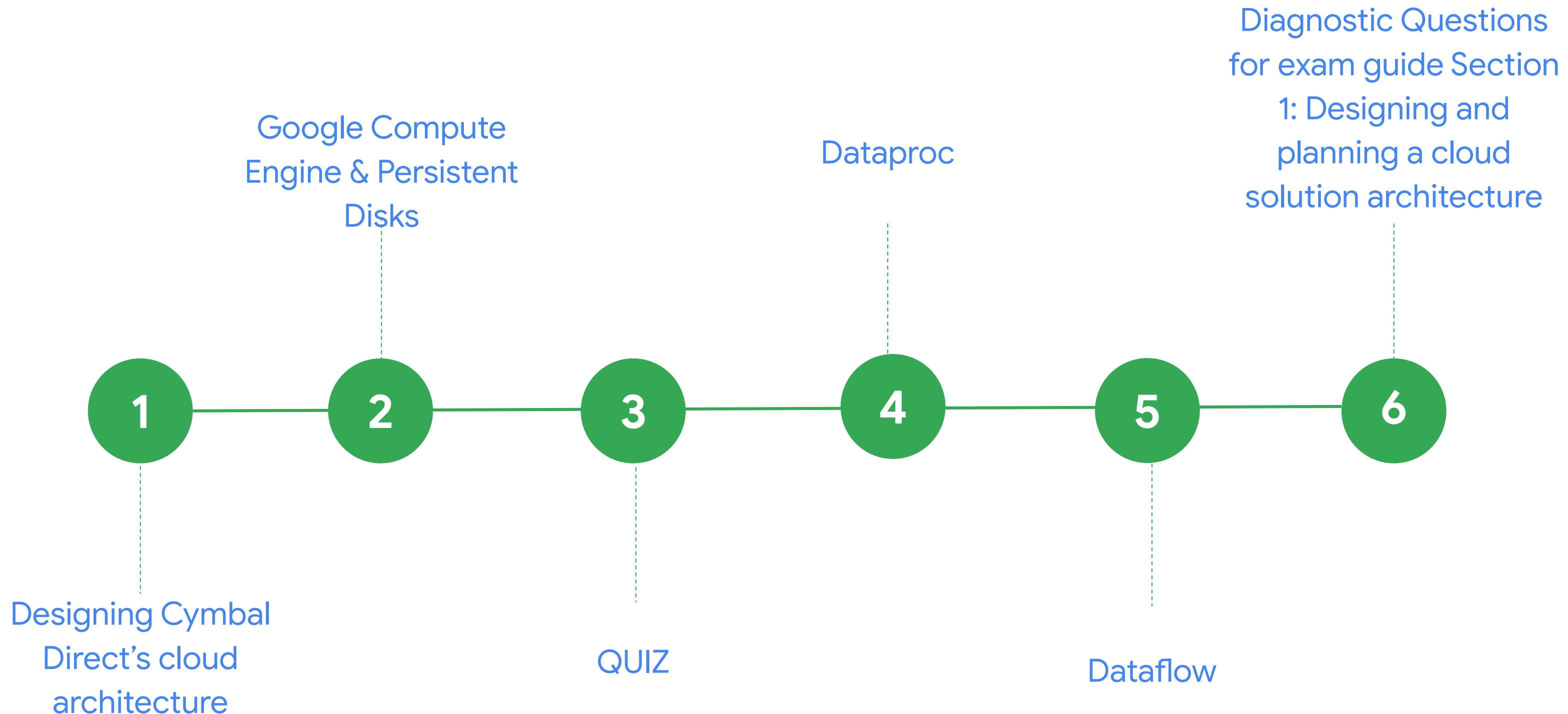


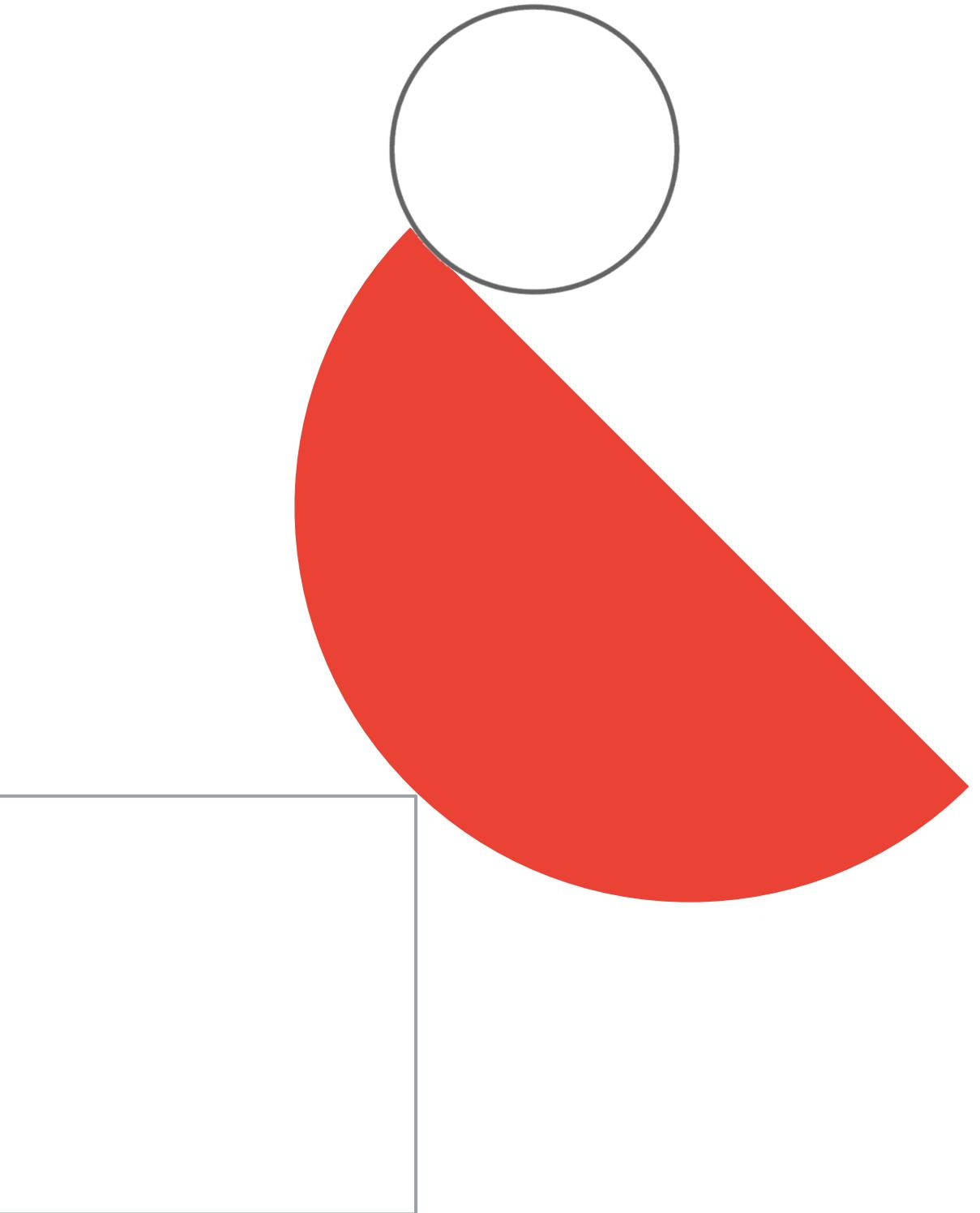
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Module 1: Designing and Planning a Cloud Solution
Architecture

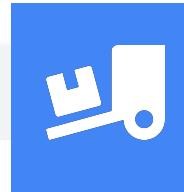
Week 2 agenda



Designing Cymbal Direct's cloud architecture



Cymbal Direct's existing environment



Delivery by Drone

- Their website frontend, pilot, and truck management systems run on **Kubernetes**.
- Positional data for drone and truck location is kept in a **MongoDB** database clusters
- Drones stream video to virtual machines via stateful connection



Purchase & Product APIs

- APIs are simply built into **monolithic apps**, and were not designed for partner integration.
- APIs are running on **Ubuntu linux VMs**



Social Media Highlighting

- Single SuSE linux VM
- MySQL DB
- Redis
- Python

Cymbal Direct's business requirements

- Scale to handle additional demand when expanding into test markets
- Streamline development
- Spend developer time on core business functionality as much as possible
- Let partners order directly via API
- Deploy the social media highlighting service and ensure appropriate content

Cymbal Direct's technical requirements

- Managed services
- Container-based workloads
- Highly scalable environment
- Standardization where possible
- Existing virtualization infrastructure refactored over time
- Secure partner integration
- Streaming IoT data

[Let's Brainstorm](#)

Putting it together: Existing environment



Existing environment

Website frontend, pilot, and truck management systems run on Kubernetes



Technical requirements



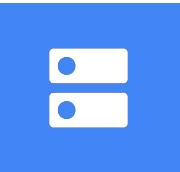
Business requirements



Proposed product/ solution

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Putting it together: Technical requirements



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Website frontend, pilot, and truck management systems run on Kubernetes



Technical requirements (does it...?)

- Move to managed services wherever possible
- Ensure that developers can deploy container based workloads to testing and production environments in a highly scalable environment.
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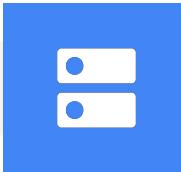
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- Streamline development?

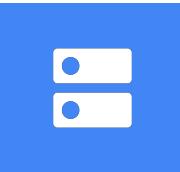


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Potential solutions



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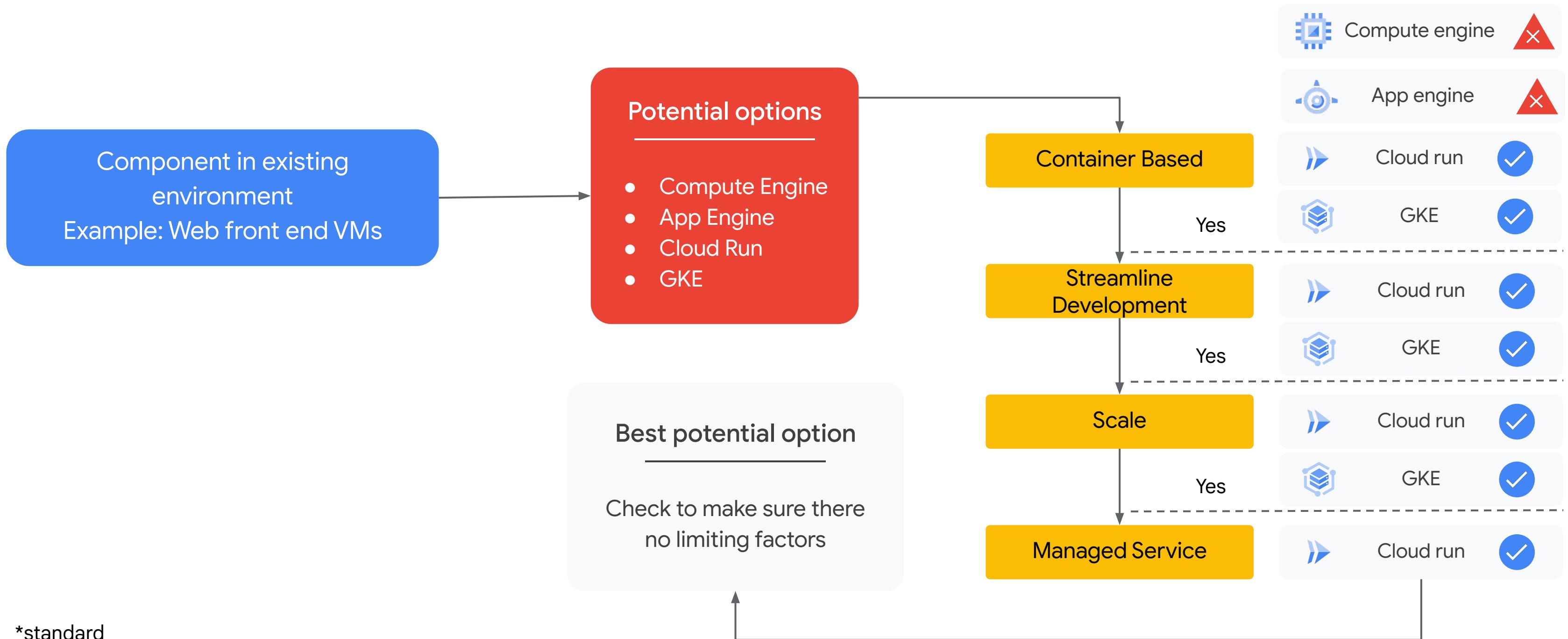


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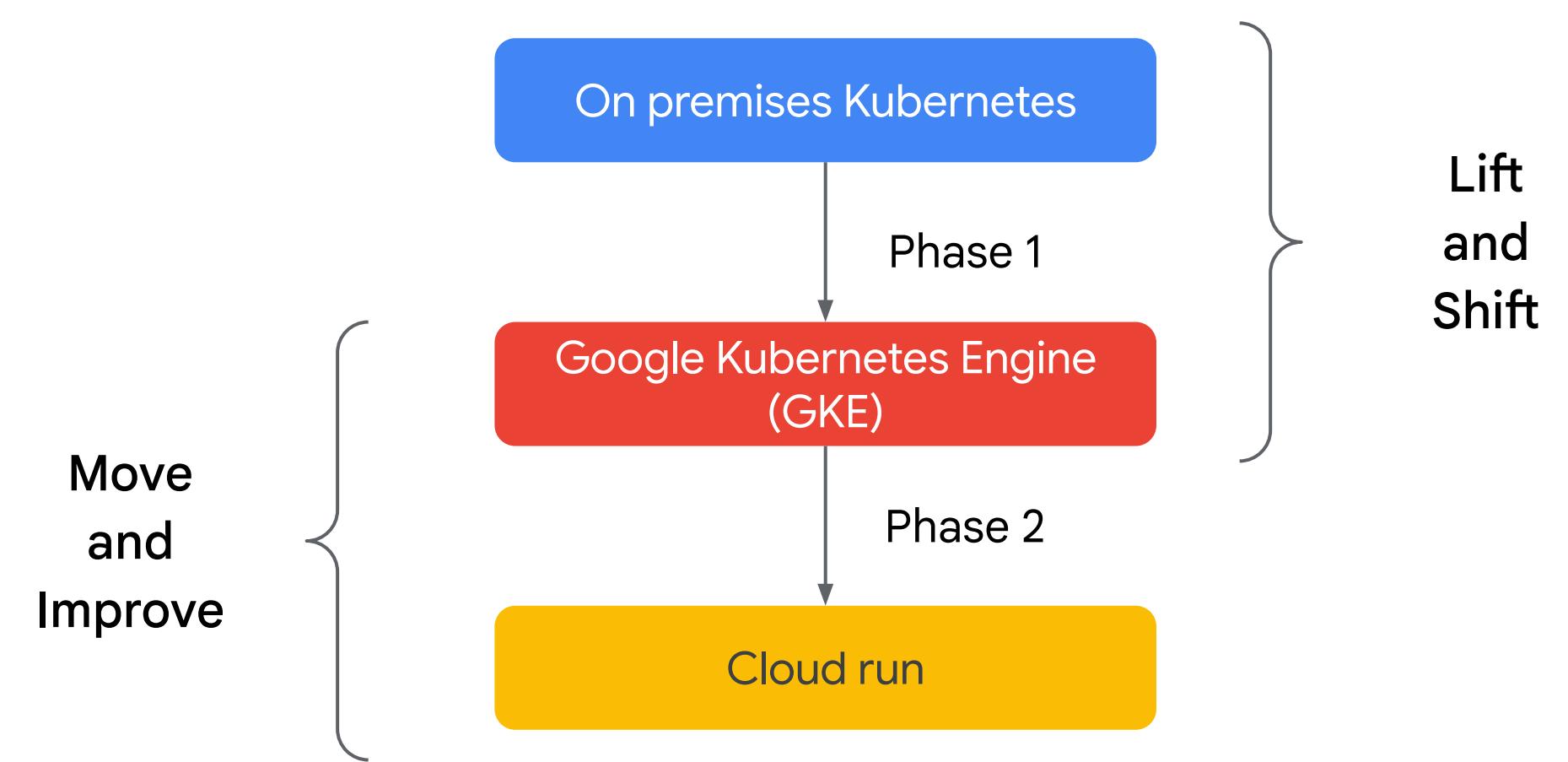
- Global HTTP(s) Load Balancer
- GKE
- Separate projects
- Migration type: lift and shift
- Replace GKE with Cloud Run for website (future)

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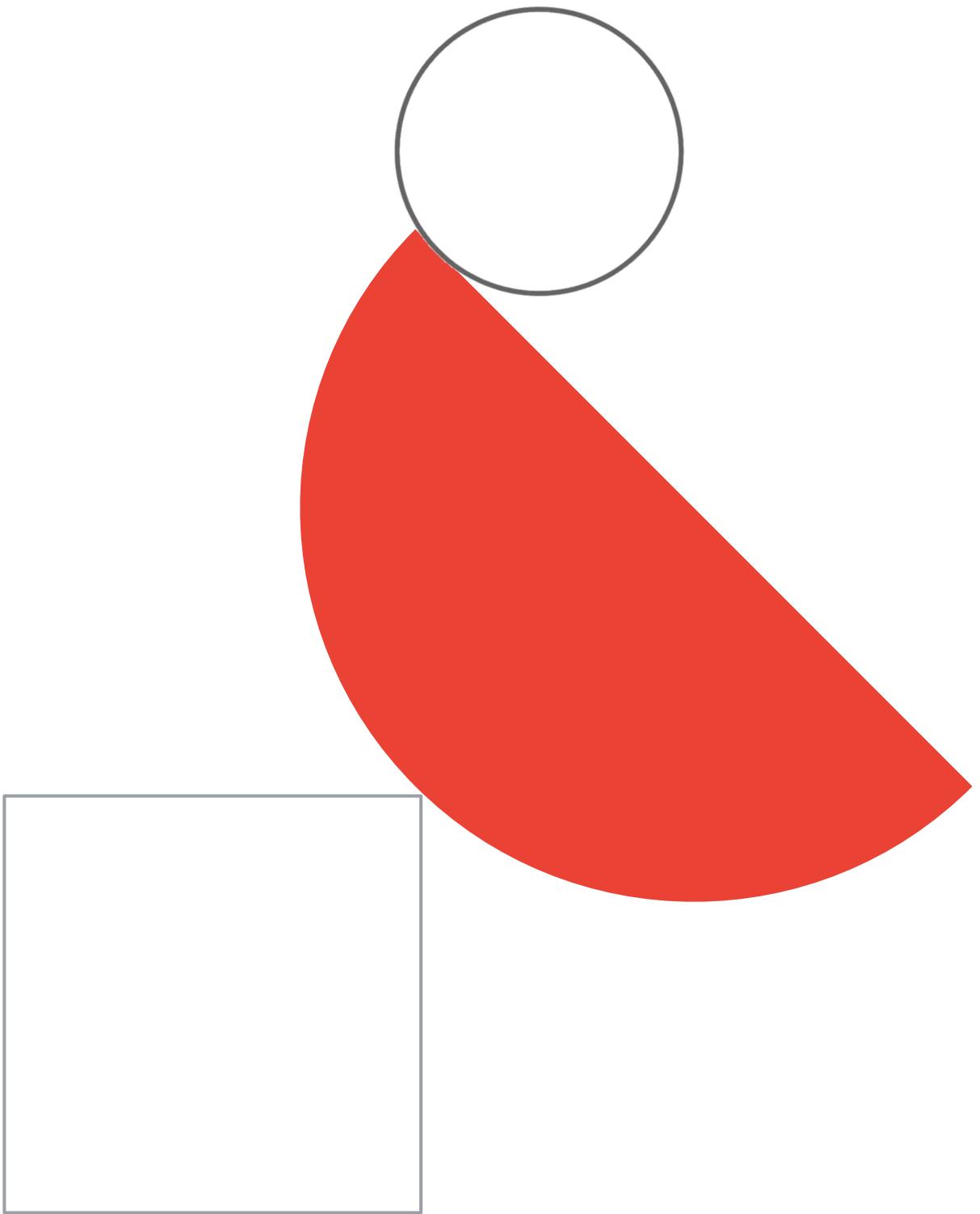
Decision flow diagram



Planning for migration and the future



Google Compute Engine (GCE)





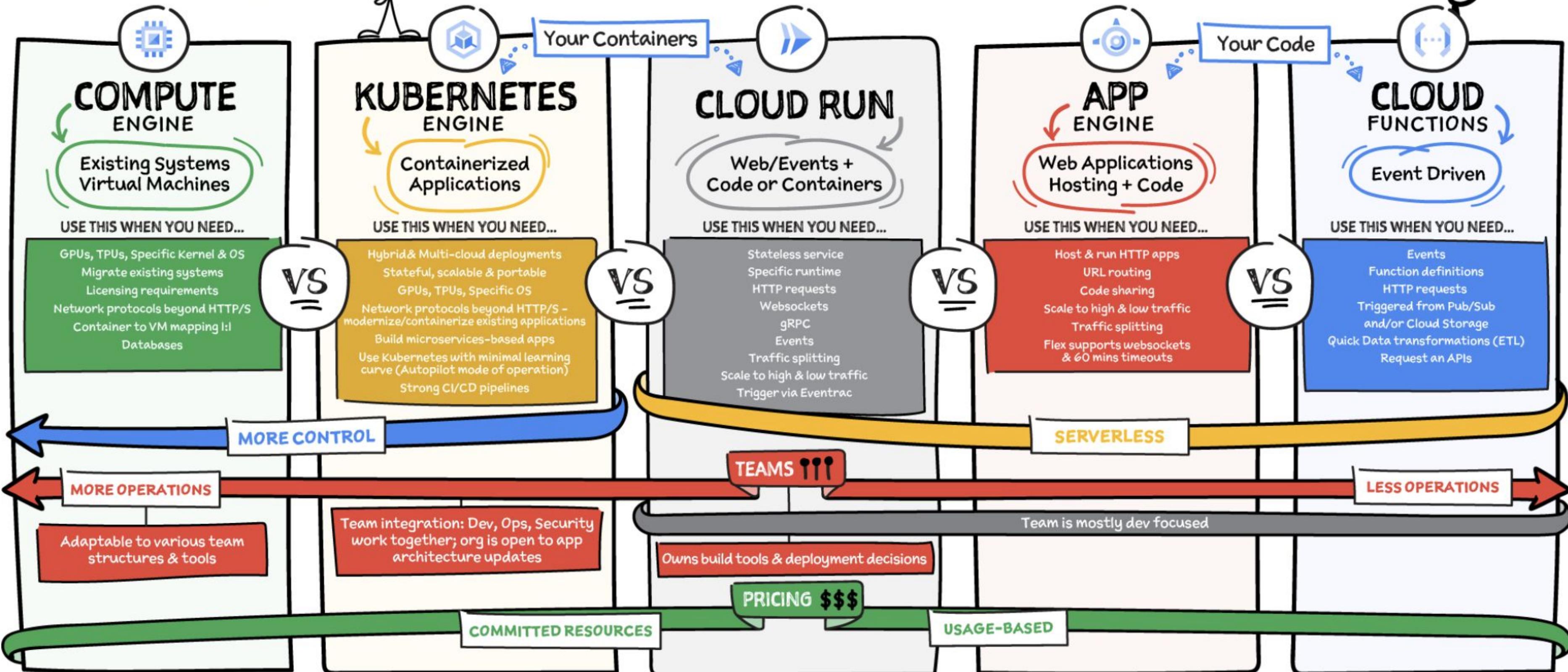
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Where should I run my stuff? IT DEPENDS...



PRO TIP: YOU CAN USE THEM TOGETHER



Google Compute Engine



Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

- vCPUs (cores) and Memory (RAM)
- Persistent disks
- Networking
- Linux or Windows

Exam Tips: GCE is a basic IaaS service, but there are lots of details you're expected to know:

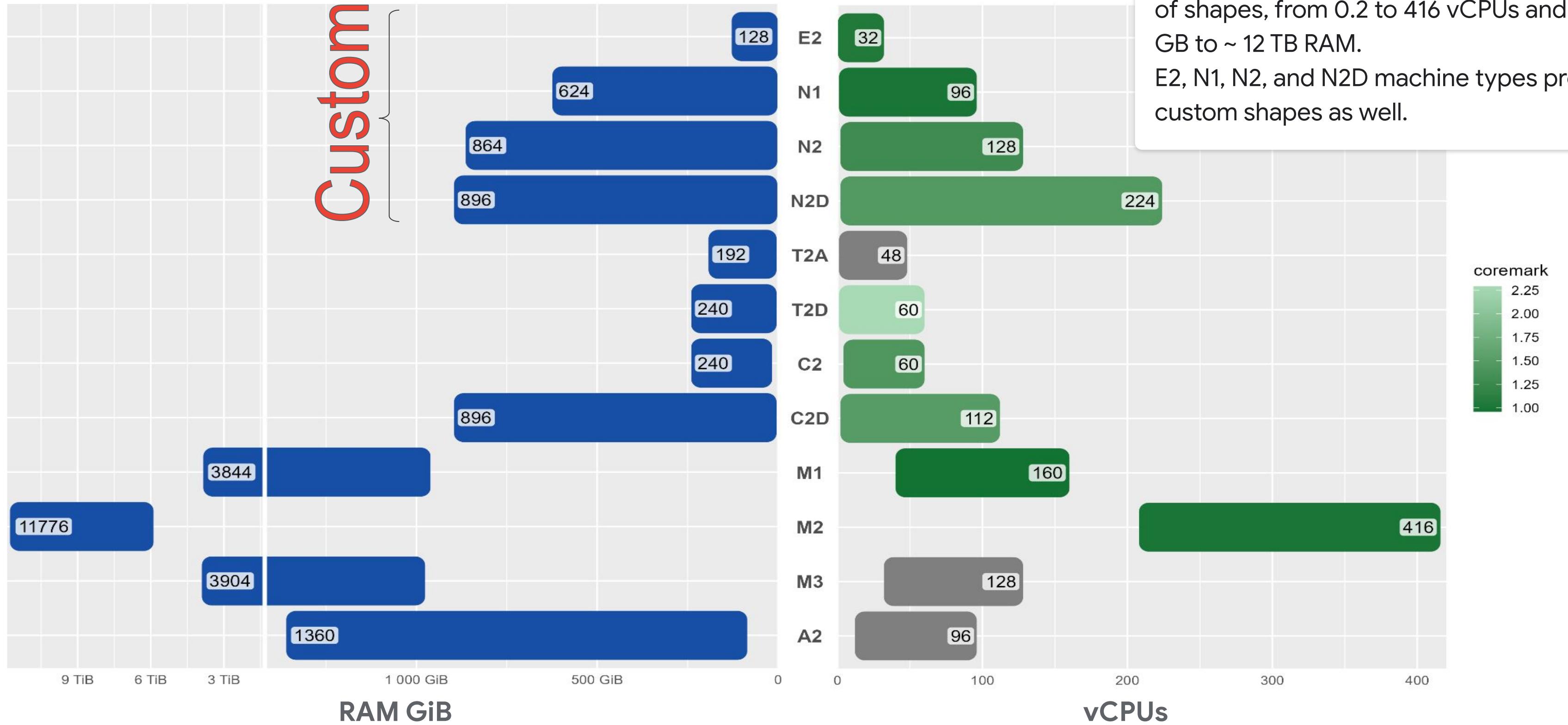
- Differences between PD images / snapshots / VM images.
- [How to troubleshoot VM not booting up properly](#)
- Custom image vs public image + startup scripts
- VM price differ between regions
- PDs are network-attach devices and - as such - consume VM bandwidth.
- VM network performance scales with # of vCPUs.
- etc...

Compute Engine - how to differentiate between families?

Best TCO	Balanced	Scale-out Optimized	Workload-Optimized		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Serving • Steady-state LOB apps • Dev & Test environments • Small prod environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise apps • Medium databases • Web & App Serving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale-out Workloads • Web Serving • Containerized microservices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDA • HPC • Scientific Modeling • AAA Gaming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAP HANA • Largest in memory DBs • Real-time data analytics • In-memory cache 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ML • HPC • Massive parallelized computation
Cost savings a priority	Leading perf and perf/\$	Best Perf/\$ for scale out workloads	Highest performance CPUs	Most memory on Compute Engine	Highest performance GPUs
Cost-Optimized (E2)	General Purpose (N2 and N2D)	ScaleOut optimized Tau (T2D, T2A)	Compute-Optimized (C2, C2D)	Memory-Optimized (M1, M2, M3)	Accelerator-Optimized (A2)

Compute Engine: Max shapes by machine type

Exam Tip: Custom machines can be used only for some VM families & up to 224vCPU/896 GB RAM



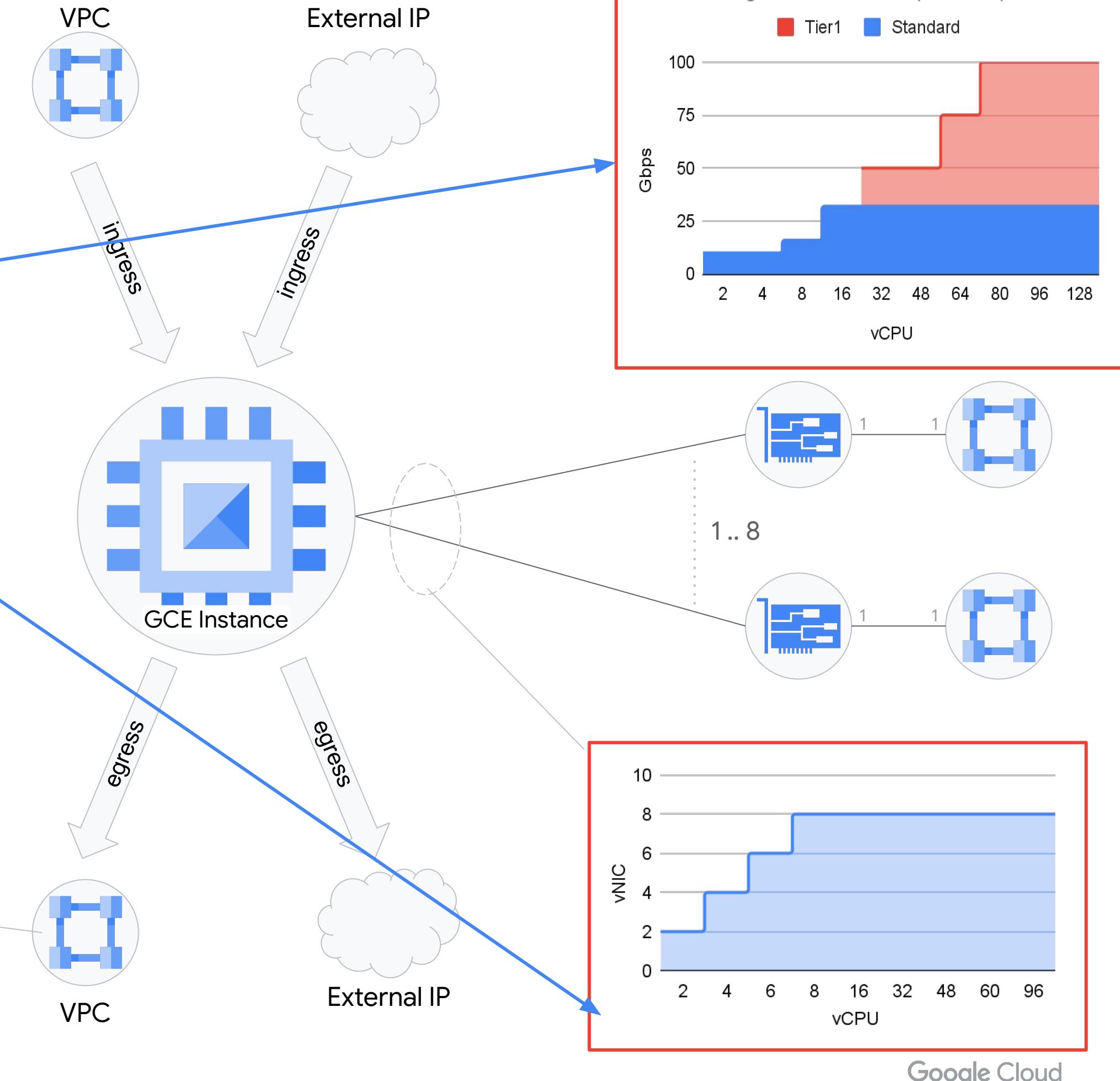
Instances (VMs) are available in a wide range of shapes, from 0.2 to 416 vCPUs and from 1 GB to ~ 12 TB RAM.
E2, N1, N2, and N2D machine types provide custom shapes as well.

Compute Engine

Network perspective

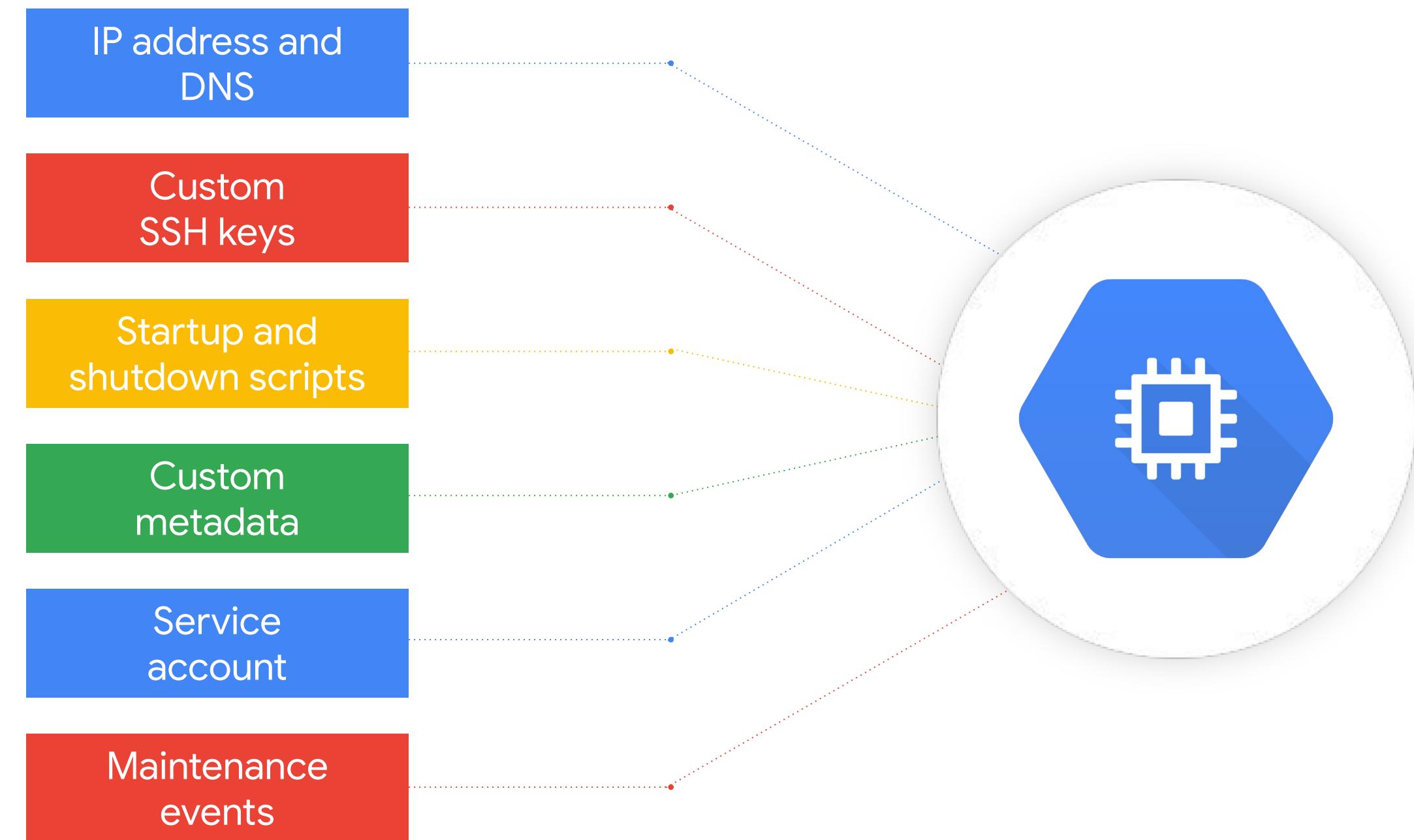
Exam Tips:

- Network bandwidth limited & dependent on vCPU count (up to ~32Gbps for N2s + Tier1 extends further)
- You can expect the best network performance for traffic within the same zone, using internal IP addresses.
- Remember about multi-NIC VMs (up to 8)
- Storage is a network resource! => Network bandwidth shared between network AND disk activity



Compute Engine: Metadata Server

- ▶ The metadata server stores information about the instance or project.
- Metadata request/response never leaves the physical host.
- Metadata information is encrypted on the way to the virtual machine host.
- Metadata server can generate a signed token for apps to verify the instance identity.



Compute Engine: Spot (Preemptible) VMs

Made for batch, fault-tolerant, and high throughput computing

Super-low-cost, short-term instances

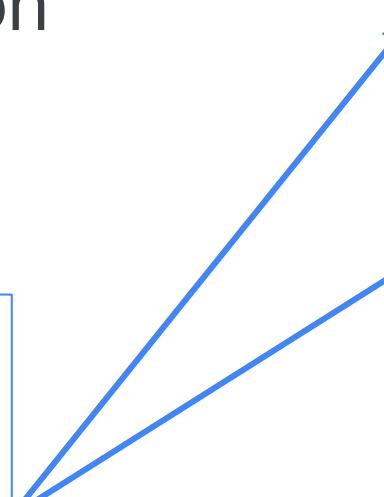
- Up to 91% less than standard instances
- No maximum duration, may be preempted with 30-seconds notice (preemptible: max 24 hrs)
- Simple to use with graceful termination

Exam Tips:

- Those use-cases usually pop up at the exam with regards to Spot VMs / Preemptibles.
- Can also be used in GKE clusters!

Ideal for a variety of stateless, fault-tolerant workloads

- Genomics, pharmaceuticals
- Physics, math, computational chemistry
- Data processing (for example, with Hadoop or Cloud DataProc)
- Image handling, rendering, and media transcoding
- Monte Carlo simulations
- Financial services



Compute Engine: automate start & stop activities

Executed from metadata, either directly or from file:

- Startup:
 - `gcloud compute instances create VM_NAME \--image-project=debian-cloud \--image-family=debian-10 \--metadata=startup-script='#!/bin/bash
apt update
apt -y install apache2
cat <<EOF > /var/www/html/index.html
<html><body><p>Linux startup script added directly.</p></body></html>
EOF'`
- Shutdown:
 - `gcloud compute instances create example-instance --metadata-from-file=shutdown-script=FILE_PATH`

To see output of startup/shutdown script:

- `gcloud compute instances create example-instance --metadata shutdown-script="#!/bin/bash
> # Shuts down Apache server
> /etc/init.d/apache2 stop"`

Exam Tips:

- *Startup / shutdown scripts are best-effort only!*
- *Startup / shutdown scripts are always run by root (Linux) / System (Windows)*
- *Shutdown scripts are especially useful for:*
 - *MIGs (to copy back processed data or logs before a VM goes down).*
 - *Spot / Preemptible VMs, which are much more vulnerable to be stopped.*
- *Startup / shutdown scripts can be set on VM or project (!!!) level -> will trigger for every VM. VM-level always take precedence (if exists, project-level script is not executed)*
- *Shutdown scripts have timeouts:*
 - *90s for standard instances*
 - *30s for Spot / Preemptible instances*

Compute Engine creation

public OS image vs custom OS image vs snapshot vs machine image

Select an image or snapshot to create a boot disk; or attach an existing disk. Can't find what you're looking for? Explore hundreds of VM solutions in [Marketplace](#)

PUBLIC IMAGES **CUSTOM IMAGES** **SNAPSHOTS** **ARCHIVE SNAPSHOTS** **EXISTING DISKS**

Source project for images *

sapongcp-320306

Show deprecated images

Image *

ansible-awx-v32

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Exam Tips:

- Custom images should be centralized and controlled from lifecycle perspective (know what are image families and image states)
- Public / Custom OS image IS NOT the same as “machine image”
- You can create a VM based on all of those options (public / custom OS image, snapshot, existing disk, machine image)
- You can ‘automate’ post-processing with startup script, regardless of how boot disk was created.

Shielded VMs

Exam Tips: Using Shielded VMs is a best practice in GCP!

<u>Secure Boot</u>	<u>vTPM</u>	<u>Integrity Monitoring</u>	Result/implications
ON	ON	ON	Most secure. Allows for use of vTPM for data encryption using vTPM protected key, Secure Boot to prevent malicious rootkits and bootkits, and Integrity Monitoring to alert to any changes in boot process. Secure Boot may not be compatible with customers drivers or other software.
OFF	ON	ON	Default when creating a GCP VM. Allows for use of vTPM for data encryption using vTPM protected key and Integrity Monitoring to alert to any changes in boot process. If customer has unsigned drivers or low level software this is the most secure option as Secure Boot would not be compatible.
OFF	OFF	OFF	Least secure. No benefits of Shielded VM. This is not recommended .

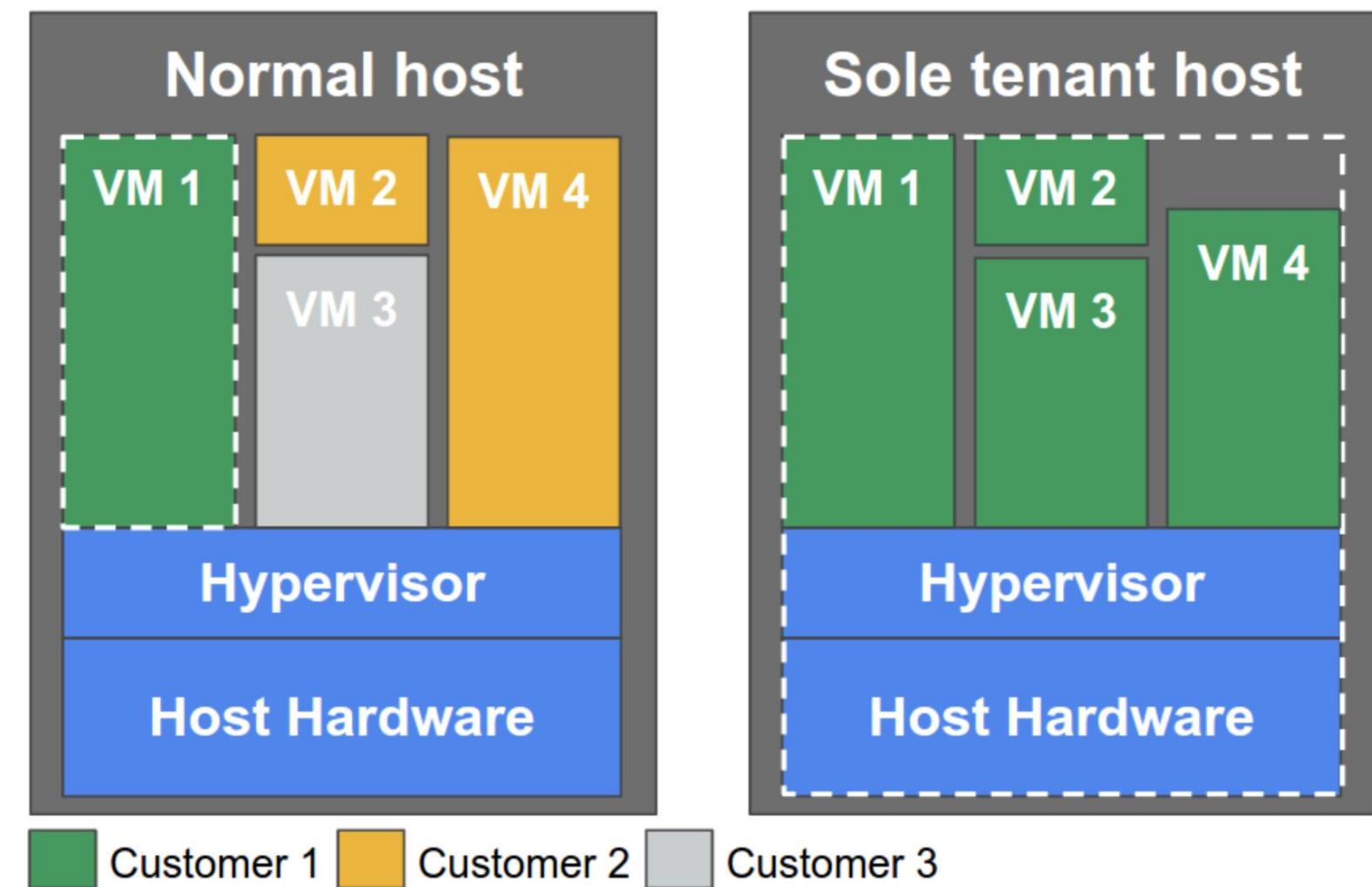
```
gcloud compute instances update instance name \
```

Feature	Flag to Turn On	Flag to Turn Off
Secure boot	--shielded-secure-boot	--no-shielded-secure-boot
vTPM (measure boot)	--shielded-vtpm	--no-shielded-vtpm
Integrity monitoring	--shielded-integrity-monitoring	--no-shielded-integrity-monitoring

Sole-Tenant Nodes

Regular VMs on regular machines, dedicated specifically to your workloads.

- Dedicated hardware
- Mix-and-match VMs to consume host resources
- Full access to host resources for 10% premium*

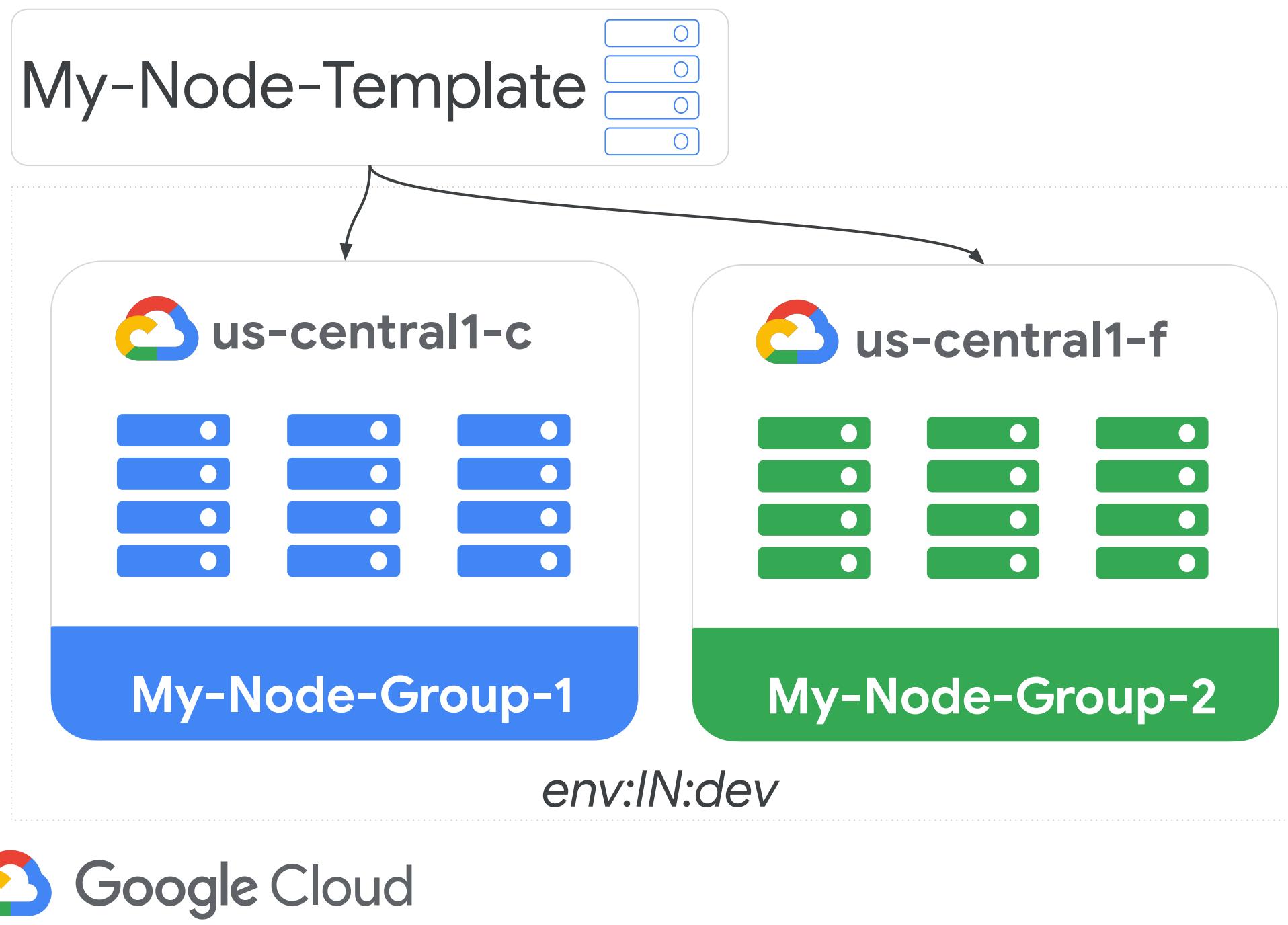


*10% Premium based on on-demand price

Quick Start for Sole-Tenant Nodes (1/2)

Each Sole-Tenant Node has a 1:1 mapping to a physical Host and represents a reserved host.

Step 1: Reserve Sole-Tenant Node(s)



// 1. CREATE NODE TEMPLATE

```
$ gcloud compute sole-tenancy \
node-templates create my-node-template \
--node-type n1-node-96-624 \
--region us-central1
```

// 2. CREATE NODE GROUP OF 3 NODES

```
$ gcloud compute sole-tenancy \
node-groups create my-node-group-1 \
--node-template my-node-template \
--target-size 3 \
--zone us-central1-c
```

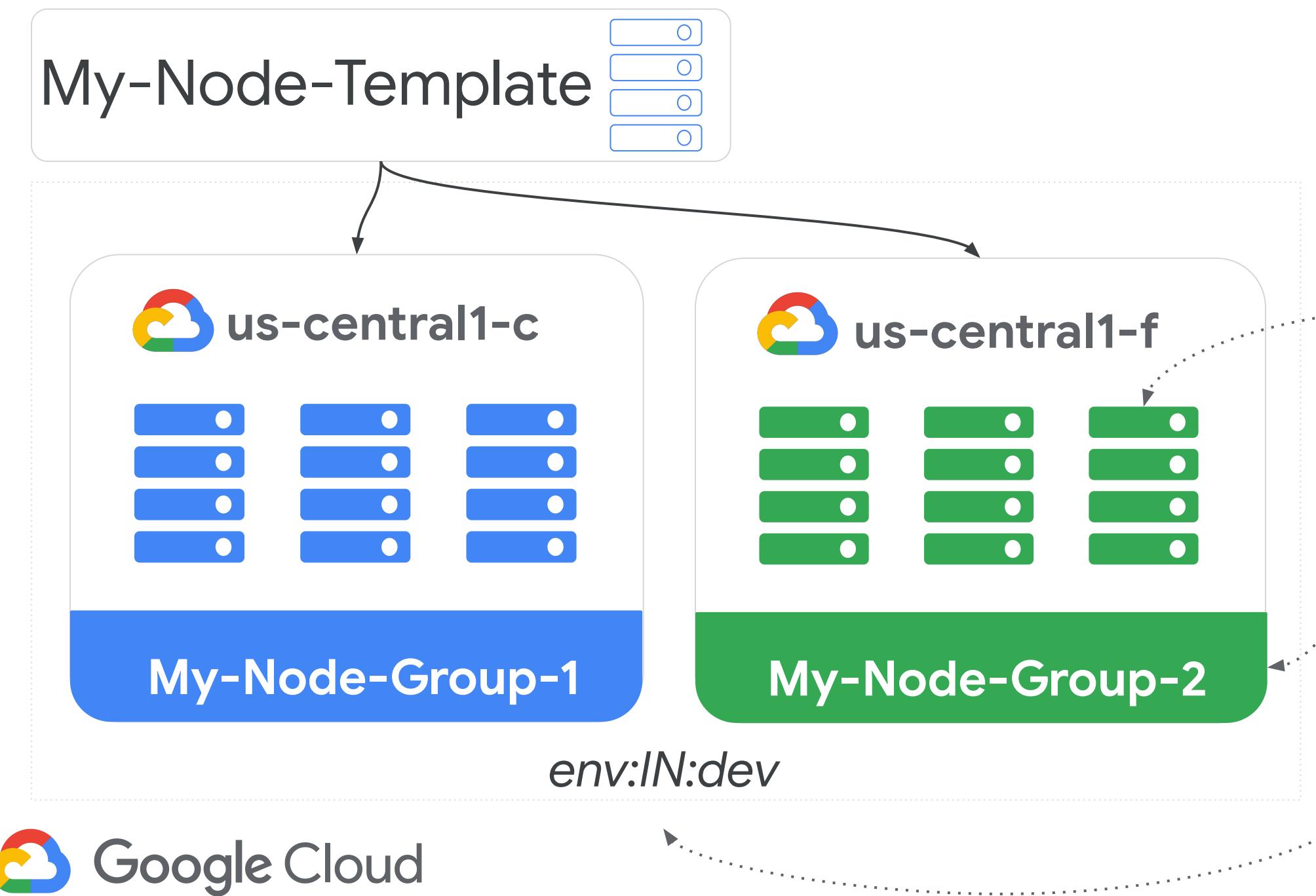
// 2b. [FOR ILLUSTRATION] CREATE ANOTHER

```
$ gcloud compute sole-tenancy \
node-groups create my-node-group-2 \
--node-template my-node-template \
--target-size 3 \
--zone us-central1-f
```

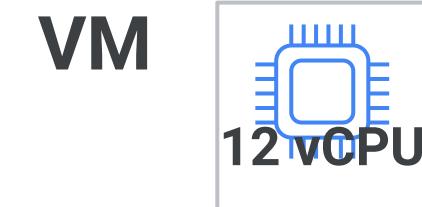
Quick Start for Sole-Tenant Nodes (2/2)

Exam Tips: More info on provisioning VMs on sole-tenant nodes can be found [here](#).

Step 1: Reserve Sole-Tenant Node(s)



2. Schedule Instance(s)



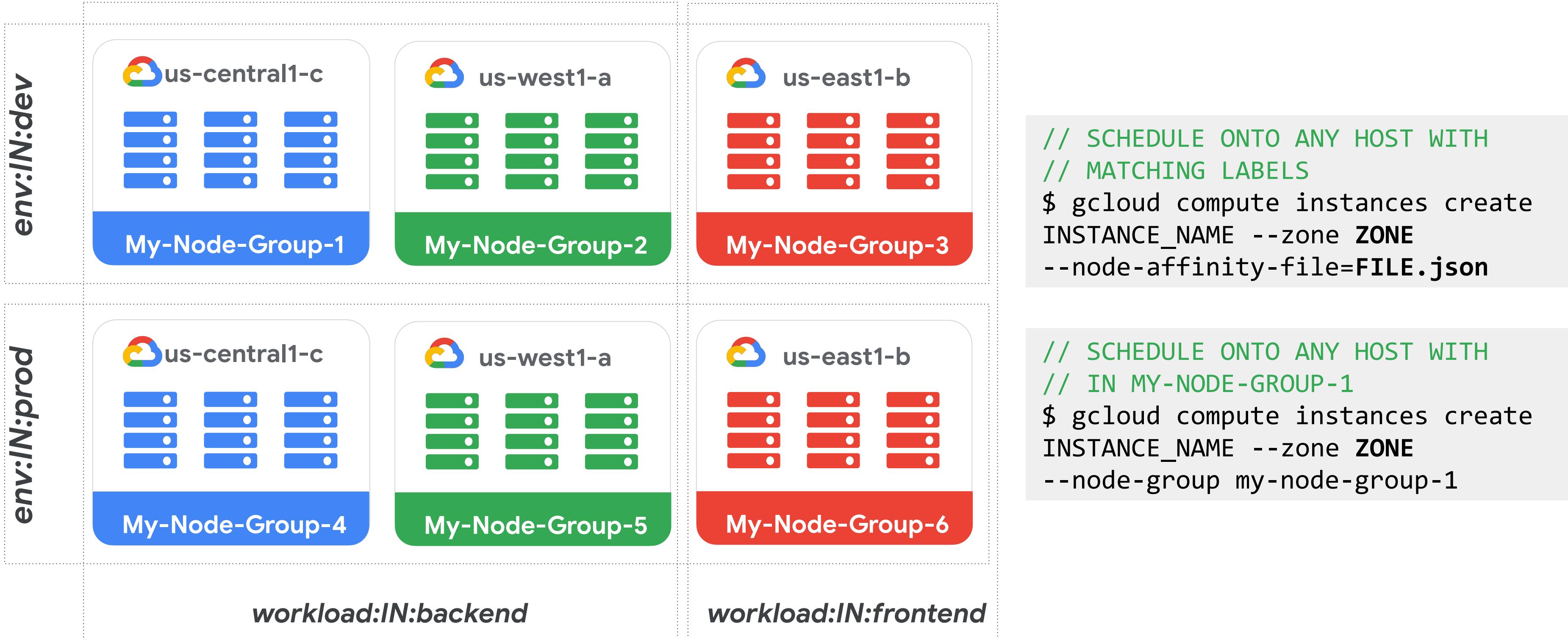
3 ways to schedule:

```
// SCHEDULE ONTO A SPECIFIC NODE  
$ gcloud compute instances create \  
INSTANCE_NAME --node=NODE_NAME
```

```
// SCHEDULE ON ANY NODE IN NODE GROUP  
$ gcloud compute instances create \  
INSTANCE_NAME \  
--node-group=NODE_GROUP_NAME
```

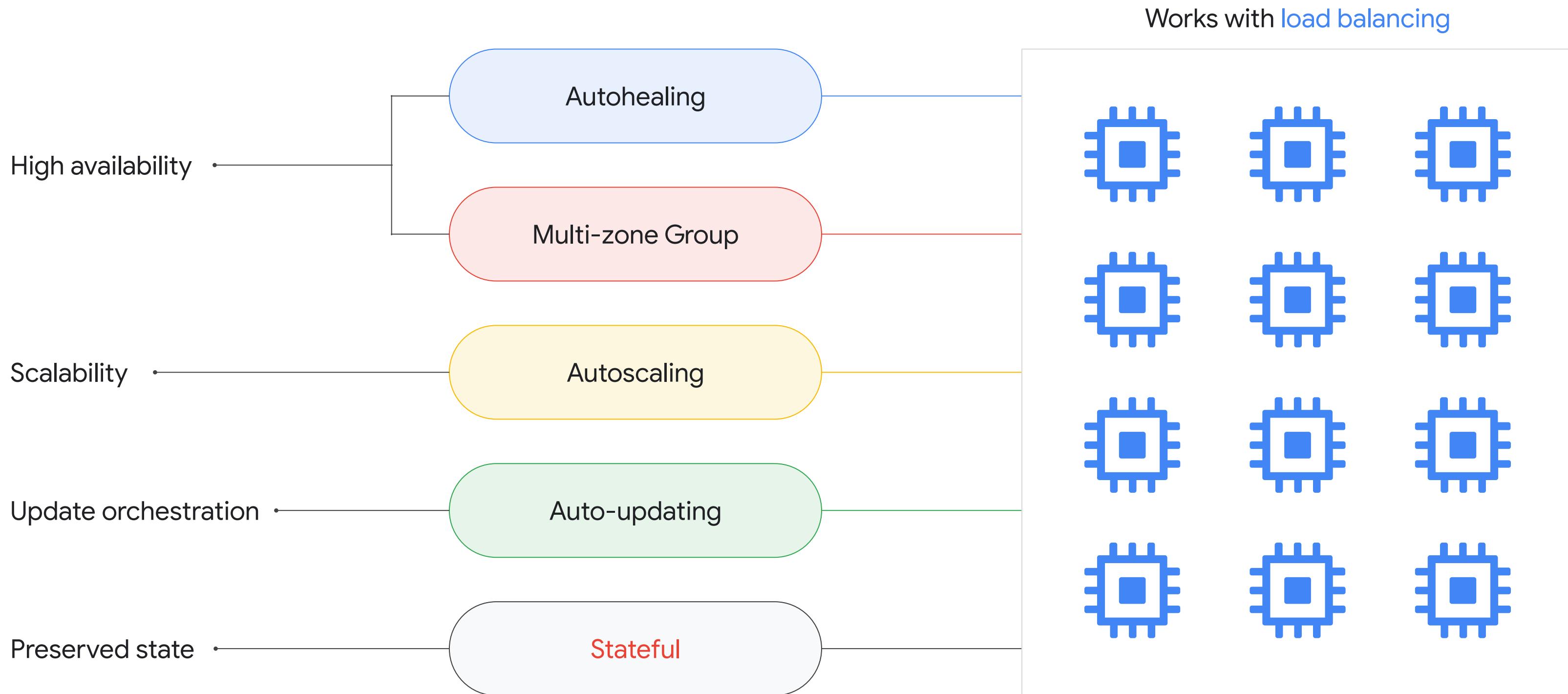
```
// SCHEDULE ONTO ANY HOST WITH  
// MATCHING LABELS  
$ gcloud compute instances create \  
INSTANCE_NAME --zone ZONE \  
--node-affinity-file=FILE.json
```

Sole-Tenant Nodes: Using Node Affinity Labels



Managed Instance Groups: Run VMs at Scale

Up to thousands of VMs



Exam Tips: pros & cons of “ready” custom OS image vs public image + startup scripts

Stateful vs stateless

And why stateless is usually preferred...

Exam Tips:

- Here a look at [this document](#).
- Prefer stateless. Use stateful only when necessary, eg:
 - Databases
 - Data processing apps (Kafka etc)
 - Legacy monoliths

← Create Instance Group

 New managed instance group (stateless)
Automatically manage groups of VMs that do stateless serving and batch processing.

 New managed instance group (stateful)
Automatically manage groups of VMs that have persistent data or configurations (such as databases or legacy applications).

 New unmanaged instance group
Manually manage groups of load balancing VMs.

Stateful configuration

Group config

Select stateful resource that you want to preserve during disruptive events stateful will be recreated according to the instance template. [Learn more](#)

 boot (Boot disk)

Stateful: No

 External IP (sapongcp-vpc network)

Stateful: No

 Internal IP (sapongcp-vpc network)

Stateful: No

Stateful

Each server retains information about its client sessions, such as the current state of an application or the content of a user shopping cart.

Not perfect if we have multiple backends that can serve the requests...

Can scale up easily. Can't scale down easily since each server keeps its' state.

Stateless (PREFERRED!)

Server does not retain any information about the client sessions. Each request made by the client is treated as an independent transaction, and the server does not maintain any memory of previous requests.

Greater scalability and flexibility.

Ability to scale up & down easily

Choosing instance groups for Compute Engine

Type of Instance Group	Properties of Instances	Feature
Unmanaged	Heterogeneous	
Managed	Homogeneous	Instance Templates Autoscaling
Zonal	Same zone	Latency consistency
Regional	Different zones	Reliability

Exam Tip:

- Unmanaged are used to group EXISTING, different VMs under one “umbrella” and balance traffic to healthy ones only. For example, used in lift&shift migrations.
- You can't update existing instance template (need to create a new one)
- Know the difference between scale-out and scale-up!

```
gcloud compute instance-groups managed create [*INSTANCE_GROUP_NAME*] 🖊 \ 
  --size= [*SIZE*] 🖊 \ 
  --template= [*INSTANCE_TEMPLATE_NAME*] 🖊 \ 
  --zone= [*ZONE*] 🖊
```

MIG - Autoscaling

CPU Utilization

Treats the target CPU utilization level as a fraction of the average use of all vCPUs over time in the instance group

Cloud Monitoring Metrics

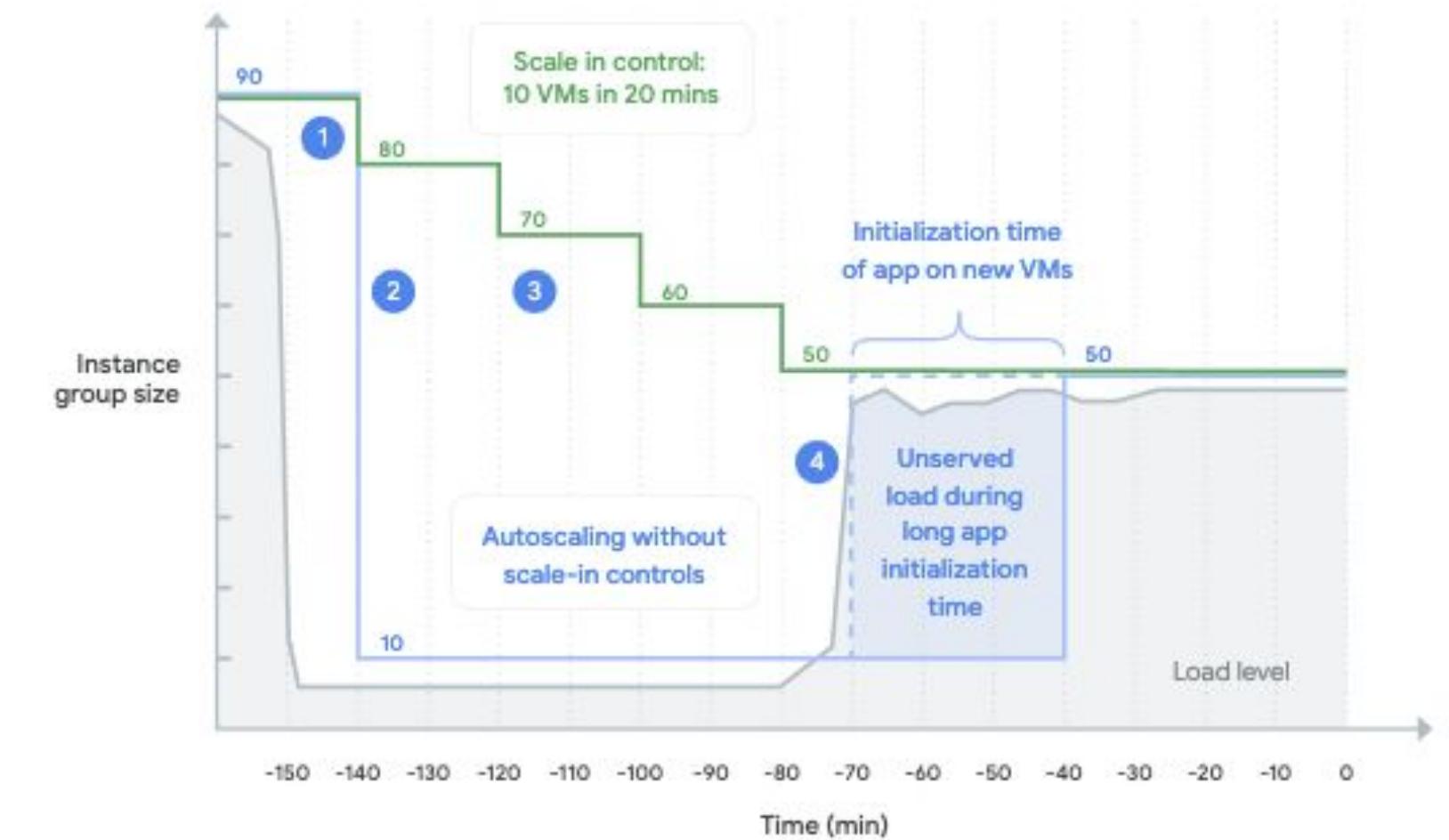
Per Instance or Per Group
Standard or custom metrics
Not for log-based metrics

External HTTPS Capacity

Autoscaling works with maximum backend utilization and maximum requests per second/instance

Schedules

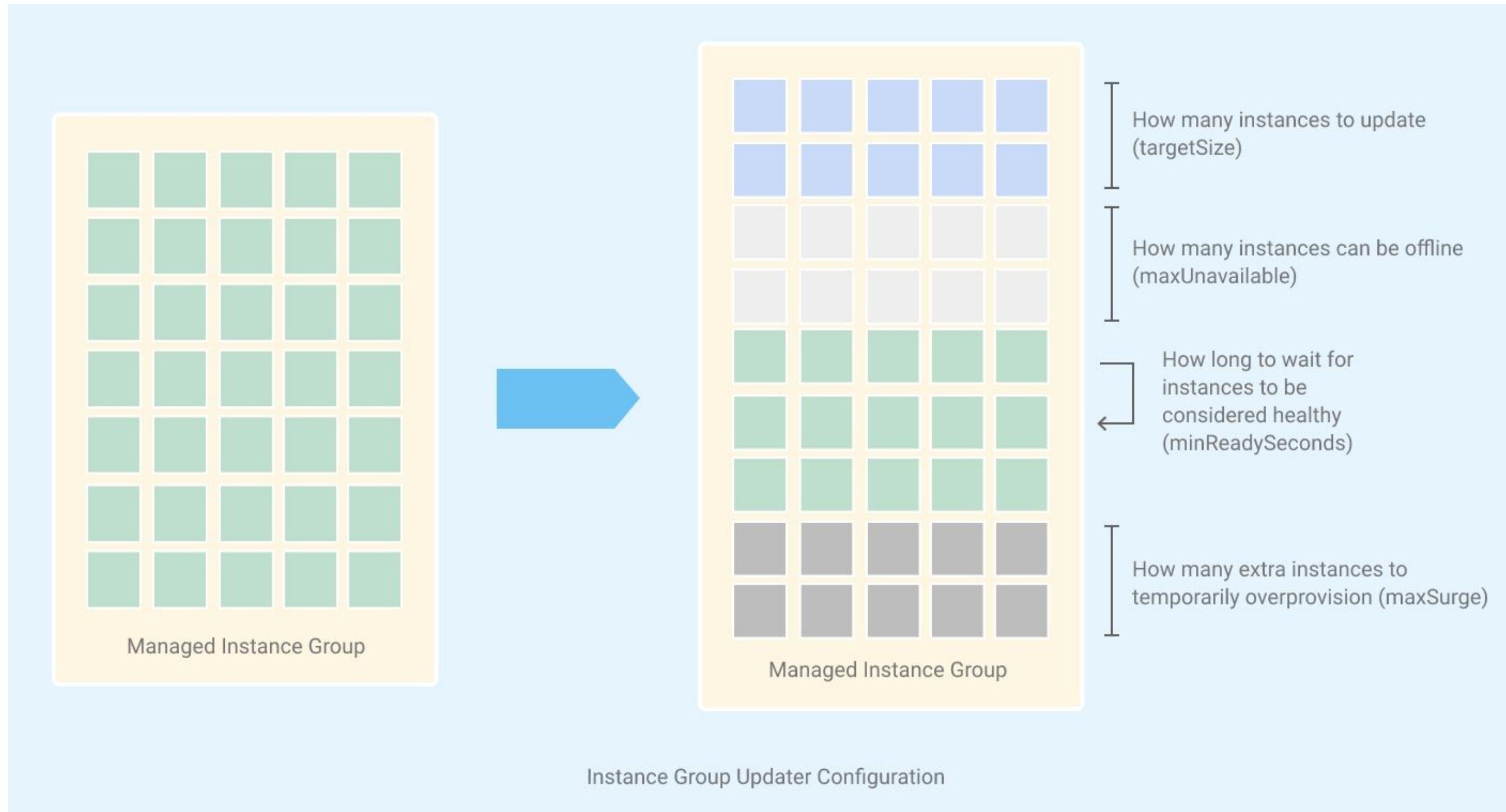
Additional autoscaler
Up to 128 schedules
Min instances
Duration
Start time & Recurrence



- With scale-in controls
- Without scale-in controls

Updating MIGs

= implementing new image versions



Exam Tip: Know WELL how to rollout new versions to MIGs, incl. canary & rollback strategies

Google Cloud

VM Pricing and cost optimization

Sustained Use Discounts (SUD)

Up to 30% savings on Compute Engine and Cloud SQL

Committed Use Discounts (CUD)

Up to 70% savings without upfront fees or instance-type lock-in

Spot / Preemptible VM instances

Up to 91% savings on workloads that can be interrupted, like data mining and data processing

Per second billing

Up to 38% savings by paying per second, not per hour

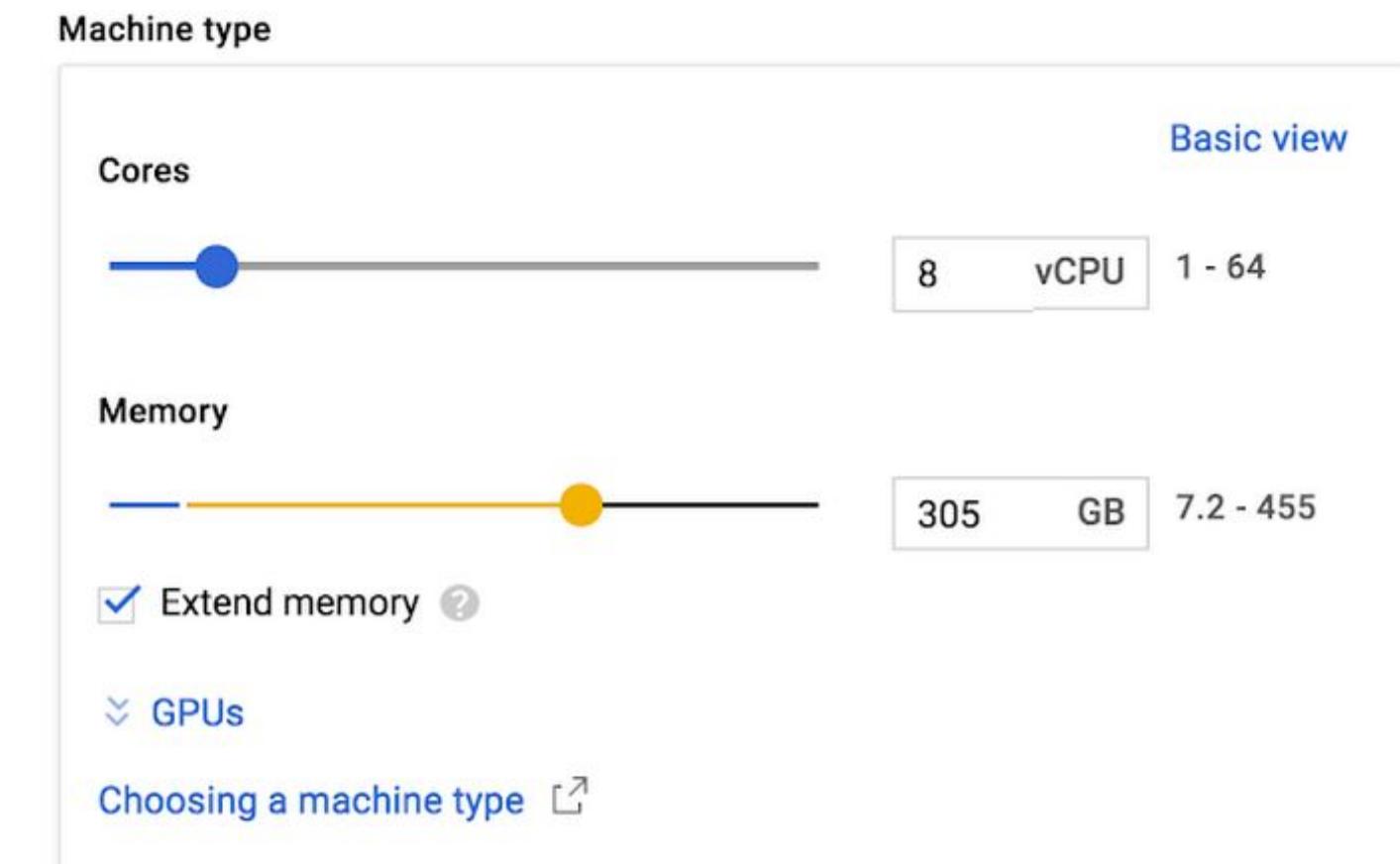
Network Service Tiers

Pick performance and get 70% more bandwidth than other clouds, or pick cost savings and save up to 9% compared to other clouds

Rightsizing (incl. choosing optimal GCE families) and Custom Machine Types

Exam Tips:

- Common pattern for optimization costs for unused PDs: you can create a snapshot, and delete the disk to reduce the maintenance cost of that disk by 35% to 92%.
- For premium OS, you're billed for license per vCPU per second.
- Bring Your Own License is an option for some OSes
- Use Extended memory to save on OS license costs.



Migrate for Compute Engine

Lift&Shift your VMWare, AWS, Azure workloads to GCE



- Purpose-built, enterprise-grade
- Migrate from on-prem or other clouds
- Proven at scale, having migrated customers w/ thousands of workloads
- Success across healthcare, energy, government, manufacturing, and more

Agentless

Nothing to install on source machines

Minimize complexity, reduce IT labor requirements by 5+ hours per server, keep migrations on track.

Streaming

Migrate storage while apps run in GCP

Eliminate long upfront data transfers and unpredictable maintenance windows, enabling fast time-to-cloud and reduced downtime.

Frictionless

Automate migration and in-cloud conversion

Reduce touch points for IT, provide uninterrupted experience for line of business owners and end users.

Persistent Disks best practices, tips&tricks

Exam Tips:

- Use “**--no-boot-disk-auto-delete**” parameter if you don’t want boot / OS disk to be deleted if a VM gets deleted.
- CMEK and CSEK can be used to encrypt PDs. Have a look at [how to use CSEK for a PD](#).
- Avoid using ext3 filesystems in Linux (poor performance under heavy write loads). Prefer ext4.
- You can share a PD across multiple VMs at the same time in **read-only mode**.
 - If read-write required, prefer a managed solution such as Filestore or utilize GCS.
- You can share a SSD PD across two N2 VMs at the same time in **read-write mode**. In Preview as of Q1 '23 -> should NOT be covered on the exam.
- To recover from a corrupted disk / Os not booting properly, follow [this procedure](#).
 - On high-level, just attach the corrupted disk as non-boot disk to another VM and troubleshoot.
- For special use-cases (app needs a RAM disk with exceptionally low latency and high throughput and cannot just use the VM memory), you can create a tmpfs filesystem by allocating some VM memory as a RAM disk.
- If needed, you can attach 1-24 **local SSDs** (ephemeral = data is lost if VM stops; each 375 GB and physically attached to the server that hosts your VM instance). **Local SSDs are NOT the same as PD SSDs!!!** More information [here](#).

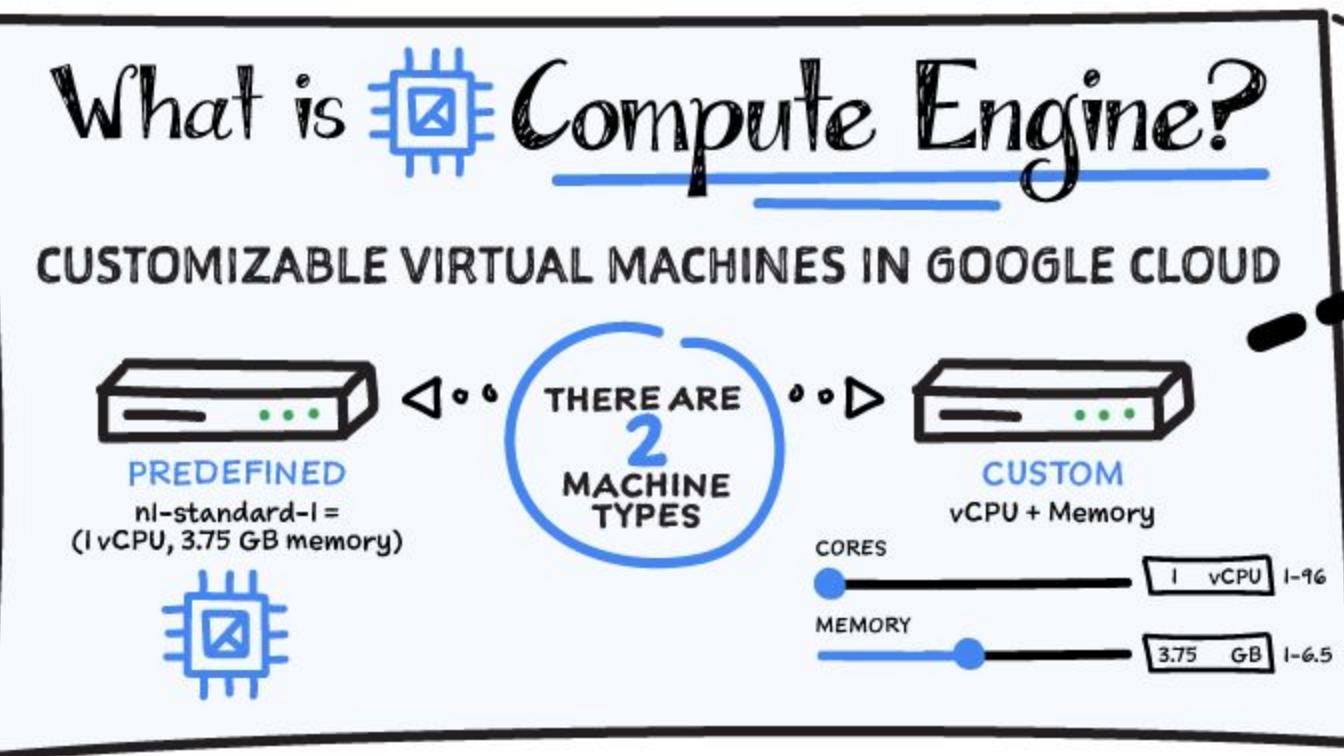


Compute Engine

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THERE ARE 3 MACHINE TYPE FAMILIES

GENERAL PURPOSE Machine Type

General Servers



Websites



Databases



COMPUTE OPTIMIZED Machine Type

High Performance Computing



Gaming



Electronic Design Automation



Single Threaded Applications



In-Memory Databases



SAP HANNA



MEMORY OPTIMIZED Machine Type

In-Memory Analytics



Large In-Memory Databases



In-Memory Analytics



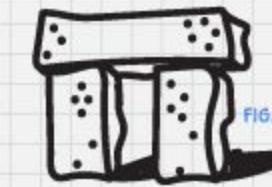
Compute Engine Use case (example)



Websites



Databases



Legacy Monolithic Apps

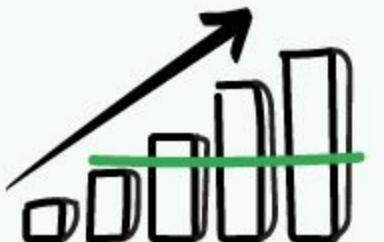


Windows Apps

Compute Engine PRICING

SUSTAINED USE SAVINGS

Automatic discounts for running VMs a significant portion of the month



COMMITTED USE DISCOUNT

Up to 57% savings with no up-front cost



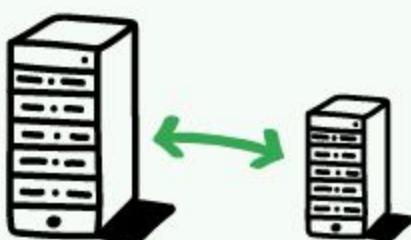
PREEMPTIBLE VMs

Up to 80% savings and run batch jobs & fault-tolerant workloads



RIGHT SIZE RECOMMENDATIONS

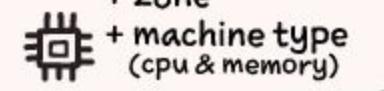
Suggests resizing for efficiency and cost



How does it WORK??

CREATE

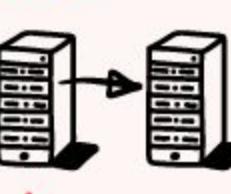
region + zone
+ machine type (cpu & memory)
= Instance



BACKUPS



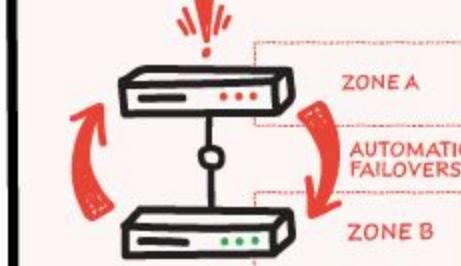
Automatic Scheduled snapshots



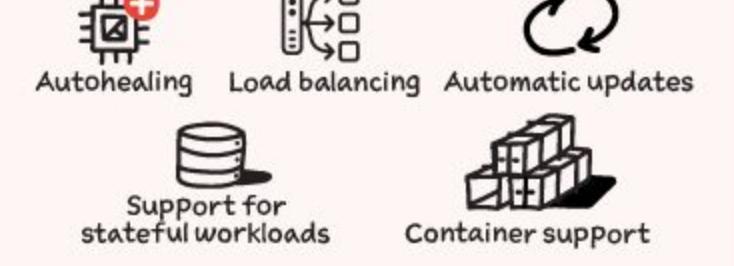
Live migration
Keep apps running during maintenance

HIGH AVAILABILITY

Automatic failover to another zone or region



MANAGED INSTANCE GROUPS (MIGs)



Autohealing

Load balancing

Automatic updates

Support for stateful workloads

Container support

AUTOSCALER - 3 types of policies:

- I. CPU utilization = more than 60% → create new instance

2. HTTP(S) load balancers service capacity Requests per second or utilization
3. Cloud monitoring metrics

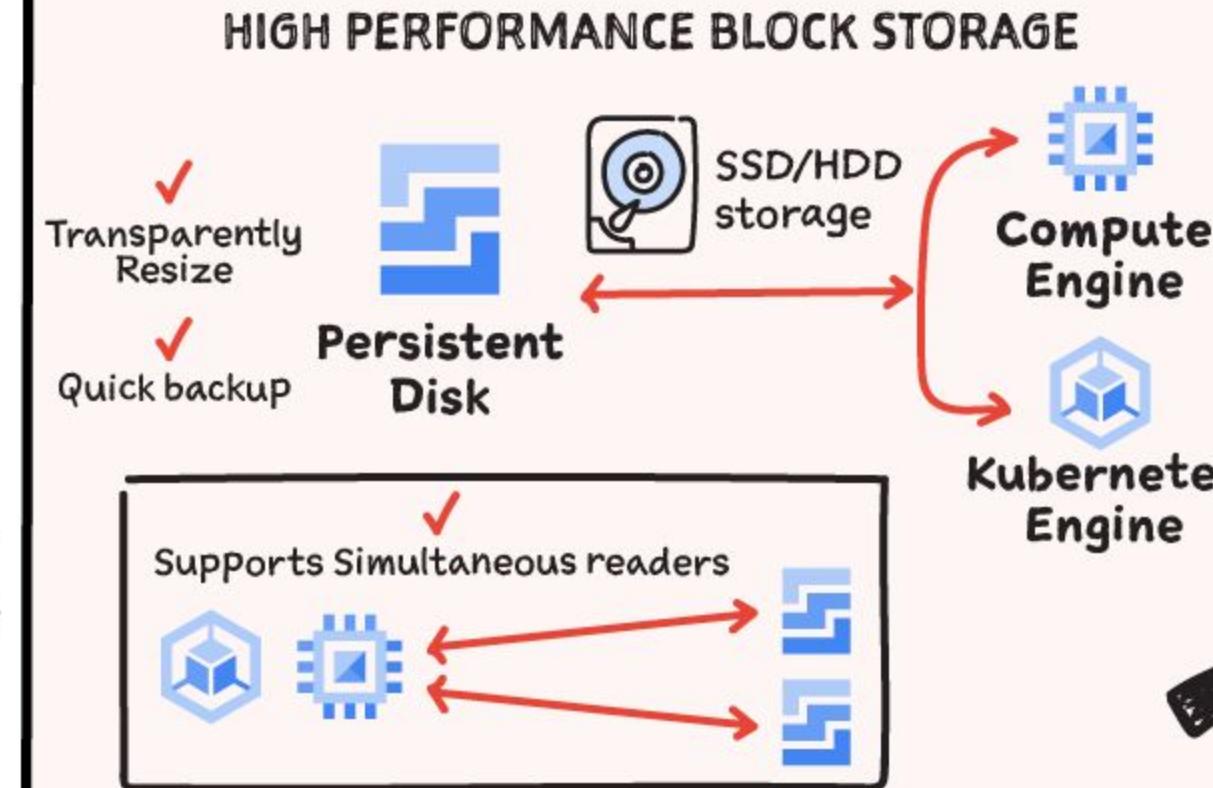
Persistent Disk

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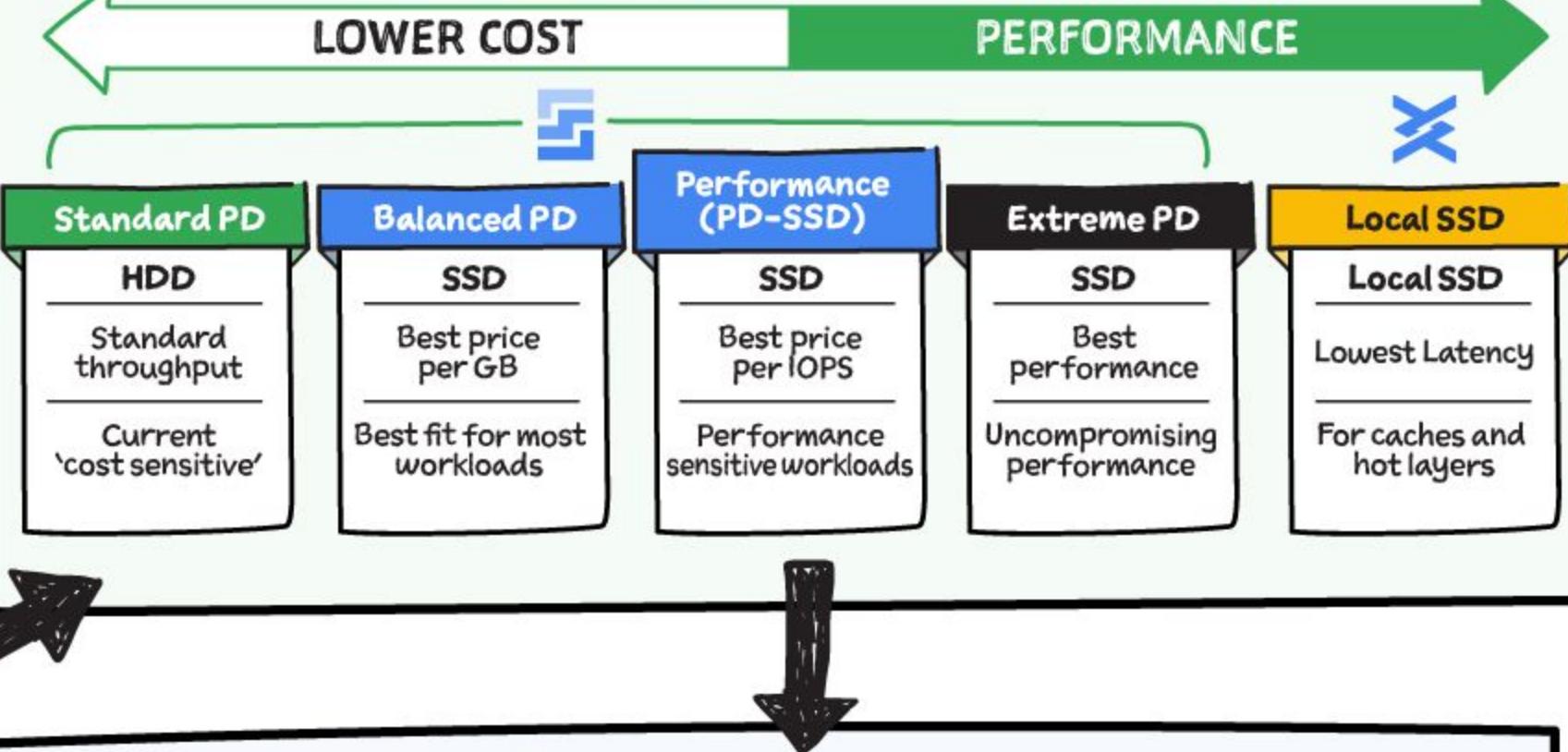
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What is Persistent Disk?



Which Block storage is right for your app?



(How to pick) based on availability needs.

Persistent Disk Use case example

Standard PD	Balanced PD	Performance (PD-SSD)	Extreme PD	Local SSD
Cost sensitive workloads Scale out analytics (Hadoop, Kafka)	Most enterprise apps LOB apps Boot disks Webserving	Most databases Persistent cache Scale-out analytics	SAP HANA Oracle Largest in-memory DBs	Scale out analytics Media rendering Other use cases where ephemeral scratch space is required

Local SSD

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- ✓ Ephemeral
 - ✓ Stateless workloads, or replication managed at app or database layer

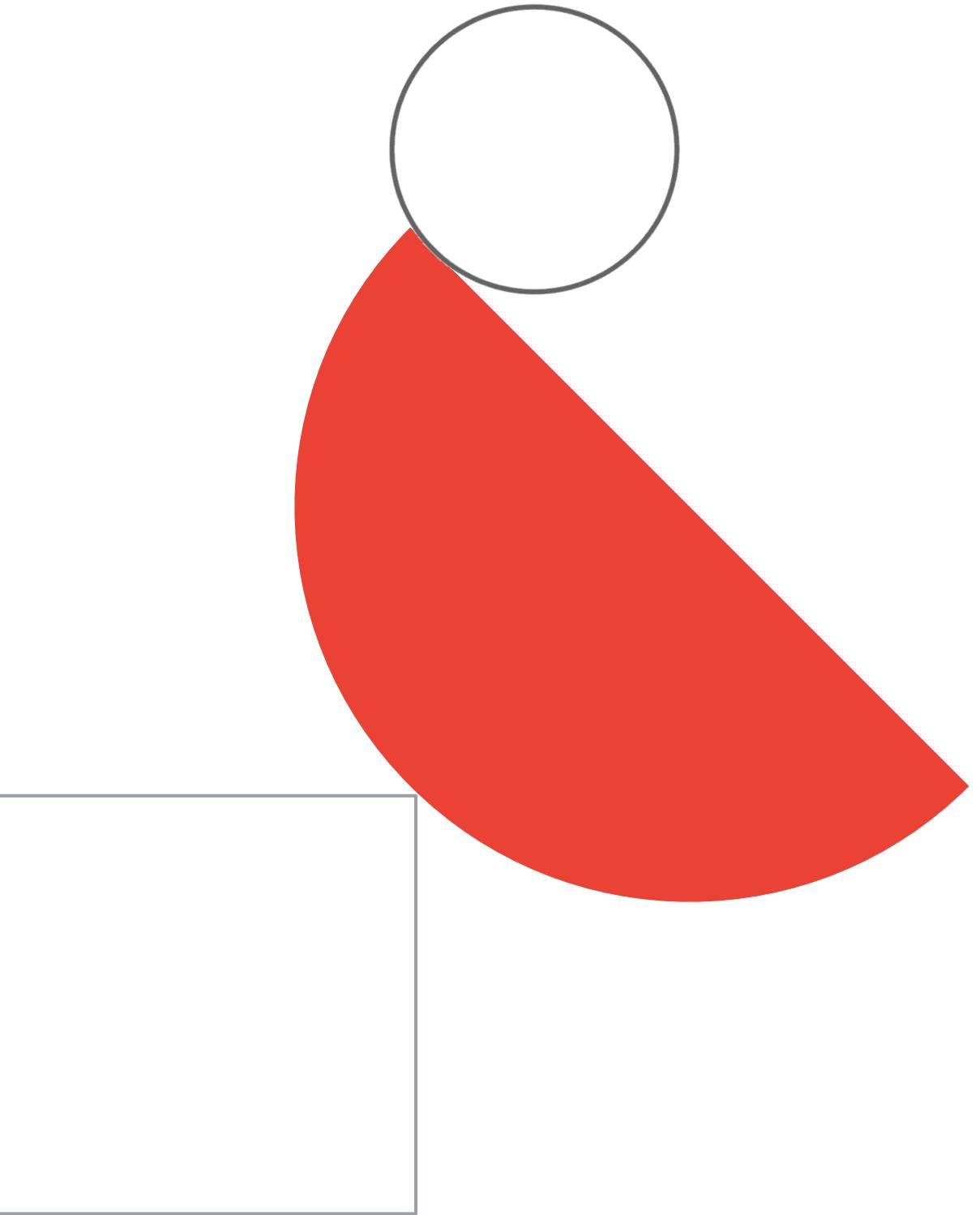
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- ✓ Durable, support snapshots
 - ✓ Most workloads

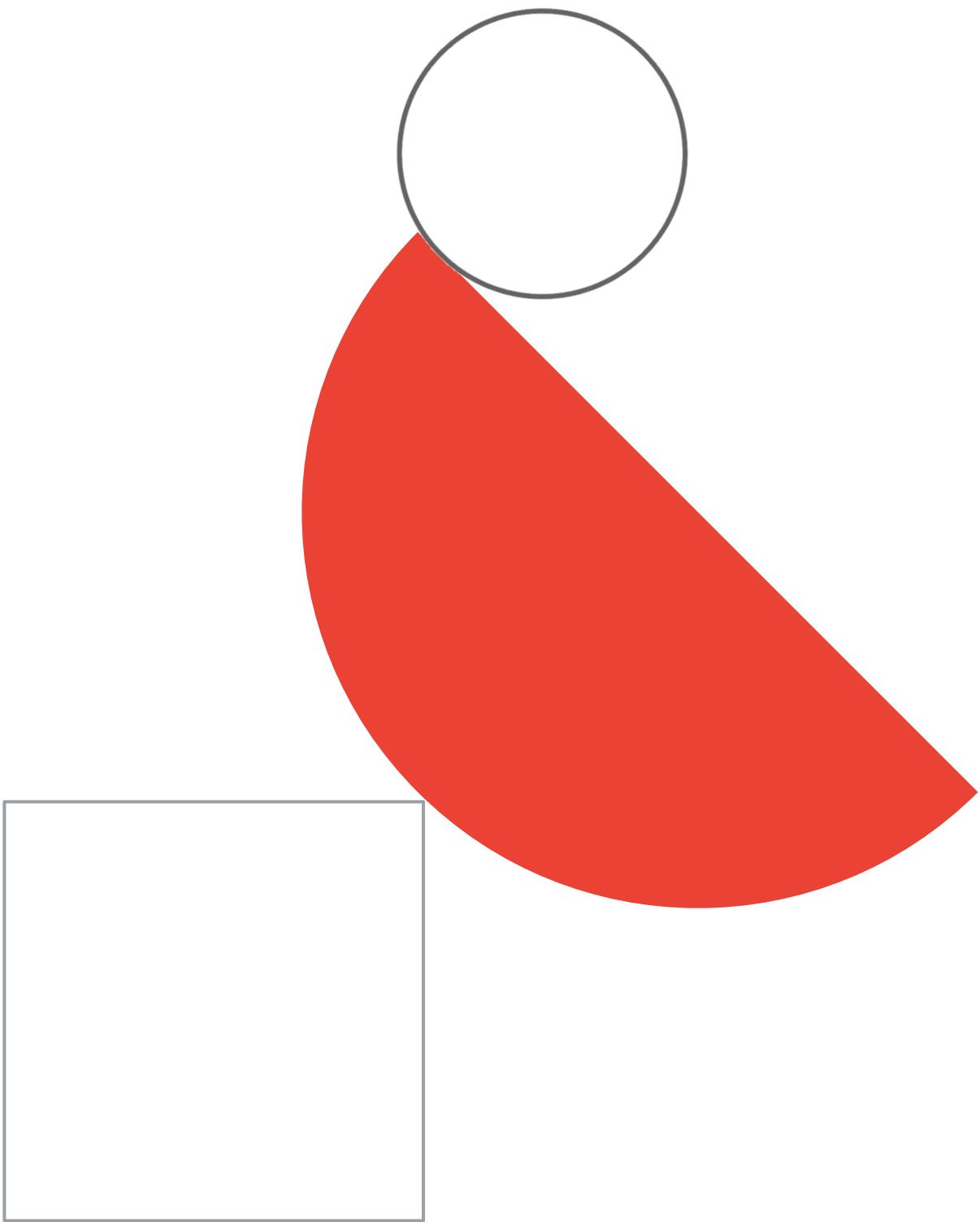
Regional Persistent Disk

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- ✓ Durable & Highly Available
 - ✓ Mission-critical workloads with RPO/RT0 near 0

QUIZ time!



Cloud Dataproc



The benefits of Hadoop/Spark on Cloud

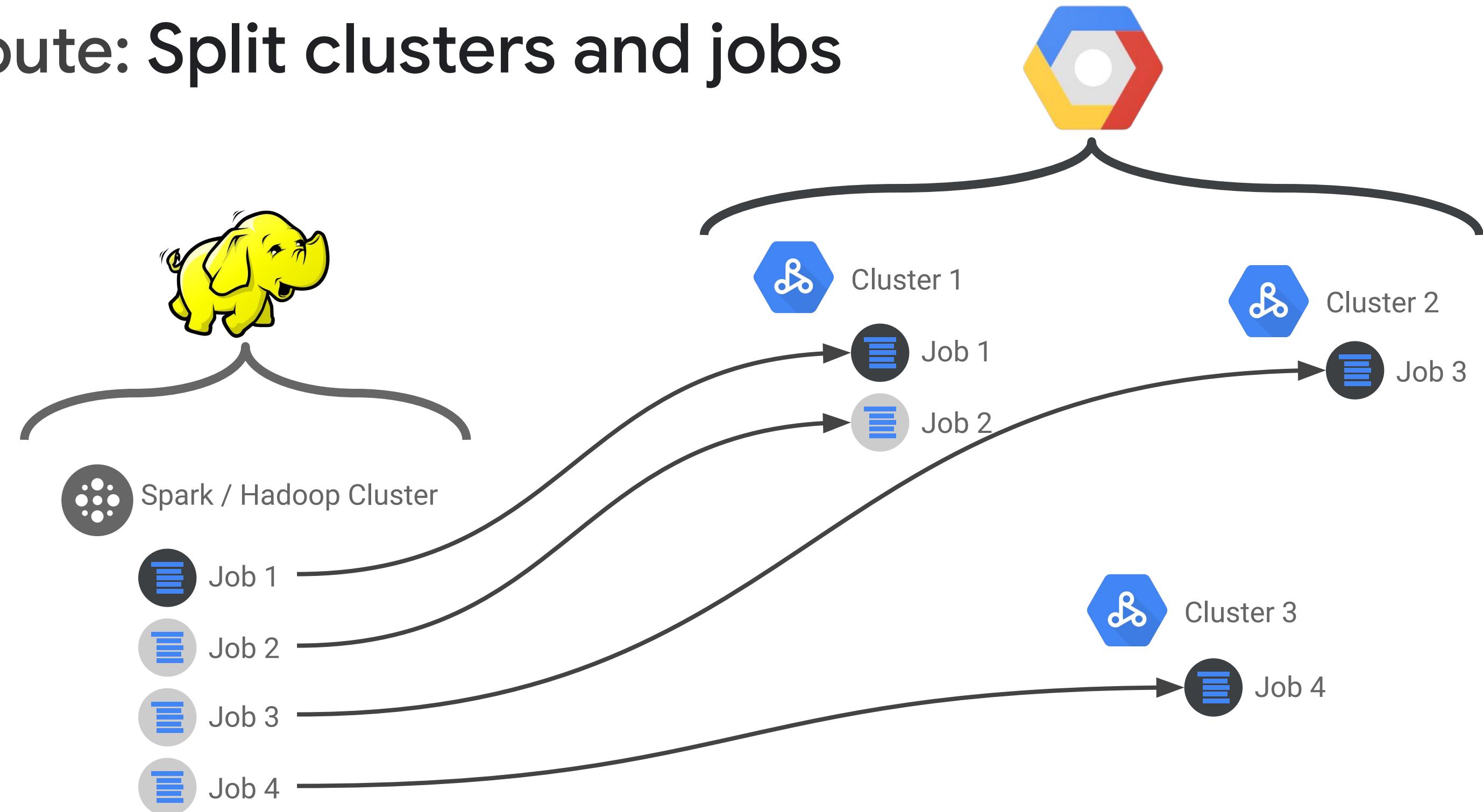


On premises	On compute engine	Cloud Dataproc
Custom code	Custom code	Custom code
Monitoring/Health	Monitoring/Health	Monitoring/Health
Dev integration	Dev integration	Dev integration
Scaling	Scaling	Scaling
Job submission	Job submission	Job submission
GCP connectivity	GCP connectivity	GCP connectivity
Deployment	Deployment	Deployment
Creation	Creation	Creation

█ Self-managed
 █ Google managed

Exam Tip: if exam question mentions Apache Hadoop / Spark / Pig / Hive, plus it's clear that the customer already invested in building the pipelines in on-premises and does not want to lose it, you should probably go with Dataproc.

Flexible compute: Split clusters and jobs



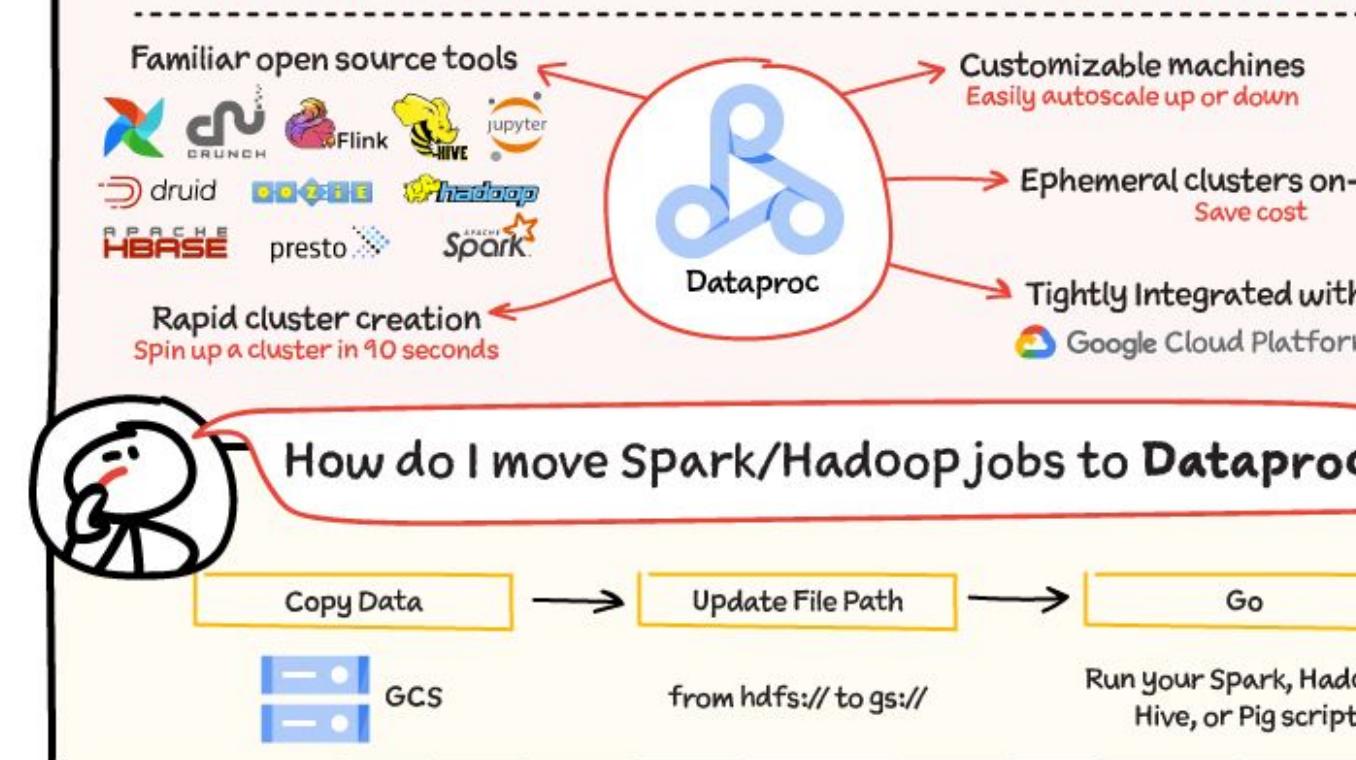
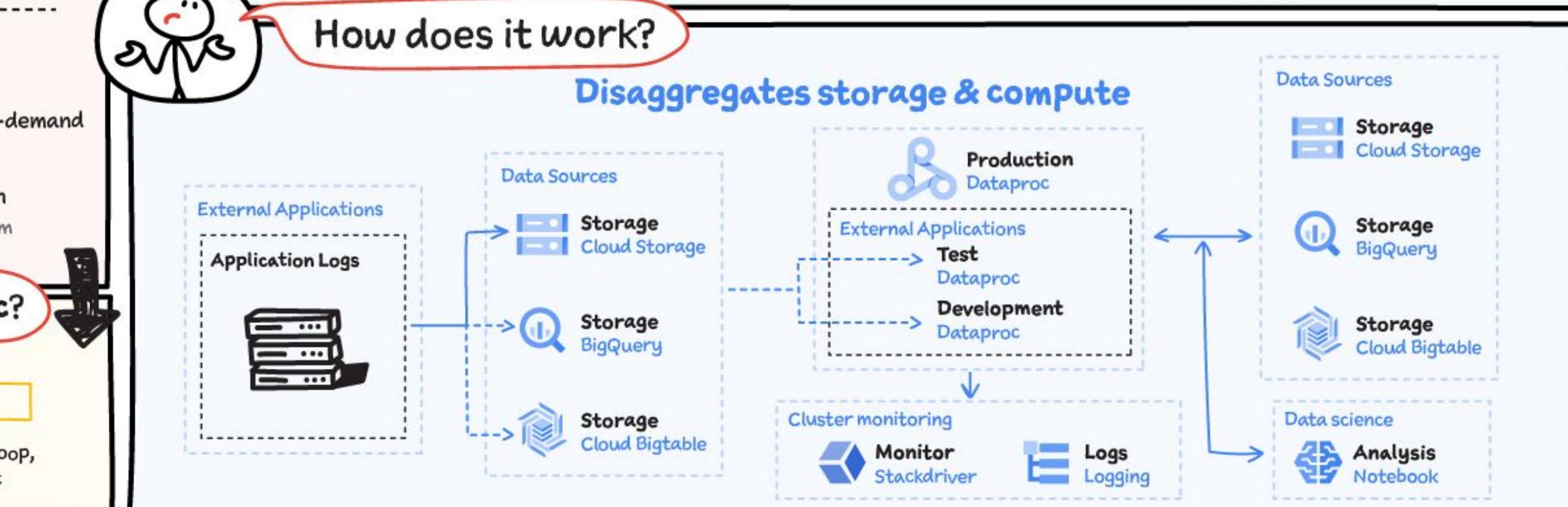
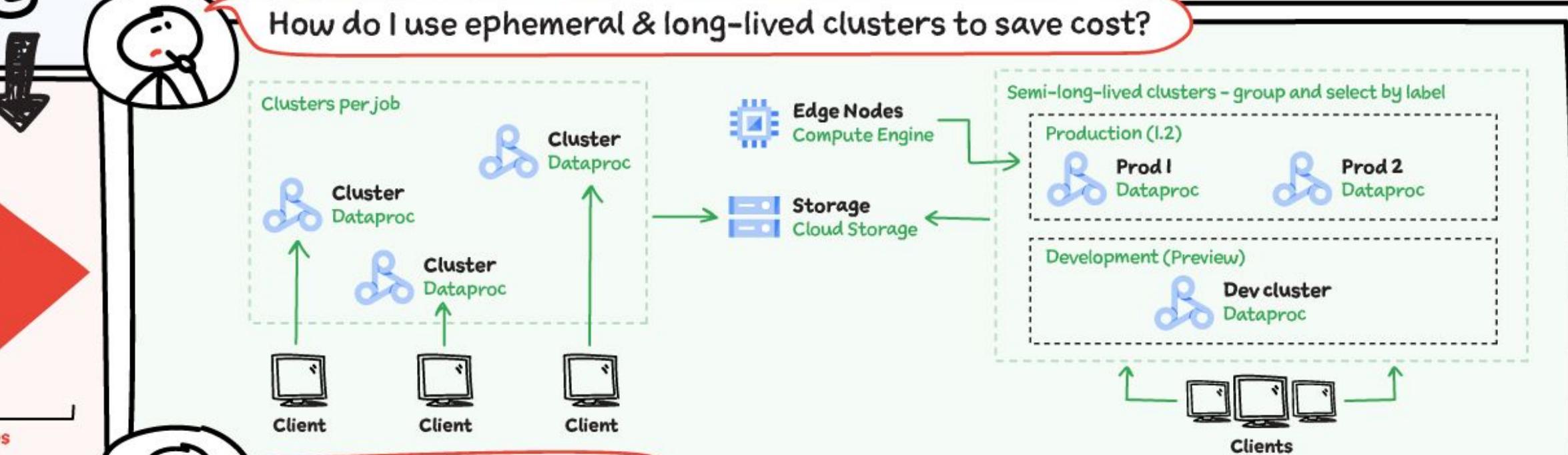
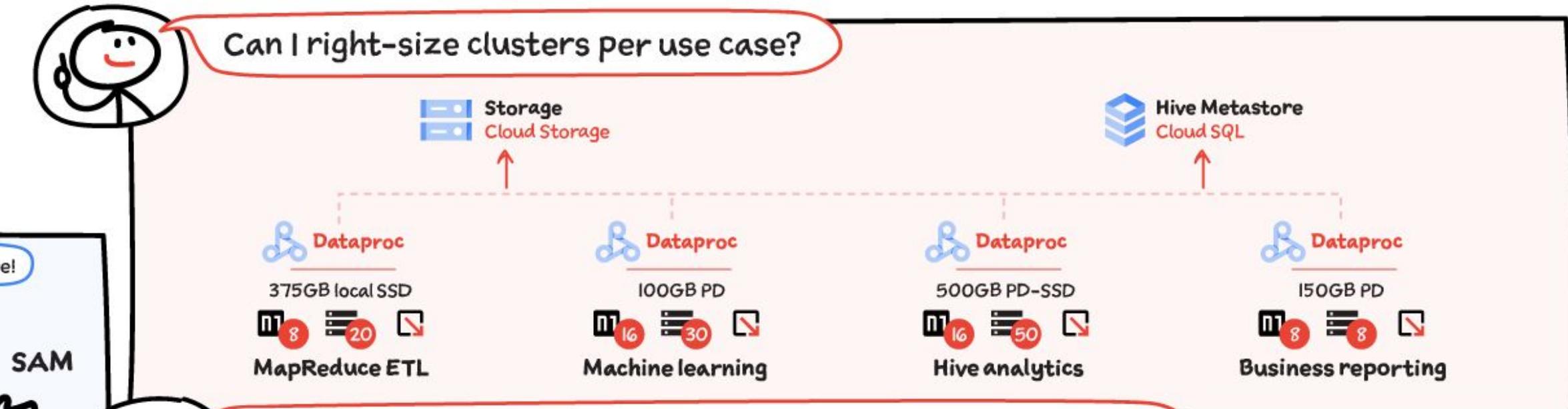
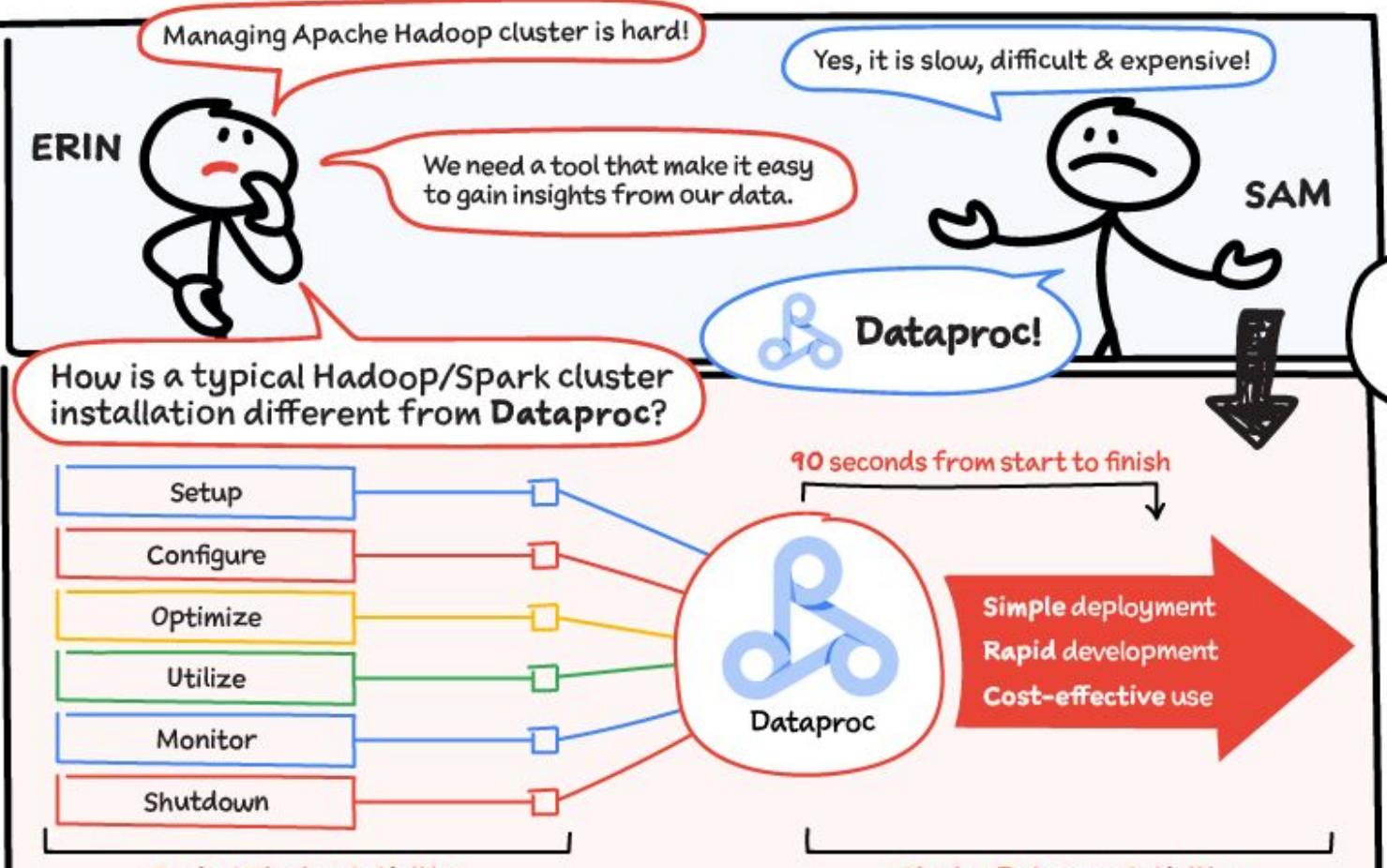
Exam Tips:

- When thinking about **Dataproc**, you should really think about per-job, ephemeral, auto-scaling clusters with auto-shutdown after the task is completed.
- Using **Spot/Preemptible VMs** for **secondary Dataproc workers** is a common pattern.
- Switching from **HDFS** to **GCS** is also a best practice in most cases.

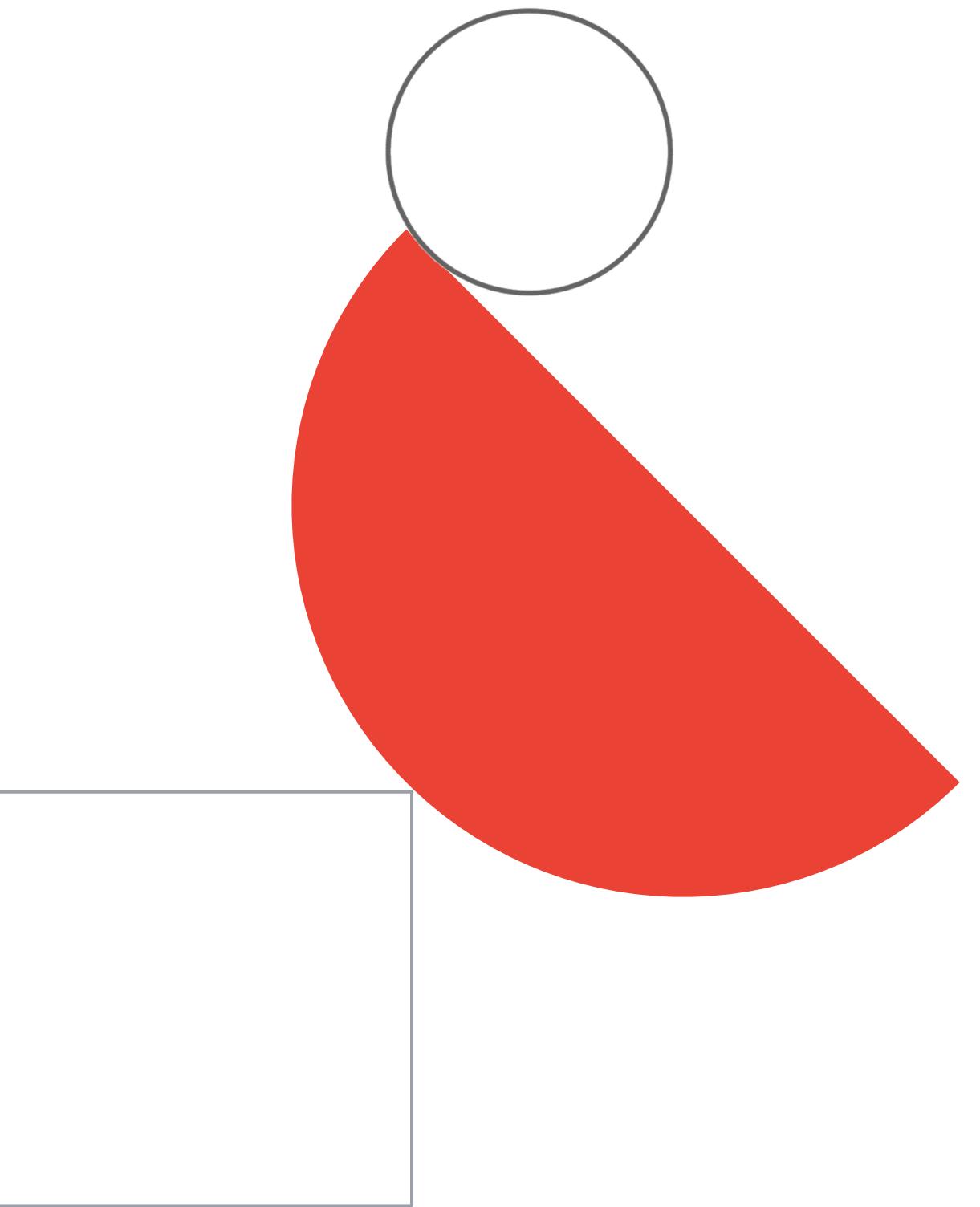


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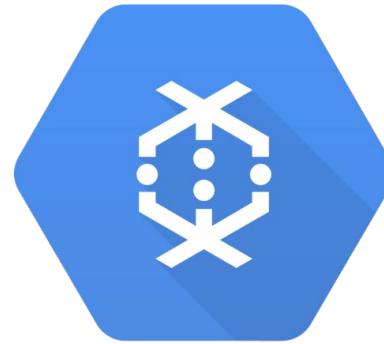
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Cloud Dataflow



Cloud Dataflow



The fully-managed, serverless, auto-optimized data processor that simplifies development and management of stream and batch pipelines

Exam Tips:

- if exam question mentions Apache Beam -> most probably answer is Dataflow.
- When you're starting from scratch with ETL, Dataflow is preferred over Dataproc!
- KEY thing about Dataflow: it's able to serve BOTH batch and streaming within a SINGLE pipeline.

Stream Analytics

- Works with Cloud Pub/Sub to deliver stream analytics
- Real-time data processing with “exactly-once” semantic

Unified with Batch

- No more Lambda architecture
- Apache Beam provides unified batch & streaming
- Reuse skills, tools and code

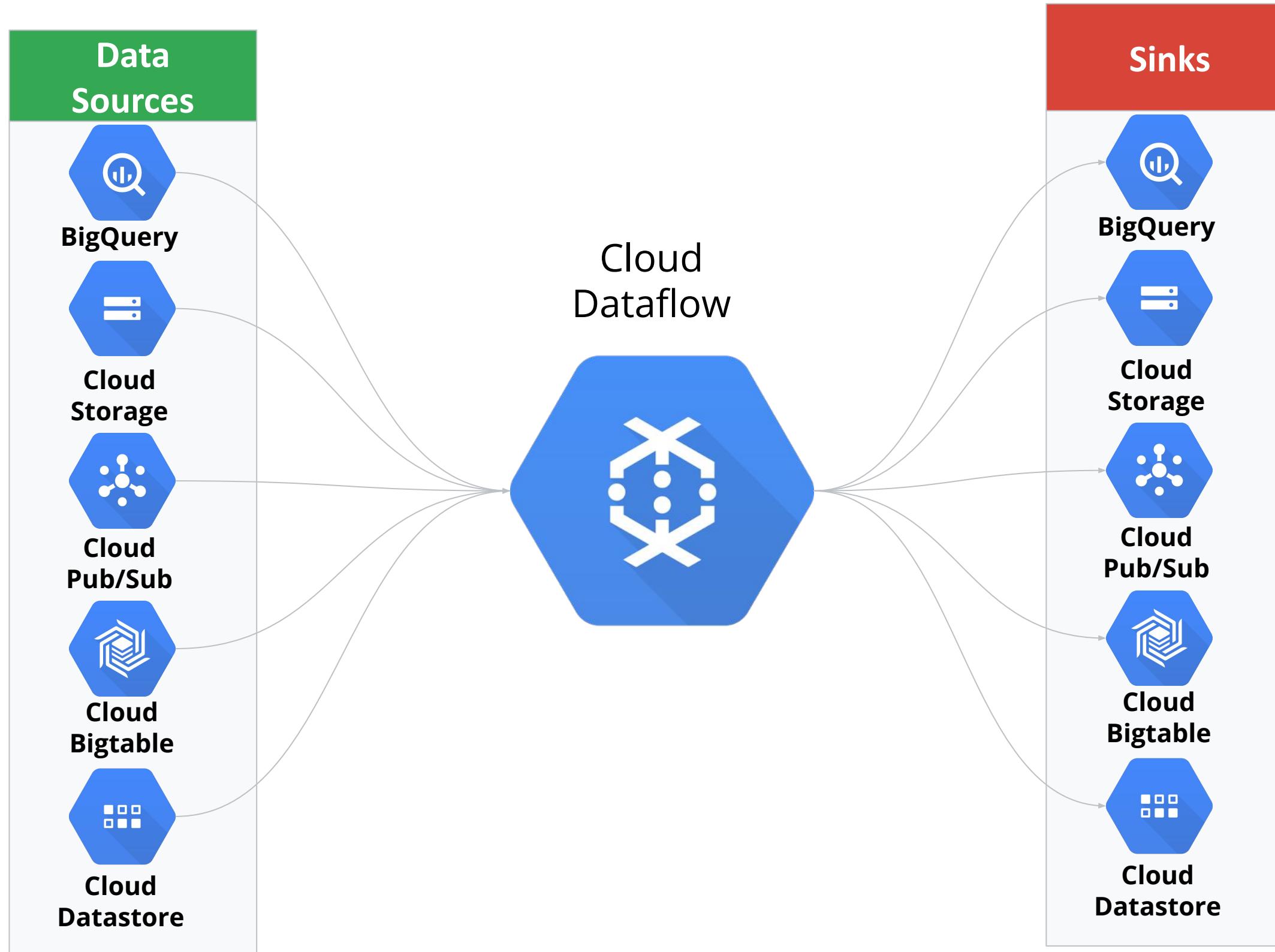
Open Source ensures Portability

- Pipelines written in Beam API are portable
- Runners include Dataflow, Flink, Samza and Spark

Auto-optimizations

- No more cluster management
- Submit a job and Dataflow auto-optimizes resources
- Makes pipelines faster and cost-effective

Data Sources and Sinks for Dataflow



Exam Tips:

- Dataflow does NOT store data! There is always a Source and a Sink

Dataflow: Google Provides Templates for different use-cases

List of templates

Google Cloud Platform → zhouyunqing-testing → Search products and resources

Create job from template

Job name *

Must be unique among running jobs

Regional endpoint *

us-central1

Choose a Dataflow regional endpoint to deploy worker instances and store job metadata. You can optionally deploy worker instances to any available Google Cloud region or zone by using the worker region or worker zone parameters. Job metadata is always stored in the Dataflow regional endpoint. [Learn more](#)

Dataflow template *

Type to filter

- Pub/Sub Subscription to BigQuery
- Pub/Sub Topic to BigQuery
- Pub/Sub to Avro Files on Cloud Storage
- Pub/Sub to MongoDB
- Pub/Sub to Pub/Sub
- Pub/Sub to Splunk
- Pub/Sub to Text Files on Cloud Storage
- Text Files on Cloud Storage to BigQuery

BigQuery table location to write the output to. The table's schema must match the input JSON objects. Ex: your-project:your-dataset.your-table-name

Temporary location *

Path and filename prefix for writing temporary files. Ex: gs://your-bucket/temp

Encryption

Google-managed key
No configuration required.

Customer-managed key
Manage via Google Cloud Key Management Service

Show optional parameters

Run Job

Pipeline Graph



How to use this Dataflow template

Cloud Pub/Sub Subscription to BigQuery

This template stages a streaming pipeline that reads JSON-formatted messages from a Cloud Pub/Sub subscription, transforms them using a JavaScript user-defined function (UDF), and writes them to a pre-existing BigQuery table as BigQuery elements. You can use this template as a quick way to move Cloud Pub/Sub data to BigQuery.

Pipeline requirements

- The Cloud Pub/Sub messages must be in JSON format. For example, messages formatted as {"k1": "v1", "k2": "v2"} would be inserted into the BigQuery table with two columns, named k1 and k2, with a string data type.
- A temporary output location for writing files must exist in Cloud Storage prior to pipeline execution. If you don't have a temporary location yet, you can create it from the template form or in [Cloud Storage](#).
- A BigQuery output table must exist prior to pipeline execution. It can be created from the template form or in [BigQuery](#).

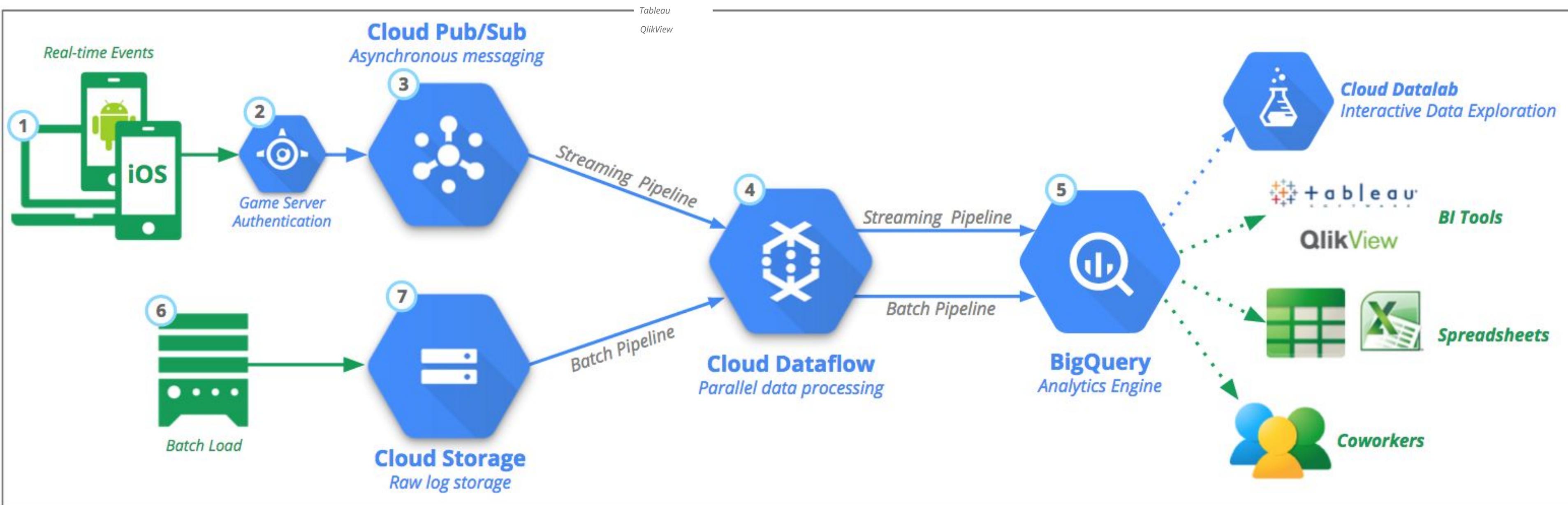
Note: If you reuse an existing BigQuery table instead of creating a new one, it will be overwritten.

More information

- [Learn how to execute this template from the REST API](#)
- [Read full documentation](#)
- [View template's source code on GitHub](#)

Template description and usage instructions

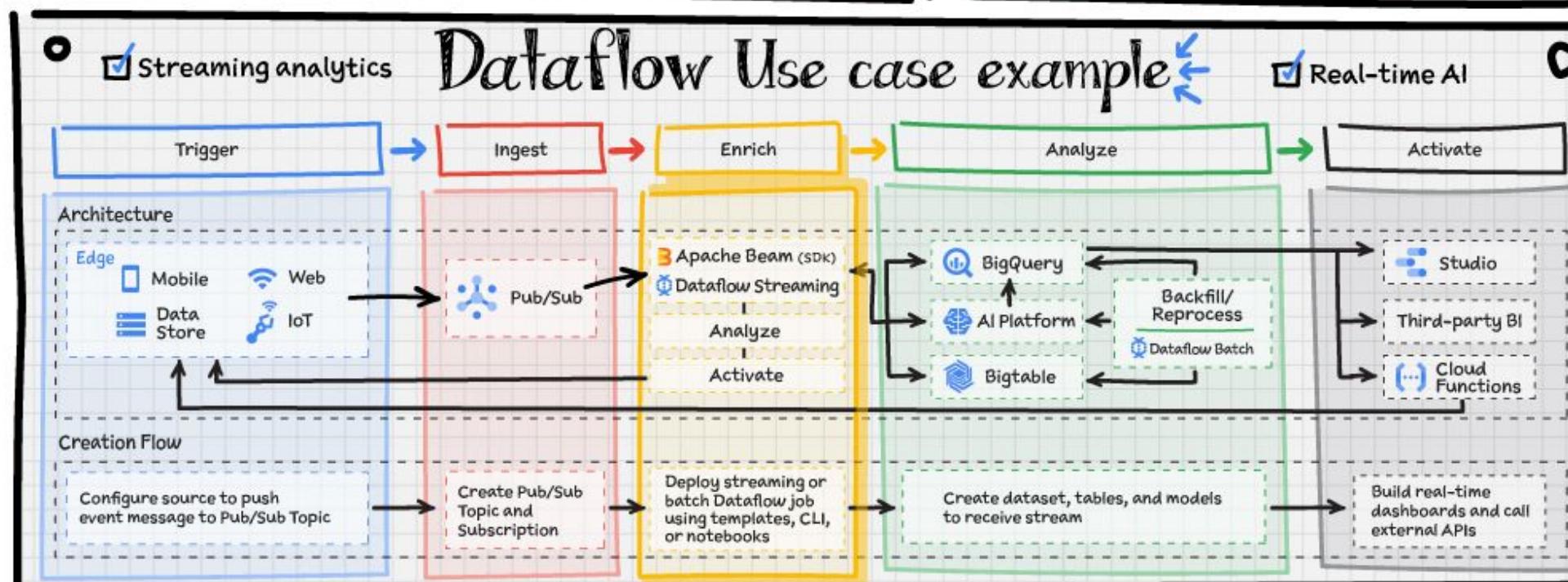
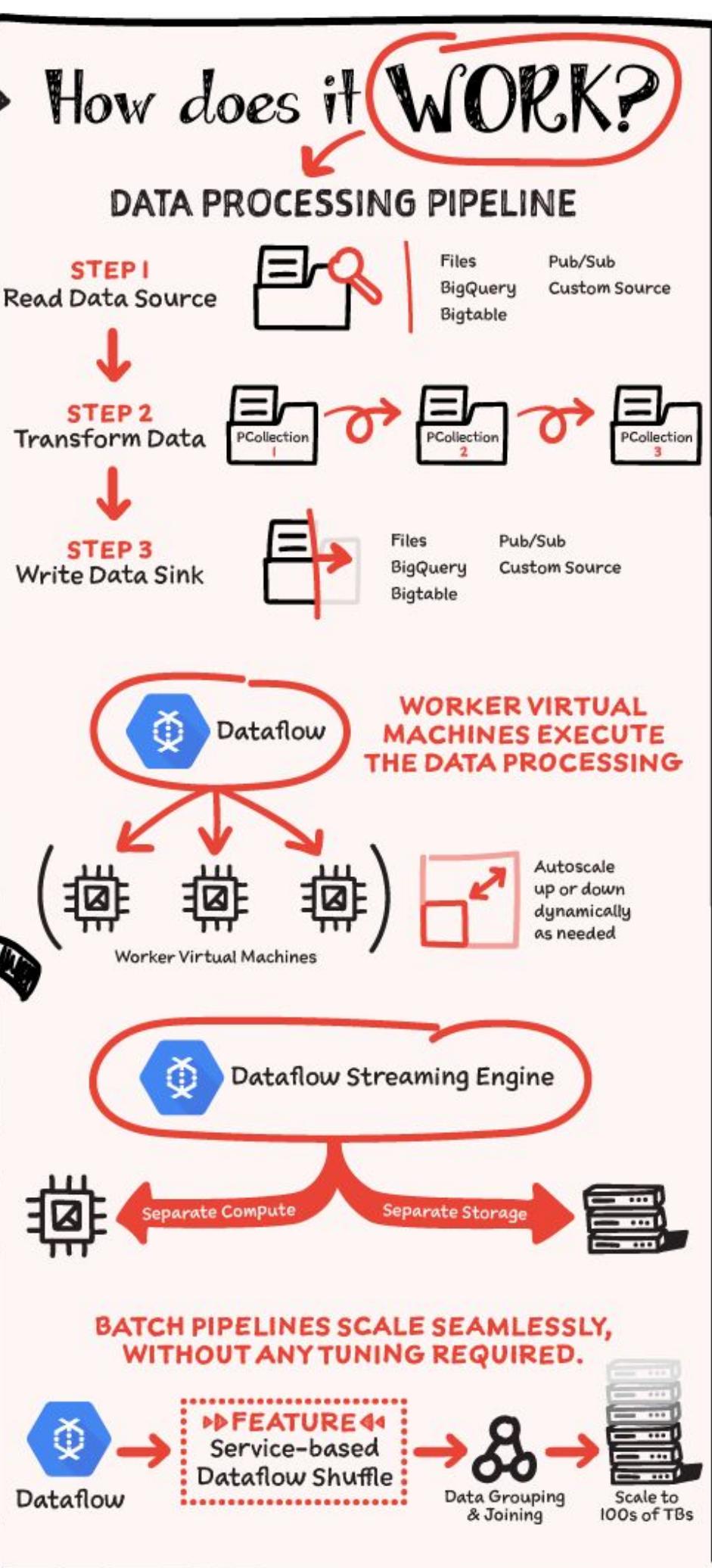
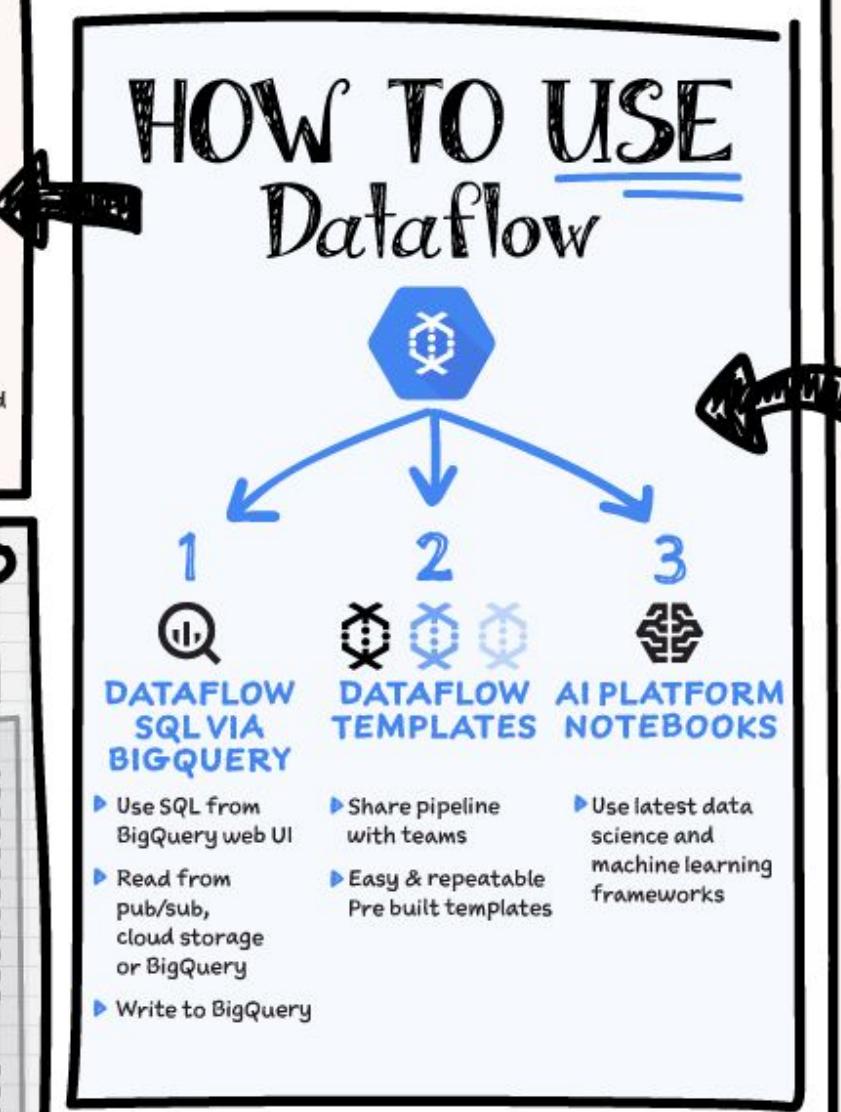
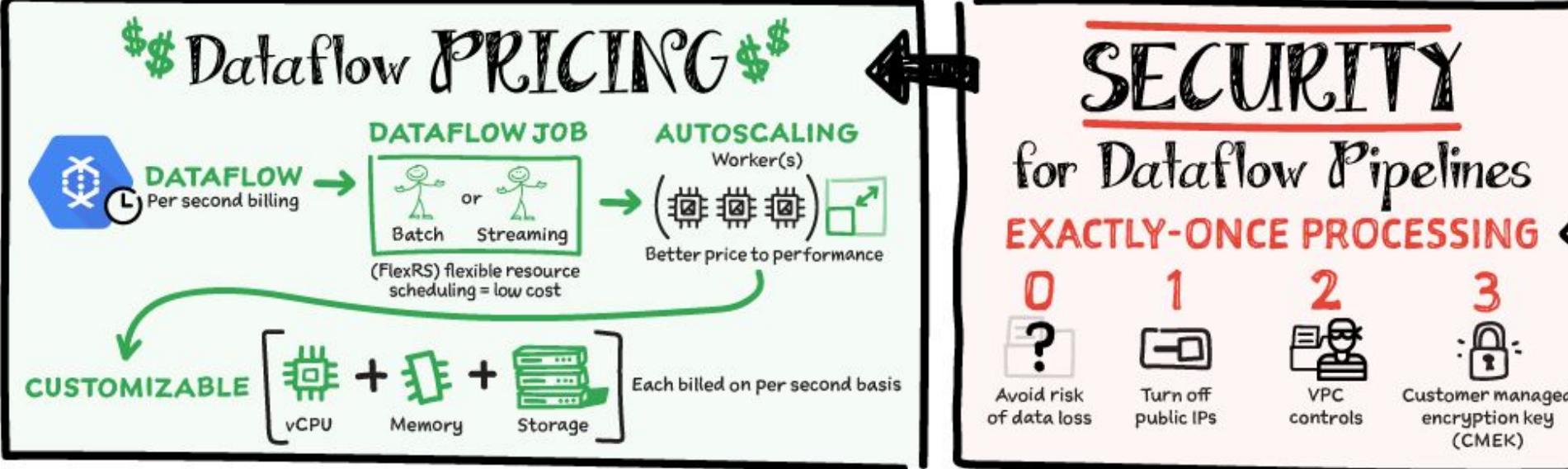
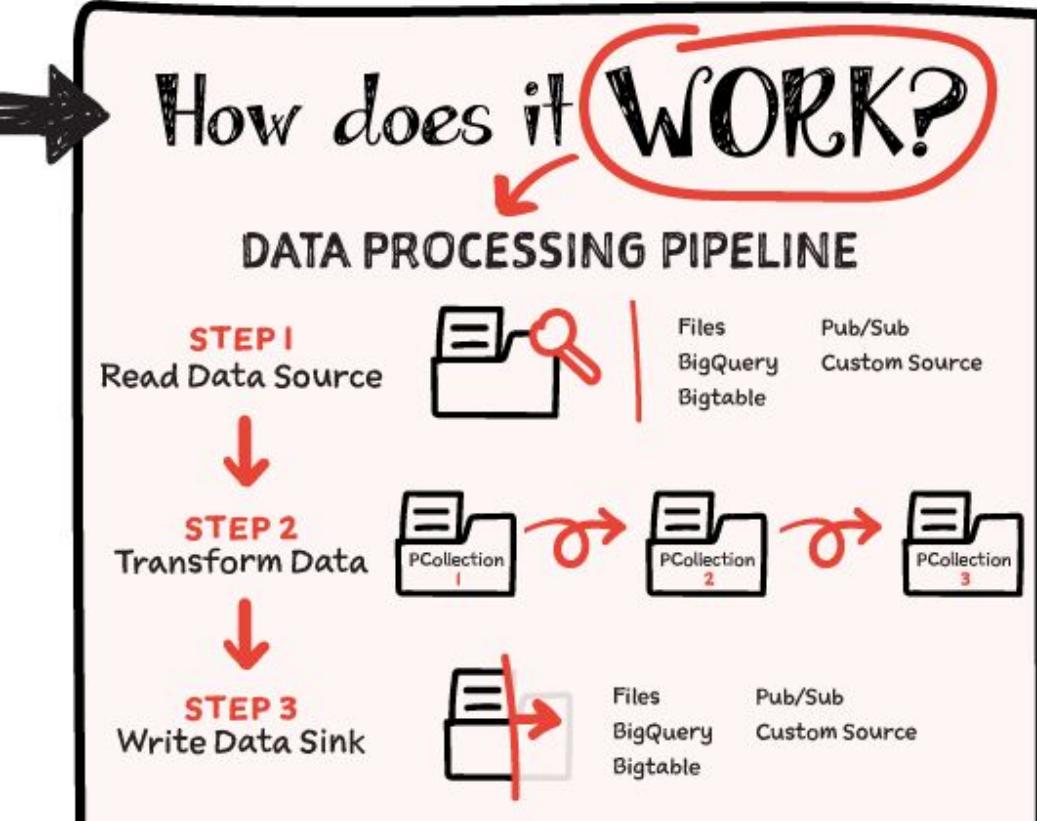
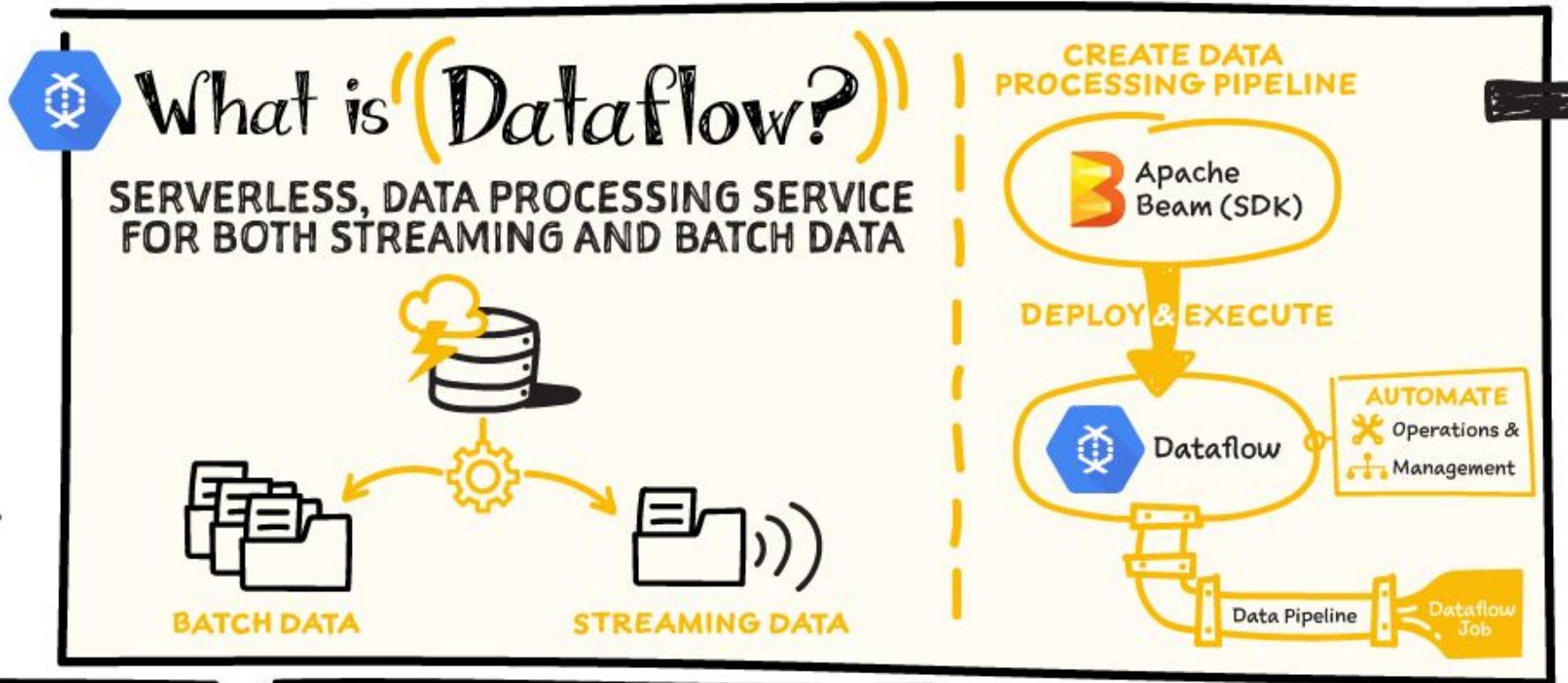
Example architecture for data analytics



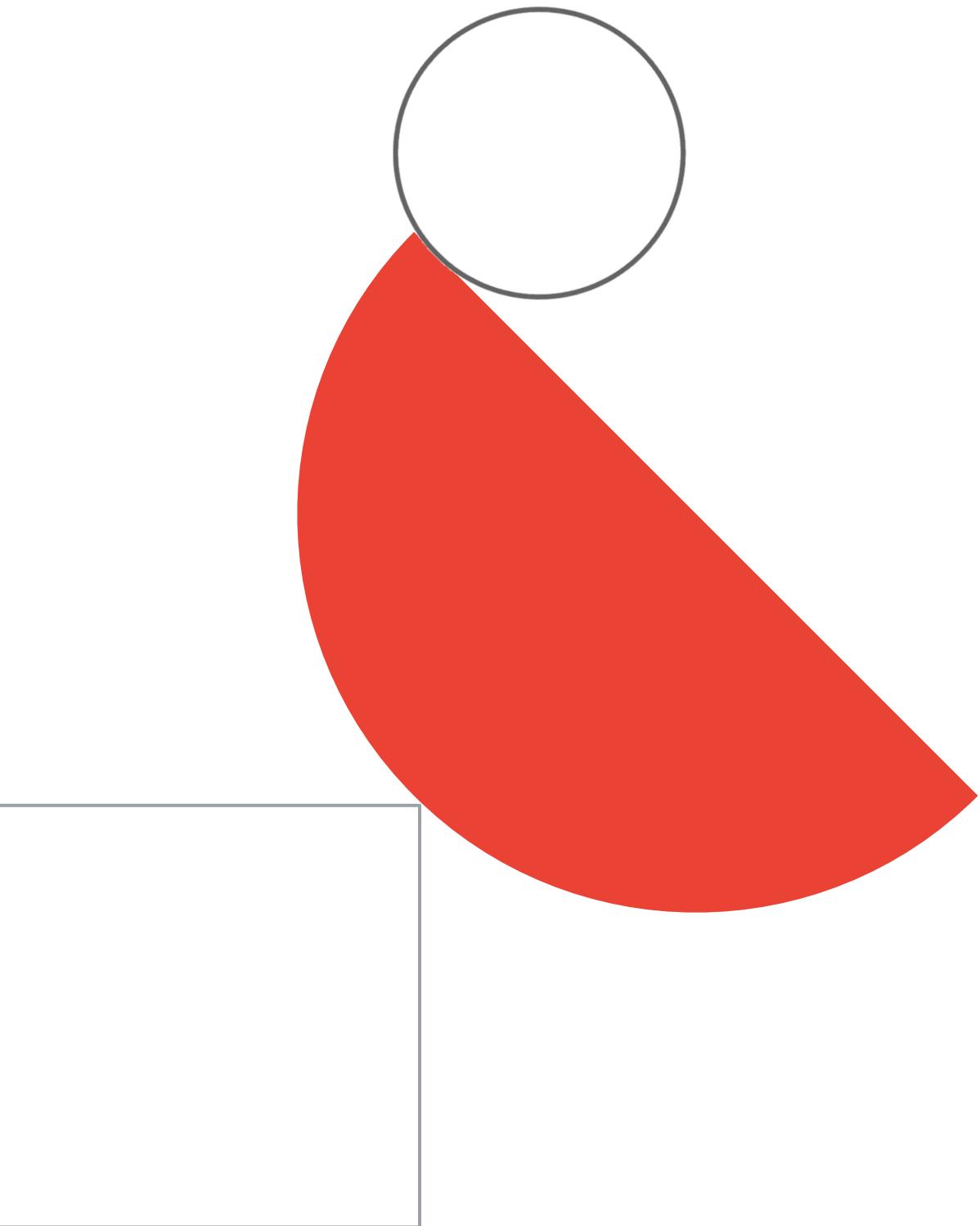
Dataflow

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[optional] Links to useful
materials



Optional materials 1

[READING]

- get a feeling of the differences between [PD snapshots](#), [images](#) and [machine images](#) (important from exam perspective: it's good to know what is global/regional, what can be used to create VMs, how to share those resources between projects / regions etc).
- What is [GCP metadata server](#)?
- [Sole-tenant nodes](#)
- [How stateful workloads are different from stateless workloads](#)
- How to achieve [HA with Regional Persistent Disks](#) and what a “[--force-attach](#)” is.
- [Image management best practices | Compute Engine Documentation | Google Cloud](#)
- [Best practices for persistent disk snapshots | Compute Engine Documentation | Google Cloud](#)
- [Encrypt disks with customer-supplied encryption keys | Compute Engine Documentation | Google Cloud](#)

Optional materials 2

[VIDEOS]

- Networking 102 (Cloud Routing and VPC Peering): [Cloud OnAir: CE Chat: Google Cloud Networking 102 - Cloud Routing and VPC Peering](#)
- What is Persistent Disk?: [What is Persistent Disk? #GCPSketchnote](#)
- Introduction to Virtual Machines (Next '19): [Introduction to Virtual Machines \(Cloud Next '19\)](#)
- Best Practices for GCE: [Best Practices for GCE Enterprise Deployments \(Cloud Next '19\)](#)
- VM Manager overview: [What is VM Manager?](#)
- GCE Managed Instance Groups: [Using managed instance groups](#)
- All you need to know about Migrate for Compute Engine: [Migrate for Compute Engine](#)
- Effective autoscaling with Managed Instance Groups: [Effective autoscaling with managed instance groups](#)
- Shared VPC: [Level Up From Zero Episode 4: Shared VPC](#)
- BeyondCorp overview: [BeyondCorp Enterprise in a minute](#)
- App Engine introduction: [Get to know Google App Engine](#)
- Pub/Sub overview: [Cloud Pub/Sub Overview - ep. 1](#)
- Cloud security basics: [Top 3 access risks in Cloud Security](#)
- What is DNS?: [What is DNS? | How a DNS Server \(Domain Name System\) works | DNS Explained](#)

Optional materials 3

[PODCASTS]

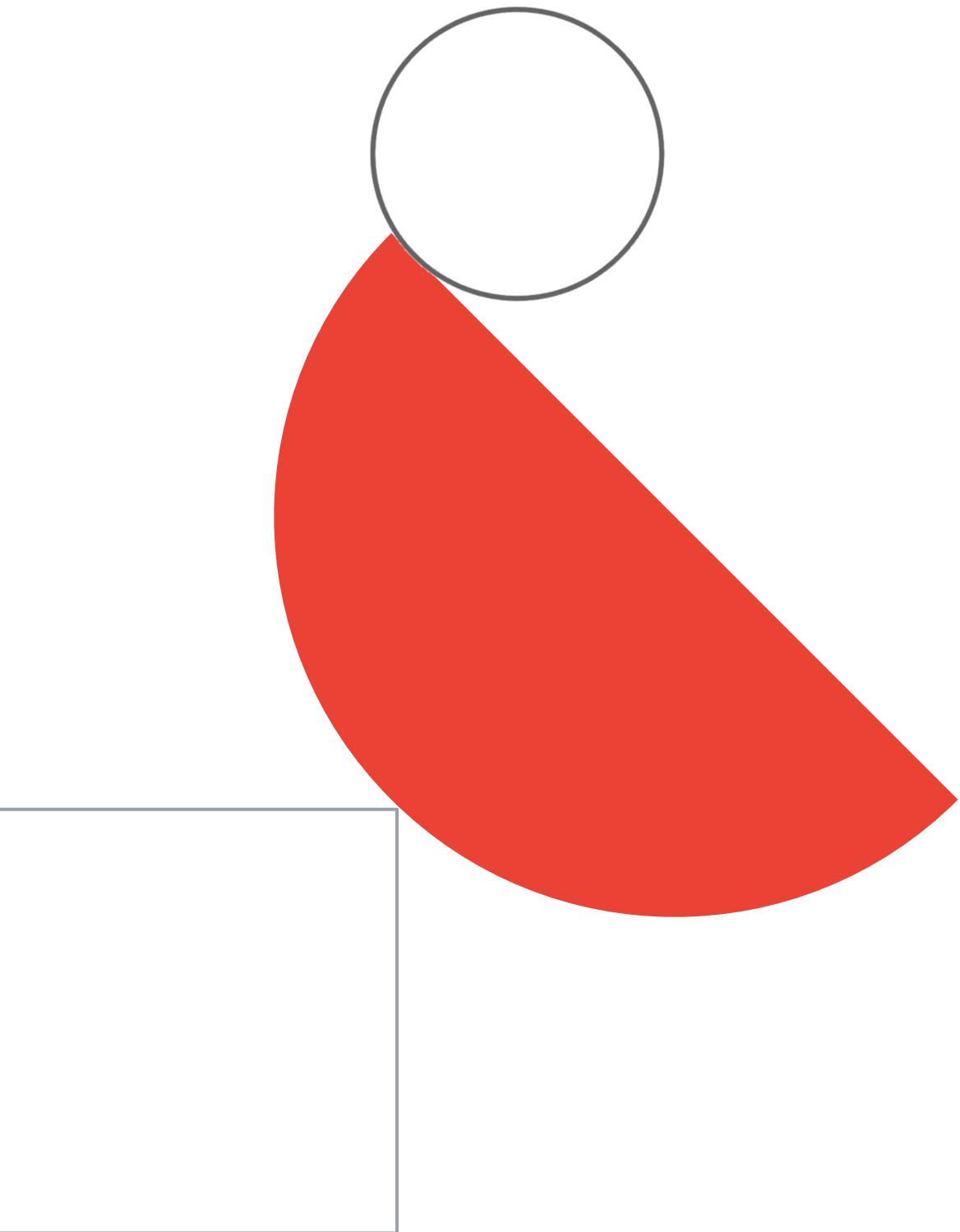
- [Firestore intro, plus differences between SQL and NoSQL databases](#)
- [BeyondCorp](#)

[DEEP DIVES]

- [What is envelope encryption?](#)
- [Stateful Managed Instance Groups](#)
- [Key Management Service deep dive](#)
- [BeyondProd](#) security model (evolution of BeyondCorp model)

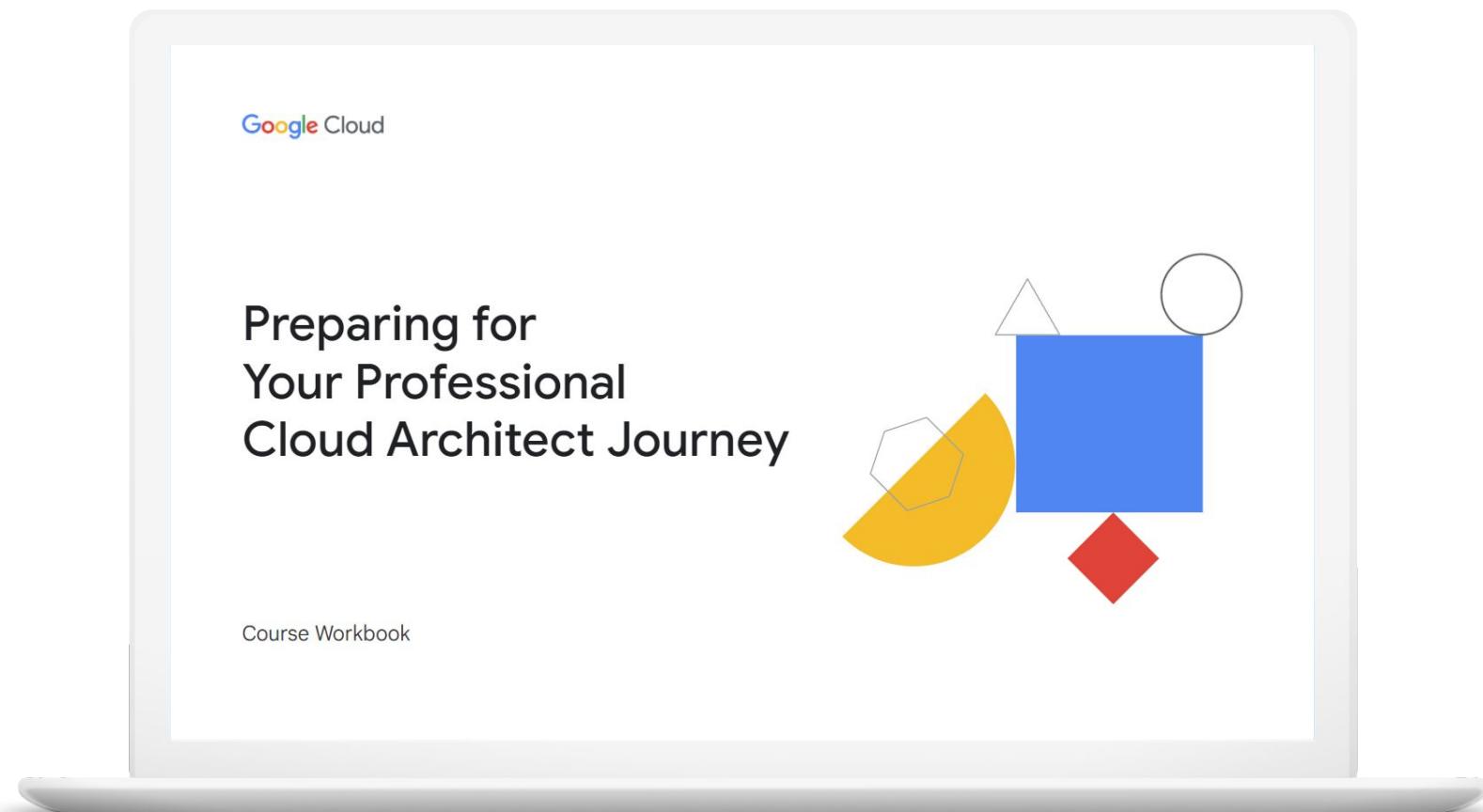
Diagnostic Questions

for Exam Guide Section 1: Designing
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PCA Exam Guide Section 1:

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- 1.1 Designing a solution infrastructure that meets business requirements
- 1.2 Designing a solution infrastructure that meets technical requirements
- 1.3 Designing network, storage, and compute resources
- 1.4 Creating a migration plan
- 1.5 Envisioning future solution improvements

1.1

Designing a solution infrastructure that meets business requirements

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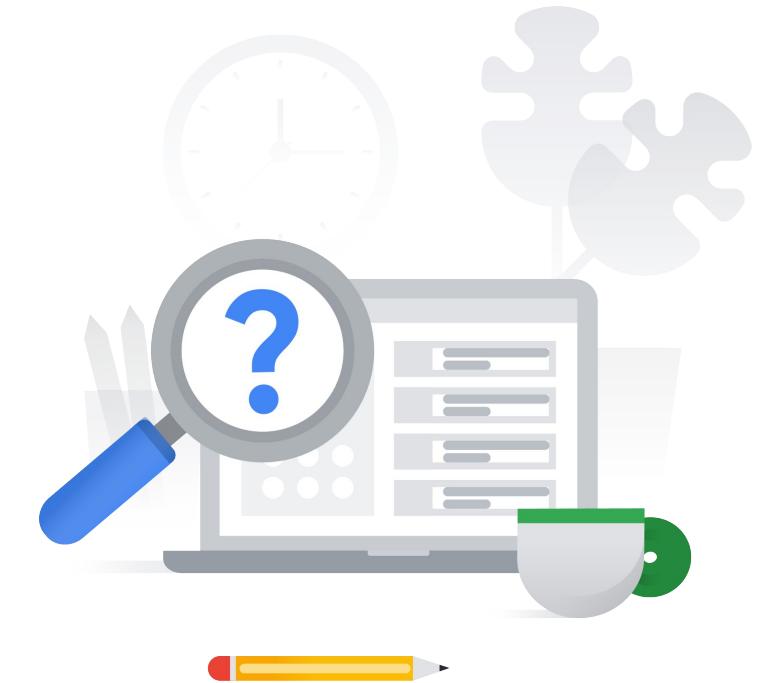
- Business use cases and product strategy
- Cost optimization
- Supporting the application design
- Integration with external systems
- Movement of data
- Design decision trade-offs
- Build, buy, modify, or deprecate
- Success measurements (e.g., key performance indicators [KPI], return on investment [ROI], metrics)
- Compliance and observability

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Resources to start your journey

[Google Cloud Architecture Framework: System design](#)

[SRE Books](#)



1.2

Designing a solution infrastructure that meets technical requirements

Considerations include:

- High availability and failover design
- Elasticity of cloud resources with respect to quotas and limits
- Scalability to meet growth requirements
- Performance and latency

1.2 | Diagnostic Question 03 Discussion

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Designing network, storage, and compute resources

Considerations include:

- Integration with on-premises/multicloud environments
- Cloud-native networking (VPC, peering, firewalls, container networking)
- Choosing data processing technologies
- Choosing appropriate storage types (e.g., object, file, databases)
- Choosing compute resources (e.g., preemptible, custom machine type, specialized workload)
- Mapping compute needs to platform products

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- B. Create a new project, delete the default VPC network, **set up an auto mode VPC network**, and then use the default 10.x.x.x network range to create subnets in your desired regions.
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- B. If Cymbal Retail does not have access to a Google Cloud data center, **use Carrier Peering** to connect the two networks.
- C. Specify Cymbal Direct's project as the **Shared VPC host project**, and then configure Cymbal Retail's project as a service project.
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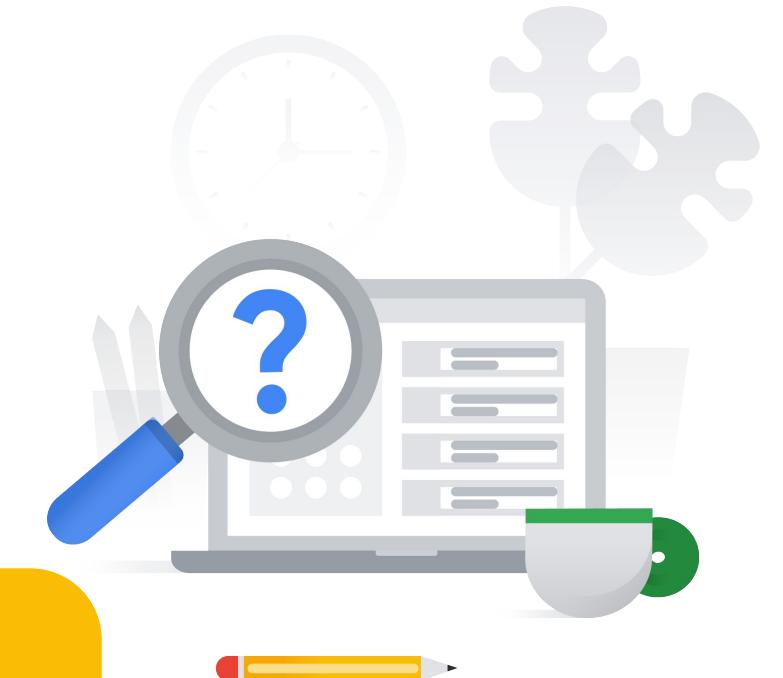
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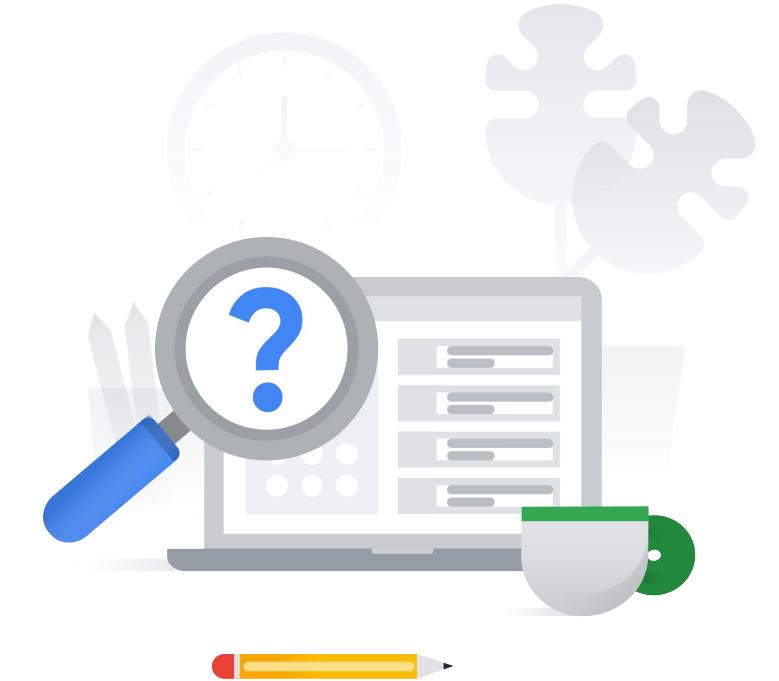


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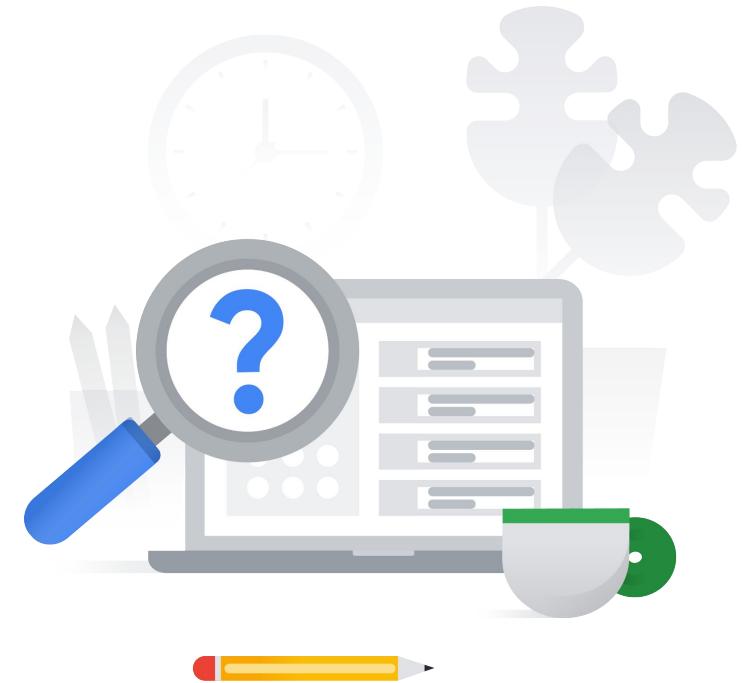
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- B. Create a **Bigtable** instance, extract the data from MongoDB, and insert the data into Bigtable.
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1.3

Designing network, storage, and compute resources

Resources to start your journey

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[Design your network infrastructure | Architecture Framework | Google Cloud](#)

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[Google Cloud documentation](#)

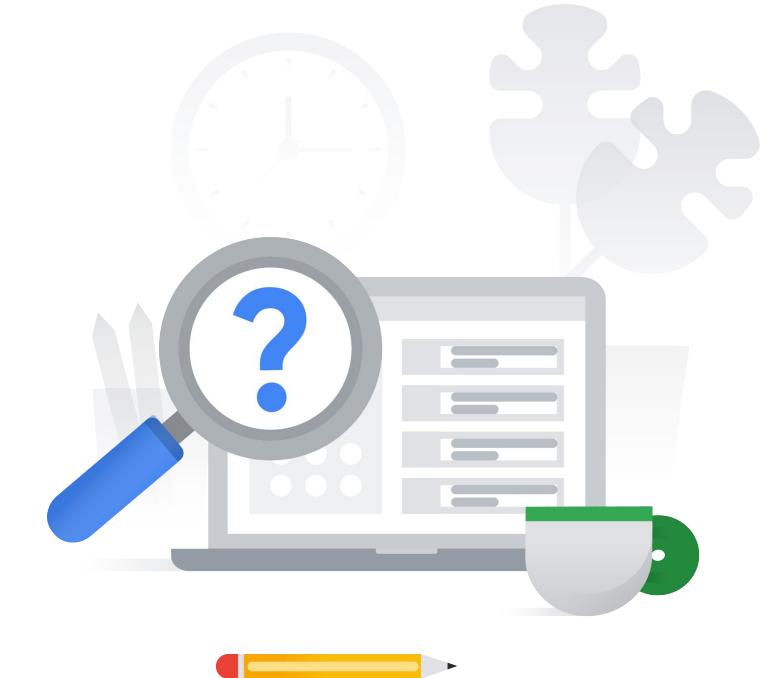


1.4 | Creating a migration plan

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- Software license mapping
- Network planning
- Testing and proofs of concept
- Dependency management planning

1.3 | Diagnostic Question 08 Discussion

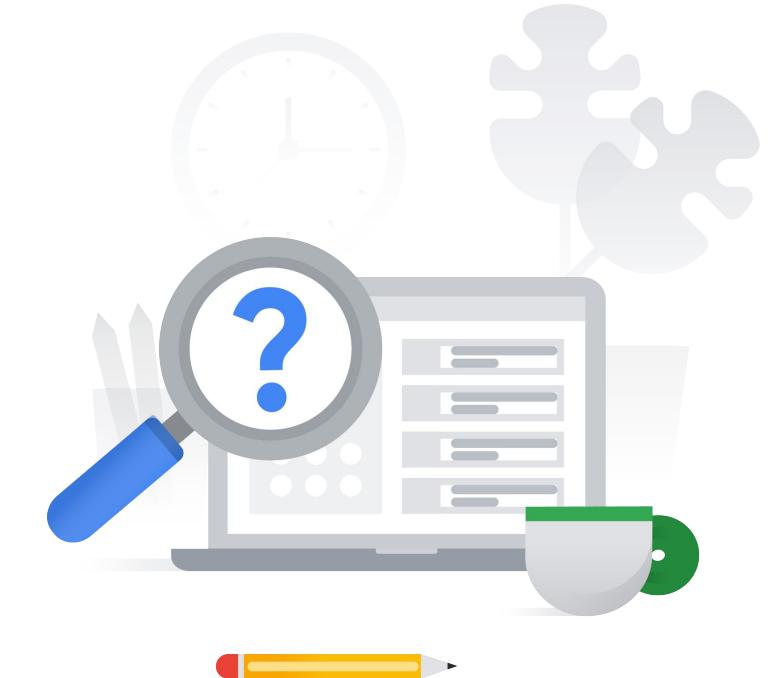


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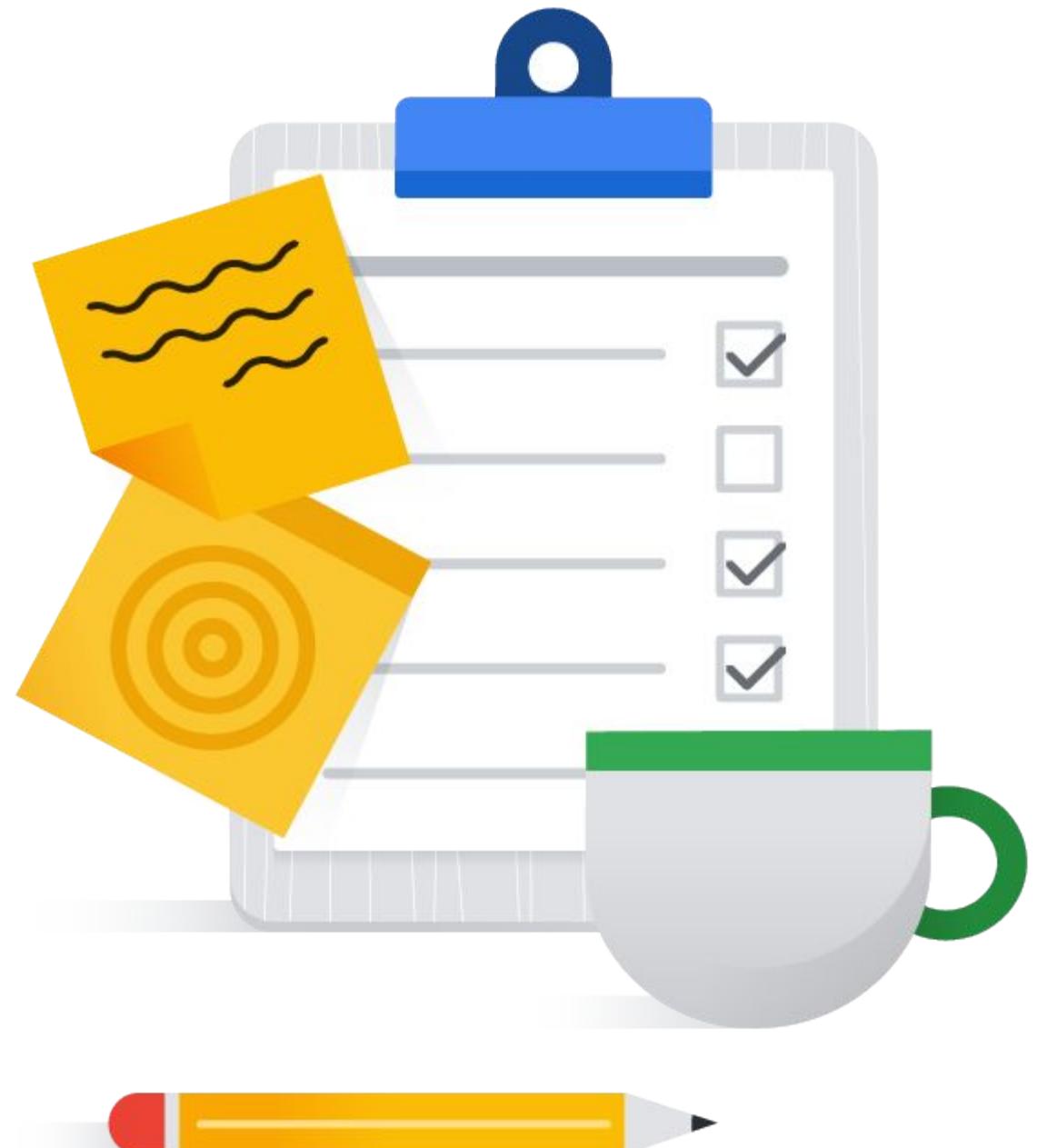
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1.5 | Envisioning future solution improvements

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