

# Overview of Google Compute Engine

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- GCE enables Linux and Windows VMs to run on Google's global infrastructure
- VMs are based on machine types with varied CPU and RAM configuration
- Persistence is available through standard and SSD disks
- VMs are charged a minimum of 1 minute and in 1 second increments after that
- Sustained use discounts are offered for running VMs for a significant portion of the billing month
- Committed use discounts are offered for purchases based on 1 year or 3 year contracts