Google Cloud Platform Deployment Checklist



Cloud Run with Automatic Git Deployment

This simplified deployment uses Cloud Run's continuous deployment from GitHub, requiring minimal manual steps on GCP.



Why This Approach?

Traditional VMs/Kubernetes: Complex, requires manual scaling, patching, load balancing Cloud Run + Git: Simple, auto-scales, zero-downtime deployments, pay-per-use

Benefits:

- *Push to deploy*: Commit → automatic deployment
- **Cost-effective**: Pay only when requests are served (\$0 when idle)
- - Secure: Automatic HTTPS, managed infrastructure
- Auto-scaling: Handles 1 to 1000s of users automatically
- X No-code GCP: Everything done through console UI
- **Fast**: Global CDN, sub-second response times

Perfect for: Small to medium applications with variable traffic

Pre-Deployment Tasks

1. Database Cleanup

- [x] Data cleared All reports, comments, and attachments removed
- [x] Users preserved All user accounts remain intact
- [] Clear uploads directory manually Remove files from /nextjs_space/uploads/ folder
- [] Change default passwords Update admin, manager, and employee passwords

To clear uploads:

```
cd /home/ubuntu/hotel_shift_log/nextjs_space/uploads
rm -rf *
```

To change passwords (after deployment):

```
# Generate new hash
node -e "const bcrypt = require('bcryptjs'); con-
sole.log(bcrypt.hashSync('NEW_PASSWORD', 12));"
# Update in database via Cloud SQL console or psql
UPDATE "users" SET password = '$2a$12$HASH...' WHERE username = 'admin';
```

2. Push to Git Repository

```
cd /home/ubuntu/hotel_shift_log
git init
git add .
git commit -m "Initial commit - Production ready"
git branch -M main
git remote add origin https://github.com/YOUR_USERNAME/hotel-shift-log.git
git push -u origin main
```

Simplified Deployment Steps (No-Code GCP)

Step 1: Create Cloud SQL Database (via Console)

Navigate to: Cloud SQL Console (https://console.cloud.google.com/sql)

- 1. Click Create Instance → Choose PostgreSQL
- 2. Configure:
 - Instance ID: hotel-shift-log-db
 - **Password**: Generate a strong password (save it!)
 - Database version: PostgreSQL 14
 - **Region**: Choose closest to your users (e.g., us-central1)
 - Machine type: Shared Core → 1 vCPU, 1.7 GB
 - **Storage**: 10 GB SSD (auto-increase enabled)
- 3. Click Show Configuration Options → Connections:
 - Uncheck "Public IP" (not needed)
 - Check "Private IP" (more secure, Cloud Run will connect via VPC)
- 4. Click **Create** (takes 5-10 minutes)
- 5. After creation:
 - Go to **Databases** tab → **Create Database** → Name: hotel shift log
 - Copy the Connection Name (format: project-id:region:instance-name)

Step 2: Configure Secrets (via Console)

Navigate to: Secret Manager Console (https://console.cloud.google.com/security/secret-manager)

- 1. Enable Secret Manager API (if prompted)
- 2. Create secrets:

Secret 1: NEXTAUTH_SECRET

- Click **Create Secret**
- Name: nextauth-secret
- Secret value: Generate with openssl rand -base64 32 or use a password manager
- Click Create

Secret 2: SMTP_PASSWORD

- Click Create Secret
- Name: smtp-password
- For Gmail: Generate App Password (https://myaccount.google.com/apppasswords)
- Click Create

Secret 3: DATABASE_URL

- Click Create Secret
- Name: database-url
- Format: postgresql://postgres:YOUR_DB_PASSWORD@/hotel_shift_log?host=/cloudsql/
 YOUR CONNECTION NAME
- Replace YOUR_DB_PASSWORD with the Cloud SQL password from Step 1
- Replace YOUR CONNECTION NAME with the connection name from Step 1
- Click Create

Step 3: Grant Secret Access to Service Account A CRITICAL

Why this is needed: Cloud Run uses a service account to run your application. By default, this service account does **NOT** have permission to read secrets from Secret Manager. You must grant this permission or deployment will fail.

Navigate to: IAM Console (https://console.cloud.google.com/iam-admin/iam)

Option A: Grant at Project Level (Recommended - Simpler)

- 1. Find the service account named "Compute Engine default service account"
 - Email format: [PROJECT NUMBER]-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com
 - Example: 143559442445-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com
- 2. Click the **pencil icon** (Edit) next to it
- 3. Click "+ ADD ANOTHER ROLE"
- 4. Search for and select: "Secret Manager Secret Accessor"
- 5. Click **SAVE**

Option B: Grant to Individual Secrets (More Secure)

For each secret (nextauth-secret , smtp-password , database-url):

Navigate to: Secret Manager (https://console.cloud.google.com/security/secret-manager)

- 1. Click on the secret name
- 2. Click the **PERMISSIONS** tab
- 3. Click "+ GRANT ACCESS"
- 4. In "New principals", enter: [PROJECT_NUMBER]-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com
- 5. In "Select a role", choose: "Secret Manager Secret Accessor"
- 6. Click **SAVE**
- 7. Repeat for all three secrets

↑ Without this step, deployment will fail with "Permission denied on secret" errors!

Step 4: Deploy to Cloud Run (via Console - No Code!)

Navigate to: Cloud Run Console (https://console.cloud.google.com/run)

- 1. Click Create Service
- 2. Select Continuously deploy from a repository (source-based)
- 3. Click Set Up with Cloud Build:
 - Repository provider: GitHub
 - Authenticate and select repository: YOUR_USERNAME/hotel-shift-log

- Branch: main
- Build type: Dockerfile or Buildpack (Cloud Run auto-detects Next.js)
- Dockerfile path: Leave default or specify if you have one
- Click Save
- 4. Configure service:
 - Service name: hotel-shift-log
 - Region: Same as Cloud SQL (e.g., us-central1)
 - Authentication: Allow unauthenticated invocations (users need to access login page)
 - CPU allocation: CPU is always allocated
 - Autoscaling: Min instances: 1, Max instances: 10
 - Memory: 2 GiB
 - CPU: 2
- 5. Click Container, Variables & Secrets, Connections:

Variables tab - Add these environment variables:

- NEXTAUTH URL: Your Cloud Run URL (you'll update this after first deployment)
- SMTP HOST: smtp.gmail.com
- SMTP PORT : 587
- SMTP USER: your-email@gmail.com

Secrets tab - Reference the secrets:

- Click **Reference a Secret** → Select nextauth-secret → Expose as NEXTAUTH SECRET
- Click **Reference a Secret** → Select smtp-password → Expose as SMTP PASSWORD
- Click **Reference a Secret** → Select database-url → Expose as DATABASE URL

Connections tab - Connect to Cloud SQL:

- Click Add Connection
- Select hotel-shift-log-db
 - 1. Click **Create** (Cloud Build will build from GitHub takes 5-10 minutes)
 - 2. Once deployed:
 - Copy the Cloud Run URL (e.g., https://hotel-shift-log-abc123.run.app)
 - Go back to Edit & Deploy New Revision
 - Update NEXTAUTH_URL variable to the actual Cloud Run URL
 - Click Deploy

Step 5: Run Database Migrations (One-Time Setup)

Option A: Via Cloud Shell (Easiest)

- 1. Open Cloud Shell (https://console.cloud.google.com/cloudshell)
- 2. Clone your repository:

```
bash
```

```
git clone https://github.com/YOUR_USERNAME/hotel-shift-log.git
cd hotel-shift-log/nextjs_space
```

3. Install dependencies:

bash

npm install

4. Connect to Cloud SQL:

bash

```
gcloud sql connect hotel-shift-log-db --user=postgres --quiet
# Enter your database password when prompted
```

5. In psql, run:

```
sql
\c hotel_shift_log
```

6. Set DATABASE_URL and run migrations:

```
bash
export DATABASE URL="postgresql://postgres:YOUR PASSWORD@127.0.0.1:5432/hotel shift log?
connection limit=1"
npx prisma db push
npx prisma db seed
```

Option B: Via Cloud Run Job (More Advanced)

Create a one-time job that runs migrations, then use Cloud Run for your app.

Step 6: Update Deployment URL

After first deployment, update this variable in Cloud Run:

- NEXTAUTH URL → Your actual Cloud Run URL



Important Note: File Upload Storage

Current Setup: Files are stored locally in the uploads/ folder.

Cloud Run Limitation: Cloud Run instances are ephemeral - uploaded files will be lost when:

- The app redeploys
- Cloud Run scales down/up instances
- Container restarts

Short-term Solution (for initial testing):

- Set min instances to 1 (already configured above)
- Files will persist during a session but may be lost on redeploy

Long-term Solution (recommended for production):

- Migrate file storage to Google Cloud Storage
- Benefits: Persistent, scalable, multi-instance safe
- Implementation: Replace file system writes with Cloud Storage API calls
- Estimated effort: 2-3 hours of development

When to implement Cloud Storage:

- Now: If you expect heavy file uploads or multiple users
- **Later**: If you're just testing with a few users initially

Step 7: Configure Email Recipients

- 1. Log into the deployed application as admin
- 2. Go to **Users** page
- 3. For each manager who should receive high-priority alerts:
 - Click Edit
 - Toggle Receives High Priority Emails to ON

- Ensure email address is filled in
- Click Save

Step 8: Set Up Custom Domain (Optional - via Console)

Navigate to: Your Cloud Run service → Manage Custom Domains

- 1. Click Add Mapping
- 2. Select your Cloud Run service
- 3. Enter your domain (e.g., shifts.yourhotel.com)
- 4. Follow the DNS verification steps:
 - Add the provided CNAME records to your domain registrar
 - Wait for verification (can take up to 24 hours)
- 5. Cloud Run will automatically provision SSL certificate

Step 9: Enable Automatic Backups (Already Configured!)

Cloud SQL automatically backs up your database:

- Navigate to your Cloud SQL instance → Backups tab
- Verify automated backups are enabled (default: daily at 2 AM)
- Backups are retained for 7 days (increase in **Edit Instance** if needed)



Security Hardening

Change Default Passwords

- [] Admin password changed (username: admin)
- [] Manager password changed (username: manager)
- [] Employee password changed (username: employee)
- [] Cloud SQL password is strong (20+ characters)
- [] NEXTAUTH SECRET is strong (32+ characters)

Configure Monitoring (via Console)

Navigate to: Cloud Monitoring (https://console.cloud.google.com/monitoring)

Set up Uptime Check:

- 1. Go to Uptime checks → Create Uptime Check
- 2. Configure:
- **Title**: Hotel Shift Log Login Page
- Protocol: HTTPS
- Resource Type: URL
- Hostname: Your Cloud Run URL
- Path: /login
- 3. Click Create

Set up Error Rate Alert (Optional but Recommended):

- 1. Go to Alerting → Create Policy
- 2. Add condition:
- Target: Cloud Run Revision
- Metric: Request count (filter for 5xx errors)
- Threshold: > 10 errors in 5 minutes

- 3. Add notification channel (email)
- 4. Click Save

Post-Deployment Testing

Functionality Tests

- [] Can log in with all three roles
- [] Employees can create reports
- [] Managers can add comments
- [] File uploads work correctly
- [] High-priority reports send emails
- [] PDF/CSV export works
- [] User management works (admin only)
- [] Archive/unarchive functionality works
- [] Report acknowledgement works
- [] Comment likes work

Security Tests

- [] Cannot access dashboard without login
- [] Archived users cannot log in
- [] Managers cannot create super admins
- [] Employees cannot see manager notes
- [] File size limits are enforced
- [] Daily post limits are enforced
- [] Path traversal blocked (try ../../etc/passwd in file serving)
- [] XSS blocked (try <script>alert('xss')</script> in text fields)

Performance Tests

- [] Page load time < 3 seconds
- [] Large file uploads work (up to 30MB)
- [] Can handle 10 concurrent users
- [] Database queries are fast

E Email Configuration

Gmail Setup (Testing)

- 1. Enable 2FA on Gmail account
- 2. Generate App Password: https://myaccount.google.com/apppasswords
- 3. Use in SMTP PASSWORD

SendGrid Setup (Production)

- 1. Create account: https://sendgrid.com/
- 2. Verify domain

- 3. Generate API key
- 4. Configure:

Test Email

Create a high-priority report and verify email is received

H Backup & Restore Procedures

Database Backups (Automatic)

Cloud SQL automatically backs up your database daily. To restore:

- 1. Navigate to: Cloud SQL Console (https://console.cloud.google.com/sql) → hotel-shift-log-db
- 2. Go to Backups tab
- 3. Click on a backup → **Restore**
- 4. Choose Restore to same instance or Restore to new instance
- 5. Confirm (this will overwrite current data if same instance)

Create manual backup before major changes:

- Go to Backups tab → Create Backup

File Backups (Manual - Only if not using Cloud Storage)

Important: If you're using local file storage, files are not backed up automatically.

To back up files:

- 1. Access your Cloud Run service logs to find where files are stored
- 2. Download files before major redeployments
- 3. Recommended: Migrate to Cloud Storage for automatic persistence

If using Cloud Storage (future migration):

- Files are automatically versioned and durable
- No manual backup needed

🔄 Continuous Deployment

How it works: Once set up, Cloud Run automatically redeploys when you push to GitHub!

```
# Make code changes locally
git add .
git commit -m "Update feature X"
git push origin main
# Cloud Build automatically:
# 1. Detects the push
# 2. Builds a new container
# 3. Deploys to Cloud Run
# 4. Zero downtime deployment!
```

View build history: Cloud Build Console (https://console.cloud.google.com/cloud-build/builds)

Monitoring & Maintenance

Recommended Alerts (Set up in Cloud Console):

- [] Uptime check for /login page
- [] Error rate > 5% (5xx responses)
- [] Response time > 3 seconds
- [] Cloud SQL CPU > 80%
- [] Cloud SQL storage > 80%

Regular Maintenance:

- Daily: Check Cloud Logging for errors (link (https://console.cloud.google.com/logs))
- Weekly: Verify database backups are running
- Monthly: Review user access and active accounts
- Quarterly: Test database restore procedure



Incident Response

If Unauthorized Access Detected:

- 1. Immediately revoke all active sessions
- 2. Change all passwords
- 3. Review audit logs
- 4. Enable Cloud SQL read-only mode temporarily
- 5. Investigate and patch vulnerability
- 6. Notify affected parties

If Data Loss Occurs:

- 1. Stop all write operations
- 2. Identify last known good backup
- 3. Restore from backup to separate instance
- 4. Verify data integrity
- 5. Switch to restored instance
- 6. Investigate root cause

📝 Documentation Links

• Full README: /home/ubuntu/hotel_shift_log/README.md

• Security Analysis: /home/ubuntu/hotel shift log/SECURITY.md

• GCP Console: https://console.cloud.google.com

• Cloud SQL: https://console.cloud.google.com/sql

• Cloud Run: https://console.cloud.google.com/run

• Secret Manager: https://console.cloud.google.com/security/secret-manager



Estimated Monthly Costs

For a small hotel (10-50 users, moderate usage):

Service	Configuration	Est. Cost
Cloud Run	2 GiB RAM, 2 vCPU, min 1 instance	\$15-30/month
Cloud SQL	Shared Core, 10GB storage	\$10-20/month
Secret Manager	3 secrets	\$0.06/month
Cloud Build	120 builds/month	Free (first 120 builds)
Total		~\$25-50/month

Cost optimization tips:

- Use shared core Cloud SQL initially (upgrade if needed)
- Set min instances to 0 if not mission-critical (saves \$10-15/month)
- Monitor with Cloud Billing Reports (https://console.cloud.google.com/billing)

Pre-Launch Checklist

Before Going Live:

- [] All default passwords changed
- [] Database migrations completed successfully
- [] Email notifications tested (high-priority reports)
- [] All three user roles tested (admin, manager, employee)
- [] File uploads tested (up to 30MB)
- [] Uptime monitoring configured
- [] Cloud SQL backups verified
- [] Team trained on using the system
- [] Custom domain configured (if applicable)

Deployment Details:

- Date: __

- Deployed By: __

- Cloud Run URL: __

- Custom Domain (if any): ___

- GitHub Repo: ___

Quick Links & Support

• Application: Your Cloud Run URL

• GCP Console: https://console.cloud.google.com

Cloud Run Dashboard: https://console.cloud.google.com/run
 Cloud SQL Dashboard: https://console.cloud.google.com/sql

• Logs Viewer: https://console.cloud.google.com/logs

• GCP Support: https://cloud.google.com/support

• Security Documentation: /SECURITY.md

You're All Set!

Your Hotel Shift Log application is now running on Google Cloud Platform with:

- Automatic deployments from GitHub
- V Scalable, managed infrastructure
- V Daily database backups
- W HTTPS encryption
- <a> Email notifications for high-priority reports

Next Steps:

- 1. Share the Cloud Run URL with your team
- 2. Change all default passwords
- 3. Start using the application!
- 4. Consider migrating to Cloud Storage for file uploads (when ready)

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