Creating a Private Virtual Machine

Overview

Compute Engine lets you create virtual machines that run different operating systems, including multiple flavors of Linux (Debian, Ubuntu, Suse, Red Hat, CoreOS) and Windows Server, on Google infrastructure. You can run thousands of virtual CPUs on a system that is designed to be fast and to offer strong consistency of performance.

In this hands-on lab, you'll create private virtual machine instances of machine types using the Google Cloud Console.

Prerequisites

Create and manage Google Cloud resources and services directly on the command line.

To create a private virtual machine in GCP following resources such as custom VPC, custom subnets, NAT gateway and IAP firewall rule is required to be provisioned.

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Enable the Compute Engine API - Compute Engine API

1. Create a Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) & Subnet

VPC provides networking for your cloud-based resources and services that are global, scalable, and flexible.

Deploying Virtual Private Connect & Subnet using Google Cloud Console

Metadata - VPC & Subnet	Naming Convention
Name	labs-vpc
Subnet Creation Mode	Custom
New Subnet Name Region IP Stack type IPv4 Range Dynamic Routing	labs-subnet us-central1 IPv4 10.0.0.0/24 Regional

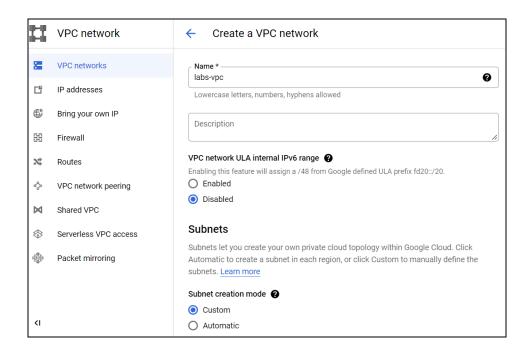
In the Cloud Console, on the Navigation menu (≡), click VPC network > VPC networks.

This may take a minute to initialize for the first time.

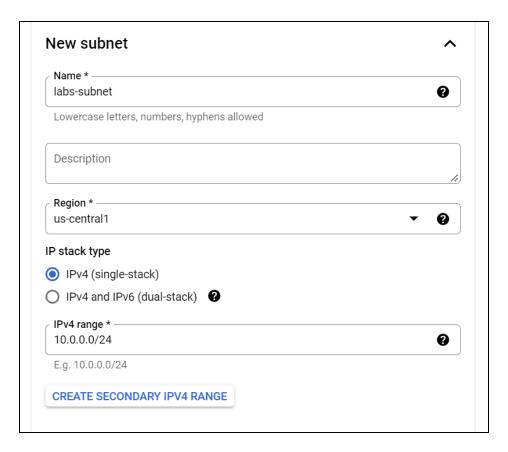
• To create a new VPC, click CREATE VPC NETWORK.

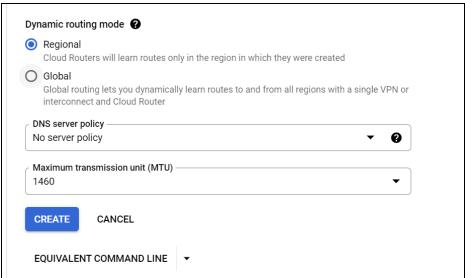
There are many parameters you can configure when creating a **new VPC**.

- Enter VPC Name as it is a mandatory field.
- Description can be kept blank as it is an optional field.
- Select Custom checkbox for Subnet to create custom subnet.

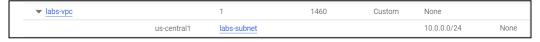


- Click on Add Subnet.
- Enter Subnet **Name** as it is a mandatory field.
- Description can be kept blank as it is an optional field.
- Region here selected is us-central1. Region can be chosen upon end user's requirements to obtain low latency of resources.
- For more information about regions, see the Compute Engine guide, <u>Regions</u> and Zones.
- IP Stack type can be left default with IPv4 checkbox selected.
- Enter **IPv4 range** for Subnet depending upon requirement.
- Rest of the fields can be left with default values.
- Click the CREATE button to create a new VPC.





- Following resources are created
- VPC named labs-vpc and subnet named labs-subnet.



2. Create **NAT Gateway**

Cloud NAT (<u>network address translation</u>) lets certain resources without external IP addresses create outbound connections to the internet.

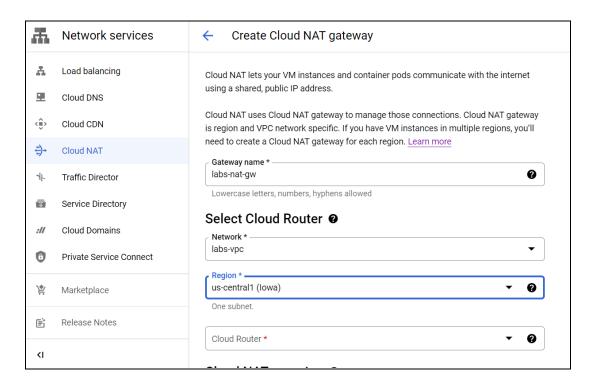
Deploying NAT Gateway using Google Cloud Console

Metadata - NAT Gateway	Naming Convention
Name	labs-nat-gw
Select Cloud Router Network Region	labs-vpc us-central1
Create a Router Name	labs-nat-router
Cloud NAT Mapping Resource (Internal)	Primary and Secondary Ranges for all subnets

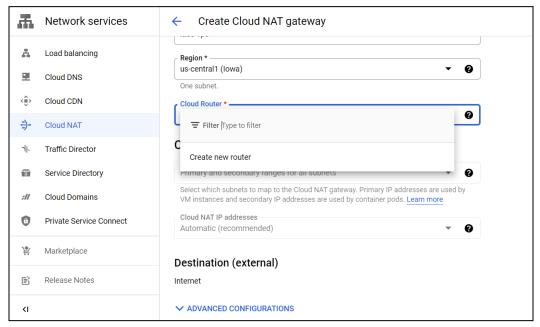
- In the Cloud Console, on the Navigation menu (≡), click Network services > Cloud NAT.
- To create a new NAT gateway, click **CREATE CLOUD NAT GATEWAY**.

There are many parameters you can configure when creating a new NAT gateway

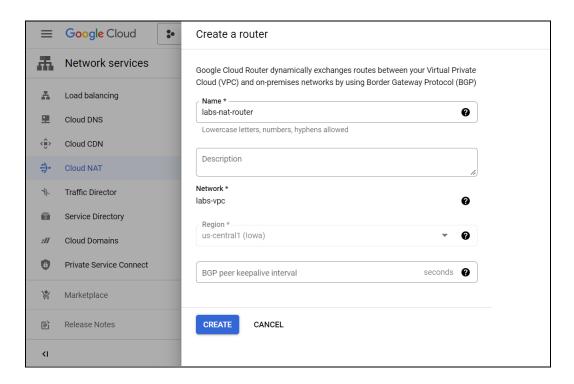
- Enter NAT **Gateway name** as it is a mandatory field.
- In Select Cloud Router, select the VPC Network created previously i.e. labs-vpc
- Select the region associated with the subnet.



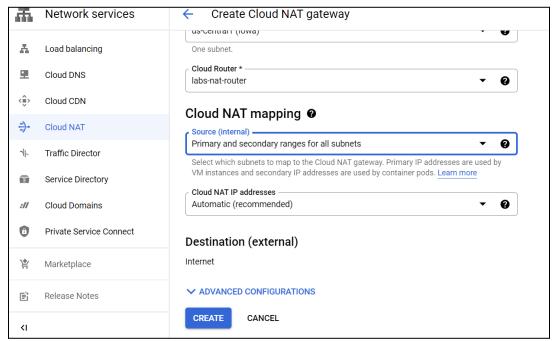
In Cloud Router, click on create new router.



- Enter the Cloud Router name as it is a mandatory field. Rest of the fields can be left with default values.
- Click on CREATE to create a Cloud router.



- The router's name is populated in the Cloud Router field.
- Rest of the fields can be left with default values.



Cloud NAT gateway named labs-nat-gw is created.



3. Create IAP Firewall Rule.

To allow IAP to connect to your VM instances, create a firewall rule that:

- applies to all VM instances that you want to be accessible by using IAP.
- allows ingress traffic from the IP range **35.235.240.0/20**. This range contains all IP addresses that IAP uses for TCP forwarding.
- allows connections to all ports that you want to be accessible by using IAP TCP forwarding, for example, port 22 for SSH and port 3389 for RDP.

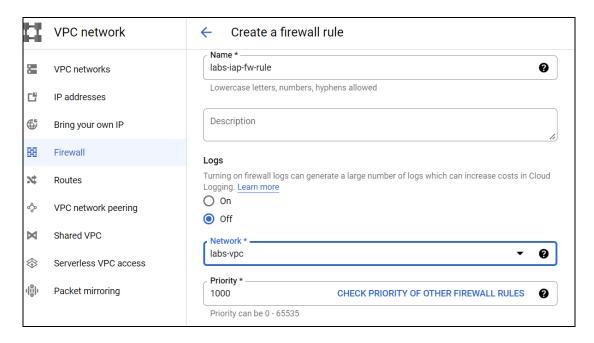
Deploying IAP Firewall using Google Cloud Console

Metadata - Firewall	Naming Convention
Name	labs-iap-fw-rule
Network	labs-vpc
Direction of Traffic Action on Match	Ingress Allow
Target	All Instance in Network
Source Filter	IPv4 Ranges
Source IPv4 Ranges	35.235.240.0/20
Protocol & Ports TCP	Specified Protocols & Ports 22, 3389

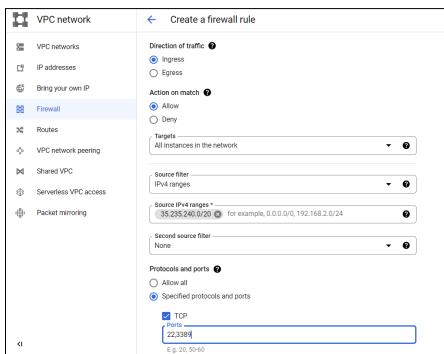
- In the Cloud Console, on the Navigation menu (≡), click VPC network > Firewall.
- To create a new IAP Firewall rule, click CREATE FIREWALL RULE.

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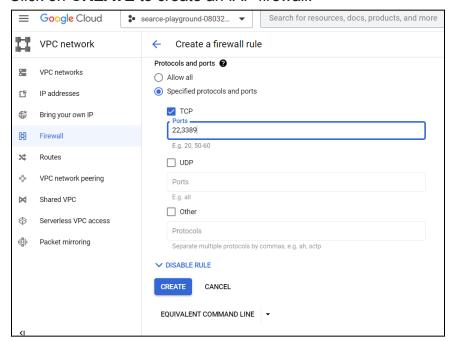
- Enter firewall **Name** as it is a mandatory field.
- Description can be left blank as it is an optional field.
- Select the VPC Network created previously i.e. labs-vpc to attach the firewall to that network.



- Select Direction of traffic as Ingress by selecting the checkbox.
- Select Action on match as Allow by selecting the checkbox.
- In the Target field, select **All instances in the network**.
- In the Source filter, select IPv4 ranges.
- Enter the Source IPv4 range 35.235.240.0/20.
- In Protocols and Ports, enable TCP protocol with port 22 for SSH and 3389 for RDP access.



Click on CREATE to create an IAP firewall.



The IAP firewall named labs-iap-fw-rule is created.



4. Create Service Account for Compute Engine

A service account is identified by its email address, which is unique to the account. Before creating the service account following the below steps

Enable the IAM API - <u>IAM API</u>

Required roles for your IAM account.

To get the permissions that you need to manage service accounts, grant the following IAM roles on the project:

To view and create service accounts:

Create Service Accounts (roles/iam.serviceAccountCreator)

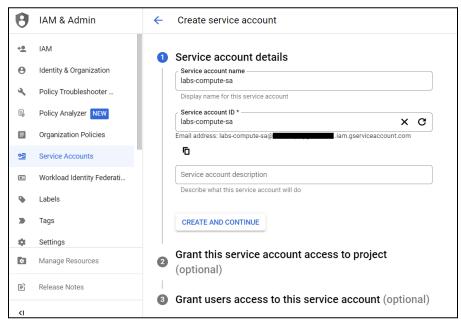
Deploying Custom Service Account using Google Cloud Console

Metadata - Service Account	Naming Convention
Service Account Details Service Account Name	labs-compute-sa
Add Principals New Principals	labs-compute-sa
Assign roles	Storage Admin

- In the Cloud Console, on the Navigation menu (≡), click IAM & Admin > Service Account.
- To create a new custom service account, click **CREATE SERVICE ACCOUNT**.

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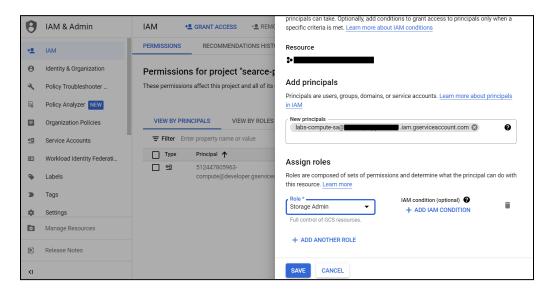
- Enter Service Account Name as it is a mandatory field.
- Service account ID is auto populated with service account name.
- Description can be kept blank as it is an optional field.
- Click CREATE AND CONTINUE to create the custom service account.



 Other fields are optional and can be skipped. The custom service account name labs-compute-sa@project-id.iam.gserviceaccount.com is created.



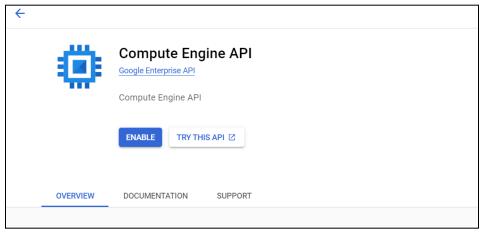
- Navigate to IAM, click Grant ACCESS.
- Enter the created service account name in New Principals.
- In Role, Select Storage Admin from the dropdown.



Setup for Private Compute Engine

Create Compute Engine

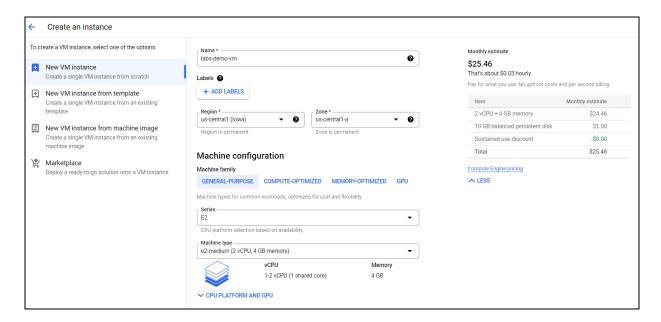
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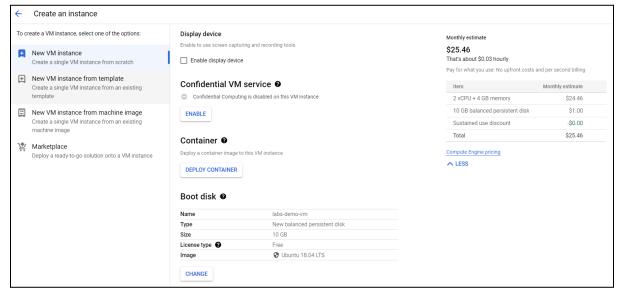
Deploying Google Compute Engine (GCE) using Google Cloud Console

Metadata - VM Instance	Naming Convention
Name	labs-demo-vm
Region	us-central1
Zone	us-central1-a
Series Machine Type	E2 e2-medium
Boot Disk Operating System Version Size Boot Disk Type	Ubuntu Ubuntu 18.04 LTS 10 GB Balanced Persistent Disk
Service Account	labs-compute-sa
Network Interface Network Sub Network External IPv4 address	labs-vpc labs-subnet None
Automation Startup Script	#! /bin/bash apt update apt -y install apache2 cat < <eof> /var/www/html/index.html <html><body>Linux startup script added directly.</body></html></eof>

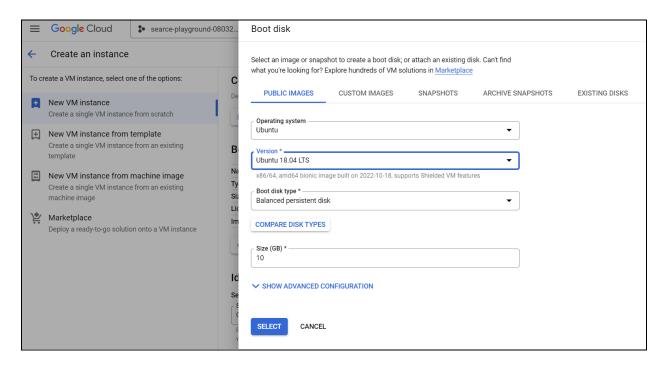
- In the Cloud Console, on the Navigation menu (≡), click Compute Engine >
 VM Instances.
- To create a new instance, click **CREATE INSTANCE**.
- Enter the **Name** of VM instance.
- Select region and zone to create VM in. Here region is selected as us-central1 and zone is us-central1-a
- In Machine Configuration, there are various Machines types available <u>About machine families</u>. For this lab, E2 series medium machine type is selected which is a 2-CPU, 4GB RAM instance



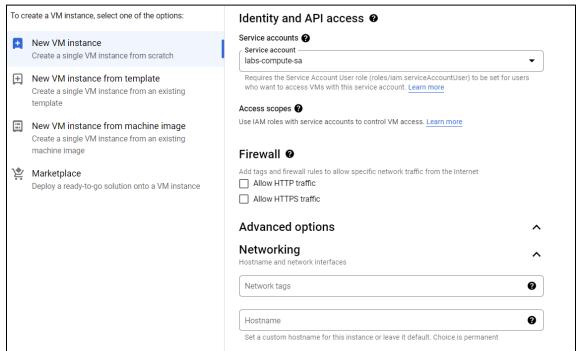
 Select the Boot disk Image, by default debian image is selected. Click on change to select different types of OS image.



- A Pop-up will appear to select the required Operating System and Version. Several images are available, including Debian, Ubuntu, CoreOS, and premium images such as Red Hat Enterprise Linux and Windows Server. Rest fields can be kept with default values.
- Select Ubuntu in the Operating system and version Ubuntu 18.04 LTS.
- Select Balanced persistent disk Boot disk type and Size 10 GB.



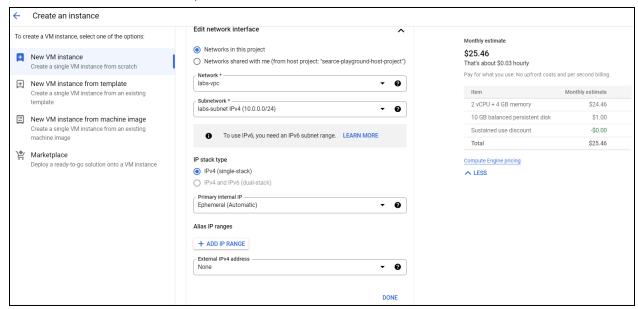
- In the identity and API access section, select the service account created previously named **labs-compute-sa** from the service account dropdown.
- In Firewall, do not select any checkbox as this will be private virtual. If there is a requirement, then firewall rules can be created. Click on Advanced options.



• In Advanced options, **Networking** is an important field to decide where this virtual image resides.

In the **Edit network interface** field, select the previously created network i.e labs-vpc and select the subnetwork (subnet).

In **External IPv4 Address**, select **None** to disable external IP to virtual machine.

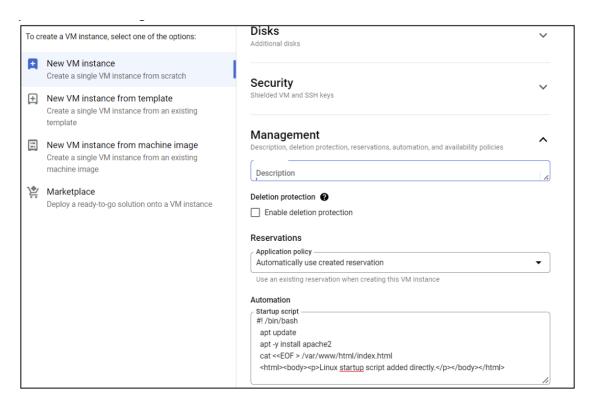


• (This Field is Optional) Expand Management, In Automation Startup Scripts can be added which will perform action post creation of VM. A startup script is a file that contains commands that run when a virtual machine (VM) instance boots. Compute Engine provides support for running startup scripts on Linux VMs and Windows VMs. Please refer to the below screenshot.

Use the below Automation Script

```
#! /bin/bash
apt update
apt -y install apache2
cat <<EOF > /var/www/html/index.html
<html><body>Linux startup script added directly.</body></html>
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 Rest of the fields can be left with default values. Click on CREATE to create the private virtual image.

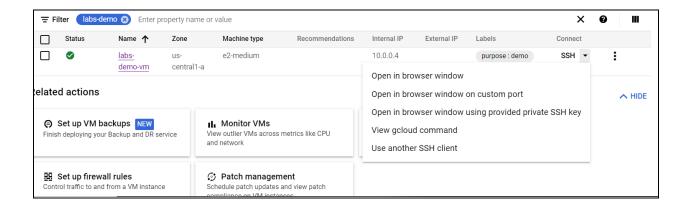


On the console, check the status of the newly created virtual machine.



Connect to the virtual machine

- To securely access the private virtual machine, Following IAP Permission/roles is required to user
 - IAP-secured Tunnel User (roles/iap.tunnelResourceAccessor)
 - The permissions can be set in IAM & Admin for each individual user.
- Click on SSH dropdown, various connect options are available. Preferred and mostly used is Open in the browser window.



Check the connectivity to the internet by pinging to google.com.

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$ ping google.com
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root@lab-demo-vm:~# ping google.com
PING google.com (173.194.195.100) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from iw-in-f100.le100.net (173.194.195.100): icmp_seq=1 ttl=115 time=1.23 ms
64 bytes from iw-in-f100.le100.net (173.194.195.100): icmp_seq=2 ttl=115 time=0.526 ms
64 bytes from iw-in-f100.le100.net (173.194.195.100): icmp_seq=3 ttl=115 time=0.376 ms
64 bytes from iw-in-f100.le100.net (173.194.195.100): icmp_seq=4 ttl=115 time=0.430 ms
^C
---- google.com ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3041ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.376/0.641/1.233/0.346 ms
root@lab-demo-vm:~#
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 Verify the Startup Script. The script installs the apache2 package and overrides the index file. Curl localhost to get the output.

\$sudo systemctl status apache2

Install Packages

Install C++ compiler package g++ using the following command:-

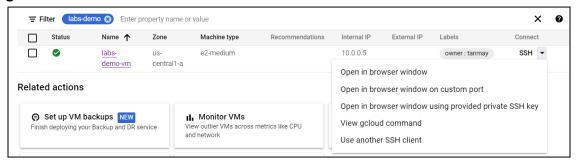
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sudo apt update
sudo apt install g++
g++ --version
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root@lab-demo-vm:~# g++ --version
g++ (Ubuntu 7.5.0-3ubuntu1~18.04) 7.5.0
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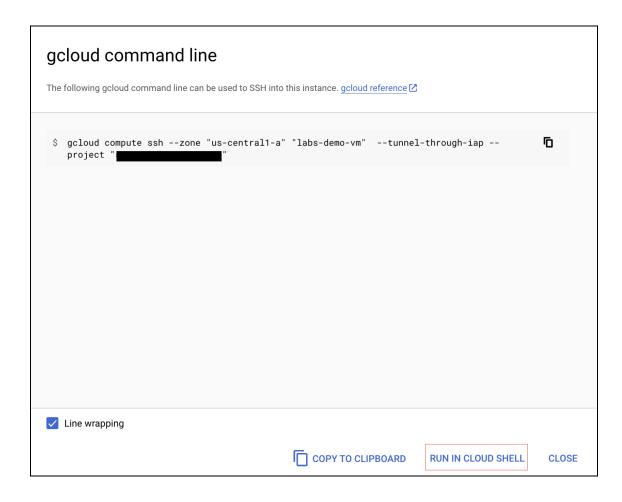
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Connecting Virtual Machine using GCP Cloud Shell Editor

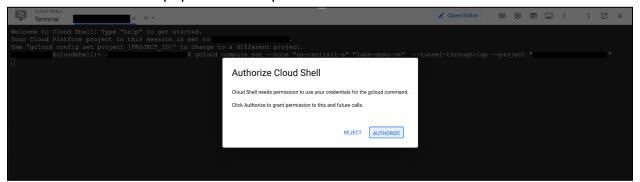
 Click on SSH dropdown, various connect options are available. Select View gcloud command.



Gcloud command line Pop-up appears with gcloud command to connect to VM.
 Click on RUN IN CLOUD SHELL.



- Post clicking on RUN IN CLOUD SHELL, the cloud shell editor window will open with the gcloud command. Click on ENTER.
- Authorize Cloud Shell pop will show up. Click on AUTHORIZE.



• Congratulations you have successfully logged into VM using cloud shell editor.

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References

• Virtual Private Cloud overview - VPC