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# Setting New Standards for Reliability in Cloud-Native Applications

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# Reliable Payment Processing is fundamental in a Global Economy



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# Who is Global Payments?

**5M+**

merchant  
accounts

**>100**

countries served  
cross-border

**38**

countries with  
a physical  
presence

**75B+**

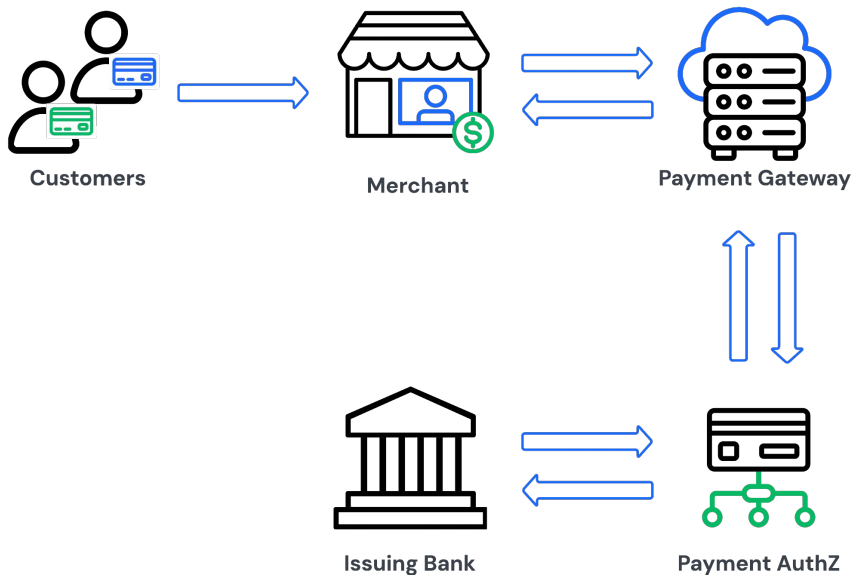
transactions  
annually

**27,000+**

global team members

Statistics as of Sept. 2024

## Payment Authorization



**High transaction volumes** with low latency (< 1s) and high throughput (250+ TPS)

**Stringent security & compliance standards** to protect sensitive financial data and evolving regulations

**Global operations** ensuring seamless and reliable payments across different regions of the world

**24/7 availability** to minimize downtime and ensure uninterrupted service for clients

**Evolving technology landscape** of new payment methods, technologies, and customer expectations

## Legacy Application Limitations



### Scalability

Legacy applications struggle to handle increasing volume and user growth



### Availability & Resilience

Existing infrastructure lacks robust mechanisms for high availability and disaster recovery



### Compliance

Evolving regulatory and data sovereignty requirements typically require manual processes and increased operational overhead



### Agility

Monolithic architecture hindered rapid development and deployment of new features and updates

## A Transformational Journey



### Microservices Architecture

Decoupled services for agility, scalability, and independently deployable services.



### Containerization

Leverage containers for application and database portability, consistent deployments, and optimized resource utilization.

### DevOps Culture

Accelerate transformation by fostering collaboration, automation, and continuous improvement.



### Cloud Provider Services

Utilize cloud-native services for enhanced functionality and cost efficiency while reducing overhead.



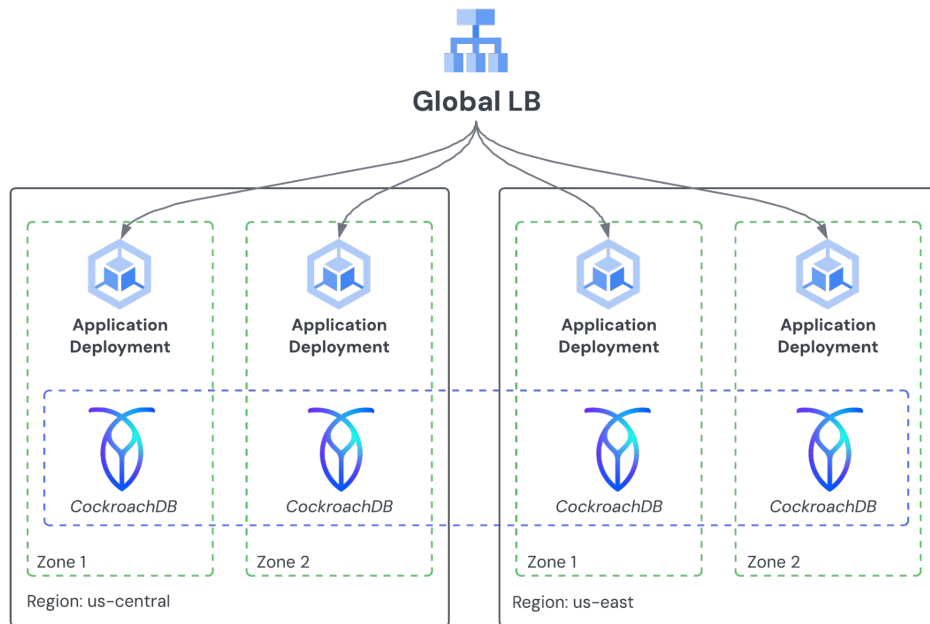
## A Blueprint for Global Resilience

**Multi-Region Deployments** for pervasive high availability with disaster avoidance.

**Container-native Load Balancing** dynamically distributing traffic across regions for optimal efficiency and scalability.

**GKE Enterprise** simplifies cluster management through Fleet management including automated on-boarding for Config Sync and Service Mesh

**CockroachDB** providing the foundation for consistent, scalable, and fault-tolerant transactions across regions.

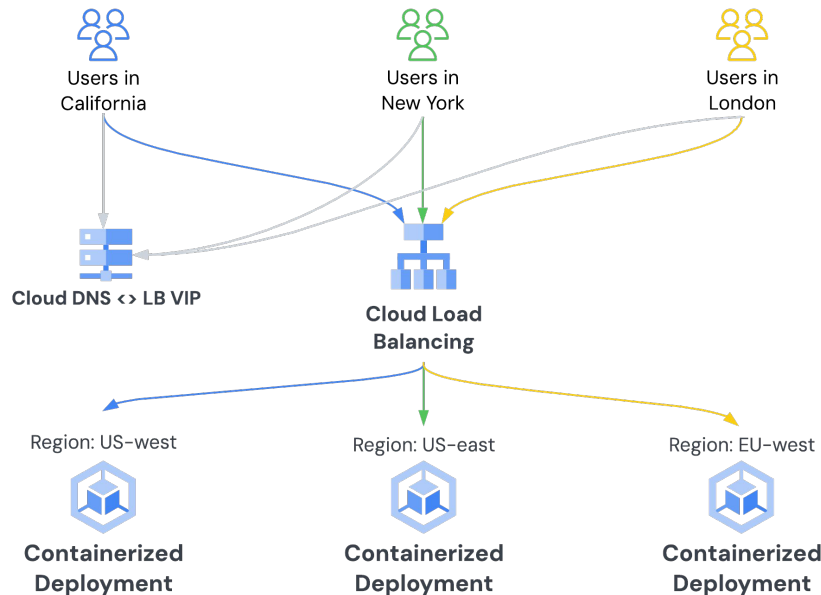


## Adding Another Layer of Resilience

**GKE Multi-Cluster Ingress** simplifies management of multi-region deployments by providing a global IP and automated traffic routing.

**Multi-region clusters** protect against regional outages and improve performance for global users.

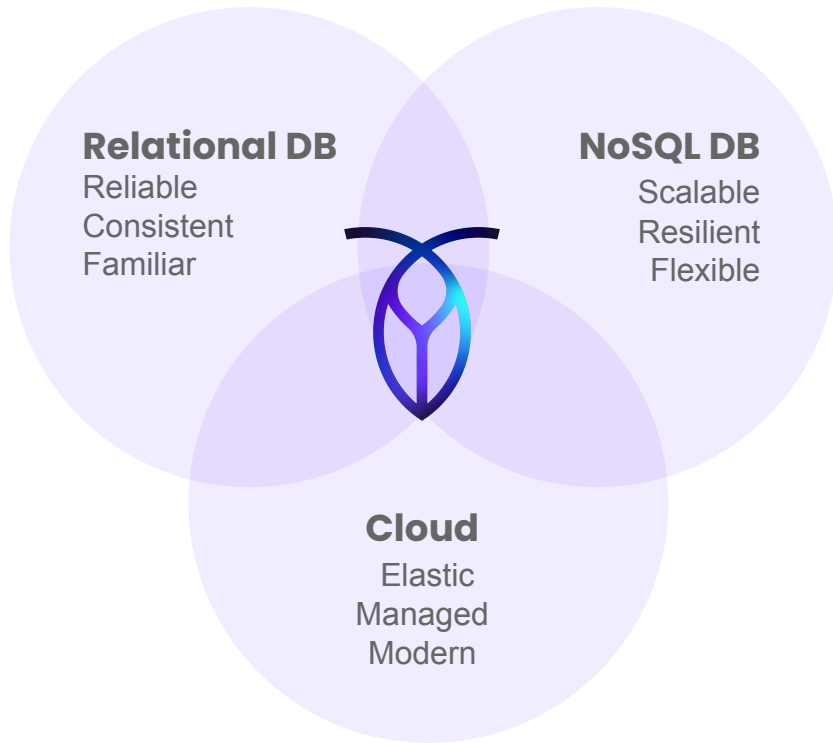
**Data residency** requirements can leverage GKE's multi-region deployments to ensure compliance and data sovereignty.





## Distributed SQL brings together the best of all DBs

Built from ground up to meet the demands of today's data-driven world



### CockroachDB

An agile, distributed database  
architected and built for the cloud

Guaranteed Transactions

Inherent Resilience & Scale

Familiar, Compliant SQL

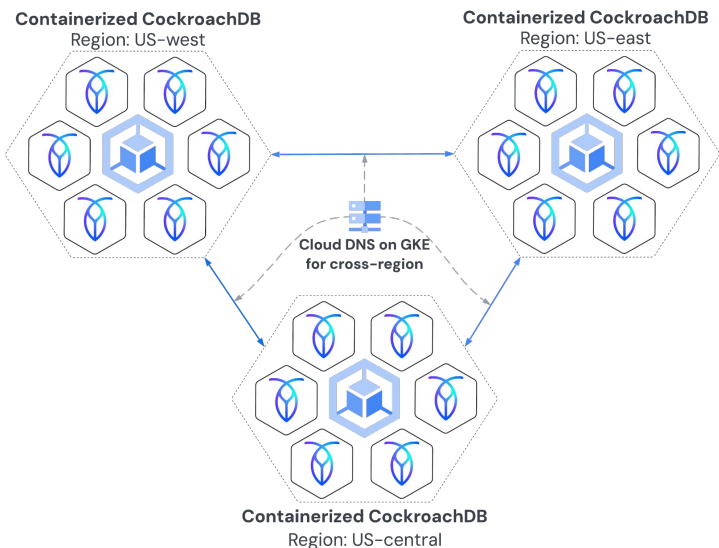
Fully-Elastic Service

..in a truly globally-distributed database

# Why CockroachDB?

- Multi-Region Active-Active
  - Increased resiliency
  - Survive Node Failure and Region Failure
- Horizontal Scaling
  - Easy to add nodes for more capacity
  - Multi-Master: Each node can serve read-write traffic
  - Auto Sharding: Database handles data distribution. Redistributes and balances data when adding nodes and regions, transparently
  - ACID Transactions: Provides guaranteed consistency – not eventual
- Data Domiciling
  - Ability to specify where the data resides

## The Foundation for Fault Tolerance



**Distributed SQL**

Scales horizontally with no single point of failure

**Automatic Replication**

Data replicated across multiple nodes for redundancy

**Survivability**

Nodes can go down without impacting availability

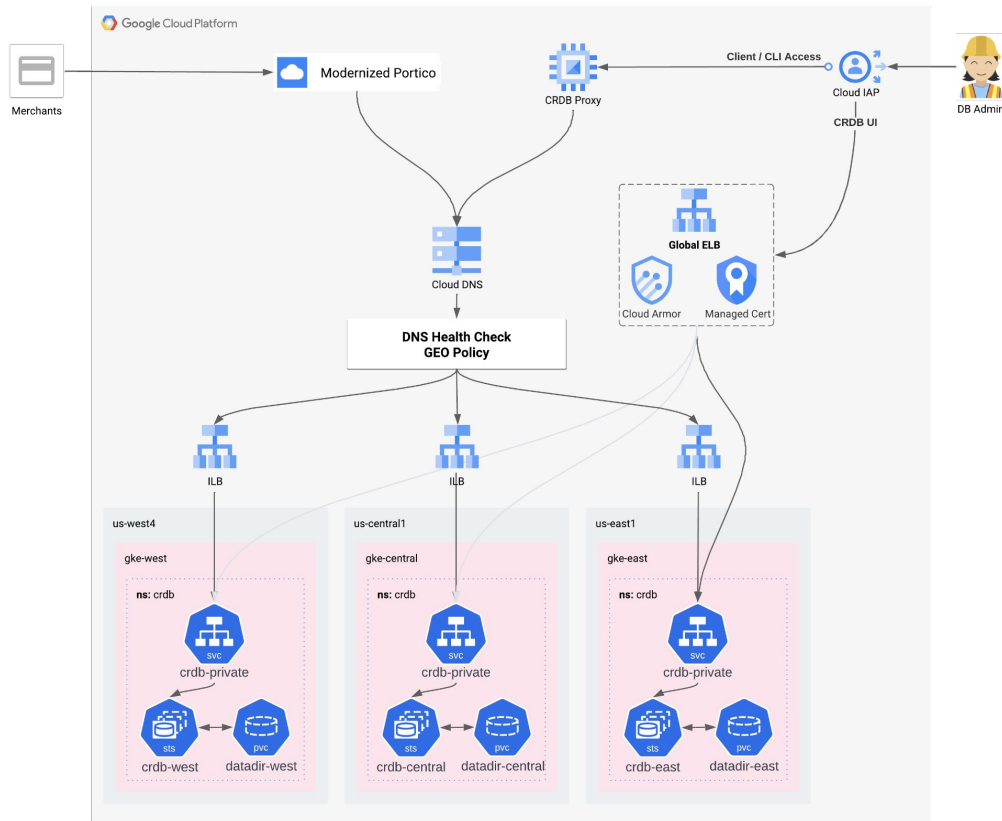
**Automatic Failover**

Seamlessly switches to healthy replicas in case of failure

**Strong Consistency**

Ensures data accuracy even during network partitions

# CockroachDB on GKE



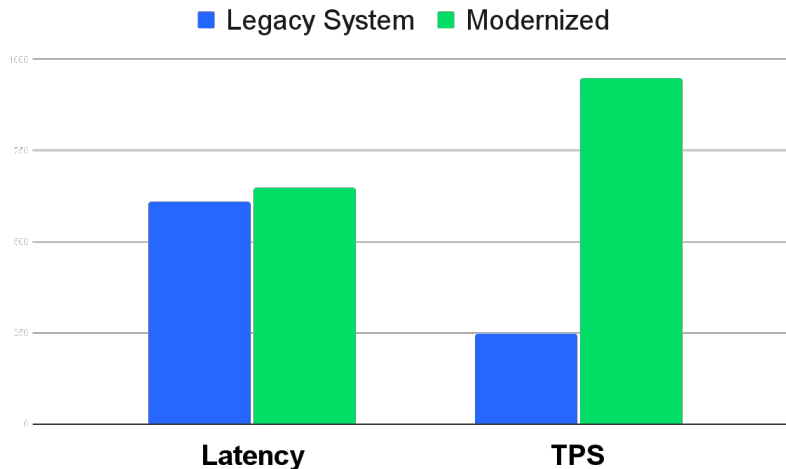
- CRDB currently deployed in three regions with five planned
- Add some GCP sugar to the CockroachDB deployment:
  - Cloud DNS for GKE
  - DNS Health Checks
- Separate node pool for performance reqs:
  - Higher clock speed CPUs
  - SSD persistent disk for boot disk
  - gVNIC
  - **premium-rwo** storage class

CockroachDB X Google Cloud

## Performance Benchmarks & Results

**+380%**

System Capacity  
with minimal impacts to latency



## Mission-Critical Reliability

15+

### Chaos Experiments

- Container and pod deletes
- CPU and memory hogs
- Node failures
- Network interruptions
- Simulated regional outages

100%

### System Uptime

0

### Impacts during Upgrades

Including CockroachDB  
upgrades and schema changes

## Building on Success

This transformation is just the beginning. Global Payments will leverage this cloud-native foundation to empower applications, accelerate modernization, expand and extend, and set new standards for reliability and performance.



### **Expand and Extend**

Broaden the architectural design to include additional global regions and explore hybrid cloud capabilities



### **Platform as a Service**

Empower additional applications to modernize through the built foundational platform



### **Continuous Innovation**

Stay ahead of the curve and adopt new cloud-native features and technologies as they become available.



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**Thank you!**

