K8s in the Cloud

Google Kubernetes Engine on Google Cloud Platform

Simply start with 300\$ for a new registration.

https://console.cloud.google.com/kubernetes

Install Google Cloud SDK and initialize

https://cloud.google.com/sdk/install

https://cloud.google.com/sdk/docs/initializing

gcloud init

Create a K8s Cluster

First you need to create a new project and the start creation a cluster.

```
gcloud container clusters create my-cluster
```

Then just get the credentials and play around with your fresh K8s cluster

gcloud container clusters get-credentials my-cluster --zone europe-west3-c -- project code-and-play

kubectl get all

Install Istio

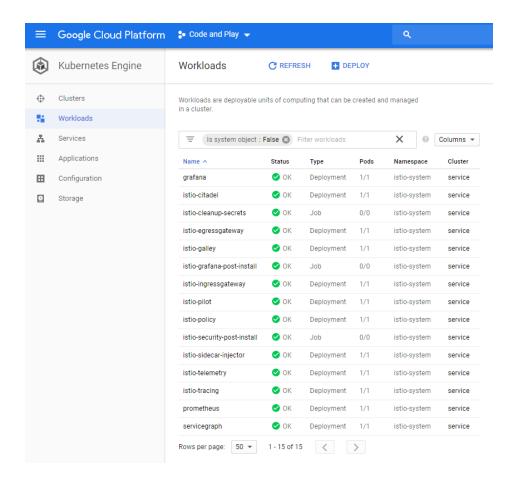
see also: https://istio.io/docs/setup/kubernetes/quick-start/

```
kubectl create clusterrolebinding cluster-admin-binding --
clusterrole=cluster-admin --user=$(gcloud config get-value core/account)
```

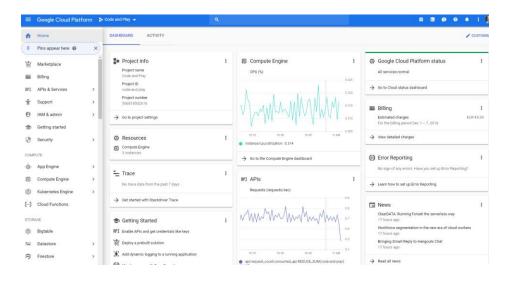
```
// Install Istio's Custom Resource Definitions
cd $ISTIO_HOME
kubectl apply -f install/kubernetes/helm/istio/templates/crds.yaml
```

```
// Deploy Istio
### install istio FULL DEMO
kubectl apply -f install/kubernetes/istio-demo.yaml
### install istio SMALL Setup
>> run in WSL!
cd /mnt/c/Progs/istio-1.0.4
helm template install/kubernetes/helm/istio --name istio --namespace istio-
system \
  --set security.enabled=false \
  --set ingress.enabled=false \
  --set gateways.istio-ingressgateway.enabled=true \
  --set gateways.istio-egressgateway.enabled=false \
  --set galley.enabled=false \
  --set sidecarInjectorWebhook.enabled=true \
  --set mixer.enabled=false \
  --set prometheus.enabled=true \
  --set grafana.enabled=true \
  --set global.proxy.envoyStatsd.enabled=false \
  --set pilot.sidecar=false > $HOME/istio-minimal.yaml
>> namespace definition was missing in renderd template istio-minimal.yaml, I
added:
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
 name: istio-system
 labels:
    istio-injection: disabled
. . .
kubectl apply -f istio-minimal.yaml
// Observe how your Istio is starting up
kubectl get all -n istio-system
```

You can also check this in https://console.cloud.google.com/kubernetes/workload



And you overall Cloud status at https://console.cloud.google.com/home/dashboard



Access Grafana

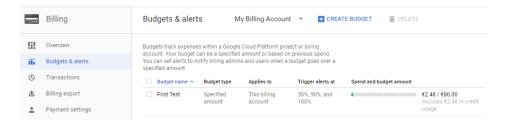
Istio contains also some tools, e.g. Grafana for monitoring. They are only accessible cluster internal by default. You can access them via kube proxy or port forwarding.

// Do a port forwarding to access Grafana via http://localhost:3000
kubectl -n istio-system port-forward \$(kubectl -n istio-system get pod -l
app=grafana -o jsonpath='{.items[0].metadata.name}') 3000:3000 &



Billing

Check out https://console.cloud.google.com/billing and setup an Budget (which sets also alerts for 50%, 90% and 100%).



MicroK8s on v-Server

Another possible solution is to use https://microk8s.io. The setup is pretty simple and brings a lot of features like Istio, Docker Registry, Ingress with it. However, microk8s only works on Linux machines, since it is based on snap. So the setup basically just looks like this:

sudo snap install microk8s --classic

And that's all! It also brings a kubectl with it, which you can use like this:

microk8s.kubectl

```
# Or by aliasing it
snap alias microk8s.kubectl kubectl
```

For example you can simply install/enable Istio with the following command:

Install istio on microk8s

microk8s.enable istio

The same works for DNS, Dashboard, Ingress and other fancy stuff.

Container Registry

Google Container Registry

https://cloud.google.com/container-registry/

Googles provides a container registry. Pricing is 0,026 \$ per GB per month plus downstream traffic. But it's free to pull images from the registry to a cluster if they are both in the same region.