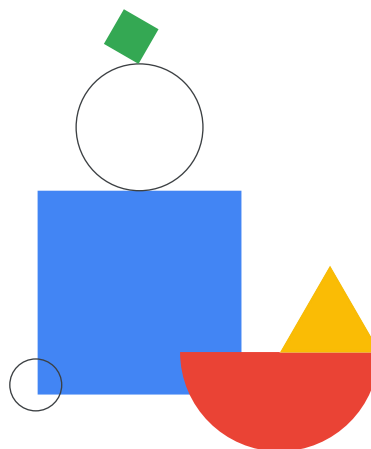




Interacting with Google Cloud



In this module, we will build on what you learned about the Google Cloud infrastructure from the course introduction by focusing on how to interact with Google Cloud.

In the labs of this module, you will explore both Google Cloud's graphical user interface and its command-line interface. You will also deploy a solution from the Google Cloud Marketplace without having to manually configure the software, virtual machine instances, storage, or network settings.

Let's get started!

There are four ways to interact with Google Cloud

01

Google Cloud console
Web user interface



02

Cloud Shell and Cloud SDK
Command-line interface



03

REST-based API
For custom applications



04

Cloud Mobile App
For iOS and Android




There are four ways you can interact with Google Cloud, and we'll talk about each in turn.

There's the Google Cloud console (or console), Cloud Shell and the Cloud SDK, the APIs, and the Cloud Mobile App.

Google Cloud console, Cloud Shell and Cloud CLI

Google Cloud console



console.cloud.google.com

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ^	Zone	Internal IP	External IP	Connect
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓ nginxstack-1	us-central1-f	10.128.0.3 (nic0)	35.238.84.245	SSH ▾ ⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓ nginxstack-2	us-central1-f	10.128.0.4 (nic0)	35.225.177.18	SSH ▾ ⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓ nginxstack-3	us-central1-f	10.128.0.2 (nic0)	35.239.250.238	SSH ▾ ⋮

Cloud Shell

Google Cloud CLI

```
$ gcloud compute instances list
```

NAME	ZONE	INTERNAL_IP	EXTERNAL_IP
nginxstack-1	us-central1-f	10.128.0.3	35.238.84.245
nginxstack-2	us-central1-f	10.128.0.4	35.225.177.18
nginxstack-3	us-central1-f	10.128.0.2	35.239.250.238

Google Cloud

The Google Cloud console provides a web-based, graphical user interface that you access through Console.cloud.google.com. For example, you can view your virtual machines and their details, as shown on the top.

If you prefer to work in a terminal window, the Cloud CLI provides the gcloud command-line tool. For example, you can list your virtual machines and their details as shown on the bottom with the “gcloud compute instances list” command.

Google Cloud also provides Cloud Shell, which is a browser-based, interactive shell environment for Google Cloud that you can access from the console. Cloud Shell is a temporary virtual machine with 5 GB of persistent disk storage that has the Cloud CLI pre-installed.

How to interpret lab instructions

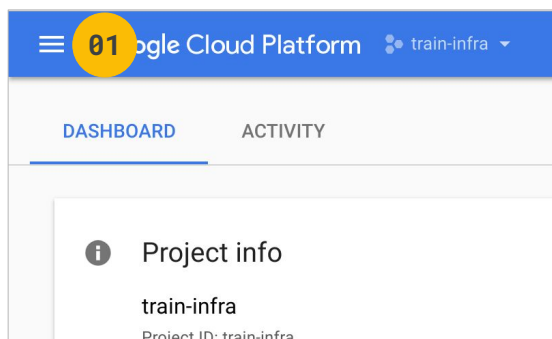
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Throughout this course, you will apply what you learn in different labs. These labs will have instructions to use the console, such as, “On the Navigation menu, click Compute Engine > VM instances.”

Let me dissect these instructions.

How to interpret lab instructions

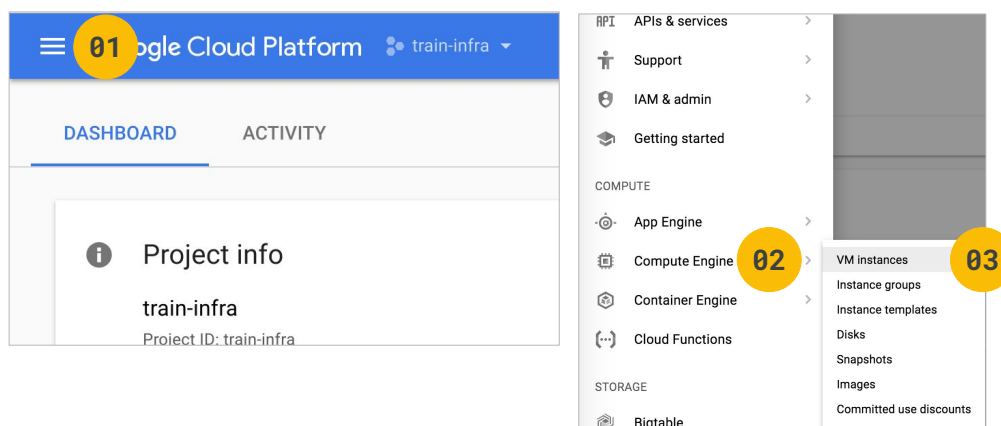
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First, within the console you will click on the icon with the three horizontal lines, which is the Navigation menu, as shown on the left.

How to interpret lab instructions

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Google Cloud

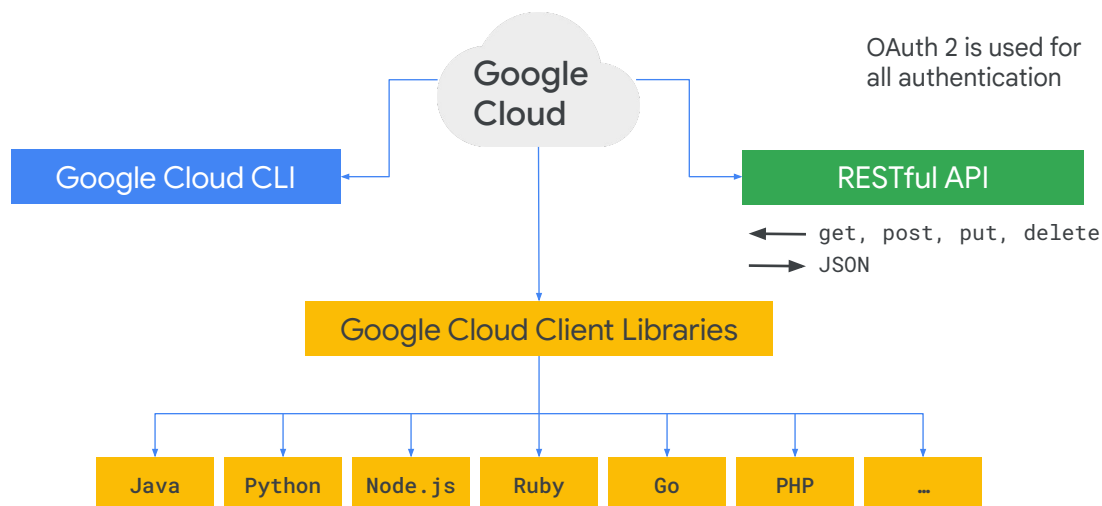
This opens a menu, as shown on the right. All of the major products and services are listed on this menu.

Then, within the menu, hover over “Compute Engine” to open a submenu. Finally, click on “VM instances” on the submenu.

You will get more comfortable with these instructions and the console as you work on labs.

Now, labs will also use command-line instructions. You will enter these instructions either in Cloud Shell or an SSH terminal by simply copying and pasting them. In some cases, you will have to modify these commands, for example, when choosing a globally unique name for a Cloud Storage bucket.

API interfaces



Google Cloud

In addition to the Cloud SDK, you can also use client libraries that enable you to easily create and manage resources. Google Cloud client libraries expose APIs for two main purposes:

- App APIs provide access to services, and they are optimized for supported languages, such as Node.js or Python.
- Admin APIs offer functionality for resource management. For example, you can use admin APIs if you want to build your own automated tools.

Cloud Mobile App

- Manage virtual machines and database instances.
- Manage apps in App Engine.
- Manage your billing.
- Visualize your projects with a customizable dashboard.

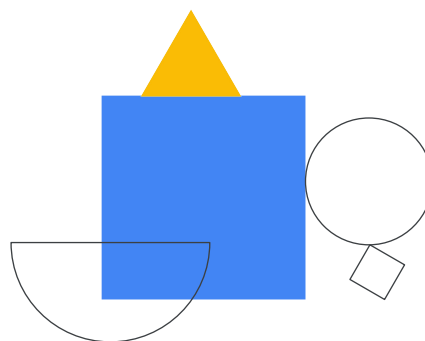


The Cloud Mobile App is another way to interact with Google Cloud. It allows you to manage Google Cloud services from your Android or iOS device. For example, you can start, stop, and SSH into Compute Engine instances and see logs from each instance. You can also set up customizable graphs showing key metrics such as CPU usage, network usage, requests per second, and server errors. The app even offers alerts and incident management and allows you to get up-to-date billing information for your projects and get billing alerts for projects that are going over budget.

You can download the Cloud Mobile App from Google Play or from the App Store.

Lab Intro

Console and Cloud Shell



Slides are great for explaining concepts, but let's apply what we just talked about.

Lab objectives

- 01 Get access to Google Cloud
- 02 Create a Cloud Storage bucket using the Google Cloud console
- 03 Create a Cloud Storage bucket using Cloud Shell
- 04 Become familiar with Cloud Shell features

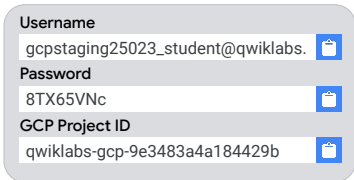


Google Cloud

In this first lab, you'll explore the Google Cloud interface and the entry point of the graphical user interface that's called the Google Cloud console. Within the console, you will create a storage bucket in Cloud Storage, which is Google's unified object storage. Then you will repeat the same task using Cloud Shell, which is the command-line interface in Google Cloud.

We encourage you to develop familiarity with both the console and Cloud Shell and to become comfortable moving back and forth between them.

Run a lab

1. Click **Start Lab**
2. Note the connection details

3. Click **Open Google Console** and sign in using the provided credentials
4. Accept terms and note the project ID **qwiklabs-gcp-9e3483a4a184429b**
5. Follow the lab instructions and when you are done click **End Lab**

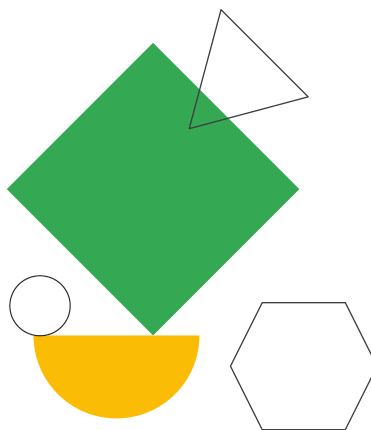
When ready to begin:

1. Click **Start Lab**
2. Note the lab's username, password, and project ID
3. Click **Open Google Console** and sign in to Cloud Console with these credentials
4. Accept the terms and note the project set for you.
5. Follow the lab instructions and when you are done click **End Lab**. The account will be wiped out and removed. You'll lose all work you have in the project.

Most labs are designed to be standalone, that is, you need to end lab when you finish each lab.

Lab Intro

Infrastructure Preview



Lab objectives

- 01 Use Google Cloud Marketplace to build a Jenkins Continuous Integration environment
- 02 Verify that you can manage the service from the Jenkins UI
- 03 Administer the service from the Virtual Machine host through SSH

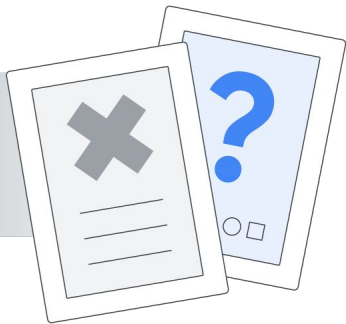


Google Cloud

In this lab, you're going to experience the power of Google Cloud automation by setting up a complete Jenkins continuous integration environment using the Google Cloud Marketplace. You will then verify that you can manage the service from the Jenkins UI and administer the service from the VM host through SSH.

Now, you could accomplish a very similar result through manual configuration in a couple of hours or days. But in this lab, you'll see it set up in only a few minutes.

Also, if you're interested to learn more about projects, feel free to watch this [demo](#). Projects are the key organizer of infrastructure resources and relate these resources to billing accounts. Resources can only be created and consumed within projects, in a way that projects isolate related resources from one another.



Quiz



Question #1

Question

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- C. The Google Cloud SDK which is a command-line interface that can be installed locally or accessed through Cloud Shell
- D. Google Cloud Operator which is a phone service that uses speech recognition to transmit your commands

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- A. Yes. You can use the Google Cloud console which provides a web-based, graphical user interface that you access through `console.cloud.google.com`.
- B. No. There is no Google Cloud Wi-Fi hotspot nor a phone service that uses speech recognition to interact with Google Cloud.
- C. Yes. If you prefer to work in a terminal window, the Google Cloud SDK provides the `gcloud` command-line tool. The Google Cloud SDK can also be accessed through Cloud Shell, which is a browser-based, interactive shell environment for Google Cloud that you can access from the console.
- D. No. There is no Google Cloud Wi-Fi hotspot nor a phone service that uses speech recognition to interact with Google Cloud.

Question #2

Question

What is the difference between the Google Cloud console and Cloud Shell?

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- C. Cloud Shell is a locally installed tool, while the Google Cloud console is a temporary virtual machine
- D. There is no difference as these tools are 100% identical

Question #2

Answer

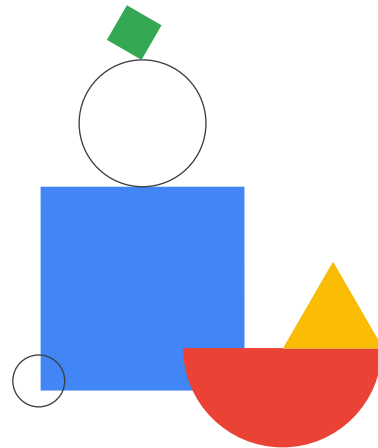
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- A. No
- B. Yes. The Google Cloud console is a graphical user interface and Cloud Shell is a command-line tool. Both tools allow you to interact with Google Cloud. Even though the console can do things Cloud Shell can't do and vice-versa, don't think of them as alternatives, but think of them as one extremely flexible and powerful interface.
- C. No.
- D. No.

Review: Introduction to Google Cloud



In this module, we looked at how to use Google Cloud, which you got to experience first-hand in two short labs. We also provided a demonstration of how to use projects, which are the key organizer of infrastructure resources.

Now that you can interact with Google Cloud, it's time to explore two of the foundational components of Google Cloud's infrastructure: virtual networks and virtual machines. Move on to the next module to learn more.

