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# JAVAMSO4 Working with Stackdriver Trace

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## Overview

In this series of labs, you take a demo microservices Java application built with the Spring framework and modify it to use an external database server. You adopt some of the best practices for tracing, configuration management, and integration with other services using integration patterns.

In a microservices architecture, you need distributed tracing to make complicated service calls more visible. For example, when service A calls B, and B calls C, which service has a problem? In Spring Cloud GCP, you can easily add distributed tracing by using Spring Cloud Sleuth. This typically requires you to run and operate your own Zipkin backend.

In this lab, you implement distributed tracing by using Spring Cloud GCP, Spring Cloud Sleuth, and Cloud Trace. Spring Cloud GCP provides a starter that can interoperate with Spring Cloud Sleuth, but it forwards the trace request to Cloud Trace instead.

Cloud Trace is a distributed tracing system that collects latency data from your applications and displays it in the Google Cloud Platform (GCP) console. You can track how requests propagate through your application and receive detailed, near-real-time performance insights. Cloud Trace automatically analyzes all of your application's traces to generate in-depth latency reports to surface performance degradations. And it can capture traces from all of your VMs, containers, or App Engine projects.

Language-specific SDKs for Cloud Trace can analyze projects running on VMs (even those not managed by GCP). The Trace SDK is currently available for Java, Node.js, Ruby, and Go. And Cloud Trace API can be used to submit and retrieve trace data from any source. A Zipkin collector is also available, which enables Zipkin tracers to submit data to Cloud Trace. Projects running on App Engine are automatically captured.

## Objectives

In this lab, you learn how to perform the following tasks:

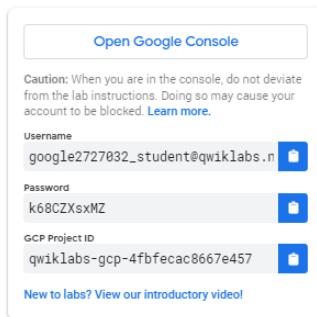
- Enable Cloud Trace API
- Use Spring to add Cloud Trace to your application
- Configure customized trace settings in an application
- Inspect the trace output

## Task 0. Lab Preparation

### Access Qwiklabs

#### How to start your lab and sign in to the Console

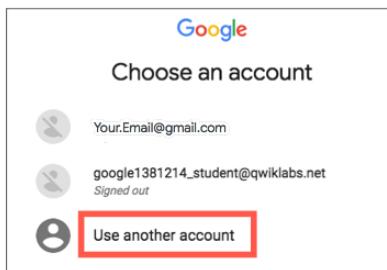
1. Click the **Start Lab** button. If you need to pay for the lab, a pop-up opens for you to select your payment method. On the left is a panel populated with the temporary credentials that you must use for this lab.



2. Copy the username, and then click **Open Google Console**. The lab spins up resources, and then opens another tab that shows the **Choose an account** page.

*Tip:* Open the tabs in separate windows, side-by-side.

3. On the Choose an account page, click **Use Another Account**.



4. The Sign in page opens. Paste the username that you copied from the Connection Details panel. Then copy and paste the password.

**Important:** You must use the credentials from the Connection Details panel. Do not use your Qwiklabs credentials. If you have your own GCP account, do not use it for this lab (avoids incurring charges).

5. Click through the subsequent pages:

- Accept the terms and conditions.
- Do not add recovery options or two-factor authentication (because this is a temporary account).
- Do not sign up for free trials.

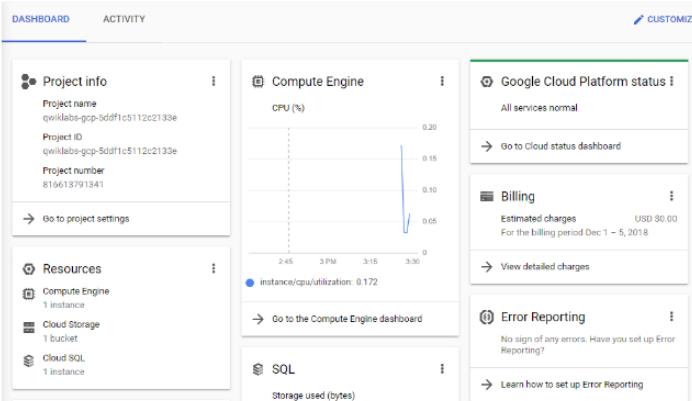
After a few moments, the GCP console opens in this tab.

**Note:** You can view the menu with a list of GCP Products and Services by clicking the **Navigation menu** at the top-left, next to "Google Cloud Platform".





After you complete the initial sign-in steps, the project dashboard appears.



## Fetch the application source files

To begin the lab, click the **Activate Cloud Shell** button at the top of the Google Cloud Console. To activate the code editor, click the **Open Editor** button on the toolbar of the Cloud Shell window. You can switch between cloud shell and code editor by using **Open Editor** and **Open Terminal** icon as required.

**Note:** A Cloud Storage bucket that is named using the project ID for this lab is automatically created for you by the lab setup. The source code for your applications is copied into this bucket when the Cloud SQL server is ready. You might have to wait a few minutes for this action to complete.

1. In the Cloud Shell command line, enter the following command to create an environment variable that contains the project ID for this lab:

```
export PROJECT_ID=$(gcloud config list --format 'value(core.project)')
```

2. Verify that the demo application files were created.

```
gsutil ls gs://$PROJECT_ID
```

3. Copy the application folders to Cloud Shell.

```
gsutil -m cp -r gs://$PROJECT_ID/* ~/
```

4. Make the Maven wrapper scripts executable. Now you're ready to go!

```
chmod +x ~/guestbook-frontend/mvnw
chmod +x ~/guestbook-service/mvnw
```

## Task 1. Enable Cloud Trace API

In this task, you enable Cloud Trace API in order to use Cloud Trace to store your trace data.

1. In the Cloud Shell, enter the following command:

```
gcloud services enable clouptrace.googleapis.com
```

## Task 2. Add the Spring Cloud GCP Trace starter

In this task, you add the Spring Cloud GCP Trace starter to the `pom.xml` files for the guestbook service and the guestbook frontend applications.

1. Click on the `Open Editor` icon and then, open `~/guestbook-service/pom.xml`.
2. Insert the following new dependency at the end of the dependencies section, just before the closing `</dependencies>` tag:

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-cloud-gcp-starter-trace</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

3. In the Cloud Shell code editor, open `~/guestbook-frontend/pom.xml`.
4. Insert the following new dependency at the end of the dependencies section, just before the closing `</dependencies>` tag:

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-cloud-gcp-starter-trace</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

## Task 3. Configure applications

You get full trace capability simply by including the starters. However, only a small percentage of all requests have their traces sampled and stored by default.

In this task, you disable trace completely for the default profile and configure trace sampling for all requests in the `cloud` profile.

### Disable trace for testing purposes

For testing purposes, you disable trace in the `application.properties` files used for the local profile.

1. In the Cloud Shell code editor, open `guestbook-service/src/main/resources/application.properties`.
2. Add the following property to disable tracing in the guestbook service:

```
spring.cloud.gcp.trace.enabled=false
```
3. In the Cloud Shell code editor, open `guestbook-frontend/src/main/resources/application.properties`.
4. Add the following property to disable tracing in the guestbook frontend application:

```
spring.cloud.gcp.trace.enabled=false
```

## Enable trace sampling for the cloud profile for the guestbook backend

For the `cloud` profile for the guestbook backend, you enable trace sampling for all of the requests in the `application.properties` file used for the `cloud` profile.

1. In the Cloud Shell code editor, open the guestbook service `cloud` profile: `guestbook-service/src/main/resources/application-cloud.properties`.
2. Add the following properties to enable the tracing detail needed in the guestbook service:

```
spring.cloud.gcp.trace.enabled=true  
spring.sleuth.sampler.probability=1.0  
spring.sleuth.scheduled.enabled=false
```

## Enable trace sampling for the cloud profile for the guestbook frontend

For the `cloud` profile for the frontend application, you enable trace sampling for all of the requests in the `application.properties` file used for the `cloud` profile.

1. In the Cloud Shell code editor, **create** a properties file for the guestbook frontend application `cloud` profile: `guestbook-frontend/src/main/resources/application-cloud.properties`.
2. Add the following properties to enable the tracing detail needed in the guestbook frontend application:

```
spring.cloud.gcp.trace.enabled=true  
spring.sleuth.sampler.probability=1.0  
spring.sleuth.scheduled.enabled=false
```

## Task 4. Set up a service account

In this task, you create a service account with permissions to propagate trace data to Cloud Trace.

1. Click on the `Open Terminal` icon and then in the Cloud Shell enter the following commands to create a service account specific to the guestbook application.

```
gcloud iam service-accounts create guestbook
```

2. Add the `Editor` role for your project to this service account.

```
export PROJECT_ID=$(gcloud config list --format 'value(core.project)')  
gcloud projects add-iam-policy-binding ${PROJECT_ID} \  
  --member serviceAccount:guestbook@${PROJECT_ID}.iam.gserviceaccount.com  
  \  
  --role roles/editor
```

### Warning

This action creates a service account with the `Editor` role. In your production environment, you should assign only the roles and permissions that the application needs.

3. Generate the JSON key file to be used by the application to identify itself using the service account.

```
gcloud iam service-accounts keys create \
~/service-account.json \
--iam-account guestbook@${PROJECT_ID}.iam.gserviceaccount.com
```

This command creates service account credentials that are stored in the `$HOME/service-account.json` file.

#### Warning

Treat the `service-account.json` file as your own username/password. Do not share this information.

## Task 5. Run the application locally with your service account

In this task you start both the frontend application and backend service application using the additional `spring.cloud.gcp.credentials.location` property to specify the location of the service account credential that you created.

1. Change to the `guestbook-service` directory.

```
cd ~/guestbook-service
```

2. Start the guestbook backend service application.

```
./mvnw spring-boot:run \
-Dspring-boot.run.jvmArguments="-Dspring.profiles.active=cloud \
-Dspring.cloud.gcp.credentials.location=file:///home/service-
account.json"
```

This takes a minute or two to complete and you should wait until you see that the GuestbookApplication is running.

```
Started GuestbookApplication in 20.399 seconds (JVM running...)
```

3. Open a new Cloud Shell tab by clicking the plus (+) icon to the right of the title of the current Cloud Shell tab.

4. Change to the `guestbook-frontend` directory.

```
cd ~/guestbook-frontend
```

5. Start the guestbook frontend application.

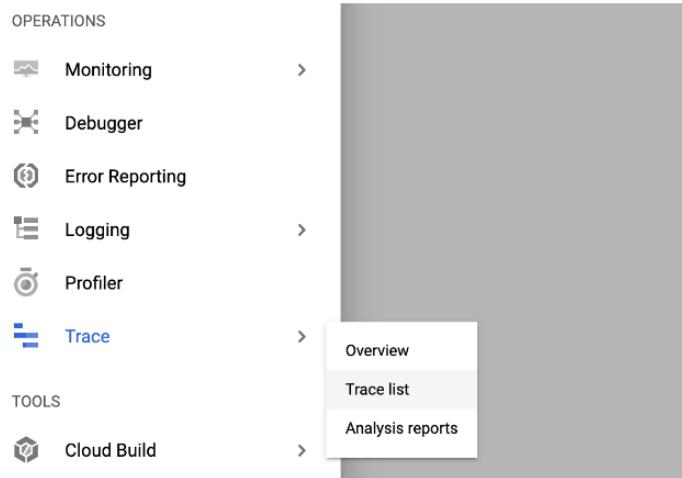
```
./mvnw spring-boot:run \
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-Dspring.cloud.gcp.credentials.location=file:///home/service-
account.json"
```

6. Post a message using the Cloud Shell web preview of the application to generate trace data.

## Task 6. Examine the traces

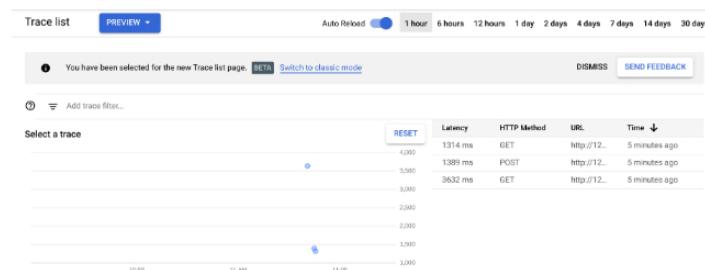
The trace would've been generated and propagated by Spring Cloud Sleuth, and in a few seconds or so, it'll be propagated to Cloud Trace.

1. Open the GCP console browser tab.
2. In the Navigation Menu navigate to **Trace > Trace List** in the **Operations** section.

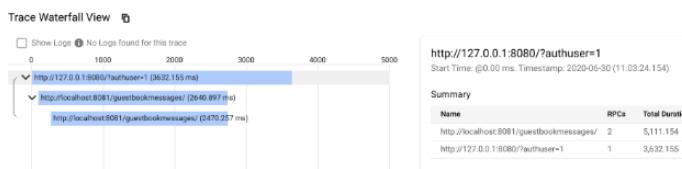


3. At the top of the window, set the time range to 1 hour.

Turn **Auto reload** on. New trace data will take up to 30 seconds to appear.



4. Click the blue dot to view trace detail.



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