



Moving to Cloud Run?

Leave your Kubernetes Luggage Behind



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There is a Page for That!

<https://cloud.google.com/run/docs/migrate/from-kubernetes>

The screenshot shows a comparison between two YAML configuration files: a Kubernetes deployment and a Cloud Run service.

Kubernetes deployment:

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: my-app
  namespace: default
  labels:
    app: my-app
spec:
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: my-app
    spec:
      containers:
        - image: gcr.io/cloudrun/hello
          env:
            - name: HELLO
              value: world
      replicas: 3
      selector:
        matchLabels:
          app: my-app
```

Cloud Run service:

```
apiVersion: serving.knative.dev/v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: my-app
  namespace: 'PROJECT_NUMBER'
  labels:
    app: my-app
spec:
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: my-app
    spec:
      containers:
        - image: gcr.io/cloudrun/hello
          env:
            - name: HELLO
              value: world
```

The left sidebar of the page includes links for Migrate, Troubleshoot, and Samples, with "From Kubernetes" being the active section.

To Set the Stage

Focus on Cloud Run Services,
not Functions or Jobs

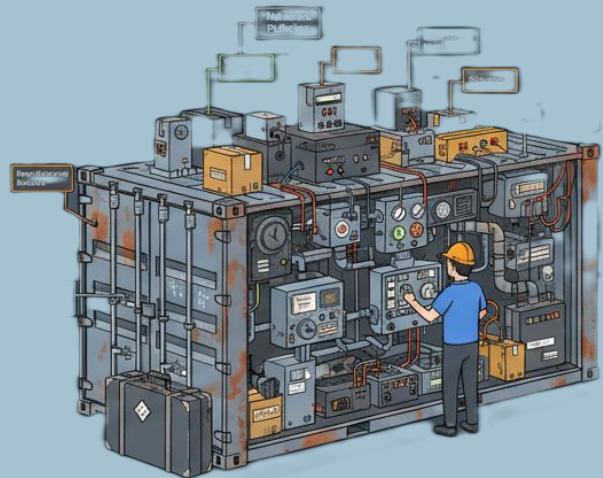
Focus on security and networking

Large scale enterprise migration

Technical deep-dive and design
principles



Why Cloud Run

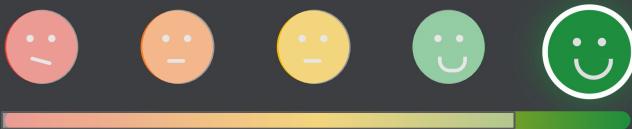


Container as a Service (CaaS)



Platform as a Service (PaaS)

Developer Experience



"Devs love it - drop an image, get the URL back"

"I don't know... just feels more managed"

```
$ gcloud run deploy <SVC_NAME> \  
  --image <IMAGE> \  
  --region <REGION>
```

https://SVC_NAME-PROJ_NUM.REGION.run.app

No Network Environment Segregation

`https://ONE_SVC-dev-proj-num.REGION.run.app`



`https://ANOTHER_SVC-prod-proj-num.REGION.run.app`

Default .run.app URL

```
$ dig <SVC>.run.app
```

```
<SVC>.run.app. CNAME v2.run.app.  
  
v2.run.app. ... A 34.143.75.2  
v2.run.app. ... A 34.143.72.2  
v2.run.app. ... A 34.143.76.2  
v2.run.app. ... A 34.143.78.2  
  
...
```

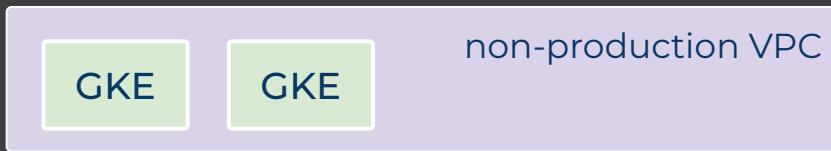
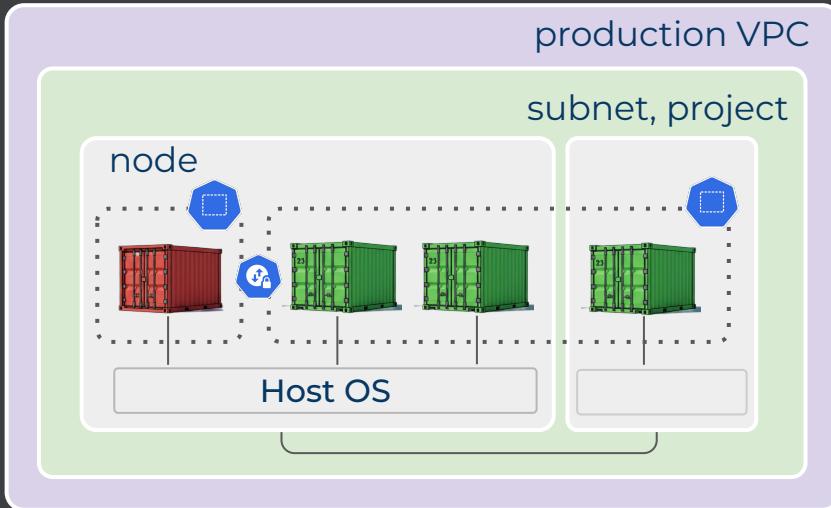
IP ranges that Google makes available to users on the internet

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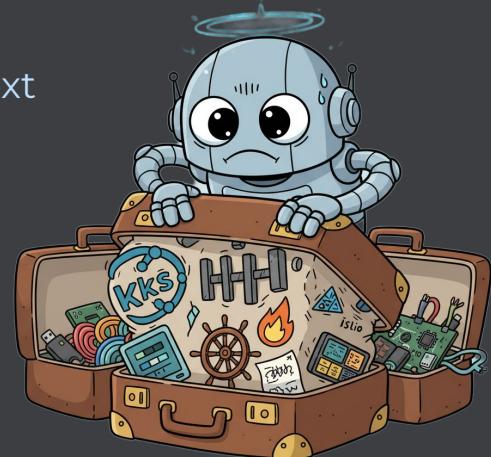
```
    "ipv4Prefix": "34.32.0.0/11"  
}, {"  
    "ipv4Prefix": "34.64.0.0/10"  
}, {"  
    "ipv4Prefix": "34.128.0.0/10"  
},
```

... many, many huge ranges

Kubernetes



-  Namespaces
-  Network policies
-  Nodes
-  RBAC
- Security Context
- Service Mesh
- OPA Policies
- ...



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Deployment

Namespace

Network Policies

Cloud Run

Service

Project?

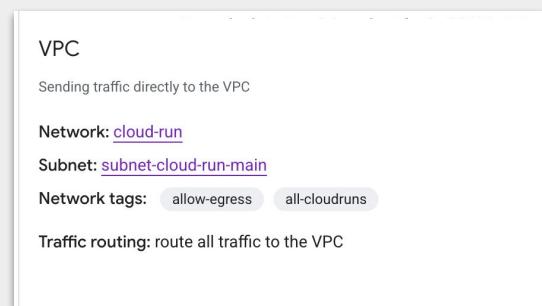
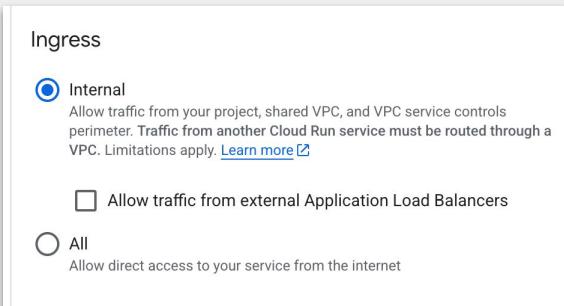
Network Tags?

Labels?

Subnet?

I'm Feeling Lucky 

Exercise: Translate Netpols to Firewalls



Even if we could...

The following limits apply to firewall rules:

Item	Limit	Notes
Maximum number of source secure tags per ingress firewall policy rule	256	Applicable only to ingress firewall policy rule—the maximum number of secure tags that you can use as source tags in the firewall rule. This limit cannot be increased.
Maximum number of target secure tags per firewall policy rule	256	Applicable only to firewall policy rule—the maximum number of secure tags that you can use as target tags in the firewall rule. This limit cannot be increased.
Maximum number of source network tags per ingress VPC firewall rule	30	Applicable only to ingress VPC firewall rules—the maximum number of network tags that you can use as source tags in the firewall rule. This limit cannot be increased.
Maximum number of target network tags per VPC firewall rule	70	Applicable only to VPC firewall rules—the maximum number of network tags that you can use as target tags in the firewall rule. This limit cannot be increased.
Maximum number of source service accounts per ingress VPC firewall rule	10	Applicable only to ingress VPC firewall rules—the maximum number of service accounts that you can use as sources in the firewall rule. This limit cannot be increased.
Maximum number of target service accounts per firewall rule	10	The maximum number of service accounts that you can use as targets in a VPC firewall rule or rule in a firewall policy. This limit cannot be increased.

Hard limits due to performance impact

IP-based policies: CIDR only

No Ingress

Permission on shared VPC

Complex at scale

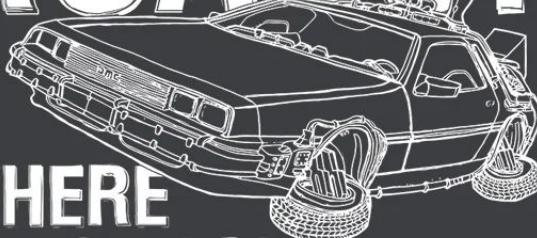
Square Pegs in Round Holes



Granular firewalls:

Don't do it unless
lives depend on it

ROADS?



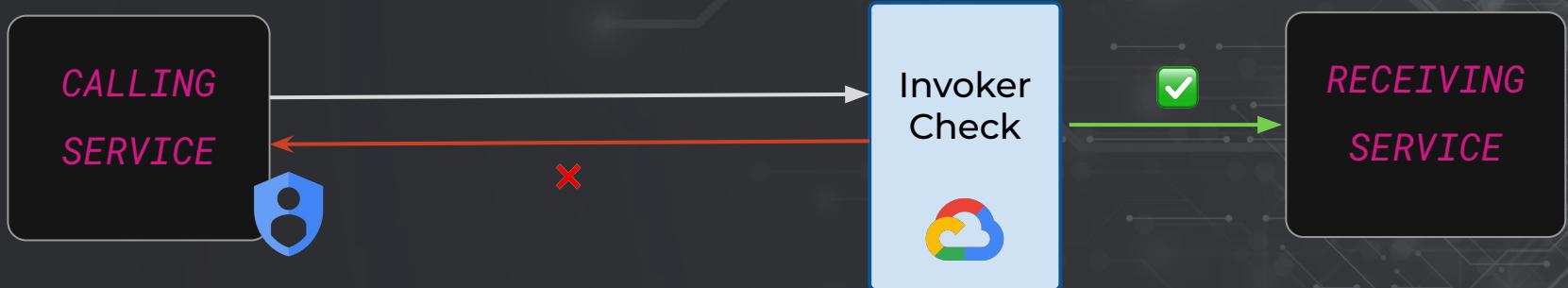
**WHERE
WE'RE GOING WE
DON'T NEED
ROADS**

We need Identity

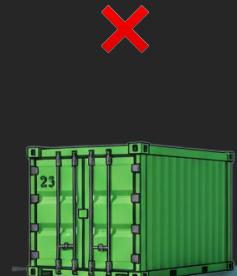
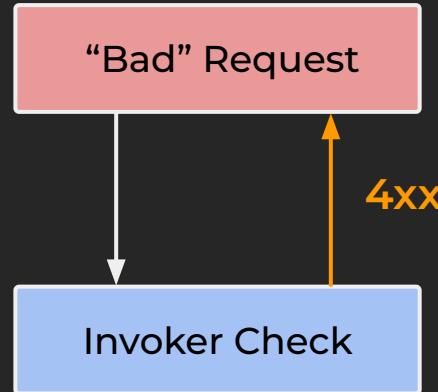
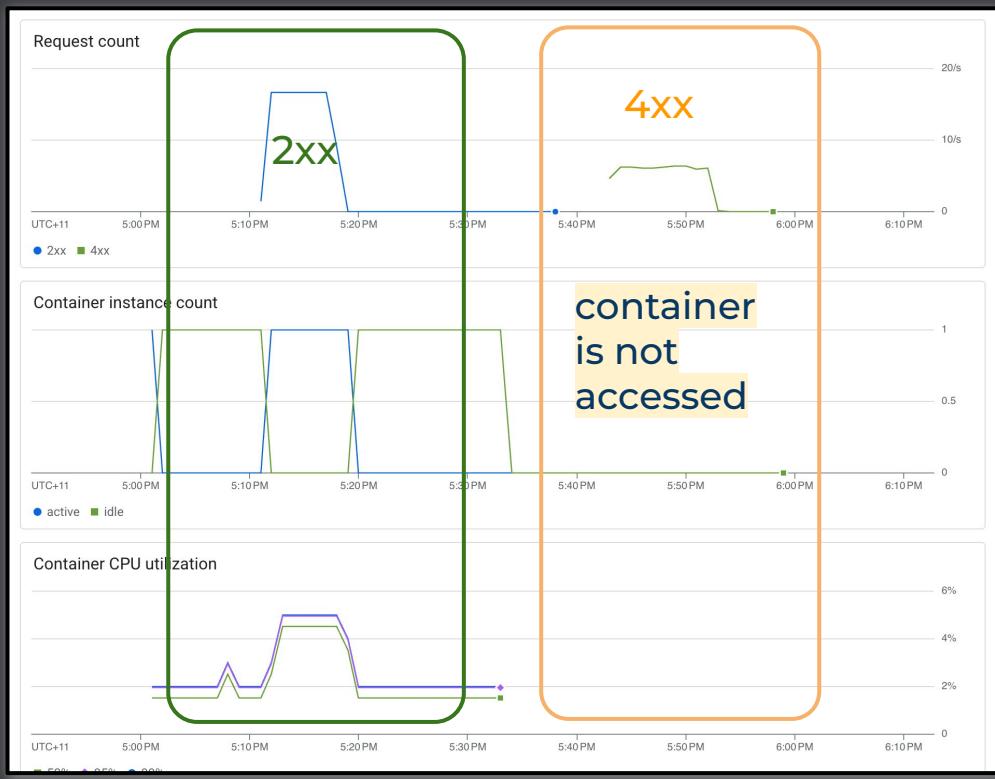


Invoker Check

```
$ gcloud run services add-iam-policy-binding RECEIVING_SERVICE \  
  --member='serviceAccount:CALLING_SERVICE_IDENTITY' \  
  --role='roles/run.invoker'
```



Invoker Check



What We've Learned so Far

Cloud Run ingress can't be secured with network firewall

"Reaching the service" (network)

!=

"Accessing the container" (application)

Are we on the right path?

Security Design Principles

Zero Trust

Adopt "**never trust, always verify**". Every single request must be authenticated and authorized, regardless of its origin.

Identity as the New Perimeter

Shift focus from "**where**" a request comes from (network location) to "**who**" is making it (verifiable identity).

Identity Aware Proxy (IAP)

Secure Web Proxy (SWP)

Defence in Depth

Establish multiple, independent layers of security controls. Secure the code, edge, runtime, service boundary.

Org Policy

VPC-SC

Cloud Armor

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Kubernetes is ~~Complicated~~ Amazing

Supports implementation of the above principles

While achieving the main goal - orchestration

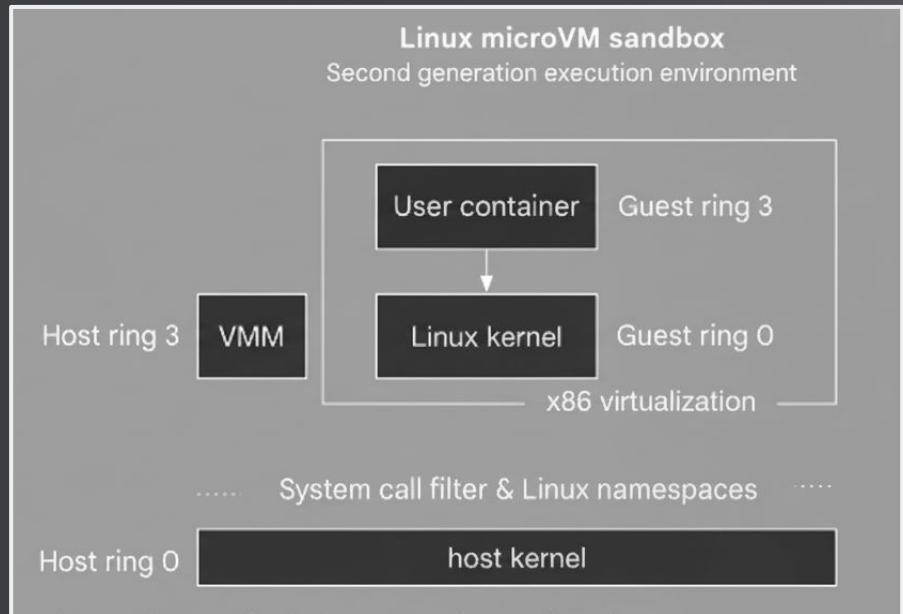
Multi tenanted workloads on shared infra

Same platform to run clusters of 180,000 nodes or on a tiny IoT device

Cloud Run is built on Borg (k8s predecessor)



Execution Environment



Each container in Linux microVM.
Two layers of sandboxing

Syscall filtering

No shared node to escape to

Blast radius is contained to a single,
ephemeral request

Ingress Infrastructure

- Connections are always terminated before reaching container
- GFE mitigates DDoS and other network attacks

```
< HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden  
< date: Mon, 13 Oct 2025 09:41:43 GMT  
< server: Google Frontend
```

Request .run.app

Google Front End

HTTP Proxy

App Server

Sandbox



Outbound Net

Externally Facing Services

Custom domain

External ALB

Cloud Armor

Disable default `.run.app`

Control DNS name

Use with custom
domain

SSL Policy and
Certificates

WAF at the edge of
Google network

OWASP Top 10

Bot control

Demo



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Cloud Run

So how do we translate?

We don't!

Migration

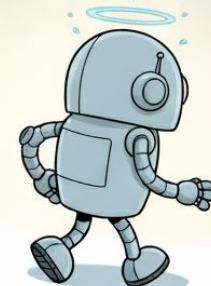
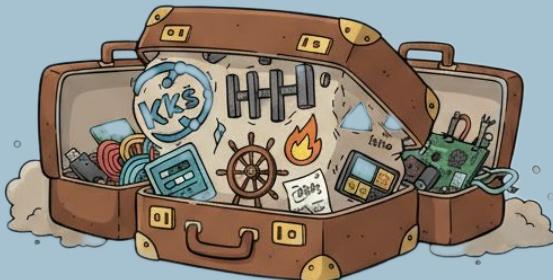
```
for_each  
concept(A) → concept(B)
```



Target platform discovery

System design principles

Requirements



Let's Connect!



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