

Google Cloud Quickstart - Full Guide

1. Create and Manage a VM using Cloud Shell

Step 1: Open Cloud Shell

1. Go to <https://console.cloud.google.com/>
2. Click the Cloud Shell icon (>_) in the top-right.
3. A terminal opens at the bottom.

Step 2: Initialize gcloud CLI

1. Run: `gcloud init`
2. Follow prompts to authenticate and set project.

Step 3: Verify gcloud Setup

Run: `gcloud config list`

Step 4: List Projects

Run: `gcloud projects list`

Step 5: Set Active Project

Run: `gcloud config set project PROJECT_ID`

→ your project ID

Step 6: Check Authentication

Run: `gcloud auth list`

Step 7: Create a VM Instance

Run:

`gcloud compute instances create my-vm --zone=us-central1-a`

→ VM name

Step 8: List Running VMs

Run: `gcloud compute instances list`

Step 9: Delete a VM

Run: `gcloud compute instances delete my-vm`

Step 10: Enable Compute Engine API

Run: `gcloud services enable compute.googleapis.com`

2. Cloud Shell and gcloud CLI Setup

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- Sign in
- Choose project

- **Step 3:**

Verify Setup

Run: `gcloud config list` .

- Shows current project, account, region

Step 4: List Projects

Run: `gcloud projects list` .

Step 5: Set Active Project

Run: `gcloud config set project PROJECT_ID` •

Step 6: Check Authentication

Run: `gcloud auth list` •

Step 7: Create a VM (Test)

`gcloud compute instances create my-vm --zone=us-central1-a` .

Step 8: List VMs

Run: `gcloud compute instances list`

Step 9: Delete VM

Run: `gcloud compute instances delete my-vm --zone=us-central1-a` •

Step 10: Enable API

Run: `gcloud services enable compute.googleapis.com` •

3. Create a Cloud Function Triggered by Cloud Storage

Step 1: Enable APIs

Run:

```
gcloud services enable cloudfunctions.googleapis.com storage.googleapis.com •
```

Step 2: Create a Storage Bucket

Run:

```
gcloud storage buckets create BUCKET_NAME --location=us-central1 •
```

→ Your Cloud Storage Bucket Name

Step 3: Write Cloud Function Code

1. `mkdir gcs-function && cd gcs-function •`

2. `nano main.py`

Paste this code:

```
import functions_framework

@functions_framework.cloud_event
def gcs_trigger(cloud_event):
    data = cloud_event.data •
    bucket = data['bucket'] •
    file_name = data['name'] •
    print(f"File {file_name} uploaded to {bucket}") •
```

Step 4:

requirements.txt

```
nano requirements.txt •
```

Add:

```
functions-framework •
```

Step 5: Deploy Cloud

Function

Run:

```
gcloud functions deploy gcs_trigger \
--gen2 \
--runtime=python311 \
--region=us-central1 \
```

```
--source=. \
--entry-point=gcs_trigger \
--trigger-event-filters="type=google.cloud.storage.object.v1.finalized" \
--trigger-event-filters="bucket=BUCKET_NAME" \
--allow-unauthenticated
```

Step 6: Test

1. Create a test file and upload it:

```
gcloud storage cp test-file.txt gs://BUCKET_NAME .
```

2. View logs:

```
gcloud functions logs read gcs_trigger --region=us-central1 •
```

4. Deploy a Web App on App Engine (Auto Scaling)

Step 1:

Enable App Engine API

Run:

```
gcloud services enable appengine.googleapis.com •
```

Step 2: Create App Engine App

Run:

```
gcloud app create --region=us-central1 •
```

Step 3: Create App Files

- `mkdir app-engine-demo && cd app-engine-demo`

- `nano main.py`

Add:

// paste in the boilerplate code for a flask app

```
from flask import Flask
```

```
app = Flask(__name__) •
```

```
@app.route('/') •
```

```
def home(): •
```

```
    return "Welcome to Google App Engine with Auto Scaling!" •
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__': •
```

```
    app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=8080) •
```

Step 4: Create

requirements.txt

```
nano requirements.txt
```

Add:

```
Flask
```

```
gunicorn
```

Step 5: Create app.yaml → *yml*

```
nano app.yaml and add
```

```
runtime: python311
```

```
entrypoint: gunicorn -b :$PORT main:app •
```

```
automatic_scaling:
```

```
  min_instances: 1 •
```

```
  max_instances: 5 •
```

```
  target_cpu_utilization: 0.65 •
```

```
  target_throughput_utilization: 0.75 •
```

Step 6: Deploy

Run:

```
gcloud app deploy .
```

Step 7: View App

Run:

```
gcloud app browse ,
```

Step 8: Logs and Monitoring

Logs:

```
gcloud app logs tail -s default ,
```

Services:

```
gcloud app services list .
```

5.Cloud Storage Quickstart

Step 1:

Open Cloud Console and Ensure Project is Selected

Step 2: Enable Cloud Storage API

Go to APIs & Services > Library > Search 'Cloud Storage API' > Enable

Step 3: Create a Bucket

Navigation Menu > Storage > Buckets > Create

Set name, location, storage class, access control

Step 4: Upload File

1. Open bucket > Upload Files > Choose File > Open

Step 5: Download File

Open bucket > Click file > Download

Step 6: Make File Public (Optional)

1. Click file > Permissions tab > Add principal: allUsers
2. Role: Storage Object Viewer

Step 7: Delete File or Bucket

Delete files first, then delete bucket

6.Cloud SQL (MySQL) Setup

Step 1: Enable Cloud SQL Admin API

Step 2: Create SQL Instance

Navigation Menu > SQL > Create Instance > Choose MySQL

Set ID, root password, region, zone, machine type, storage

Click Create

Step 3: Connect to SQL

Console: Open SQL > Click Instance > Get IP


CLI:

```
gcloud sql connect my-mysql-instance --user=root •
```

or

```
mysql -u root -p -h INSTANCE_IP •
```

Step 4: Enable High Availability (Optional)

Edit Instance > Enable HA  > Choose standby zone > Save

Step 5: Create Read Replica (Optional)

Open Instance > Create Read Replica

Step 6: Backup & Restore

Enable Auto Backup:

Edit > Enable automatic backups

Manual Backup:

```
gcloud sql backups create --instance=my-mysql-instance
```

Restore:

```
gcloud sql backups restore BACKUP_ID --instance=my-mysql-instance
```


7.Cloud Pub/Sub API

Step 1: Enable Cloud Pub/Sub API

Go to APIs & Services > Library > Search 'Cloud Pub/Sub API' > Enable

Step 2: Create Topic

Navigation Menu > Pub/Sub > Topics > Create Topic

Step 3: Create Subscription

Click Topic > Create Subscription

Choose Pull or Push

Push → Publish, Pull → Subscribe

Step 4: Publish Message

Run:

```
gcloud pubsub topics publish my-topic --message "Hello, Pub/Sub!" •
```

Step 5: Pull Message

Run:

```
gcloud pubsub subscriptions pull my-subscription --auto-ack •
```

Step 6: Python Publisher

```
pip install google-cloud-pubsub
from google.cloud import pubsub_v1 •
```

```
project_id = "your-project-id" •
```

```
topic_id = "my-topic" •
```

```
publisher = pubsub_v1.PublisherClient() •
```

```
topic_path = publisher.topic_path(project_id, topic_id) •
```

```
message = "Hello, Pub/Sub from Python!" •
```

```
publisher.publish(topic_path, message.encode("utf-8")) •
```

Step 6: Python Subscriber

```
from google.cloud import pubsub_v1
```

```
subscriber = pubsub_v1.SubscriberClient() •
```

```
subscription_path = subscriber.subscription_path("your-project-id", "my-subscription") •
```

```
def callback(message):
```

```
    print(f"Received: {message.data.decode('utf-8')}") •
```

```
    message.ack() •
```

```
subscriber.subscribe(subscription_path, callback=callback) •
```

```
while True: •
```

```
    time.sleep(10) •
```