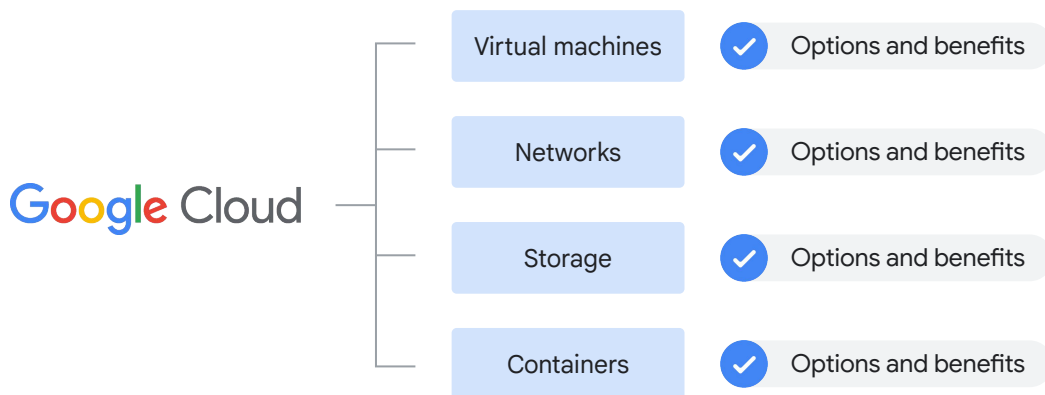




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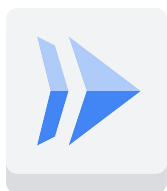
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Let's begin with Cloud Run.

Cloud Run is managed serverless computing



A managed compute platform that can run stateless containers

Serverless, removing the need for infrastructure management

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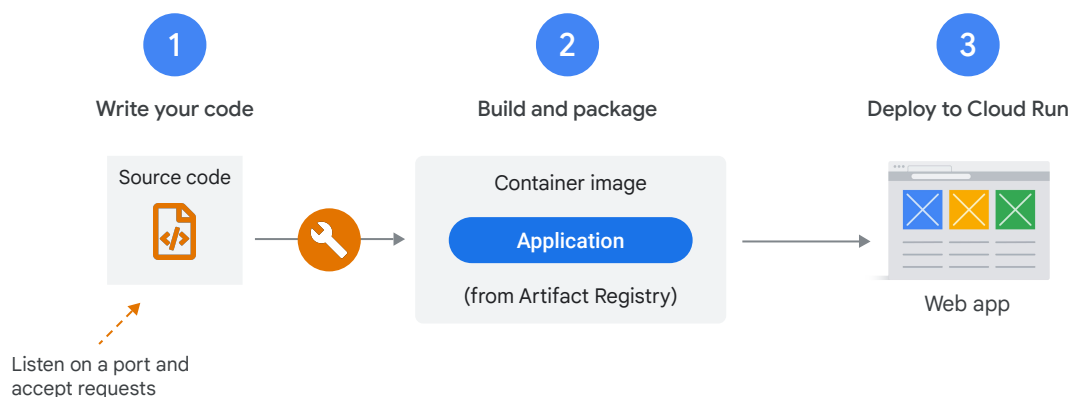
Cloud Run is a managed compute platform that lets you run stateless containers via web requests or Pub/Sub events.

Cloud Run is serverless. That means it removes all infrastructure management tasks so you can focus on developing applications.

It is built on Knative, an open API and runtime environment built on Kubernetes. It can be fully managed on Google Cloud, on Google Kubernetes Engine, or anywhere Knative runs.

Cloud Run is fast. It can automatically scale up and down from zero almost instantaneously, and it charges only for the resources used, calculated down to the nearest 100 milliseconds, so you'll never pay for over-provisioned resources.

Google Cloud Run workflow is a three-step process



The Cloud Run developer workflow is a straightforward three-step process.

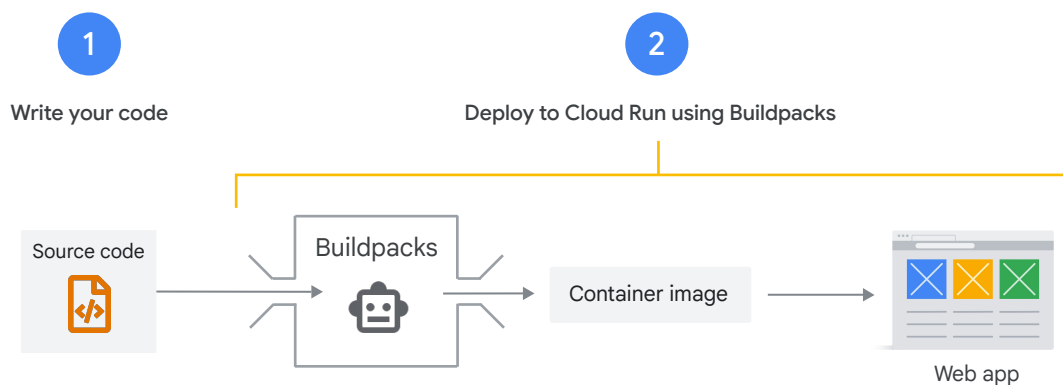
- First, you write your application using your favorite programming language. This application should start a server that listens for web requests.
- Second, you build and package your application into a container image.
- Third, the container image is pushed to Artifact Registry, where Cloud Run will deploy it.

Once you've deployed your container image, you'll get a unique HTTPS URL back.

Cloud Run then starts your container on demand to handle requests, and ensures that *all incoming requests* are handled by dynamically adding and removing containers.

Cloud Run is serverless, which means that you, as a developer, can focus on building your application and not on building and maintaining the infrastructure that powers it.

Cloud Run also has a source-based workflow



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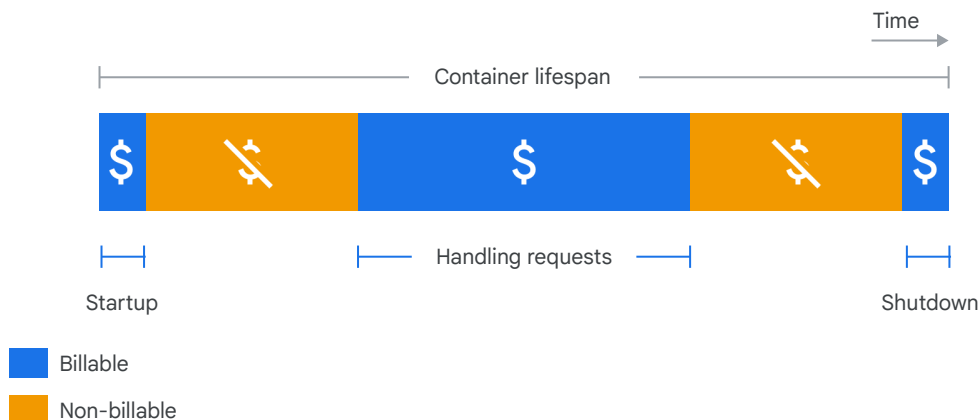
For some use cases, a container-based workflow is great, because it gives you a great amount of transparency and flexibility. Sometimes, you're just looking for a way to turn source code into an HTTPS endpoint, and you want your vendor to make sure it your container image is secure, well-configured and built in a consistent way.

With Cloud Run, you can do both. You can use a container-based workflow, as well as a source-based workflow.

The source-based approach will deploy source code, instead of a container image. Cloud Run then builds the source and packages the application into a container image.

Cloud Run does this using Buildpacks - an open source project.

You are only charged when your container handles requests



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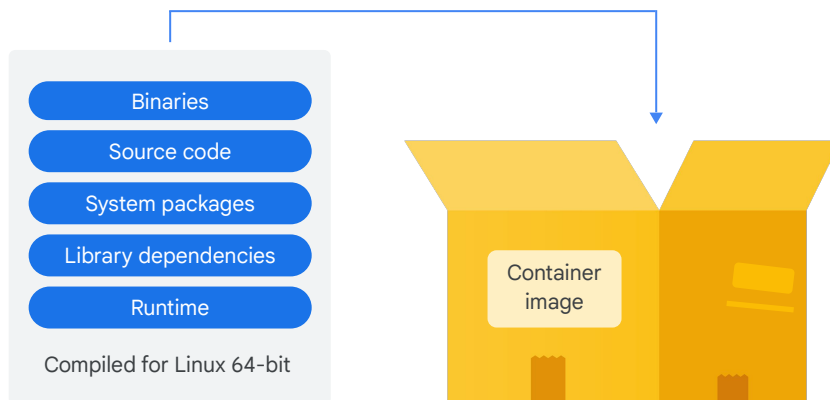
The pricing model on Cloud Run is unique; as you only pay for the system resources you use while a container is handling web requests, with a granularity of 100ms, and when it is starting or shutting down.

You do not pay for anything if your container does not handle requests. Additionally, there is a small fee for every one million requests you serve.

The price of container time increases with CPU and memory. A container with more vCPU and memory is more expensive. Today, Cloud run can allocate up to 4 vCPUs and 8GB of memory.

Most of the other compute products (such as Compute Engine), charge for servers as long as they are running, even if you are not using them. That means you're often paying for idle server capacity.

Cloud Run can run any binary



You can use Cloud Run to run any binary, as long as it is compiled for Linux sixty-four bit.

Now, this means you can use Cloud Run to run web applications written using popular languages, such as: Java, Python, Node.js, PHP, Go, and C++.

And you can also run code written in less popular languages: Cobol, Haskell, and Perl.

As long as your app handles web requests, you're good to go.

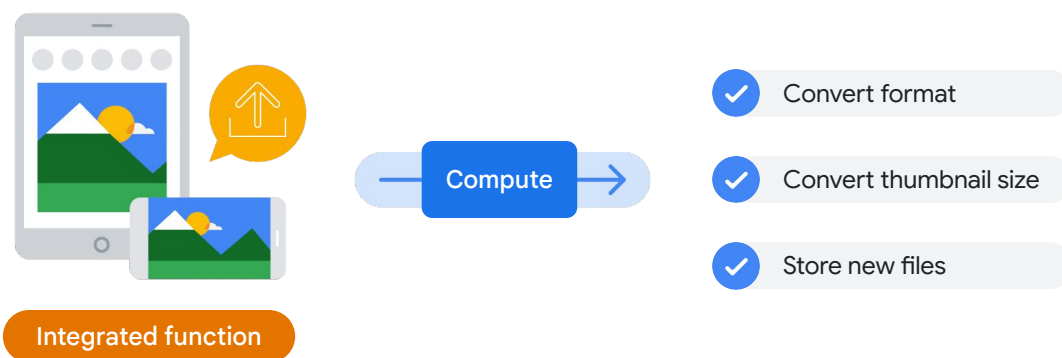
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And then there is **Cloud Run functions**.

Integrated cloud functions handle application events



Many applications contain event-driven parts. For example, an application that lets users upload images. When that event takes place, the image might need to be processed in a few different ways, like converting the image to a standard format, converting a thumbnail into different sizes, and storing each new file in a repository.

This function could be integrated into an application, but then you'd have to provide compute resources for it—whether it happens once a millisecond or once a day.

Cloud Run functions allows your code to respond to events

Lightweight, event-based, asynchronous compute solution

Allows you to create small, single-purpose functions that respond to cloud events without the need to manage a server or a runtime environment

Use these functions to construct applications from bite-sized business logic and connect and extend cloud services

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With **Cloud Run functions**, you write a single-purpose function that completes the necessary image manipulations, and then arrange for it to automatically run whenever a new image is uploaded.

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Module Quiz



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Correct! Cloud Run functions is a service that enables you to build single-purpose functions that can automatically scale based on the number of requests to your function.

B: Can be used to extend Cloud services.

Correct! Cloud Run functions can be used as a connective layer to connect and extend other cloud services and create a serverless application.

C: Require servers or VMs to be provisioned.

Incorrect. Cloud Run functions is a serverless environment, so you do not need to provision infrastructure or manage servers.

D: Is integrated with Cloud Logging.

Correct! Cloud Run functions is integrated with Google Cloud Observability logging and monitoring services to make it fully observable.

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Incorrect. Functions are triggered by HTTP requests or events from your cloud infrastructure.

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Lab Intro

Hello Cloud Run

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