

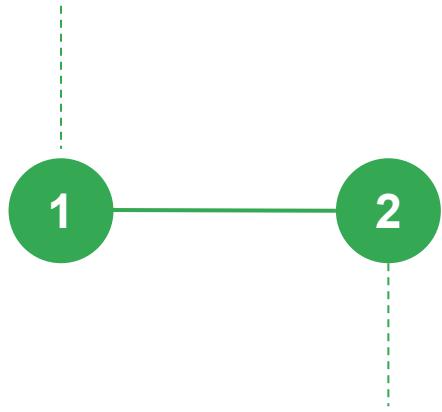


Professional Cloud Architect

Preparing for Professional Cloud Architect Journey for AWS Professionals

Session 4 topics

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a Solution Infrastructure

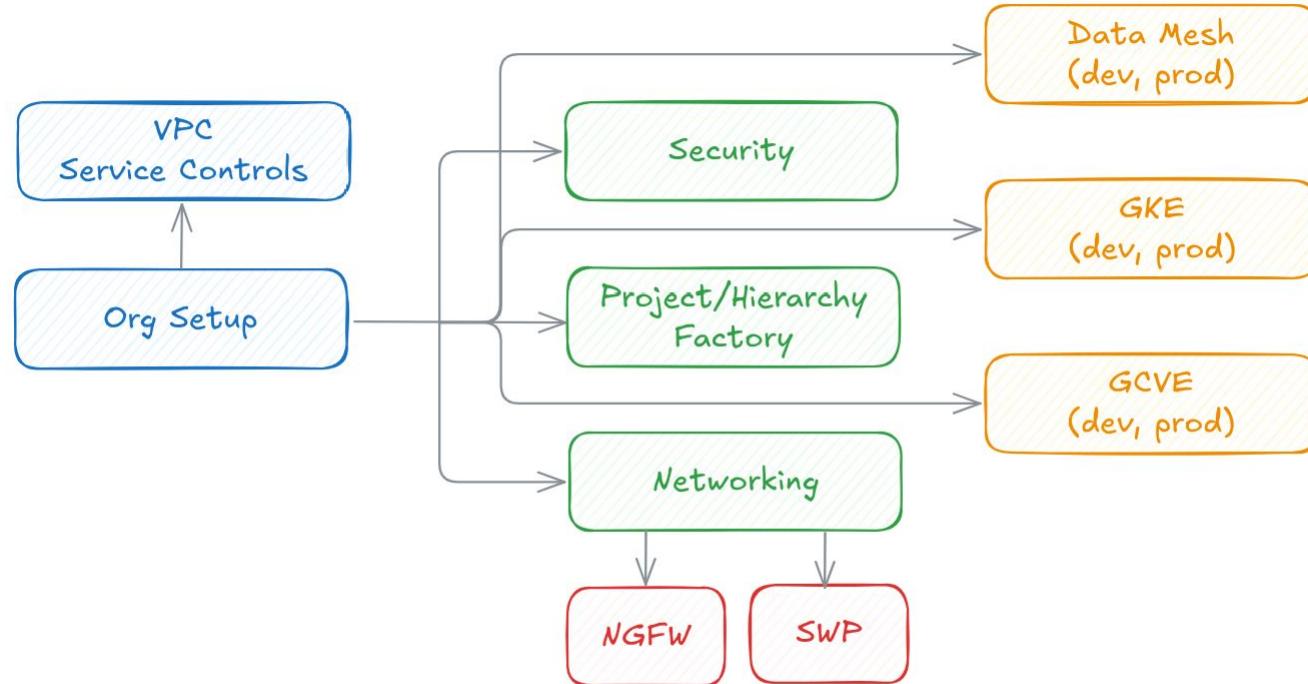


Storage Options

Managing and Provisioning a Solution Infrastructure

Before workload migration starts...

... deploy a Landing Zone



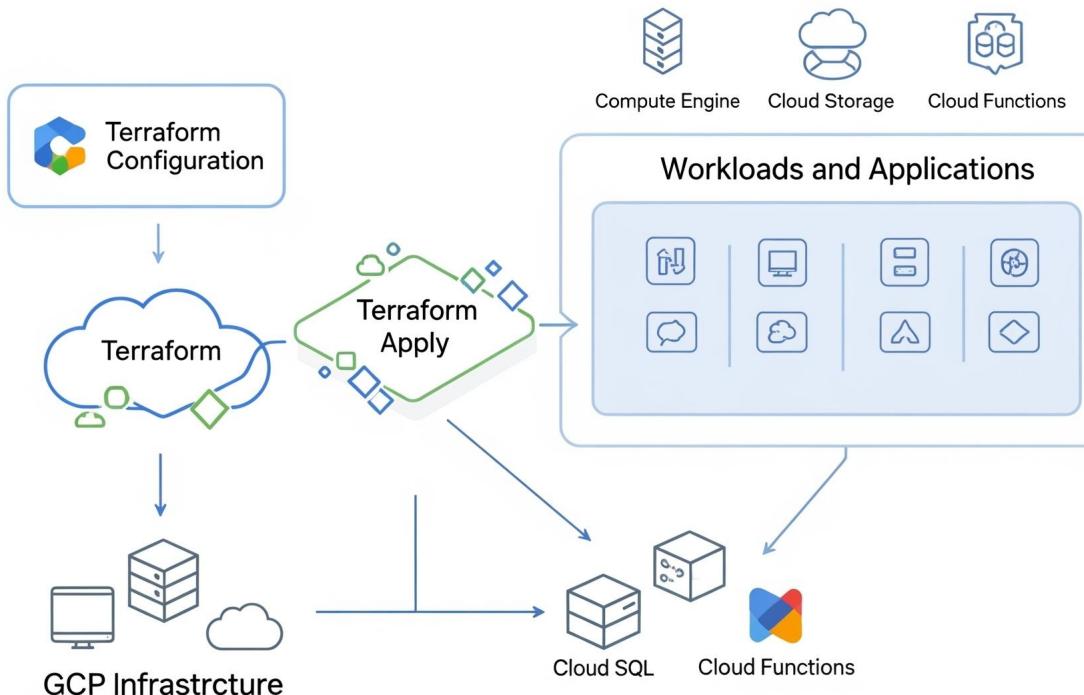
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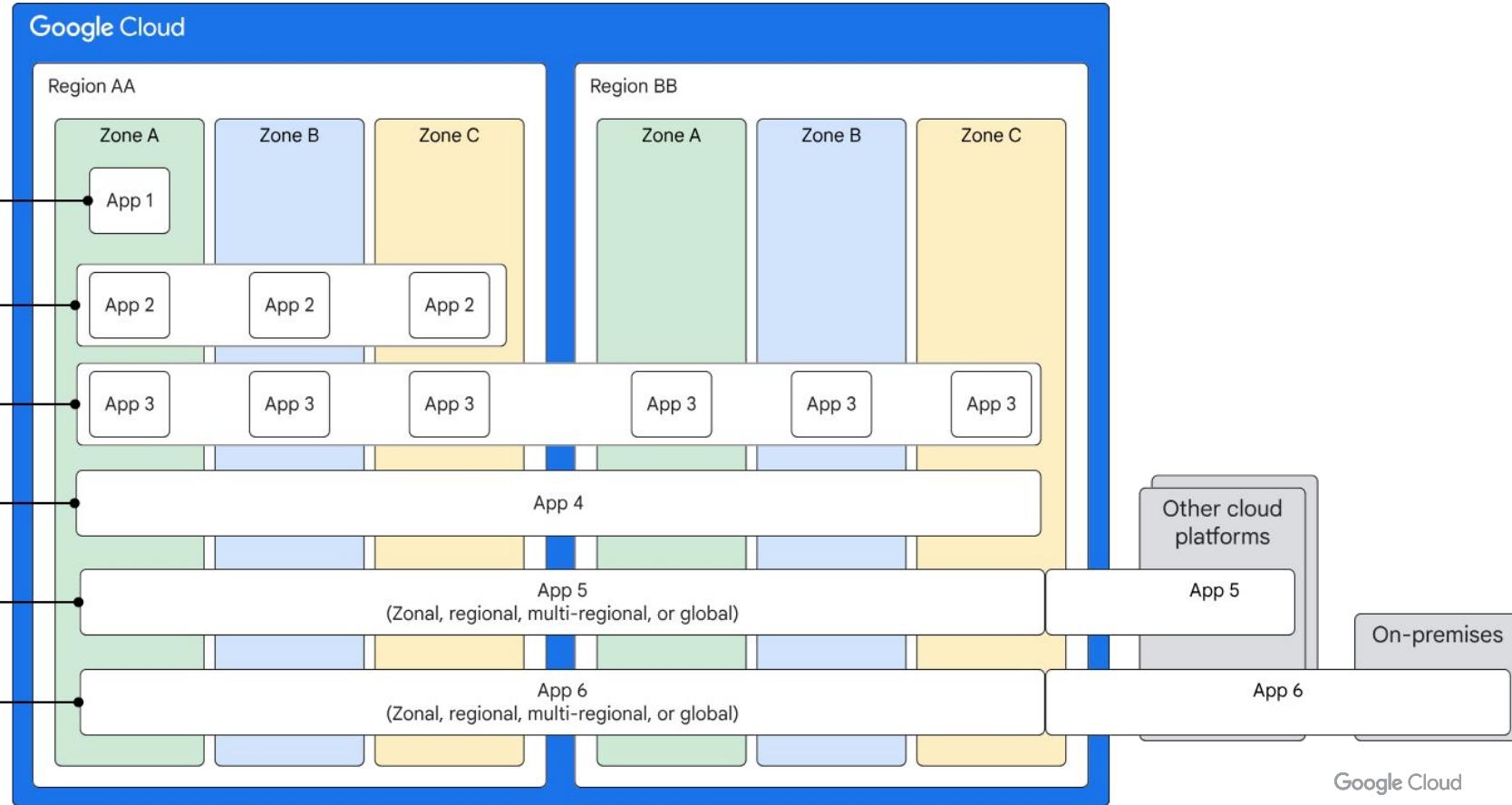
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■ environment-level (3)

... and only then, focus on your workloads and apps.

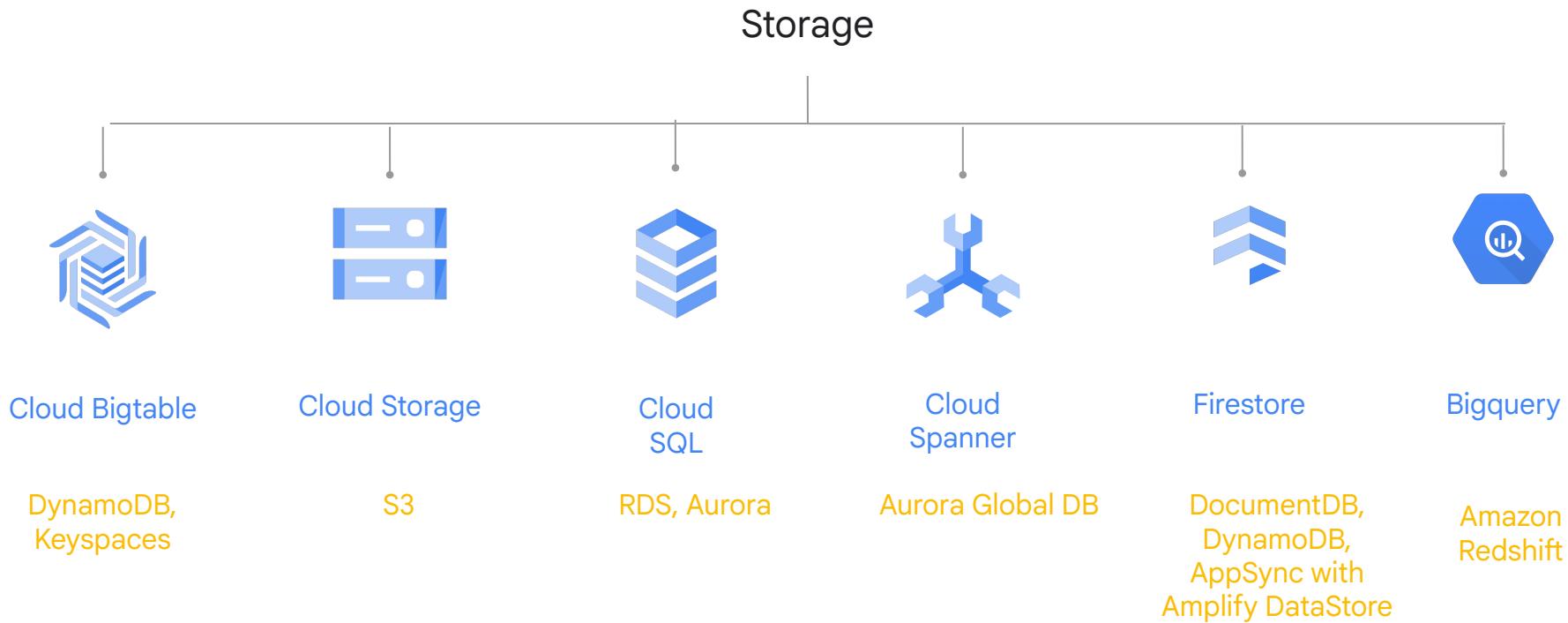


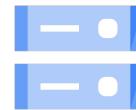
Deployment archetypes



Storage Options

Google Cloud offers a range of storage services





Cloud Storage

S3

Google Cloud Storage and Amazon S3: Similarities

- Use buckets as their units of deployment
- Use objects
- Allow for built-in versioning of all objects in a bucket, and you can configure lifecycle management policies and rules on individual buckets
- Let you enable automatic object versioning
- Use globally unique names as bucket identifiers
- Allow creation of storage buckets using their respective command-line interfaces (CLIs), software development kits (SDKs), and consoles
- Allow triggering of serverless functions through bucket events

Google Cloud Storage and Amazon S3: Differences (1/3)

| Topic | Amazon S3 | Cloud Storage |
|----------------------|--|--|
| DNS compliant naming | Buckets must have DNS compliant names. | Bucket names must only be DNS compliant if you intend to use the bucket name in DNS records. |
| Deployment locality | Uses regional deployments Additional buckets can be deployed in other regions with object replication. | Deployment localities are multi-regional, dual-regional, and regional. |
| Object tagging | Lets users tag individual objects with key-value pairs that can be used in analytics, access control, and lifecycle management | Lets you apply tags to buckets Does not support object-level tags |

Google Cloud Storage and Amazon S3: Differences (2/3)

| Topic | Amazon S3 | Cloud Storage |
|---|---|---|
| Multi-factor authentication delete | Lets users configure buckets with an additional layer of security, requiring multi-factor authentication on all CLI or API requests to delete an object | Does not offer a similar feature |
| Event notification | Buckets can be configured to use Amazon Simple Queue Service (SQS) and Amazon Simple Notification Service (SNS) for event notification. | Buckets can be configured to use Google Cloud Pub/Sub for event notification. |

Google Cloud Storage and Amazon S3: Differences (3/3)

| Topic | Amazon S3 | Cloud Storage |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Resource hierarchy | 1. Account 2. Bucket 3. Object | 1. Project 2. Bucket 3. Object |
| Storage tiers | Standard Intelligent Tiering Standard-Infrequent Access One Zone-Infrequent Access Glacier Instant Retrieval Glacier Flexible Retrieval Glacier Deep Archive | Standard Nearline Coldline Archive |

Know these GCS features well!

- Controlling object lifecycle:
 - [Retention policy](#) (best for compliance)
 - [Object Hold](#) (prevent individual objects from being deleted)
 - [Object Versioning](#) (aka “automatic backups with retention policy; be aware of additional costs)
 - [Object Lifecycle Management](#) (aka “object TTL” / downgrade class to optimize costs)
- [ACLs](#) (read, write, full control on buckets or an object).
- [Objects are immutable](#).
- Location constraints on buckets.
- [Pub/Sub notifications for Google Cloud Storage](#).
- [Resumable uploads](#) (can restart from the last successful chunk).
- [Strong consistency](#) except for cached objects.
- [Storage class](#) set at object level (fine-grained performance/cost control without moving data to different buckets).
- [Cloud Storage Triggers](#) to handle events in Cloud Functions.
- [Streaming uploads](#) to GCS.
- For data encryption, GCS supports GMEK, CMEK and **CSEK** (most services do not support CSEK!)

GCS storage classes

| | Standard | Nearline (Infrequent Access) | Coldline (Glacier Instant Retrieval) | Archive (Glacier Deep Archive) |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Use case | “Hot” data and/or stored for only brief periods of time like data-intensive computations | Infrequently accessed data like data backup, long-tail multimedia content, and data archiving | Infrequently accessed data that you read or modify at most once a quarter | Data archiving, online backup, and disaster recovery |
| Minimum storage duration* | None | 30 days | 90 days | 365 (180) days |
| Retrieval cost | None | \$0.01 per GB | \$0.02 per GB | \$0.05 per GB |
| Availability SLA | 99.95% (multi/dual) 99.90% (region) | 99.90% (multi/dual) 99.00% (region) | | None |
| Durability | | 99.99999999% | | |

*Minimum storage duration = if delete file before x days, will still pay for x days

Storage classes in Amazon S3 and Cloud Storage

| Topic | Amazon S3 | Cloud Storage |
|--|--|--|
| Tiers | <p>Three options for longest-term storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amazon S3 Glacier Instant Retrieval is the closest to Cloud Storage's Archive storage• Other options have longer wait times | <p>One option for the longest-term storage</p> |
| Automatic switching between storage classes | <p>Offers an intelligent storage option that automatically switches data between storage classes</p> | <p>Autoclass feature automatically transitions objects in your bucket to appropriate storage classes based on each object's access pattern</p> |

Additional resource: Comparison of storage types in Amazon S3 and Google Cloud and their characteristics

Best Practices on Storage Class Selection

Consider retention period and access frequency

| | | Retention Period | | | |
|------------------|---------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | <1 mo | 1–3 mo | 3–12 mo | >12 mo |
| Access Frequency | >12/yr | Standard | Standard | Standard | Standard |
| | 4–12/yr | Standard | Nearline | Nearline | Nearline |
| | 1–4/yr | Standard | Nearline | Coldline | Coldline |
| | <1/yr | Standard | Nearline | Coldline | Archive |

Exam Tips:

- Each storage class has so-called “minimum storage duration”, so when optimizing costs, you also need to validate if you’ll need to keep your objects for at least this amount of time.

Characteristics applicable to all storage classes

- Unlimited storage with no minimum object size.
- Worldwide accessibility and worldwide storage locations.
- Low latency (time to first byte typically tens of milliseconds [for all storage classes](#), unlike [AWS Glacier Flexible Retrieval \[minutes+\]](#) and [Deep Archive \[hours\]](#)).
- High durability (99.99999999% annual durability).
- [Geo-redundancy if the data is stored in a multi-region or dual-region bucket](#).
- A uniform experience with Cloud Storage features, security, tools, and APIs.

Transferring data into Google Cloud can be challenging

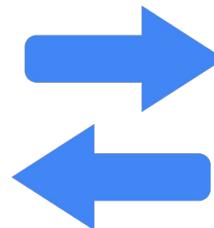
| | 1 Mbps | 10 Mbps | 100 Mbps | 1 Gbps | 10 Gbps | 100 Gbps |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 GB | 3 hrs | 18 mins | 2 mins | 11 secs | 1 sec | .1 secs |
| 10 GB | 30 hrs | 3 hrs | 18 mins | 2 mins | 11 secs | 1 sec |
| 100 GB | 12 days | 30 hrs | 3 hrs | 18 mins | 2 mins | 11 secs |
| 1 TB | 124 days | 12 days | 30 hrs | 3 hrs | 18 mins | 2 mins |
| 10 TB | 3 years | 124 days | 12 days | 30 hrs | 3 hrs | 18 mins |
| Typical enterprise | 100 TB | 34 years | 3 years | 124 days | 12 days | 30 hrs |
| | 1 PB | 340 yrs | 34 years | 3 years | 124 days | 12 days |
| | 10 PB | 3.404 yrs | 340 yrs | 34 years | 3 years | 124 days |
| | 100 PB | 34,048 yr | 3,404 yrs | 340 yrs | 34 years | 3 years |

There are several ways to bring data into Cloud Storage



Online transfer

Self-managed copies using command-line tools or drag-and-drop.



Storage Transfer Service

Scheduled, managed batch transfers.

DataSync, Transfer Family



Transfer Appliance

Rackable appliances to securely ship your data.

Snow family (e.g. Snowball)

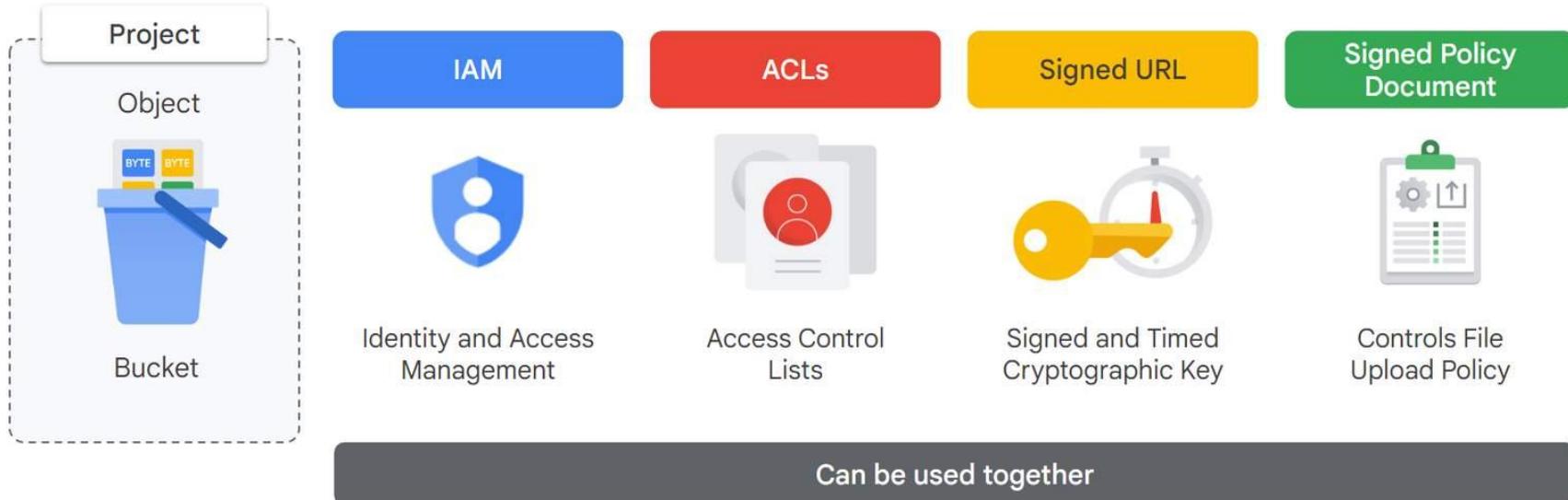
Choose the right tool to move data to GCS...

| Where you're moving data from | Scenario | Suggested products |
|--|--|---|
| Another cloud provider (for example, Amazon Web Services or Microsoft Azure) to Google Cloud | — | Storage Transfer Service |
| Cloud Storage to Cloud Storage (two different buckets) | — | Storage Transfer Service |
| Your private data center to Google Cloud | Enough bandwidth to meet your project deadline for less than 1 TB of data | gcloud storage |
| Your private data center to Google Cloud | Enough bandwidth to meet your project deadline for more than 1 TB of data | Storage Transfer Service for on-premises data |
| Your private data center to Google Cloud | Not enough bandwidth to meet your project deadline | Transfer Appliance |

Exam Tips:

- Depending on size and throughput, [use gcloud storage / Transfer Service \(low cost\) / Transfer Appliance](#)
- When using Transfer Appliance, you need to execute so-called “rehydration” process which will decrypt and uncompress before it’s put to a destination bucket.

Controlling access in Cloud Storage



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- B. Configure the Cloud Storage bucket to trigger Cloud Pub/Sub notifications when objects are modified.
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https://cloud.google.com/storage/docs/pubsub-notifications#other_notification_options

Storage options: noSQL databases



Cloud Bigtable

DynamoDB, Keyspaces

Cloud Bigtable (DynamoDB / Keyspaces) is managed NoSQL

- Fully managed NoSQL, wide-column database service for terabyte applications.
 - Wide column database: Keyspaces
 - General NoSQL, scalable database: DynamoDB
- Integrated
 - Accessed using HBase API
 - Native compatibility with big data, Hadoop ecosystems



Cloud Bigtable vs Amazon DynamoDB - key differences

| Feature | Cloud Bigtable | Amazon DynamoDB |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Read options | Single row Row key prefix Range | Single row Row key (short) |
| Provisioning | Managed instances | Serverless |
| Autoscaling | User-assigned triggers | Automatic |
| Maximum item size | 100 MB | 400 KB |
| Secondary indices | Not supported | Supported |
| Backup | Integrated in the cluster | Point-in-time restore |

Why choose Cloud Bigtable?

- Replicated storage.
- Data encryption in-flight and at rest.
- Scales Linearly
- Consistent sub-10ms latency
- Role-based ACLs.
- Drives major applications such as Google Analytics and Gmail (DynamoDB is used extensively on amazon.com).



What is Bigtable good for?

Use Case Examples

- **Time-series** data, such as CPU and memory usage over time for multiple servers.
- **Marketing data**, such as purchase histories and customer preferences.
- **Financial data**, such as transaction histories, stock prices, and currency exchange rates.
- **Internet of Things** data, such as usage reports from energy meters and home appliances.
- **Graph data**, such as information about how users are connected to one another.

Applications that need...

- Very high throughput
- Scalability
- Non-Structured key/value data where each value is no larger than 10MB

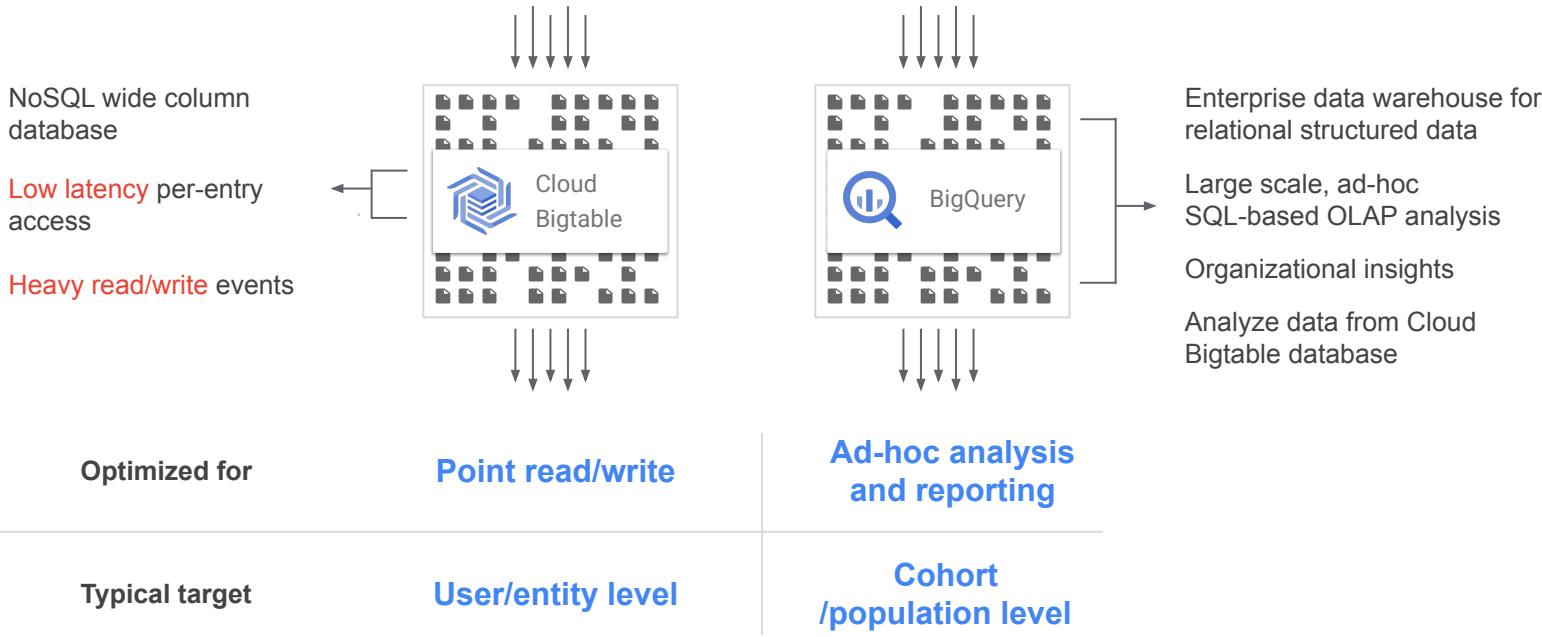
Storage Engine

- Batch MapReduce
- Stream Processing/Analytics
- ML applications

***Exam Tip:** types of apps where you'd consider using Bigtable: recommendation engines, personalizing user experience, Internet of Things, real-time analytics, fraud detection, migrating from HBase or Cassandra, Fintech, gaming, high-throughput data streaming for creating / improving ML models.*

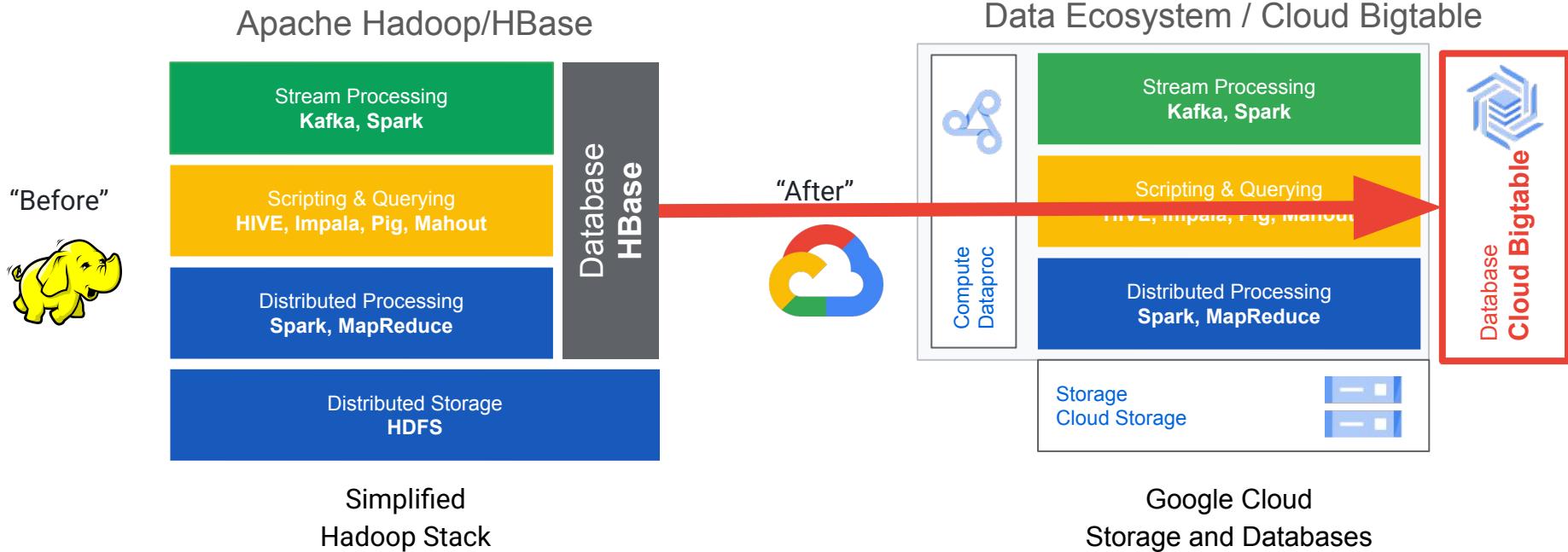
Bigtable for analytics... ?

Bigtable vs BigQuery



Exam Tip: BigTable might be optimal for “real-time analytics”, when you need to make decisions on events as they’re happening.

Bigtable: Hadoop migration and modernization



Exam Tip: Main goal: decoupling of storage & compute. As a consequence, you can treat Dataproc clusters as job-specific / ephemeral

What is Bigtable not good for?

Not good for...

- Not a relational database
- No SQL Queries or Joins
- No Multi-Row Transactions

Considerations

- You need full SQL support for OLTP
 - consider Spanner or CloudSQL
- Interactive querying for OLAP
 - consider BigQuery
- Need to store immutable blobs larger than 10MB (e.g. movies, images)
 - consider Cloud Storage

Diagnostic Question Discussion

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Firestore

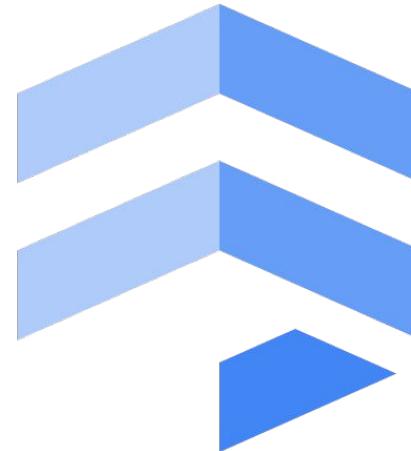
DocumentDB, DynamoDB, AppSync with
Amplify DataStore

Firestore (Amazon DocumentDB / DynamoDB)

Flexible, horizontally scalable NoSQL cloud database to store and sync data

Key capabilities:

- Flexibility in querying
- Supports ACID Transactions
- Expressive querying
- Realtime updates (via AppSync)
- Offline support (via Amplify DataStore and AppSync)
- Designed to scale
- Data is indexed by default (manually indexed)



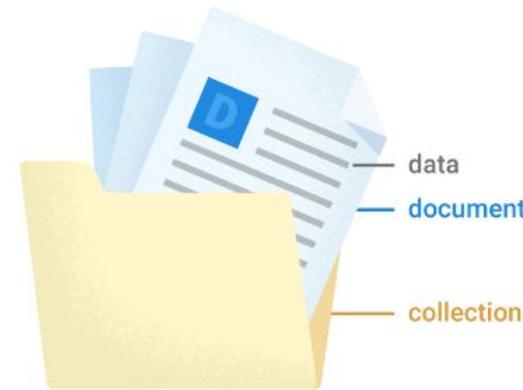
Firebase sample data

An index is created for every property so that queries are extremely fast

Collections

Documents live in collections, which are simply containers for documents. For example, you could have a `users` collection to contain your various users, each represented by a document:

```
└── users
    ├── alovelace
    │   └── first : "Ada"
    │   └── last : "Lovelace"
    │   └── born : 1815
    └── aturing
        └── first : "Alan"
        └── last : "Turing"
        └── born : 1912
```



Cloud Firestore is schemaless, so you have complete freedom over what fields you put in each document and what data types you store in those fields. Documents within the same collection can all contain different fields or store different types of data in those fields. However, it's a good idea to use the same fields and data types across multiple documents, so that you can query the documents more easily.

Firestore: When to use?

Firestore is ideal for applications that rely on **highly available structured data** at scale.

Ideal Use Cases:

- Product catalogs that provide real-time inventory and product details for a retailer.
- User profiles that deliver a customized experience based on the user's past activities and preferences.
- Transactions based on **ACID** properties

Non-Ideal Use Cases:

- OLTP relational database with full SQL support. Consider: [Cloud SQL](#)
- Data isn't highly structured or no need for ACID transactions. Consider: [Cloud Bigtable](#)
- Interactive querying in an online analytical processing (OLAP) system. Consider: [BigQuery](#)
- Unstructured data such as images or movies, Consider: [Cloud Storage](#)

Firestore: Datastore mode vs Firestore (native) mode

| | Both | Native Mode (only) | Datastore Mode (only) |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Data model | Strong consistency | Documents and collections | Entities, kinds, ancestor queries/results |
| Performance limits | No read limits | 10K writes/sec 500 documents/txn | |
| API | | Firestore (Documents) | Datastore (Entities) |
| Security | IAM | Firebase Rules | |
| <u>Offline data persistence</u> | | Yes | |
| Real-time updates | | Yes | |

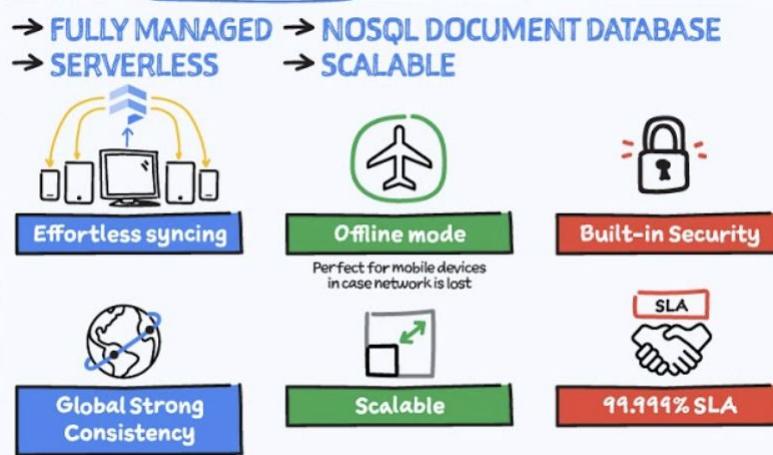
[Firestore or Datastore - comparison](#)

Google Cloud

Firebase

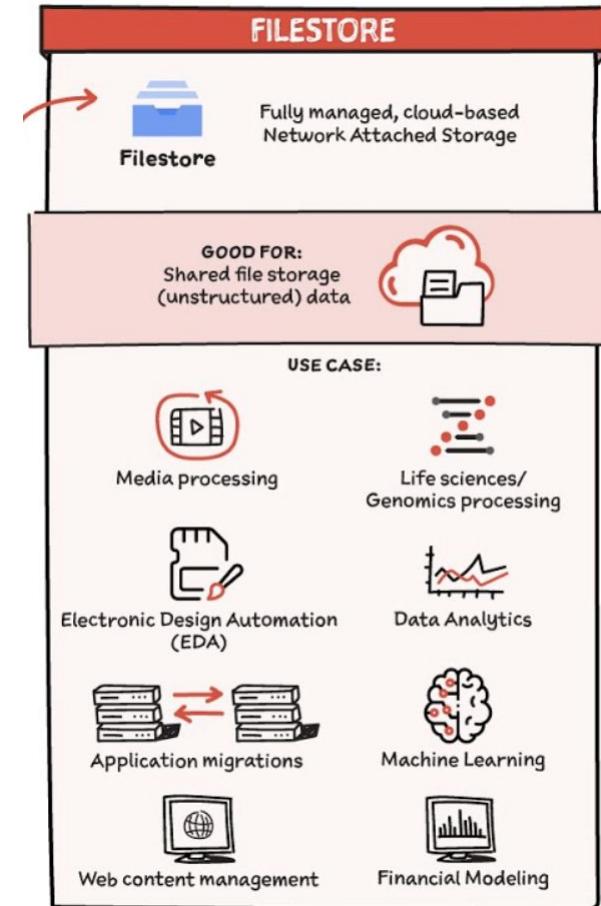
VS

Firestore



... vs Firebase

Exam Tip: Firestore is a NoSQL Database, but Firebase is a development platform with a ton of additional features that uses Firestore. Make sure to differentiate between them!

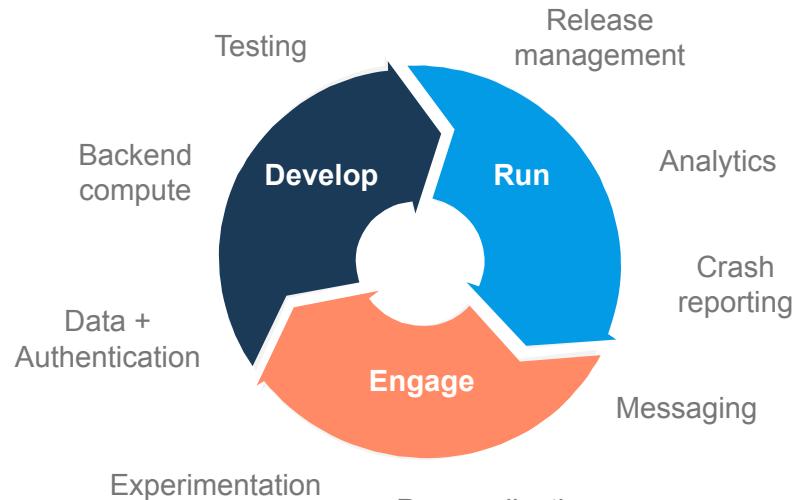


Cloud

Firebase (AWS Amplify) complete app development platform

Complete = it provides different products to:

- Build apps
- Test apps
- Implement authentication ([Firebase Authentication](#) can be a part of PCA exam on very high-level!)
- Run apps
- Run analytics
- Personalize apps
- And more...



Exam Tip: Firestore is usually a part of Firebase-based app (for storing and syncing data)

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- B. Upload your mobile app to the Firebase Test Lab, and test the mobile app on Android and iOS devices.
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<https://firebase.google.com/docs/test-lab>

NoSQL database comparison

| Type | Bigtable | Firestore | DynamoDB | Keyspaces | DocumentDB |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Data Model | Columnar | Document | Document and Key-Value | Columnar | Document |
| Access Type | APIs | Document APIs | Document APIs | APIs | Document APIs |
| Scaling | Linear | Adaptive | Provisioned or Adaptive | Provisioned or Adaptive | Adaptive |
| Scalability | PBs | TBs | PBs | PBs | 64 TB |
| Ideal For | Real Time, Adtech | Lookups | Session Stores, Lookups | Real Time, Cassandra compatibility | Content management, user profiles |
| Latency | Milliseconds | Seconds | Milliseconds | Milliseconds | Seconds |
| Architecture | Cluster based | Serverless | Serverless | Serverless | Cluster based |

Storage options:

SQL (aka ‘relational’) databases



Cloud SQL
RDS, Aurora

Cloud SQL (Amazon RDS) is a managed RDBMS

- Offers MySQL, PostgreSQL, and SQL Server (as well as Oracle, MariaDB, and Aurora [MySQL or Postgres]) database platforms as a service.
- Automatic replication
- Managed backups
- Point in Time Recovery
- Vertical scaling (read and write) (Aurora can be serverless as well)
- Horizontal scaling (read)
- Google security

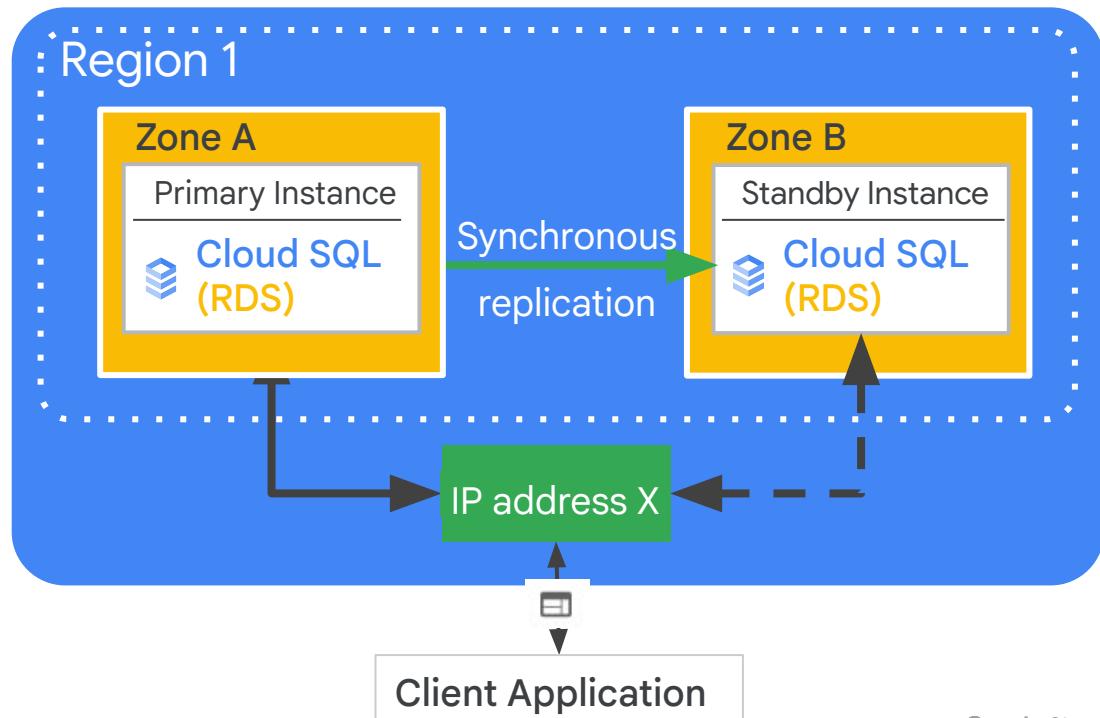


Cloud SQL vs Amazon RDS - key differences

| Feature | Cloud SQL | Amazon RDS |
|--|---|---|
| Network and security | Use VPC firewalls, Cloud SQL Proxy, or allowlist IP addresses. | Use VPC security groups to control access from IP addresses and EC2 instances. |
| Encryption for external connections | Use Cloud SQL Proxy or SSL. | Use SSL. |
| Encryption at rest | Data is automatically encrypted at rest and in Google Cloud's networks. | You can enable encryption. |
| Read replica | You can create a read replica, external instance replica, and internal replica from external primary instances. | You can create a read replica, and leverage Amazon RDS Proxy for pooling RDS connections across replicas. |
| Backups | You can enable automatic backups. | Automatic backups are enabled by default. |

Cloud SQL details

- HA configuration
- Backup service
- Import/export
- Scaling
 - Out: Read replicas
 - Up: Machine capacity

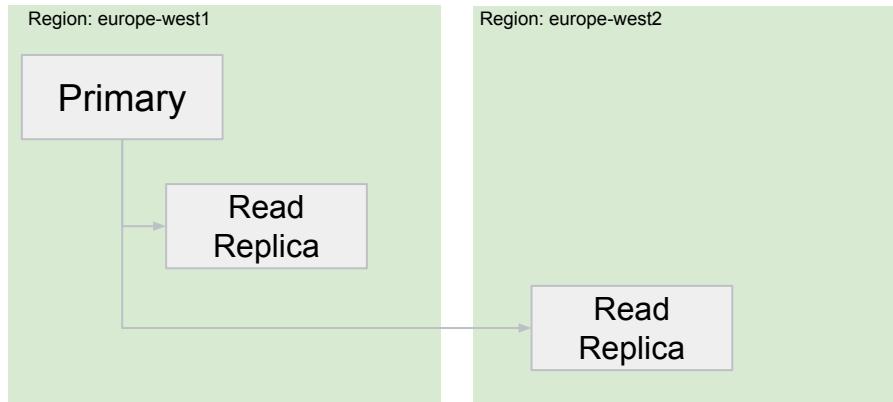


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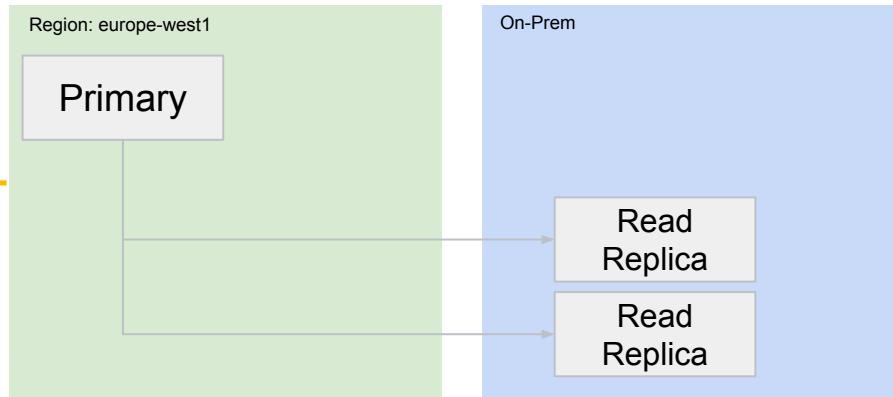
Read Replica
GCP -> GCP



Benefits & Use Cases

- Additional Read capacity (read only)
- Analytics target (adding secondary indexes)
- Read replicas can be different machine types than primary (never less vcpus for postgres)
- Settings of primary are propagated to replicas incl. root pwd & user table changes
- No load balancing between replicas
- MySQL Parallel replication (read replica side)

External Read Replica
GCP -> on-premises



Benefits & Use Cases

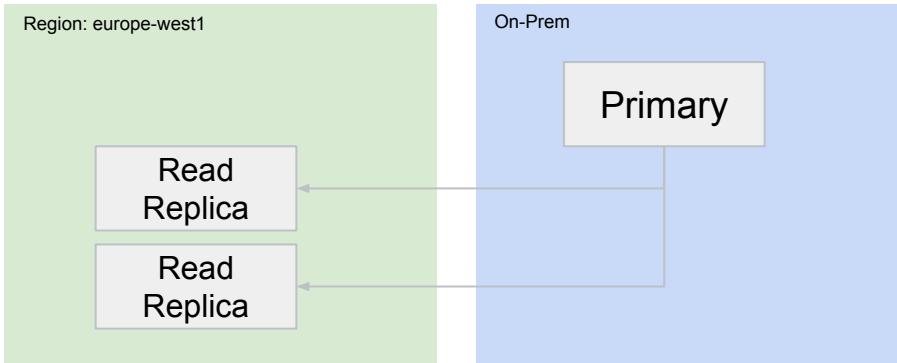
- Reduce latency for external connection
- Analytics target
- Migration path to other platforms
- In case of e.g. network outage on-prem the replication lag might be too large and replicas need to be recreated

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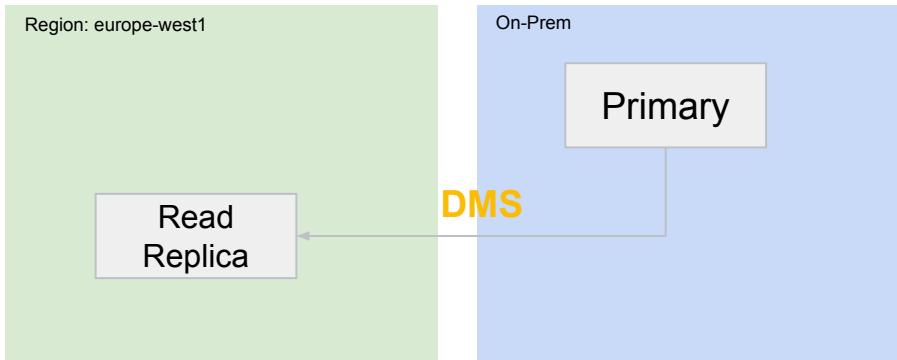
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Replication from external server
On-premises → GCP



MYSQL Benefits & Use Cases

- Migration path to Cloud SQL with minimum downtime
- Data replication to GCP
- Offloading admin overhead of replicas to GCP
- Analytics target
- Parallel replication (read replica)



POSTGRES - DMS

- Use DMS to replicate from an external DB Server to a Cloud SQL Read replica (One-off Migration or Continuous cdc replication)
- DB Source can be self-managed DB (on-prem or IaaS), Aws Rds, Aurora, Cloud SQL

Cloud SQL: Point-in-time recovery

recover an instance to a specific point in time



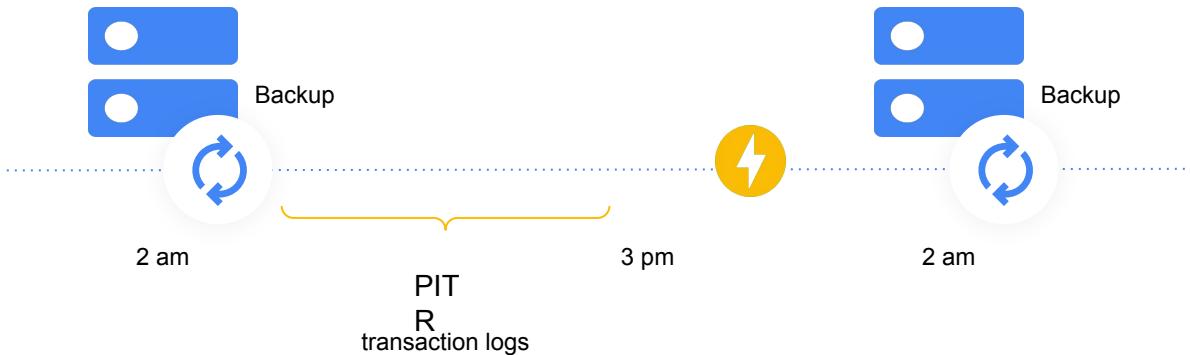
Automated backups and point-in-time recovery
Protect your data from loss at a minimal cost. [Learn more](#)

Automate backups
Choose a window of time for your data to be automatically backed up, which may continue outside the window until complete. Time is your local time zone (UTC+1).

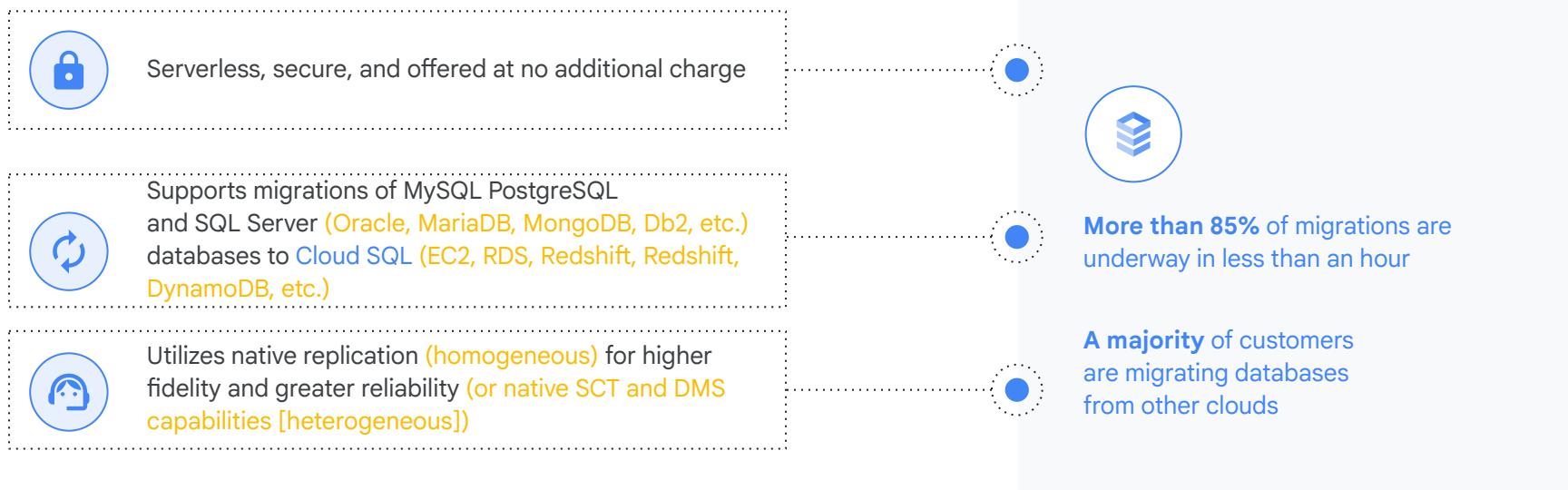
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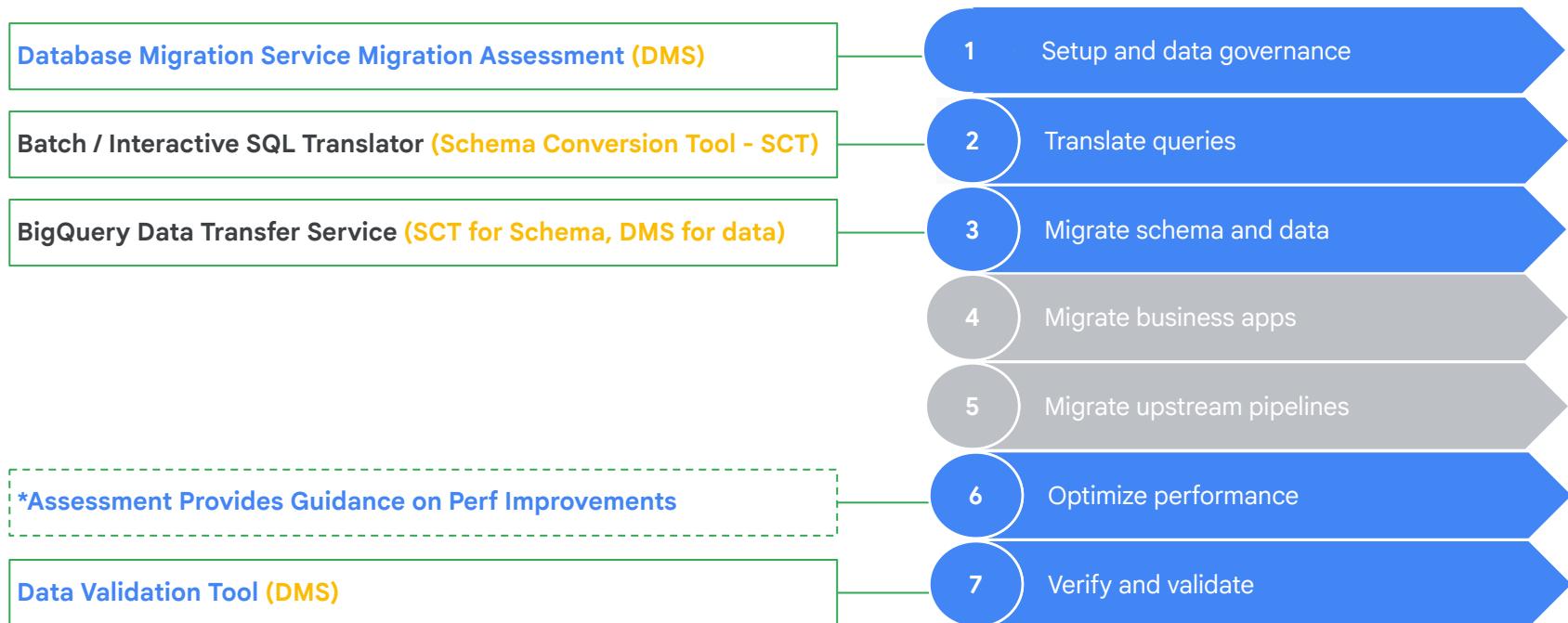
Enable point-in-time recovery
Allows you to recover data from a specific point in time, down to a fraction of a second, via write-ahead log archiving.



Database Migration Service (DMS) makes migrations to Cloud SQL easier and faster



Database Migration Service overview



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<https://cloud.google.com/solutions/cloud-sql-mysql-disaster-recovery-complete-failover-fallback>

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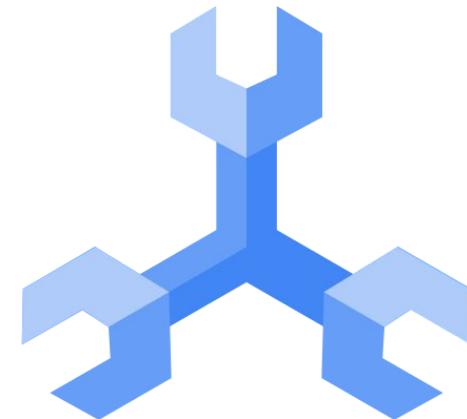
Cloud Spanner

Aurora Global DB

Cloud Spanner ([Amazon Aurora](#)) is a horizontally scalable RDBMS

Cloud Spanner ([Amazon Aurora](#)) supports:

- Automatic replication.
- Multi ([single](#)) region writes and multi region reads.
 - [Strong global consistency](#).
- Managed instances with high availability.
- SQL ([ANSI 2011 with extensions](#) or [MySQL](#) or Postgres compatibility).



Cloud Spanner vs Amazon Aurora - key differences

| Feature | Google Cloud Spanner | Amazon Aurora |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Write method | Multi-master write | Single-master write |
| Column | Supports regular and wide columns | Supports regular columns |
| Serverless? | Fully serverless | Offers a serverless option |
| Postgre complaint? | For reading only | For reading and writing |

Cloud Spanner, Cloud SQL vs Amazon RDS, Aurora

| | RDS | Aurora | Cloud SQL | Cloud Spanner |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Consistency | Strong Regional | Strong Regional, Eventual Global (~ 1 sec) | Strong Regional | Strong Global |
| Availability | Failover | Failover | Failover | High |
| Scalability | Vertical | Vertical and Horizontal and Serverless | Vertical | Horizontal |
| Replication | Configurable | Configurable | Configurable | Automatic |
| Ideal for | Few TBs | Few TBs | Few TBs | PBs |

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Memorystore

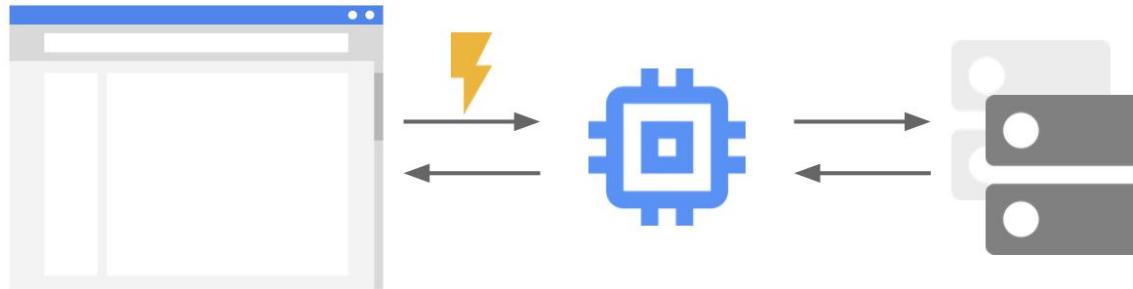
Amazon ElastiCache

Memorystore (Amazon ElastiCache)

- Fully managed implementation of the open source in-memory databases Redis and Memcached
- High availability, failover, patching and monitoring
- Sub-millisecond latency
- Instances up to 300 GB
- Network throughput of 12 (30) Gbps
- Use cases:
 - Lift and shift of Redis, Memcached
 - Anytime need a managed service for cached data



In-memory caching



Application

Web browser

Cache

A caching layer is a high-speed storage layer that stores a subset of data.

Databases

Benefit

- Reduce latency
- Reduce back-end load

Main use case

- Gaming leaderboard
- Real-time application
- Social Media

```
gcloud redis instances create my-redis-instance  
gcloud memcache instances create  
my-memcache-instance
```

Storage options:

Data Warehouse



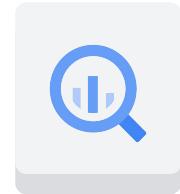
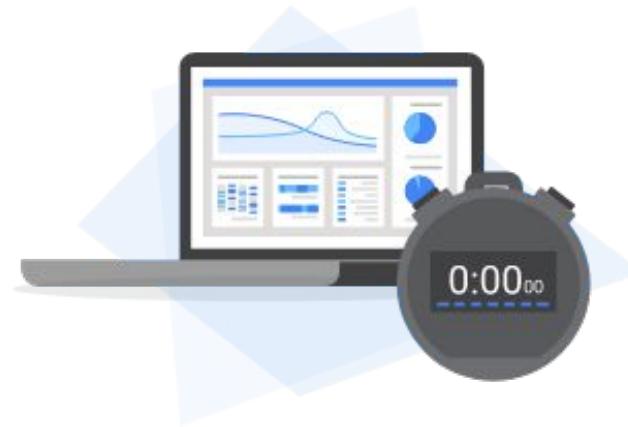
Bigquery

Amazon Redshift

BigQuery (Redshift) is serverless, highly scalable, and cost-effective cloud data warehouse

BigQuery = Redshift Spectrum or Redshift Serverless (both serverless) or standard Redshift (cluster based)

- Fully (semi) managed
- Petabyte scale
- SQL interface
- Very fast (separated compute and storage with Redshift Spectrum [data in S3] and Redshift Serverless [native database storage])



BigQuery

BigQuery User Interface

The screenshot shows the BigQuery web interface. On the left is a sidebar with links for Analysis, Data transfers, Scheduled queries, Analytics Hub, Dataform, and Migration. The main area is a query editor titled "BigQuery". The query pane contains the following SQL code:

```
1 SELECT
2   title,
3   SUM/views) AS views,
4   COUNT/views) AS rows_summed
5 FROM
6   `bigquery-samples.wikipedia_benchmark.Wiki1M`
7 WHERE
8   REGEXP_CONTAINS(title, ".*Davis.*")
9 GROUP BY
10  title
11 ORDER BY
12  views DESC
13
```

A blue callout bubble points to the "RUN" button at the top of the query editor with the text: "Can run queries in the console or schedule them to run later". Another blue callout bubble points to the status message "This query will process 47.63 MB v" with the text: "Amount of data processed by the query. Can be plugged into the Pricing Calculator for cost estimation".

BigQuery: Table Partitioning

Partitioning versus sharding:

- Table sharding is the practice of storing data in multiple tables, using a naming prefix such as [PREFIX]_YYYYMMDD. **Partitioning is recommended over table sharding, because partitioned tables perform better.**

You can partition BigQuery tables by:

- Time-unit column: Tables are partitioned based on a TIMESTAMP, DATE, or DATETIME column in the table.
- Ingestion time: Tables are partitioned based on the timestamp when BigQuery ingests the data.
- Integer range: Tables are partitioned based on an integer column.

| c2 | c3 | eventDate |
|----|----|------------|
| | | 2018-01-01 |
| | | 2018-01-02 |
| | | 2018-01-03 |
| | | 2018-01-04 |
| | | 2018-01-05 |

```
SELECT * FROM ...
WHERE eventDate BETWEEN
“2018-01-03” AND “2018-01-04”
```

BigQuery: Table Clustering

| c1 | userId | c3 | |
|----|--------|----|------------|
| | | | 2018-01-01 |
| | | | 2018-01-02 |
| | | | 2018-01-03 |
| | | | 2018-01-04 |
| | | | 2018-01-05 |

```
SELECT c1, c3 FROM ... WHERE userId BETWEEN 52 and 63  
AND eventDate BETWEEN "2018-01-03" AND "2018-01-04"
```

BigQuery: table partitioning vs clustering

Decision making

- Clustering gives you more granularity than partitioning alone allows
- Use clustering if your queries commonly use filters or aggregation against multiple particular columns.

| Use case | Recommendation |
|---|----------------------------|
| You're using on-demand pricing and require strict cost guarantees before running queries. | Partitioned tables |
| Your segment size is less than 1 GB after partitioning the table. | Clustered tables |
| You require a large number of partitions beyond the BigQuery limits | Clustered tables |
| Frequent mutations in your data modify a large number of partitions. | Clustered tables |
| You frequently run queries to filter data on certain fixed columns. | Partitions plus clustering |

BigQuery: table/partition (automatic) data expiration

Can be set for dataset / table / partition

Best practice for data lifecycle management.

Expiration in BigQuery automatically implements retention policy.

- Dataset expiration
 - = “default table expiration time” for a dataset
- Table expiration
 - If Dataset expiration is set, each table inherits this setting by default
- Partition expiration:
 - The setting applies to all partitions in the table, but is calculated independently for each partition based on the partition time.
 - At any point after a table is created, you can update the table's partition expiration

Dataset info

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dataset ID | simoahava-com.analytics_206575074 |
| Created | Aug 27, 2019, 2:44:32 PM UTC+3 |
| Default table expiration | 60 days |
| Last modified | Nov 15, 2022, 11:05:11 AM UTC+2 |
| Data location | EU |

BigQuery: Controlling access to datasets

You can grant access at the following BigQuery resource levels:

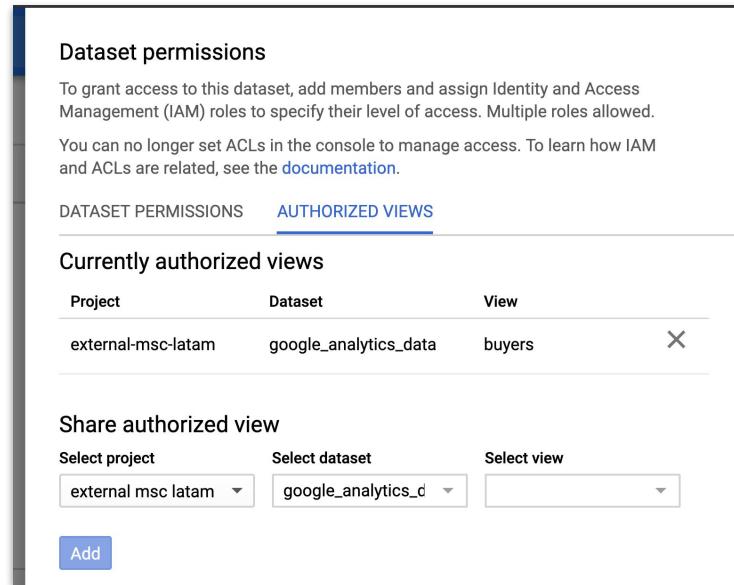
- organization or Google Cloud project level
- dataset level
- table or view level
 - a. [Authorized Views](#)
- You can also restrict access to data on more granular level by using the following methods:
 - a. [column-level access control](#)
 - b. [dynamic data masking](#) (aka “some **columns** may be hidden, depending on privileges”)
 - i. Works together with column-level security.
 - ii. no need to modify existing queries by excluding the columns that the user cannot access
 - c. [row-level security](#) (aka “some rows may be hidden, depending on privileges”)
 - i. One table can have multiple row-level access policies. Row-level access policies can coexist on a table with column-level security as well as dataset-level, table-level, and project-level access controls.

BigQuery: Controlling access to datasets

Authorized Views

- View:** View is a virtual table defined by a SQL query. When you create a view, you query it in the same way you query a table
- Query:** When a user queries the view, the query results contain data only from the tables and fields specified in the query that defines the view.
- Authorized Views:** An authorized view allows you to share query results with particular users and groups without giving them access to the underlying tables.

Exam Tip: Authorized Views were especially useful when there were no table/column-level permissions. However, they're still often-used way to selectively share access to datasets (and they pop up on the exam!).
MAKE SURE TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO CREATE AND SHARE SUCH A VIEW.



The screenshot shows the 'Dataset permissions' page for a dataset named 'google_analytics_data'. It includes sections for 'Dataset permissions' and 'AUTHORIZED VIEWS'. Under 'AUTHORIZED VIEWS', there is a table with one row:

| Project | Dataset | View |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| external-msc-latam | google_analytics_data | buyers |

Below this, there is a 'Share authorized view' section with dropdown menus for 'Select project', 'Select dataset', and 'Select view', and a blue 'Add' button.

BigQuery: Data Transfer Service

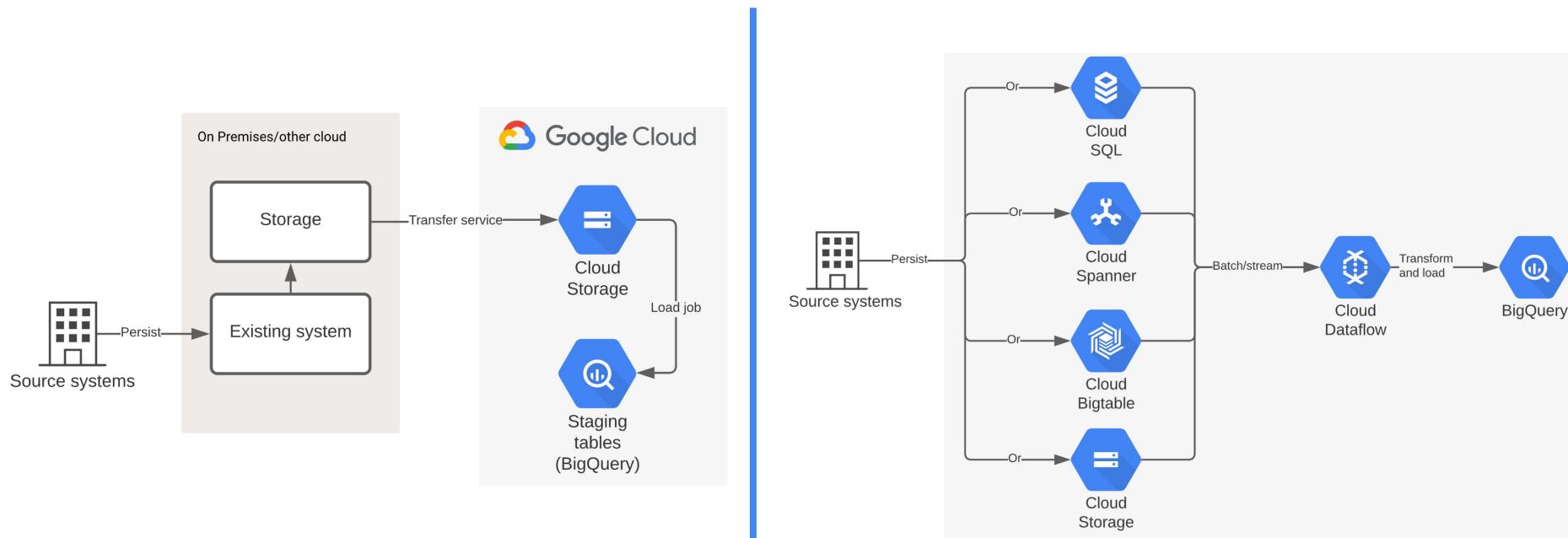
Mostly useful for **regular** data transfers to BigQuery

- BigQuery Data Transfer Service automates data movement **from various sources into BigQuery** on a scheduled, managed basis.
- You can initiate data backfills to recover from any outages or gaps.

The screenshot shows the 'Create transfer' page in the Google Cloud Platform console. On the left is a sidebar with icons for different services: a magnifying glass for search, a dot for datasets, a magnifying glass for sources, a double arrow for data transfer, a clock for scheduled tasks, a person for users, a gear for settings, and a wrench for support. The main area has a header 'Create transfer' with a back arrow. Below it is a section titled 'Source type' with the sub-instruction 'Choose a data source from the list below'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Source *', showing a list of data sources. The list includes: Amazon S3, Campaign Manager (formerly DCM), Dataset Copy, Google Ad Manager (formerly DFP), Google Ads - Preview, Google Ads (formerly AdWords), Google Cloud Storage, and Google Merchant Center. At the bottom of the dropdown is a link 'Can't find what you're looking for? [Explore Data Sources](#)'.

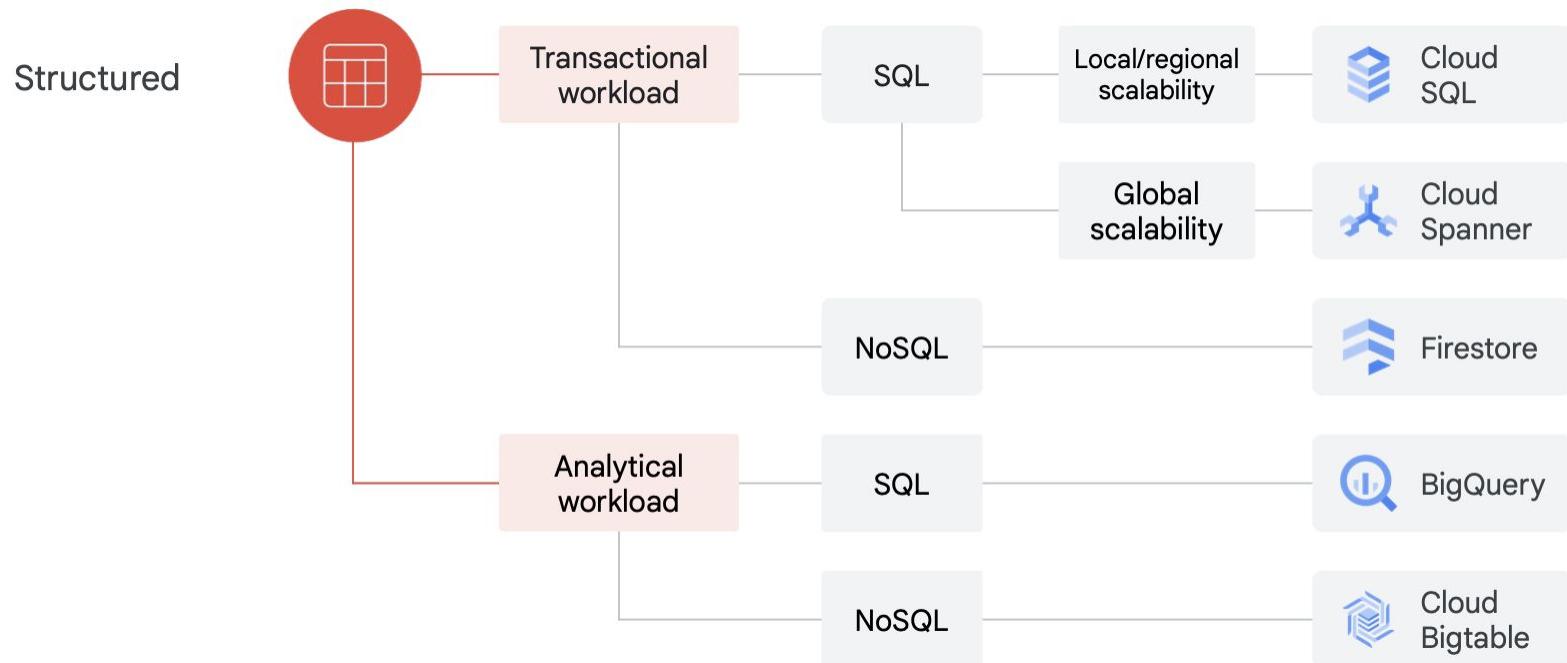
BigQuery: Batch vs Streaming inserts

Most common architectures



Exam Tip: There is additional cost for streaming (both inserts and reads) in BigQuery.

GCP: storage service decision tree



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