

Lab 1. Setting up the Learning Environment

By the end of this lab exercise, you should be able to:

- Create a Google Cloud Platform (GCP) account
- Configure a VM on GCP
- Connect to a VM on GCP
- Install Docker on Linux VM
- Verify that git is installed

First, sign up for Docker Hub at https://hub.docker.com/.

Create a Google Cloud Platform Account

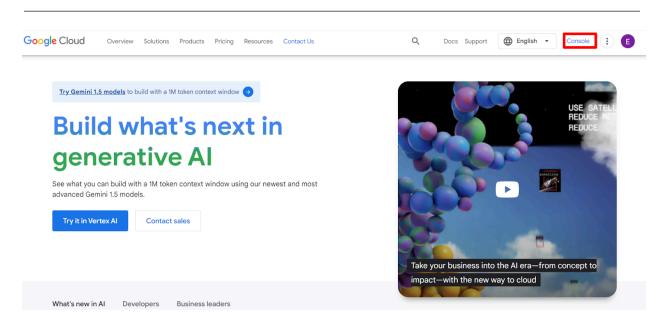
The only prerequisite for this task is a Google account. If you do not have one, go to google.com, select **Sign in** and follow the directions.

To get started, visit <u>cloud.google.com</u> and follow the simple steps to create a Google Cloud account. You can begin with a free account and sign up for free credits, which are valid for a limited time.

While creating an account, choose the account type **individual** and provide your address and payment details to complete the signup.

Once you create a Google Cloud Platform account, you will get Console access. You can revisit your account by going to <u>cloud.google.com</u> at any time.

Once logged in, you should see your Google Cloud Console, as pictured below:

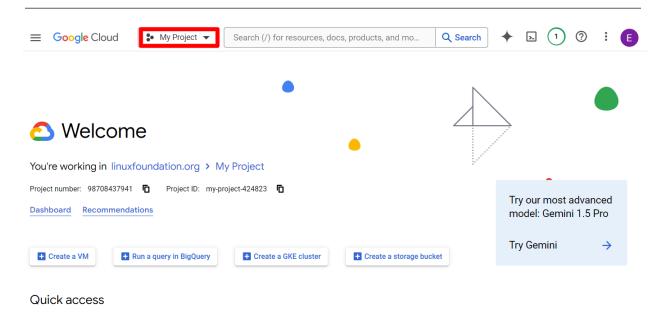


Alternatively, you can visit the console directly with this link: https://console.cloud.google.com.

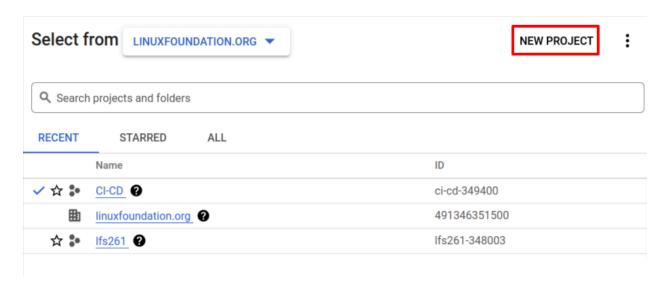
Creating a Project to Contain Your VM

According to <u>Google Cloud documentation</u>, a "project in Google Cloud Platform (GCP) organizes all of your Google Cloud resources, including Cloud Storage data, Compute instances, monitoring and logging data, and App Engine instances. Projects also include associated permissions for these resources".

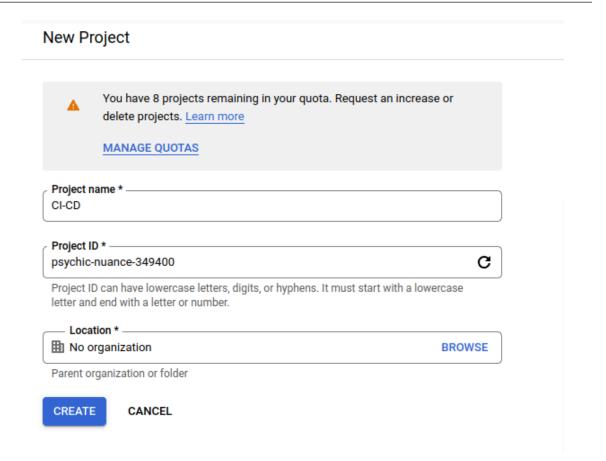
A project provides a namespace to isolate resources for that project. To set up a new project, select the project dropdown menu. If it is your first time, you will see **My First Project** in the box. Otherwise, you will see the last project that you were in. To create a new project, click inside the box as illustrated below.



Select **NEW PROJECT**.

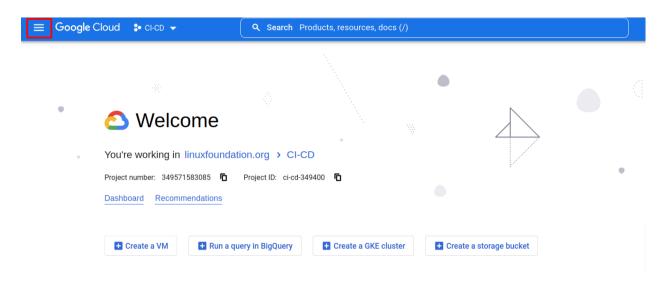


Name the project CI-CD and click CREATE.

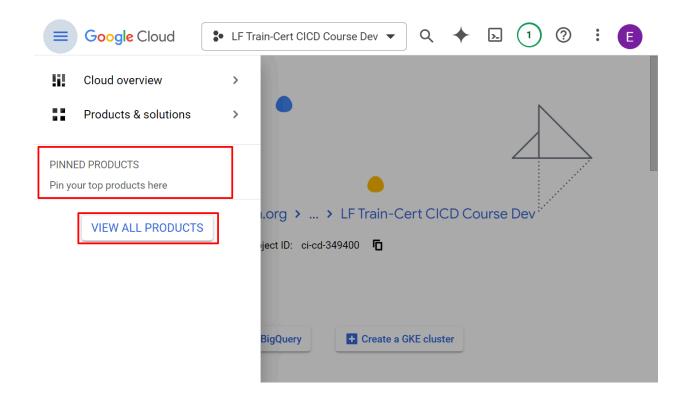


Navigating to VM Instances on Google Cloud

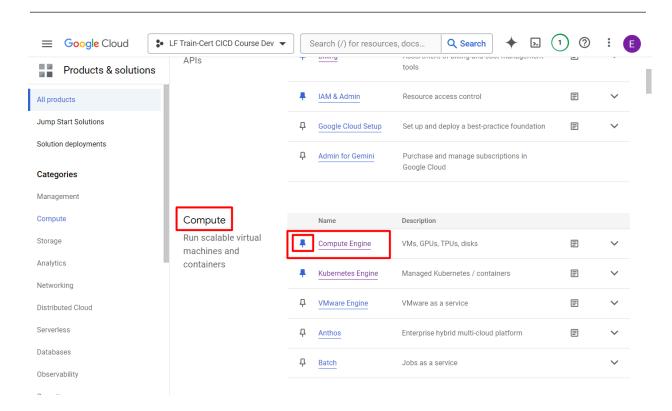
Open the menu in your Google Cloud account by clicking the menu in the top left:



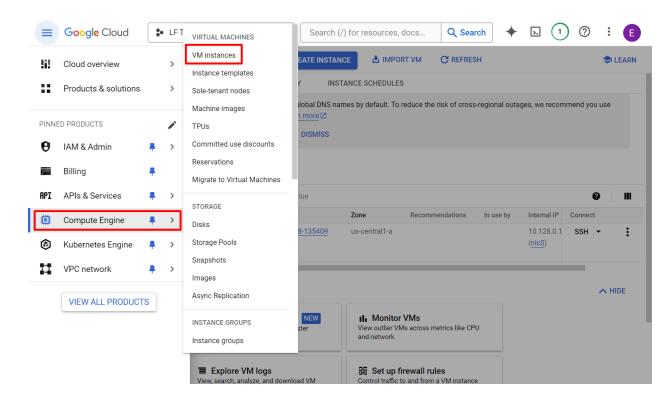
The flyout menu has two sections. Look for **Compute Engine** in the **PINNED** or **VIEW ALL PRODUCTS** sections. If **Compute Engine** is not in the **PINNED** section, click **VIEW ALL PRODUCTS**:



Find Compute Engine and then click the pin icon.



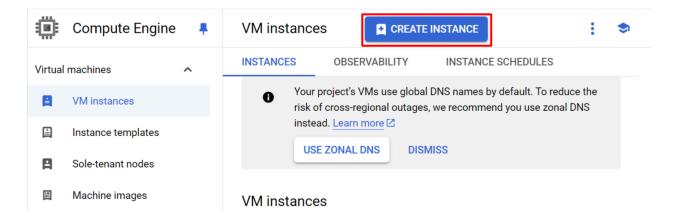
Navigate to Menu > Compute Engine > VM instances:



This will bring you to the VM instances page where you can create your VMs and see any VMs that have already been created.

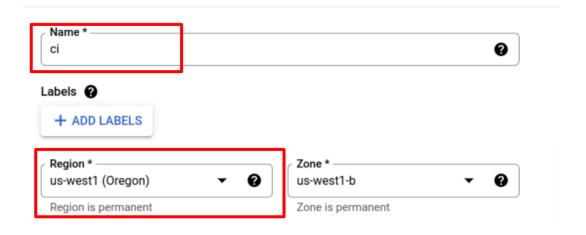
Creating a VM Instance

To bring up the UI for creating a new VM instance, select **CREATE INSTANCE** at the top of the page:



You can give the instance a name that is meaningful to you. In this example, the VM instance is named **ci.**

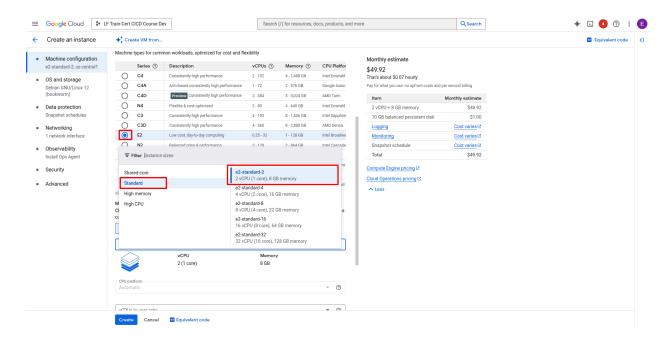
Choose the **Region** that is closest to you. In this example, we have chosen **us-west1** (Oregon).



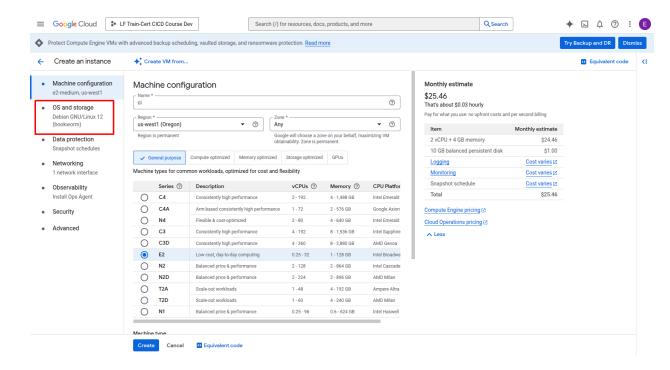
Scroll to Machine Configuration. Select E2 under the General purpose tab.

Machine configuration Storage optimized NEW General purpose Compute optimized Memory optimized **GPUs** Machine types for common workloads, optimized for cost and flexibility Series ? Description vCPUs ? Memory C4 PREVIEW Consistently high performance 2 - 192 4 - 1,488 G Ν4 Flexible & cost-optimized 2 - 80 4 - 640 GB C3 Consistently high performance 8 - 1,536 G 4 - 192 C3D Consistently high performance 8 - 2,880 G 4 - 360 E2 Low cost, day-to-day computing 0.25 - 321 - 128 GB

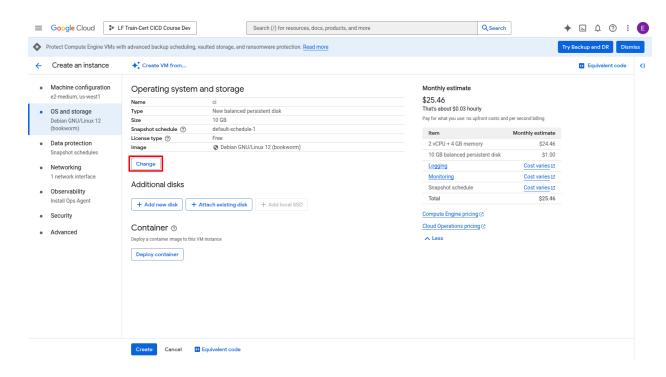
Scroll to Machine type. For machine type, choose e2-standard-2 (2 vCPU, 8 GB memory).



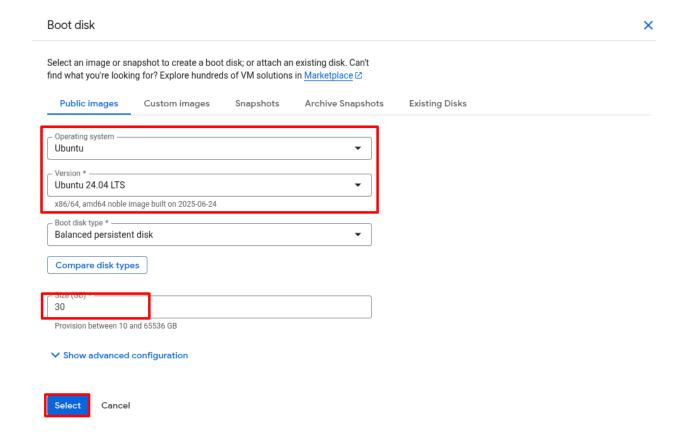
Click OS and storage on the right.



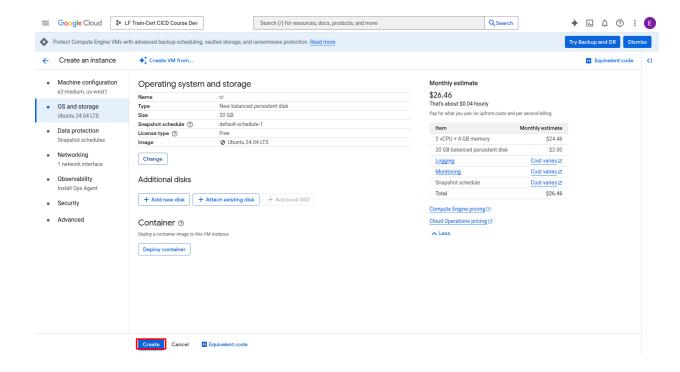
Scroll to Boot disk and select CHANGE:



This will bring up a form that allows you to choose the operating system you want to run. As we decided to use Ubuntu 24.04 for lab exercises, choose **Operating system > Ubuntu**. Choose the **x86** version of **Ubuntu 24.04**. Enter **30** for the **Size**. Then, click **Select**.



Scroll to the bottom of the VM creation form and click CREATE.



Connecting to Your VM Instance

You will be taken back to the **VM instances** page where you will see your newly created VM. To connect to your VM, click **SSH**.



A terminal window will pop up.

```
SSH-in-browser
               18.6% of 9.51GB
  Usage of /:
                                 Users logged in:
                                 IPv4 address for ens4: 10.1
  Memory usage: 5%
38.0.22
  Swap usage:
                0%
O updates can be applied immediately.
The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free softwar
the exact distribution terms for each program are described i
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permi
tted by
applicable law.
eegan@ci:~$ 🗌
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You are inside a Linux Ubuntu machine. This is a terminal that you can use to interact with your VM on GCP.

If you would like to connect to a Google Cloud VM instance from a terminal on your own computer, you will need to follow the directions here:

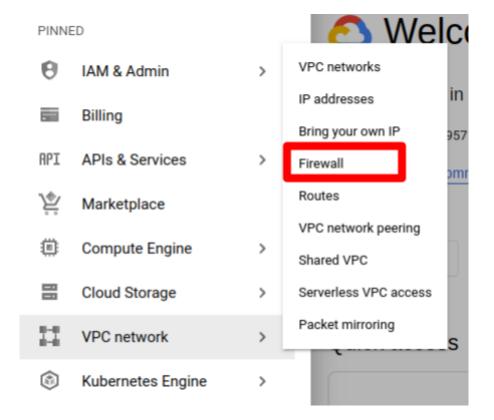
https://cloud.google.com/compute/docs/instances/connecting-advanced#before-you-begin

Opening the Firewall for Our Google Cloud VM

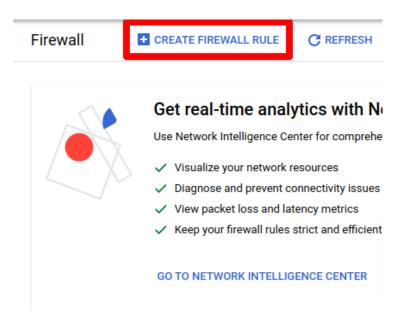
When learning new concepts, it is helpful to configure our learning environments in a way that allows us to focus on the topic at hand. In our case, we don't want to worry about whether the issues we are running into are network-related or due to the tools we are learning. This is not a networking course. As such, we will open our firewall completely to rule out any firewall issues. This is only for learning purposes. **This is** *NOT* **something you would do in production, as it is** *NOT* **secure.** However, it will help you troubleshoot a CI/CD pipeline.

Creating a Firewall Rule

Under the VPC network go to Firewall.



In networking, it is common to create **rules** that are then **applied** to specific computers or VMs. We will create a **Firewall rule** and then apply it to our VM instance.



Refer to the following screenshot:

Firewall rules control incoming or outgoing traffic to an instance. By default, incoming traffic from outside your network is blocked. Learn more Name * 0 open tters, numbers, hyphens allowed Only use this firewall rule for learning. Do not use this firewall rule for production environments. Logs Turning on firewall logs can generate a large number of logs which can increase costs in Cloud Logging. Learn more On Off Network default 0 **Priority** CHECK PRIORITY OF OTHER FIREWALL RULES 1000 Priority can be 0 - 65535 Direction of traffic ② Ingress Egress Action on match ② Allow O Deny Targets Specified target tags 0 Target tags * open 🔾 Source filter IPv4 ranges 0 0.0.0.0/0 (3) for example, 0 0.0.0/0, 192.168.2.0/24 0 Second source filter 0 Protocols and ports ② Allow all Specified protocols and ports ✓ DISABLE RULE CREATE CANCEL

Name the firewall rule **open** and give it a description. In our case, we have reminded ourselves NOT to use this rule in production.

Then, under **Target tag**, enter **open**. This is how you will add this rule to your VM instance. You need to remember this or look it up to add it to your VM. To make it easy, give this firewall rule the same tag as the name of the firewall rule.

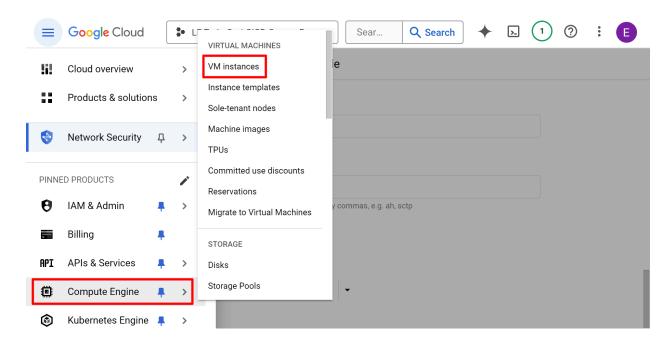
Under **Source IPv4 Ranges** we will enter 0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0.0/0 is networking for *all IP addresses*. This means that your VM can be connected to from *any computer*. As noted, this is highly insecure, but it is good for learning.

Under Protocols and ports select Allow all and then click CREATE.

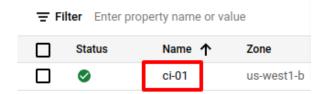
Adding the Firewall Rule to Our VM

Now we have a firewall rule that will allow *all* traffic through. A rule is of no use unless it is applied to something. In this case, we want to apply it to our VM.

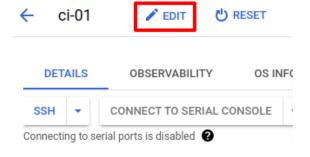
First go to Compute Engine > VM instances.



Click on your VM's name.



Click **EDIT** at the top of the screen.



Scroll down to **Networking** if it isn't visible.

Networking

Network performance configuration Network interface card is permanent Network interface card Network bandwidth You must stop the VM instance to edit Network bandwidth. Increase total egress bandwidth Maximum outbound network bandwidth: 2Gbps Network interfaces @ Network interface is permanent default default (10.138.0.0/20) ADD NETWORK INTERFACE Firewalls Allow HTTP traffic ☐ Allow HTTPS traffic Notwork tags Network tags 0 open 🕄 CANCEL SAVE

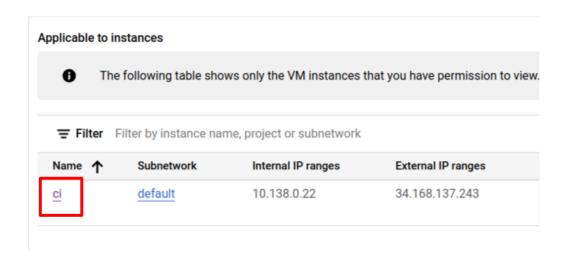
Enter open in the Network tags box. Remember, this is what we tagged our firewall rule earlier.

Verify the Rule Was Applied

To verify that the instance is associated with the **open** firewall rule, return to **Google Cloud > VPC Network > Firewall**. Click on the **open** firewall rule.



Then scroll down to **Applicable to Instances**.



You should see your VM listed.

Installing and Verifying Docker on Your Linux VM

The following directions have been pulled directly from Docker's documentation. Run each command in the order in which they appear. The first command ensures that any existing Docker versions are removed, preventing conflicts with the new version we will install. If Docker is not installed, the output will inform you that Docker was not found. Either outcome is fine.

\$ sudo apt-get remove docker docker-engine docker.io containerd runc

Now that you have removed or ensured that no Docker is present on the machine, we can proceed with the install.

```
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install \
    ca-certificates \
   curl \
   gnupg \
    1sb-release
$ curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg | sudo gpg --dearmor
-o /etc/apt/keyrings/docker.gpg
$ echo \
  "deb [arch=$(dpkg --print-architecture)
signed-by=/etc/apt/keyrings/docker.gpg]
https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu \
  $(1sb release -cs) stable" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list \
> /dev/null
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io
docker-buildx-plugin docker-compose-plugin
```

Type **Y** when prompted.

The directions are found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/.

After installation, validate Docker by running the following commands:

```
$ sudo docker version
```

```
Client: Docker Engine - Community
Version: 28.0.4
......
Server: Docker Engine - Community
Engine:
Version: 28.0.4
.......
```

Do a smoke test with:

```
$ sudo docker run hello-world
......

Hello from Docker!
```

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This message shows that your installation appears to be working correctly.
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This validates that Docker has successfully been installed.

Add your user to the docker group. This will make it more convenient to run commands, as you won't need to type **sudo** every time you run Docker.

WARNING: In a production environment, this has significant security implications that must be carefully weighed.

There is no one-size-fits-all answer as to whether you should add users to the docker group.

```
$ sudo usermod -aG docker $USER
```

\$ newgrp docker

You should now be able to run docker commands without typing sudo first.

Verifying and Installing Git

Git comes pre-installed on most Linux distributions. To verify, run:

```
$ git version
```

If it is not installed, reference the official download and installation guides below to set up Git:

- Git Downloads
- Installing Git

Summary

You are now set up to get started with the hands-on lab exercises in the rest of the course.