Lab Overview: Getting Started with Container Engine

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In this lab, you use the Google Developer Console to create a container cluster - a group of Compute Engine instances that provide the foundation for Google Container Engine-managed deployments. You also use the Kubernetes command-line tool (kubectl) to deploy a pod with two containers running the Guestbook application.

Duration

The timing of this lab is as follows:

Component	Timing
Introduction	5 minutes
Lab	10 minutes
Total	**15 minutes**

What you need

To complete this lab, you need:

- The Google Cloud SDK installed and configured on your labs instance
- A Google Cloud project and project ID

What you will learn

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Create a cluster

To create a container cluster:

Step	Action
1	Access the Google Developers Console by typing the following URL in your browser: https://console.developers.google.com
2	If you have more than one project, click the **cp100** project. Otherwise proceed to the next step.
3	In the navigator pane, click the **Products & services** icon (to the left of Google Developers Console at the top of the page).
4	Click **Container Engine > Container clusters**.
5	Click **Create a container cluster** in the dialog box.
6	On the **Create a new container cluster** page, in the **Name** field, type: **cp100**.
7	For **ZONE**, choose the same zone you used when configuring the Cloud SDK (for example: **us-central1-b** or **europe-west1-c**).
8	For **Machine type**, accept the default value: **n1-standard-1**.
9	For **Cluster size**, change the value to **1** (this will create one worker node in addition to the master node). Note that the number of Total cores and Total memory change when you change the number of nodes.

10	Accept the remaining default values and click **Create**.
11	Clicking Create opens the **Activities** pop-up window. This window shows the status of the cluster you created. The creation process may take several minutes.
12	Leave the Google Developers Console open.

Clone the project

When you created your Compute Engine labs instance, you installed Git on the machine. In this section of the lab, you use Git to clone the repository containing your application.

To clone the project:

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1	In the navigator pane, click the **Products & services** icon (to the left of Google Developers Console at the top of the page).
2	Click **Compute Engine > VM instances**.
3	To the right of the **cp100-labs** instance, in the **Connect** column, click **SSH**.
4	Type the following command to clone the code repository. **`git clone \`** **`https://github.com/GoogleCloudPlatformTraining/`** **`cp100-container-engine-python.git`**
5	Leave the SSH connection open.

Deploy a pod

To deploy the Guestbook application pod:

Step	Action
1	Type the following command to view the current

	configuration of the Cloud SDK. **`gcloud config list`**
2	Verify that the account is set to your email address and that the project ID matches the ID of the project (cp100) you created earlier.
3	Type the following command to configure the Container Engine cluster. **`gcloud config set container/cluster cp100`**
4	If your cluster is created using the Developers Console instead of the SDK, or if you create it with gcloud from a different machine, you must run the get-credentials command to make your credentials available to kubectl. Type the following command to retrieve your credentials. Replace <zone> with the zone you chose when you created the Container Engine cluster. **`gcloud container clusters get-credentials cp100 --zone <zone>`** The output should be similar to: **`kubeconfig entry generated for cp100`**
5	Navigate to the **cp100-container-engine-python** folder by typing the following command. This is the Git repository you cloned earlier. **`cd cp100-container-engine-python`**
6	Type the following command to examine the project's resource file. **`cat guestbook.yaml`** Notice it includes two containers, one to host a frontend Python Flask application and another to host the Redis backend.
7	Type the following command to create a Replication Controller with a single Pod containing 2 Docker containers.

	`kubectl create -f guestbook.yaml`
8	Type the following kubectl command to check the status of your pod. **`kubectl get pods`** You should see your Guestbook pod listed and the status should be 'Running.' It may take a moment for the status to change from 'Pending' to 'Running'. Repeat the 'get pods' command until the status is 'Running'. **Note**: The Guestbook pod will have a name similar to: guestbook-9xx74. To retrieve the status of the Guestbook pod, you may also type: **`kubectl get pods guestbook-9xx74`**
9	By default, the pod is only accessible within the cluster using its internal IP address. In order to make the Guestbook container accessible from outside the kubernetes virtual network, you have to expose the pod as a kubernetes service. Type the following command to expose the Replication Controller to external traffic by creating an external network load balancer. The --create-external-load-balancer=true flag creates an external IP on which the pod accepts traffic. **`kubectl expose rc guestbook --port=80 --type="LoadBalancer"`** The kubernetes master creates the load balancer and related Compute Engine forwarding rules and target pools. The output of the command should indicate that the load-balanced service was exposed.
10	After a few moments, the external IP of the load balancer is listed in the IP(s) column of the service. Type the following command to retrieve the IP address. **`kubectl get services guestbook`**

	Note the external IP address of the service. You use it later.
11	Open a new tab in your browser.
12	In the address bar, type the external IP address you recorded previously.
13	(Optional) When the Guestbook application loads, create a test entry. When you are finished, close the tab.
14	Switch to your SSH window and type **`exit`** to close it.

Clean up To clean up the resources used in the lab:

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1	Switch to the Google Developer Console window.
2	In the navigator pane, click the **Products & services** icon (to the left of Google Developers Console at the top of the page).
3	Click **Container engine > Container clusters**.
4	Click the check box to the left of the cluster name. This will activate the Delete button at the top of the page.
5	Click **Delete** to remove the Container Cluster and the Compute Engine instances.
6	Click the **Products & services** icon and then click **Networking > Firewall rules**.
7	If you have more than one network, in the **Networks** section, in the **Name** column, click the **default** link. Otherwise, skip to the next step.
8	In the **Firewall rules** section, check any http firewall rule that begins with k8s and then click **Delete**. You may have more than one rule (one for the cluster node and one for guestbook).

9	Click **Network load balancing**.
10	Check the forwarding rule for port 80 and then click **Delete**.