Difference between Cloud SQL and Cloud Spanner

| Cloud SQL | Cloud Spanner |
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| Vertical scalability | Horizontal scalability |
| Lift & Shift SQL based system | Low latency |
| CRM, Ecommerce App | High scalability in terms of storage + |
| Max Data size is 30 TB | compute |
| Availability - During failover little downtime | Data Storage requirement is beyond TB. Minimum is > 2 TB |
| SQL/Schema Support – yes | Availability is High |
| Replication – Only Read Replica and | SQL/Schema Support – yes |
| configurable. | Replication – automatic, high and configurable |
| It offers limited scalability as per the lesser load. | It provides better scalability and SLOs. |
| Cloud SQL is a cost-effective service. | Cloud Spanner is an expensive service. |
| Cloud SQL is Server based service | |
| Cloud SQL - SLA | Cloud Spanner is Server based service |
| Regional Instance - 99.95% | Cloud Spanner - SLA |
| | Multi-Regional Instance - >=99.999% |
| | • Regional Instance - >=99.99% |