Configure Replication and Enable Point-in-Time-Recovery for Cloud SQL for PostgreSQL

Lab Environment:

- **Instance Name:** postgres-orders
- **New Instance (PITR Clone):** postgres-orders-pitr
- **Database Name:** orders
- **Table for Verification:** distribution_centers

Task 1. Enable backups on the Cloud SQL for PostgreSQL instance

In this task you will enable scheduled backups on a Cloud SQL for PostgreSQL instance.

Step 1: Checked instance details:

export CLOUD_SQL_INSTANCE=postgres-orders gcloud sql instances describe $CLOUD_SQL_INSTANCE

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upgradableDatabaseVersions:
- displayName: PostgreSQL 14
  majorVersion: POSTGRES_14
  name: POSTGRES_14
- displayName: PostgreSQL 15
  majorVersion: POSTGRES_15
  name: POSTGRES_15
- displayName: PostgreSQL 16
  majorVersion: POSTGRES_16
  name: POSTGRES_16
- displayName: PostgreSQL 17
  majorVersion: POSTGRES_17
  name: POSTGRES_17
student_02_0195a2b67099@cloudshell:~ (qwiklabs-gcp-03-b683508a28c3)$
```

Authorized Cloud Shell API access when prompted.

Step 2: Retrieved current UTC time:

date +"%R"

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  name: POSTGRES_17
student_02_0195a2b67099@cloudshell:~ (qwiklabs-gcp-03-b683508a28c3)$ date +"%R"
05:15
student_02_0195a2b67099@cloudshell:~ (qwiklabs-gcp-03-b683508a28c3)$
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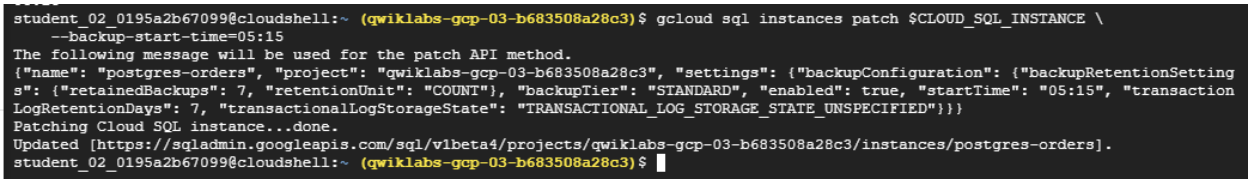
Step 3: Enabled scheduled backups with a time earlier than the current time:

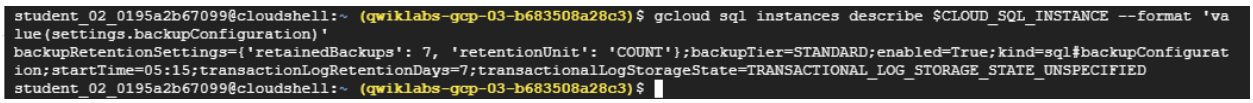
gcloud sql instances patch $CLOUD_SQL_INSTANCE

--backup-start-time=13:25



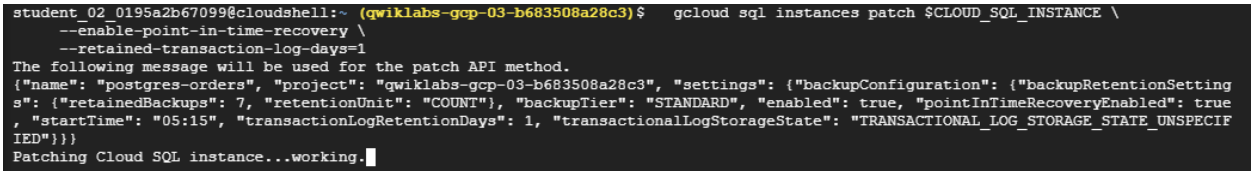
Step 4: Confirmed backup configuration:

gcloud sql instances describe $CLOUD_SQL_INSTANCE --format 'value(settings.backupConfiguration)'



4. Confirm your changes. Note the **format** parameter, which extracts only the desired fields.

gcloud sql instances describe $CLOUD_SQL_INSTANCE --format 'value(settings.backupConfiguration)'



Task 2: Enable and Run Point-In-Time Recovery

Step 1: Enabled Point-In-Time Recovery (PITR):

gcloud sql instances patch $CLOUD_SQL_INSTANCE

--enable-point-in-time-recovery

--retained-transaction-log-days=1

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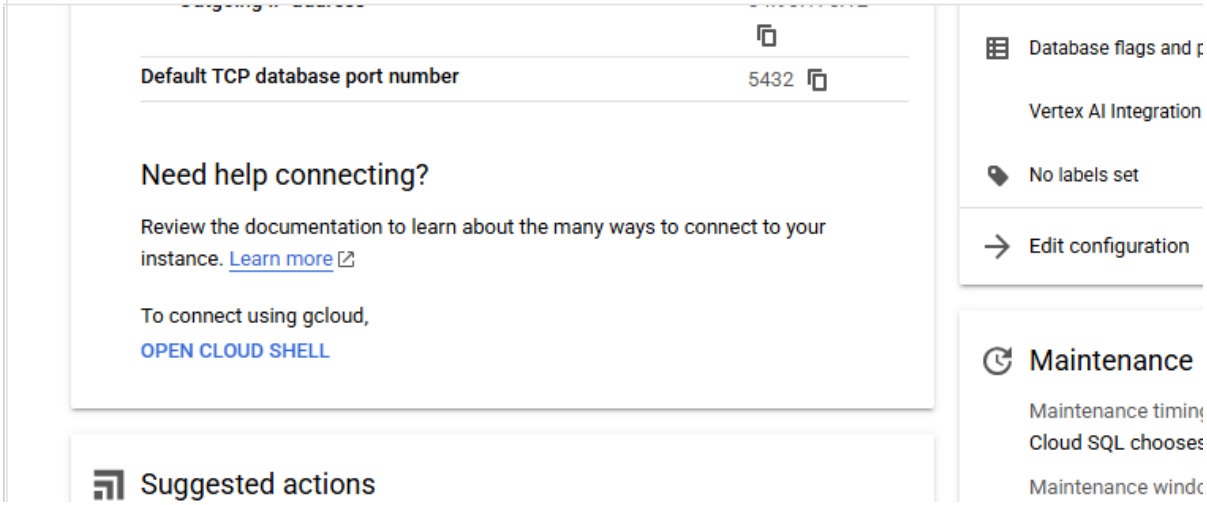
student_02_0195a2b67099@cloudshell:~ (qwiklabs-gcp-03-b683508a28c3)$   gcloud sql instances patch $CLOUD_SQL_INSTANCE \
     --enable-point-in-time-recovery \
     --retained-transaction-log-days=1
The following message will be used for the patch API method.
{"name": "postgres-orders", "project": "qwiklabs-gcp-03-b683508a28c3", "settings": {"backupConfiguration": {"backupRetentionSetting
s": {"retainedBackups": 7, "retentionUnit": "COUNT"}, "backupTier": "STANDARD", "enabled": true, "pointInTimeRecoveryEnabled": true
, "startTime": "05:15", "transactionLogRetentionDays": 1, "transactionalLogStorageState": "TRANSACTIONAL_LOG_STORAGE_STATE_UNSPECIF
IED"}}}
Patching Cloud SQL instance...done.
Updated [https://sqladmin.googleapis.com/sql/v1beta4/projects/qwiklabs-gcp-03-b683508a28c3/instances/postgres-orders].
student_02_0195a2b67099@cloudshell:~ (qwiklabs-gcp-03-b683508a28c3)$
```

Step 2: Connected to the database and confirmed the current row count:

Make a change to the Cloud SQL for PostgreSQL database

In this step you will add a row to the orders.distribution_centers table in the database. After point-in-time recovery we will expect this row to be absent from the database.

1. In Cloud Console, on the **Navigation menu** (☰), click **Databases** > **SQL** and click on the Cloud SQL instance named postgres-orders.
2. In Cloud Console, in the Connect to this instance section, click **Open Cloud Shell**. A command will be auto-populated to the Cloud Shell.
3. Run that command and enter the password supersecret! when prompted. A **psql** session will start in Cloud Shell.
4. In **psql**, change to the orders database



\c orders

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student_02_0195a2b67099@cloudshell:~ (qwiklabs-gcp-03-b683508a28c3)$ gcloud sql connect postgres-orders --user=postgres --quiet
Allowlisting your IP for incoming connection for 5 minutes...done.
Connecting to database with SQL user [postgres].Password:
psql (16.9 (Ubuntu 16.9-1.pgdg24.04+1), server 13.21)
SSL connection (protocol: TLSv1.3, cipher: TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384, compression: off)
Type "help" for help.

postgres=> \c orders
Password:
psql (16.9 (Ubuntu 16.9-1.pgdg24.04+1), server 13.21)
SSL connection (protocol: TLSv1.3, cipher: TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384, compression: off)
You are now connected to database "orders" as user "postgres".
orders=>
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5. When prompted, enter the password supersecret! again.

6. In **psql**, get the row count of the distribution_centers table:

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM distribution_centers;

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orders=> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM distribution_centers;
 count
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    10
(1 row)

orders=>
```

7. In Cloud Shell, open a new tab (**+**), get the current UTC time in RFC 3339 format. This is the timestamp you will use for the point-in-time replica that you will create in the next task.

date --rfc-3339=seconds

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orders-> INSERT INTO distribution_centers VALUES(-80.1918,25.7617,'Miami FL',11);
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM distribution_centers;
ERROR:  syntax error at or near "date"
LINE 1: date --rfc-3339=seconds
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 count
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    10
(1 row)

orders=>
```

8. In **psql**, to add a row to the orders.distribution_centers table and get the new COUNT, run:

INSERT INTO distribution_centers VALUES(-80.1918,25.7617,'Miami FL',11);

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM distribution_centers;

9. Exit **psql**:

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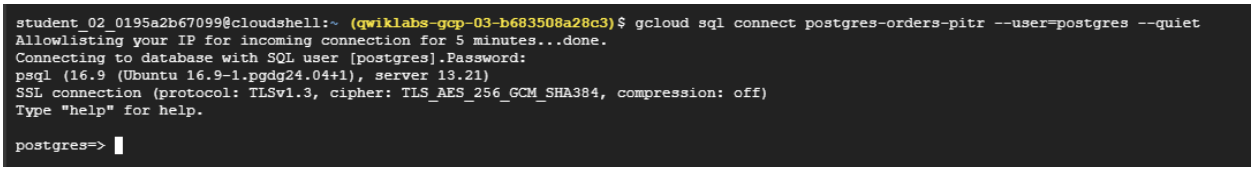
Perform a point-in-time recovery

In this step you will make a clone of the postgres-orders Cloud SQL instance at a specific point in time.



- In Cloud Shell, to create a point-in-time clone, run:

export NEW_INSTANCE_NAME=postgres-orders-pitr gcloud sql instances clone $CLOUD_SQL_INSTANCE $NEW_INSTANCE_NAME

--point-in-time 'TIMESTAMP'

You must replace the TIMESTAMP placeholder with the exact timestamp displayed by the date command you used earlier in the second Cloud Shell tab.

This TIMESTAMP must be UTC timezone, RFC 3339 format, for example, '2021-11-01 15:00:00'. The TIMESTAMP indicates the time to which you want to recover the state of the database. It should be enclosed in single quotes. The alternate RFC3339 variant is also supported: '2021-11-01T15:00:00.000Z'.

Task 3. Confirm database has been restored to the correct point-in-time

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In this task you will confirm that a row of data that was added to the original database after the point-in-time recovery timestamp is not in the cloned database.

1. In Cloud Console, on the **Overview** page, click the **All Instances** breadcrumb and then click on the Cloud SQL instance named postgres-orders-pitr.

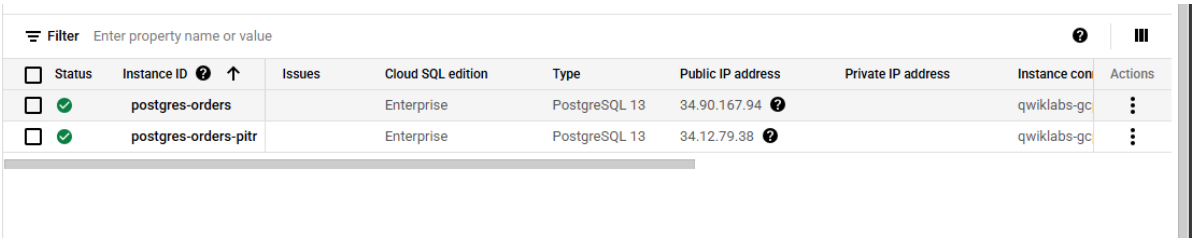
Now you will have to wait for the replica to come online.

2. In Cloud Console, in the Connect to this instance section, click **Open Cloud Shell**. A command will be auto-populated to the Cloud Shell.

3. Run that command and enter the password supersecret! when prompted. A **psql** session will start in Cloud Shell.

4. In **psql**, change to the orders database:

\c orders



5. When prompted, enter the password `supersecret!` again.
6. In **psql**, get the row count of the `distribution_centers` table:
   SELECT COUNT(*) FROM distribution_centers;

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You are now connected to database "orders" as user "postgres".
orders=> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM distribution_centers;
 count
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    10
(1 row)

orders=>
```

Results:

- Cloned database showed row count of 10 (original count)
- Confirmed that modification made after specified timestamp was not present
- Successful demonstration of point-in-time recovery

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrated:

1. Configuration of automated backups for Cloud SQL PostgreSQL
2. Implementation of point-in-time recovery
3. Verification that the recovery process correctly restored the database to the specified point in time