

[Anthos](https://cloud.google.com/anthos/) (<https://cloud.google.com/anthos/>)

[Docs](https://cloud.google.com/anthos/docs/) (<https://cloud.google.com/anthos/docs/>) [Guides](#)

# Getting started with Anthos

Anthos is an application modernization and delivery platform offered by Google Cloud. Anthos is composed of several components that can all work together to help you build and manage modern hybrid applications across environments. This page explains how to get started.

## Before you begin

- [Create a Google Cloud project](#) (<https://cloud.google.com/resource-manager/docs/creating-managing-projects>). You might have access to a project if your company already uses Google Cloud. A project is required to use Google Cloud APIs and enable billing.
- Get a trial license and subscription. [Contact your Google Cloud account team](#) (<https://cloud.google.com/contact>).

## Technical requirements

Some Anthos components have specific software requirements. Review each component's documentation and be sure you can meet those requirements.

For example, GKE On-Prem has the following requirements:

- A [VMware vSphere 6.5 or 6.7 Update 3](https://www.vmware.com/products/vsphere.html) (<https://www.vmware.com/products/vsphere.html>) environment, which includes vSphere, vCenter, and vSphere ESXI.

- A layer 4 network load balancer. By default, Anthos integrates with [F5 BIG-IP](https://www.f5.com/products/big-ip-services) (https://www.f5.com/products/big-ip-services) versions 12 or 13. You can also choose to [enable manual load balancing](https://cloud.google.com/gke-on-prem/docs/how-to/installation/manual-lb) (https://cloud.google.com/gke-on-prem/docs/how-to/installation/manual-lb) and use your own L4 load balancer.

## Try out Anthos

To try out Anthos and to learn about starting a trial, reach out to your Google representative.

## What's next

- [Read the Anthos technical overview](https://cloud.google.com/anthos/docs/concepts/overview) (https://cloud.google.com/anthos/docs/concepts/overview)
- [Read Anthos components' documentation](https://cloud.google.com/anthos/docs/components) (https://cloud.google.com/anthos/docs/components).

---

*Except as otherwise noted, the content of this page is licensed under the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 License](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/) (https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/), and code samples are licensed under the [Apache 2.0 License](https://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0) (https://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0). For details, see our [Site Policies](https://developers.google.com/terms/site-policies) (https://developers.google.com/terms/site-policies). Java is a registered trademark of Oracle and/or its affiliates.*

*Last updated January 13, 2020.*