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When you create a Cloud SQL instance, you choose a *region* where the instance and its data are stored. To reduce latency and increase availability, choose the same region for your data and your Compute Engine instances, App Engine apps, and other services.

There are different location types:

A [regional location](#location-r) is a specific geographic place, such as London.

A [multi-regional location](#location-mr) is a large geographic area, such as the United States, that contains at least two geographic places. Multi- regional locations are only used for backups.

Regional locations are specific geographic locations within a multi-region location. You can create a Cloud SQL instance in the following regions:

Region Name	Region Description
North America	
northamerica-northeast1	Montréal
us-central1	Iowa
us-east1	South Carolina
us-east4	Northern Virginia
us-west1	Oregon
us-west2	Los Angeles
South America	
southamerica-east1	São Paulo

	Region Name	Region Description
Europe		
	`europe-north1`	Finland
	`europe-west1`	Belgium
	`europe-west2`	London
	`europe-west3`	Frankfurt
	`europe-west4`	Netherlands
	`europe-west6`	Zürich
Asia		
	`asia-east1`	Taiwan
	`asia-east2`	Hong Kong
	`asia-northeast1`	Tokyo
	`asia-northeast2`	Osaka
	`asia-northeast3`	Seoul
	`asia-south1`	Mumbai
	`asia-southeast1`	Singapore
Australia		
	`australia-southeast1`	Sydney

Multi-Region Name	Multi-Region Description
`asia`	Data centers in Asia
`eu`	Data centers in the European Union
`us`	Data centers in the United States

Zones are sub-locations within a region. For example, a zone named `us-central1-a` indicates a zone within the `us-central1` region. A zone is independent of other zones in the same region.

You can choose your zone to keep your Cloud SQL instance close to your other Google Cloud services. For highly-available instances (/sql/docs/postgres/high-availability) (regional instances), you can choose your primary zone, but not your secondary zone.

For more information about zones, see Geography and Regions (/docs/geography-and-regions).

- Get more information about building applications to meet your latency, availability, and durability requirements (/docs/geography-and-regions).

- See a worldwide region map (/about/locations/).