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# Instance locations

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## Beta

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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

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

### Multi-regional backup locations

Multi-Region Name	Multi-Region Description
asia	Data centers in Asia
eu	Data centers in the European Union

Multi-Region Name	Multi-Region Description
us	Data centers in the United States

## Zones

For more information about zones, see [Geography and Regions](https://cloud.google.com/docs/geography-and-regions) (<https://cloud.google.com/docs/geography-and-regions>).

## What's next

- Get more information about [building applications to meet your latency, availability, and durability requirements](https://cloud.google.com/docs/geography-and-regions) (<https://cloud.google.com/docs/geography-and-regions>).
- See a [worldwide region map](https://cloud.google.com/about/locations/) (<https://cloud.google.com/about/locations/>).

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