

Before you can use Cloud TPU resources to train models you must have a Google Cloud (GCP) account and have a project set up for that purpose.

Objective: Learn the steps required to set up a GCP account and a Cloud TPU project.

1. Set up a Google Cloud (GCP) account.
2. Set up a Cloud TPU project.
3. Enable billing for your Cloud TPU project.

You can set up a GCP account by creating a Cloud TPU project:

1. Go to the [Cloud Console](https://console.cloud.google.com/) (<https://console.cloud.google.com/>) and create a project.
2. While setting up your project, you will be asked to set up a billing account. You will only be charged after you start using Google Cloud resources. To learn more about billing, read the [Cloud Billing documentation](/billing/docs/) (</billing/docs/>).

Once you've set up your project and billing account, you can set up and initialize storage, Compute Engine VM, and Cloud TPU resources needed for Cloud TPU training and evaluation.

1. Learn about using [storage buckets](/tpu/docs/storage-buckets) (</tpu/docs/storage-buckets>).
2. Learn about [service accounts](https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/service-accounts) (<https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/service-accounts>) and granting storage buckets access to [TPU service accounts](/tpu/docs/storage-buckets) (</tpu/docs/storage-buckets>).

3. Learn how to create Compute Engine VM and Cloud TPU resources
(/tpu/docs/creating-deleting-tpus).