Tools used

1. Terraform is used to deploy the EKS cluster and the flask application
2. GitHub is used as the code repository.
3. GitHub registry is used to store the docker image
4. Docker is used to build the flask image
5. AWS is the cloud provider
6. “aws-vault” tool (https://github.com/99designs/aws-vault) to access the EKS cluster via CLI
7. Lens(https://k8slens.dev/) and kubectl CLI are used to access the EKS cluster for troubleshooting

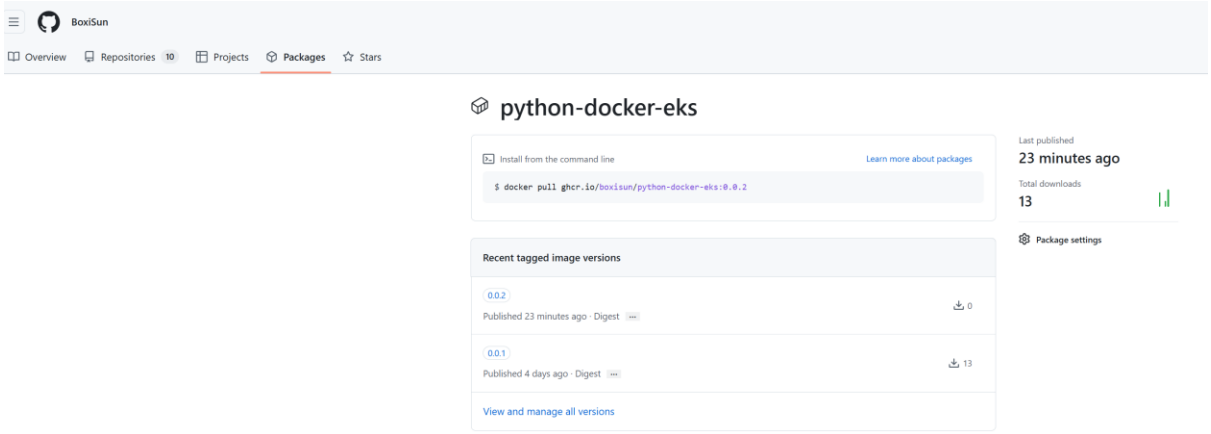
EKS cluster creation

The EKS cluster was created using Terraform.

1. Due to the security concern, an IAM user with permission to assume an IAM role will be used to deploy the cluster.
2. VPC, subnets and other network resources were created via the “vpc” module
3. EKS cluster and load balancer controller roles were created via the “eks” module

Python flask application build and deployment

The flask application was built and pushed to GitHub as a package. A self-signed certificate was generated for the application server. (I roll back in my test with the AWS certificate as different certificates used by ALB and flask server will cause 502 Bad Gateway)



The flask application was deployed to the EKS cluster using Terraform.

```
Apply complete! Resources: 10 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.

Outputs:

ingress = "flask-ingress"
namspace = "flask"
rbac_role = "flask_rbac_role"
service = "flask-svc"
service_account = "flask-sa"
```

```
C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\python-docker-eks\flask-app-deployment>kubectl get pods -n flask
NAME                                READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-5kqjh   1/1     Running   0          10m
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   1/1     Running   0          10m
```

A TLS certificate was generated in AWS Certificate Manager to enable HTTPS connection.

A DNS CNAME was created in the company hosted zone in another AWS account via Terraform

```
[root@ip-10-111-163-19 ec2-user]# curl https://flask.neon.markets
{"message: "Hello, world!"}[root@ip-10-111-163-19 ec2-user]# ^C
[root@ip-10-111-163-19 ec2-user]# curl http://flask.neon.markets
<html>
<head><title>301 Moved Permanently</title></head>
<body>
<center><h1>301 Moved Permanently</h1></center>
</body>
</html>
[root@ip-10-111-163-19 ec2-user]# curl https://flask.neon.markets
{"message: "Hello, world!"}[root@ip-10-111-163-19 ec2-user]#
```

Metrics server and horizontal pod autoscaling

The metrics server was deployed via “kubectl”

```
C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\python-docker-eks\flask-app-deployment>kubectl apply -f https://github.com/kubernetes-sigs/metrics-server/releases/latest/download/components.yaml
serviceaccount/metrics-server created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/system:aggregated-metrics-reader created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/system:metrics-server created
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/metrics-server-auth-reader created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/metrics-server:system:auth-delegator created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/system:metrics-server created
service/metrics-server created
deployment.apps/metrics-server created
apiservice.apiregistration.k8s.io/v1beta1.metrics.k8s.io created

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\python-docker-eks\flask-app-deployment>kubectl get deployment metrics-server -n kube-system
NAME             READY   UP-TO-DATE   AVAILABLE   AGE
metrics-server   1/1     1            1           91s

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\python-docker-eks\flask-app-deployment>kubectl top nodes
NAME                                            CPU(cores)   CPU%   MEMORY(bytes)   MEMORY%
ip-10-111-161-13.eu-west-1.compute.internal     30m          0%     627Mi           4%
ip-10-111-161-19.eu-west-1.compute.internal     29m          0%     657Mi           4%
ip-10-111-162-123.eu-west-1.compute.internal    34m          0%     627Mi           4%
ip-10-111-162-13.eu-west-1.compute.internal     26m          0%     630Mi           4%
```

```
C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\python-docker-eks\flask-app-deployment>kubectl top pods -n flask
NAME                                CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-5kqjh   2m           19Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   1m           18Mi
```

I run “while sleep 0.01; do wget -q -O- https://flask.neon.markets; done” in two sessions to trigger the horizontal autoscaling and monitor the resource usage

```
C:\Users\bsun\Projects>kubectl autoscale deployment flask-deployment -n flask --cpu-percent=2 --min=1 --max=10
horizontalpodautoscaler.autoscaling/flask-deployment autoscaled
```

Before scaling up:

```
C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl get hpa -n flask
NAME               REFERENCE                     TARGETS   MINPODS   MAXPODS   REPLICAS   AGE
flask-deployment   Deployment/flask-deployment   0%/2%     1         10        1          88m

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl top pods -n flask
NAME                                CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   1m           19Mi
```

After scaling up:

```
C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl get hpa -n flask
NAME               REFERENCE                     TARGETS   MINPODS   MAXPODS   REPLICAS   AGE
flask-deployment   Deployment/flask-deployment   7%/2%     1         10        3          92m

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl get hpa -n flask
NAME               REFERENCE                     TARGETS   MINPODS   MAXPODS   REPLICAS   AGE
flask-deployment   Deployment/flask-deployment   7%/2%     1         10        3          92m

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectel top pods -n flask
'kubectel' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl get hpa -n flask
NAME               REFERENCE                     TARGETS   MINPODS   MAXPODS   REPLICAS   AGE
flask-deployment   Deployment/flask-deployment   4%/2%     1         10        3          93m

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl get hpa -n flask
NAME               REFERENCE                     TARGETS   MINPODS   MAXPODS   REPLICAS   AGE
flask-deployment   Deployment/flask-deployment   3%/2%     1         10        5          93m

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl get hpa -n flask
NAME               REFERENCE                     TARGETS   MINPODS   MAXPODS   REPLICAS   AGE
flask-deployment   Deployment/flask-deployment   2%/2%     1         10        5          93m

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl top pods -n flask
NAME                                CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-7ptw9   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-bfx9m   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-cjhk2   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   21m          19Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-q622s   1m           18Mi
```

```
C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl top pods -n flask
NAME                                CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-7ptw9   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-bfx9m   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-cjhk2   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   20m          19Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-q622s   1m           18Mi

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl top pods -n flask
NAME                                CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-7ptw9   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-bfx9m   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-cjhk2   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   20m          19Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-q622s   1m           18Mi

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl top pods -n flask
NAME                                CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-7ptw9   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-bfx9m   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-cjhk2   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   21m          19Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-q622s   1m           18Mi

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl top pods -n flask
NAME                                CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-7ptw9   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-bfx9m   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-cjhk2   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   21m          19Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-q622s   1m           18Mi

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl top pods -n flask
NAME                                CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-7ptw9   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-bfx9m   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-cjhk2   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   21m          19Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-q622s   1m           18Mi

C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\sharedservices-platform>kubectl top pods -n flask
NAME                                CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-7ptw9   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-bfx9m   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-cjhk2   1m           18Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-clc4m   21m          19Mi
flask-deployment-7675c66c78-q622s   1m           18Mi
```

With an php-apache server however, I could see that the workload are evenly distributed

kubectl apply -f https://k8s.io/examples/application/php-apache.yaml

kubectl run -i --tty load-generator --rm --image=busybox --restart=Never -- /bin/sh -c "while sleep 0.01; do wget -q -O- http://php-apache; done" (this is to trigger the scaling)

```
C:\Users\bsun>kubectl top pods
NAME                              CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
load-generator                    17m          0Mi
php-apache-598b474864-t5dv2       213m         11Mi

C:\Users\bsun>kubectl get hpa php-apache
NAME         REFERENCE                  TARGETS    MINPODS   MAXPODS   REPLICAS   AGE
php-apache   Deployment/php-apache      106%/50%   1         10        1          60s

C:\Users\bsun>kubectl top pods
NAME                              CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
load-generator                    17m          0Mi
php-apache-598b474864-2ssm6       225m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-5q4gd       184m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-t5dv2       314m         11Mi
```

```
C:\Users\bsun>kubectl top pods
NAME                              CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
load-generator                    19m          0Mi
php-apache-598b474864-2ssm6       182m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-5q4gd       191m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-8wrfm       118m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-fd525       116m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-t5dv2       314m         11Mi

C:\Users\bsun>kubectl top pods
NAME                              CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
load-generator                    19m          0Mi
php-apache-598b474864-2ssm6       182m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-5q4gd       191m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-8wrfm       118m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-fd525       116m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-t5dv2       314m         11Mi

C:\Users\bsun>kubectl top pods
NAME                              CPU(cores)   MEMORY(bytes)
load-generator                    19m          0Mi
php-apache-598b474864-2ssm6       182m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-5q4gd       191m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-8wrfm       118m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-fd525       116m         11Mi
php-apache-598b474864-t5dv2       314m         11Mi
```

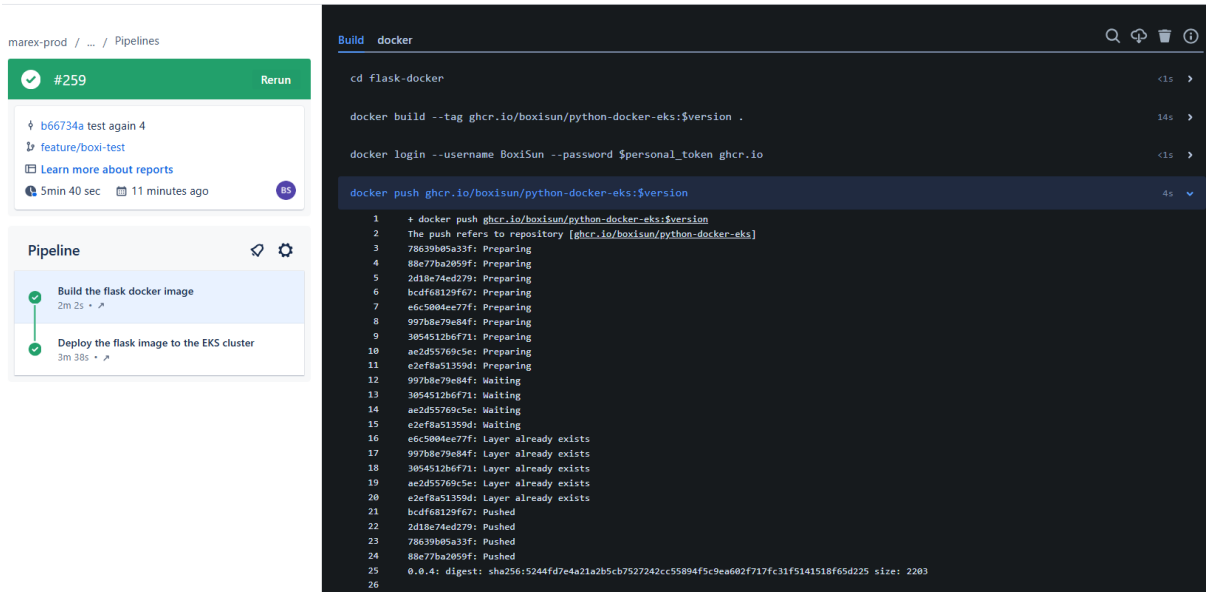
CICD with Bitbucket pipeline

Note: The Bitbucket pipeline requires the Bitbucket environment

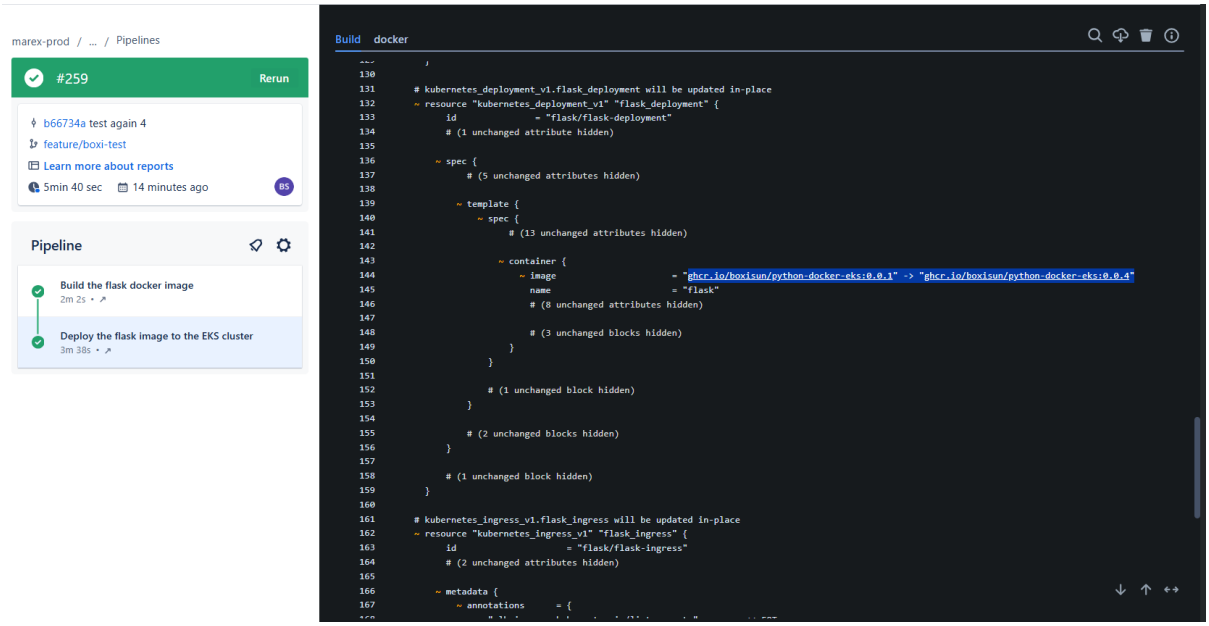
The build step is triggered when there is a file change in the folder below:

```
filter:
  includes:
    - "flask-app-deployment/*"
```

Bug: Pulling the image of the same version will not overwrite the existing one.



The deploy step:



After deployment:

```
[root@ip-10-111-163-19 ec2-user]# curl https://flask.neon.markets
{"message: "Hello, world!"}[root@ip-10-111-163-19 ec2-user]# curl https://flask.neon.markets
{"message: "Hello, world, test by Boxi!"}[root@ip-10-111-163-19 ec2-user]#
```

Argo CD

Argo CD is deployed to the EKS cluster by following the steps below:

1. Argo CD only works with yaml manifest files. I need to translate the terraform deployment code in the main.tf. The easiest way to do that is to run below command to export the flask deployment:
   kubectl get deploy -n flask -o yaml > flask-app-deployment/app_manifests/flask-deployment.yaml

   Note: The file exported contains some additional status information, I need to do some cleanup so that the file can be deployed. Try running "**kubectl apply -f flask-deployment.yaml**" until you get "deployment.apps/flask-deployment configured" without error.

2. Install argocd to the EKS cluster:
   kubectl create namespace argocd
   kubectl apply -n argocd -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/argoproj/argo-cd/stable/manifests/install.yaml

```
C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\python-docker-eks\flask-app-deployment>kubectl get pod -n argocd
NAME                                                READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
argocd-application-controller-0                     1/1     Running   0          53s
argocd-applicationset-controller-5ccbf46fd8-dqmjl   1/1     Running   0          54s
argocd-dex-server-7b6b9b5cb7-kl8x8                  1/1     Running   0          54s
argocd-notifications-controller-5b9566d4c7-ppbsp    1/1     Running   0          54s
argocd-redis-665dd47d9b-fr76d                       1/1     Running   0          54s
argocd-repo-server-fc97bfb4d-zdfpt                  1/1     Running   0          53s
argocd-server-69754c4fb-vv574                       1/1     Running   0          53s
```

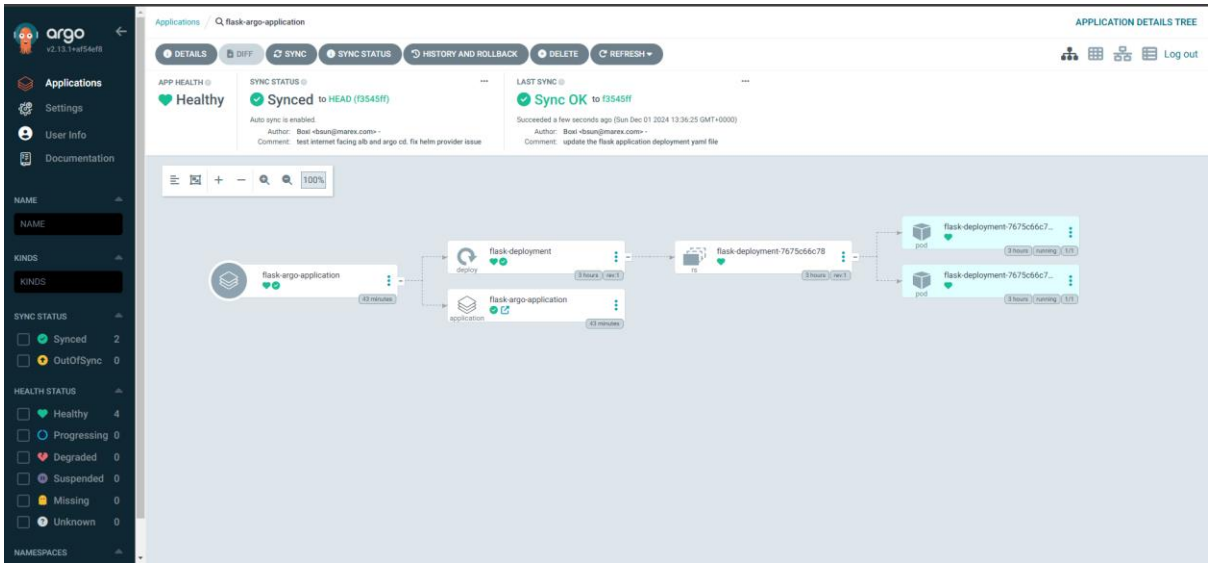
3. Start Argo CD on your local computer and get the passport of "admin" to login the console:
   kubectl port-forward -n argocd svc/argocd-server 8080:443
   kubectl -n argocd get secret argocd-initial-admin-secret -o yaml

```
C:\Users\bsun\Projects\migrated\python-docker-eks\flask-app-deployment>kubectl -n argocd get secret argocd-initial-admin-secret -o yaml
apiVersion: v1
data:
  password: ZkJJTEVQM3oxZDlwOXVzLQ==
kind: Secret
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: "2024-12-01T12:16:31Z"
  name: argocd-initial-admin-secret
  namespace: argocd
  resourceVersion: "29917"
  uid: 221f2642-4a38-4799-8248-29466c5463e7
```

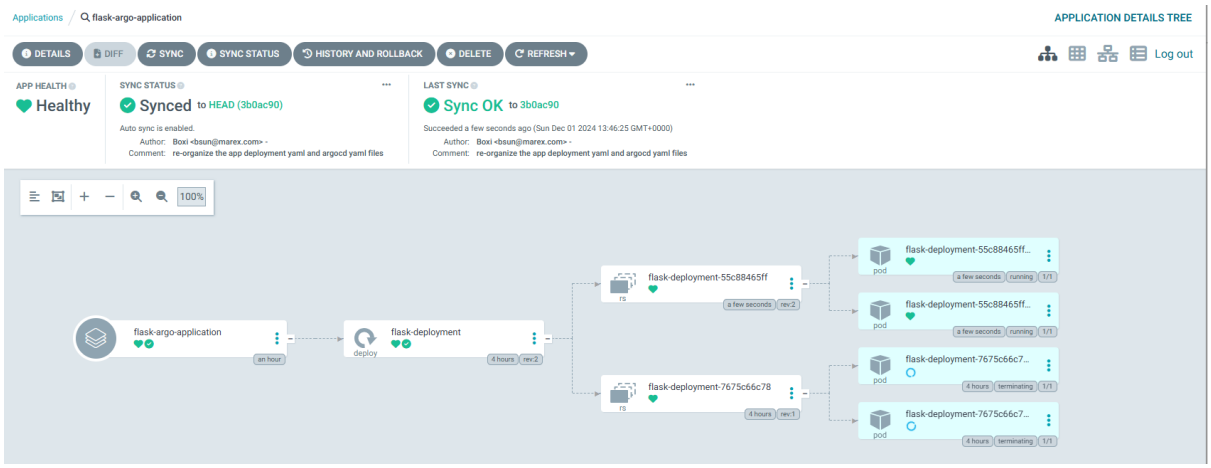
   echo ZkJJTEVQM3oxZDlwOXVzLQ== | base64 –decode

```
BSun@LDNSL4IT10 MINGW64 ~
$ echo ZkJJTEVQM3oxZDlwOXVzLQ== | base64 --decode
fBILEP3z1d9p9us-
```

4. Link the flask GitHub repository to argocd:
   kubectl apply -f flask-app-deployment/argocd/flask-argo-application.yaml



5. Update the image version in the **flask-deployment.yaml** file and verify the change (tested twice with version 0.0.4 and 0.0.3):



https://flask.neon.markets

Save | Share

GET https://flask.neon.markets Send

Params Authorization Headers (7) Body Scripts Tests Settings Cookies

Query Params

Key	Value	Description	Bulk Edit
Key	Value	Description	

Body Cookies Headers (5) Test Results 200 OK 172 ms 219 B Save Response

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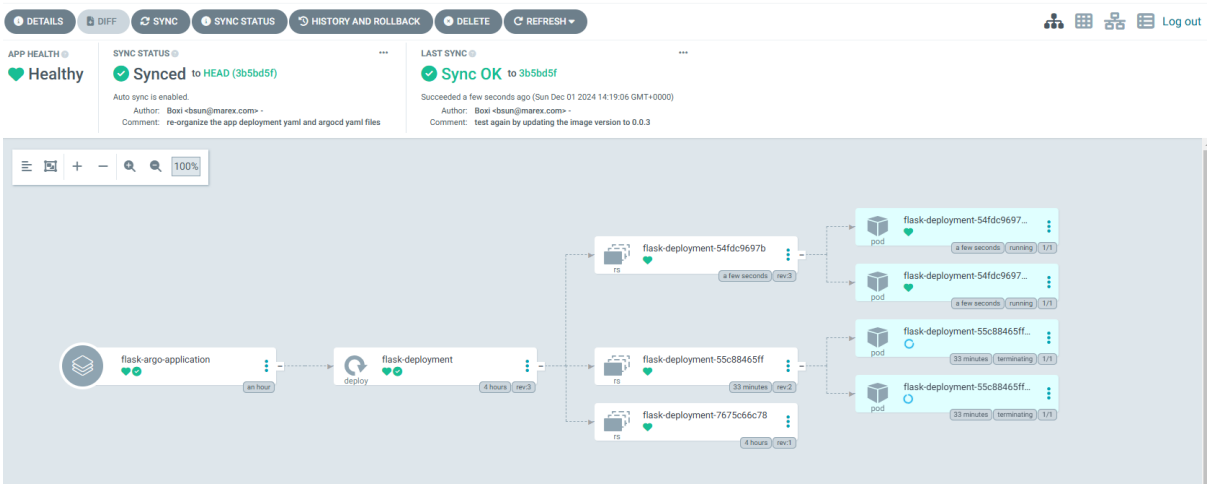
```
1 {"message: "Hello, world, test by Boxi!"}
```



GET https://flask.neon.markets Send

Params Authorization Headers (7) Body Scripts Tests Settings Cookies

Query Params

Key	Value	Description	Bulk Edit
Key	Value	Description	

Body Cookies Headers (5) Test Results 200 OK 180 ms 226 B Save Response

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```
1 {"message: "Hello, world, test by Boxi, again!"}
```

Issue faced and solutions applied

1. Can’t connect to the API group after creating the EKS cluster

Error:

C:\Users\bsun\Projects>kubectl get svc
E1124 17:59:53.250966 25816 memcache.go:265] couldn't get current server API group list: Get "https://90F2F70114A39F575C0197231A604818.gr7.eu-west-1.eks.amazonaws.com/api?timeout=32s": dial tcp 10.111.162.76:443: i/o timeout
E1124 18:00:23.260130 25816 memcache.go:265] couldn't get current server API group list: Get "https://90F2F70114A39F575C0197231A604818.gr7.eu-west-1.eks.amazonaws.com/api?timeout=32s": dial tcp 10.111.162.76:443: i/o timeout

Troubleshooting:

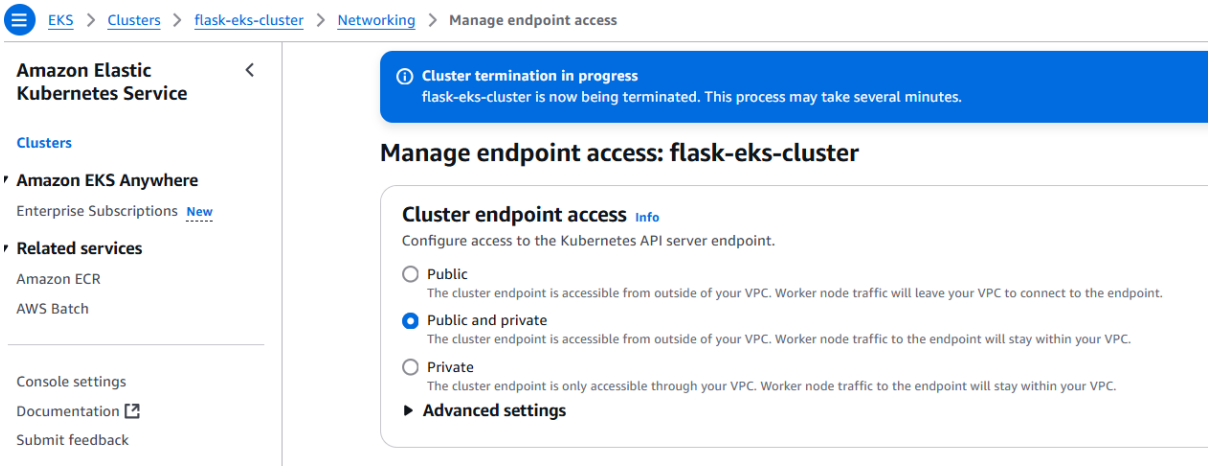
- Check the firewall (AWS security groups) and make sure they are not blocking my IP.

- Since the EKS cluster is deployed in private subnets, the endpoint access is set to “private” meaning that it could only be accessible from within the VPC.

Solutions:

Create an EC2 jumpbox in the same private subnet of the EKS cluster and confirmed that I could access the cluster

Per the document below, change the endpoint access from ”private” to “Public and private”.



2. Load balancer is not created and terraform creating ingress timeout

Error:

```
Error: Load Balancer is not ready yet

  with kubernetes_ingress_v1.sample_application_ingress,
  on sample_app.tf line 175, in resource "kubernetes_ingress_v1" "sample_application_ingress":
 175: resource "kubernetes_ingress_v1" "sample_application_ingress" {
```

Troubleshooting:

kubectl describe ingress sample-application-ingress -n sample-application

Solutions:

The error indicates that the alb couldn't find any subnet match. Per the document below, I choose to specify subnets as annotations

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/eks/latest/userguide/alb-ingress.html

- Your public and private subnets must meet the following requirements. This is unless you explicitly specify subnet IDs as an annotation on a service or ingress object. Assume that you provision load balancers by explicitly specifying subnet IDs as an annotation on a service or ingress object. In this situation, Kubernetes and the AWS load balancer controller use those subnets directly to create the load balancer and the following tags aren't required.
  - **Private subnets** – Must be tagged in the following format. This is so that Kubernetes and the AWS load balancer controller know that the subnets can be used for internal load balancers. If you use `eksctl` or an Amazon EKS AWS CloudFormation template to create your VPC after March 26, 2020, the subnets are tagged appropriately when created. For more information about the Amazon EKS AWS CloudFormation VPC templates, see Create an Amazon VPC for your Amazon EKS cluster.
    - **Key** – `kubernetes.io/role/internal-elb`
    - **Value** – `1`
  - **Public subnets** – Must be tagged in the following format. This is so that Kubernetes knows to use only the subnets that were specified for external load balancers. This way, Kubernetes doesn't choose a public subnet in each Availability Zone (lexicographically based on their subnet ID). If you use `eksctl` or an Amazon EKS AWS CloudFormation template to create your VPC after March 26, 2020, the subnets are tagged appropriately when created. For more information about the Amazon EKS AWS CloudFormation VPC templates, see Create an Amazon VPC for your Amazon EKS cluster.
    - **Key** – `kubernetes.io/role/elb`
    - **Value** – `1`

https://kubernetes-sigs.github.io/aws-load-balancer-controller/v2.2/guide/ingress/annotations/

- `alb.ingress.kubernetes.io/subnets` specifies the Availability Zone that ALB will route traffic to. See Load Balancer subnets for more details.

  You must specify at least two subnets in different AZ. both subnetID or subnetName(Name tag on subnets) can be used.

  Tip

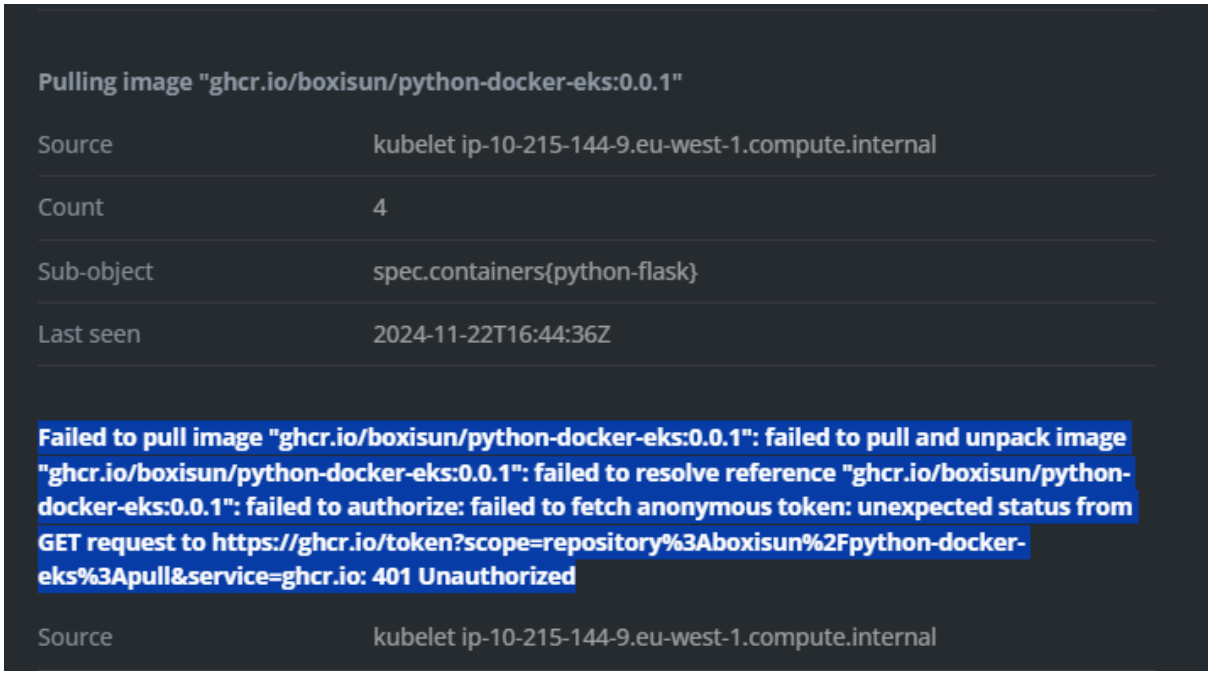
  You can enable subnet auto discovery to avoid specify this annotation on every Ingress. See Subnet Discovery for instructions.

  Example

  ```
  alb.ingress.kubernetes.io/subnets: subnet-xxxx, mySubnet
  ```

3. EKS failed to pull the docker image from github

Error:

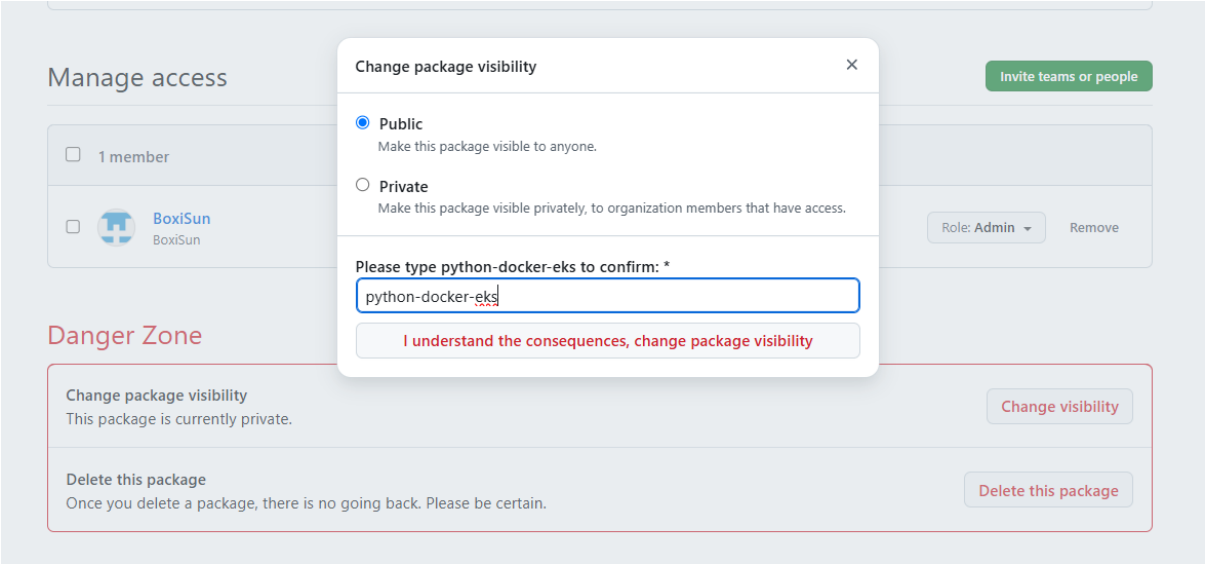


Troubleshooting:

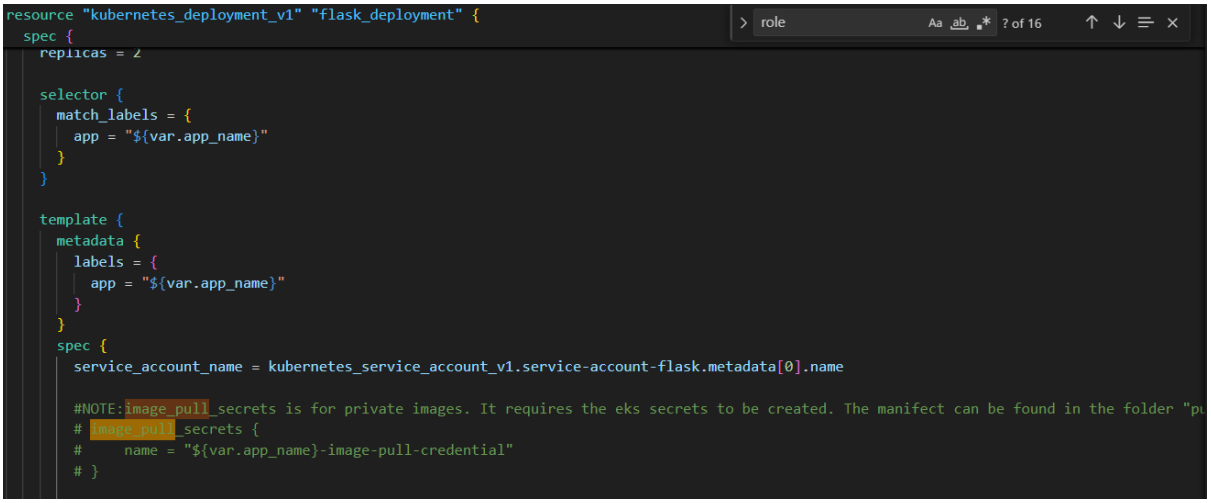
The error indicates that EKS failed to fetch the token and therefore not authorized to pull the image

Solution:

1. Change the flask image to be public:

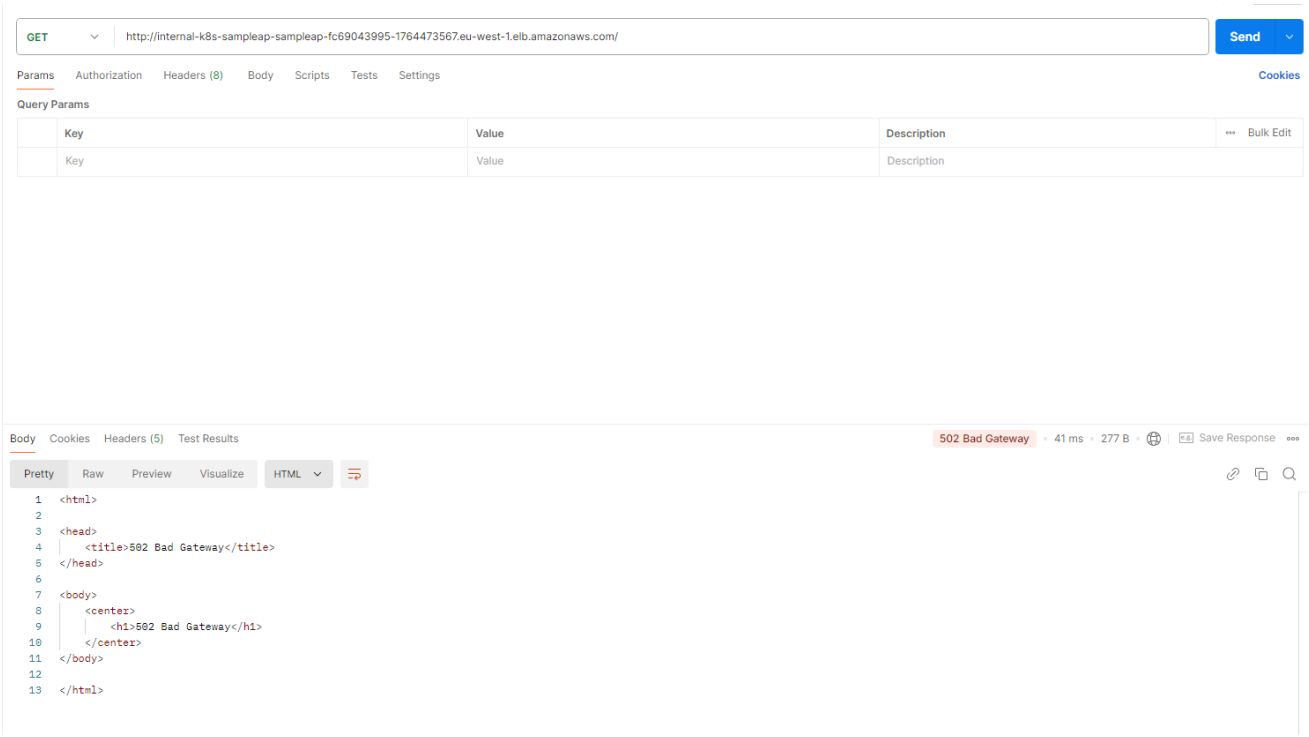


2. Create a personal access token and follow the steps in the document below to generate a dockerconfigjson secret. Apply the secret and add the “image_pull_secret” to the deployment terraform code:



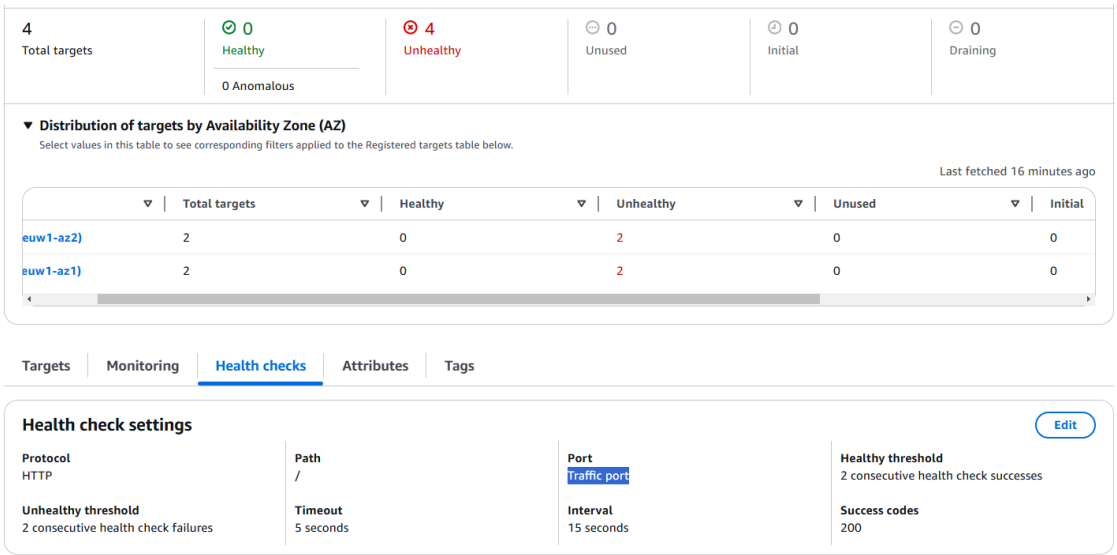
4. Failed with “502 Bad Gateway” when testing the endpoint:

Error:



Troubleshooting:

Check the status of the load balancer target group and find out that all instances are “unhealthy”. This means the health check failed.



In this case, the “Traffic port” of flask application is 5000. The deployment log confirms that:

kubectl logs -n sample-application sample-application-deployment-79c75f45b8-9rqv5

* Debug mode: off
WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a production WSGI server instead.
 * Running on all addresses (0.0.0.0)
 * Running on http://127.0.0.1:**5000**
 * Running on http://100.64.0.241:**5000**
Press CTRL+C to quit

Solutions:

I found from the terraform code that the container port and target_port were both 80. I updated them to 5000 and the issue was fixed

```
    spec {
      service_account_name = kubernetes_service_account.service-account-sample-app.metadata[0].name
      container {
        image = "ghcr.io/boxisun/python-docker-eks:0.0.1"
        name  = "python-flask"

        resources {
          limits = {
            cpu    = "0.5"
            memory = "512Mi"
          }
          requests = {
            cpu    = "250m"
            memory = "50Mi"
          }
        }

        port {
          container_port = 5000
        }
```

```
resource "kubernetes_service_v1" "sample_application_svc" {
  metadata {
    name      = "sample-application-svc"
    namespace = kubernetes_namespace.sample-application-namespace.metadata[0].name
  }
  spec {
    selector = {
      app = "nginx"
    }
    session_affinity = "ClientIP"
    port {
      port        = 80
      target_port = 5000
    }

    type = "NodePort"
  }
}
```

5. Pods reboot over and over again

Error:

```
Liveness probe failed: Get "http://10.111.161.34:80/": dial tcp 10.111.161.34:80: connect:
connection refused
```

Troubleshooting:

Similar to Issue 4, the port 80 in the error got my attention. Plus, the "initial_delay_seconds" and "period_seconds" setting are way too short.

Solutions:

I updated the terraform code and apply the change

```
~ liveness_probe {
  ~ initial_delay_seconds = 3 -> 10
  ~ period_seconds        = 3 -> 10
    # (3 unchanged attributes hidden)

  ~ http_get {
    ~ port   = "80" -> "5000"
      # (2 unchanged attributes hidden)
```