Canary Deployments

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Introduction

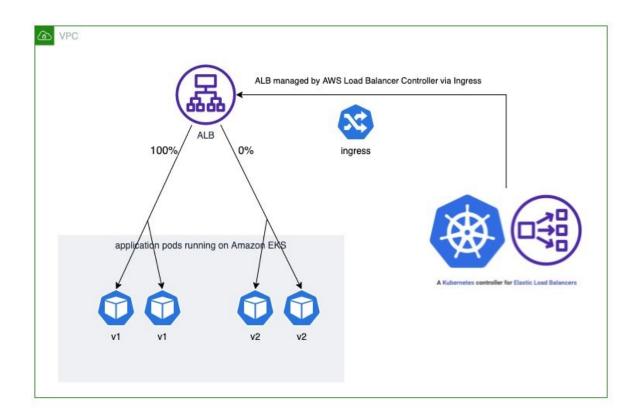
The following document describes the Canary deployment strategy at a high level. This deployment strategy falls under the <u>Reliability Pillar</u> of the <u>AWS Well-Architected Framework</u>. Specifically, <u>REL08-BP04 Deploy using immutable infrastructure</u>.

What is a Canary Deployment?

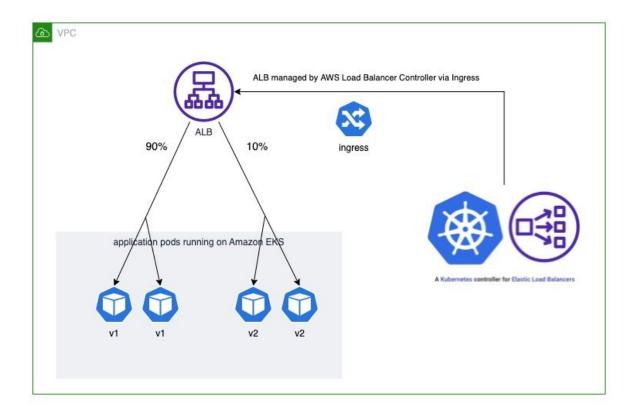
A canary deployment is a method of deploying software that exposes a new feature to an early sub-segment of users. The goal is to test new functionality on a subset of customers before releasing it to the entire user base.

Architecture

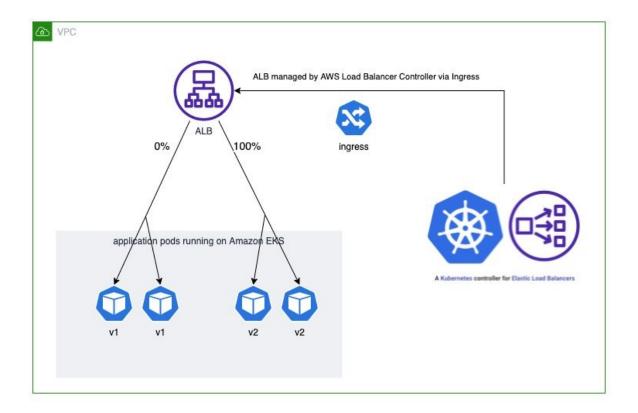
The following diagrams illustrate the Canary deployment strategy. In this example, v1 of the application is taking 100% of the traffic. Traffic is being controlled by the AWS Load Balancer Controller via Kubernetes Ingress.



After v2 of the application has been deployed along side of v2, 10% of the traffic is shifted over to v2 with v1 taking 90%.



If testing is successful, 100% of the traffic can be shifted over to $\nu 2$ of the application.



Supporting Documentation

- To read more about the Canary deployment strategy using the AWS Load Balancer Controller reference the AWS Blog Post <u>Using AWS</u> <u>Load Balancer Controller for blue/green deployment, canary</u> <u>deployment and A/B testing.</u>
- <u>Codefresh.io</u> also has a in depth guide on Canary deployments in the article <u>What is Canary Deployment?</u>

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