

Introduction to Cloud Provisioning with Terraform

Introductions

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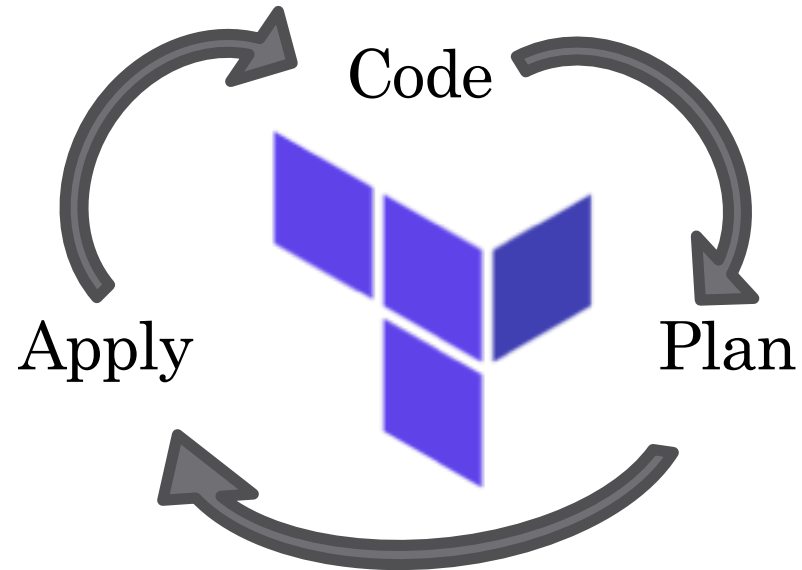
A better way?

- Terraform released in July 2014
- Built to make provisioning infrastructure declarable and flexible
 - a universal workflow
 - strong ecosystem of supported integrations
 - mixing vendors' solutions is possible with the same workflow and tooling
- YAML and JSON... are often frustrating
 - HCL introduced

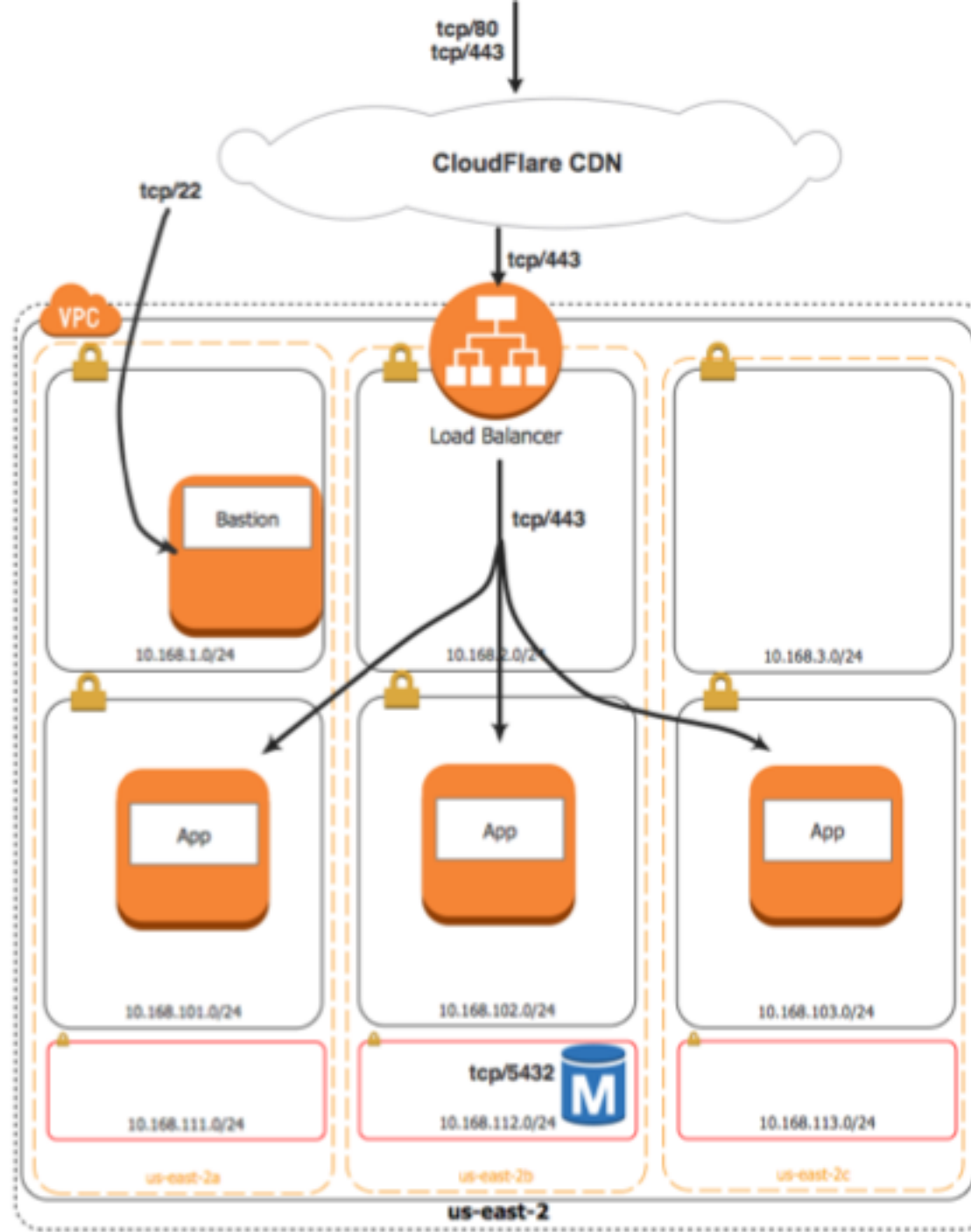
Terminology: a crash course

- Providers offer technology integrations and functionality
 - largely by wrapping third-party APIs
- Resources and Data Sources are made available via a *Provider* and are the building blocks used to codify and manage our infrastructure
 - made reusable via Modules
- Terraform has State which is at the heart of it's declarative nature and ability to manage the lifecycle of resources under it's control
- Terraform Variables serve as parameters to resources or modules
 - can be set at runtime, determined by a data source, or be configured on a per-environment basis to help keep code reusable and flexible

Terraform Workflow



Scenario



Okayokay... but

How?

How to draw an owl

1.



1. Draw some circles

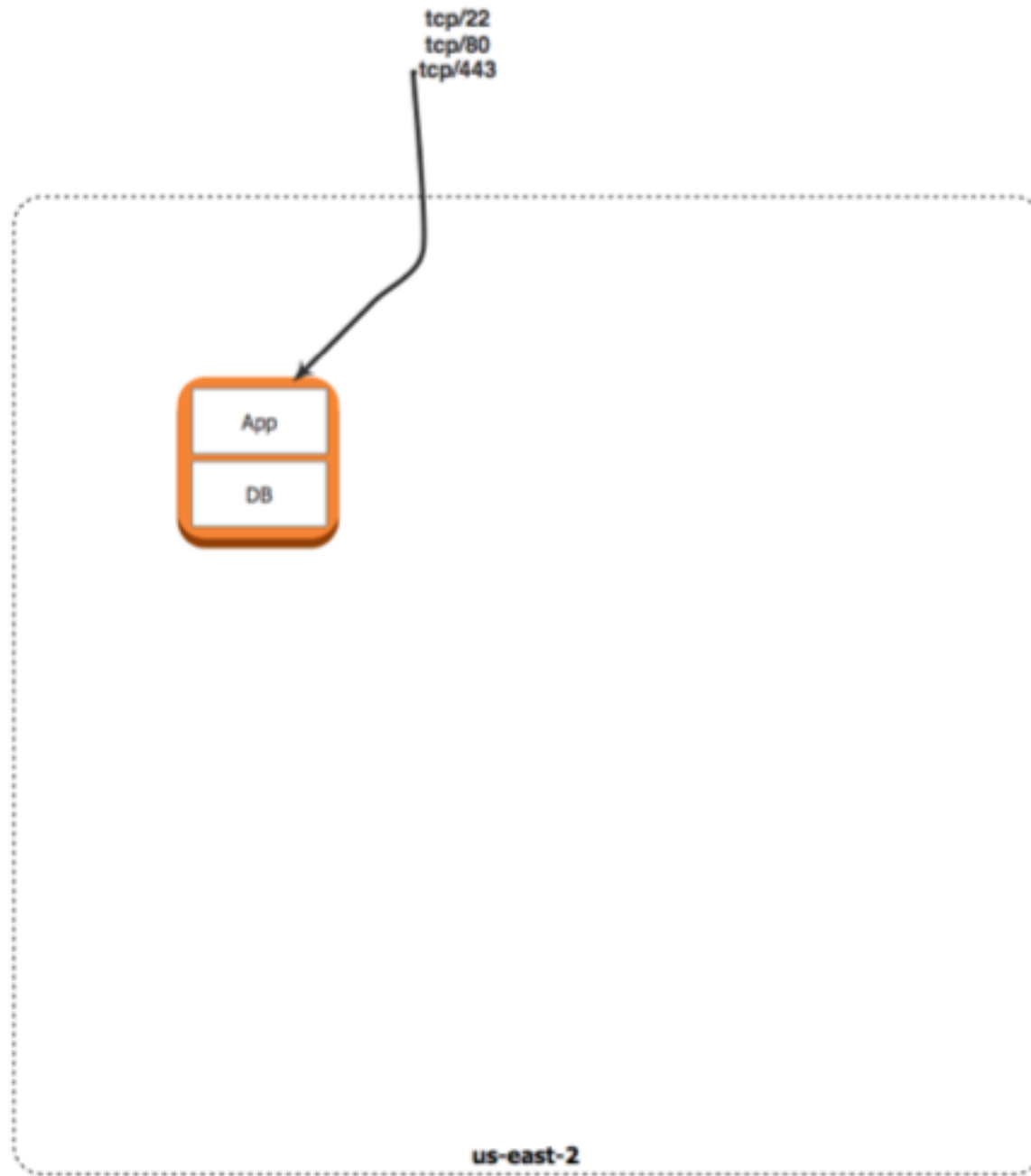
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2. Draw the rest of the fucking owl

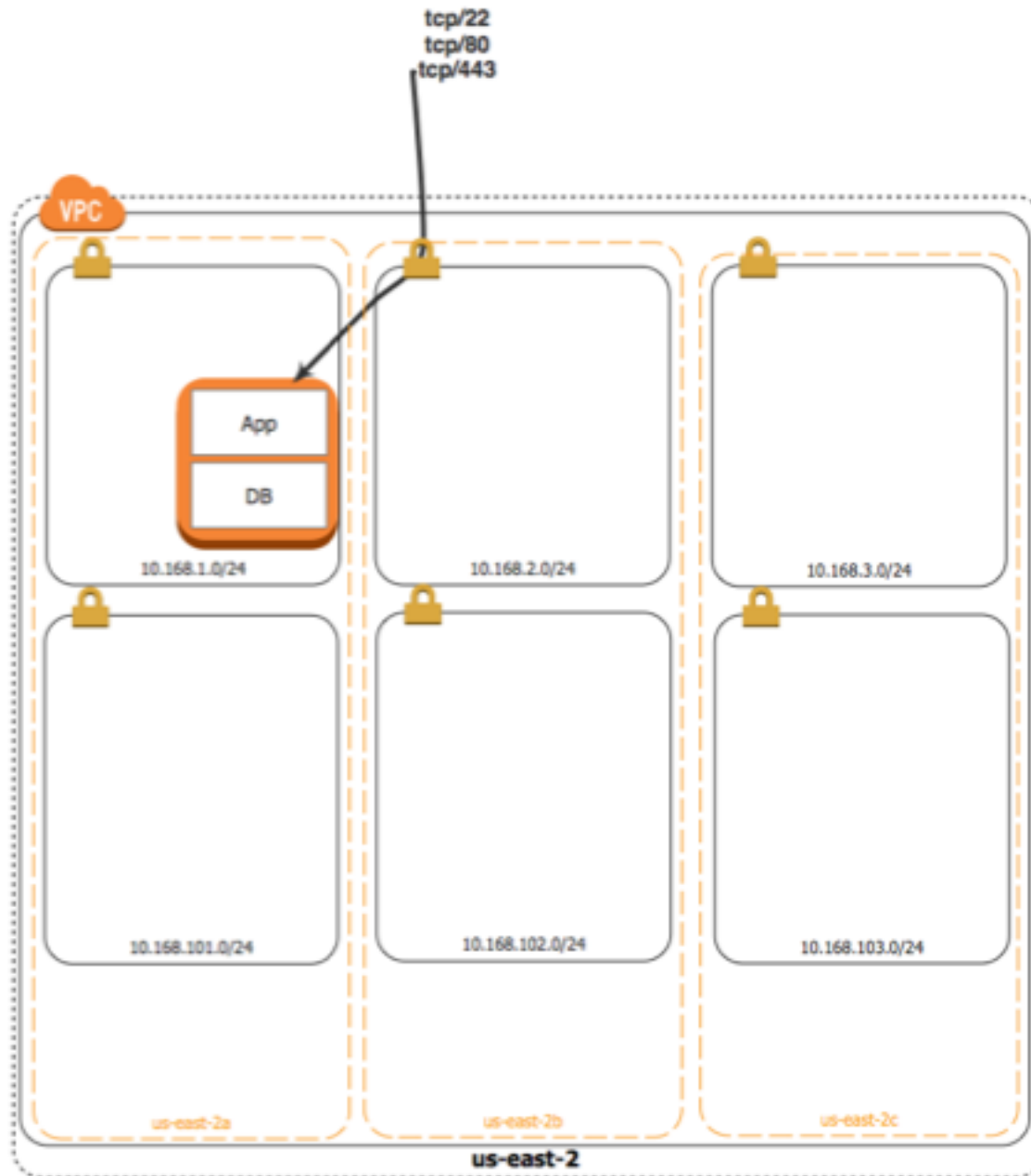
Milestone 1

Flag on the Moon



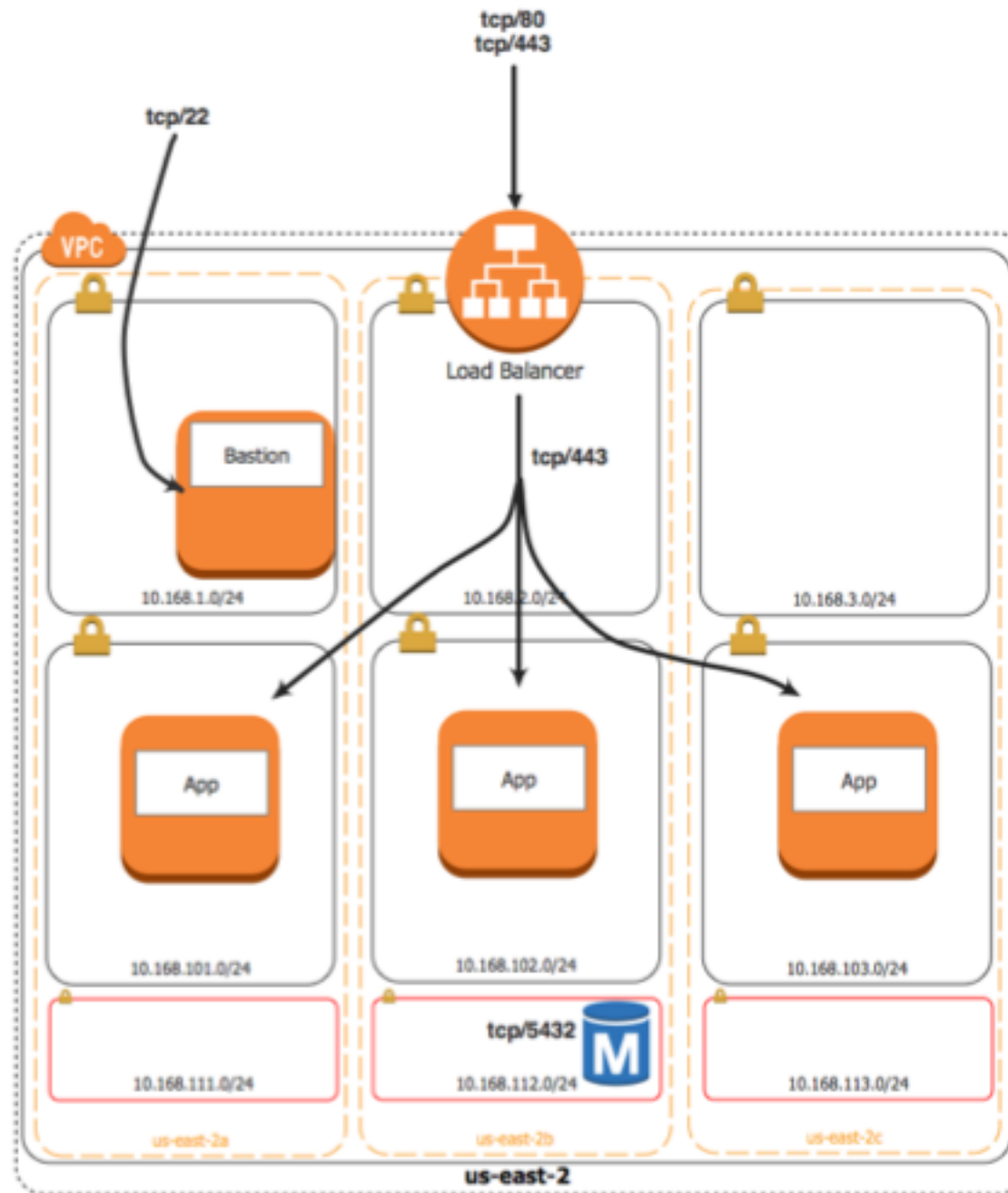
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VPCs with a little help from our friends?



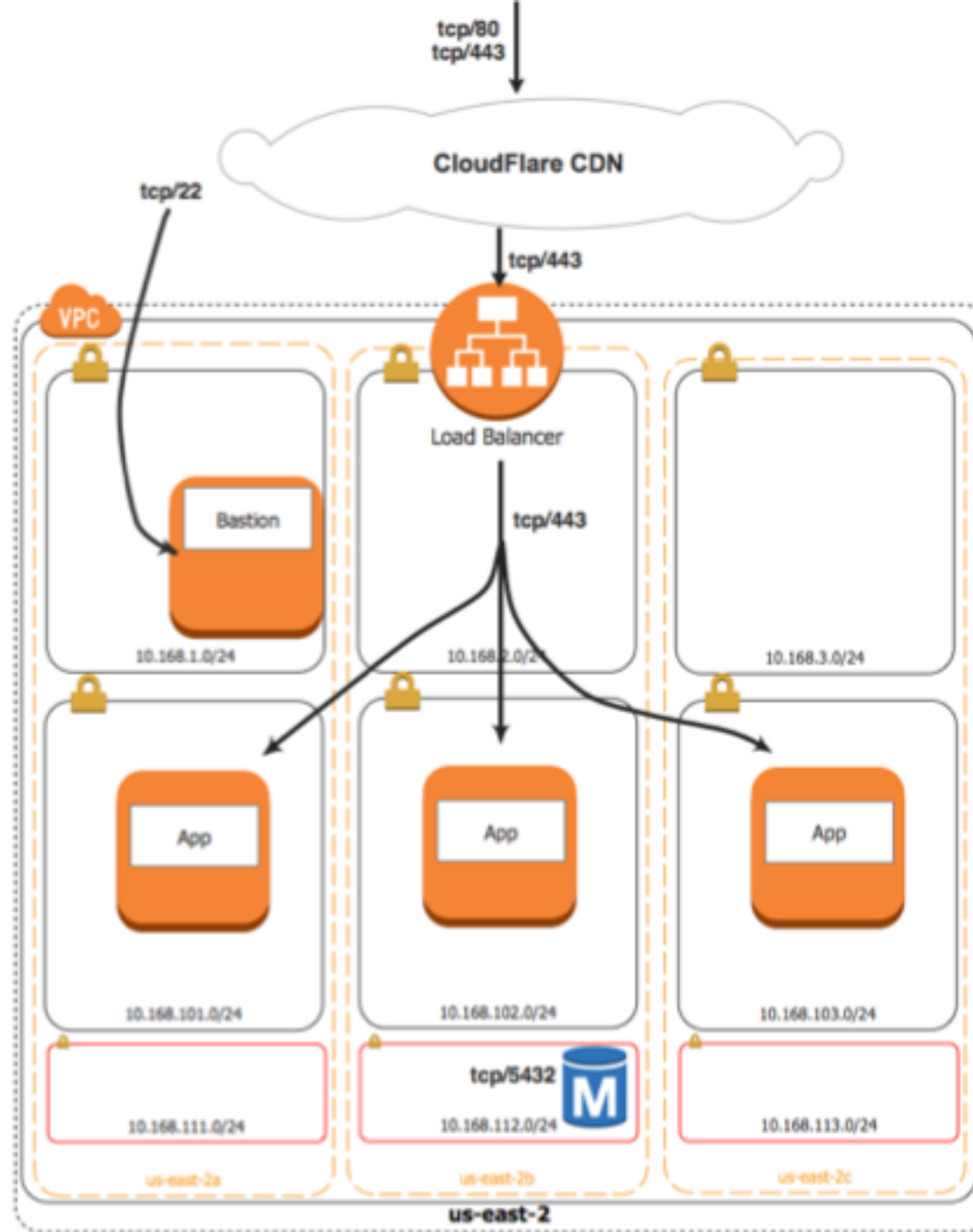
Milestone 3

Scalin' up, and scalin' out



Milestone 4

#goals?



Next steps

- Browse the documentation for the AWS Provider
 - Or for your cloud platform of choice
- Read up on Remote State management
 - Essential for working in team!
- Browse the Public Module Registry at registry.terraform.io
 - Many modules serve as a great starting place for your own code
- Try writing your own “app” module
- Have fun!

Questions?

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