

Blue-Green

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Estimated Time: 25 minutes

Requirements

Lab Requirements (</pivotal-cloud-foundry-developer/requirements/lab>)

What you will learn

- How to manage an application upgrade with a blue-green deployment

Exercises

Setup

1) To simulate a blue-green deployment, first scale `articulate` to multiple instances.

```
$ cf scale articulate -i 2
```

Perform a Blue-Green Deployment

1) Read about using Blue-Green Deployments to reduce downtime and risk (<https://docs.pivotal.io/pivotalcf/devguide/deploy-apps/blue-green.html>).

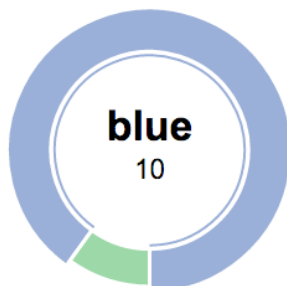
2) Browse to the `articulate` Blue-Green page.



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How hard it is for you to upgrade your application with minimal downtime?

This page shows the load balancing between application versions based on route mappings. [See more in the description.](#)

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Application Environment Information

Application Name: articulate

Instance Index: 0

Container Address: 10.254.0.54:8080

Cell Address: 10.10.115.39:60617

Java Version: 1.8.0_71

Services

user-provided: attendee-service

Description

3) Lets assume that the deployed application is version 1. Let's generate some traffic. Press the Start button.

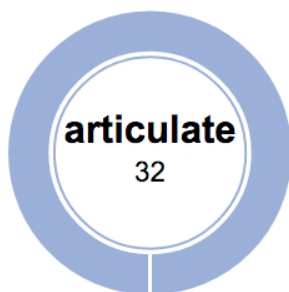
Leave this open as a dedicated tab in your browser. We will come back to this later.

4) Observe our existing application handling all the web requests.



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Application Environment Information

Application Name: articulate

Instance Index: 1

Container Address: 10.254.1.2:8080

Cell Address: 10.10.114.71:60747

Java Version: 1.8.0_71

Services

user-provided: attendee-service

Description

5) Record the subdomain (host) for the articulate application.

This is our production route. *You will use this in the next step.*

For example:

```
$ cf routes

Getting routes as droberts@pivotal.io ...

space    host                                domain
        apps
dev      articulate-heartsickening-elegance  pcfi1.fe.gopivota
l.com    articulate
```

6) Now let's push the next version of articulate .

However, this time we will specify the subdomain by appending `-temp` to our production route.

For example (your subdomain will be different):

```
$ cd ~/pcf-developer-workshop/articulate/
$ cf push articulate-v2 -p ./articulate-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar -m 512M -n art
iculate-heartsickening-elegance-temp --no-start
```

7) Bind articulate-v2 to the attendee-service user provided service.

```
$ cf bind-service articulate-v2 attendee-service
```


You can ignore the “TIP: Use ‘cf restage articulate-v2’ to ensure your env variable changes take effect” message at this time.

8) Start the application.

```
$ cf start articulate-v2
```

9) Now we have two versions of our app deployed.

Open a new tab and view version 2 of `articulate` in your browser. Take note of the application name.


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Welcome to Articulate!

The purpose of this application is to articulate some basic concepts and capabilities of the Pivotal Cloud Foundry platform, specifically the Elastic Runtime which is responsible for running application workloads.

Application Architecture

`articulate` is a web application that exposes friendly, browsable user interface. However, it does not work with data directly. It depends on the `attendee-service` application to manage data. The `attendee-service` persists data to a MySQL database.



How to use this Application

Each menu item above links to a page that helps demonstrate a set of capabilities provided by the platform. The last item, Spring Boot, highlights capabilities that come with [Spring Boot](#) to help build production ready microservices in minutes.

Each page has the same layout with the Accordion control and up to 3 groups:

- Application Environment Information** - This provides information about the application environment when running inside PCF. You can see the Application Name, Container and Services information. This is useful to show things like load balancing, self healing, service binding among other things.
- Description** - additional context for the given page.
- The Twelve-Factor App** - a methodology for building modern, scalable applications. Links to applicable factors will be provided.

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Application Environment Information

Application Name: articulate-v2

Instance Index: 0

Container Address: 10.254.1.2:8080

Cell Address: 10.10.115.34:60809

Java Version: 1.8.0_71

Services

user-provided: attendee-service

Description

The 12 Factor App


At this point in the deployment process, you could do further testing of the version you are about to release before exposing customers to it.

10) Let's assume we are ready to start directing production traffic to version 2. We need to map our production route to `articulate-v2`.

For example (your domain and subdomain will be different):

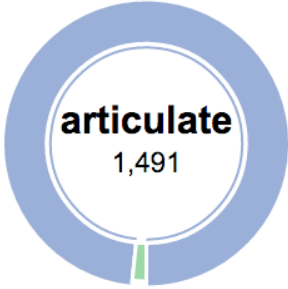
```
$ cf map-route articulate-v2 pcfi1.fe.gopivotal.com -n articulate-heartsi  
ckening-elegance
```

11) Return to browser tab where you started the load. You should see that it is starting to send requests to version 2.

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Application Environment Information

Application Name: articulate
Instance index: 1
Container address: 10.254.0.10:8080
Cell address: 10.68.104.29:60160

Services
Using embedded H2 DB

Description

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12) Press the **Reset** button, so we can see how the load get distributed across app instances.

If you are running with a similar configuration to this:

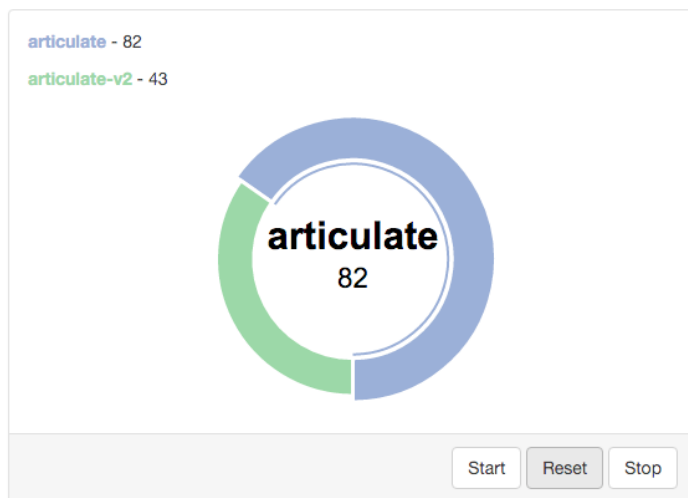
```
cf apps
Getting apps in org dave / space dev as droberts@pivotal.io...
OK
```

name	requested state	instances	memory	disk	url
ls					
articulate	started	2/2	512M	1G	
...					
articulate-v2	started	1/1	512M	1G	
...					

You should see about a third of the requests going to version 2.



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Application Environment Information

Application Name: articulate
Instance Index: 0
Container Address: 10.254.0.54:8080
Cell Address: 10.10.115.39:60617
Java Version: 1.8.0_71

Services

user-provided: attendee-service

Description

13) Move more traffic to version 2.

```
$ cf scale articulate -i 1
$ cf scale articulate-v2 -i 2
```

If you **Reset** the load generator, you will see $\frac{2}{3}$ of the traffic go to **articulate-v2**.


14) Move all traffic to version 2.

Remove the production route from the **articulate** application.

For example (your domain and subdomain will be different):


```
$ cf unmap-route articulate pcfi1.fe.gopivotal.com -n articulate-heartsickening-elegance
```

If you **Reset** the load generator, you will see all the traffic goes to **articulate-v2**.

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Application Environment Information

Application Name: articulate
Instance Index: 0
Container Address: 10.254.0.54:8080
Cell Address: 10.10.115.39:60617
Java Version: 1.8.0_71

Services
user-provided: attendee-service

Description

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NOTE: Refreshing the entire page will update the application name.

15) Remove the temp route from the **articulate-v2** application.

For example (your domain and subdomain will be different):


```
$ cf unmap-route articulate-v2 pcfi1.fe.gopivotal.com -n articulate-heart  
sickening-elegance-temp
```

Congratulations! You performed a blue-green deployment.

Questions

- How would a rollback situation be handled using a blue-green deployment?
- What other design implications does running at least two versions at the same time have on your applications?
- Do you do blue-green deployments today? How is this different?

Cleanup

Let's reset our environment.

1) Delete the `articulate` application.

```
$ cf delete articulate
```

2) Rename `articulate-v2` to `articulate`.

```
$ cf rename articulate-v2 articulate
```

3) Restart `articulate`.

```
$ cf restart articulate
```

4) Scale down.

```
$ cf scale articulate -i 1
```

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