



# Kubernetes Failure Stories

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ROPE/SUNRISE/BIG DOT SOCK 3 ...

£23.99

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**Happy Socks**  
BIG LUCK AND FADED DIAMOND ...

£15.99

NEW

**Becksöndergaard**  
DAPHNE BLOCK - Socks - cameo p...

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# ZALANDO AT A GLANCE

~ **5.4** billion EUR

revenue 2018

> 15.000

employees in  
Europe

> 79%

of visits via  
mobile devices

> 250  
million

visits  
per  
month

> 26

million  
active customers

> 300.000

product choices

~ 2.000

brands

17

countries

# SCALE

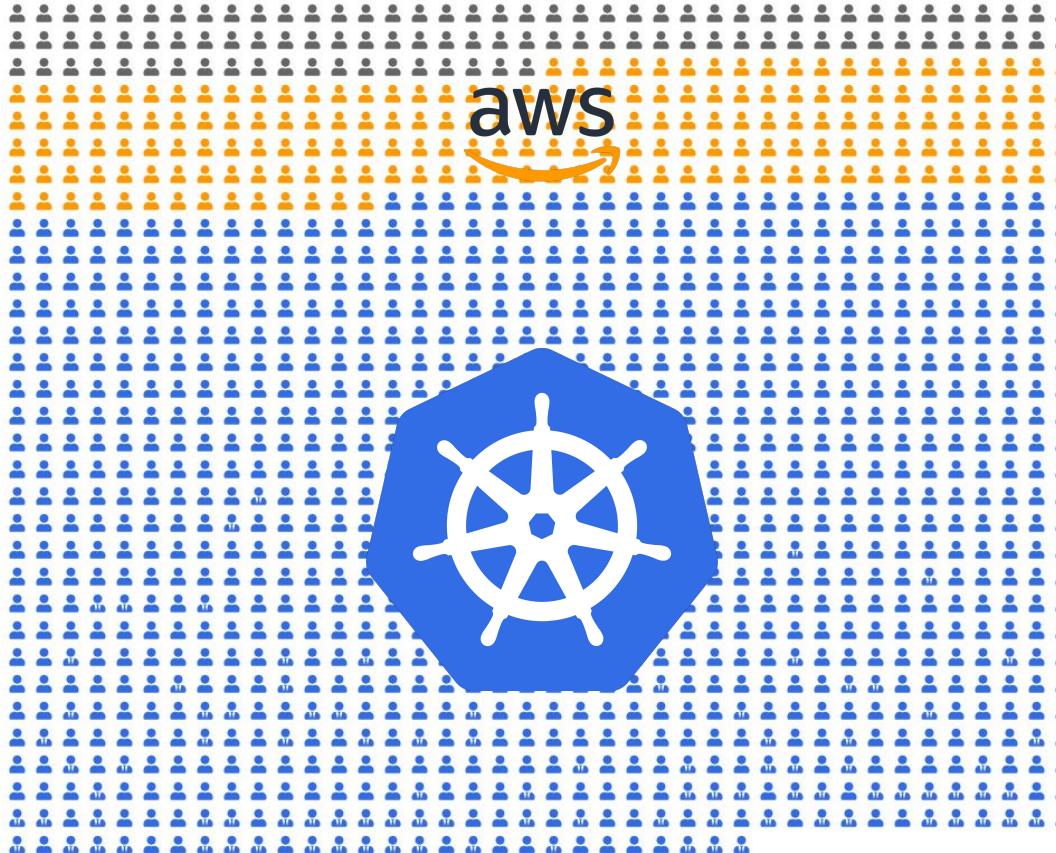
380 Accounts



118 Clusters



# DEVELOPERS USING KUBERNETES



zalando-incubator / kubernetes-on-aws

Code Issues Pull requests Actions Insights Settings

Branch: dev    kubernetes-on-aws / cluster / manifests / Create new file Upload files Find file History

mikkeloscar Merge pull request #2084 from zalando-incubator/update/ingress-ctl

Latest commit 1dadee a day ago

...

01-platformcredentialset	PCS: validate application name	17 days ago
01-vertical-pod-autoscaler	Updated VPA to version 0.4.0 and associated objects	a month ago
01-visibility	ZMON: use a user-defined priority class	9 months ago
admission-control	Update admission-controller & proxy	4 days ago
audittrail-adapter	Hostnetwork will take resolv.conf from host	2 months ago
cadvisor	ndots for kube-system	2 months ago
cluster-lifecycle-controller	Update CLC to master-4	2 months ago
coredns-local	Update CoreDNS to v1.4.0	2 months ago
cron	add cron namespace to all cluster, such that we can introduce best pr...	2 years ago
dashboard	ndots for kube-system	2 months ago
default-limits	Use the correct feature flag in default-limits	3 months ago
efs-provisioner	ndots for kube-system	2 months ago
emergency-access-service	Update EAS	a month ago
etcd-backup	ndots for kube-system	2 months ago
external-dns	Updated the VPAs to v1beta2	24 days ago
flannel	Update flannel-waiter	a month ago
heapster	Updated the VPAs to v1beta2	24 days ago
infrastructure-secrets	Add secret with cluster-inf secrets to default ns	a year ago
ingress-controller	update to hotfix release and remove quiet flag	a day ago
ingress-template-controller	Put ingress-template-controller behind feature toggle to gradually de...	a month ago
kube-cluster-autoscaler	Add support for customizable AZs	16 days ago
kube-dns-metrics	ndots for kube-system	2 months ago
kube-downscaler	kube-downscaler v0.12	a month ago
kube-jenitor	kube-jenitor v0.7	19 days ago
kube-job-cleaner	Add a feature toggle for disabling kube-job-cleaner	8 days ago
kube-metrics-adapter	Update to master-31	7 days ago
kube-node-ready	Allow updating kube-node-ready/kube-proxy	5 days ago
kube-proxy	Allow updating kube-node-ready/kube-proxy	5 days ago
kube-state-metrics	Add VPA to kube-state-metrics	7 days ago
kube-static-egress-controller	remove debug logging to reduce logs and fix restart problem caused by...	2 days ago
kube-system-system	Replace secretary with a 'static' docker config.	2 years ago
kube2iam	ndots for kube-system	2 months ago
kubernetes-lifecycle-metrics	Updated the VPAs to v1beta2	24 days ago
logging-agent	Fluentd config: turn off S3 bucket checks	23 days ago
metrics-server	Update metrics-server to v0.3.2, use RBAC	22 days ago
nvidia	Increase nvidia-driver-installer yet again	25 days ago
pdb-controller	ndots for kube-system	2 months ago
prometheus-node-exporter	Hostnetwork will take resolv.conf from host	2 months ago
prometheus	Update to Prometheus v2.9.2	9 days ago
psp	disallow privilege escalation for restricted policy	5 months ago
role	Squash all commits from rbac branch	5 months ago
skipper	add 4x the current buffer size which is less than 1Mi in total	23 days ago
storageclass	Update zones in 'standard' storage class	7 months ago
zmon-agent	Update zmon-agent	10 days ago
zmon-aws-agent	zmon-aws-agent: fix spurious describe_images calls	11 days ago
zmon-redis	ndots for kube-system	2 months ago
zmon-scheduler	ndots for kube-system	2 months ago
zmon-worker	Upgrade ZMON worker	16 days ago
deletions.yaml	Drop pod quotas in 'default' and "kube-system"	5 days ago



47+ cluster components



# INCIDENT

#1

# INCIDENT #1: CUSTOMER IMPACT

**PAYMENT METHOD**

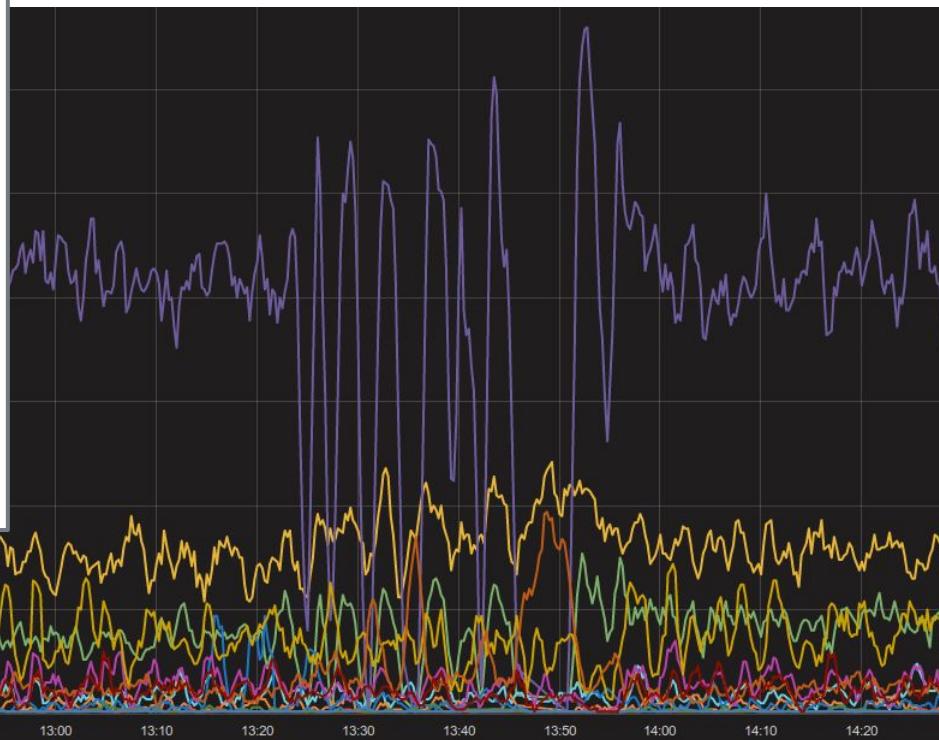
**Invoice (Free)**  
You will receive the invoice together with your delivery. Please transfer the invoice amount within 14 days to our account.

**Direct Debit (Free)**

**Credit / Debit Card (Free)** 

**PayPal (Free)** 

**Pre-payment (Bank Transfer) (Free)**



# INCIDENT #1: CUSTOMER IMPACT

PAYMENT METHOD

**Invoice / Cash**

You will receive the invoice together with your delivery. Please transfer the invoice amount within 14 days to our account.

**Direct Debit (Free)**

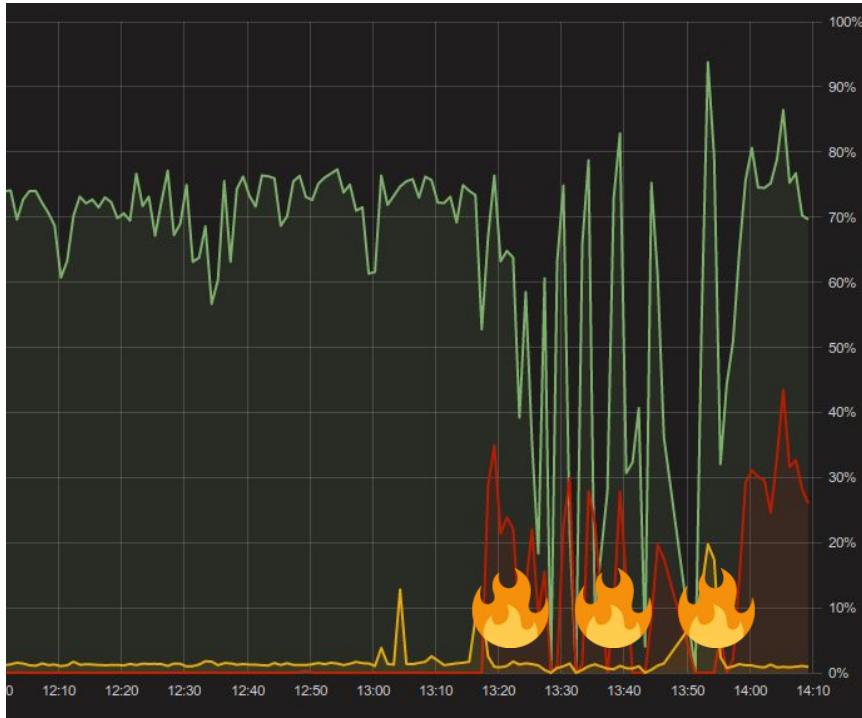
**Credit / Debit Card (Free)** 

**PayPal (Free)** 

**Pre-payment (Bank Transfer) (Free)**



# INCIDENT #1: INGRESS ERRORS



# INCIDENT #1: AWS ALB 502

Technical problem occurred: [org.zalando.riptide.NoRouteException: Unable to dispatch response: 502 - Bad Gateway {Server=[awselb/2.0], Date=[Tue, 09 Apr 2019 11:35:29 GMT],

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de.zalando.order.domain.logic.CatchAllLogger.log (line 24) ◆
org.zalando.riptide.NoRouteException: Unable to dispatch response: 502 - Bad Gateway
{Server=[awselb/2.0], Date=[Tue, 09 Apr 2019 11:35:29 GMT], Content-Type=[text/html], Content-Length=[138], Connection=[keep-alive]}
<html>
<head><title>502 Bad Gateway</title></head>
<body bgcolor="white">
<center><h1>502 Bad Gateway</h1></center>
</body>
</html>

    at org.zalando.riptide.Requester$ResponseDispatcher.lambda$dispatch$2(Requester.java:129)
    at org.zalando.fauxpas.ThrowingFunction.apply(ThrowingFunction.java:15)
    at java.util.concurrent.CompletableFuture.uniApply(CompletableFuture.java:602)
    at java.util.concurrent.CompletableFuture.uniApplyStage(CompletableFuture.java:614)
    at java.util.concurrent.CompletableFuture.thenApply(CompletableFuture.java:1983)
    at org.zalando.riptide.Requester$ResponseDispatcher.lambda$call$0(Requester.java:105)
    at org.zalando.riptide.OriginalStackTracePlugin.lambda$prepare$1(OriginalStackTracePlugin.java:16)
    at org.zalando.riptide.Requester$ResponseDispatcher.call(Requester.java:107)
    at org.zalando.riptide.Dispatcher.dispatch(Dispatcher.java:20)
    at org.zalando.riptide.Dispatcher.dispatch(Dispatcher.java:16)
    at org.zalando.riptide.Dispatcher.dispatch(Dispatcher.java:12)
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## 502 Bad Gateway

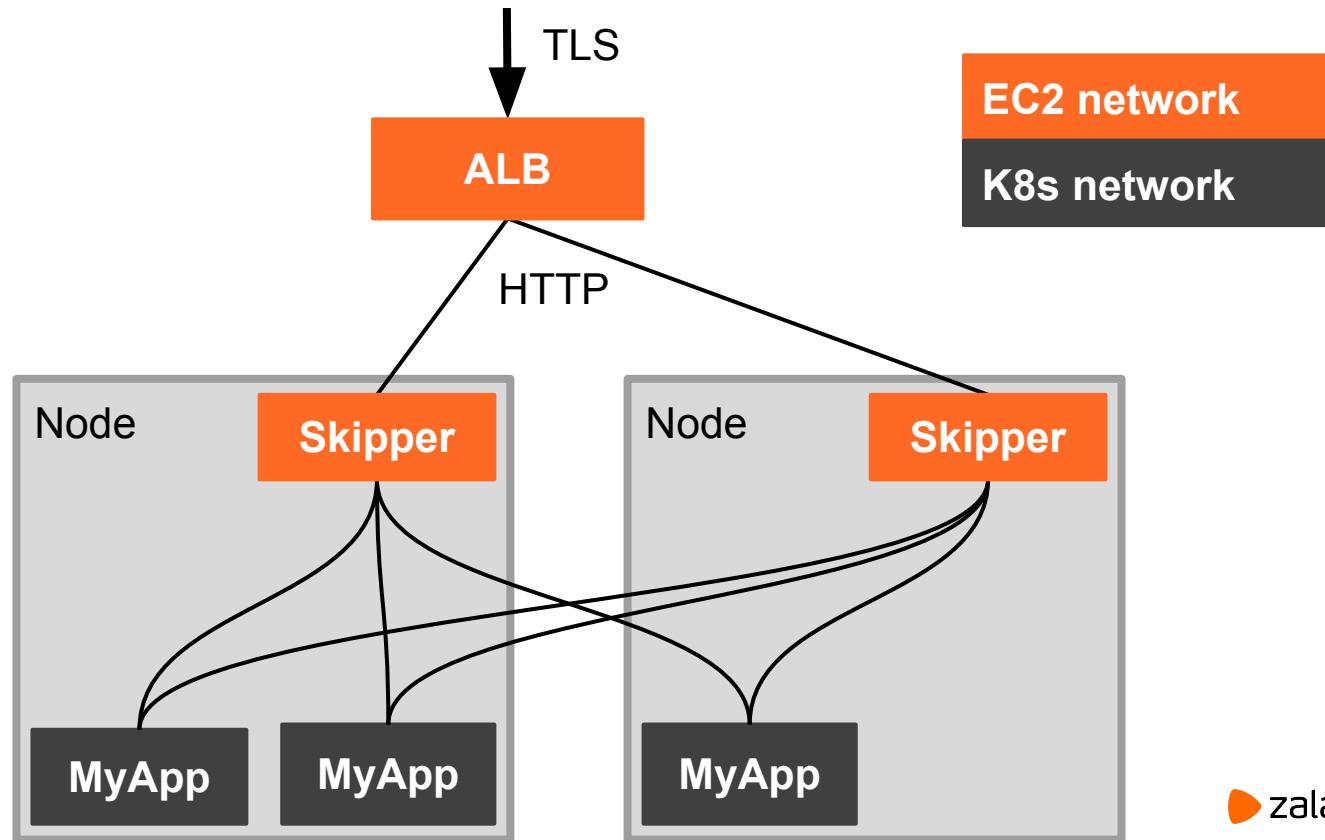
## Server: awselb/2.0

...

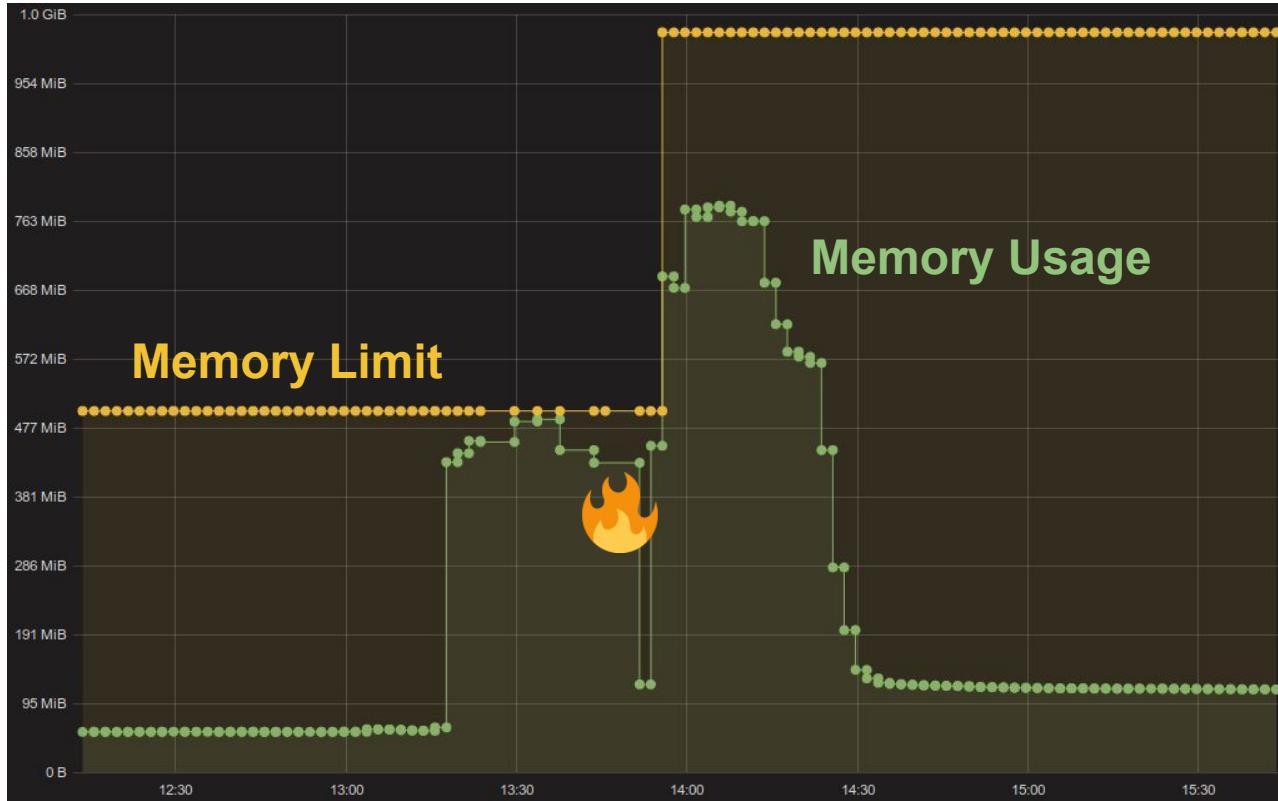
# INCIDENT #1: ALB HEALTHY HOST COUNT



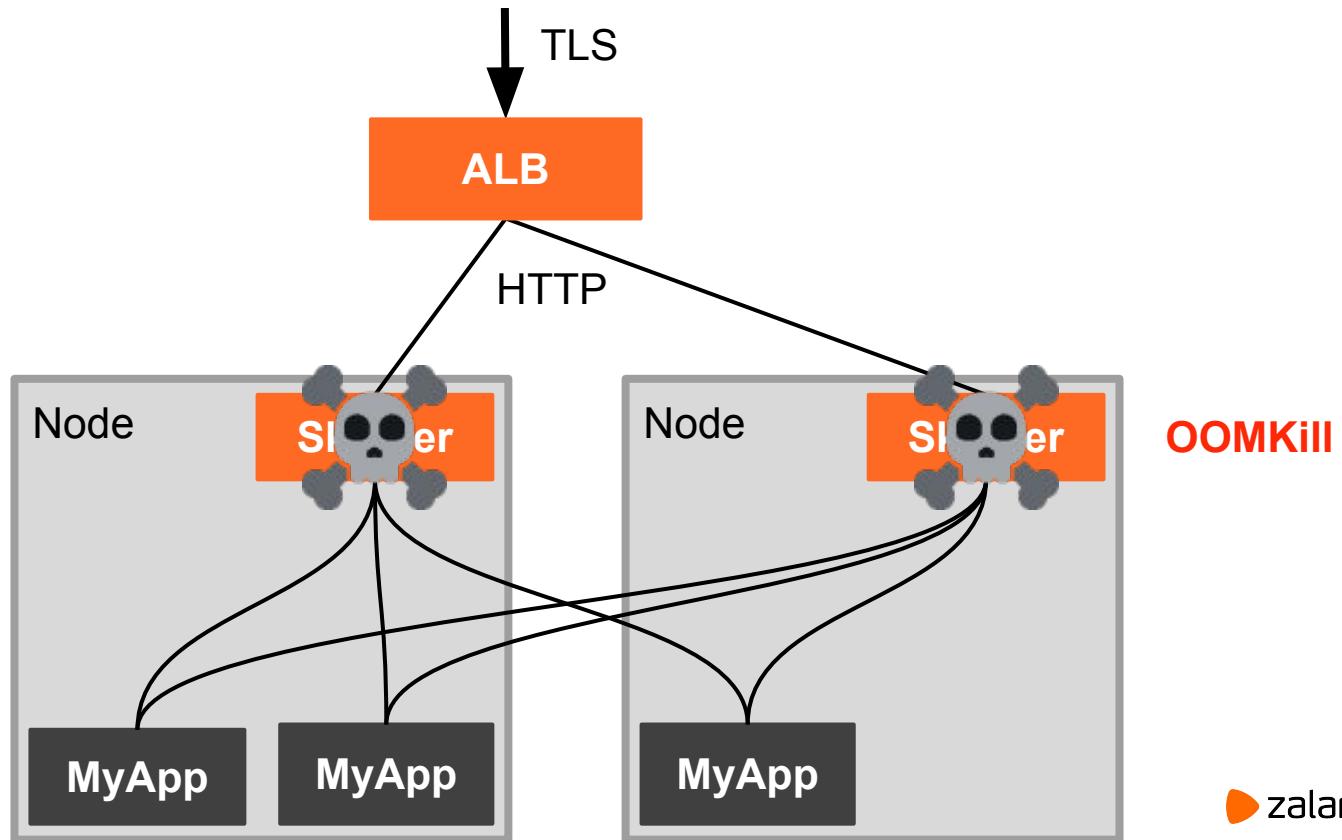
# LIFE OF A REQUEST (INGRESS)



# INCIDENT #1: SKIPPER MEMORY USAGE



# INCIDENT #1: SKIPPER OOM



# INCIDENT #1: CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- Shared Ingress (per cluster)
- High latency of unrelated app (Solr) caused high number of in-flight requests
- Skipper creates goroutine per HTTP request. Goroutine costs 2kB memory + `http.Request`
- Memory limit was fixed at 500Mi (4x regular usage)



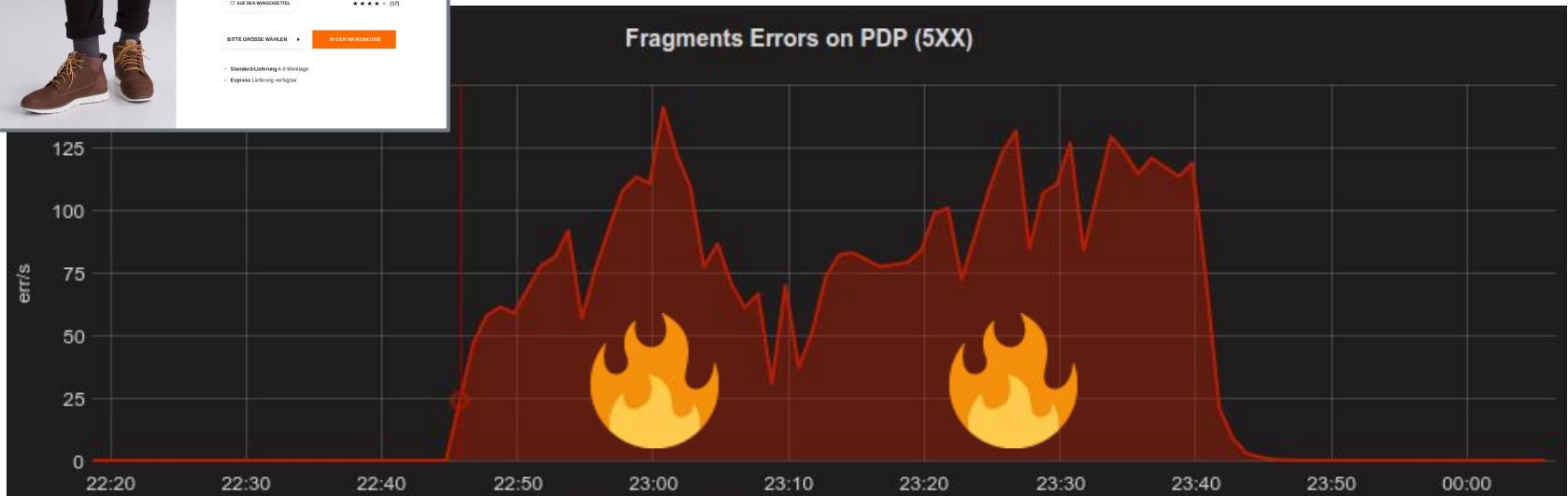
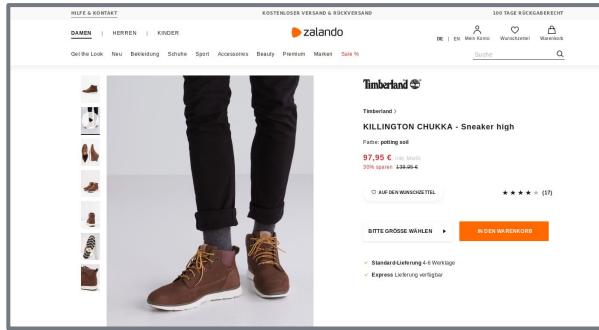
Fix for the memory issue in Skipper:

<https://opensource.zalando.com/skipper/operation/operation/#scheduler>

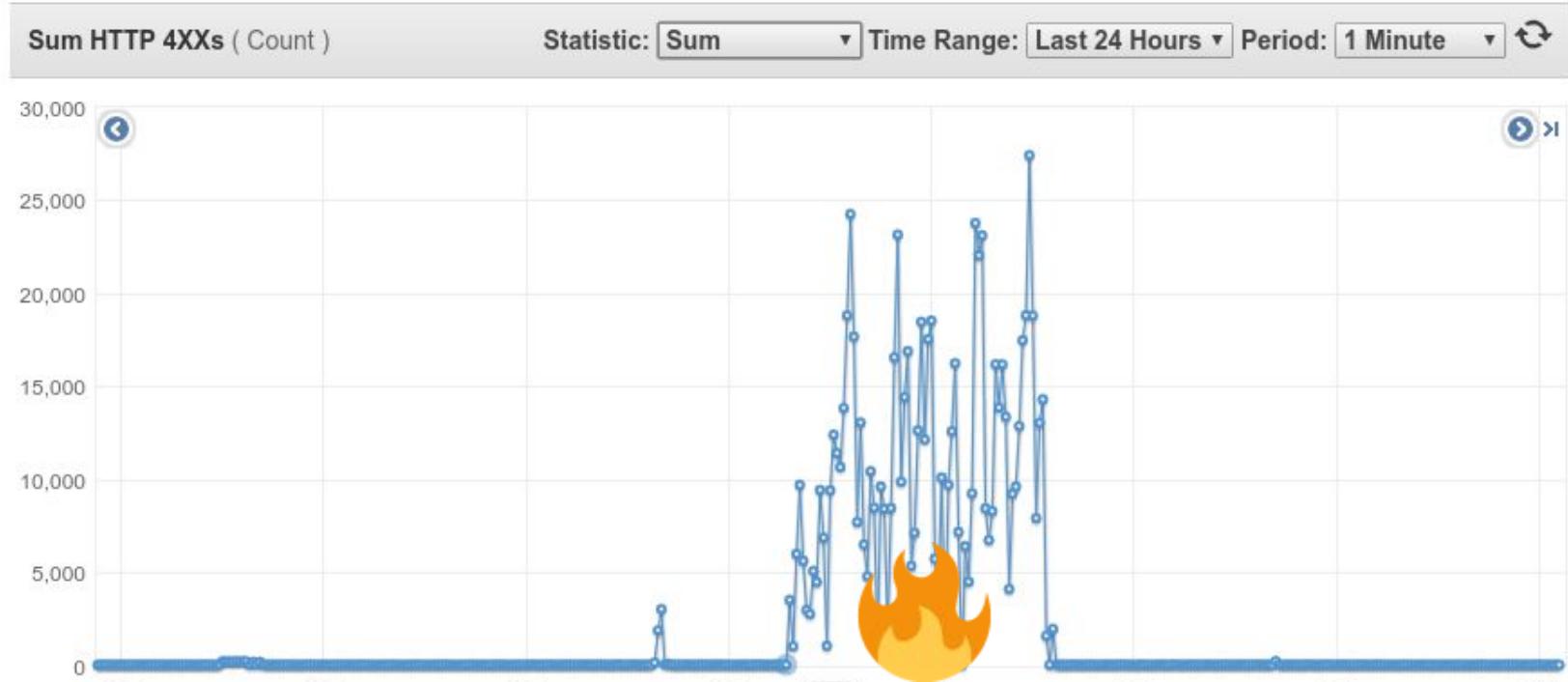
# INCIDENT

#2

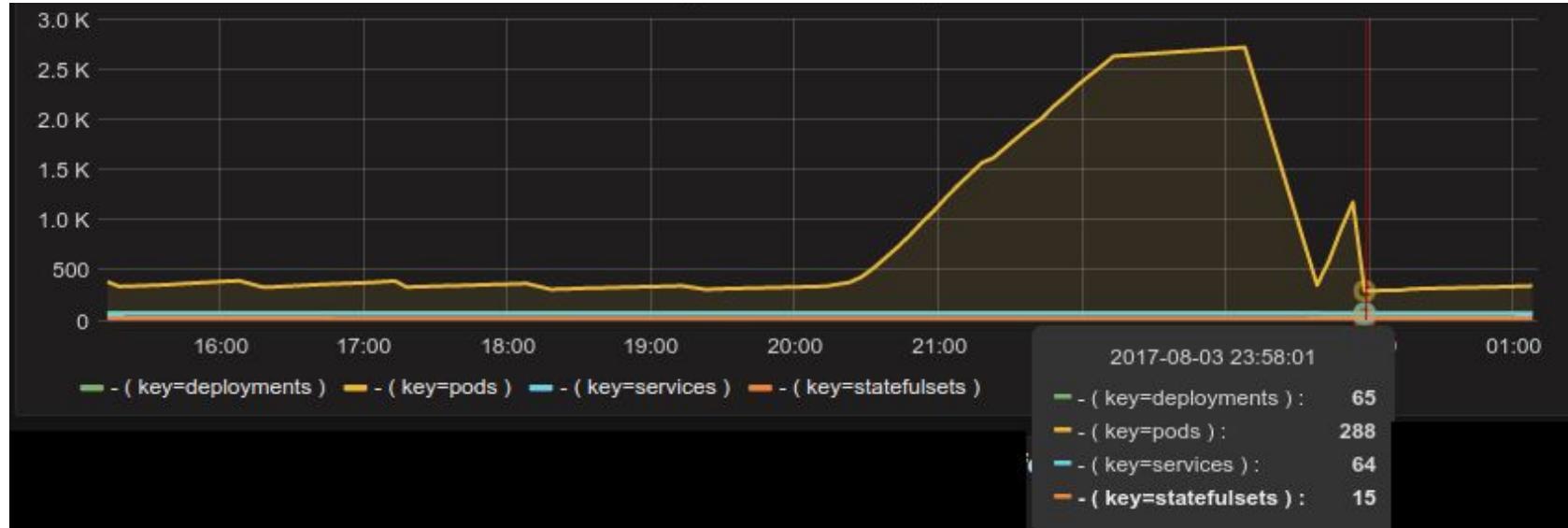
# INCIDENT #2: CUSTOMER IMPACT



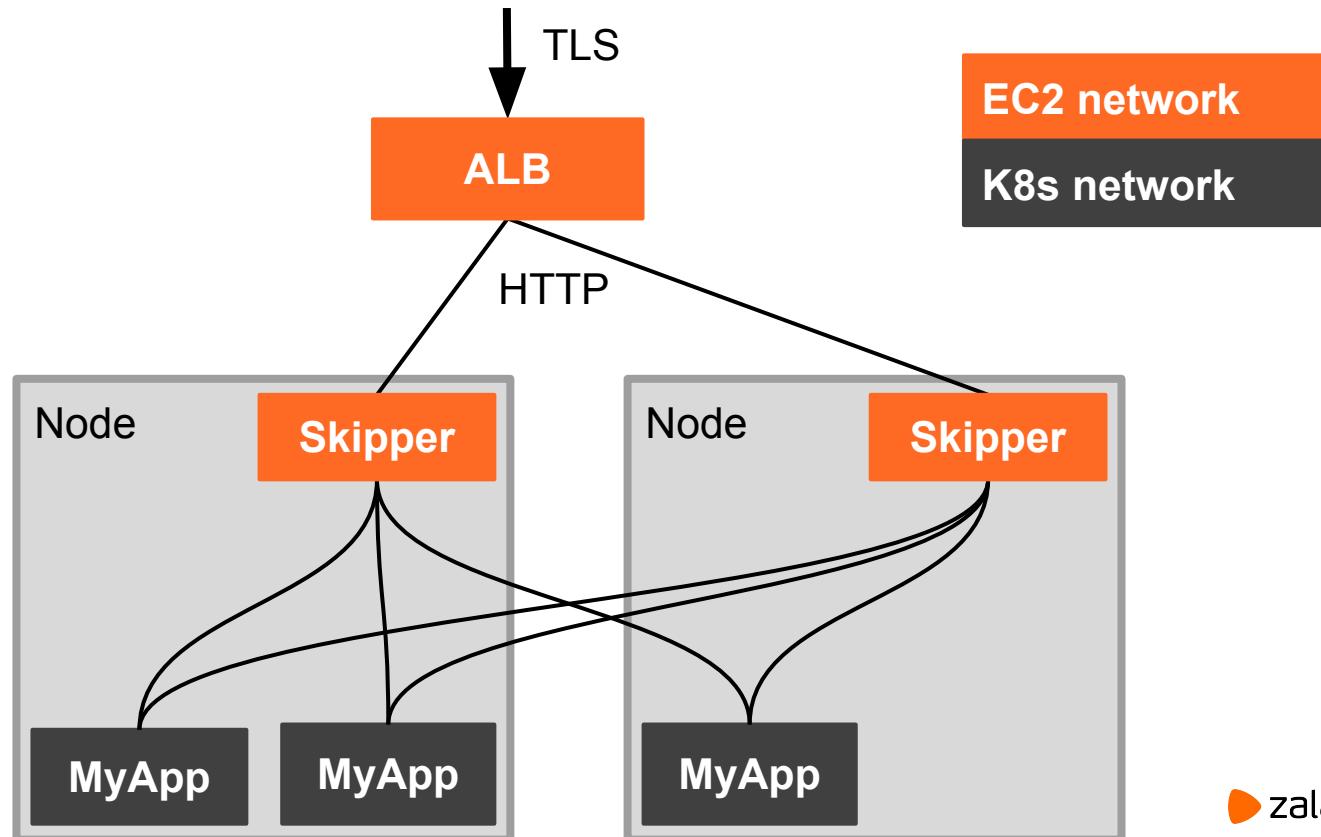
# INCIDENT #1: IAM RETURNING 404



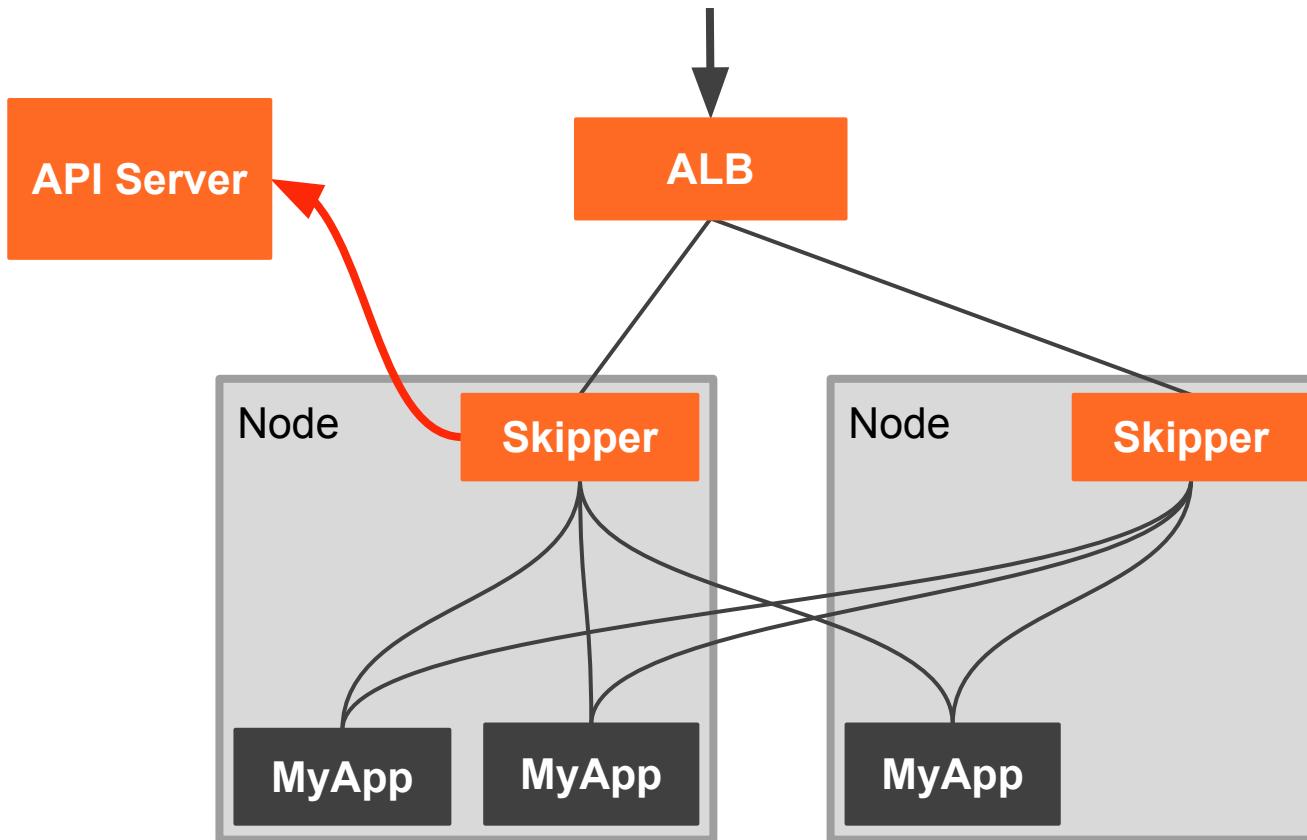
# INCIDENT #1: NUMBER OF PODS



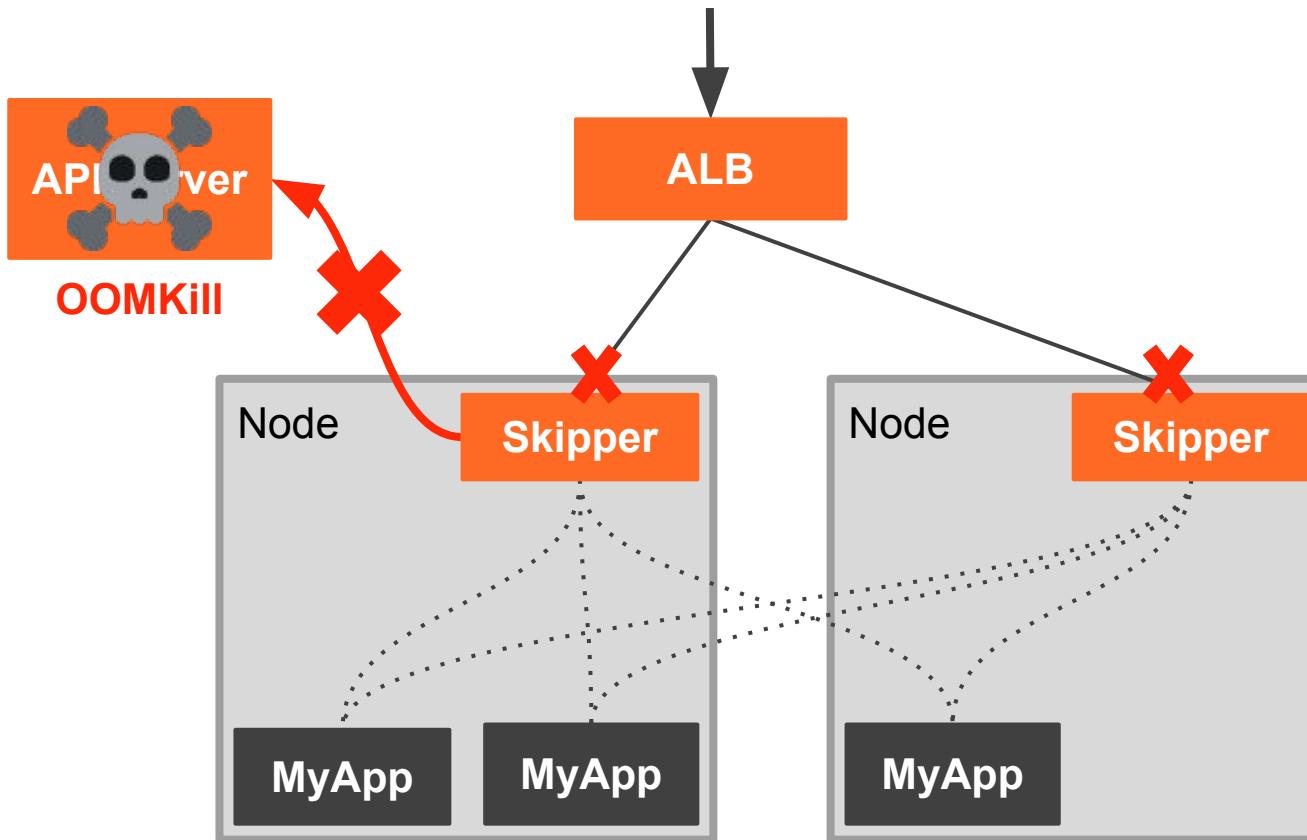
# LIFE OF A REQUEST (INGRESS)



# ROUTES FROM API SERVER



# API SERVER DOWN



# INCIDENT #2: INNOCENT MANIFEST

```
apiVersion: batch/v2alpha1
kind: CronJob
metadata:
  name: "foobar"
spec:
  schedule: "*/15 9-19 * * Mon-Fri"
  jobTemplate:
    spec:
      template:
        spec:
          restartPolicy: Never
          concurrencyPolicy: Forbid
          successfulJobsHistoryLimit: 1
          failedJobsHistoryLimit: 1
        containers:
          ...
        
```

# INCIDENT #2: FIXED CRON JOB

```
apiVersion: batch/v2alpha1
kind: CronJob
metadata:
  name: "foobar"
spec:
  schedule: "7 8-18 * * Mon-Fri"
  concurrencyPolicy: Forbid
  successfulJobsHistoryLimit: 1
  failedJobsHistoryLimit: 1
  jobTemplate:
    spec:
      activeDeadlineSeconds: 120
      template:
        spec:
          restartPolicy: Never
          containers:
```

# INCIDENT #2: LESSONS LEARNED

- Fix Ingress to stay “healthy” during API server problems
- Fix Ingress to retain last known set of routes
- Use quota for number of pods



```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ResourceQuota
metadata:
  name: compute-resources
spec:
  hard:
    pods: "1500"
```

NOTE: we dropped quotas recently  
[github.com/zalando-incubator/kubernetes-on-aws/pull/2059](https://github.com/zalando-incubator/kubernetes-on-aws/pull/2059)

# INCIDENT

# #3

# INCIDENT #3: INGRESS ERRORS



# INCIDENT #3: COREDNS OOMKILL

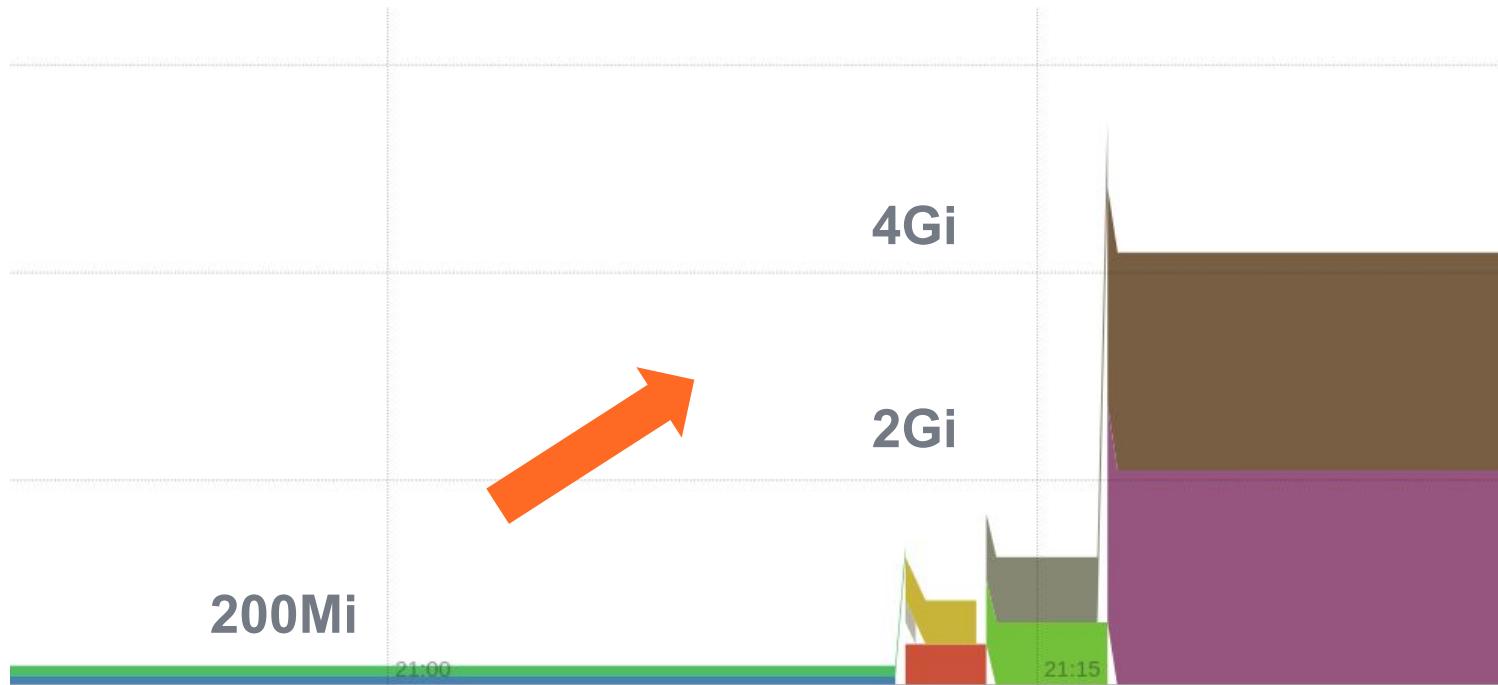
```
coredns invoked oom-killer:  
gfp_mask=0x14000c0(GFP_KERNEL),  
nodemask=(null), order=0, oom_score_adj=994
```

```
Memory cgroup out of memory: Kill process 6428  
(coredns) score 2050 or sacrifice child
```

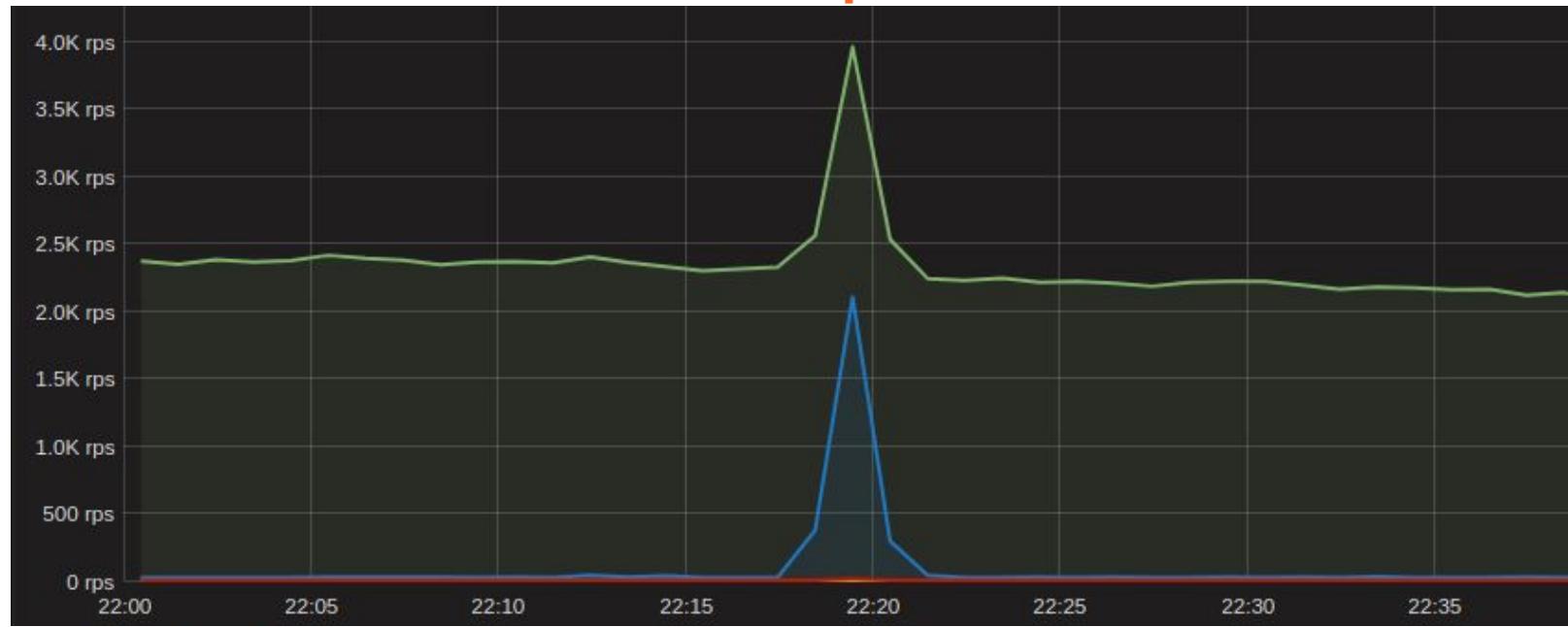
```
oom_reaper: reaped process 6428 (coredns),  
now anon-rss:0kB, file-rss:0kB, shmem-rss:0kB
```



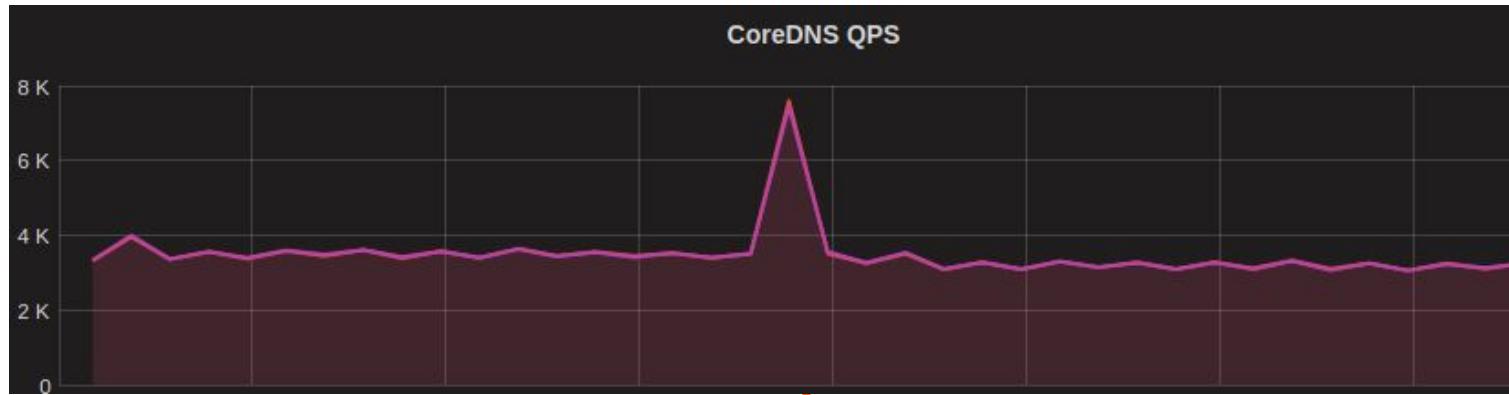
# STOP THE BLEEDING: INCREASE MEMORY LIMIT



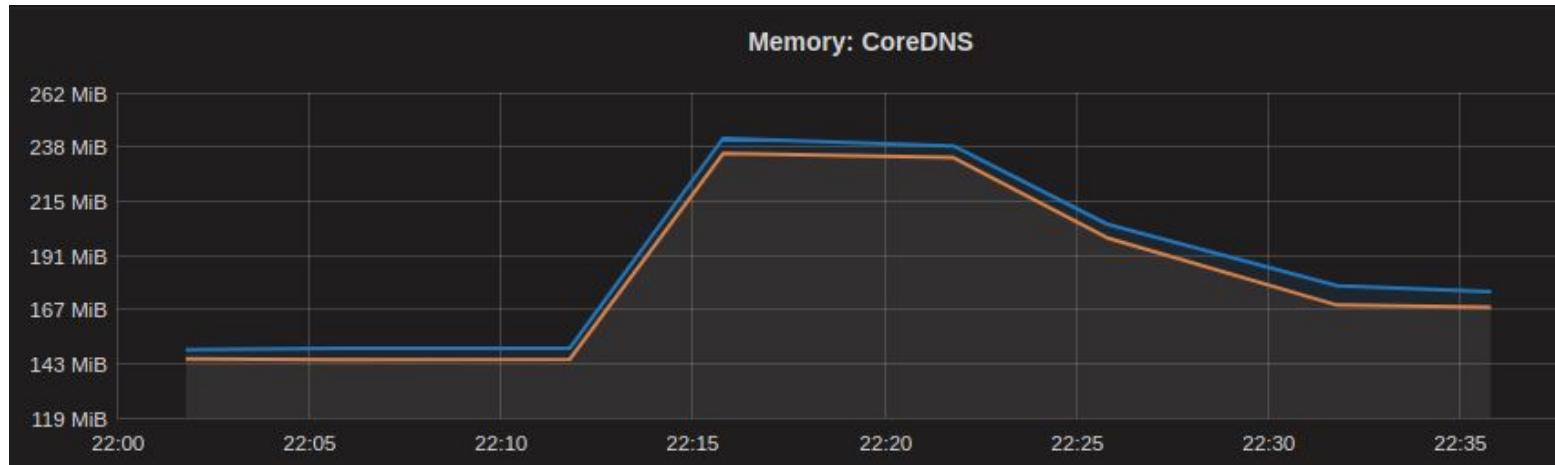
# SPIKE IN HTTP REQUESTS



# SPIKE IN DNS QUERIES



# INCREASE IN MEMORY USAGE



# INCIDENT #3: CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- HTTP retries
- No DNS caching
- Kubernetes ndots:5 problem
- Short maximum lifetime of HTTP connections
- Fixed memory limit for CoreDNS
- Monitoring affected by DNS outage



# INCIDENT

#4

# INCIDENT #4: CLUSTER DOWN

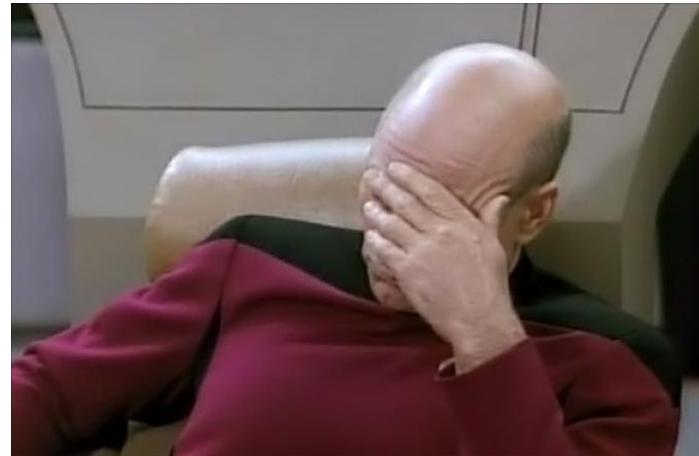


# INCIDENT #4: MANUAL OPERATION

```
% etcdctl del -r /registry-kube-1/certificatesigningrequest prefix
```

# INCIDENT #4: RTFM

```
% etcdctl del -r /registry-kube-1/certificatesigningrequest prefix  
help: etcdctl del [options] <key> [range_end]
```



# MYTH #3: Tooling

Sometimes we have to update production database records by hand, and we can't trust a junior eng to not drop a whole db by accident.



@gkate

Junior Engineers are Features, not Bugs  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQta4G3ge44>

What We Believe

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**Human Error  
is NEVER  
the Root Cause**

# INCIDENT #4: LESSONS LEARNED

- Disaster Recovery Plan?
- Backup etcd to S3
- Monitor the snapshots



**Alert: etcd: snapshots too old {notice} ↑**

Description	Alert if etcd snapshots stored in s3 are too old (more than 5h).
Condition	<pre>def alert():     if value["files"]:         latest_backup = time(max(f["last_modified"] for f in value["files"]).isoformat())         age = time() - latest_backup         capture(notice="{} {:.2f}h".format(entity["alias"], age / 60 / 60))         return age &gt; max_age     else:         capture(notice="{}: no backups".format(entity["alias"]))         return True</pre>
Responsible Team	Teapot

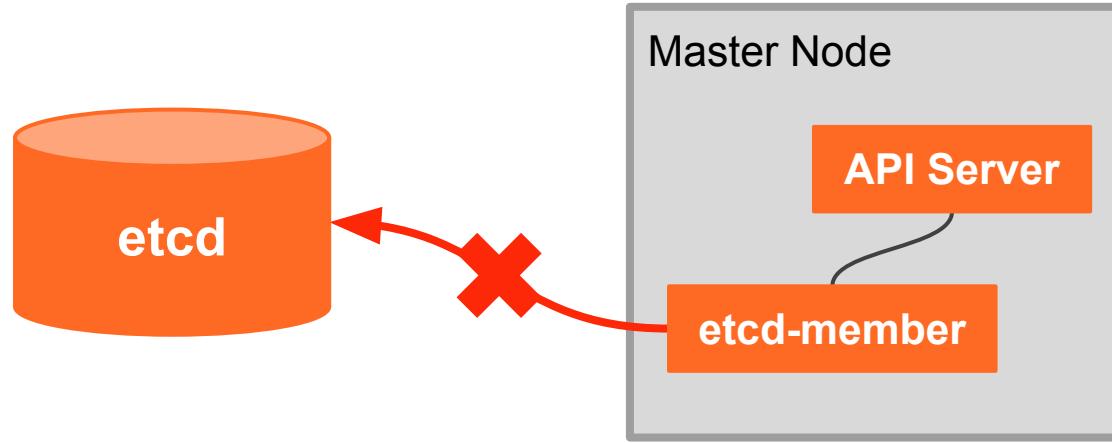
# INCIDENT

#5

# INCIDENT #5: API LATENCY SPIKES



# INCIDENT #5: CONNECTION ISSUES



...  
*Kubernetes worker and master nodes sporadically fail to connect to etcd causing timeouts in the APIserver and disconnects in the pod network.*

# INCIDENT #5: STOP THE BLEEDING

```
#!/bin/bash

while true; do
    echo "sleep for 60 seconds"
    sleep 60
    timeout 5 curl http://localhost:8080/api/v1/nodes > /dev/null
    if [ $? -eq 0 ]; then
        echo "all fine, no need to restart etcd member"
        continue
    else
        echo "restarting etcd-member"
        systemctl restart etcd-member
    fi
done
```

# INCIDENT #5: CONFIRMATION FROM AWS

[...]

*We can't go into the details [...] that resulted the networking problems during the “non-intrusive maintenance”, as it relates to internal workings of EC2. We can confirm this only affected the T2 instance types, ...*

[...]

*We don't explicitly recommend against running production services on T2*

[...]



# INCIDENT #5: LESSONS LEARNED

- It's never the AWS infrastructure until it is
- Treat t2 instances with care
- Kubernetes components are not necessarily "cloud native"

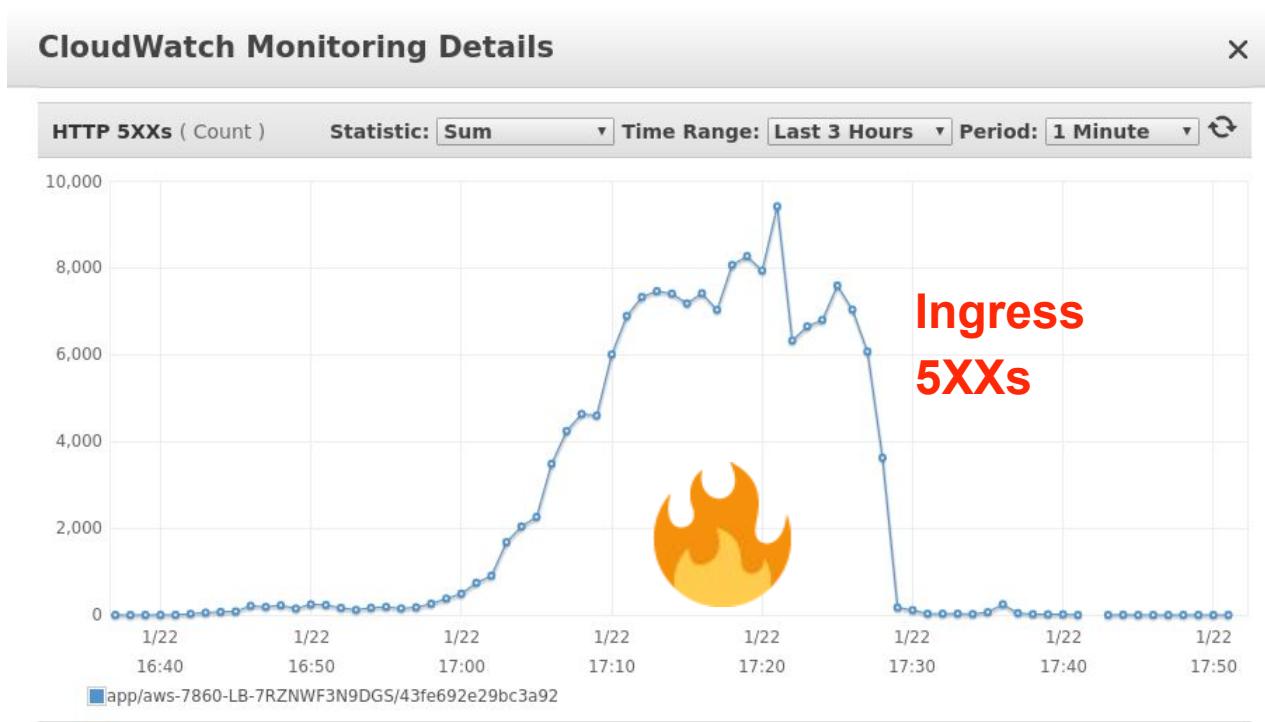


Cloud Native? Declarative, dynamic, **resilient**, and scalable

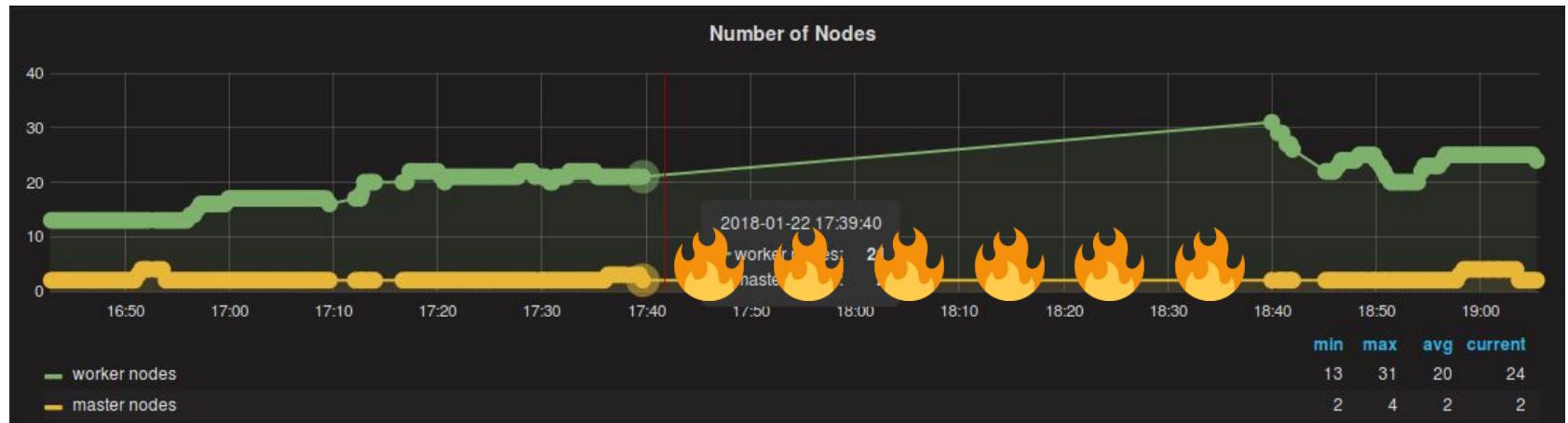
# INCIDENT

# #6

# INCIDENT #6: IMPACT



# INCIDENT #6: CLUSTER DOWN?



# INCIDENT #6: THE TRIGGER

zalando-incubator / **kubernetes-on-aws**

Unwatch 25    Unstar 147    Fork 32

Code Issues 10 Pull requests 10 Insights Settings

## dev -> alpha #810

Merged aermakov-zalando merged 19 commits into alpha from dev-to-alpha 29 days ago

Conversation 6 Commits 19 Files changed 12 +289 -59

aermakov-zalando commented 29 days ago

Member +

Highlights:

- k8s as flannel backend
- Disable image-policy simulation mode
- Fix source IP filtering in skipper
- HA kube-dns

mikkeloscar and others added some commits on Nov 18, 2016

- Use k8s as flannel backend ...
- Move flannel to manifests folder

Reviewers link

Assignees No one—assign yourself

Labels ready-to-test

Projects None yet

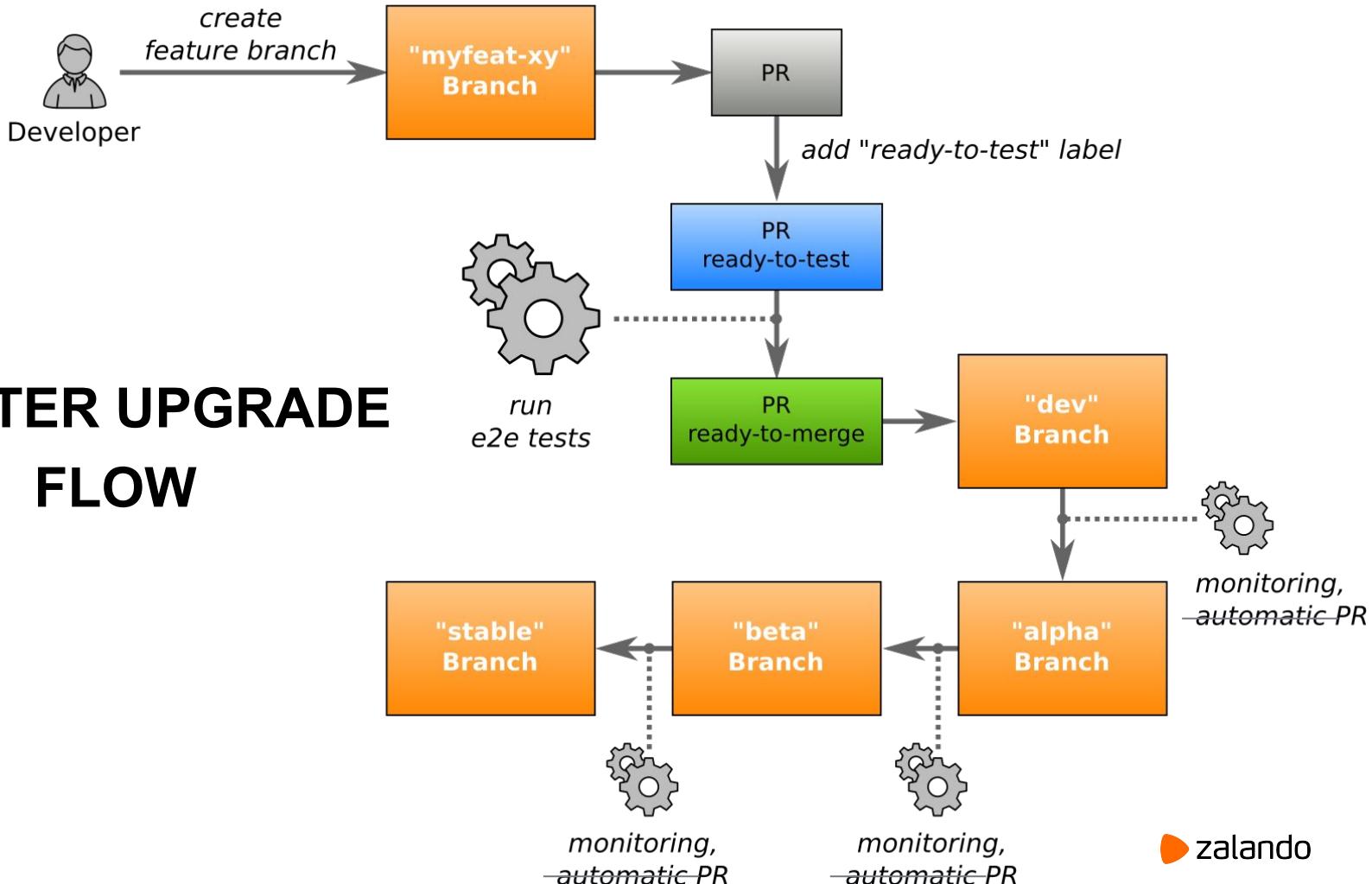
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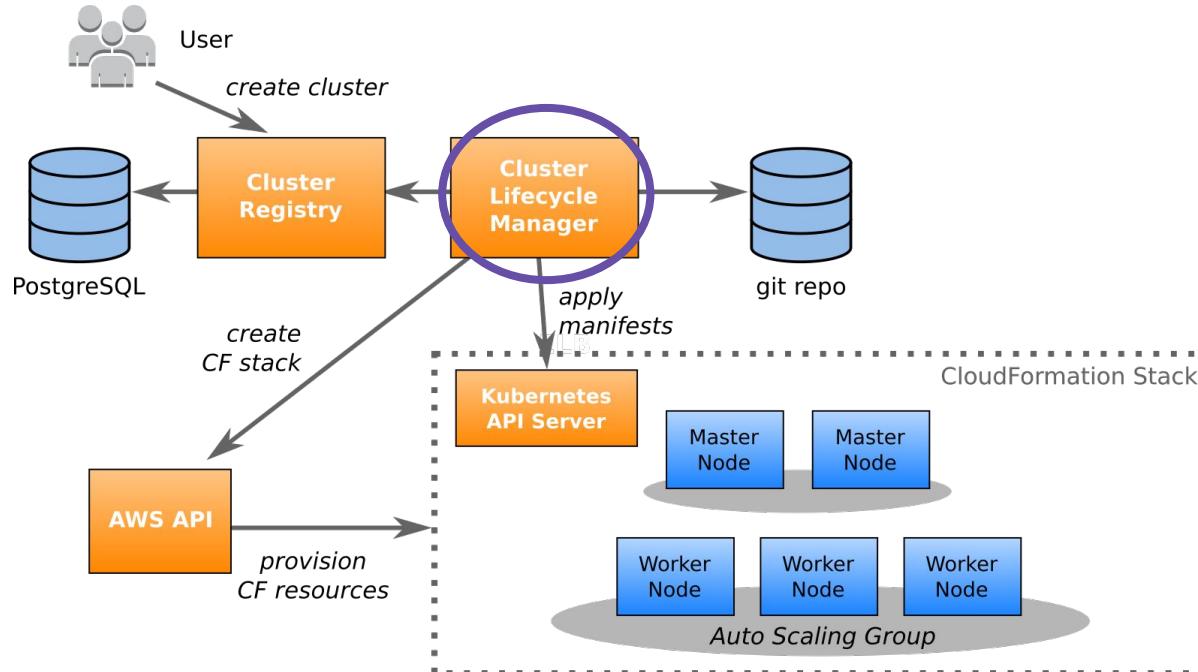
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# CLUSTER UPGRADE FLOW



# CLUSTER LIFECYCLE MANAGER (CLM)



[github.com/zalando-incubator/cluster-lifecycle-manager](https://github.com/zalando-incubator/cluster-lifecycle-manager)

# CLUSTER CHANNELS

Channel	Description	Clusters
dev	Development and playground clusters.	3
alpha	Main infrastructure clusters ( <b>important to us</b> ).	2
beta	Product clusters for the rest of the organization (non-prod).	57+
stable	Product clusters for the rest of the organization (prod).	57+

# E2E TESTS ON EVERY PR

Update pdb-controller  
mikkeloscar added the **ready-to-test** label an hour ago

Verified c37c725

Add more commits by pushing to the **pdb-controller-update** branch on **zalando-incubator/kubernetes-on-aws**.

 Some checks haven't completed yet

2 pending and 5 successful checks

 Pending — Running e2e tests.

 Pending — This PR needs 2 more approvals (0/2 given). **Required**

 Build finished.

 Build finished.

 The Travis CI build passed

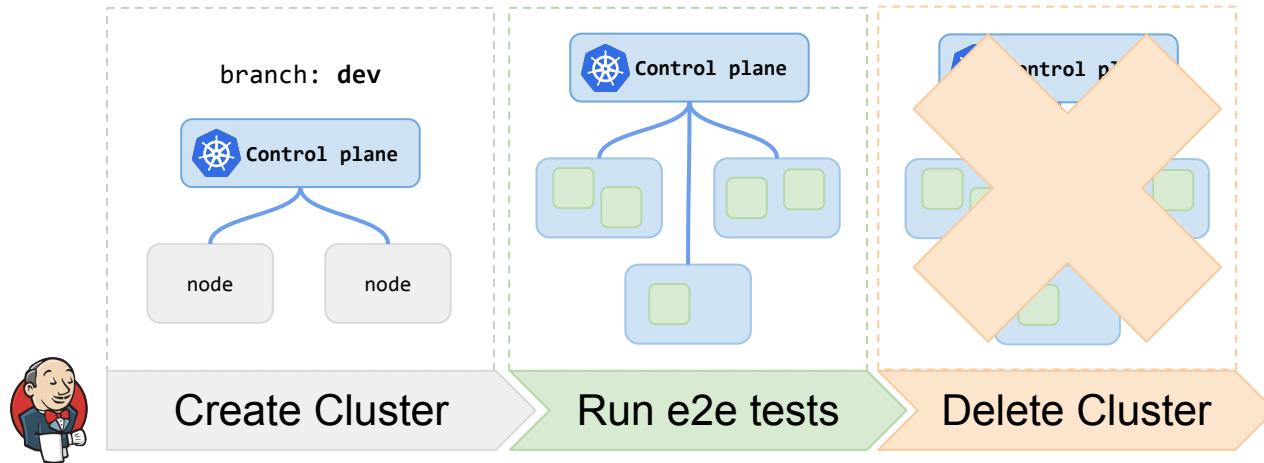
 Required statuses must pass before merging

All required status checks on this pull request must run successfully to enable automatic merging.

[github.com/zalando-incubator/kubernetes-on-aws](https://github.com/zalando-incubator/kubernetes-on-aws)

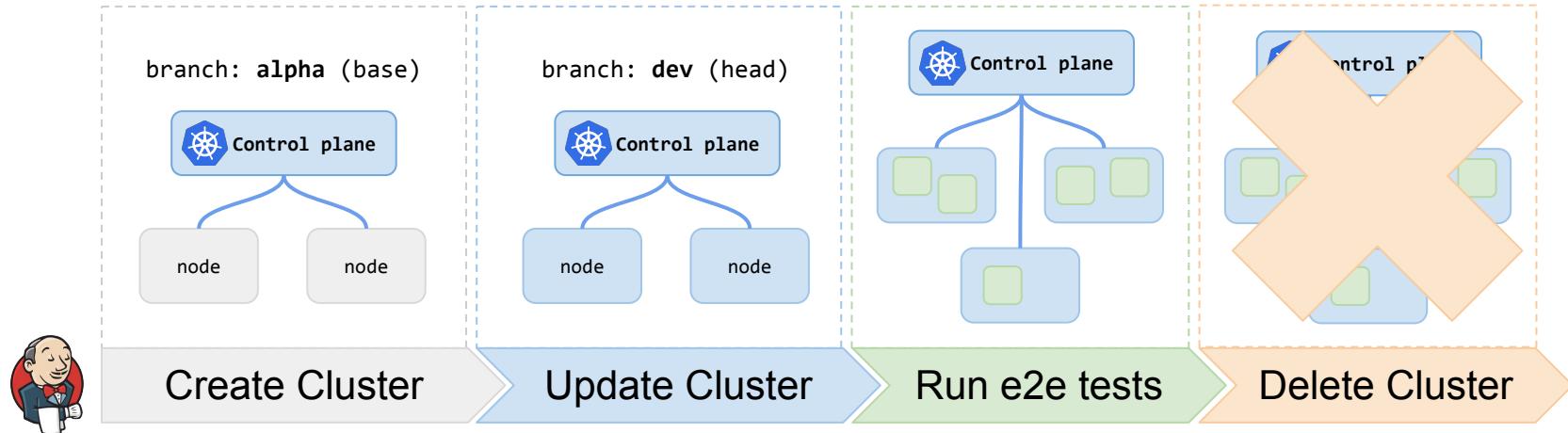
# RUNNING E2E TESTS (BEFORE)

Testing dev to alpha upgrade



# RUNNING E2E TESTS (NOW)

Testing dev to alpha upgrade



# INCIDENT #6: LESSONS LEARNED

- Automated e2e tests are pretty good, but not enough
- Test the diff/migration automatically
  - Bootstrap new cluster with previous configuration
  - Apply new configuration
  - Run end-to-end & conformance tests



# INCIDENT

#7

# #7: KERNEL OOM KILLER

Jan 30, 11:59 AM

so this is nice:

Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	0 pages_imprisoned	pid	vpid	total_vm	rss_nr_ptes	nr_pdns	processes	oom_score_adj	name	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	0	693	55494	2988	69	3		-1000	systemd-journal	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	7345	0	734	18436	314	38	3	-1000	systemd-selinux	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	7402	244	740	17723	485	34	3	-1000	systemd-network	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	7482	62583	788	32513	333	52	5	-1000	systemd-timers	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	7943	245	791	15232	235	34	3	-1000	systemd-resolve	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	8322	0	832	14869	231	33	3	-1000	systemd-logind	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	8495	201	846	16205	27	29	3	-1000	coredump	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	8497	0	846	64158	12768	134	8	-990	containerd	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	9487	225	286	98442	9838	95	3	-1000	curl	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	9437	0	943	18384	344	26	4	-1000	curl	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	9463	0	946	3369	52	52	3	-1000	curl	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	9473	0	947	2889	51	38	3	-1000	curl	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	9473	0	947	467919	38416	154	7	-1000	curl	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	12295	0	1225	2789513	4927	35		-1000	containerd-shim	
Jan	29	23:11:31	ip=172-31-28-125.eu-central-1.compute.internal kernel:	3583	0	1568	1916	1123	8	5		-1000	containerd-shim



investigating a node in [REDACTED]

kubelet apparently ate ~9gigs of ram and then the kernel oomkilled everything, including

containerd

Jan 30, 12:00 PM

Way to go KUBELET!!!!

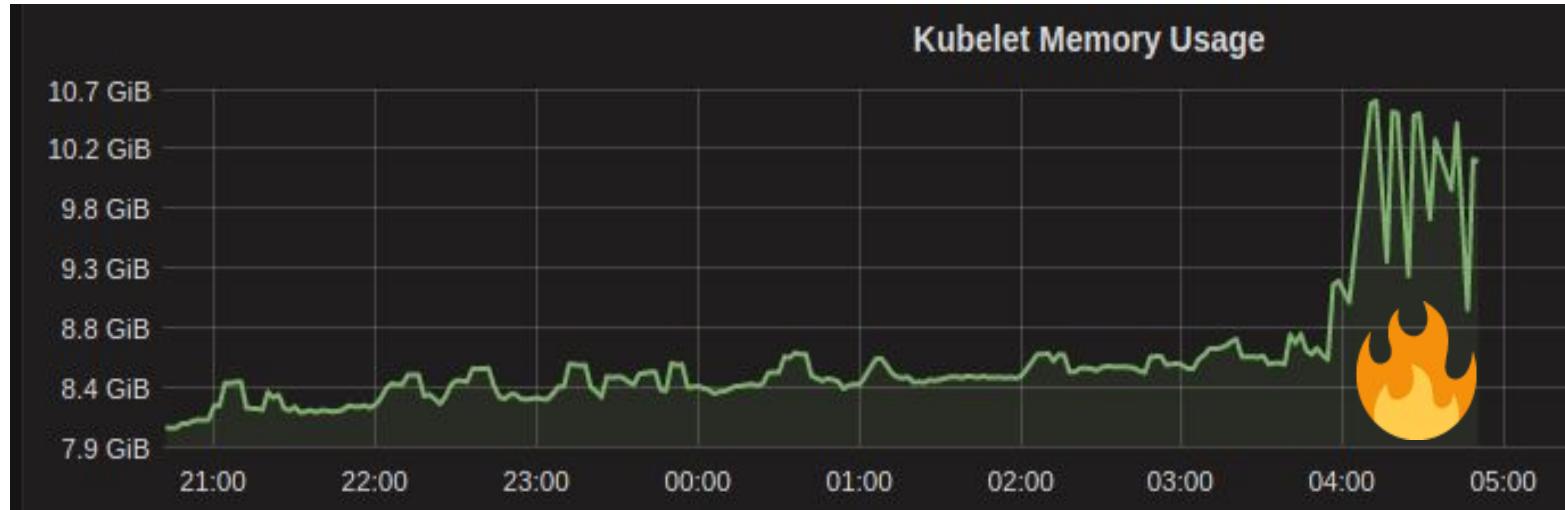
Jan 30, 12:00 PM

well, it did solve the memory issues on the node!



⇒ all containers  
on this node down

# INCIDENT #7: KUBELET MEMORY



# UPSTREAM ISSUE REPORTED

## memory leak in kubelet 1.12.5 #73587

 Open

szuecs opened this issue 10 days ago · 21 comments



szuecs commented 10 days ago • edited

Contributor



...

### What happened:

After upgrading to kubernetes 1.12.5 we observe failing nodes, that are caused by kubelet eating all over the memory after some time.

<https://github.com/kubernetes/kubernetes/issues/73587>

# INCIDENT #7: THE PATCH



szuecs commented 10 days ago

Contributor + 😊 ...

For everyone that finds this issue and needs a patch to disable the reflector metrics:

```
diff --git c/pkg/util/reflector/prometheus/prometheus.go i/pkg/util/reflector/prometheus/prometheus.go
index 958a0007cd..63657e9c55 100644
--- c/pkg/util/reflector/prometheus/prometheus.go
+++ i/pkg/util/reflector/prometheus/prometheus.go
@@ -85,8 +85,6 @@ func init() {
        prometheus.MustRegister(watchDuration)
        prometheus.MustRegister(itemsPerWatch)
        prometheus.MustRegister(lastResourceVersion)
-
-       cache.SetReflectorMetricsProvider(prometheusMetricsProvider{})
}

type prometheusMetricsProvider struct{}
```

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<https://github.com/kubernetes/kubernetes/issues/73587>



# INCIDENT

#8

# INCIDENT #8: IMPACT

Error during Pod creation:

```
MountVolume.SetUp failed for volume  
"outfit-delivery-api-credentials" :  
secrets "outfit-delivery-api-credentials" not found
```

⇒ All new Kubernetes deployments fail

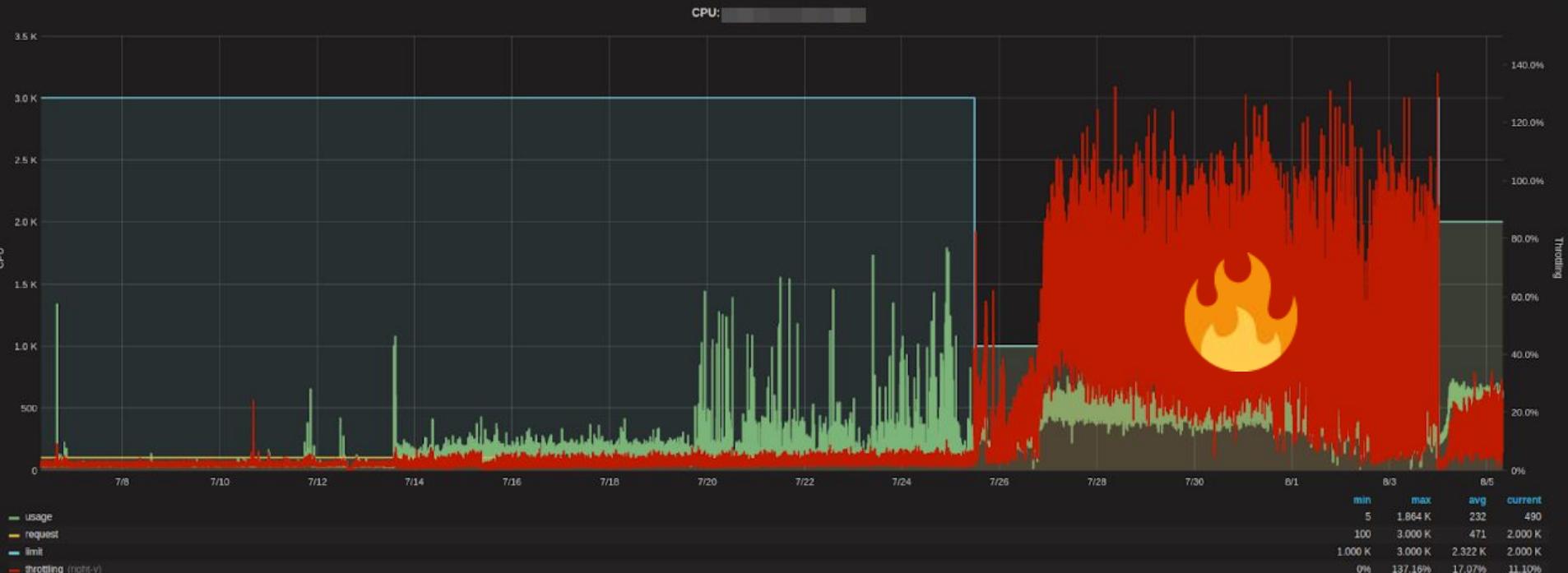


# INCIDENT #8: CREDENTIALS QUEUE

```
17:30:07 | [pool-6-thread-1] | Current queue size: 7115, current number of active workers: 20
17:31:07 | [pool-6-thread-1] | Current queue size: 7505, current number of active workers: 20
17:32:07 | [pool-6-thread-1] | Current queue size: 7886, current number of active workers: 20
..
17:37:07 | [pool-6-thread-1] | Current queue size: 9686, current number of active workers: 20
..
17:44:07 | [pool-6-thread-1] | Current queue size: 11976, current number of active workers: 20
..
19:16:07 | [pool-6-thread-1] | Current queue size: 58381, current number of active workers: 20
```



# INCIDENT #8: CPU THROTTLING



## INCIDENT #8: WHAT HAPPENED

Scaled down IAM provider  
to reduce **Slack**

- + Number of deployments increased

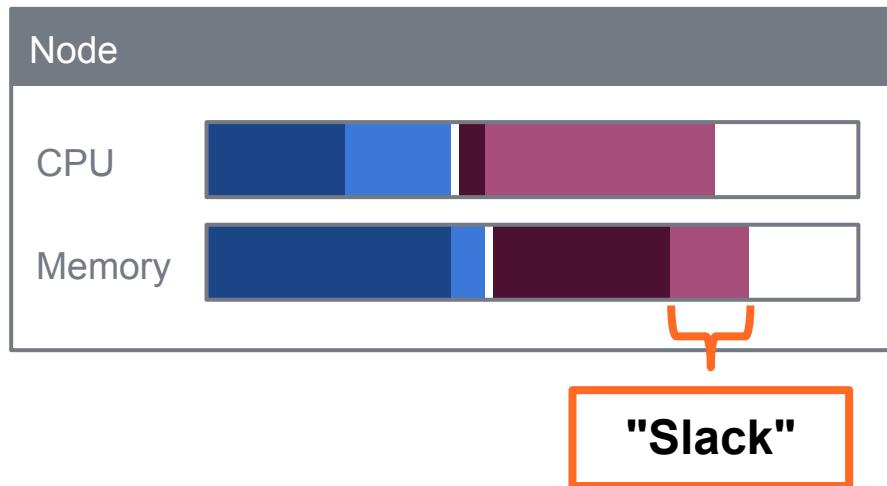


⇒ Process could not process credentials fast enough

# SLACK

CPU/memory requests "block" resources on nodes.

Difference between actual usage and requests → **Slack**



# DISABLING CPU THROTTLING

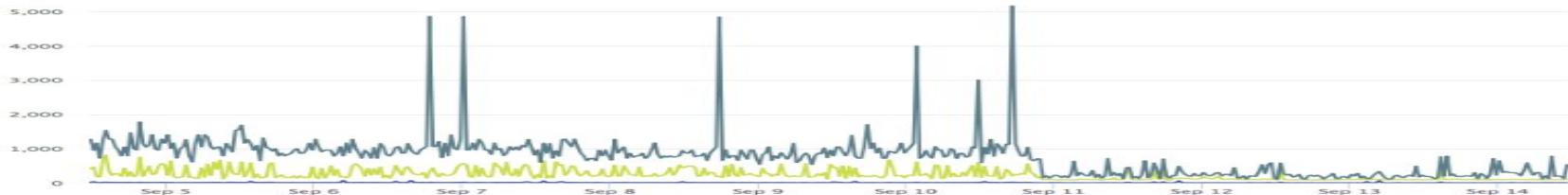
kubelet ... **--cpu-cfs-quota=false**

[Announcement] CPU limits will be disabled

TLDR: to **improve performance** and efficiency we will disable CPU limits in Kubernetes clusters. Please **revise your resource requests** if necessary.

We're going to disable CPU limits in the Kubernetes clusters. According to our experiments, this should improve the latencies for your applications and allow us to use the nodes more efficiently. To ensure that your applications get their fair share of CPU, please update your deployments' [resource requests](#) so they match the actual usage. You can use the [Application Dashboard](#) to find out how much CPU your applications use.

⇒ Ingress Latency Improvements



# A MILLION WAYS TO CRASH YOUR CLUSTER?

- 🔥 Switch to latest Docker to fix issues with **Docker daemon freezing**
- 🔥 Redesign of DNS setup due to **high DNS latencies** (5s),  
switch from kube-dns to node-local dnsmasq+CoreDNS
- 🔥 Disabling CPU throttling (CFS quota) to avoid **latency issues**
- 🔥 Quick fix for timeouts using etcd-proxy: client-go still seems to have  
**issues with timeouts**
- 🔥 **502's** during cluster updates: race condition during network setup

# MORE TOPICS

- 🔥 Graceful Pod shutdown and race conditions (endpoints, Ingress)
- 🔥 Incompatible Kubernetes changes
- 🔥 CoreOS ContainerLinux "stable" won't boot
- 🔥 Kubernetes EBS volume handling
- 🔥 Docker



# RACE CONDITIONS..

```
21 priorityClassName: system-node-critical
22 serviceAccountName: system
23 containers:
24   - name: delayed-install-cni
25     image: registry.opensource.zalan.do/teapot/flannel:v0.10.0-8
26     command:
27       - /bin/sh
28     args:
29       - -c
30       - "sleep 120 & cp -f /etc/kube-flannel/cni-conf.json /etc/cni/net.d/10-flannel.conf && cat"
31     stdin: true
32   volumeMounts:
33     - name: cni
34       mountPath: /etc/cni/net.d
35     - name: flannel-cfg
36       mountPath: /etc/kube-flannel/
```

# TIMEOUTS TO API SERVER..

```
41      - name: apiserver-proxy
42        image: registry.opensource.zalan.do/teapot/etcd-proxy:master-3
43        command:
44          - /bin/sh
45        args:
46          - -C
47          - "exec /etcd-proxy --listen-address 127.0.0.1:333 $KUBERNETES_SERVICE_HOST:$KUBERNETES_SERVICE_PORT"
48        resources:
49          requests:
50            cpu: 25m
51            memory: 25Mi
```

[github.com/zalando-incubator/kubernetes-on-aws](https://github.com/zalando-incubator/kubernetes-on-aws)



# MANAGED KUBERNETES?

# WILL MANAGED K8S SAVE US?

## Amazon EKS Announces 99.9% Service Level Agreement

Posted On: Jan 16, 2019

AWS has published a service level agreement (SLA) for [Amazon Elastic Container Service for Kubernetes \(EKS\)](#), which provides availability guarantees for Amazon EKS.

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GKE: monthly uptime percentage at 99.95% for regional clusters

# WILL MANAGED K8S SAVE US?

**NO**

(not really)

e.g. AWS EKS uptime SLA is only for API server

# PRODUCTION PROOFING AWS EKS



- [Networking](#)
- [Networking—Limited pod capacity per subnet & VPC](#)
- [Networking—Limited pod capacity per worker node](#)
- [Networking—Kubernetes scheduler is unaware about actual IP availability](#)
- [Networking—Some pods cannot be accessed from peered networks by default](#)
- [Default worker AMI](#)
- [AMI—Based on Amazon Linux 2](#)
- [AMI—No docker log rotation](#)
- [AMI—Docker freezes](#)
- [AMI—Corrupted disk statistics](#)
- [Authentication and authorization](#)
- [Auth—RBAC enabled](#)
- [Auth—AWS IAM authentication](#)
- [Auth—API Server endpoint is public](#)
- [Limited availability](#)
- [Alpha Kubernetes features are disabled](#)
- [CronJobs are problematic](#)
- [CronJobs—Backoff limit does not work](#)
- [CronJobs don't work well with the Kubernetes network plugin](#)
- [Single kube-dns pod by default](#)



List of things you might want to look at for EKS in production

<https://medium.com/glia-tech/productionproofing-eks-ed52951ffd6c>

# AWS EKS IN PRODUCTION

## DNS lookup scaling

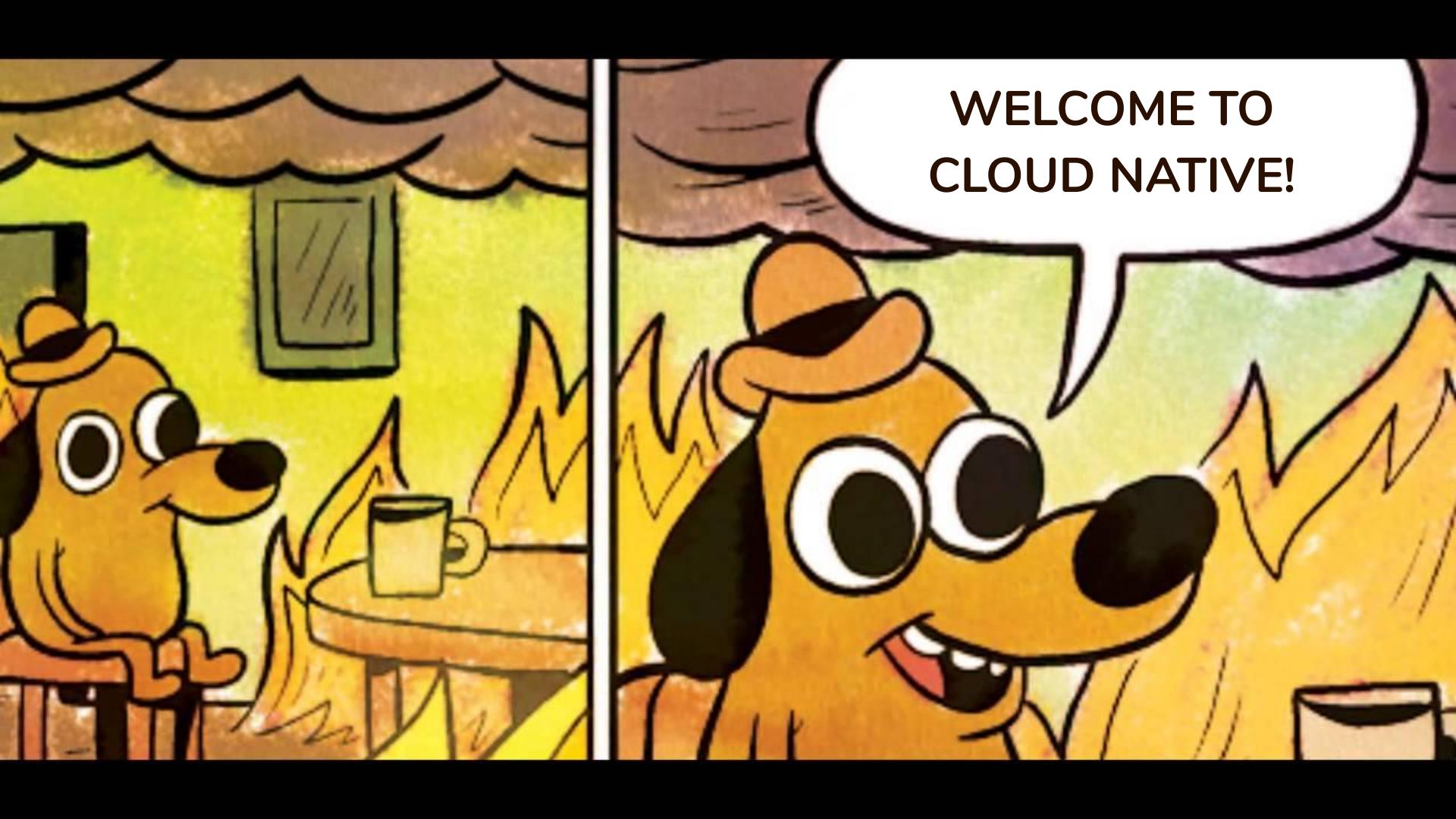
Out of the box, AWS provides a `kube-dns` deployment containing a single pod of scale 1. After a week or so in production, I was skimming our logs and came across this beauty. This reinforced something I had seen in our exception handling system.

```
dnsMasq[14]: Maximum number of concurrent DNS queries reached (max: 150)
```

<https://kubedex.com/90-days-of-aws-eks-in-production/>

# DOCKER.. (ON GKE)

```
25 # We simply kill the process when there is a failure. Another systemd service will
26 # automatically restart the process.
27 function docker_monitoring {
28     while [ 1 ]; do
29         if ! timeout 10 docker ps > /dev/null; then
30             echo "Docker daemon failed!"
31             pkill docker
32             # Wait for a while, as we don't want to kill it again before it is really up.
33             sleep 30
34         else
35             sleep "${SLEEP_SECONDS}"
36         fi
37     done
38 }
```



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# KUBERNETES FAILURE STORIES

A compiled list of links to public failure stories related to Kubernetes.



[k8s.af](https://k8s.af)



We need more failure talks!

*Istio? Anyone?*

# OPEN SOURCE

## Kubernetes on AWS

[github.com/zalando-incubator/kubernetes-on-aws](https://github.com/zalando-incubator/kubernetes-on-aws)

## AWS ALB Ingress controller

[github.com/zalando-incubator/kube-ingress-aws-controller](https://github.com/zalando-incubator/kube-ingress-aws-controller)

## Skipper HTTP Router & Ingress controller

[github.com/zalando/skipper](https://github.com/zalando/skipper)

## External DNS

[github.com/kubernetes-incubator/external-dns](https://github.com/kubernetes-incubator/external-dns)

## Postgres Operator

[github.com/zalando-incubator/postgres-operator](https://github.com/zalando-incubator/postgres-operator)

## Kubernetes Resource Report

[github.com/hjacobs/kube-resource-report](https://github.com/hjacobs/kube-resource-report)

## Kubernetes Downscaler

[github.com/hjacobs/kube-downscaler](https://github.com/hjacobs/kube-downscaler)





# QUESTIONS?

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