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Advanced Canary Deployments with Spinnaker

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What is Canary Deployment?

A deployment technique to introduce software changes in production by slowly rolling out code change(s) to a small subset of users before making it available to all users

Canary Deployment in Simple Stages

Deploy a new version to a small set of servers

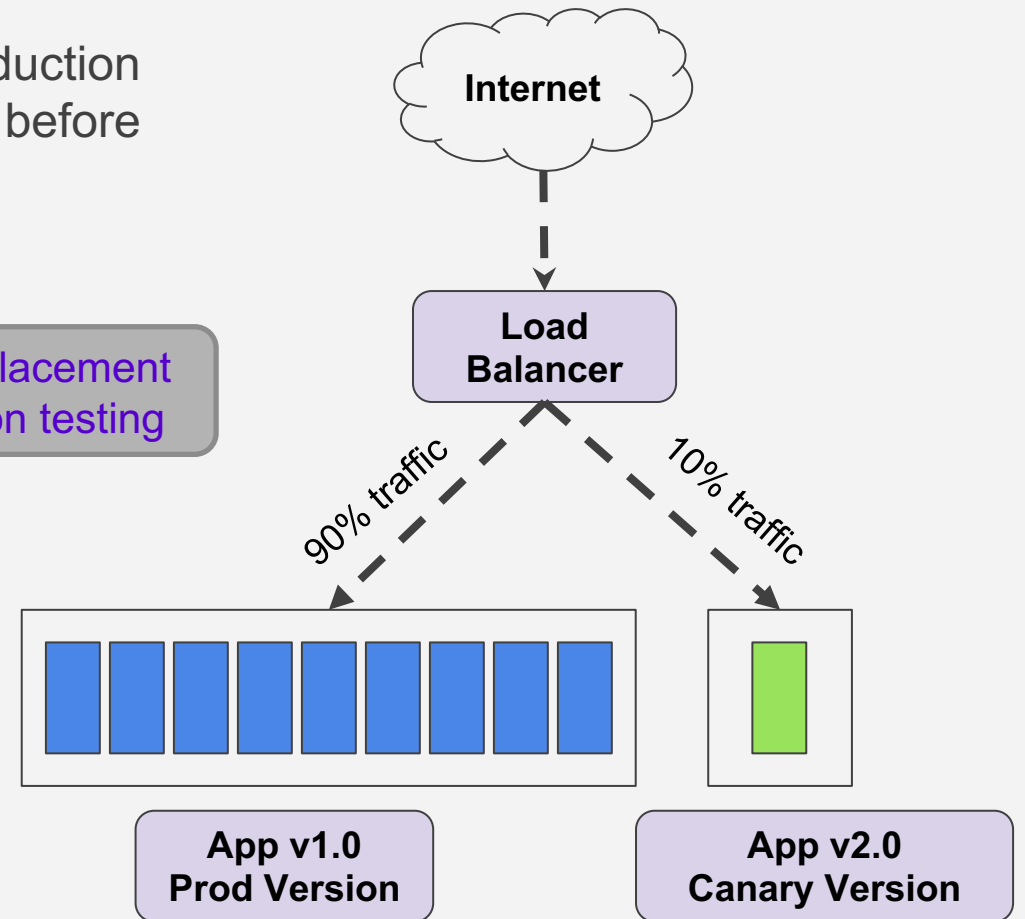
Minimal live traffic to new instances

Pause & Monitor

Good? Continue to repeat until End

Bad? Revert and Exit

It is not a replacement
for Application testing



Advantages of Automated Canary Deployment

Enable live upgrade safely and frequently with confidence

Confidence to experiment new features

Catches errors and exits early

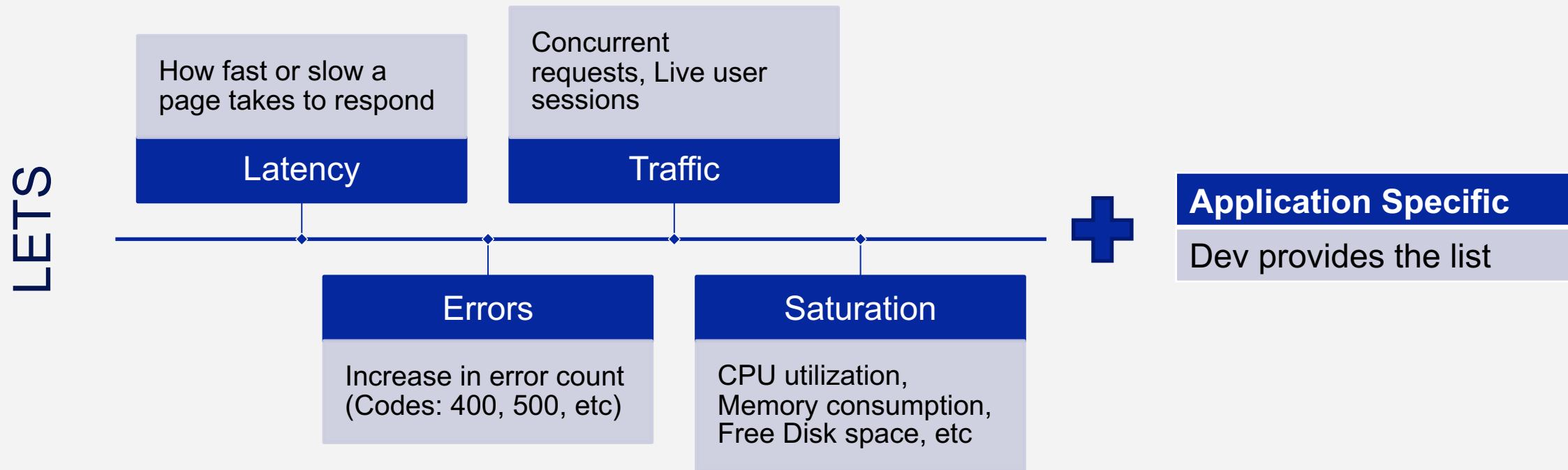
Saves Engineers' time

Easy rollback with minimal impact to Production

Reduced cost

Metrics for Canary Analysis

What makes your application healthy?





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Canary Deployment using Spinnaker

Spinnaker and Kayenta



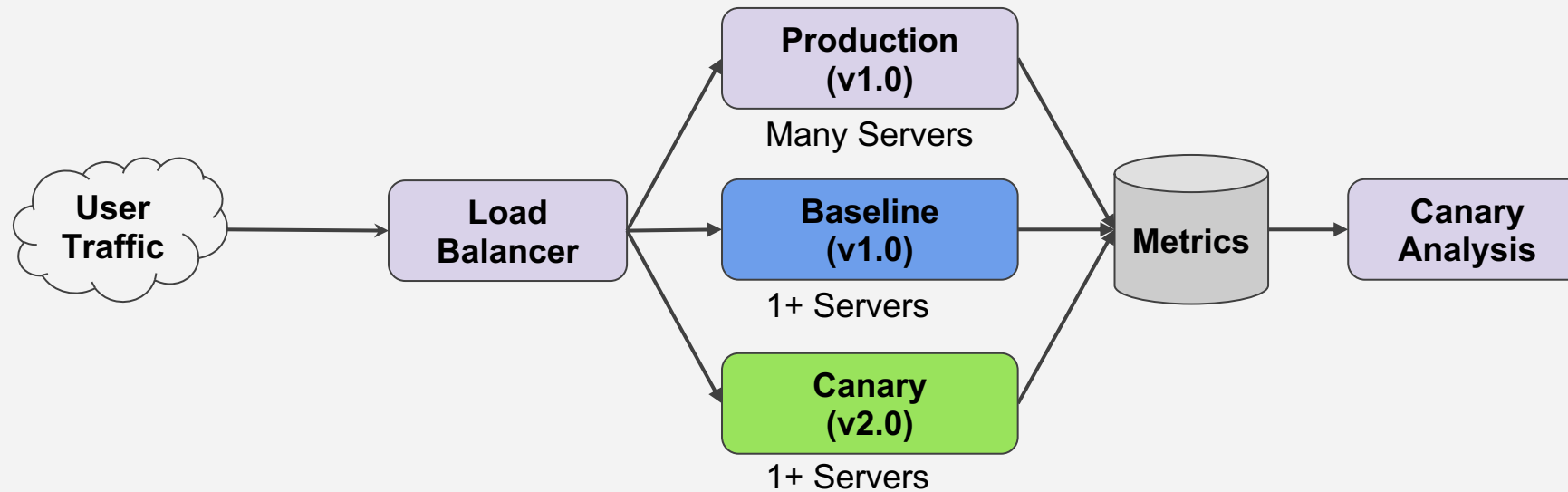
Spinnaker is a powerful open-source continuous delivery platform with flexible pipeline management system capable of deploying to the major cloud providers

Kayenta

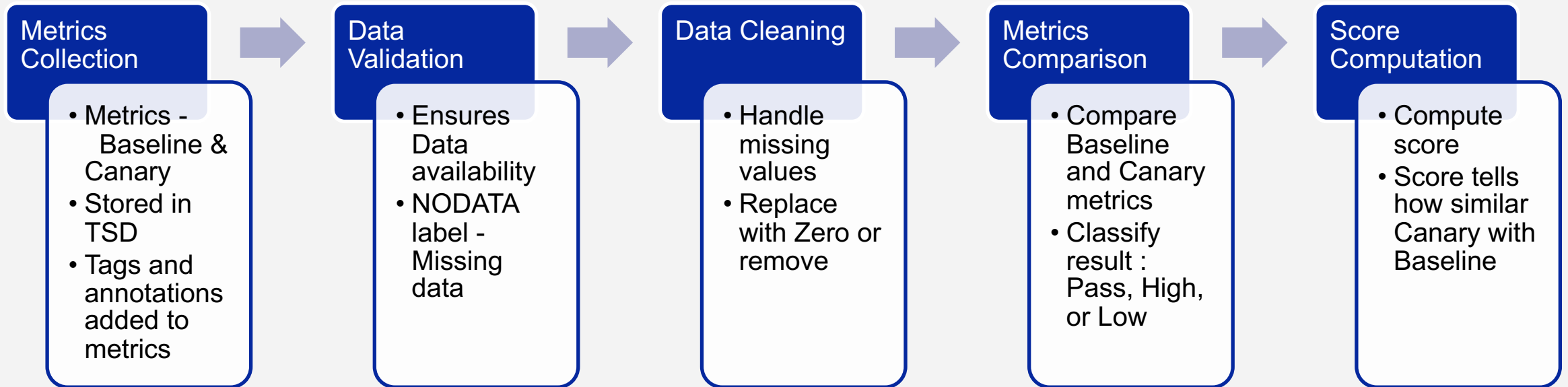
Automated Canary Analysis (ACA) Platform

- Retrieves metrics from metrics store (Prometheus, DataDog, SignalFx, Stackdriver, etc)
- Performs AB style statistical testing
- Judges if Canary is good

Spinnaker - Canary Deployment



How does Canary Analysis work?



Prepare Infra for Canary Deployment

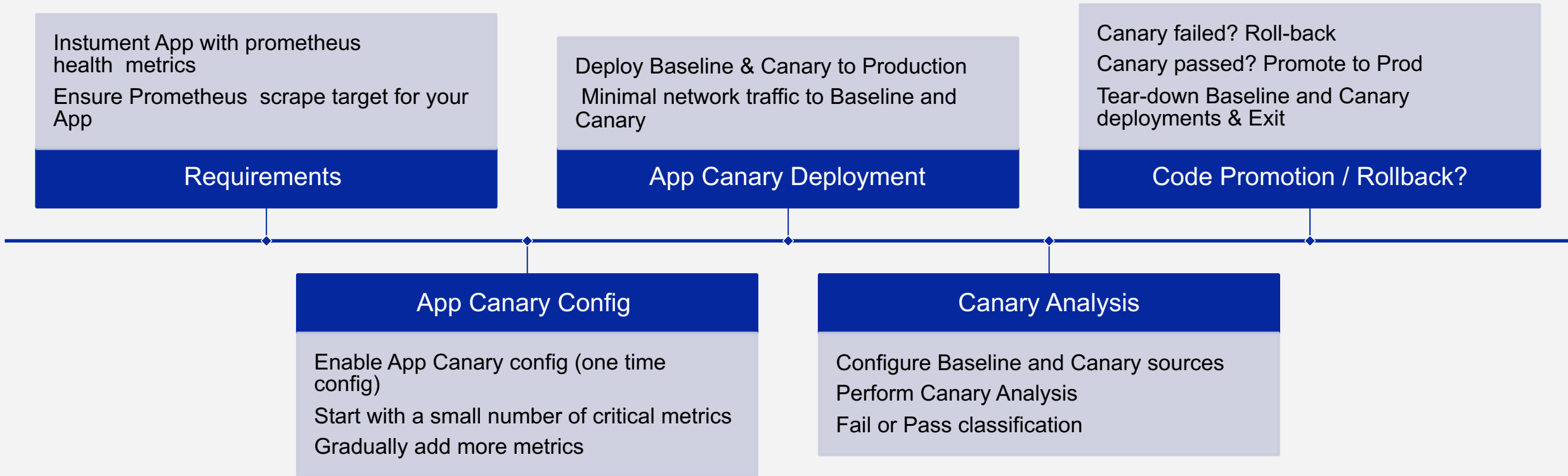
Prometheus

- Ensure Prometheus is available
- Ensure Prometheus can scrape metrics from App namespace(s)

Spinnaker

- Enable Canary feature in Spinnaker
- Integrate Prometheus metrics source
- Configure storage for canary configs and metrics report

Canary Deployment – Guided Path





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Demo - Canary Deployment



Thank you!

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