

Kubernetes: Canary Deployment

## **Canary Deployment**

- Canary Deployment is to shift a controlled percentage of user traffic to a newer version of the service in the process of phasing out the older version. This technique is called a *canary deployment*.
- Kubernetes cluster operators can orchestrate canary deployments natively using labels and Deployments.
- In this approach, traffic distribution and replica counts are coupled, which in practice means replica ratios must be controlled manually in order to limit traffic to the canary release.
- Deploying with an Istio service mesh can address this issue by enabling a clear separation between replica counts and traffic management.

- Istio mesh allows fine-grained traffic control that decouples traffic distribution and management from replica scaling.
  Instead of manually controlling replica ratios, you can define traffic percentages and targets, and Istio will manage the rest.
- Here, You will deploy two versions of a demo Node.js application, and use Virtual Service and Destination Rule resources to configure traffic routing to both the newer and older versions.

- As part of New Deployment we will modify the nodeapplication manifest first.
- ► We will update the version in Deployment manifest.
- ► Update the Image In Manifest.
- ► Will not touch the labels in manifest.
- > Also will not modify the Service Manifest.

- As part of New Deployment we will modify the node-istio manifest file to update the Gateway and VS rules.
- We will add a Subset Rule to define additional, version-based policies to the routing rules you are applying to your application Service.
- ➤ We would like to configure a routing rule that will send 80% of traffic to our original application, and 20% to the newer version.
- Next, add a Destination Rule that will apply rules to incoming traffic after that traffic has been routed to the appropriate Service.

- Application manifests are updated, but we still need to apply these changes to our Kubernetes cluster.
- We'll use the kubectl apply command to apply our changes without completely overwriting the existing configuration.
  kubectl apply -f node-app.yaml

kubectl apply -f node-istio.yaml

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