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# An historical perspective

Chernobyl cooling test

End of world

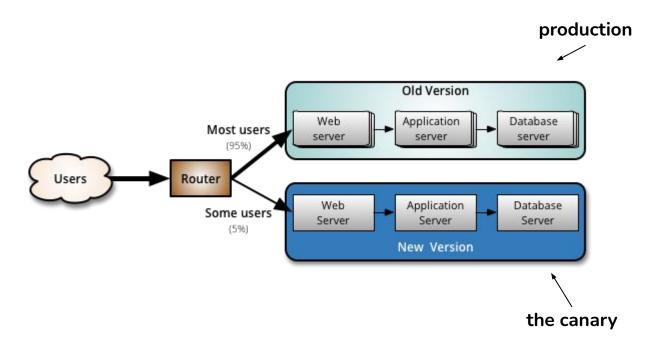
Archduke Ferdinand's driver

Mars Orbiter landing sub-system

The thing you just messed up

Not the end of the world

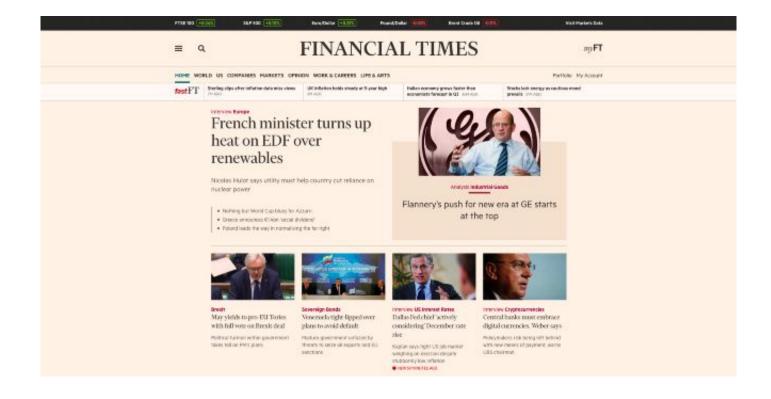
#### What I meant to do



### Like this

```
curl -H "canary: frontpage-2523.herokuapp.com" https://ft.com
the canary hostname
```

#### Woo!



## Tunnock's time

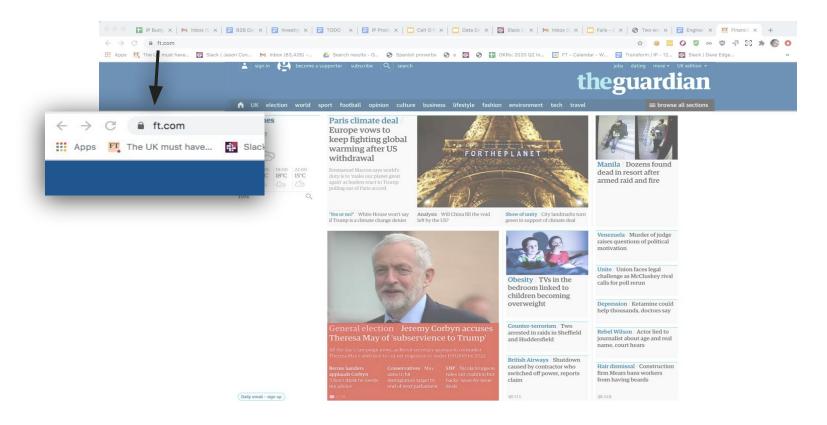


# Now let me just test this

```
curl -H "canary: theguardian.com/uk" https://ft.com

the canary hostname
```

### Ooo, hold on a minute



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### Version 1 - Make it harder to make mistakes

"A typical response to this kind of incident is to go on the defensive. Add more testing phases, hire more testers. Introduce mandatory code review into the development cycle. Add more bureaucracy to the release cycle, to make sure nobody could ever release buggy code into production again."

#### Version 2 - Make it easier to fix mistakes

"This means cutting down on bureaucracy, and trusting developers to have access to their production environments. It means investing in test automation, to allow code to be tested quickly, and building continuous delivery pipelines to make releases happen at the push of a button."



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