

Service Mesh: Network Security?

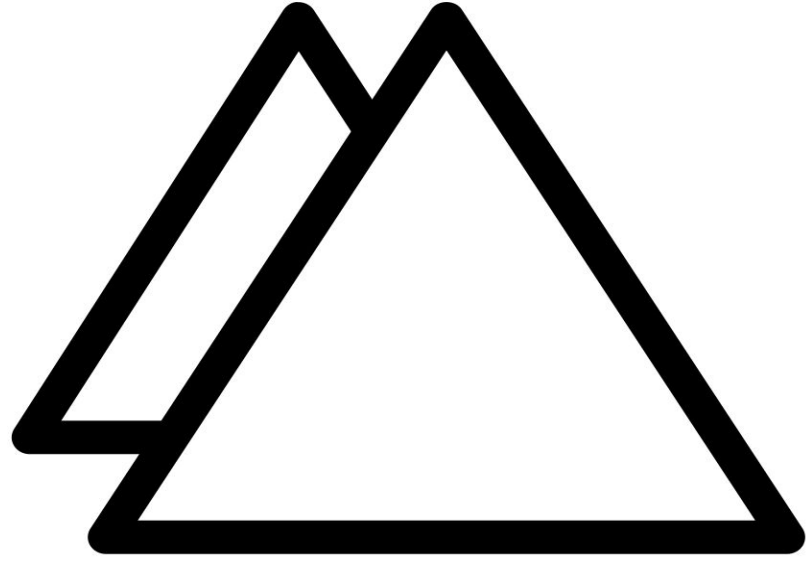
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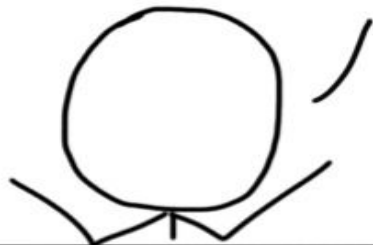
I'm:

- Pi (yes, it's my real name)
- ControlPlane
- Hardened Infrastructure

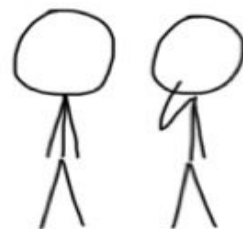


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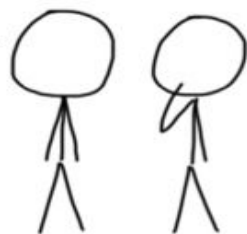


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HE'S BROKEN.
NOT THIS AGAIN.
PUT HIM WITH THE REST.



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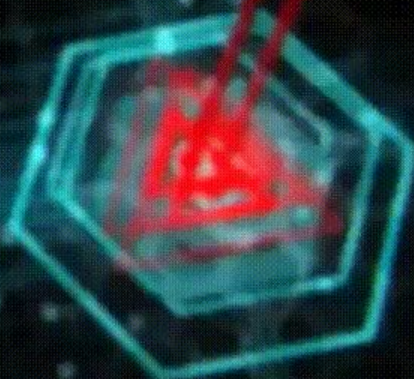
SERVERLESS!
BLOCKCHAIN!
INFRA AS
CODE!

@sebiwicb

A blue, furry Muppet character, Cookie Monster, is shown from the chest up, looking towards a laptop on the left. The laptop is a light brown or tan color and has a small, red, round sticker with black spots (a cookie) on its lid. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

“Why everybody trying to break internet?”

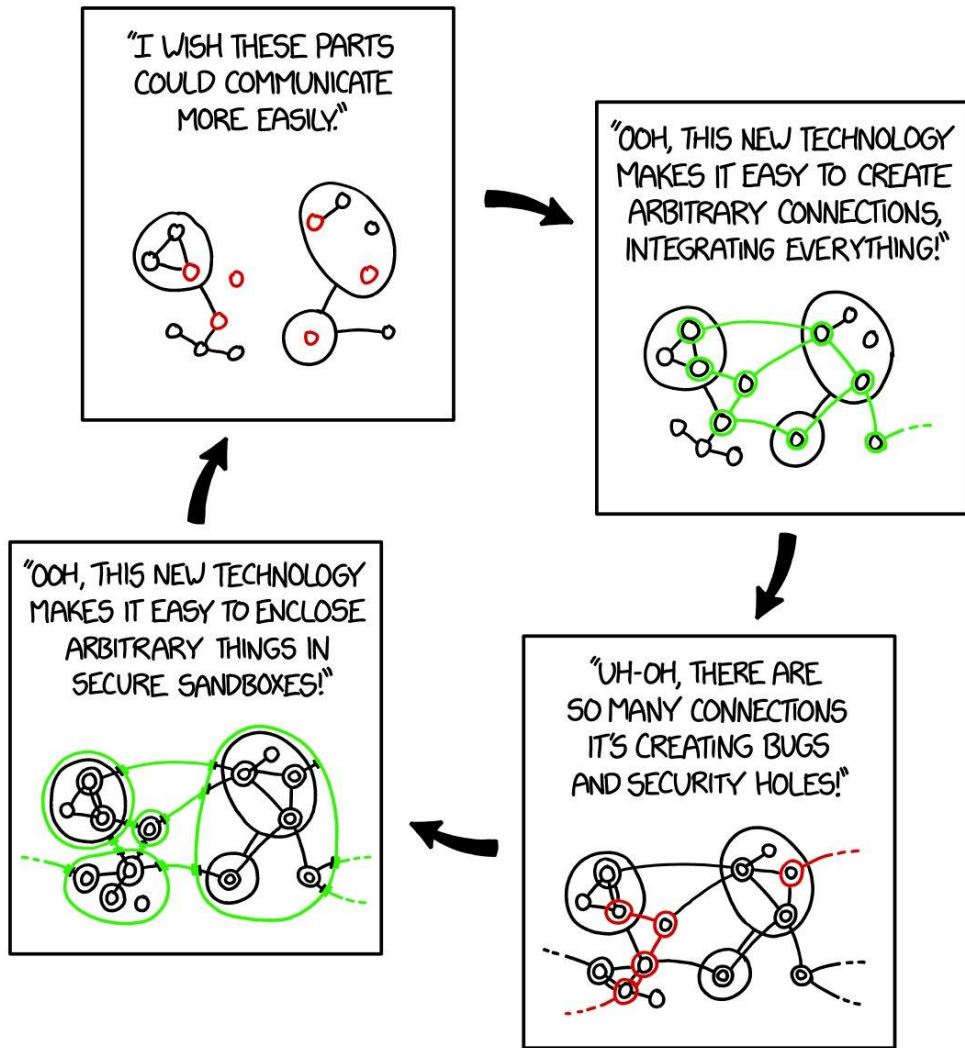
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Sandboxing Circle of Life

All I want is a secure system where it's easy to do anything I want. Is that so much to ask?

<https://www.xkcd.com/2044/>



Istio: Fix Microservice Complexity with...Abstractions



Istio is...Complex



	Istio	Linkerd	Linkerd2	Consul Connect
Model	Sidecar	Node Agent	Sidecar	Sidecar
Platform	Kubernetes	Any	Kubernetes	Any
language	Go	JVM	Go / Rust	Go
Protocol	HTTP1.1 / HTTP2 / gRPC / TCP	HTTP1.1 / HTTP2 / gRPC	HTTP1.1 / HTTP2 / gRPC / TCP	TCP
Default Data Plane	Envoy (supports others)	Native	Native	Native (or Envoy)
Sidecar Injection	Yes	No	No	No
Encryption	Yes	Yes	Experimental	Yes
Traffic Control	label/content based routing, traffic shifting	Dynamic request routing, traffic shifting, per request routing	?	static upstream, prepared query, http api / dns with native integration
Resilience	timeouts, retries, connection pools, outlier detection	timeouts, retries, deadlines, circuit breaking	?	Pluggable
Prometheus Integration	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Tracing Integration	Jaeger	Zipkin	None	Pluggable
Host to Host auth	Service Accounts	TLS Mutual Auth	No	Consul ACL
Agent Caching	Yes	No	No	Yes
Secure connection outside cluster	No	Yes	No	Yes
Complexity	High	High	Low	Low
Paid Support	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

What this talk is about

- Ye Olde Way
- The Istio control plane
- SPIFFE, TLS, and Istio network security
- Authentication and authorisation
- Traffic management, and policy

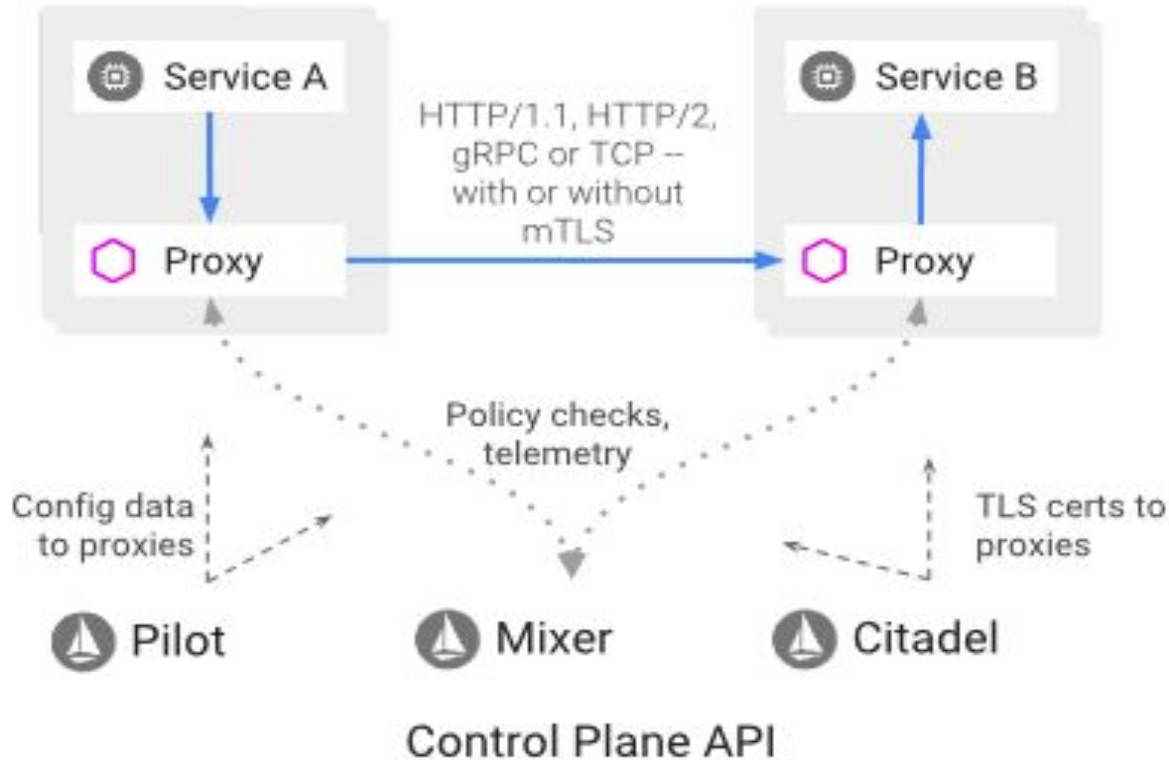


A long time ago in a galaxy far,
far, away...

Ye Olde Way

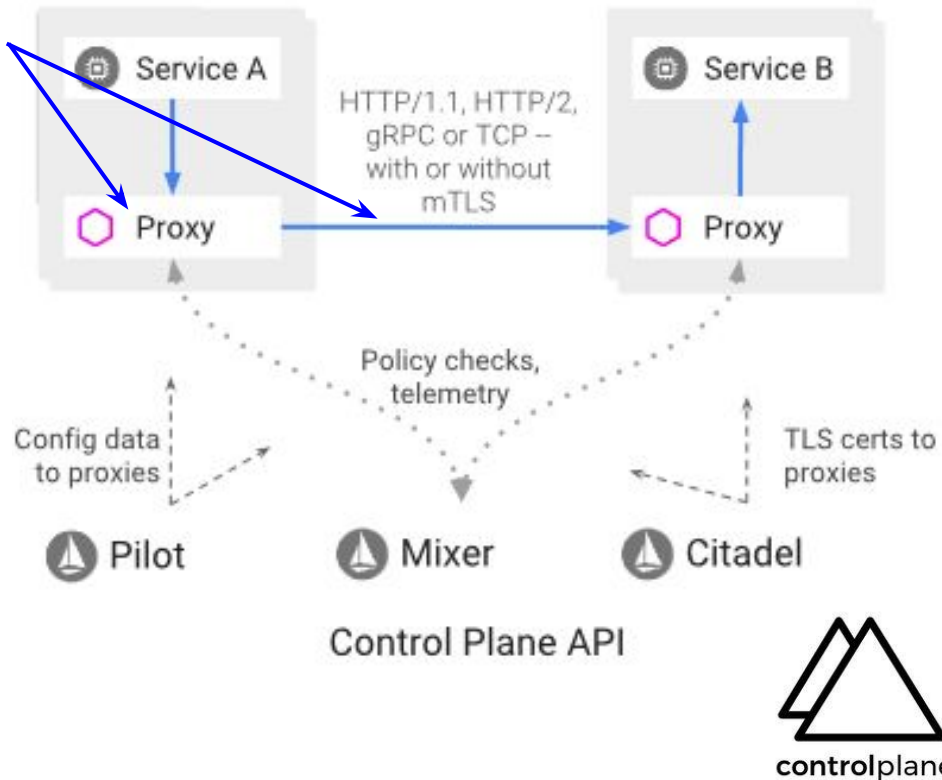
- Netflix distributed system tooling (Eureka, Hystrix, Zuul)
- Redis rate limiting
- Internal PKI
- DNS or route-level service releases

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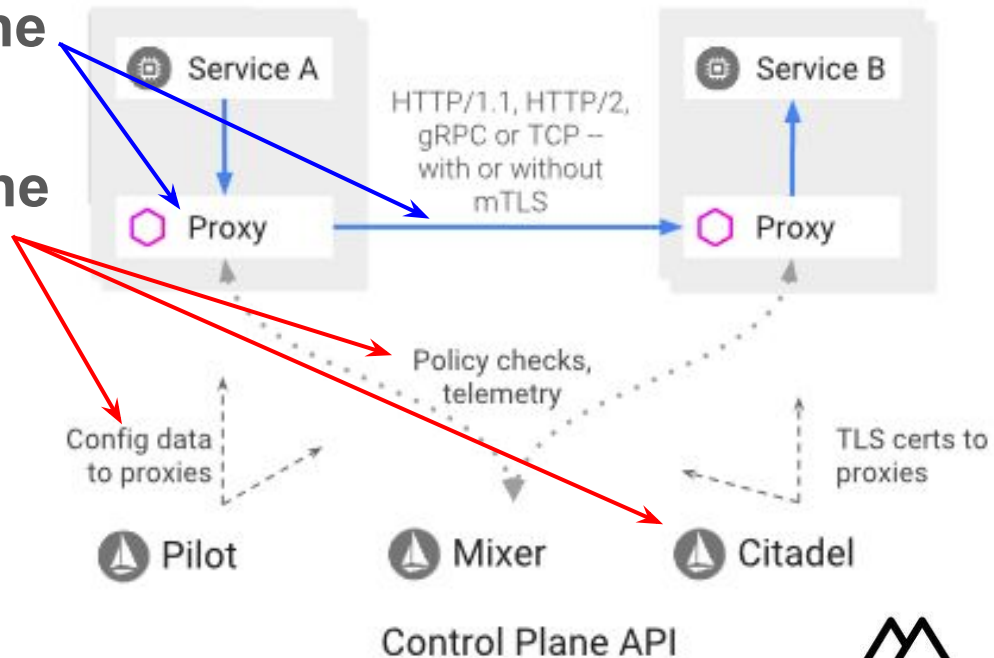
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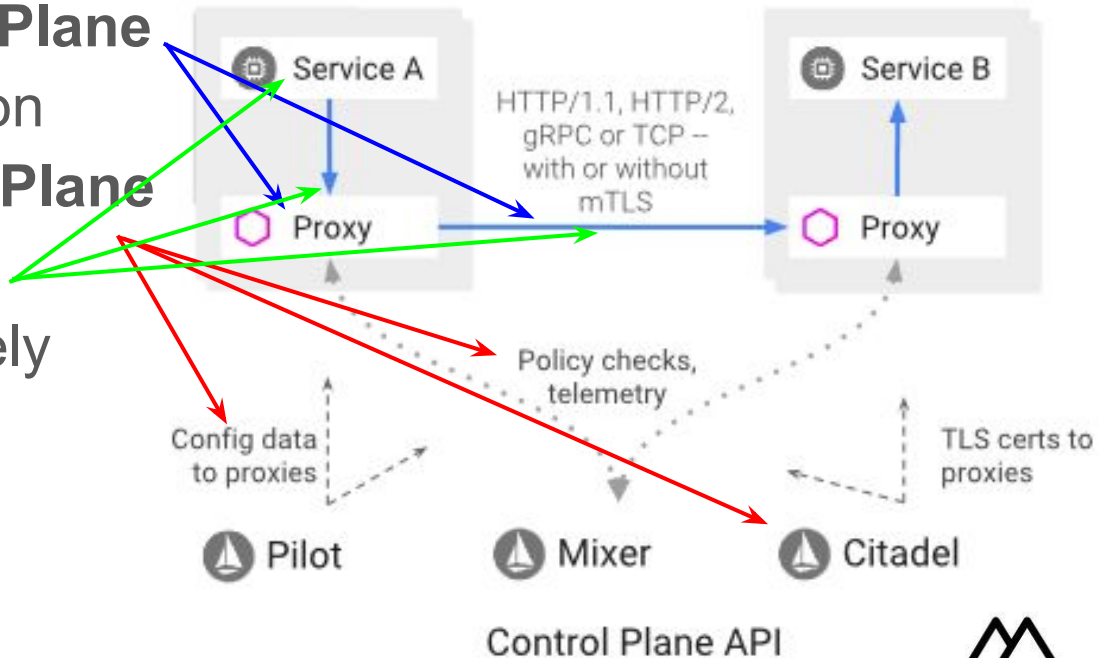
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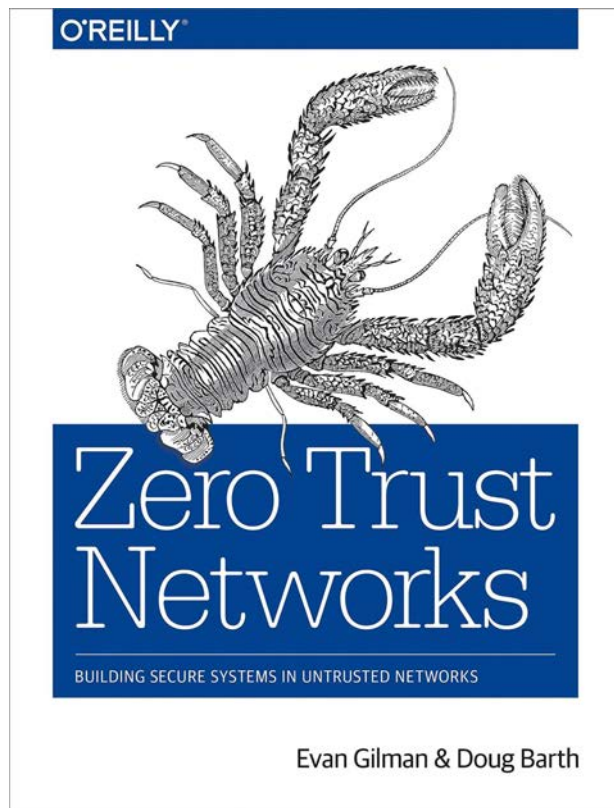
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- **Application/Services** communicate exclusively through the mesh
- **Zero Trust Networking** secures the mesh





Service Mesh: Tables Stakes

- Resiliency features (retries, timeouts, deadlines, etc)
- Cascading failure prevention (circuit breaking)
- Robust load balancing algorithms
- Control over request routing (useful for things like CI/CD release patterns)
- The ability to introduce and manage TLS termination between communication endpoints
- Rich sets of metrics to provide instrumentation at the service-to-service layer

<https://thenewstack.io/which-service-mesh-should-i-use/>



Istio

- Automatic mutual TLS between services
- Service-level RBAC
- External identity provider integration
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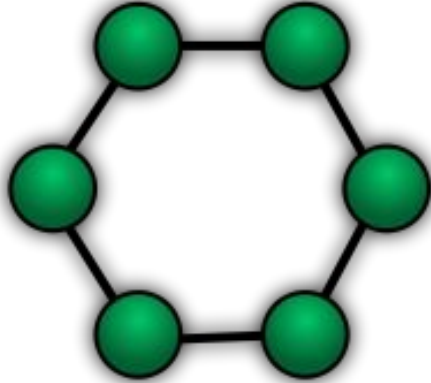
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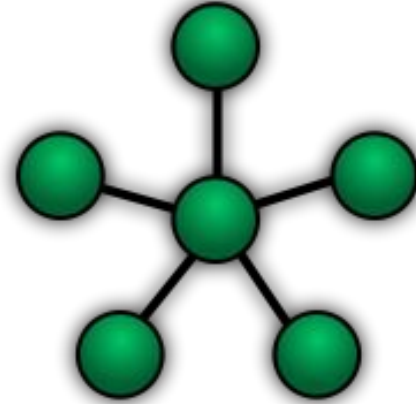


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Some Network Topologies

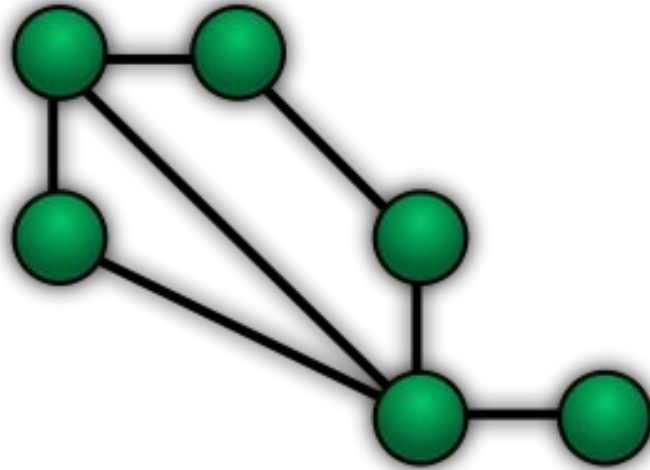


Ring



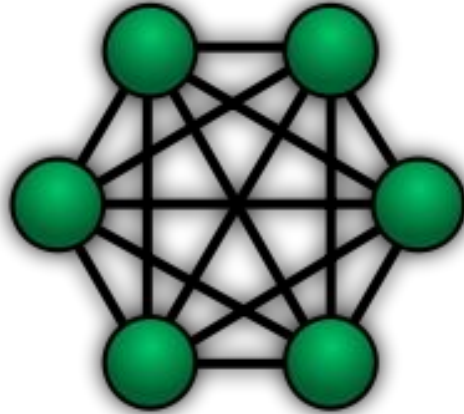
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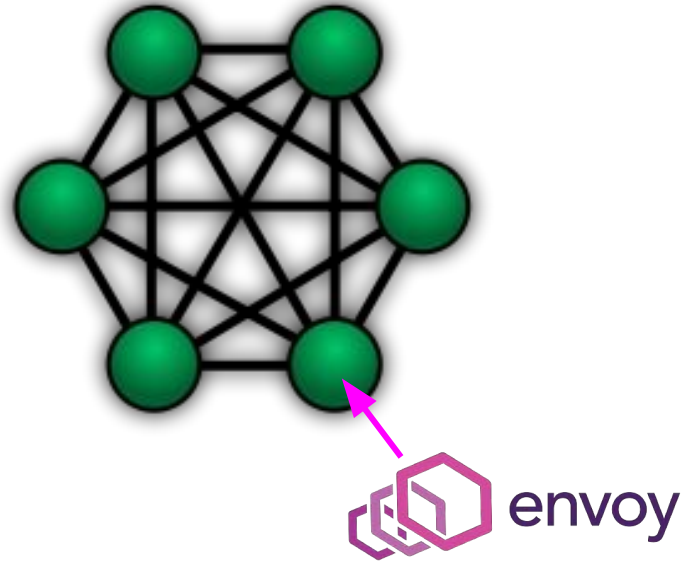
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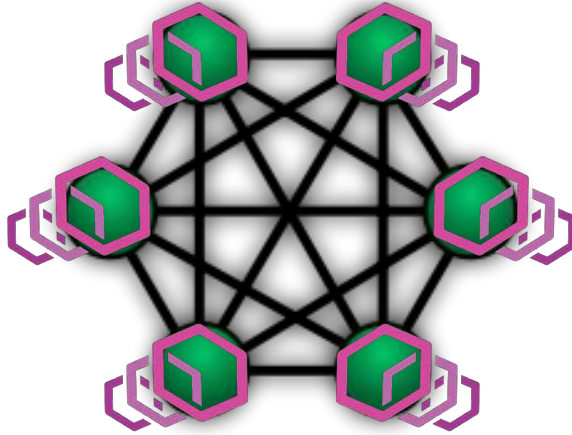


Fully Connected

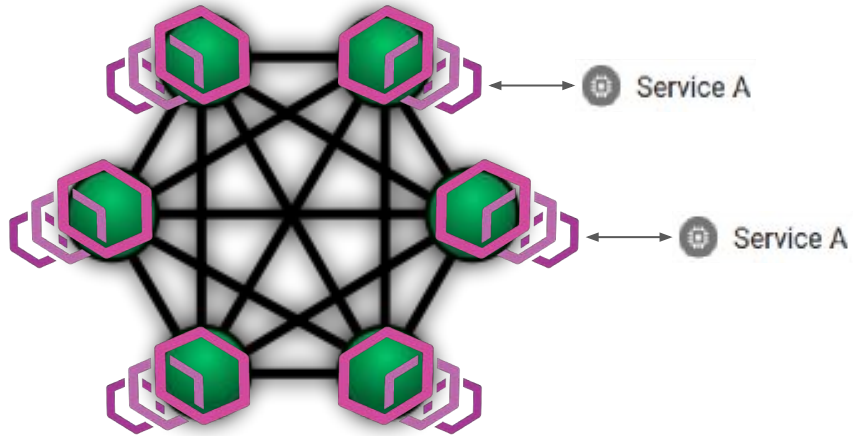
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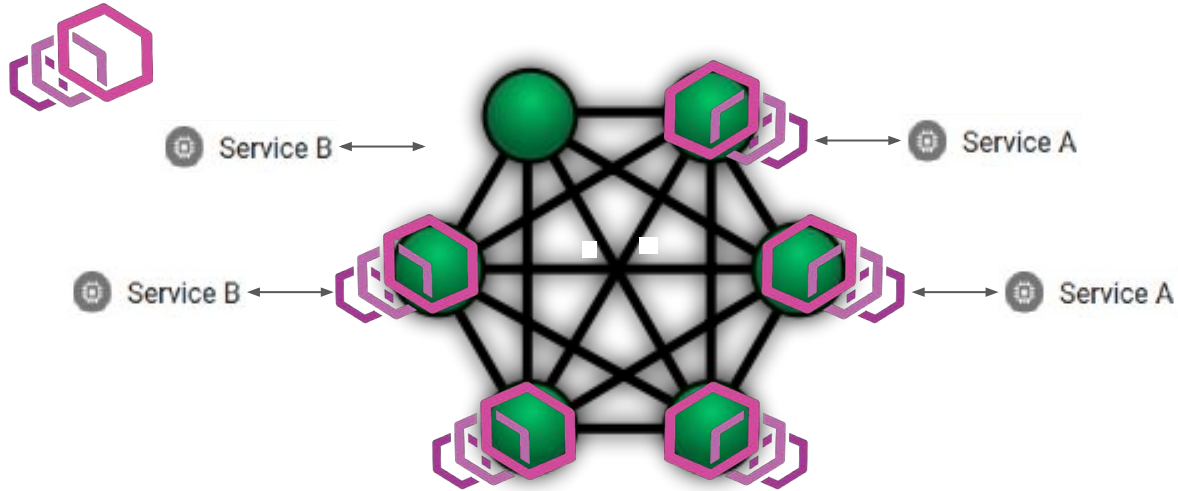
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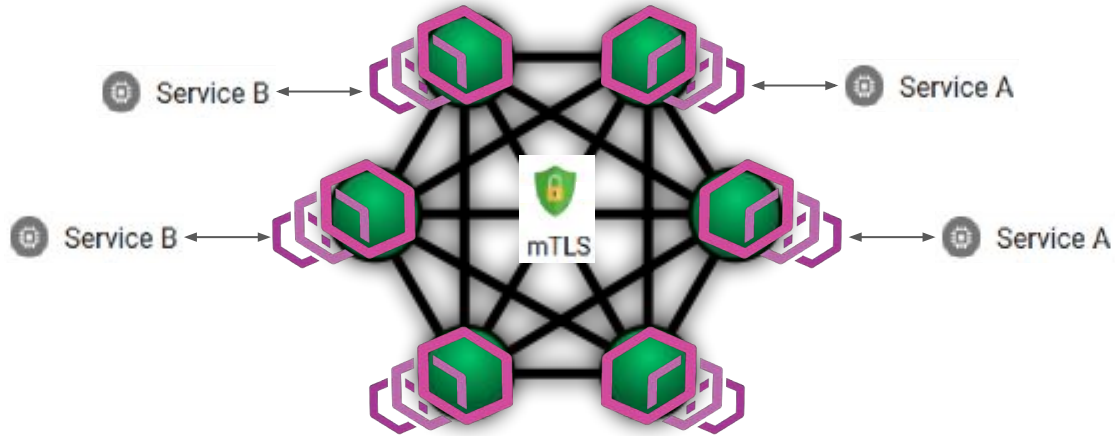
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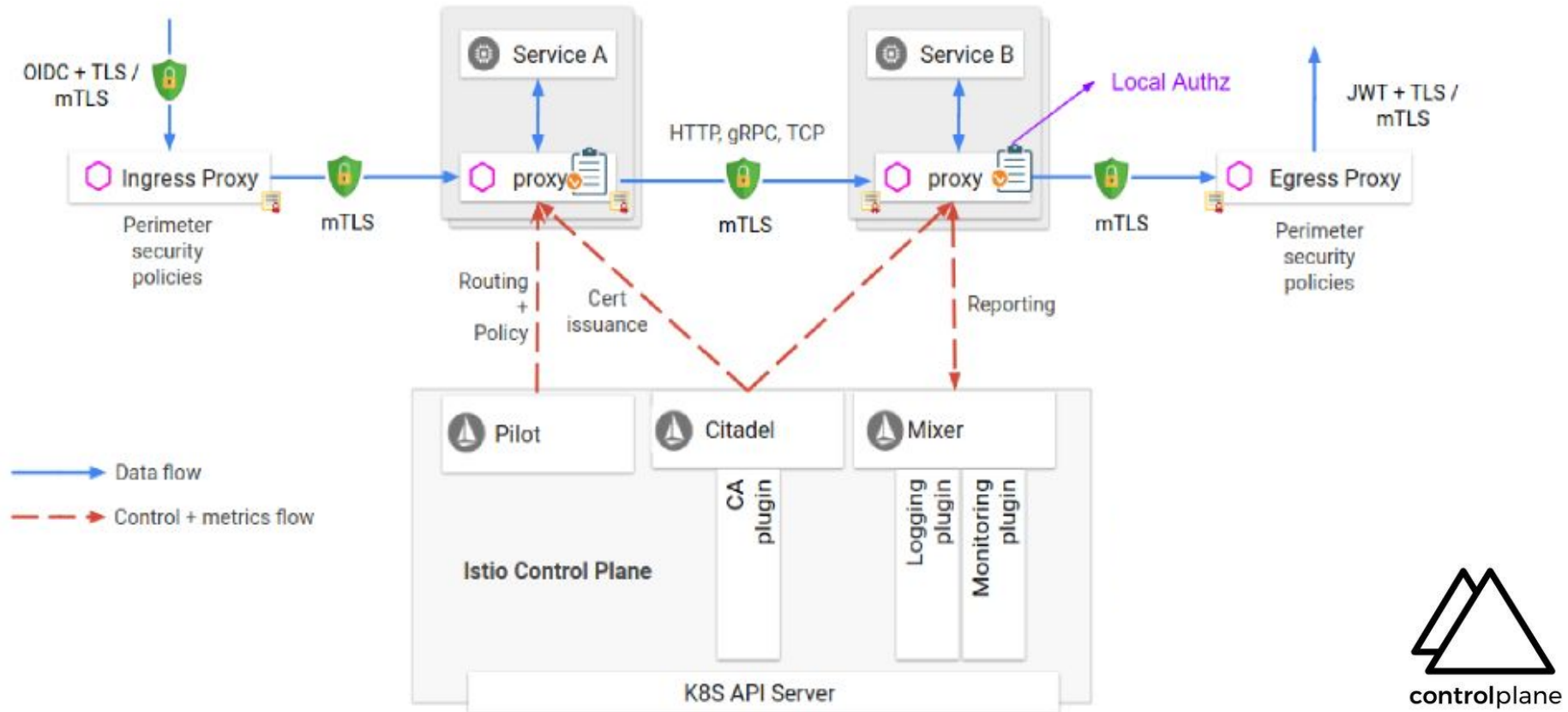
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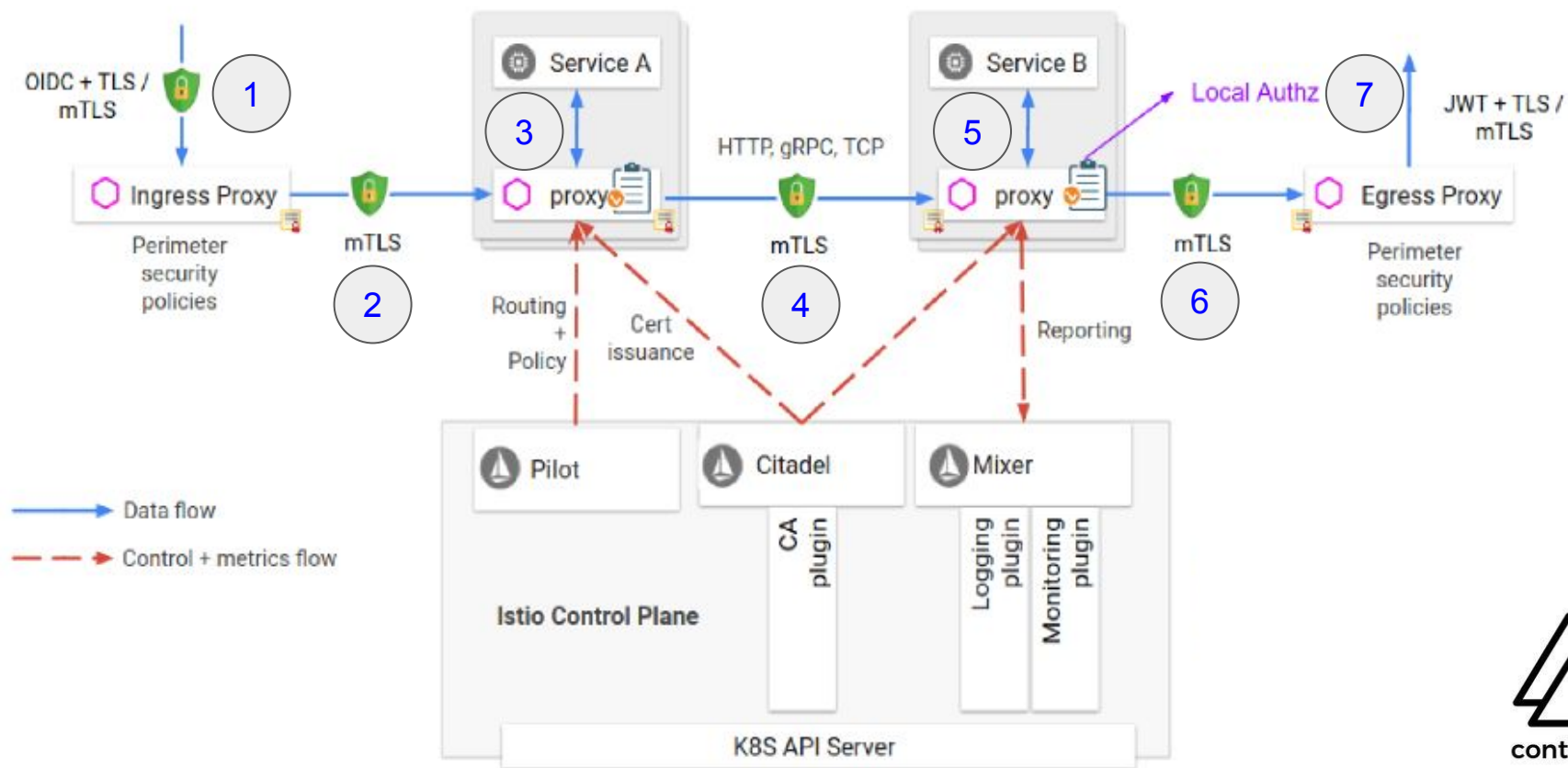
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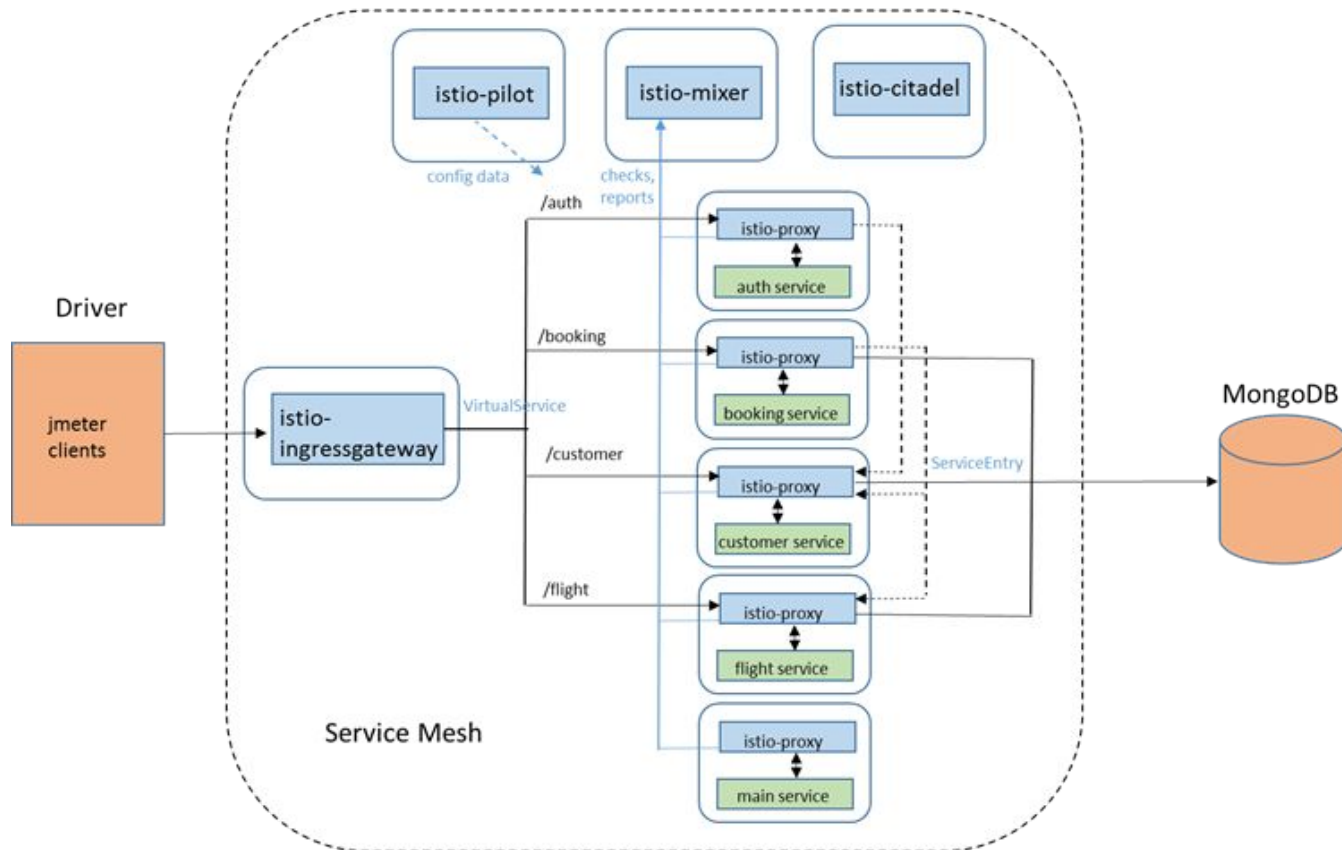
Istio Architecture



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Istio Security



A world map with a dark background, overlaid with a heatmap representing botnet traffic. The heatmap shows high concentrations of activity in North America (USA and Canada) and Europe, with colors ranging from green and yellow to blue and red. The text "RISE OF THE HACKERS" is centered over the map in a large, white, sans-serif font.

RISE OF THE HACKERS

Source: Carna Botnet

Problem: Strong Service Security at Scale

- **Concerns**

- Insiders
- Hijacked services
- Microservice attack surface
- Workload mobility
- Brittle fine-grained models
- Securing resources not just endpoints
- Audit & Compliance

- **Wants**

- Workload mobility
- Remote admin & development
- Shared & 3rd party services
- User & Service identity
- Lower costs

What Istio Installs

- gcr.io/istio-release/**pilot**:1.0.2
- gcr.io/istio-release/**mixer**:1.0.2
- gcr.io/istio-release/**citadel**:1.0.2
- gcr.io/istio-release/**galley**:1.0.2
- gcr.io/istio-release/**sidecar_injector**:1.0.2
- gcr.io/istio-release/**proxyv2**:1.0.2
- gcr.io/istio-release/**proxy_init**:1.0.2
- gcr.io/istio-release/**proxy_debug**:1.0.2
- gcr.io/istio-release/**grafana**:1.0.2
- docker.io/**jaegertracing**/all-in-one:1.5
- docker.io/prom/**prometheus**:v2.3.1
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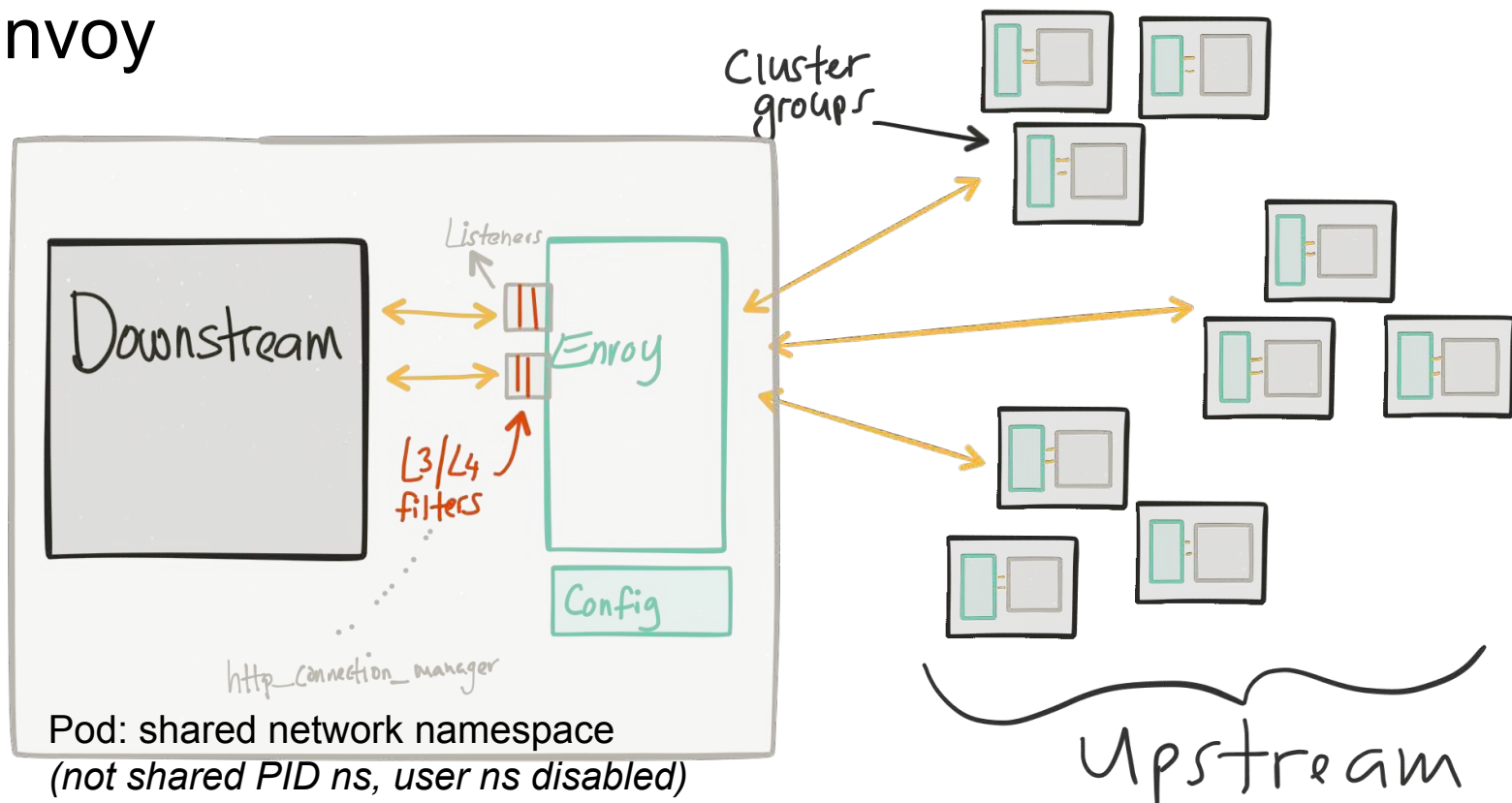
- gcr.io/istio-release/pilot:1.0.2
 - Configuration writer for envoy's API
- gcr.io/istio-release/mixer:1.0.2
 - Central metadata, metrics, and policy
- gcr.io/istio-release/citadel:1.0.2
 - The certificate authority, to issue and rotate certificates
- gcr.io/istio-release/galley:1.0.2
 - User-supplied config validation for the rest of the control plane
- gcr.io/istio-release/sidecar_injector:1.0.2
 - Kubernetes webhook for automatic Istio sidecar injection
- gcr.io/istio-release/proxyv2:1.0.2
 - Envoy
- gcr.io/istio-release/proxy_debug:1.0.2
 - Envoy plus debug symbols, sudo (to allow tcpdump)
- gcr.io/istio-release/proxy_init:1.0.2
 - Init container that configures iptables for sidecar networking
- gcr.io/istio-release/grafana:1.0.2
 - Dashboards add-on
- docker.io/jaegertracing/all-in-one:1.5
 - Tracing add-on
- docker.io/prom/prometheus:v2.3.1
 - Metrics add-on
- docker.io/prom/statsd-exporter:v0.6.0
 - statsd to prometheus bridge



Envoy



Envoy



Envoy - Automatic Sidecar Injection

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  labels:
    istio-injection: enabled
name: my-ns
```



Security: RBAC (aka Authorisation)

```
apiVersion: v1
items:
- apiVersion: admissionregistration.k8s.io/v1beta1
  kind: MutatingWebhookConfiguration
  name: istio-sidecar-injector
  webhooks:
  - clientConfig:
      caBundle: LS0tLS1CRUdJT...
      service:
        name: istio-sidecar-injector
        namespace: istio-system
        path: /inject
    failurePolicy: Fail
    name: sidecar-injector.istio.io
    namespaceSelector:
      matchLabels:
        istio-injection: enabled
  rules:
  - apiGroups:
    - ""
    apiVersions:
    - v1
    operations:
    - CREATE
    resources:
    - pods
```



Envoy - Injection of Proxy Init and Proxy (Envoy)

```
# apiVersion: v1, kind: Pod
metadata:
  annotations:
    sidecar.istio.io/status:
      '{"version":"42...129","initContainers":["istio-init"],"containers":["istio-proxy"],"volumes":["istio-envoy","istio-certs"],"imagePullSecrets":null}'
  spec:
    containers:
      - image: istio/examples-bookinfo-details-v1:1.8.0
# ...
      - image: gcr.io/istio-release/proxyv2:1.0.2
        name: istio-proxy
# ...
      - image: gcr.io/istio-release/proxy_init:1.0.2
        name: istio-init
```



Envoy's initialisation
container:
`proxy_init`



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@jpetazzo

Following



OH: "In any team you need a tank, a healer, a damage dealer, someone with crowd control abilities, and another who knows iptables"

6:41 PM - 27 Jun 2015 from [Kansas City, MO](#)

1,228 Retweets 1,589 Likes



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1.2K



1.6K



Envoy - Proxy Init (Envoy)

<https://github.com/istio/istio/blob/master/tools/deb/istio-iptables.sh>



controlplane

istio-iptables.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
#
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#
#####
#
# Initialization script responsible for setting up port forwarding for Istio sidecar.
```



istio-iptables.sh

```
function usage() {
echo "${0} -p PORT -u UID -g GID [-m mode] [-b ports] [-d ports] [-i CIDR] [-x CIDR] [-h]"
echo ''
echo '  -p: Specify the envoy port to which redirect all TCP traffic (default $ENVOY_PORT = 15001)'
echo '  -u: Specify the UID of the user for which the redirection is not'
echo '      applied. Typically, this is the UID of the proxy container'
echo '      (default to uid of $ENVOY_USER, uid of istio_proxy, or 1337)'
echo '  -g: Specify the GID of the user for which the redirection is not'
echo '      applied. (same default value as -u param)'
echo '  -m: The mode used to redirect inbound connections to Envoy, either "REDIRECT" or "TPROXY"'
echo '      (default to $ISTIO_INBOUND_INTERCEPTION_MODE)'
echo '  -b: Comma separated list of inbound ports for which traffic is to be redirected to Envoy (optional). The'
echo '      wildcard character "*" can be used to configure redirection for all ports. An empty list will disable'
echo '      all inbound redirection (default to $ISTIO_INBOUND_PORTS)'
echo '  -d: Comma separated list of inbound ports to be excluded from redirection to Envoy (optional). Only applies'
echo '      when all inbound traffic (i.e. "*") is being redirected (default to $ISTIO_LOCAL_EXCLUDE_PORTS)'
echo '  -i: Comma separated list of IP ranges in CIDR form to redirect to envoy (optional). The wildcard'
echo '      character "*" can be used to redirect all outbound traffic. An empty list will disable all outbound'
echo '      redirection (default to $ISTIO_SERVICE_CIDR)'
echo '  -x: Comma separated list of IP ranges in CIDR form to be excluded from redirection. Only applies when all'
echo '      outbound traffic (i.e. "*") is being redirected (default to $ISTIO_SERVICE_EXCLUDE_CIDR).'
echo ''
echo 'Using environment variables in $ISTIO_SIDECAR_CONFIG (default: /var/lib/istio/envoy/sidecar.env)'
}
```



istio-iptables.sh

```
PROXY_PORT=${ENVOY_PORT:-15001}
PROXY_UID= # defaults to ${ENVOY_USER} or "istio-proxy" or UID 1337
PROXY_GID=
INBOUND_INTERCEPTION_MODE=${ISTIO_INBOUND_INTERCEPTION_MODE}
INBOUND_TPROXY_MARK=${ISTIO_INBOUND_TPROXY_MARK:-1337}
INBOUND_TPROXY_ROUTE_TABLE=${ISTIO_INBOUND_TPROXY_ROUTE_TABLE:-133}
INBOUND_PORTS_INCLUDE=${ISTIO_INBOUND_PORTS-}
INBOUND_PORTS_EXCLUDE=${ISTIO_LOCAL_EXCLUDE_PORTS-}
OUTBOUND_IP_RANGES_INCLUDE=${ISTIO_SERVICE_CIDR-}
OUTBOUND_IP_RANGES_EXCLUDE=${ISTIO_SERVICE_EXCLUDE_CIDR-}
```



istio-iptables.sh

```
# Remove the old chains, to generate new configs.
iptables -t nat -D PREROUTING -p tcp -j ISTIO_INBOUND 2>/dev/null
iptables -t mangle -D PREROUTING -p tcp -j ISTIO_INBOUND 2>/dev/null
iptables -t nat -D OUTPUT -p tcp -j ISTIO_OUTPUT 2>/dev/null

# Flush and delete the istio chains.
iptables -t nat -F ISTIO_OUTPUT 2>/dev/null
iptables -t nat -X ISTIO_OUTPUT 2>/dev/null
iptables -t nat -F ISTIO_INBOUND 2>/dev/null
iptables -t nat -X ISTIO_INBOUND 2>/dev/null
iptables -t mangle -F ISTIO_INBOUND 2>/dev/null
iptables -t mangle -X ISTIO_INBOUND 2>/dev/null
iptables -t mangle -F ISTIO_DIVERT 2>/dev/null
iptables -t mangle -X ISTIO_DIVERT 2>/dev/null
iptables -t mangle -F ISTIO_TPROXY 2>/dev/null
iptables -t mangle -X ISTIO_TPROXY 2>/dev/null

# Must be last, the others refer to it
iptables -t nat -F ISTIO_REDIRECT 2>/dev/null
iptables -t nat -X ISTIO_REDIRECT 2>/dev/null
iptables -t nat -F ISTIO_IN_REDIRECT 2>/dev/null
iptables -t nat -X ISTIO_IN_REDIRECT 2>/dev/null

if [ "${1:-}" = "clean" ]; then
    echo "Only cleaning, no new rules added"
    exit 0
fi
```



istio-iptables.sh

```
if [ "${INBOUND_PORTS_INCLUDE}" == "*" ]; then
    # Makes sure SSH is not redirected
    iptables -t ${table} -A ISTIO_INBOUND -p tcp --dport 22 -j RETURN
    # Apply any user-specified port exclusions.
    if [ -n "${INBOUND_PORTS_EXCLUDE}" ]; then
        for port in ${INBOUND_PORTS_EXCLUDE}; do
            iptables -t ${table} -A ISTIO_INBOUND -p tcp --dport "${port}" -j RETURN
        done
    fi
    # Redirect remaining inbound traffic to Envoy.
    if [ "${INBOUND_INTERCEPTION_MODE}" = "TPROXY" ]; then
        # If an inbound packet belongs to an established socket, route it to the
        # loopback interface.
        iptables -t mangle -A ISTIO_INBOUND -p tcp -m socket -j ISTIO_DIVERT || echo "No socket match support"
        # Otherwise, it's a new connection. Redirect it using TPROXY.
        iptables -t mangle -A ISTIO_INBOUND -p tcp -j ISTIO_TPROXY
    else
        iptables -t nat -A ISTIO_INBOUND -p tcp -j ISTIO_IN_REDIRECT
    fi
else
    # ...
```



istio-iptables.sh

```
# Skip redirection for Envoy-aware applications and
# container-to-container traffic both of which explicitly use
# localhost.
iptables -t nat -A ISTIO_OUTPUT -d 127.0.0.1/32 -j RETURN

# Apply outbound IP exclusions. Must be applied before inclusions.
if [ -n "${OUTBOUND_IP_RANGES_EXCLUDE}" ]; then
  for cidr in ${OUTBOUND_IP_RANGES_EXCLUDE}; do
    iptables -t nat -A ISTIO_OUTPUT -d "${cidr}" -j RETURN
  done
fi

# Apply outbound IP inclusions.
if [ "${OUTBOUND_IP_RANGES_INCLUDE}" == "*" ]; then
  # Wildcard specified. Redirect all remaining outbound traffic to Envoy.
  iptables -t nat -A ISTIO_OUTPUT -j ISTIO_REDIRECT
elif [ -n "${OUTBOUND_IP_RANGES_INCLUDE}" ]; then
  # User has specified a non-empty list of cidrs to be redirected to Envoy.
  for cidr in ${OUTBOUND_IP_RANGES_INCLUDE}; do
    iptables -t nat -A ISTIO_OUTPUT -d "${cidr}" -j ISTIO_REDIRECT
  done
  # All other traffic is not redirected.
  iptables -t nat -A ISTIO_OUTPUT -j RETURN
fi
```



istio-iptables.sh

```
# If ENABLE_INBOUND_IPV6 is unset (default unset), restrict IPv6 traffic.
set +o nounset
if [ -z "${ENABLE_INBOUND_IPV6}" ]; then
  # Drop all inbound traffic except established connections.
  # TODO: support receiving IPv6 traffic in the same way as IPv4.
  iptables -F INPUT || true
  iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT || true
  iptables -A INPUT -j REJECT || true
fi
```



Envoy and The Mesh



Envoy - Mesh Proxy Status Report

```
$ istioctl proxy-status
```

PROXY	CDS	LDS	EDS	RDS	PILOT	VERSION
details-v1-586974b75-614qq.default	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	SYNCED	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2
istio-egressgateway-667fddb57-qr252.istio-system	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	NOT SENT	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2
istio-egressgateway-667fddb57-trnzv.istio-system	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	NOT SENT	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2
istio-ingressgateway-7998f6b7b8-28sz6.istio-system	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	SYNCED	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2
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istio-ingressgateway-7998f6b7b8-x9829.istio-system	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	SYNCED	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2
productpage-v1-5bdbcbd659-gsgtd.default	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	SYNCED	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2
ratings-v1-588c545875-w6v64.default	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	SYNCED	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2
reviews-v1-6b5b46bb47-jv6f4.default	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	SYNCED	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2
reviews-v2-6c565864fc-ppfns.default	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	SYNCED	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2
reviews-v3-65849d49f5-wgld7.default	SYNCED	SYNCED	SYNCED (100%)	SYNCED	istio-pilot-76b56cd46-pr9zg	1.0.2



Envoy - Proxy Configuration

```
$ istioctl proxy-config cluster productpage-v1-55d65d9c4-f52c5
```

SERVICE FQDN	PORT	SUBSET	DIRECTION	TYPE
BlackHoleCluster	-	-	-	STATIC
custom-metrics-stackdriver-adapter.custom-metrics.svc.cluster.local	443	-	outbound	EDS
default-http-backend.kube-system.svc.cluster.local	80	-	outbound	EDS
details.default.svc.cluster.local	9080	-	outbound	EDS
grafana.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	3000	-	outbound	EDS
heapster.kube-system.svc.cluster.local	80	-	outbound	EDS
istio-citadel.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	8060	-	outbound	EDS
istio-citadel.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	9093	-	outbound	EDS
istio-egressgateway.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	80	-	outbound	EDS
istio-egressgateway.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	443	-	outbound	EDS
istio-galley.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	443	-	outbound	EDS
istio-galley.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	9093	-	outbound	EDS
istio-ingressgateway.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	80	-	outbound	EDS
istio-ingressgateway.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	443	-	outbound	EDS
istio-ingressgateway.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	853	-	outbound	EDS
...				
istio-pilot.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	8080	-	outbound	EDS
...				
productpage.default.svc.cluster.local	9080	-	inbound	STATIC
productpage.default.svc.cluster.local	9080	-	outbound	EDS
ratings.default.svc.cluster.local	9080	-	outbound	EDS
reviews.default.svc.cluster.local	9080	-	outbound	EDS
xds-grpc	-	-	-	STRICT_DNS
zipkin	-	-	-	STRICT_DNS
zipkin.istio-system.svc.cluster.local	9411	-	outbound	EDS



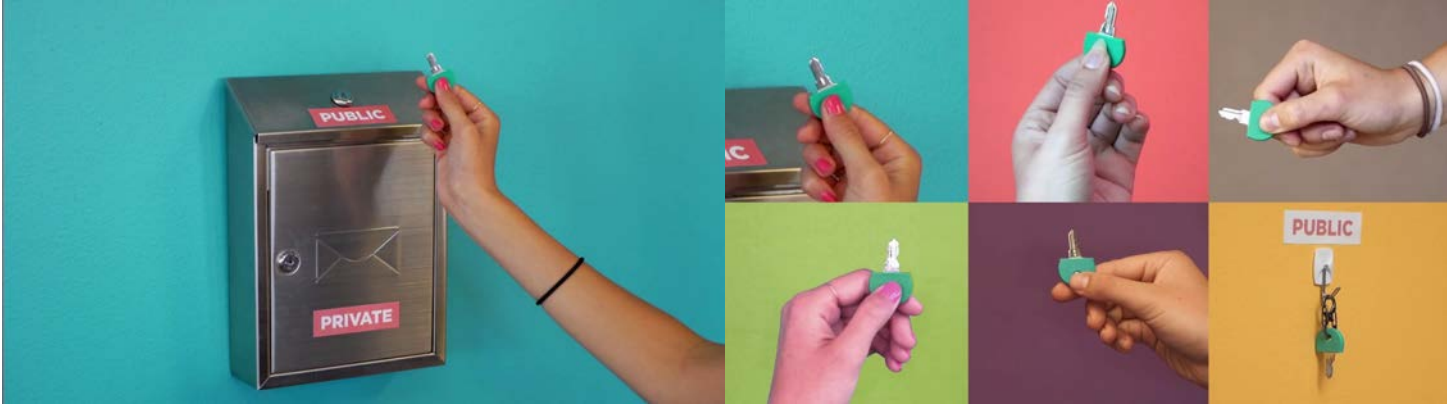
Mutual TLS



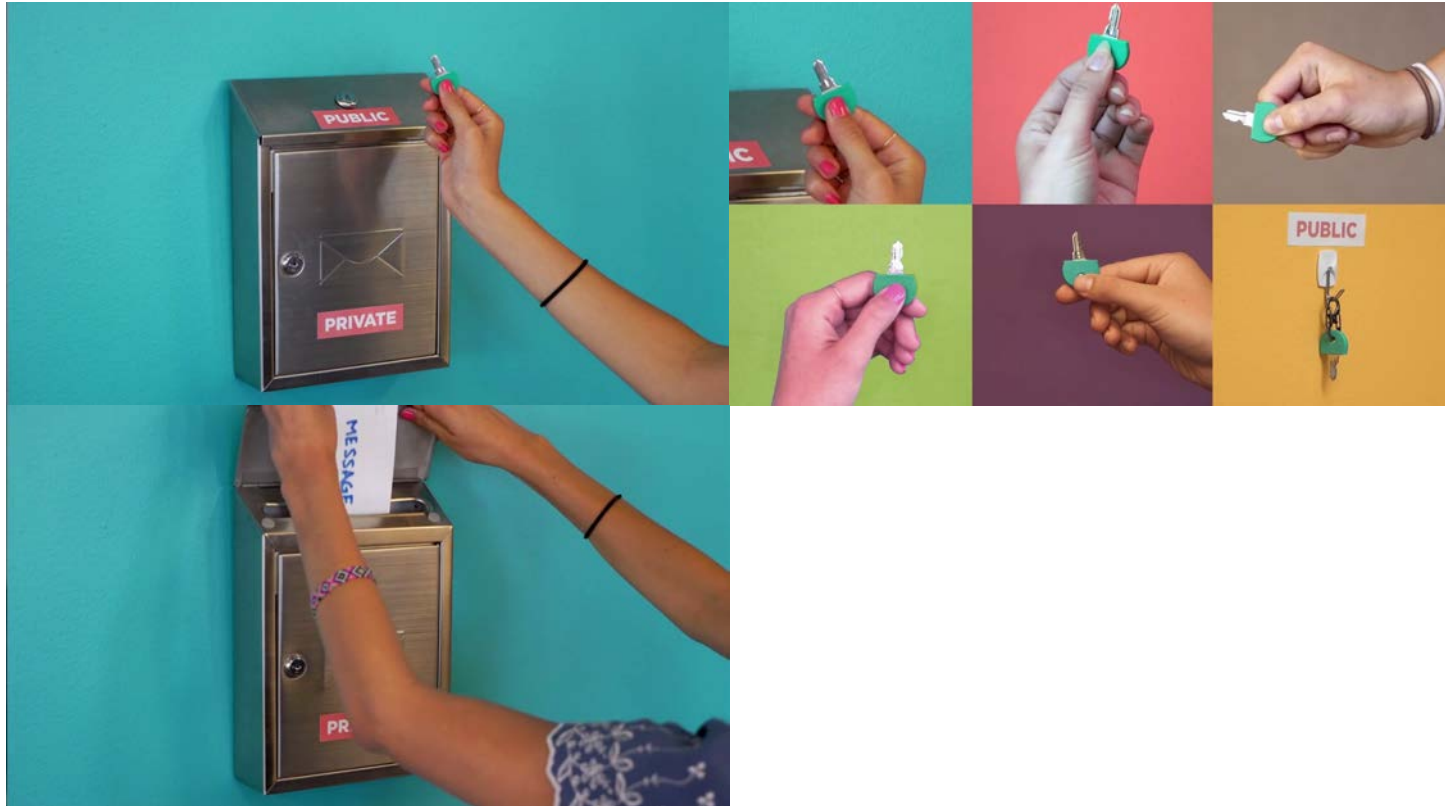
Public Key Cryptography



Public Key Cryptography



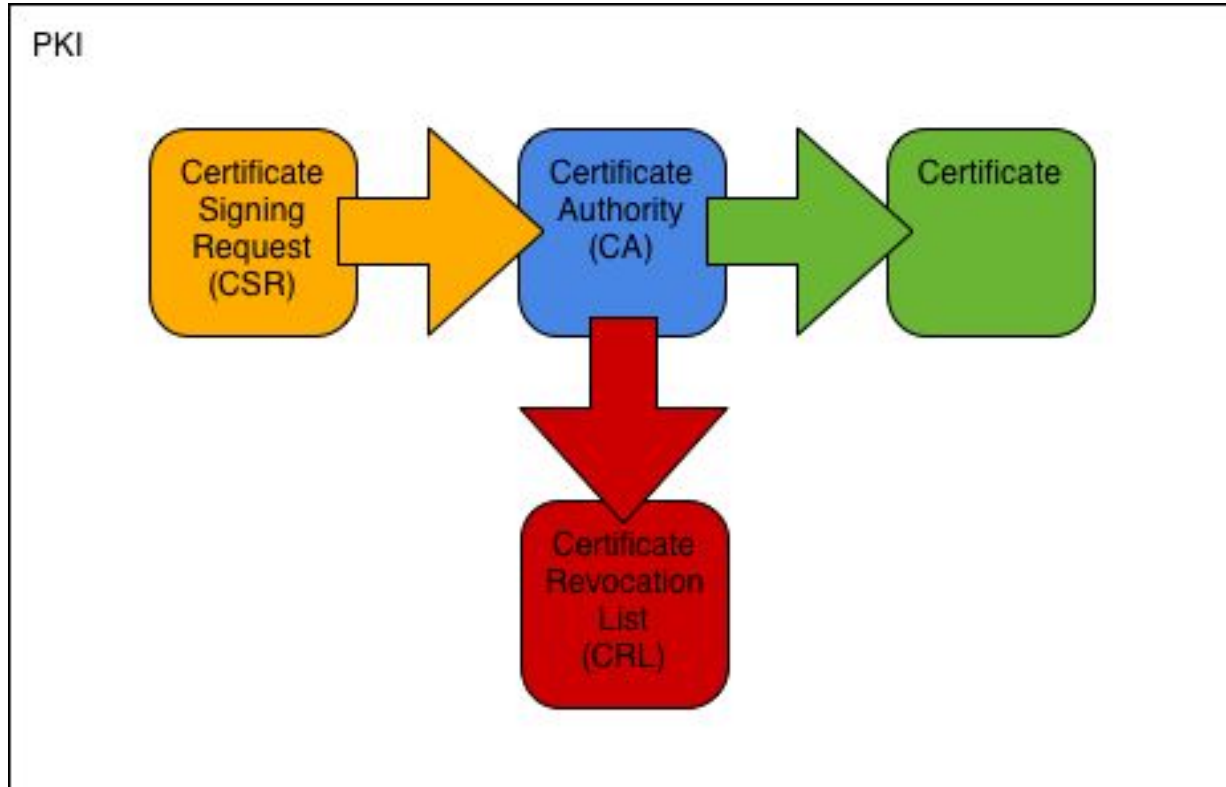
Public Key Cryptography



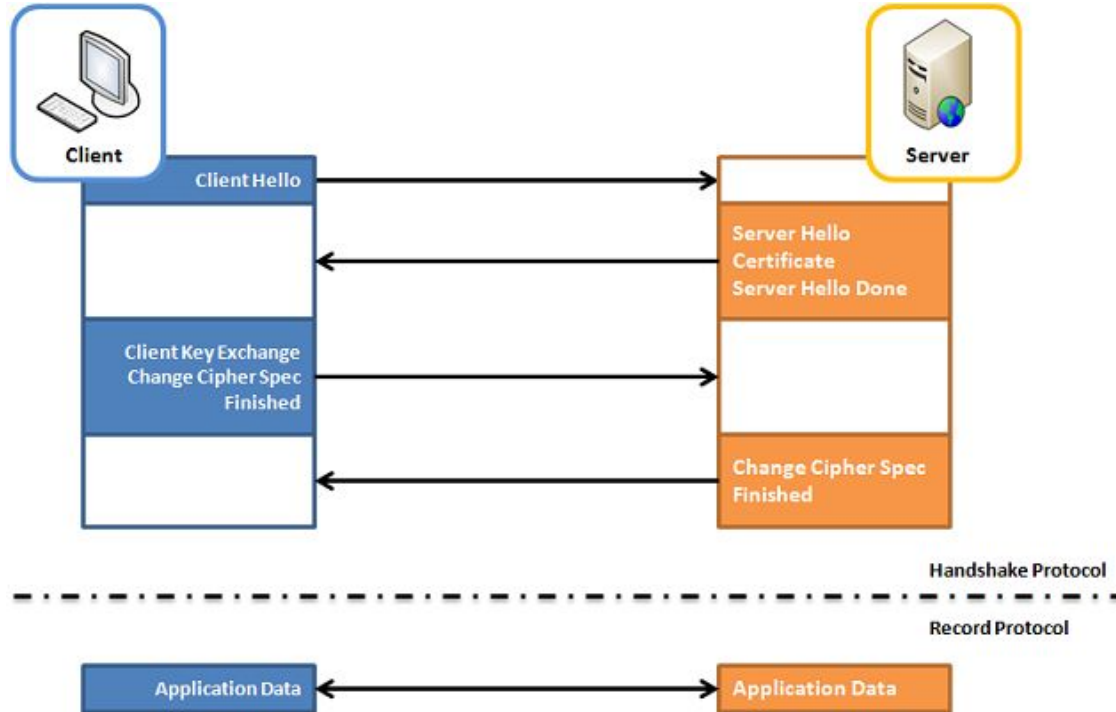
Public Key Cryptography



Self Signed Certs aka Signing Your Own Homework

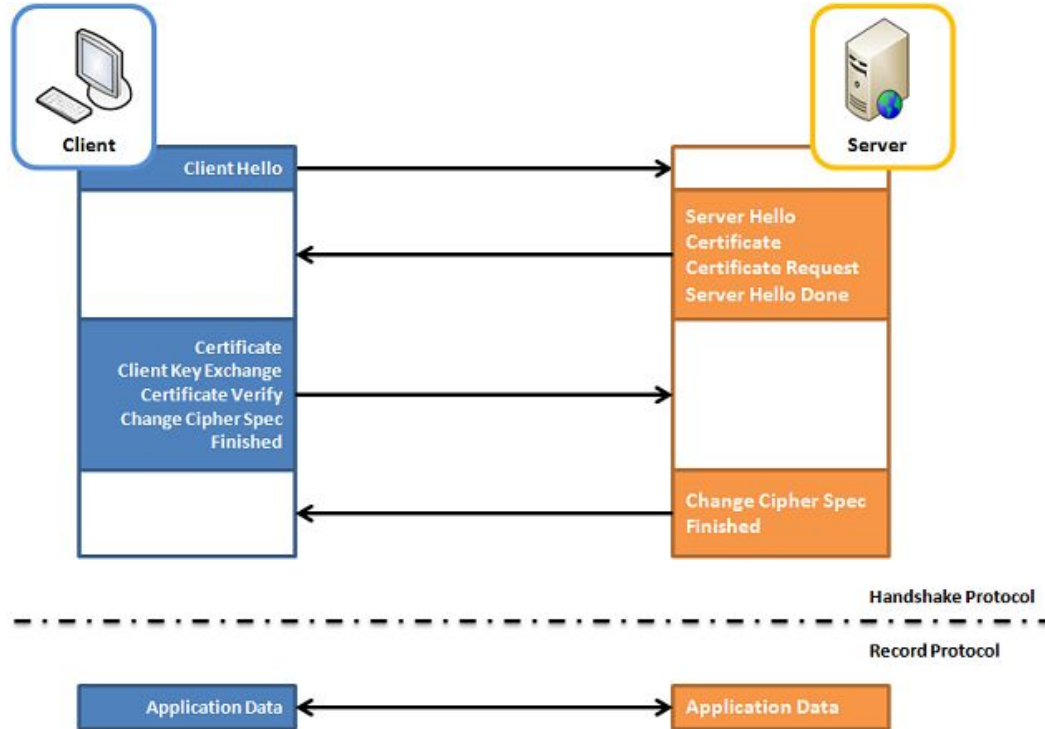


One-Way (Traditional) TLS Handshake



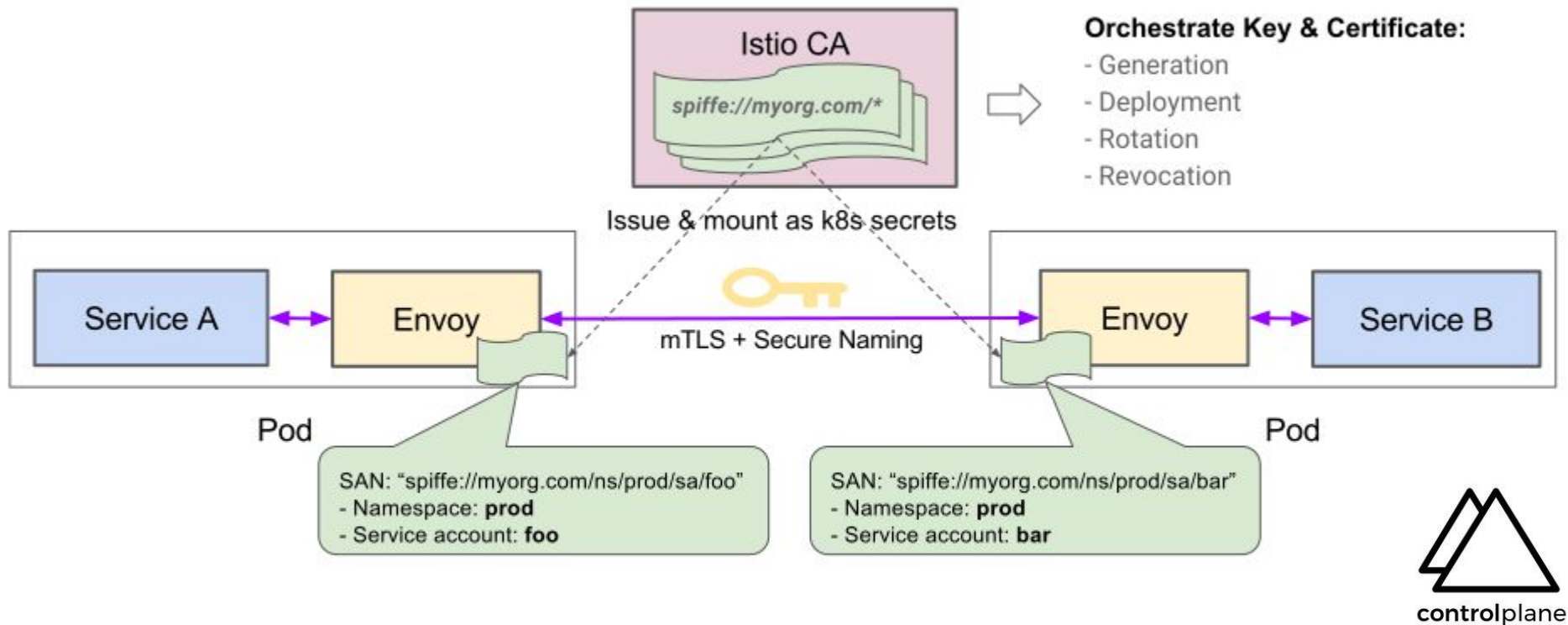
SSL authentication handshake messages

Mutual TLS Handshake (mTLS)



Mutual SSL authentication handshake messages

Secure Naming



Citadel



Citadel Image Filesystem

`/mnt/docker/docker/overlay/.../root`

```
├── etc
│   ├── ssl
│   │   └── certs
│   │       └── ca-certificates.crt
├── tmp
├── usr
│   ├── local
│   │   ├── bin
│   │   │   └── istio_ca
│   └── share
│       ├── doc
│       │   └── ca-certificates
│       │       └── copyright
```

`/mnt/docker/docker/overlay/.../merged`

`/mnt/docker/docker/overlay/.../upper`

```
├── dev
│   ├── console
│   ├── pts
│   └── shm
├── etc
│   ├── hostname
│   ├── hosts
│   ├── mtab -> /proc/mounts
│   └── resolv.conf
├── proc
└── sys
```

`/mnt/docker/docker/overlay/.../work`

`└── work`



controlplane

Citadel Image Filesystem

```
$ sudo sysdig 'proc.name=istio_ca and  
evt.type=clone' --verbose | tr ' ' '\n'
```

```
702390  
08:17:42.953506485  
2  
istio_ca  
(20713)  
<  
clone  
res=0  
exe=/usr/local/bin/istio_ca  
args=--self-signed-ca.  
tid=20713(istio_ca)  
pid=20650(istio_ca)  
ptid=20632(docker-containe)  
cwd=
```

```
# ...
```

```
fdlimit=4096  
pgft_maj=0  
pgft_min=0  
vm_size=37380  
vm_rss=22072  
vm_swap=0  
comm=istio_ca  
cgroups=cpuset=/docker/61a4c7a10a431e7f227  
1396633fb0757034be69f8eddd825280f3e9d0eb96  
333...  
flags=47107(CLONE_FILES|CLONE_FS|CLONE_SIG  
HAND|CLONE_SYSVSEM|CLONE_THREAD|CLONE_VM)  
uid=0  
gid=0  
vtid=12  
vpid=1(systemd)
```



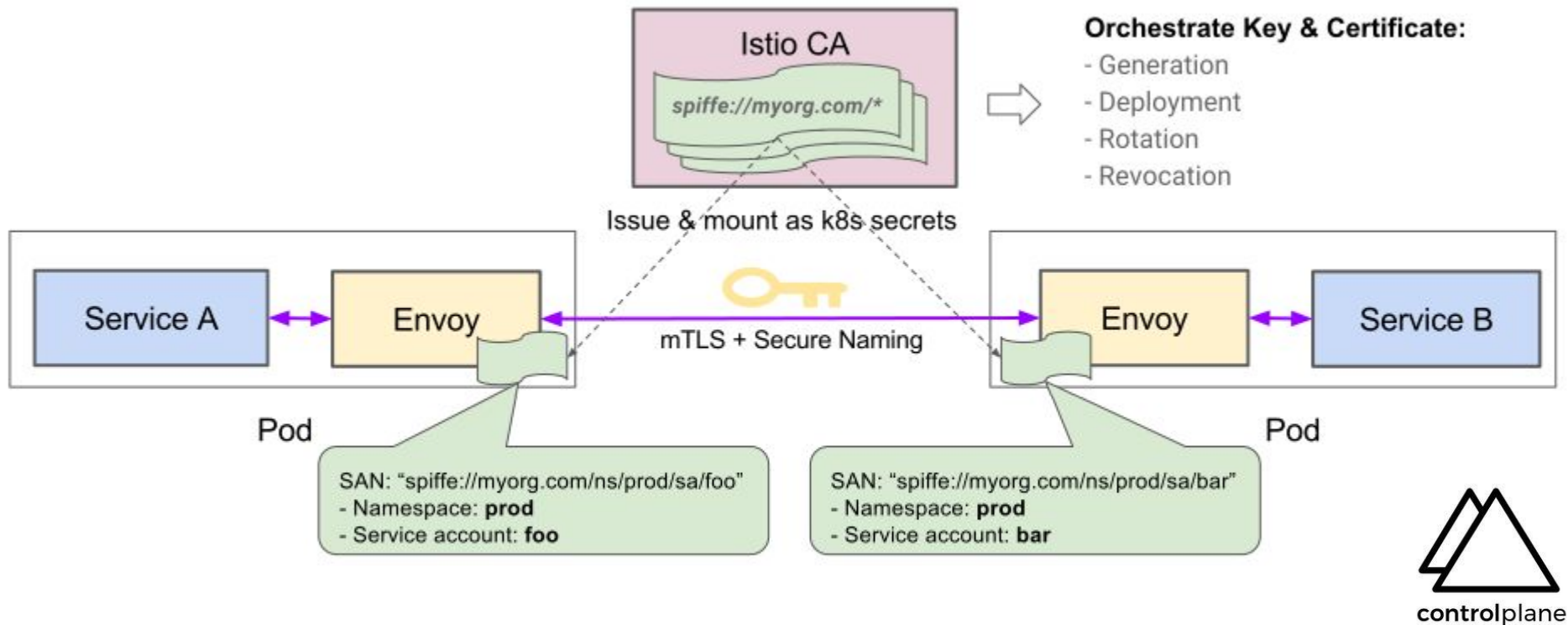
controlplane

Citadel Flow

1. Get the istio-system secret `istio-ca-secret`
2. Gets all service accounts and generates SPIFFE identifiers for them
 - a. `spiffe://cluster.local/ns/kube-system/sa/service-controller`
 - b. `spiffe://cluster.local/ns/default/sa/frontend-web-orders`
 - c. `spiffe://cluster.local/ns/default/sa/frontend-web-addressbook`
 - d. `spiffe://cluster.local/ns/istio-system/sa/istio-citadel-service-account`
3. Gets all services
4. Gets all secrets of type `istio.io/key-and-cert` for already-issued certificates
5. Sets a watch on the serviceaccounts, services, and secrets
6. Issue certs!



Secure Naming



Bootstrapping identity with SPIFFE



SPIFFE ID

`spiffe://acme.com/billing/payments`



Trust Domain

Workload Identifier



controlplane

SPIFFE ID: Istio

`spiffe://cluster.local/ns/my-ns/sa/my-serviceaccount`



Trust Domain



Workload Identifier



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SPIFFE Verifiable Identity Document (SVID)

`spiffe://acme.com/billing/payments`

Typically short-lived



Today only one form of SVID (X509-SVID).
Other document types under consideration
(including JWT-SVID)

X.509 RFC Format

```
Certificate ::= SEQUENCE {
    tbsCertificate      TBSCertificate,
    signatureAlgorithm  AlgorithmIdentifier,
    signatureValue      BIT STRING  }

TBSCertificate ::= SEQUENCE {
    version             [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,
    serialNumber        CertificateSerialNumber,
    signature            AlgorithmIdentifier,
    issuer              Name,
    validity             Validity,
    subject             Name,
    subjectPublicKeyInfo SubjectPublicKeyInfo,
    issuerUniqueID      [1] IMPLICIT UniqueIdentifier OPTIONAL,
                        -- If present, version MUST be v2 or v3
    subjectUniqueID     [2] IMPLICIT UniqueIdentifier OPTIONAL,
                        -- If present, version MUST be v2 or v3
    extensions          [3] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL
                        -- If present, version MUST be v3
    }

Version ::= INTEGER {  v1(0), v2(1), v3(2)  }

CertificateSerialNumber ::= INTEGER
```

```
Validity ::= SEQUENCE {
    notBefore      Time,
    notAfter       Time  }

Time ::= CHOICE {
    utcTime        UTCTime,
    generalTime    GeneralizedTime  }

UniqueIdentifier ::= BIT STRING

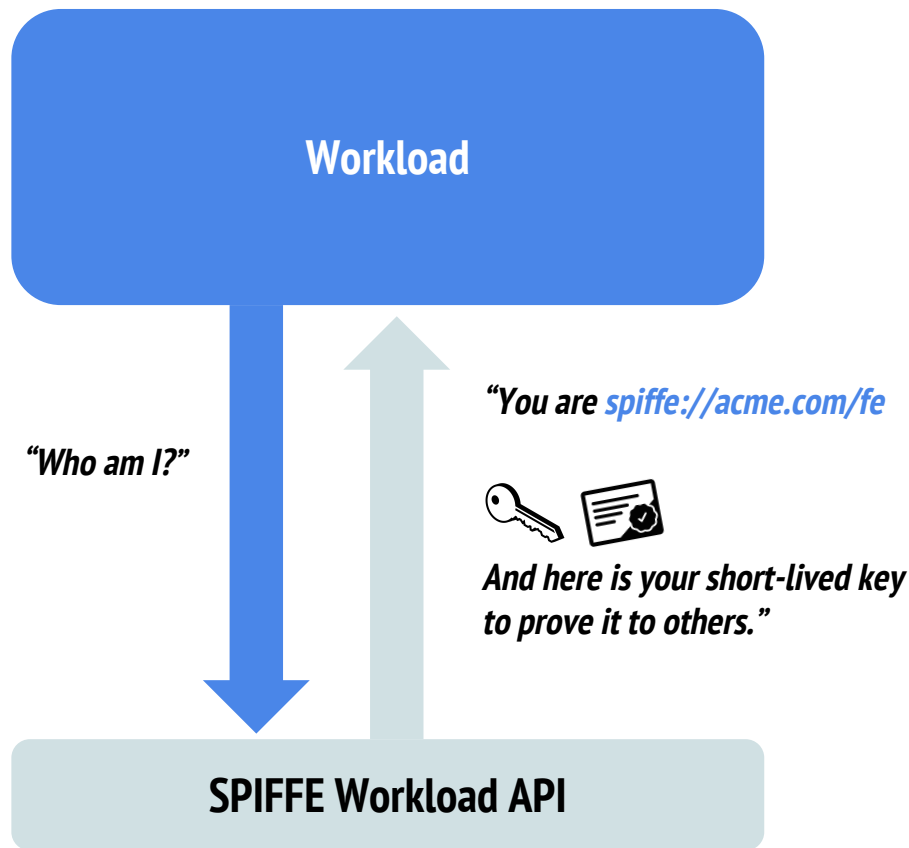
SubjectPublicKeyInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    algorithm        AlgorithmIdentifier,
    subjectPublicKey  BIT STRING  }

Extensions ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Extension

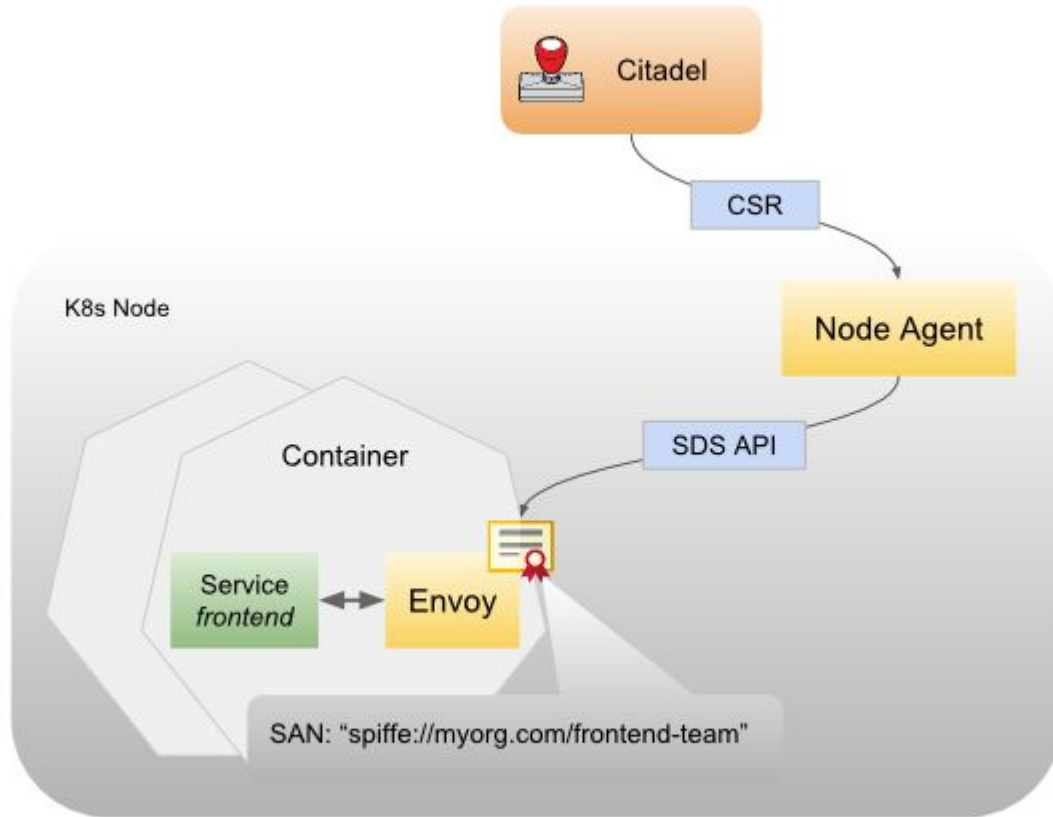
Extension ::= SEQUENCE {
    extnID          OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    critical        BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
    extnValue       OCTET STRING
    -- contains the DER encoding of an ASN.1 value
    -- corresponding to the extension type identified
    -- by extnID
    }
```

<https://github.com/spiffe/spiffe/blob/master/standards/X509-SVID.md#appendix-a-x509-field-reference>

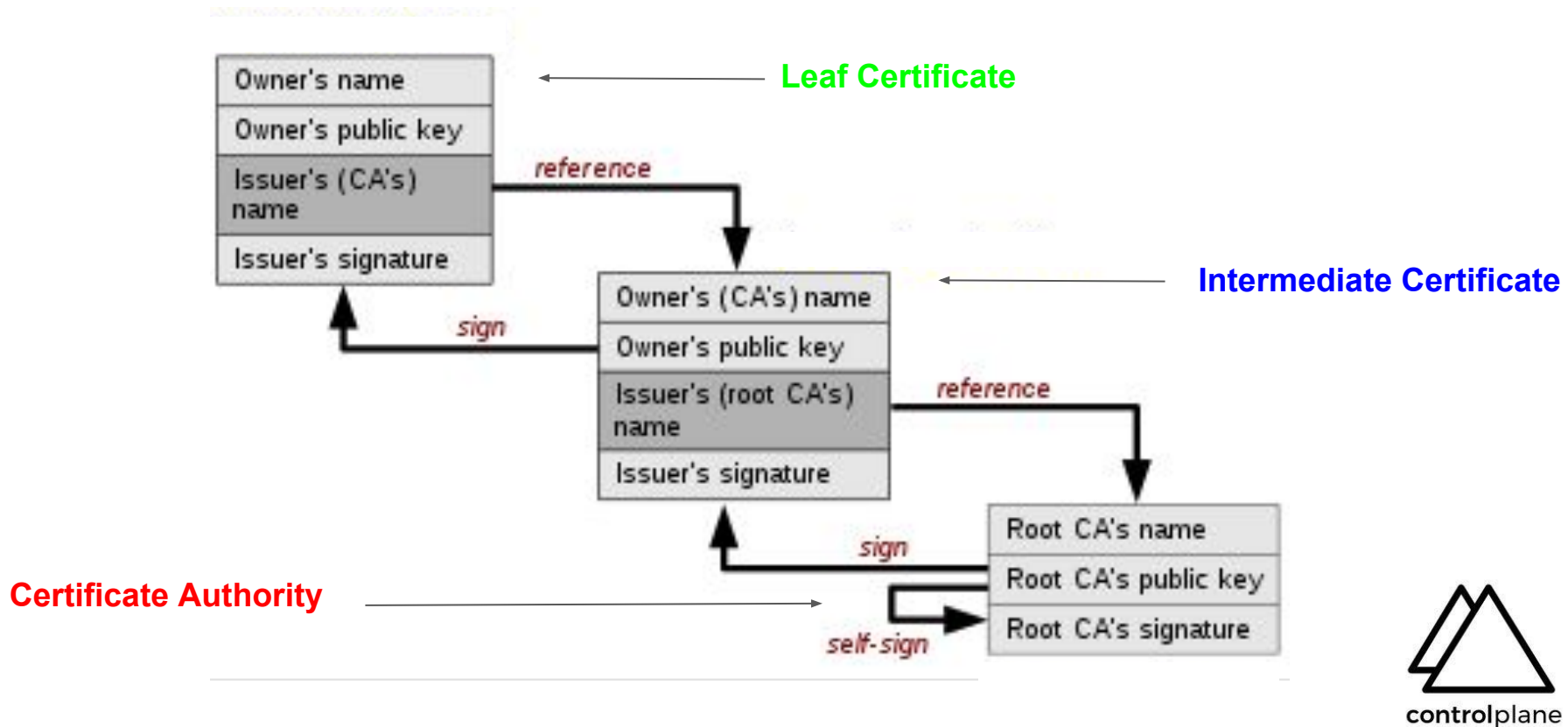




Istio: Phase Two Attestation



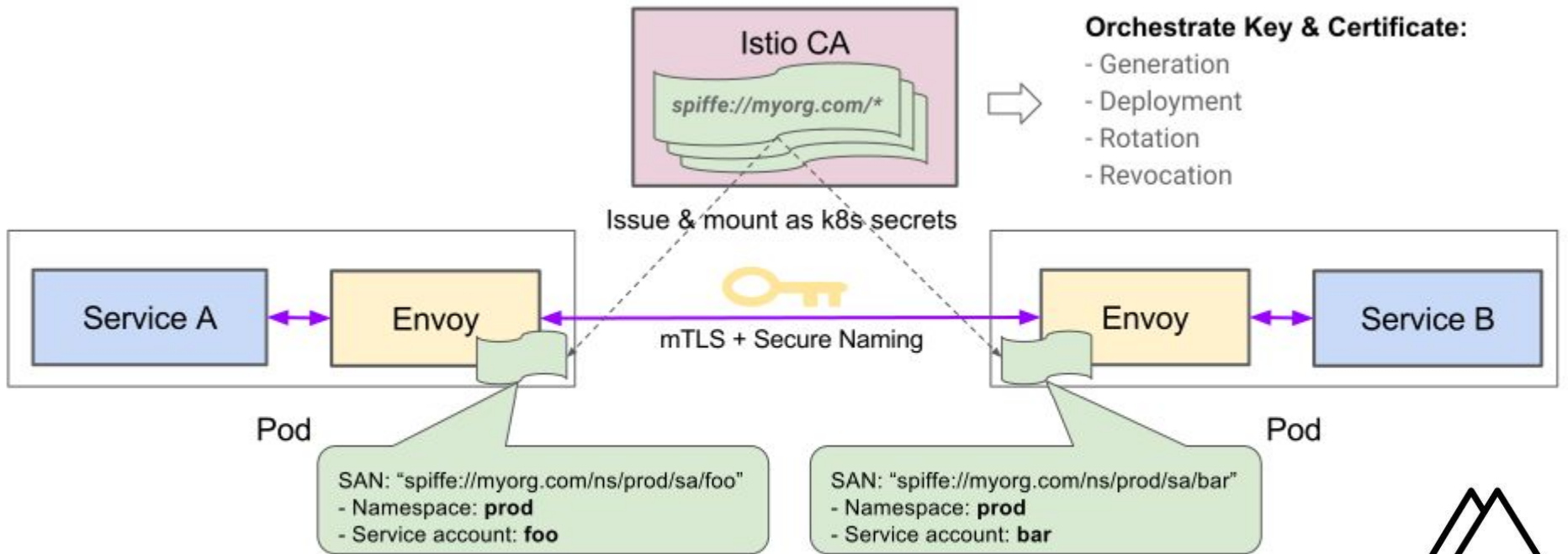
Certificate Path Validation



What SPIFFE is not

- **Authorization** (however it provides identities upon which authorization schemes can be deployed)
- **Transport level security** (however SVIDs can be used to facilitate things like TLS or JWT signing)

Using SPIFFE in TLS Certificates



TLS Config in Envoy

```
$ kubectl exec -it productpage-v1-55d65d9c4-f52c5 --namespace default -c istio-proxy -- curl localhost:15000/config_dump
```

```
{
  "configs": {
    "listeners": {
      "@type": "type.googleapis.com/envoy.admin.v2alpha.ListenersConfigDump",
      "version_info": "2018-09-11T11:53:29Z",
      "dynamic_active_listeners": [
        {
          "listener": {
            "name": "10.12.77.7_9080",
            "address": {
              "socket_address": { "address": "10.12.77.7", "port_value": 9080 }
            },
            "filter_chains": [
              {
                "tls_context": {
                  "common_tls_context": {
                    "tls_certificates": [
                      {
                        "certificate_chain": {
                          "filename": "/etc/certs/cert-chain.pem"
                        },
                        "private_key": {
                          "filename": "/etc/certs/key.pem"
                        }
                      }
                    ]
                  }
                }
              }
            ]
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

```
# ...
```

```
# ...
```

```
    "validation_context": {
      "trusted_ca": {
        "filename": "/etc/certs/root-cert.pem"
      }
    },
    "alpn_protocols": [
      "h2",
      "http/1.1"
    ]
  },
  "require_client_certificate": true
},
```



Secure By Default



Security: RBAC (aka Authorisation)

```
apiVersion: "rbac.istio.io/v1alpha1"
kind: RbacConfig
metadata:
  name: default
spec:
  mode: 'ON_WITH_INCLUSION'
  inclusion:
    namespaces: ["my-istio-ns"]
```



Security: Namespace RBAC

```
apiVersion: "rbac.istio.io/v1alpha1"
kind: ServiceRole
metadata:
  name: service-viewer
  namespace: default
spec:
  rules:
    - services: ["*"]
      methods: ["GET"]
      constraints:
        - key: "destination.labels[app]"
          values: ["productpage", "details",
"reviews", "ratings"]

# ...
```

```
---
apiVersion: "rbac.istio.io/v1alpha1"
kind: ServiceRoleBinding
metadata:
  name: bind-service-viewer
  namespace: default
spec:
  subjects:
    - properties:
        source.namespace: "istio-system"
    - properties:
        source.namespace: "my-istio-ns"
  roleRef:
    kind: ServiceRole
    name: "service-viewer"
```



Security: Per-Service RBAC

```
apiVersion: "rbac.istio.io/v1alpha1"
kind: ServiceRole
metadata:
  name: productpage-viewer
  namespace: default
spec:
  rules:
    - services: ["productpage.default.svc.cluster.local"]
      methods: ["GET", "HEAD"]
      paths: ["*"]
      constraints:
        - key: request.headers[version]
          values: ["v1", "v2"]
```

...

```
---
apiVersion: "rbac.istio.io/v1alpha1"
kind: ServiceRoleBinding
metadata:
  name: bind-productpage-viewer
  namespace: default
spec:
  subjects:
    - user: "*"
  roleRef:
    kind: ServiceRole
    name: "productpage-viewer"
```



Security: Per-Service RBAC in Envoy

```
$ kubectl exec -it productpage-v1-55d65d9c4-f52c5 --namespace default -c istio-proxy -- curl localhost:15000/config_dump
```

```
{
  "http_filters": [
    {
      "name": "istio_authn",
      "config": {
        "policy": {
          "peers": [
            {
              "mtls": {}
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    },
    {
      "name": "envoy.filters.http.rbac",
      "config": {
        "rules": {
          "policies": {
            "productpage-viewer": {
              "permissions": [
                {
                  "and_rules": {
                    "rules": [
                      {
                        "or_rules": {
                          "rules": [
                            {
                              "header": {
                                "exact_match": "GET",
                                "name": ":method"
                              }
                            }
                          ]
                        }
                      }
                    ]
                  }
                }
              ]
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  ],
  "principals": [
    {
      "and_ids": {
        "ids": [{ "any": true }]
      }
    }
  ],
  "shadow_rules": {
    "policies": {}
  }
}
```

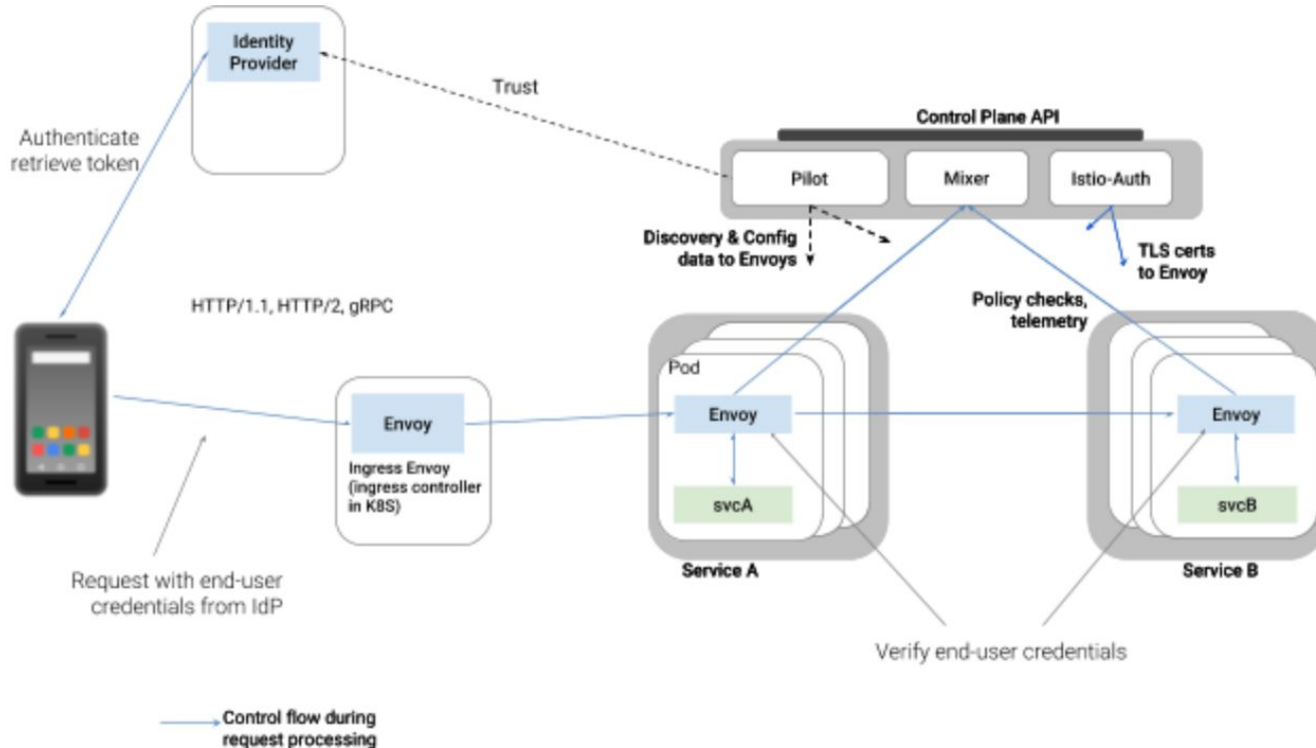


Security: End User Authentication

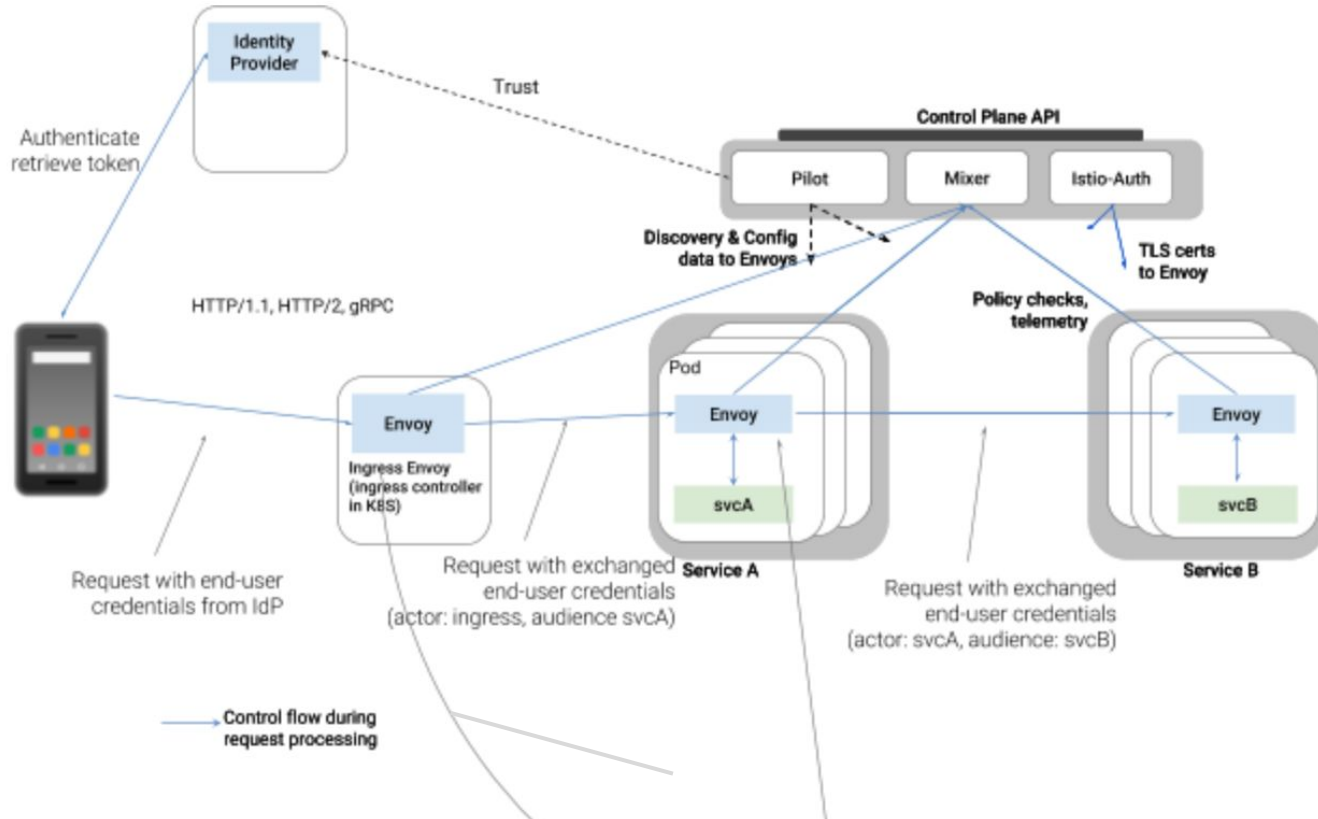
- Provide an unified form of identity associated with each request
- Provide a delegation mechanisms for service-to-service requests which originate from end-users



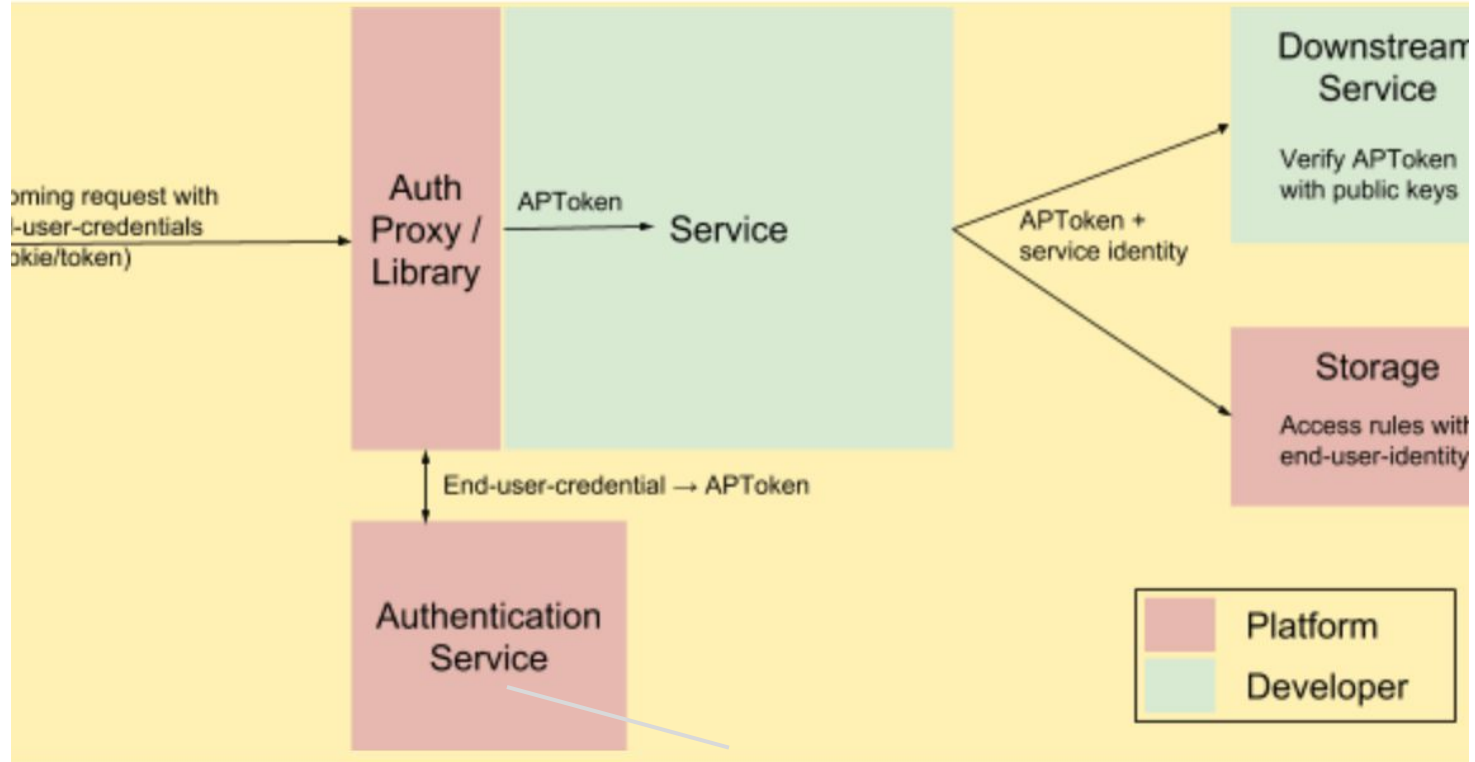
Security: End User Authentication (Phase 1)



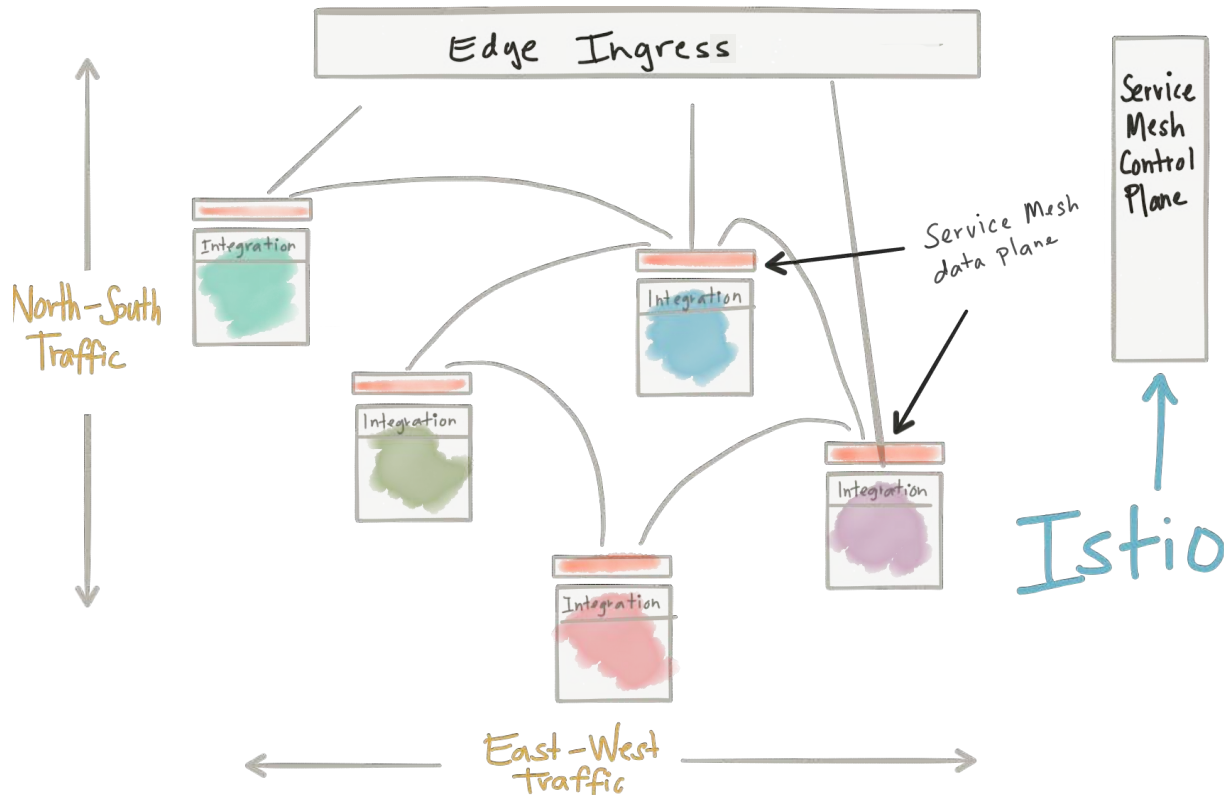
Security: End User Authentication (Phase 2)



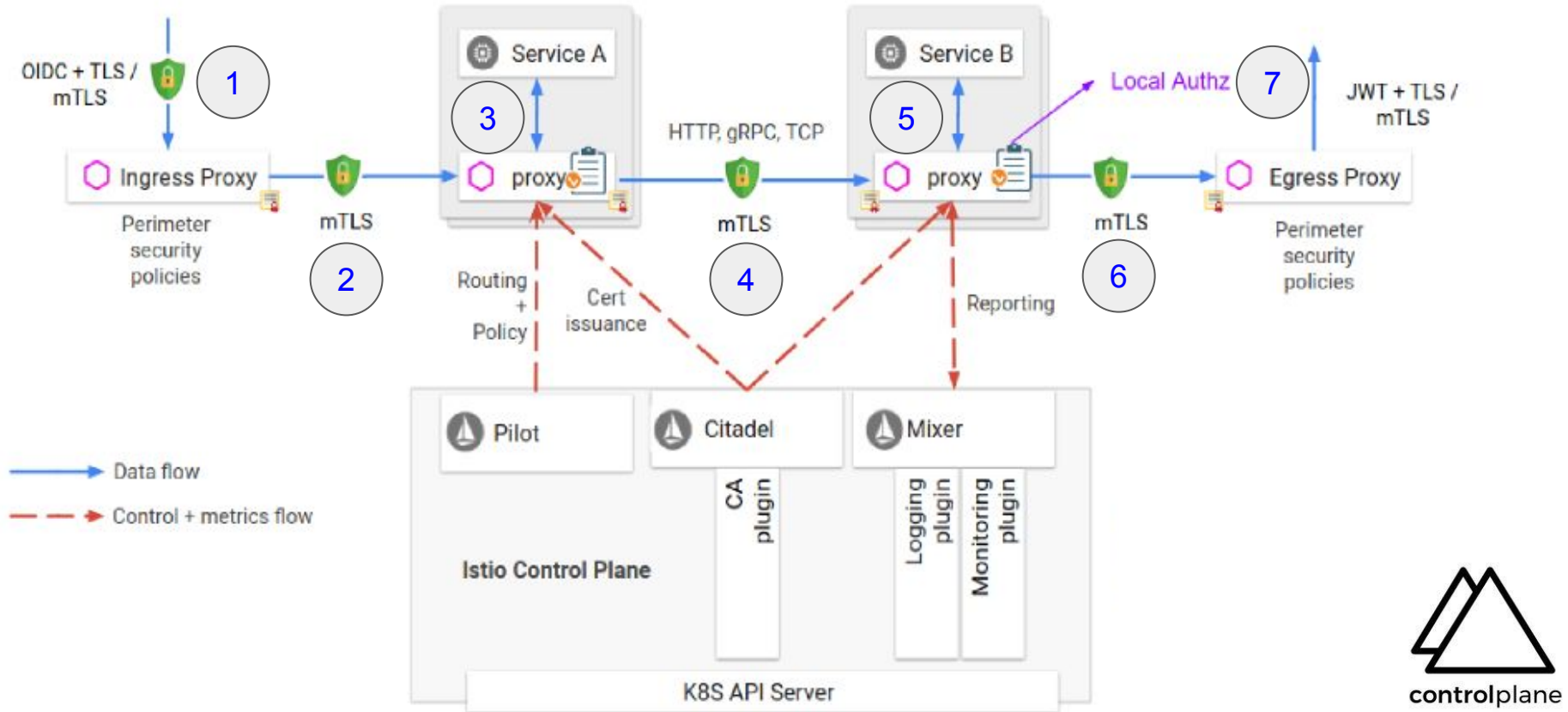
Security: Authentication Proof Token



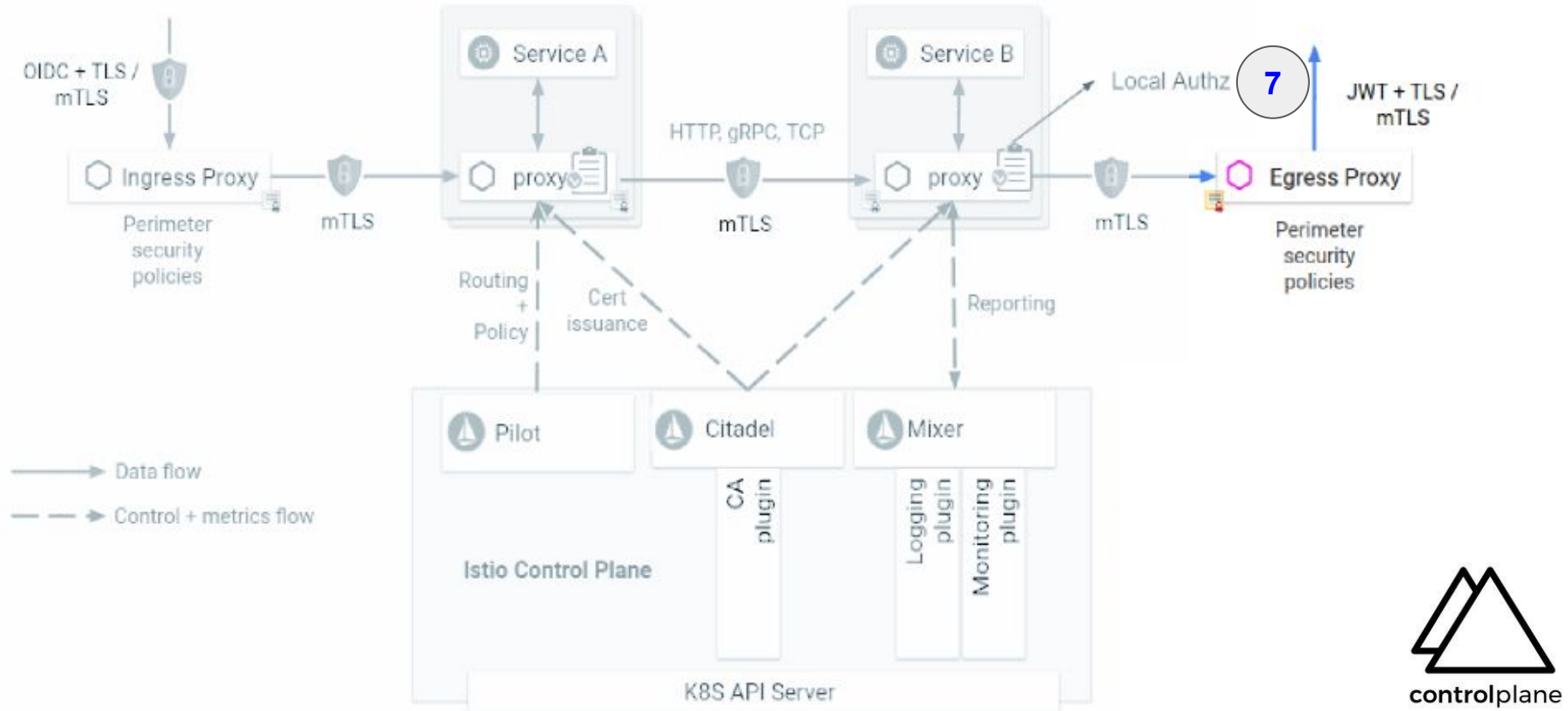
Traffic Management: Ingress Traffic



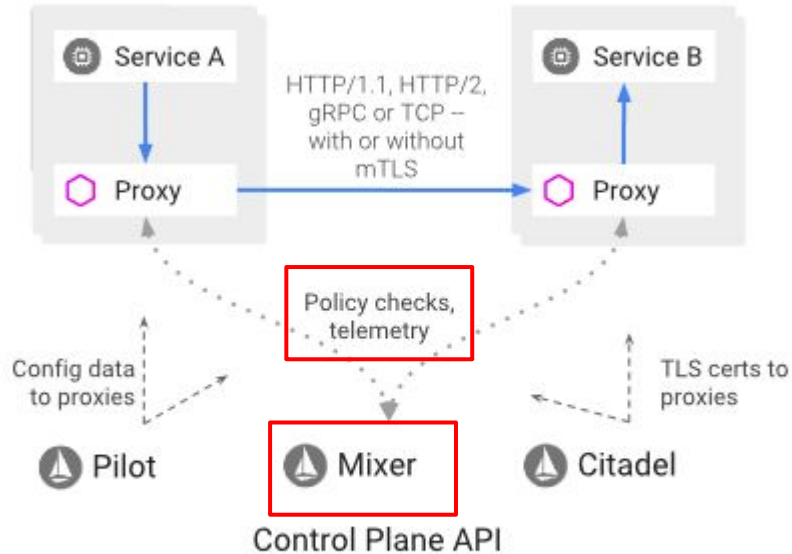
Traffic Management: Egress Traffic



Traffic Management: Egress Traffic



Policy: Rate Limiting



Policy: Blacklists and Whitelists

```
apiVersion: config.istio.io/v1alpha2
kind: denier
metadata:
  name: denyreviewsv3handler
spec:
  status:
    code: 7
    message: Not allowed
```

```
---
apiVersion: config.istio.io/v1alpha2
kind: checknothing
metadata:
  name: denyreviewsv3request
spec:
```

```
---
apiVersion: config.istio.io/v1alpha2
kind: rule
metadata:
  name: denyreviewsv3
spec:
  match: destination.labels["app"] == "ratings" && source.labels["app"]=="reviews" && source.labels["version"] == "v3"
  actions:
  - handler: denyreviewsv3handler.denier
    instances: [ denyreviewsv3request.checknothing ]
```



Policy: Blacklists and Whitelists

```
apiVersion: config.istio.io/v1alpha2
kind: listchecker
metadata:
  name: whitelist
spec:
  # providerUrl: ordinarily black and white lists are maintained
  # externally and fetched asynchronously using the providerUrl.
  overrides: ["v1", "v2"] # overrides provide a static list
  blacklist: false
```

```
apiVersion: config.istio.io/v1alpha2
kind: listentry
metadata:
  name: appversion
spec:
  value: source.labels["version"]
```

...

...

```
apiVersion: config.istio.io/v1alpha2
kind: rule
metadata:
  name: checkversion
spec:
  match: destination.labels["app"] == "ratings"
  actions:
    - handler: whitelist.listchecker
      instances:
        - appversion.listentry
```



Extras: Telemetry

Jaeger UI

Lookup by Trace ID...

Search

Dependencies

About Jaeger ▾

Find Traces

Service (9)

productpage ▾

Operation (4)

all ▾

Tags ?

http.status_code=200 error=true

Lookback

Last Hour ▾

Min Duration

e.g. 1.2s, 100ms, 500us

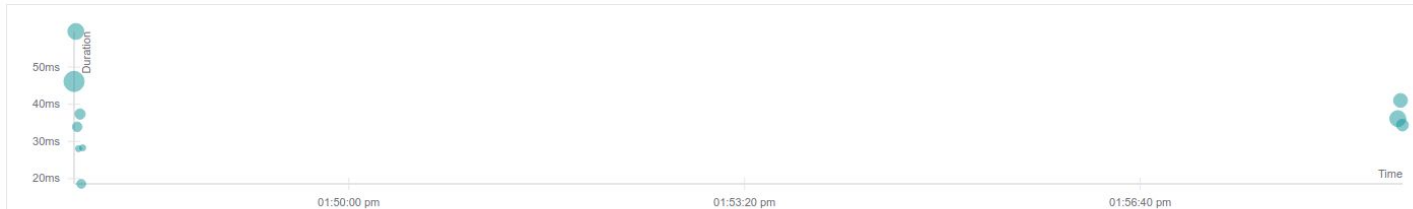
Max Duration

e.g. 1.1s

Limit Results

20

Find Traces



10 Traces

Sort: Most Recent ▾

istio-ingressgateway: productpage.default.svc.cluster.local:9080/productpage

34.39ms

16 Spans

details (1) istio-ingressgateway (1) istio-mixer (4) istio-policy (2) productpage (3) ratings (2) reviews (3)

Today 1:58:52 pm
28 minutes ago

istio-ingressgateway: productpage.default.svc.cluster.local:9080/productpage

41.03ms

19 Spans

details (2) istio-ingressgateway (1) istio-mixer (5) istio-policy (3) productpage (3) ratings (2) reviews (3)

Today 1:58:51 pm
28 minutes ago

istio-ingressgateway: productpage.default.svc.cluster.local:9080/productpage

36.14ms

22 Spans

details (2) istio-ingressgateway (2) istio-mixer (8) istio-policy (4) productpage (4) reviews (2)

Today 1:58:50 pm
28 minutes ago

istio-ingressgateway: productpage.default.svc.cluster.local:9080/productpage

28.28ms

Extras: Metrics



Istio Service Dashboard

Last 5 minutes Refresh every 10s

Service details.default.svc.cluster.local Client Workload Namespace All Client Workload All Service Workload Namespace All Service Workload All

SERVICE: details.default.svc.cluster.local

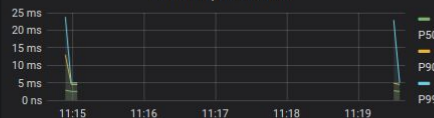
Client Request Volume

0.7 ops

Client Success Rate (non-5xx responses)

100%

Client Request Duration



Client TCP Bandwidth

N/A

Server Request Volume

0.7 ops

Server Success Rate (non-5xx responses)

100%

Server Request Duration

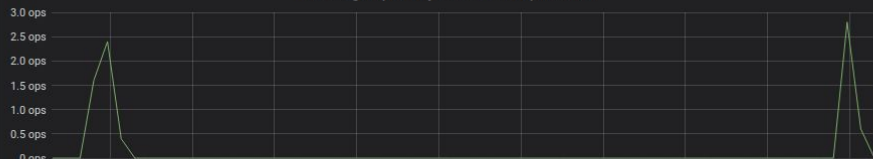


Server TCP Bandwidth

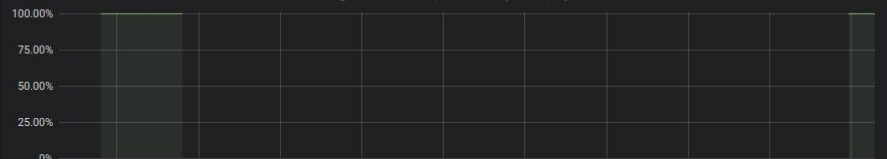
N/A

CLIENT WORKLOADS

Incoming Requests by Source And Response Code



Incoming Success Rate (non-5xx responses) By Source



What's Next?

- Multi-cloud and multi-environment
- Reduction of component privilege (proxy init)
- Networking (extension models, UDP, QUIC, more performance)
- Further integrations (ACLs, telemetry, audit, policy)
- Enhanced security (HSM, Cert & Key stores, federation)
- Extended Authentication Policy (end-user authn, mTLS & JWT, federation)
- API Management



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