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Getting started with Meshery

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THE SERVICE MESH COMMUNITY

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Talks - calcotestudios.com

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Third step in Cloud Native journey

Service meshes will be commonplace cloud native **and** edge infrastructure.



7 years ago



Containers

5.5 years ago



5.5 years ago



Orchestrators

4.5 years ago



4 years ago



Meshes

3 years ago



Service Meshes and Application Layer Network and Security Services:

- are integral to elasticity and scale of modern applications.
- will be deployed in more than **70% of cloud native environments by 2023.**



- IDC FutureScape: Worldwide Enterprise Network Infrastructure 2020 Predictions

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Projects



Landscape



Meshery



Performance

Service Mesh Landscape



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It's meshy out there

Infrastructure diversity is reality for enterprises



In a multi-mesh world with a landscape of 20 service meshes... let's find your best fit.

<https://layer5.io/landscape>

These factors drive service mesh diversity:

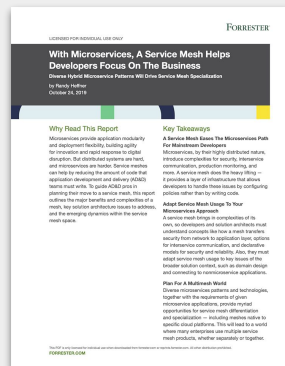
1. Open source governance dictates a world of multiple meshes.
2. Huge range of microservice patterns drives service mesh opportunity.
 - a. Open source projects and vendors create features to serve microservice patterns (they splinter the landscape and function differently).
3. Different organizations need different scopes of service mesh functionality.
4. Hybrid drives infrastructure diversity.
 - a. Accommodate hybrid workloads - non-containerized workloads need to integrate and benefit from your service mesh as well.

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A Multi-Mesh World



Forrester: Layer5 and Meshery Help Developers Focus On The Business

“ Diverse microservices patterns and technologies, together with the requirements of given microservice applications, provide myriad opportunities for service mesh differentiation and specialization — including meshes native to specific cloud platforms. This will lead to a world where many enterprises use multiple service mesh products, whether separately or together. ”

Source: Forrester, Oct. 2019

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Service mesh abstractions to the rescue



Meshery is compatible with all three

Service Mesh Interface (SMI)

A standard **interface** for service meshes on Kubernetes.



[Meshery, the SMI Conformance Tool](#)

Multi-Vendor Service Mesh Interoperation (Hamlet)

A set of API standards for enabling service mesh **federation**.



Service Mesh Performance Specification (SMPS)

A format for describing and capturing service mesh **performance**.



[Meshery, an implementation of SMPS](#)

Service Mesh Management



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The service mesh management plane

Service meshes will be ubiquitous and commoditized



Management Plane

- Provides federation, backend system integration, expanded policy and governance, continuous delivery integration, workflow, chaos engineering, and application performance tuning.

Not creating another service mesh.

Whether multi-mesh or single mesh, Layer5's offerings stand.

Control Plane

- Provides policy, configuration, and platform integration.
- Takes a set of isolated stateless sidecar proxies and turns them into a service mesh.
- Does not touch any packets/requests in the data path.

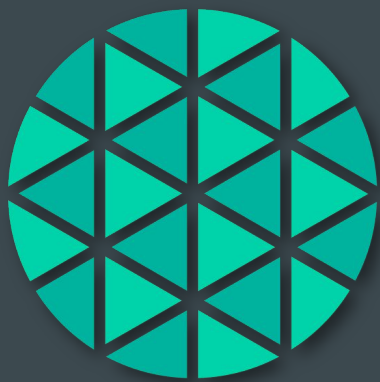
A service mesh

Data Plane

- Touches every packet/request in the system.
- Responsible for the execution of traffic control, health checking, routing, load balancing, authentication, authorization, and observability.

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MESHERY

THE MULTI-MESH MANAGER



Core Infrastructure
Initiative



CLOUD NATIVE
COMPUTING FOUNDATION



Google
Summer of Code

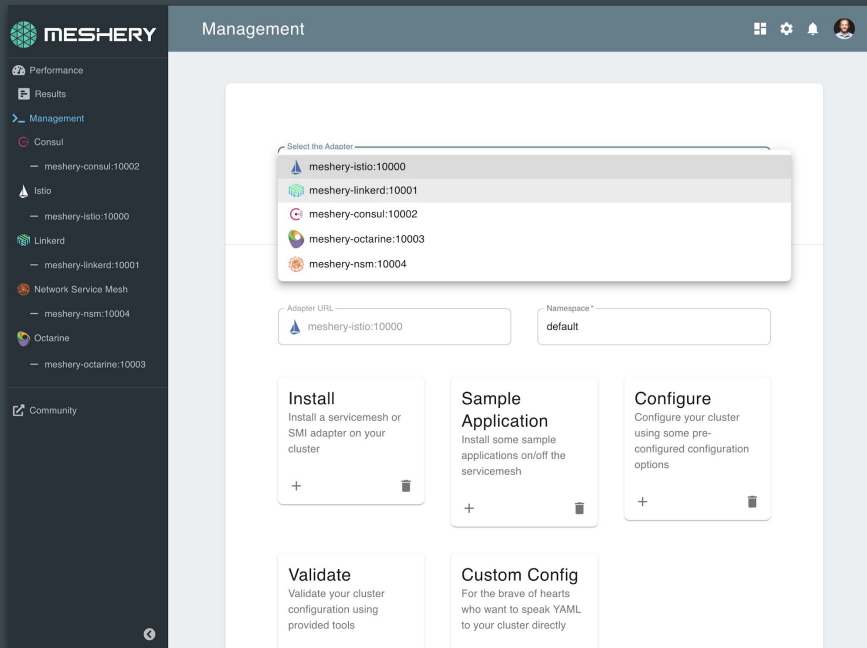


Service Mesh
Interface (SMI)



COMMUNITYBRIDGE

We are the makers of MESHERY



<https://layer5.io/meshery>

Multi-Mesh Management

- Lifecycle
- Workload
- Performance
- Configuration

Supports:

- **Citrix Service Mesh**
- **Containous Maesh**
- **HashiCorp Consul**
- **Istio**
- **Linkerd***
- **Octarine**
- **Network Service Mesh**
- **VMware NSX-SM**

- *AWS App Mesh*
- *Kong Kuma*

Google, IBM, Cisco, VMware, Buoyant, Octarine, HashiCorp, Citrix will incorporate Meshery in their release process as the defacto performance measure and SMI conformance validator.

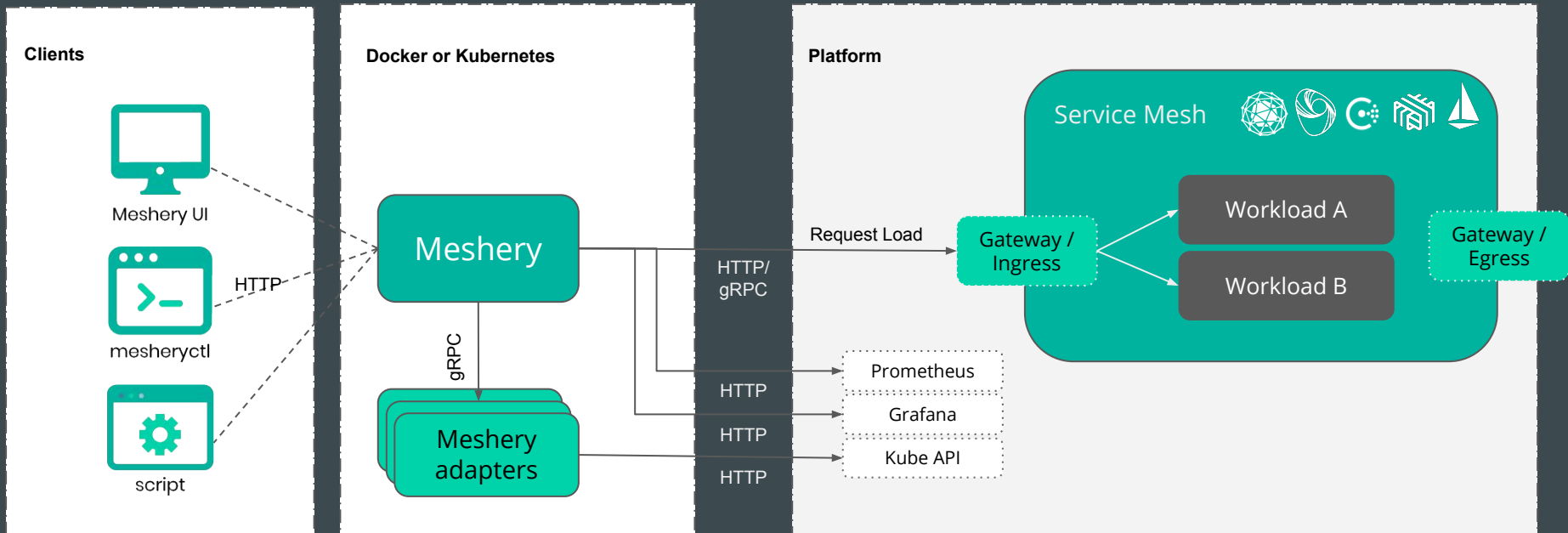
Adapters in yellow built by the service mesh vendor/project maintainers.

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Meshery Architecture

Clients

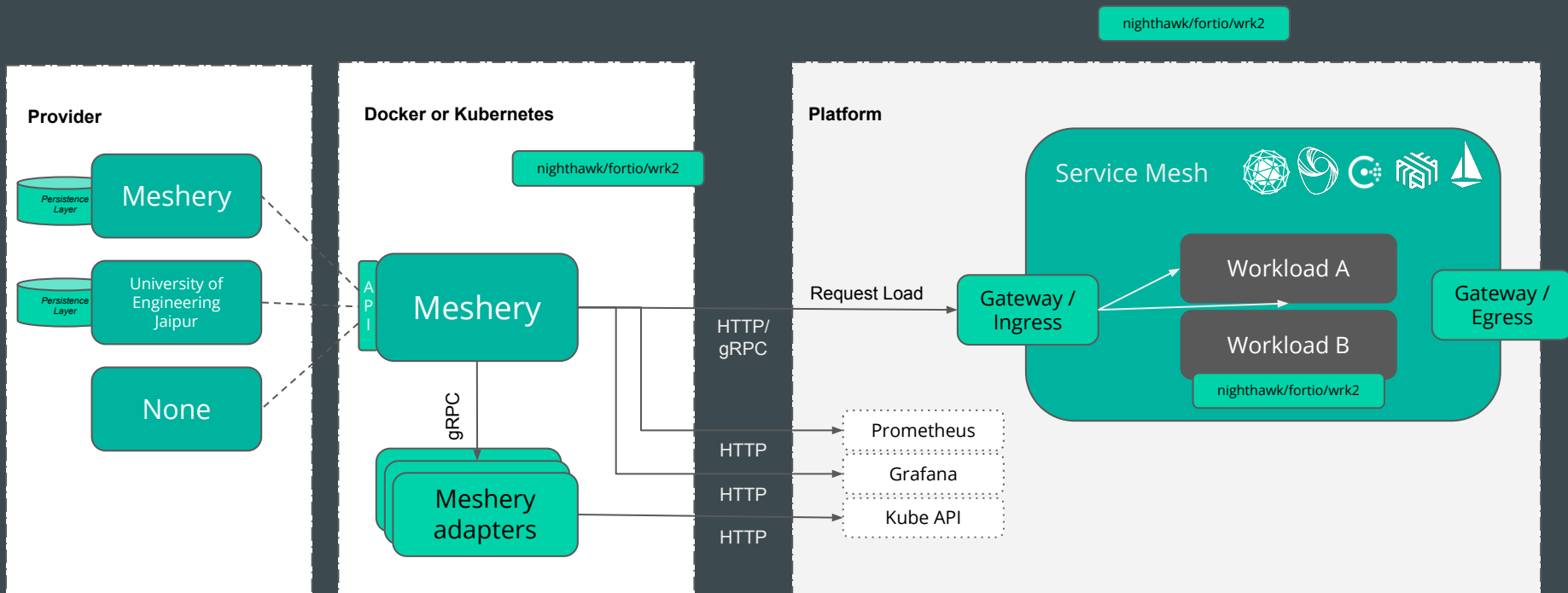


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Meshery Architecture

Providers



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Solving dilemmas one persona at-a-time

We're at the beginning of what will be long-lived infrastructure



1. Adopters

How to get started?
Which service mesh to use?

What is a service mesh
and how does a service
mesh work?

What's the cost of all this
value? What's the right
balance of cost vs.
value?

2. Operators

What are service mesh
patterns and best
practices?

Where are my services
and what is the service
mesh doing?

Can I certify as a service
mesh operator?

3. Developers

How do I realize the full
promise of the
infrastructure?

How can my
infrastructure reduce my
burden?

How do I migrate from
client-libraries to a
service mesh?

4. Product Owners

How do I deliver the
convenience of
serverless pricing
without a product
rewrite?

How do I enforce
policies?

How do I provide
delightful customer
experiences without
derailing my developers
from core features?

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Service Mesh Performance Working Group



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Initiatives Overview



- Distributed Performance Management
 - CNCF labs for benchmarking
 - Study of various distributed workloads and their effects of their performance under different service mesh configurations
 - Identification of interesting workloads
e.g. GitLab, Mattermost, Elastic, FaaS (event-driven workloads), AcmeAir
 - GSoC: [Distributed Performance Testing](#)
 - Collaboration with Envoy/Nighthawk
- [Service Mesh Performance Specification](#)
 - Establishment of MeshMark
- Incorporated into each service mesh's release/test process
 - CommunityBridge: SMI Conformance Tool



Makers of the

Service Mesh Performance Specification



A vendor neutral specification for capturing details of infrastructure capacity, service mesh configuration, and workload metadata.

<https://layer5.io/performance>

Facilitates apples-to-apples performance comparisons of service mesh deployments.

Provides a universal performance index to gauge your mesh's efficiency against deployments in other organizations' environments.



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Community-first traction

Open governance, not just open source



Meshery

- 100+ Contributors
- 2,200+ Issues Opened
- 325 stars
- 47 releases
- 750 Slack users
- 820 performance tests collected
- 11 maintainers, 9 companies (Layer5, Octarine, Red Hat, Quantex, Independent, Lumina Networks, SolarWinds, VMware, Citrix, Microsoft)
- Users like Ziglu, TicketMaster, HPE



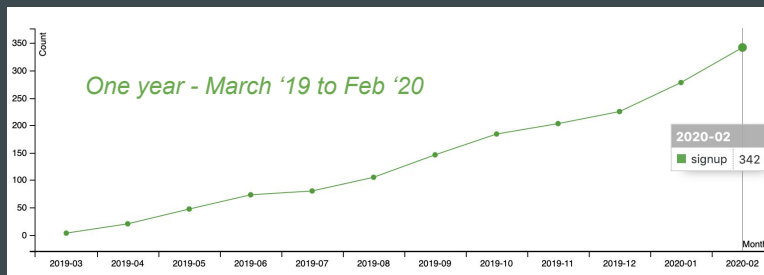
Listed in GNS3 network engineers' marketplace



Making headlines

- [What the Numbers Say about How Service Meshes Are Used Today](#), The New Stack, Mar. 2020
- [With Microservices, A Service Mesh Helps Developers Focus On The Business](#), Forrester, Oct. 2019
- [CNCF SIG Network Set to Push Cloud Native Networking Forward](#), Enterprise Networking Planet, Nov. 2019
- [The Top 3 Service Mesh Developments in 2020](#), The New Stack, Dec. 2019

New User Signups



- 190 Twitter followers
- 400 Meshery users
- 1,500 visitors a month
- 3,000 mailing list subscribers

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Q&A Discussion

Link to Q&A Panel: <https://bit.ly/2KyViHb>

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