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Lab 5: Capturing application metrics with Istio service mesh.

Lab Preparations:

```
• asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5$ ./provision2.sh boutique amlaytho us-west1
     No current clusters found, continuing to deploy one
Default change: VPC-native is the default mode during cluster creation for versions greater than 1.21.0-gke.1500. To create advanced routes based clusters, please pass the `--no-enable-ip-alias' fla
   Default change: Not-indice 15 the Default mode dusing Linste Teachin Tow We sions greater than 1.24.1-gke.800 a default location policy is applied. For Spot and PVM it defaults to ANN, and for all other VM kinds a BALANCED policy is used. To change the default values use the '--location-policy' flag.

Note: Your Pod address range ('--cluster-ipv4-cide') can accommodate at most 1008 node(s).

Creating cluster boutique in us-west1-a... Cluster is being health-checked (Kubernetes Control Plane is healthy)...done.

Created [https://container.googleapis.com/v1/projects/amlaytho/zones/us-west1-a/clusters/boutique].

To inspect the contents of your cluster, go to: https://console.cloud.google.com/kubernetes/workload/gcloud/us-west1-a/boutique?project=amlaytho kubeconfig entry generated for boutique.

NAME LOCATION MASTER_VERSION MASTER_IP MACHINE_TYPE NODE_VERSION NAM_NODES STATUS

boutique us-west1-a 1.30.5-gke.1014001 34.105.25.193 e2-standard-4 1.30.5-gke.1014001 1 RUNNIING
    ✓ Istio core installed △
✓ Istiod installed ○
✓ Egress gateways installed ✓
✓ Ingress gateways installed △
✓ Installation complete
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     cluster-wide operations.
istiod 1/1 1 1 35s
istio install complete
```

Figure 1: Provisioning and downloading Istio

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serviceaccount/adservice created
    serviceaccount/adservice created
serviceaccount/cartservice created
serviceaccount/checkoutservice created
serviceaccount/currencyservice created
serviceaccount/mailservice created
serviceaccount/frontend created
serviceaccount/loadgenerator created
serviceaccount/paymentservice created
serviceaccount/paymentservice created
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serviceentry.networking.kss.io/istio-gateway created
httproute.gateway.networking.kss.io/frontend-route created
serviceentry.networking.istio.io/allow-egress-google-metadata created
serviceentry.networking.istio.io/allow-egress-google-apis created
Figure 2: Microservices deployed
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NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE			
adservice	ClusterIP	34.118.238.182	<none></none>	9555/TCP	22s			
cartservice	ClusterIP	34.118.226.158	<none></none>	7070/TCP	21s			
checkoutservice	ClusterIP	34.118.235.212	<none></none>	5050/TCP	21s			
currencyservice	ClusterIP	34.118.232.8	<none></none>	7000/TCP	20s			
emailservice	ClusterIP	34.118.232.12	<none></none>	5000/TCP	19s			
frontend	ClusterIP	34.118.227.242	<none></none>	80/TCP	19s			
istio-gateway-istio	LoadBalancer	34.118.226.185	<pending></pending>	15021:30154/TCP,80:31048/TCP	6s			
kubernetes	ClusterIP	34.118.224.1	<none></none>	443/TCP	3m43s			
paymentservice	ClusterIP	34.118.231.154	<none></none>	50051/TCP	18s			
productcatalogservice	ClusterIP	34.118.239.4	<none></none>	3550/TCP	17s			
recommendationservice	ClusterIP	34.118.236.117	<none></none>	8080/TCP	16s			
redis-cart	ClusterIP	34.118.239.61	<none></none>	6379/TCP	16s			
shippingservice	ClusterIP	34.118.225.40	<none></none>	50051/TCP	15s			
serviceaccount/grafana	created							
configmap/grafana creat	ed							
service/grafana created	l							
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configmap/istio-grafana-dashboards created								
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service/zipkin created								
service/jaeger-collector created								
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configmap/kiali created								
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service/kiali created								
deployment.apps/kiali d								
serviceaccount/loki created								
configmap/loki created								
configmap/loki-runtime created								
service/loki-memberlist created								
service/loki-headless created								
service/loki created								
statefulset.apps/loki created								
Figure 3: Clusters deployed with services								

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rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kiali-controlplane created service/kiali created deployment.apps/kiali created serviceaccount/loki created configmap/loki-created configmap/loki-runtime created service/loki-memberlist created service/loki-memberlist created service/loki-mesoreated service/loki created service/loki created service/loki created statefulset.apps/loki created statefulset.apps/loki created statefulset.apps/loki created configmap/prometheus created configmap/prometheus created clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/prometheus created clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/prometheus created deployment.apps/prometheus created

deployment.apps/prometneus created						
	NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
	grafana	ClusterIP	34.118.234.87	<none></none>	3000/TCP	33s
	istio-egressgateway	ClusterIP	34.118.239.106	<none></none>	80/TCP,443/TCP	104s
	istio-ingressgateway	LoadBalancer	34.118.234.132	34.169.104.12	15021:30714/TCP,80:31598/TCP,443:31500/TCP,31400:32486/TCP,15443:31003/TCP	104s
	istiod	ClusterIP	34.118.227.209	<none></none>	15010/TCP,15012/TCP,443/TCP,15014/TCP	114s
	jaeger-collector	ClusterIP	34.118.226.141	<none></none>	14268/TCP,14250/TCP,9411/TCP,4317/TCP,4318/TCP	24s
	kiali	ClusterIP	34.118.225.86	<none></none>	20001/TCP,9090/TCP	17s
	loki	ClusterIP	34.118.228.127	<none></none>	3100/TCP,9095/TCP	9s
	loki-headless	ClusterIP	None	<none></none>	3100/TCP	10s
	loki-memberlist	ClusterIP	None	<none></none>	7946/TCP	11s
	prometheus	ClusterIP	34.118.234.1	<none></none>	9090/TCP	3s
	tracing	ClusterIP	34.118.229.234	<none></none>	80/TCP,16685/TCP	26s
	zipkin	ClusterIP	34.118.226.212	<none></none>	9411/TCP	25s

Figure 4: Other clusters

Lab Task1: Install Prometheus and Grafana for the Boutique Application

asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5\$ istioctl dashboard prometheus

http://localhost:9090
Figure 5: Opening Prometheus Dashboard

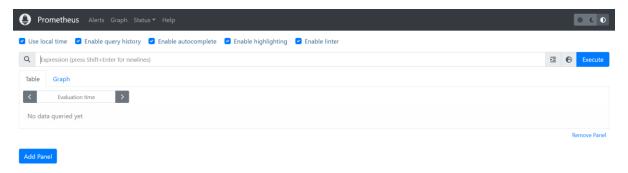


Figure 6: Opened Prometheus

asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5\$ istioctl dashboard grafana http://localhost:3000

Figure 7: Opening Grafana Dashboard

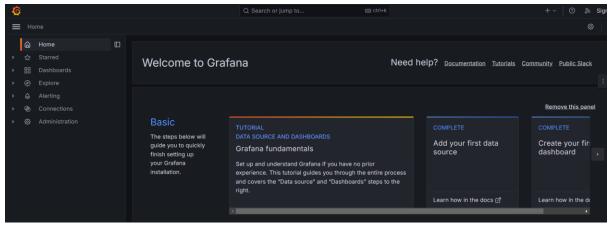


Figure 8: Opening Grafana

asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5\$ istioctl dashboard kiali http://localhost:20001/kiali

Figure 9: Opening Kiali Dashboard

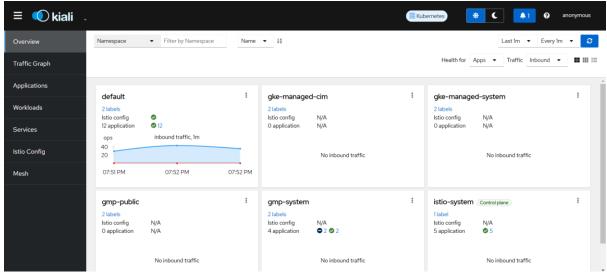


Figure 10: Kiali Dashboard

Runing the "istio_requests_total":

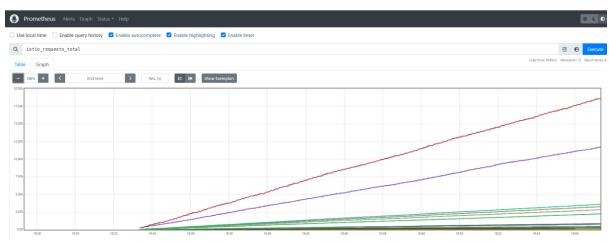


Figure 11: istio_requests_total on Prometheus

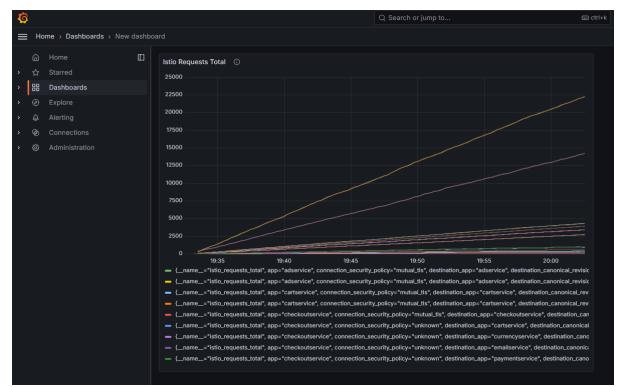


Figure 12: Istio Requests Total on Grafana



Figure 13: identifying source/destination services



Figure 14: finding the destination services on grafana

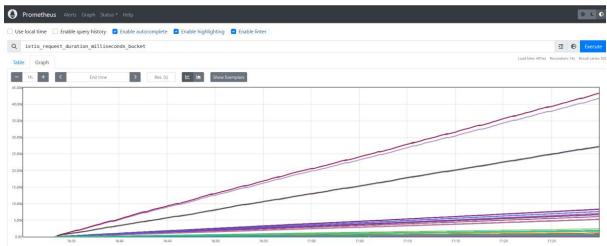


Figure 15: istio request duration milliseconds bucket



Figure 16: istio request duration milliseconds bucket

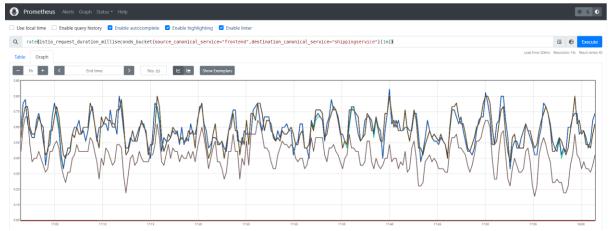


Figure 17: both source and destination canonical



Figure 18: both source and destination canonicals on Grafana

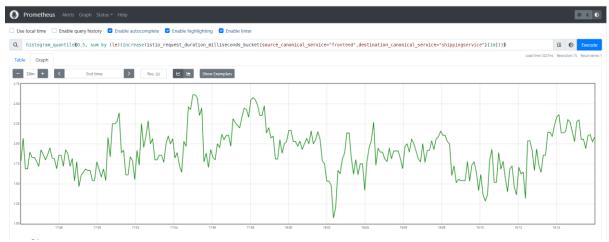


Figure 19: Histogram for the 0.5 percentile on Prometheus

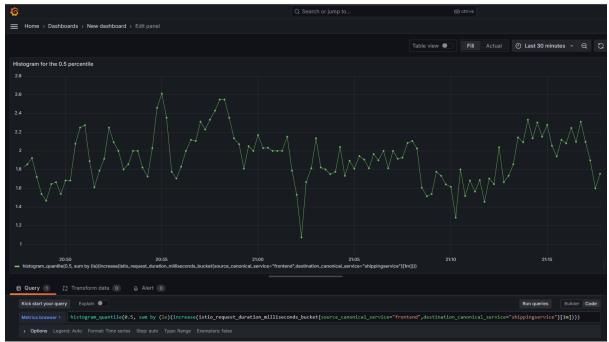


Figure 20: Histogram for the 0.5 percentile on Grafana

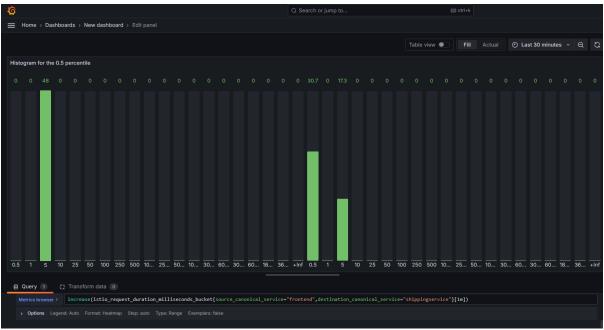


Figure 21: Histogram view in Grafana

• asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIC	ps_Labs	/Lab 5\$ kubec	tl get deploy	yments	
NAME	READY	UP-TO-DATE	AVAILABLE	AGE	
adservice	1/1	1	1	113m	
cartservice	1/1	1	1	113m	
checkoutservice	1/1	1	1	113m	
currencyservice	1/1	1	1	113m	
emailservice	1/1	1	1	113m	
frontend	1/1	1	1	113m	
istio-gateway-istio	1/1	1	1	113m	
loadgenerator	1/1	1	1	113m	
paymentservice	1/1	1	1	113m	
productcatalogservice	1/1	1	1	113m	
recommendationservice	1/1	1	1	113m	
redis-cart	1/1	1	1	113m	
shippingservice	1/1	1 _	1	113m	
<pre>o asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5\$</pre>					

Figure 22: Checking the deployments.

• asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5\$ kubectl scale deployment loadgenerator --replicas=2 deployment.apps/loadgenerator scaled

<pre>asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5\$ kubectl get deployments</pre>						
NAME	READY	UP-TO-DATE	AVAILABLE	AGE		
adservice	1/1	1	1	115m		
cartservice	1/1	1	1	115m		
checkoutservice	1/1	1	1	115m		
currencyservice	1/1	1	1	115m		
emailservice	1/1	1	1	115m		
frontend	1/1	1	1	115m		
istio-gateway-istio	1/1	1	1	115m		
loadgenerator	2/2	2	2	115m		
paymentservice	1/1	1	1	115m		
productcatalogservice	1/1	1	1	115m		
recommendationservice	1/1	1	1	115m		
redis-cart	1/1	1	1	115m		
shippingservice	1/1	1	1	115m		

Figure 23: Load generator scaled.

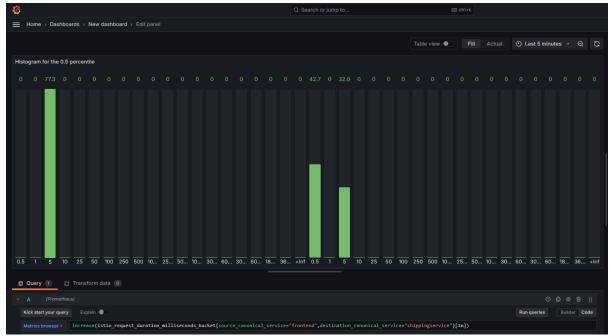


Figure 24: After scaling

- asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5\$ kubectl scale deployment loadgenerator --replicas=1 deployment.apps/loadgenerator scaled
- asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5\$ kubectl get deployments NAME READY UP-TO-DATE AVAILABLE AGE adservice 1/1 1 122m 1 cartservice 1/1 1 1 122m checkoutservice 1/1 121m 1 1 currencyservice 1/1 1 1 121m emailservice 1/1 1 1 121m frontend 1/1 121m 1 1 1/1 istio-gateway-istio 1 1 121m 1/1 loadgenerator 121m 1 1 1/1 paymentservice 1 121m 1 productcatalogservice 1/1 1 1 121m recommendationservice 1/1 1 1 121m redis-cart 1/1 1 1 121m shippingservice 121m 1/1 1 1

Figure 25: Scaled back down.

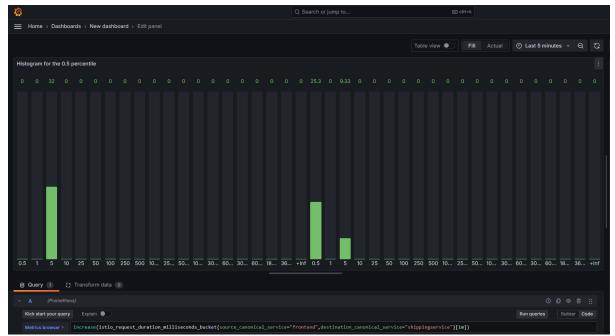


Figure 26: After scaling back down on Grafana

Why do duplicated entries appear for requests between services?

Duplicates happen because Prometheus tracks each request using multiple labels, like the
names and versions of both the sending and receiving services. Each unique combination of
these labels creates a new data entry, even if it's the same request. To reduce these
duplicates, we can use a function like sum by (le) to combine them, or we can filter by just
one label, such as the source or destination, for a single view.

Convert to Incremental Rate (1m) and Reduce Duplicates:

To make cumulative data show changes per minute, we use rate(metric_name[1m]), which
calculates the request rate over each 1 minute. We can focus on a specific label that limits
data to one source-to-destination pair to avoid duplicate entries, giving us a clearer view
without extra data.

Lab Task 2: Install the Kiali cluster visualization dashboard.

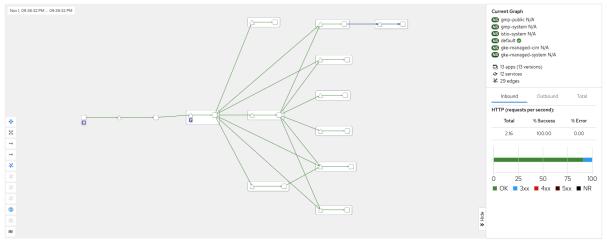


Figure 27: Visualizing on Kiali

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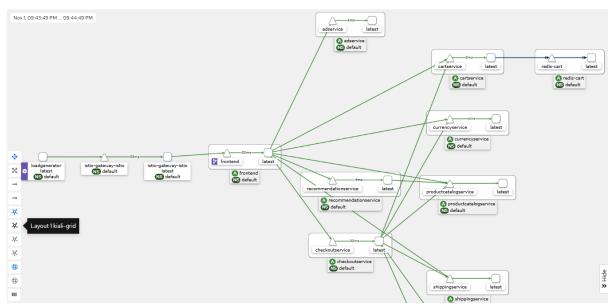


Figure 28: Zoomed in Visualization

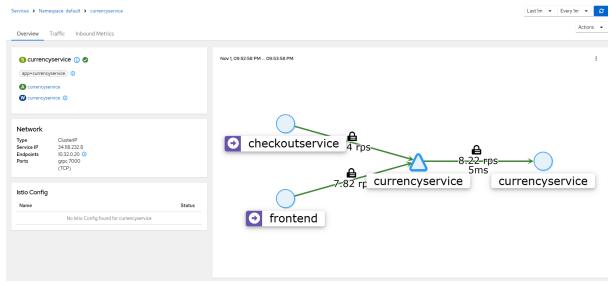


Figure 29: Currency Service

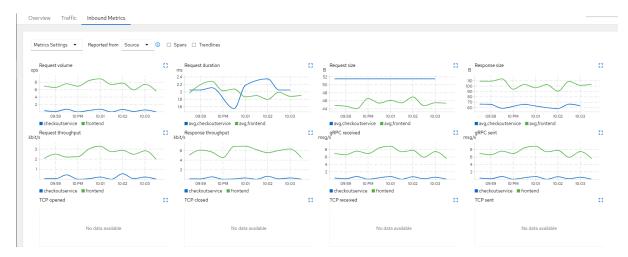


Figure 30: inbound metrics for currency service

Impact of Fault Injection Observed in Kiali:

- After adding a fault injection, we can see delays in Kiali by looking at the Inbound Metrics for shippingservice. Requests coming from frontend show longer response times, while requests from other services, like checkoutservice, don't have delays. This shows that the fault injection only affected requests from frontend, as intended.

Lab Task 3: Inject selective delay faults to the Boutique shipping service.

```
asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5$ kubectl describe deployment frontend
                              frontend
 Name:
 default
CreationTimestamp: Fri, 01 Nov 2024 19:32:04 +0300
Labels: app=frontend
Annotations: deployment.kubernetes.io/revision: 1
Selector: app=frontend
 Selector: app=frontend
Replicas: 1 desired | 1 updated | 1 total | 1 available | 0 unavailable
StrategyType: RollingUpdate
MinReadySeconds: 0
  RollingUpdateStrategy: 25% max unavailable, 25% max surge
  Pod Template:
    Labels: app=frontend
Annotations: app=frontend sidecar.istio.io/rewriteAppHTTPProbers: true
    Service Account: frontend
    Containers:
      server:
       Image:
                     us-central1-docker.pkg.dev/google-samples/microservices-demo/frontend:v0.10.1
       Port:
       Host Port: 0/TCP
       Limits:
        cpu:
                     200m
         memory: 128Mi
       Requests:
         cpu:
                      100m
         memory: 64Mi
       Liveness: http-get http://:8080/_healthz delay=10s timeout=1s period=10s #success=1 #failure=3
       Readiness: http-get http://:8080/ healthz delay=10s timeout=1s period=10s #success=1 #failure=3
       Environment:
                                                 8080
         PRODUCT_CATALOG_SERVICE_ADDR: productcatalogservice:3550
        CURRENCY_SERVICE_ADDR: currencyservice:7000
CART_SERVICE_ADDR: cartservice:7070
RECOMMENDATION_SERVICE_ADDR: recommendationservice:8080
SHIPPING_SERVICE_ADDR: shippingservice:50051
CHECKOUT_SERVICE_ADDR: checkoutservice:5050
AD_SERVICE_ADDR: adservice:9555
         SHOPPING_ASSISTANT_SERVICE_ADDR: shoppingassistantservice:80
         ENABLE_PROFILER:
       Mounts:
                                                   <none>
    Volumes:
                                                   <none>
    Node-Selectors:
                                                   <none>
    Tolerations:
                                                    <none>
  Conditions:
    Type
                    Status Reason
    Available True MinimumReplicasAvailable
    Progressing True NewReplicaSetAvailable
  OldReplicaSets: <none>
  NewReplicaSet: frontend-cb9967686 (1/1 replicas created) Events: <none>
```

Figure 31: Kubectl getting the description of the frontend.

- asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps_Labs/Lab 5\$ kubectl apply -f lab5_faultinjection.yaml virtualservice.networking.istio.io/shippingservice created
- asnath@AssynathJr:~/AIOps Labs/Lab 5\$

Figure 32: Creating a yaml for fault injection

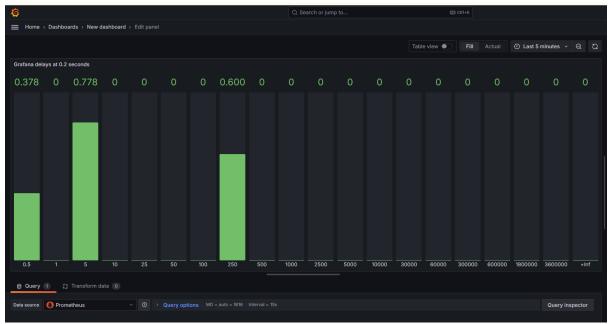


Figure 33: Grafana delays by 0.2 seconds

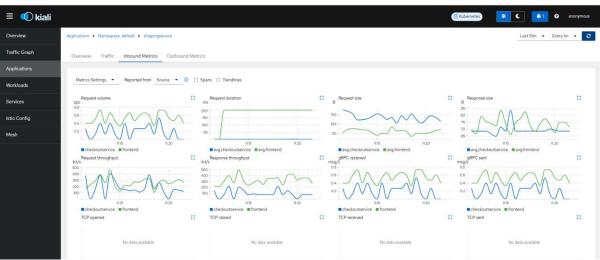


Figure 34: Kiali delays

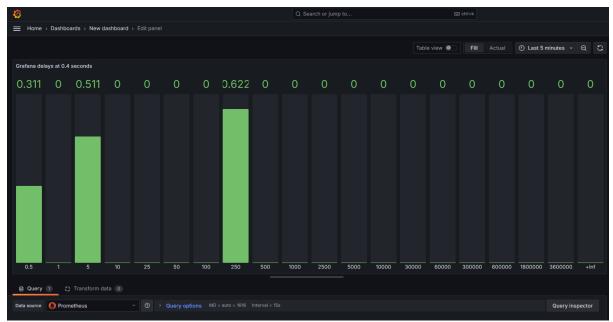


Figure 35: Grafana delays at 0.4

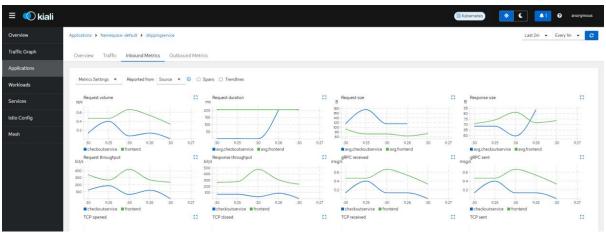


Figure 36: 0.4 delays on Kiali. Where the request duration jumped to meet the frontend service.

Grafana Histogram with Both Delays:

- In Grafana, the histogram for shippingservice shows two peaks: one at 0.2 seconds for delays from frontend and another at 0.4 seconds for delays from checkoutservice on specific requests like "GetQuote." Using sum by (le) groups these delay data points into one histogram, so we don't see duplicates from Istio's added delay labels.

Where is the Delay Imposed (Kiali)?

- In Kiali, looking at the Source metrics for shippingservice shows that the delay affects the whole path from frontend to shippingservice. This means that Istio applies the delay at the network level before it reaches the application code, as we can see by comparing the Source and Destination metrics.