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The Swiss Army Knife of Cloud-Native Networking



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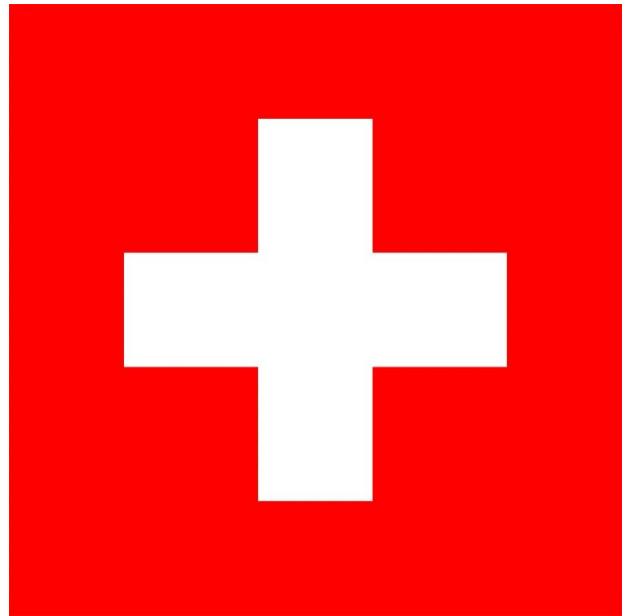
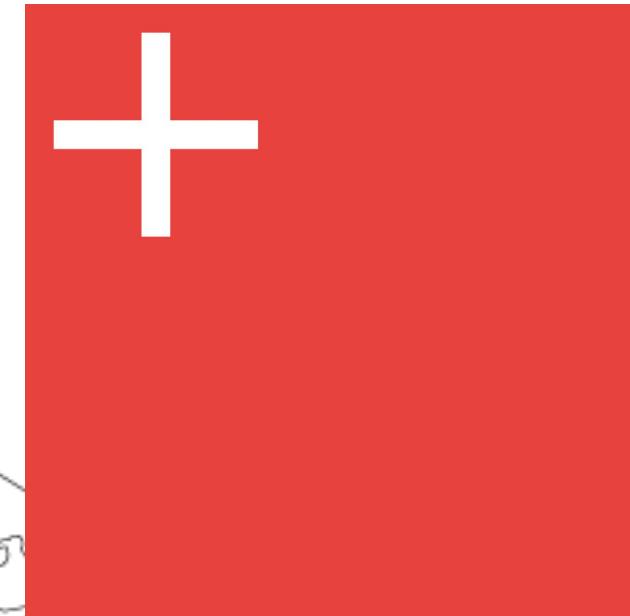
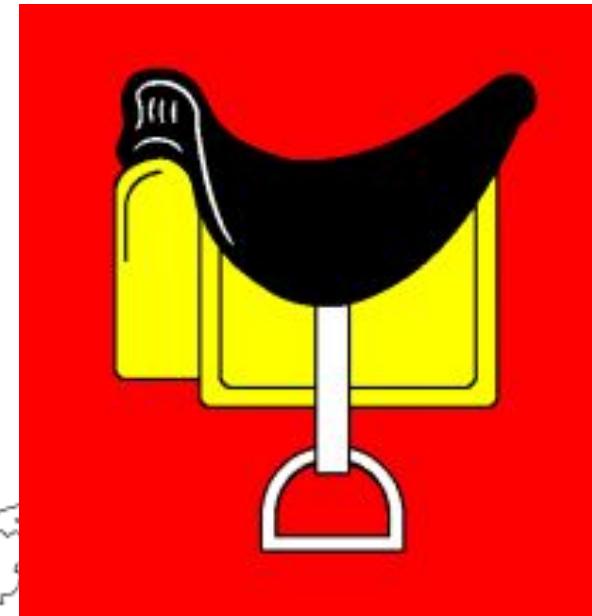
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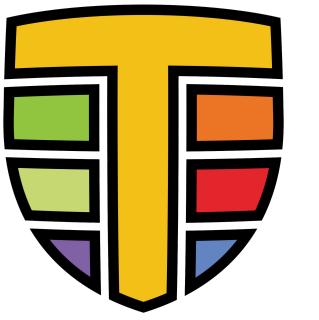


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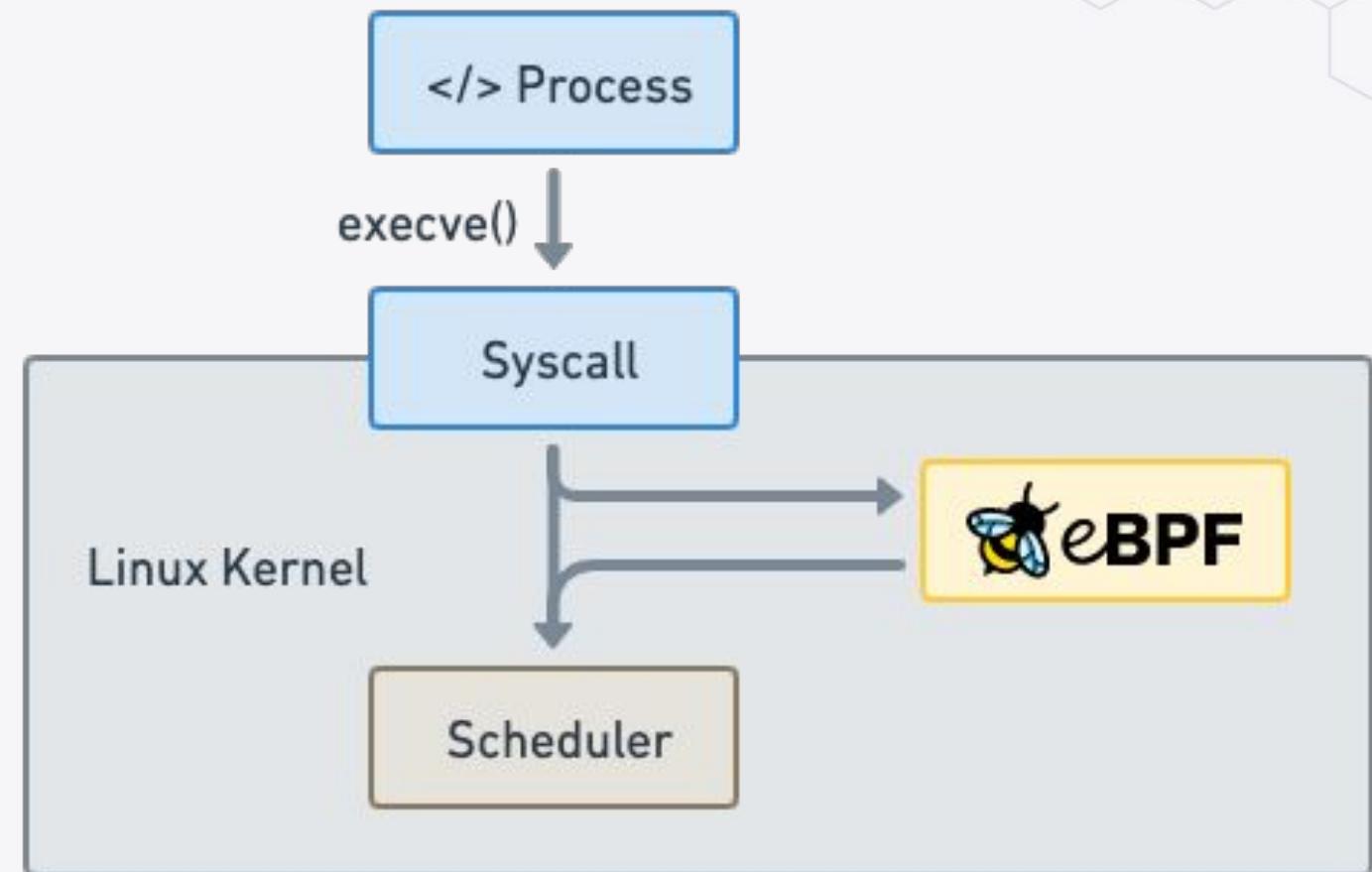
- Company behind Cilium & Tetragon
- Provides Cilium Enterprise





Makes the Linux kernel
programmable in a
secure and efficient way.

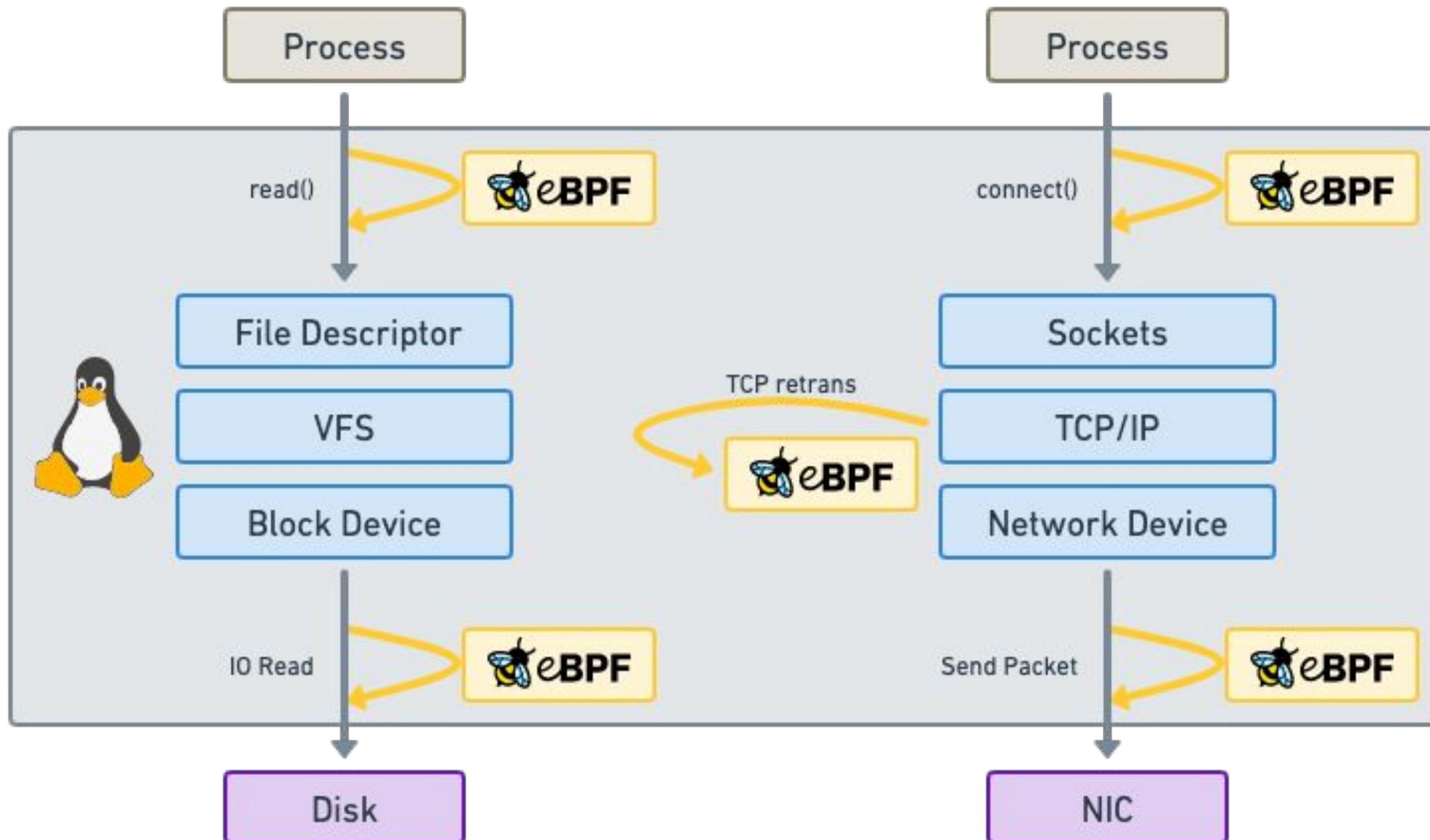
*“What JavaScript is to the
browser, eBPF is to the
Linux Kernel”*



```
int syscall__ret_execve(struct pt_regs *ctx)
{
    struct comm_event event = {
        .pid = bpf_get_current_pid_tgid() >> 32,
        .type = TYPE_RETURN,
    };
    bpf_get_current_comm(&event.comm, sizeof(event.comm));
    comm_events.perf_submit(ctx, &event, sizeof(event));

    return 0;
}
```

Run eBPF programs on events



Attachment points

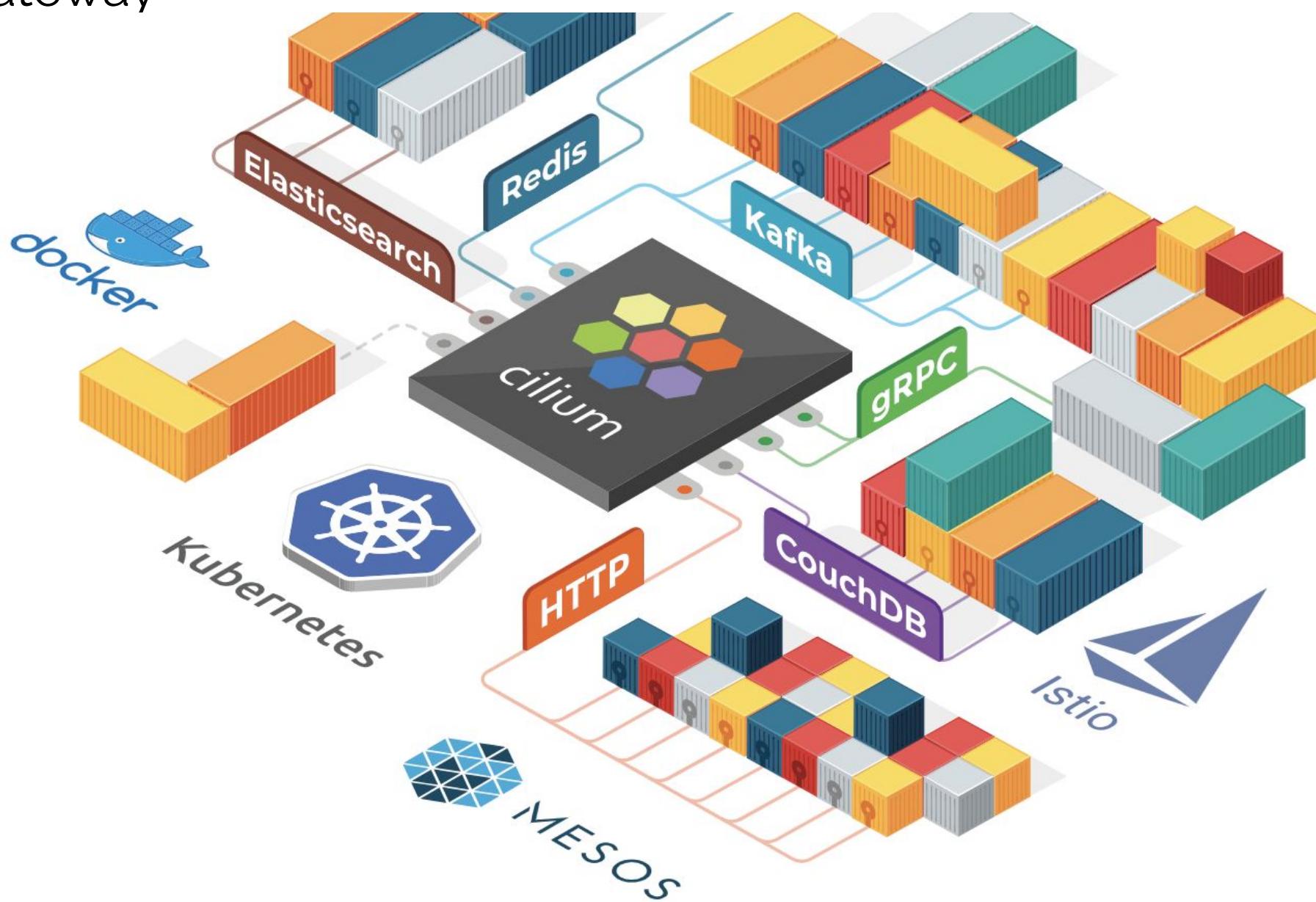
- Kernel functions (kprobes)
- Userspace functions (uprobe)
- System calls
- Tracepoints
- Sockets (data level)
- Network devices (packet level)
- Network device (DMA level) [XDP]
- ...

What is Cilium?

- **Networking & Load-Balancing**
 - CNI, Kubernetes Services, Multi-cluster, VM Gateway
- **Network Security**
 - Network Policy, Identity-based, Encryption
- **Observability**
 - Metrics, Flow Visibility, Service Dependency

At the foundation of Cilium is the new Linux kernel technology eBPF, which enables the dynamic insertion of powerful security, visibility, and networking control logic within Linux itself. Besides providing traditional network level security, the flexibility of BPF enables security on API and process level to secure communication within a container or pod.

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Cilium Features Deep Dive

BGP Control Plane



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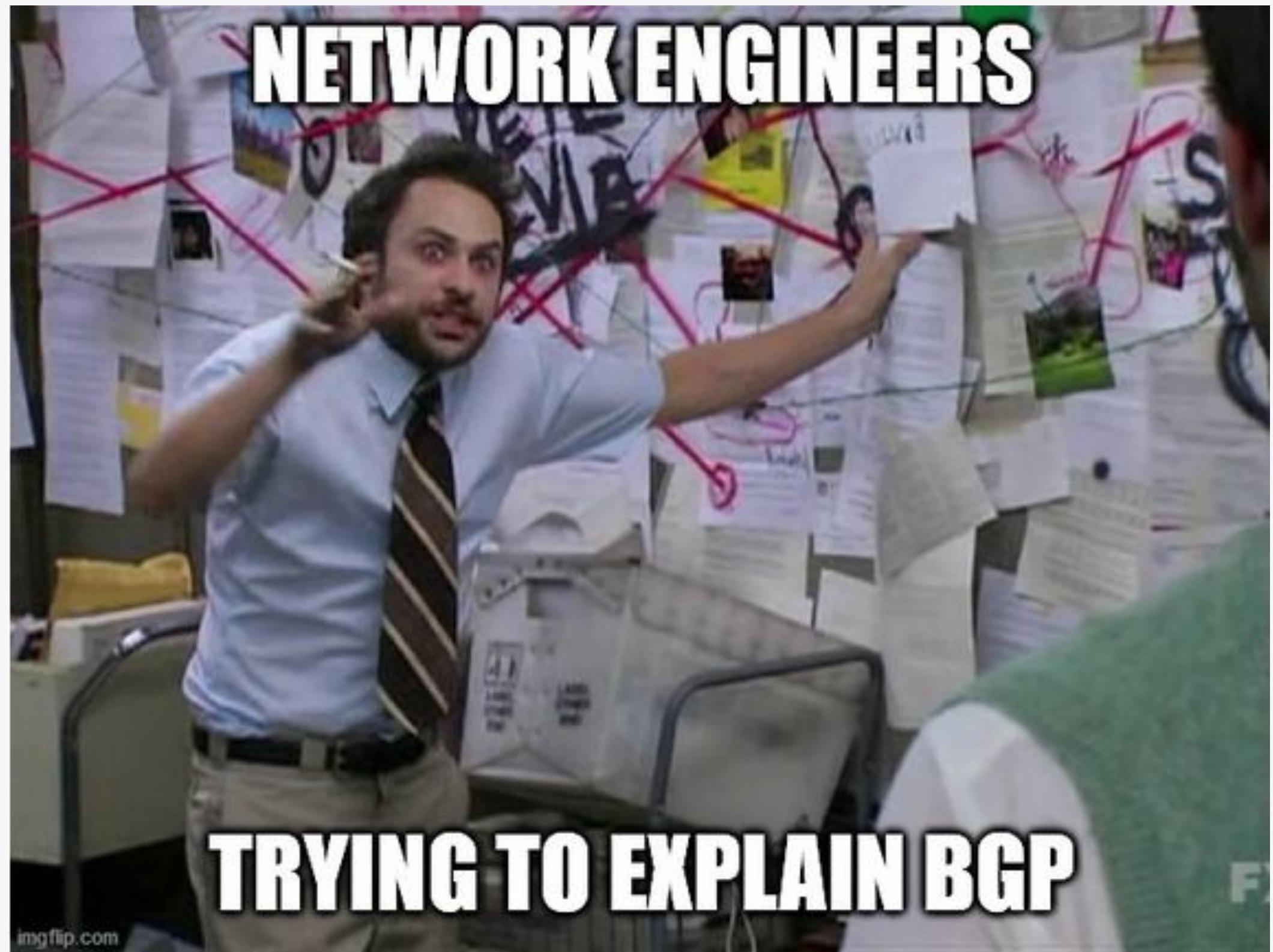


Use Cases

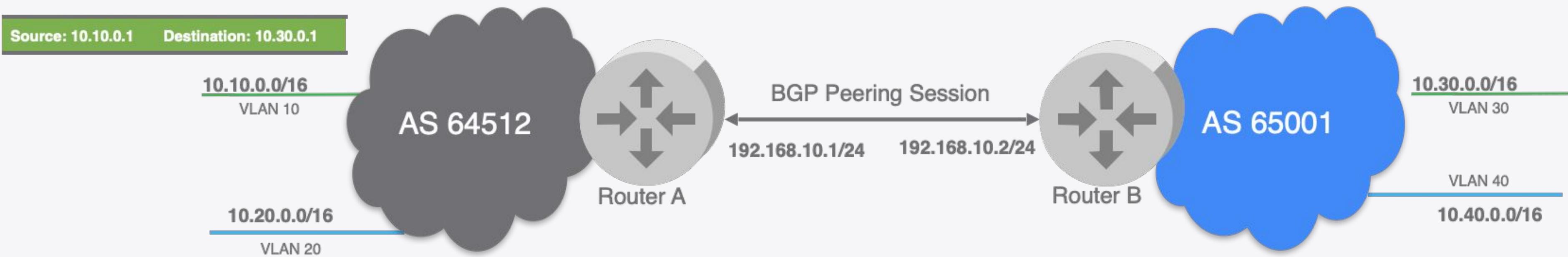
- External Network Connectivity
 - Ingress
 - Egress
- Automation
- Availability
- Recoverability
- Traffic Engineering

Challenges

- Multi-Tenancy
- Security
- Traffic Optimization



BGP Introduction

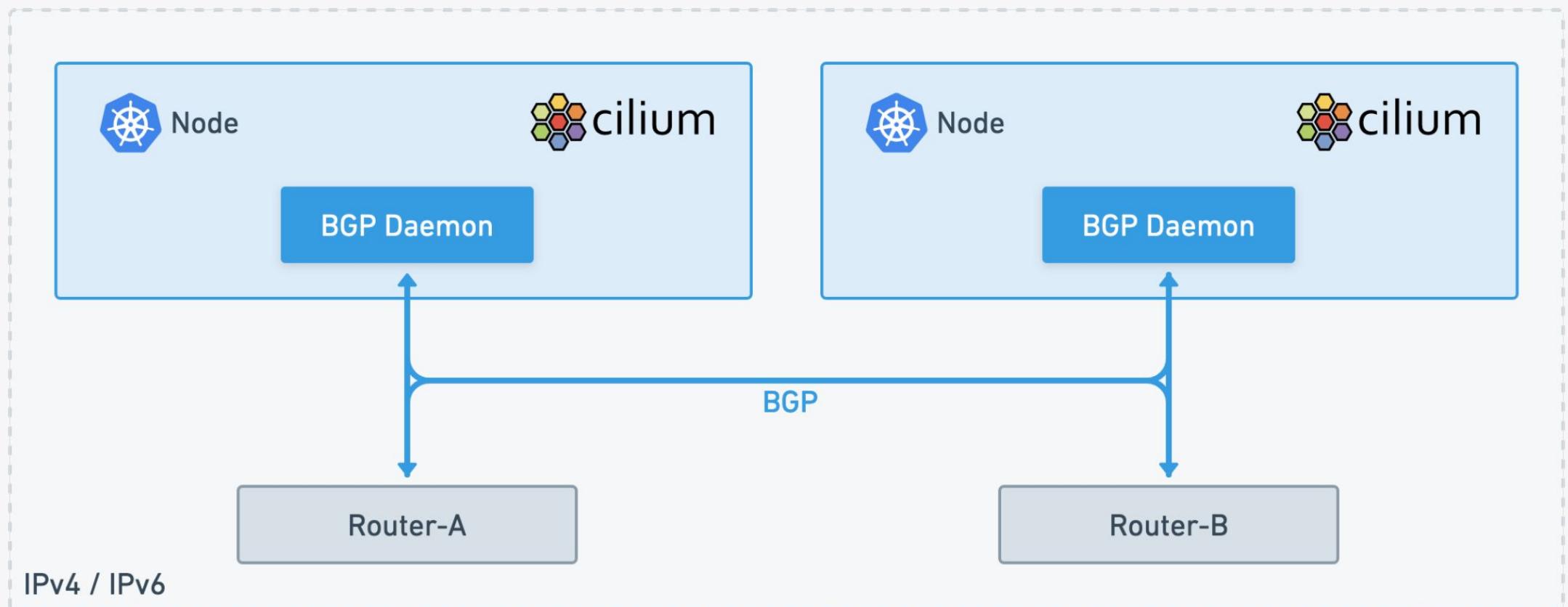


- BGP is a dynamic routing protocol. It uses TCP port 179.
- BGP neighbours exchange routing information over a peering session.
- A given router can build a BGP peering session with one or multiple other routers.



Cilium BGP Control Plane

- BGP natively supported in Cilium
- GoBGP-based
- Feature-rich BGP support
 - IPv4 & IPv6
 - PodCIDR and/or Service IPs Advertisements
 - Hold/Keepalive Timers
 - MD5 Password
 - Graceful Restart
 - Multihop
 - Communities
- BGP Operational Tooling





CiliumBGPPeeringPolicy CRD

```
apiVersion: "cilium.io/v2alpha1"
kind: CiliumBGPPeeringPolicy
metadata:
  name: 01-bgp-peering-policy
spec: # CiliumBGPPeeringPolicySpec
  nodeSelector:
    matchLabels:
      bgp-policy: a
  virtualRouters: # []CiliumBGPVirtualRouter
  - localASN: 64512
    exportPodCIDR: true
  neighbors: # []CiliumBGPNeighbor
  - peerAddress: 'fc00:f853:ccd:e793::50/128'
    peerASN: 64512
    authSecretRef: secretname
    eBGPMultihopTTL: 10
    connectRetryTimeSeconds: 120
    holdTimeSeconds: 90
    keepAliveTimeSeconds: 30
    gracefulRestart:
      enabled: true
      restartTimeSeconds: 120
```

Where the policy applies to (on which nodes will BGP run).

In which Autonomous System the router operate and whether Cilium advertises PodCIDRs

BGP Neighbor Configuration



CiliumBGPClusterConfig CRD

```
apiVersion: cilium.io/v2alpha1
kind: CiliumBGPClusterConfig
metadata:
  name: cilium-bgp
spec:
  nodeSelector:
    matchLabels:
      rack: rack0
  bgpInstances:
  - name: "instance-65000"
    localASN: 65000
  peers:
  - name: "peer-65000-tor1"
    peerASN: 65000
    peerAddress: fd00:10:0:0::1
    peerConfigRef:
      name: "cilium-peer"
```

Where the policy applies to (on which nodes will BGP run).

Name and the local AS number

BGP Neighbor Configuration



CiliumBGPPeerConfig CRD

```
apiVersion: cilium.io/v2alpha1
kind: CiliumBGPPeerConfig
metadata:
  name: cilium-peer
spec:
  timers:
    connectRetryTimeSeconds: 12
    holdTimeSeconds: 9
    keepAliveTimeSeconds: 3
  authSecretRef: bgp-auth-secret
  gracefulRestart:
    enabled: true
    restartTimeSeconds: 15
  families:
    - afi: ipv4
      safi: unicast
      advertisements:
        matchLabels:
          advertise: "bgp"
```

BGP Timers

MD5 Password

Graceful Restart

List of AFI / SAFI Identifier and Advertisement Selector



CiliumBGPAdvertisement CRD

```
apiVersion: cilium.io/v2alpha1
kind: CiliumBGPAdvertisement
metadata:
  name: bgp-advertisements
  labels:
    advertise: bgp
spec:
  advertisements:
    - advertisementType: "Service"
      service:
        addresses:
          - ClusterIP
          - ExternalIP
          - LoadBalancerIP
  selector:
    matchExpressions:
      - { key: bgp, operator: In, values: [ blue ] }
```

Labels referenced by
CiliumBGPPeerConfig

Advertisement Type and Address to Advertise:
- Pod CIDR ranges
- Service Virtual IPs
- Pod IP Pool (MultiPool IPAM)

Selector for Advertisement

L2 Announcements

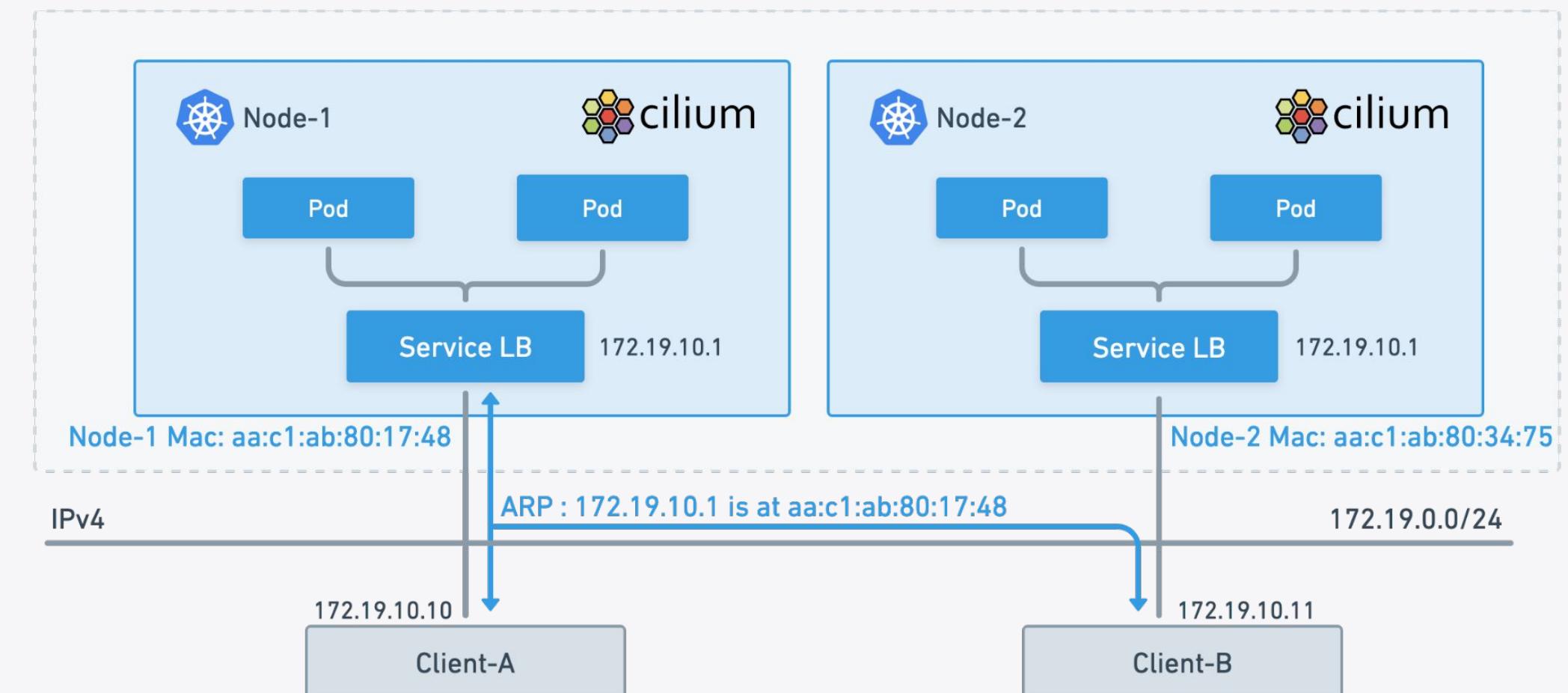


L2 Announcements



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- Cilium responds to ARP queries from local clients for ExternalIPs and/or LoadBalancer IPs.
- Virtual IPs on multiple nodes, however only one Node will respond at a time and will act as a North-South LoadBalancer.





CiliumL2AnnouncementPolicy

```
apiVersion: "cilium.io/v2alpha1"
kind: CiliumL2AnnouncementPolicy
metadata:
  name: policy1
spec:
  serviceSelector:
    matchLabels:
      color: blue
  nodeSelector:
    matchExpressions:
    - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/control-plane
      operator: DoesNotExist
  interfaces:
  - ^eth[0-9]+
  externalIPs: true
  loadBalancerIPs: true
```

The diagram illustrates the structure of a CiliumL2AnnouncementPolicy configuration. The configuration is shown in a dark box with three horizontal sections highlighted by blue boxes. Arrows point from these sections to corresponding text boxes on the right:

- The first section, containing the `serviceSelector` and `matchLabels` fields, is labeled "Service Selector".
- The second section, containing the `nodeSelector` and `matchExpressions` fields, is labeled "Node Selector".
- The third section, containing the `interfaces`, `externalIPs`, and `loadBalancerIPs` fields, is labeled "Announce ExternalIPs and/or LoadBalancerIPs".

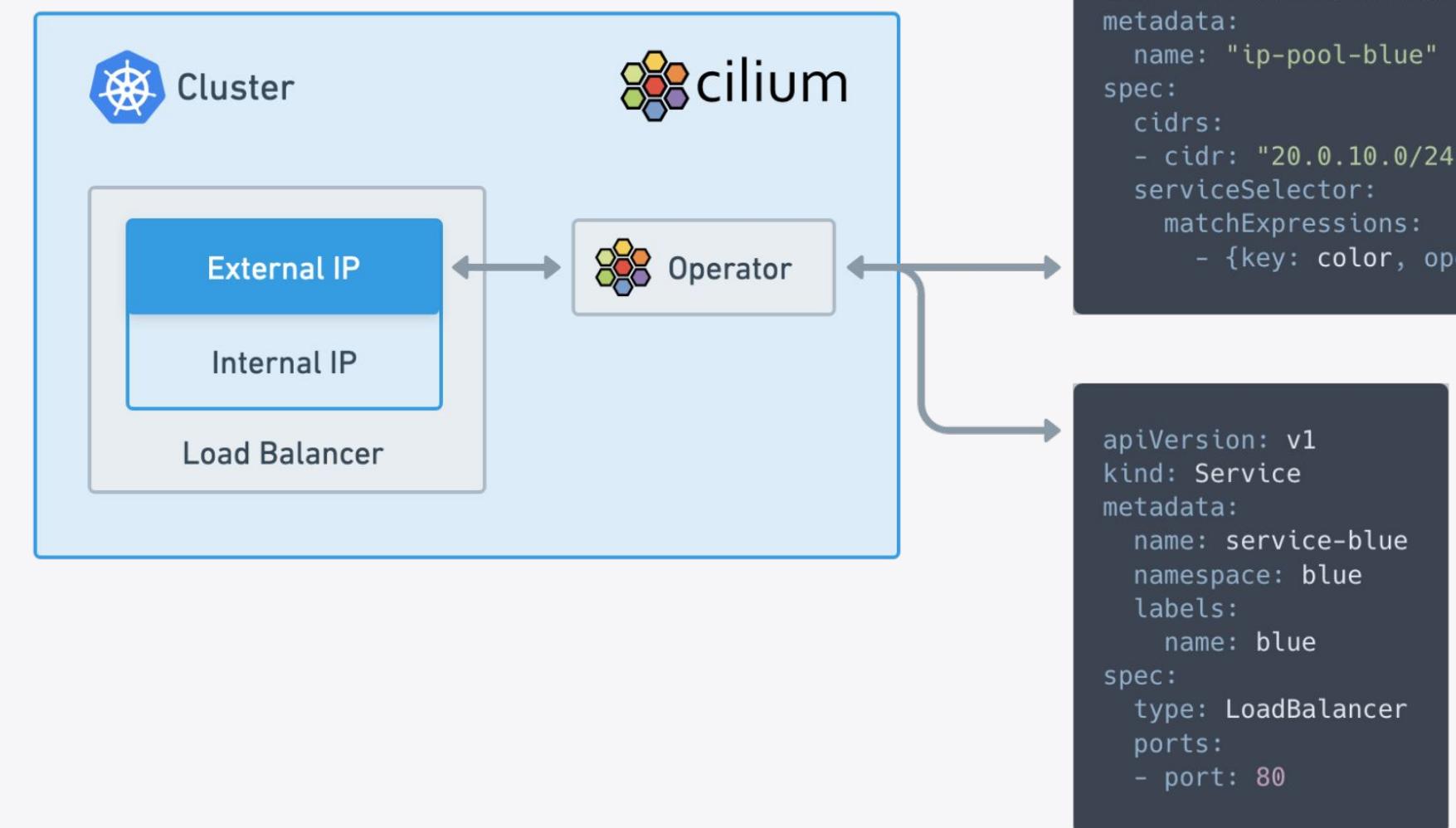
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LoadBalancer IP Address Management (LB IPAM)

- Automatically assign IP addresses to Kubernetes Services of the type LoadBalancer
- Define which services can get IPs from which pools using a label selector or based on the service name or the service namespace.
- Assigned IP addresses can then be advertised to BGP neighbors.

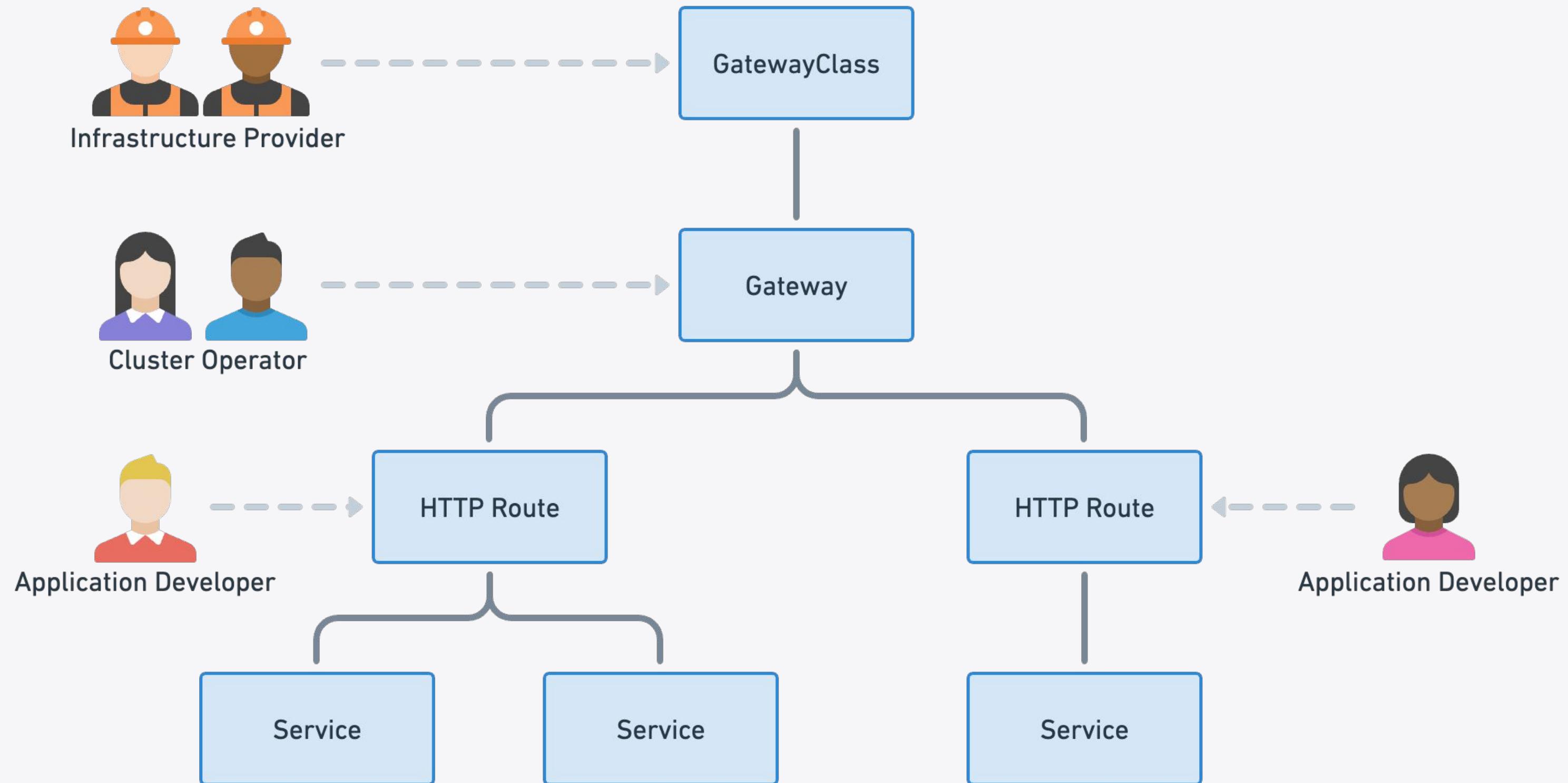


Gateway API





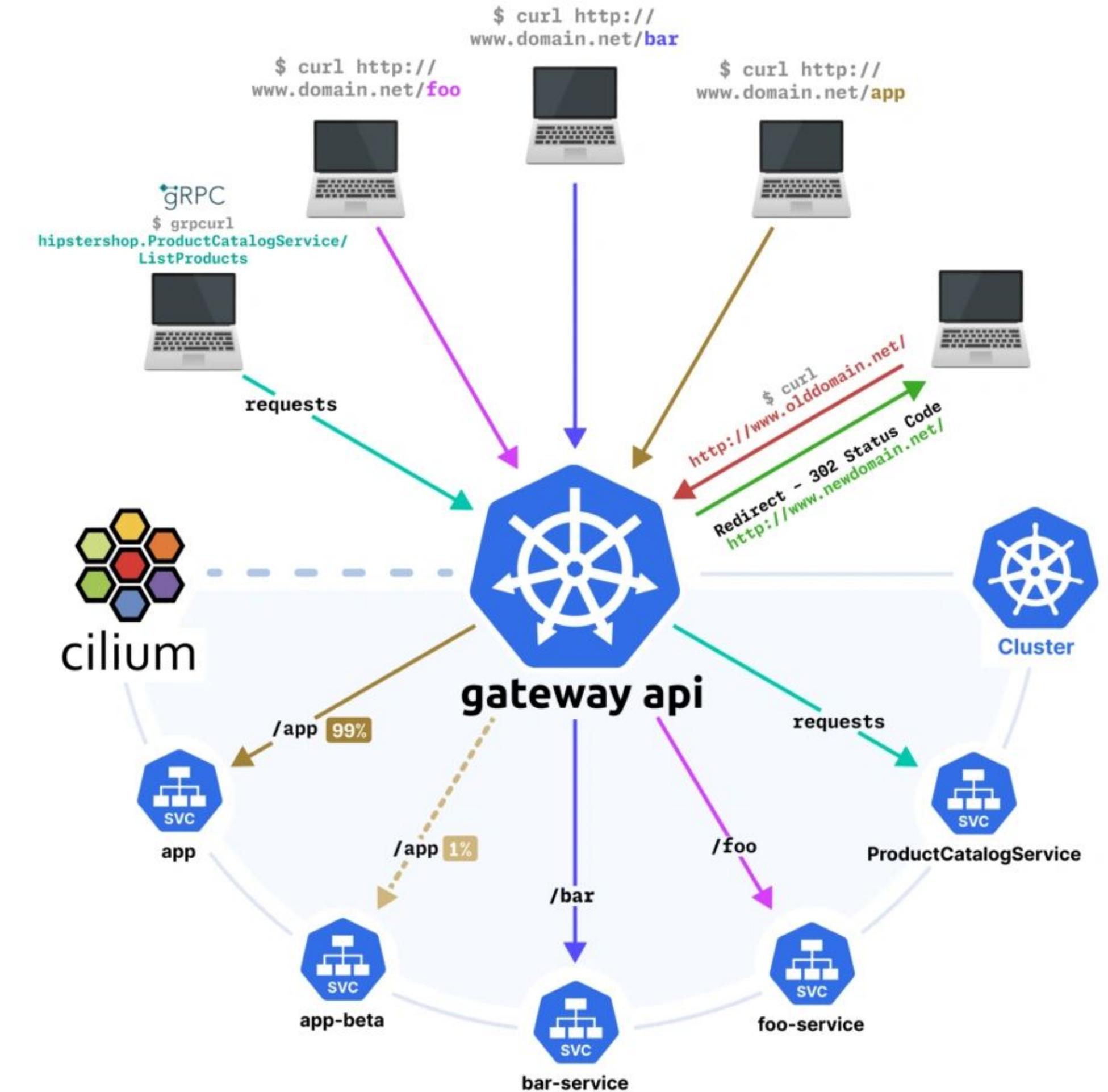
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Use Cases

- Traffic Management
 - Rolling deployments
 - A/B Testing
 - Traffic Splitting
 - Canary
 - Blue-Green
- Scalability
- Golden Signals

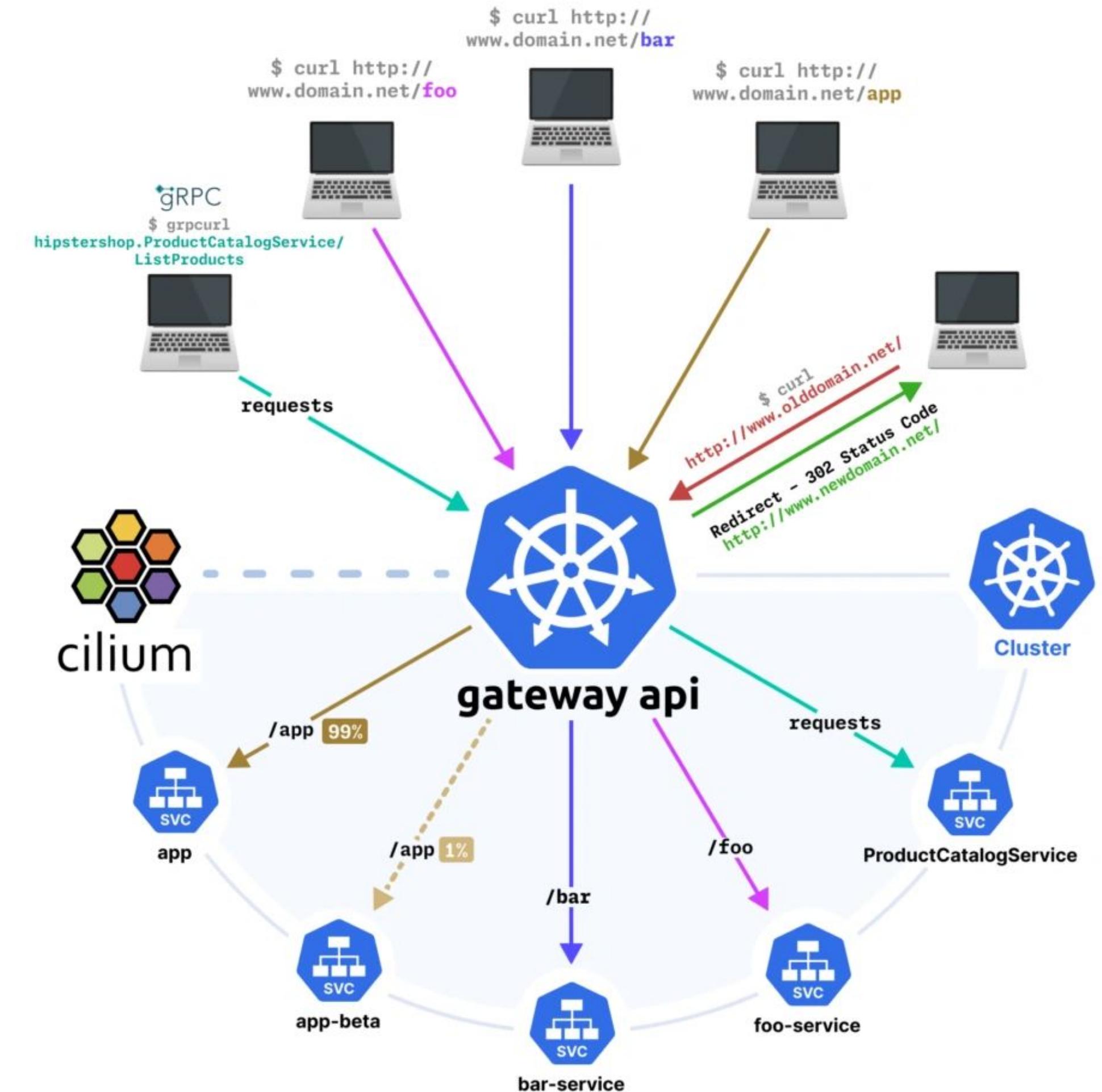


Gateway API

Cilium Supports Gateway API 1.0

Features

- HTTP routing
- HTTP traffic splitting and load-balancing
- HTTP request and response header rewrite
- HTTP redirect and path rewrites
- HTTP mirroring
- Cross-namespace routing
- TLS termination and passthrough
- gRPC routing





Annotation Propagation from the Gateway to the LoadBalancer Service



```
apiVersion: gateway.networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: Gateway
metadata:
  name: gateway-blue
  namespace: tenant-blue
spec:
  infrastructure:
    labels:
      color: blue
  gatewayClassName: cilium
  listeners:
  - protocol: HTTP
    port: 80
    name: gateway-blue-http
    allowedRoutes:
      namespaces:
        from: Same
```

```
# kubectl describe service -n tenant-blue cilium-gateway-gateway-blue
Name: cilium-gateway-gateway-blue
Namespace: tenant-blue
Labels: color=blue
Annotations: <none>
Selector: <none>
Type: LoadBalancer
IP Family Policy: SingleStack
IP Families: IPv4
IP: 10.96.82.188
IPs: 10.96.82.188
LoadBalancer Ingress: 20.0.10.1
Port: port-80 80/TCP
TargetPort: 80/TCP
NodePort: port-80 30610/TCP
Endpoints:
Session Affinity: None
External Traffic Policy: Cluster
Events: <none>
```

Demo



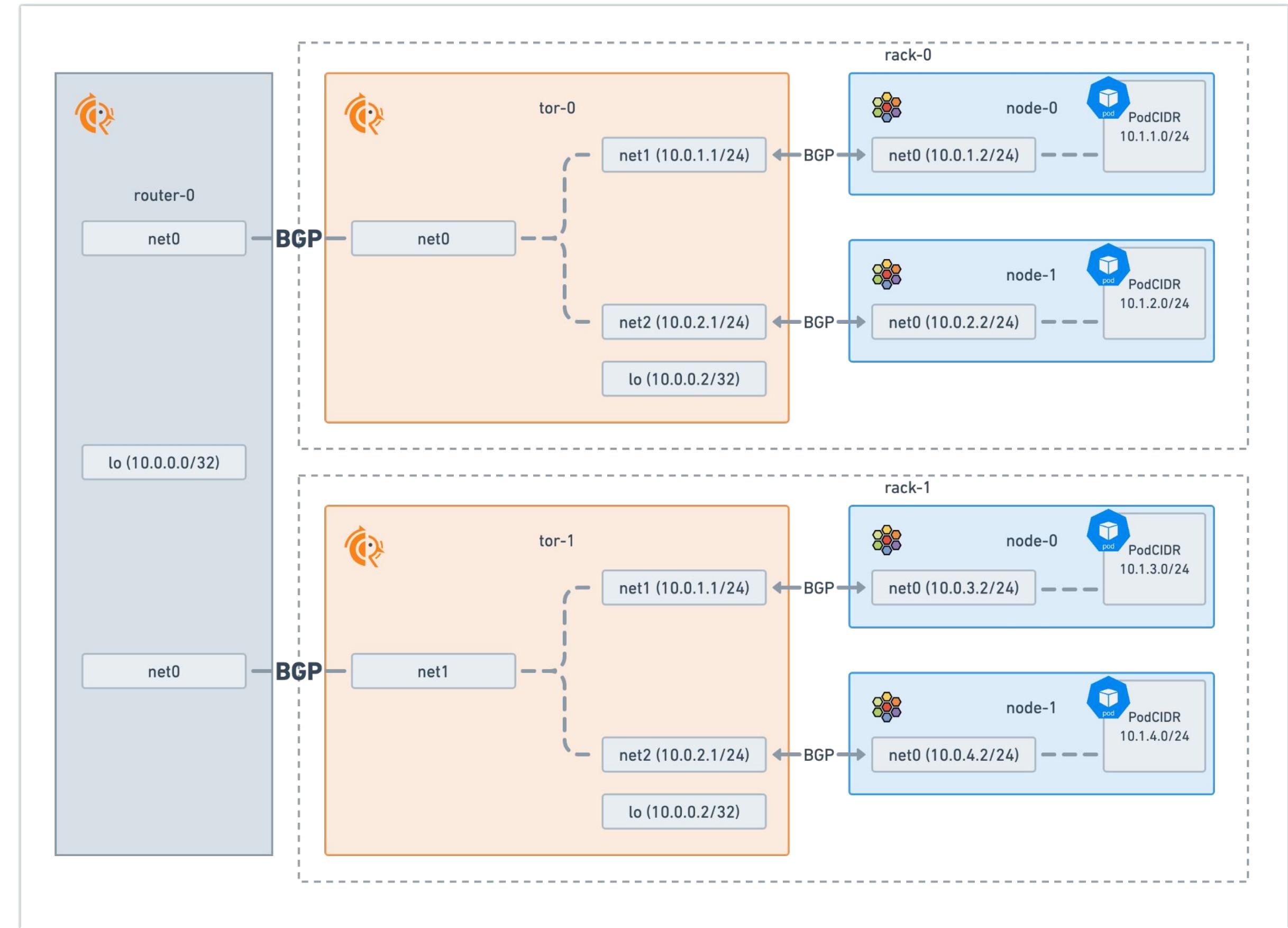


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As a Platform Engineer I want to:

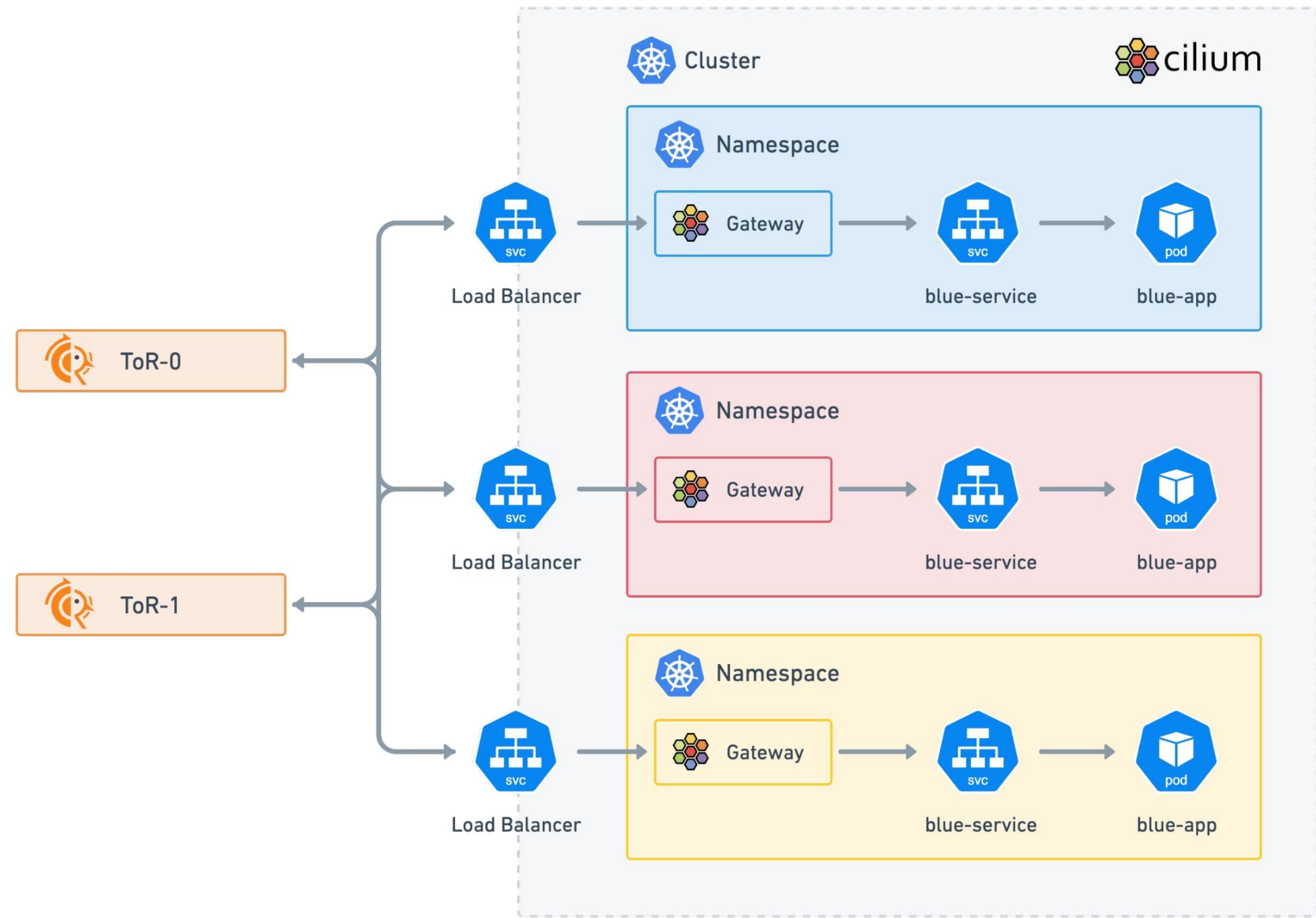
- Support a multi-tenant Kubernetes platform
- Provide separation and segmentation for each tenant
 - Using unique Ingress IPs per tenant
 - Using Network Policies for isolation
- Provide L7 Routing and Filtering capabilities
- Advertise LoadBalancer IPs to the external network using BGP

Demo Topology





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Learn more!



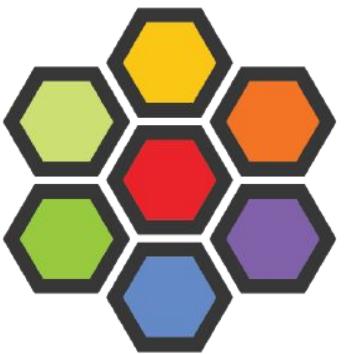
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