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Contour Project Update

Highlighting New Features and Community Contributions

Introductions



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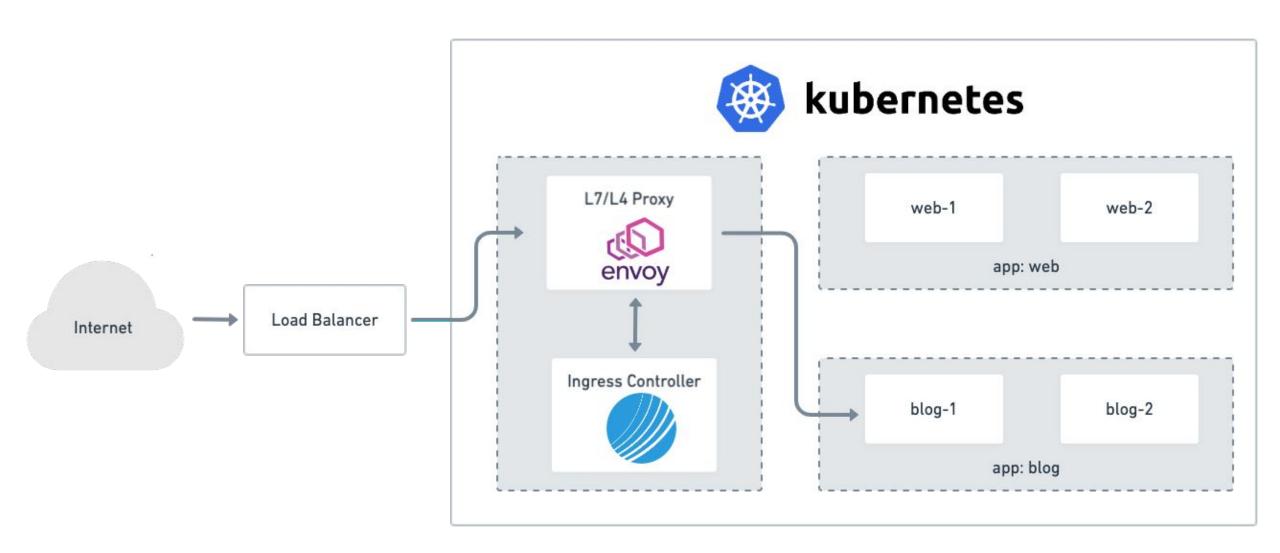
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Architecture





Envoy Proxy







- Cloud-native, open-source edge and service proxy
- API driven, built for dynamic configuration updates
- Performant
- Observable

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Project History

Oct 30, 2017 Hello, world! Oct 31, 2019 v1.0 released Jul 07, 2020
Accepted to
CNCF at
incubating level

Feb 24, 2021 first release with Gateway API support Oct 12, 2021

<u>First quarterly</u>

<u>release with 9</u>

<u>months support</u>

Jul 27, 2022 <u>Contour v1.22.0</u> <u>fully Gateway</u> <u>API conformant</u> Oct, 2023
Contour
v1.27.0 release

Production Ready



- GA since November 2019
- Used at scale in many production environments
- Latest three minor releases supported
 - Includes 9 months of support for each
 - Backports for high severity bug fixes and CVEs

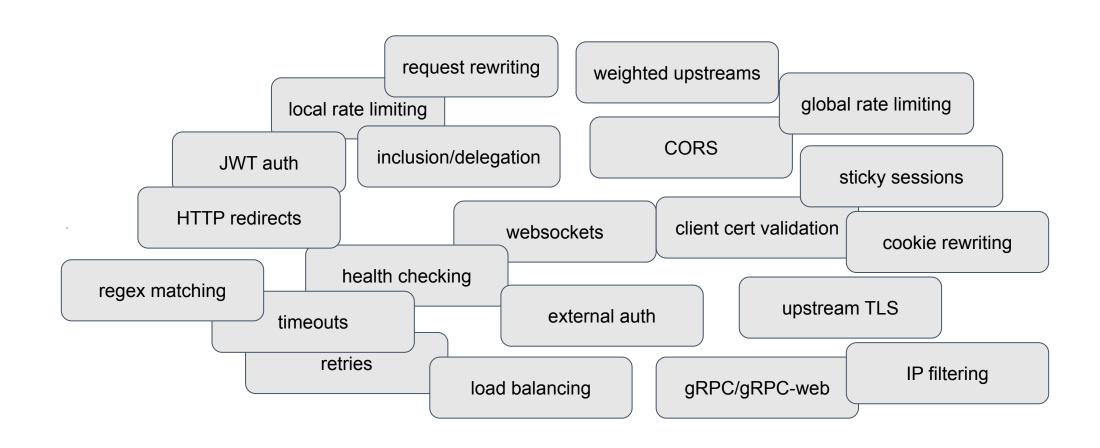
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Advanced Features





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Recent Work and Community Contributions

Contour v1.25.0



- HTTPProxy IP filtering support by @ecordell
- Exporting request tracing data to OpenTelemetry by @yangyy93
- HTTPProxy internal redirect support by @Jean-Daniel
- HTTPProxy route rule query parameter matching by @relu
- Gateway API: GRPCRoute support by @fangfpeng

Contour v1.26.0



- Gateway API: Conformant with v0.8.0
- Gateway API: Support for Gateway Listeners on many ports
- Gateway API: TCPRoute support
- Operational improvements for Listeners and Clusters by @clayton-gonsalves,
 @rajatvig, @izturn
- Kubernetes 1.28 support

Contour v1.27.0



- Bug fix in route sorting for regex path match rules by @davinci26
- Improved cache warmup logic on startup by @therealak12
- EndpointSlice support by @clayton-gonsalves
- Mitigations for HTTP/2 rapid reset CVE





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Upcoming Release and Future Roadmap

Contour v1.28.0



- Gateway API: v1.0.0 support
- Gateway API: Implementing more extended features
 - HTTP Timeouts
 - Backend protocol
 - BackendTLSPolicy
- Migration to using EndpointSlices by default
- See the v1.28.0 GitHub milestone for more:

https://github.com/projectcontour/contour/milestone/68

Future Roadmap



- Continuing contributor-driven initiatives and feature development
- Working toward expanding the maintainer team
- Website architecture overhaul
- Working with partners running Contour in production
 - Improving efficiency at scale
 - Improving observability
- Continuing to be a fully conformance Gateway API implementation
- Parity between HTTPProxy and Gateway API offerings





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Get Involved!

Contour Community







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