

Istio in the Enterprise

What's new and upcoming in 2020

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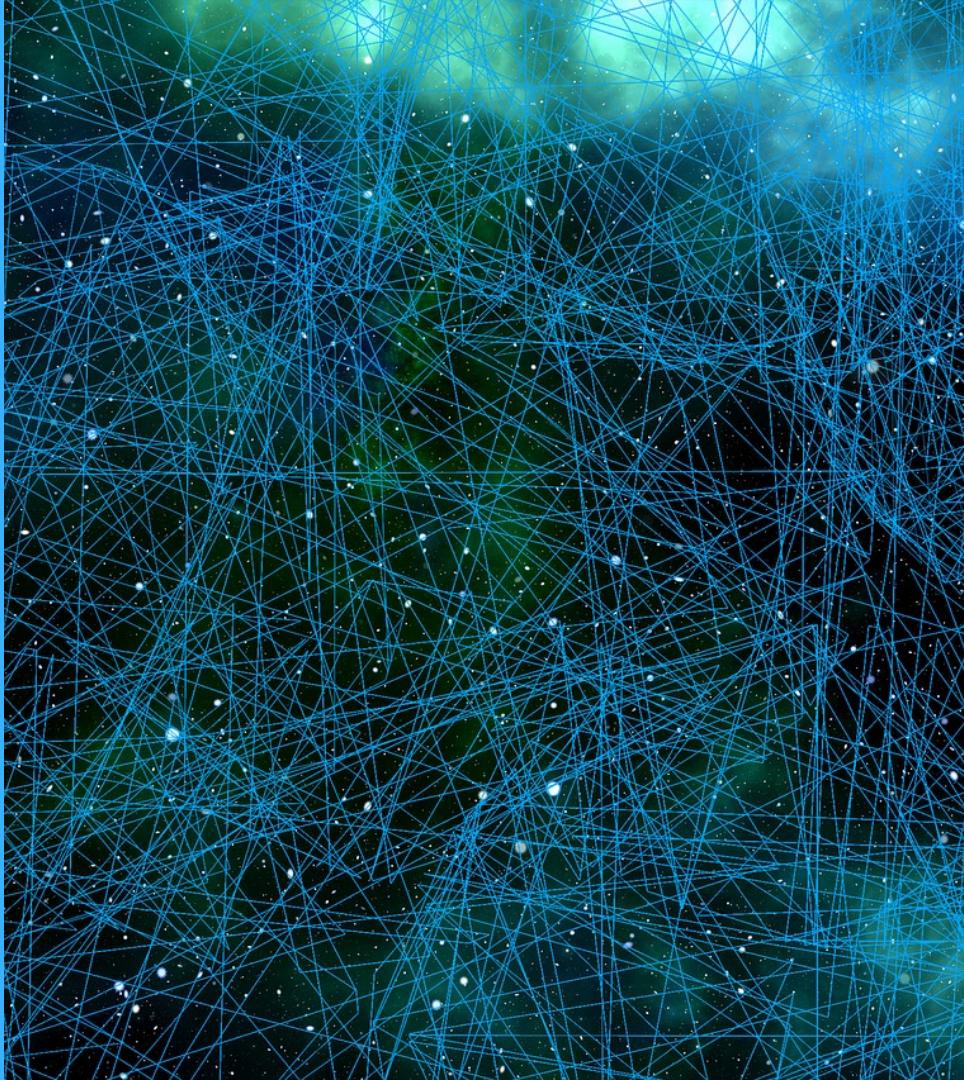
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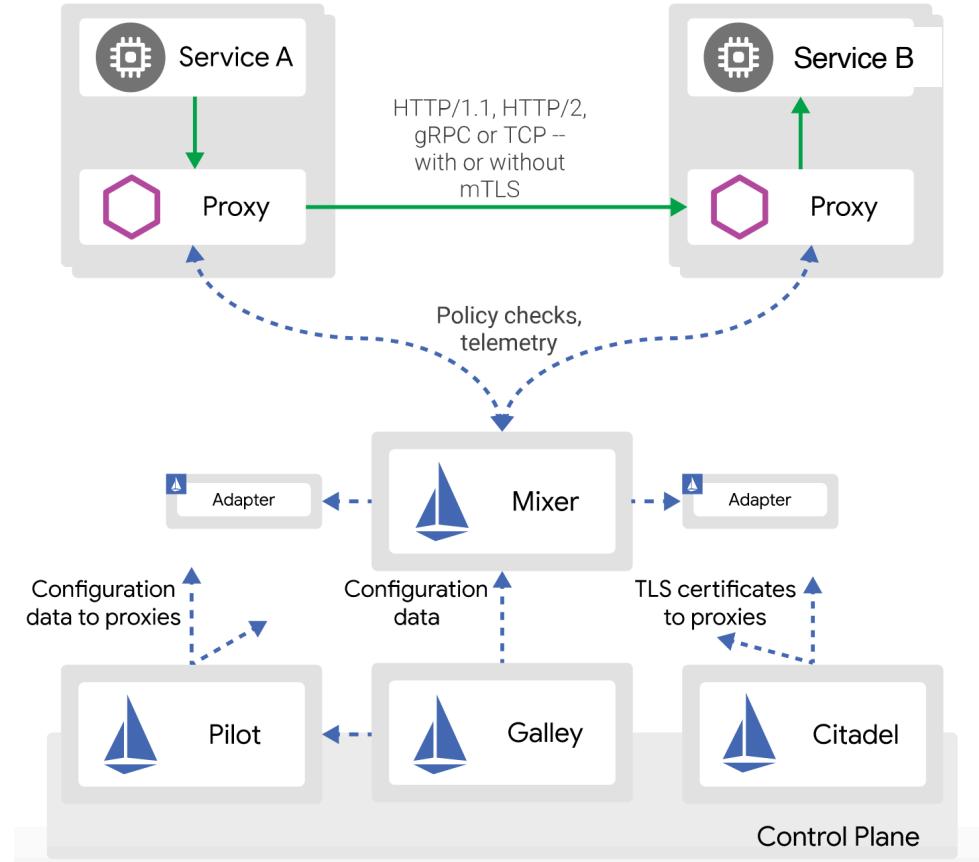
Challenges with Microservices

- Security
- Canary deployments
- A/B testing
- Retries and Circuit breaking
- Rate limiting
- Fault injection
- Policy management
- Telemetry



The “old” Istio

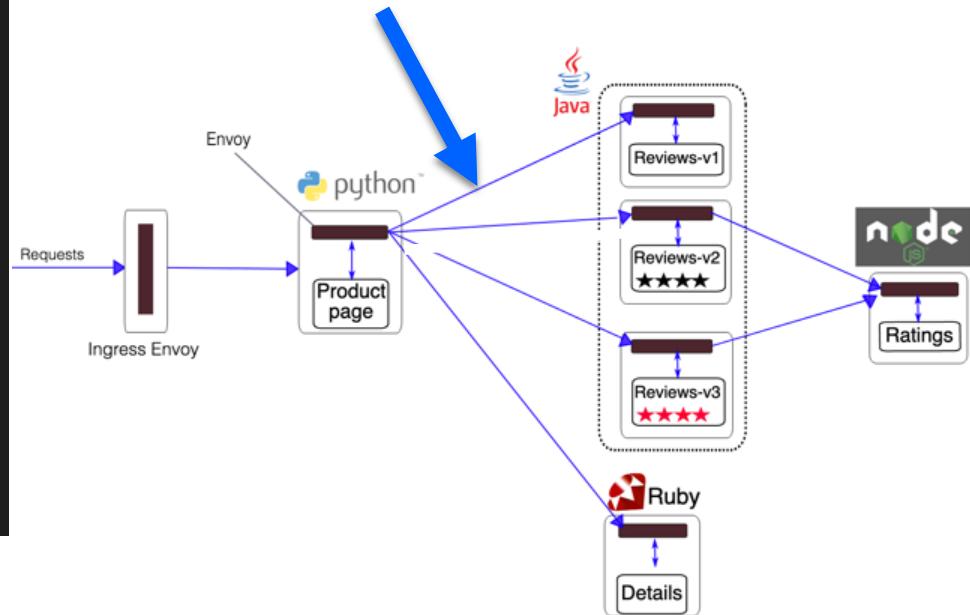
<https://archive.istio.io/v1.1/docs/concepts/what-is-istio/>



Virtual Service - Traffic Shifting

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: VirtualService
metadata:
  name: reviews
spec:
  hosts:
    - reviews
  http:
    - route:
        - destination:
            host: reviews
            subset: v1
            weight: 95
        - destination:
            host: reviews
            subset: v3
            weight: 5
```

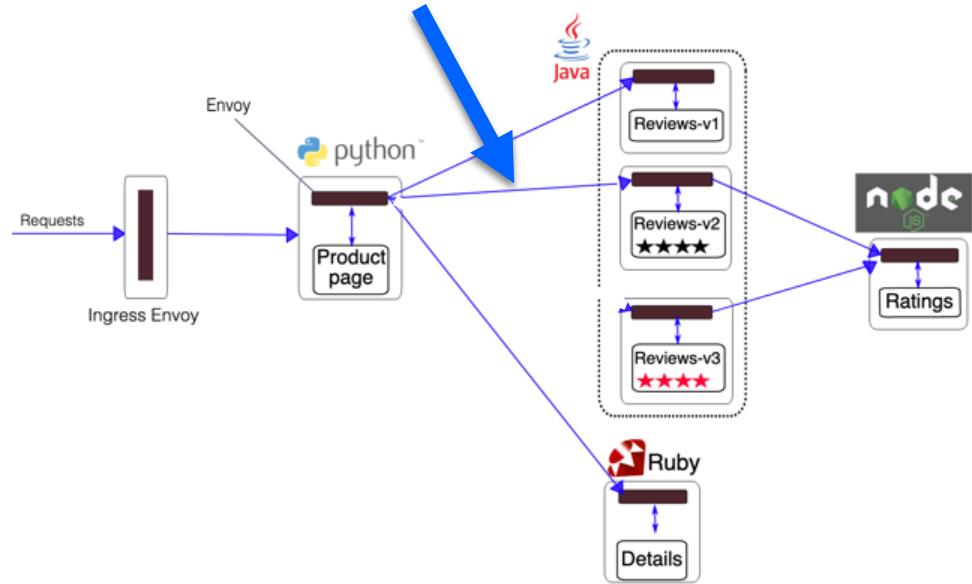
95% -> v1
5% -> v3



Virtual Service - Request Routing

```
1  apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha
2  kind: VirtualService
3  metadata:
4    name: reviews
5  spec:
6    hosts:
7      - reviews
8    http:
9      - match:
10        - headers:
11          - end-user:
12            exact: jason
13        route:
14          - destination:
15            host: reviews
16            subset: v2
17          - route:
18            - destination:
19              host: reviews
20              subset: v1
```

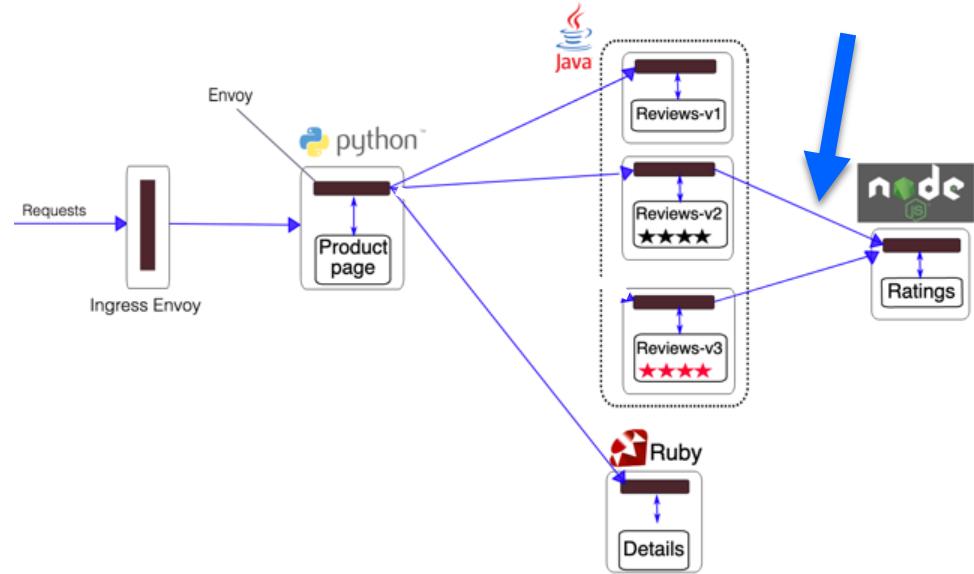
Canary Testing:
Route user:jason to reviews:v2
Others still get reviews:v1



Virtual Service – Delay and Fault Injection

```
1  apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
2  kind: VirtualService
3  metadata:
4    name: ratings
5  spec:
6    hosts:
7      - ratings
8    http:
9      - match:
10        - headers:
11          - end-user:
12            exact: jason
13        fault:
14          delay:
15            percent: 100
16            fixedDelay: 7s
17        route:
18          - destination:
19            host: ratings
20            subset: v1
21          - route:
22            - destination:
23              host: ratings
24              subset: v1
```

Inject 7 second delay



Control Access

```
apiVersion: "security.istio.io/v1beta1"
kind: "AuthorizationPolicy"
metadata:
  name: "details-viewer"
  namespace: default
spec:
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: details
  rules:
  - from:
    - source:
        principals: ["cluster.local/ns/default/sa/bookinfo-productpage"]
      to:
    - operation:
        methods: ["GET"]
```



Community feedback

- Incremental adoption is difficult
- Difficult to debug when things aren't working
- Installation is difficult (too many knobs)
- Scaling problems with 1000+ services
- Performance issues with Policy enforcement

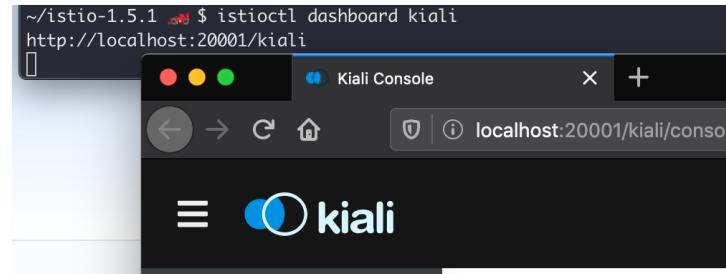
Usability Improvements

- istioctl UX commands
 - describe
 - dashboard
 - metrics
 - add-to-mesh
 - analyze
 - upgrade

More on the way!

```
~/istio-1.5.1/bin $ ./istioctl x describe service productpage
Service: productpage
  Port: http 9080/HTTP targets pod port 9080
Pod is PERMISSIVE, clients configured automatically

Exposed on Ingress Gateway http://169.62.15.138
VirtualService: bookinfo
  /productpage, /static*, /login, /logout, /api/v1/products*
```



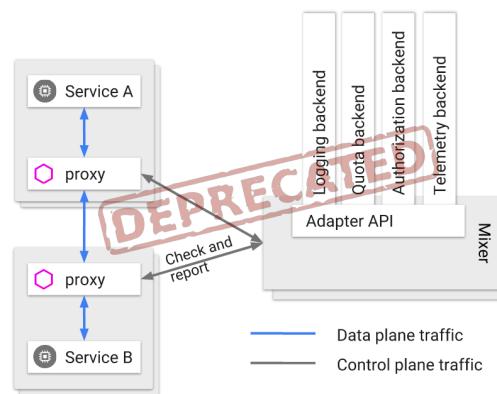
```
~/istio-1.5.1/samples/bookinfo/networking $ istioctl analyze -k virtual-service-reviews-bad.yaml
Error [IST0101] (VirtualService reviews.default) Referenced host+subset in destinationrule not found: "reviews+v1"
Error [IST0101] (VirtualService reviews.default) Referenced host+subset in destinationrule not found: "reviews+v4"
Error: Analyzers found issues when analyzing namespace: default.
See https://istio.io/docs/reference/config/analysis for more information about causes and resolutions.
```

Improved Performance

Mixer is deprecated

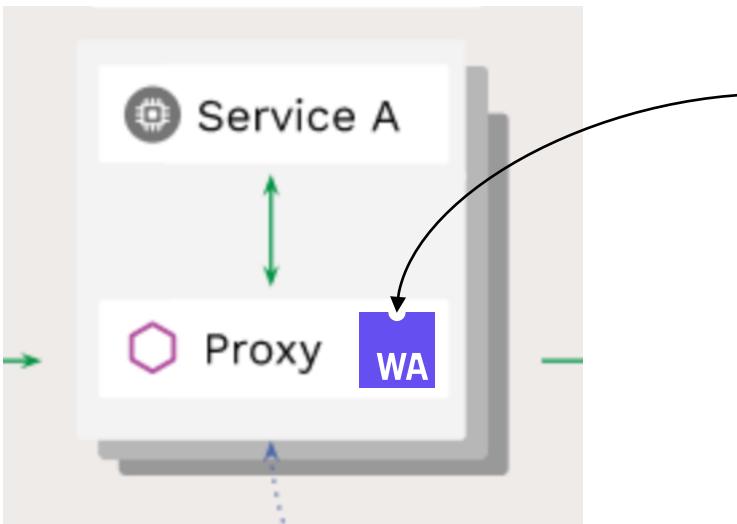
Policy Control

- Replaced by Authentication and Authorization policies



Telemetry

- Telemetry V2 – directly exported



The screenshot shows the AssemblyHub interface with the title "Explore Extensions". On the left, there are filters for "Category" (routing, transformation, observability, security, filtering, translation) and "Projects" (Gloo, Envoy, Istio). On the right, there are three extension cards: "Inja Transformation" (Latest Version: 1.0.0), "Metrics in Envoy" (Latest Version: 1.0.0), and "AWS Lambda" (Latest Version: 1.0.0). Each card has a brief description and a "Details" button.

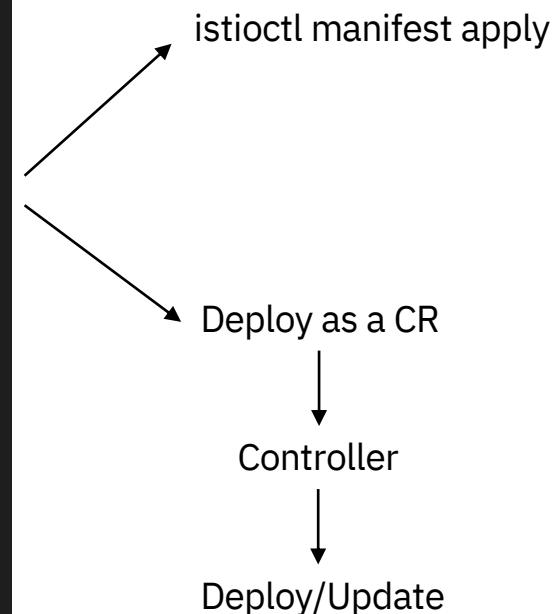
Extensions

- WebAssembly to extend Envoy
- The WebAssembly Hub
- Mixer adapters being ported!

Simplified Installation

- Operator API - IstioOperator
- Human-triggered: istioctl manifest apply
- Machine-triggered: Server side controller
- Helm installation deprecated
- Improved upgrade and canary options coming!

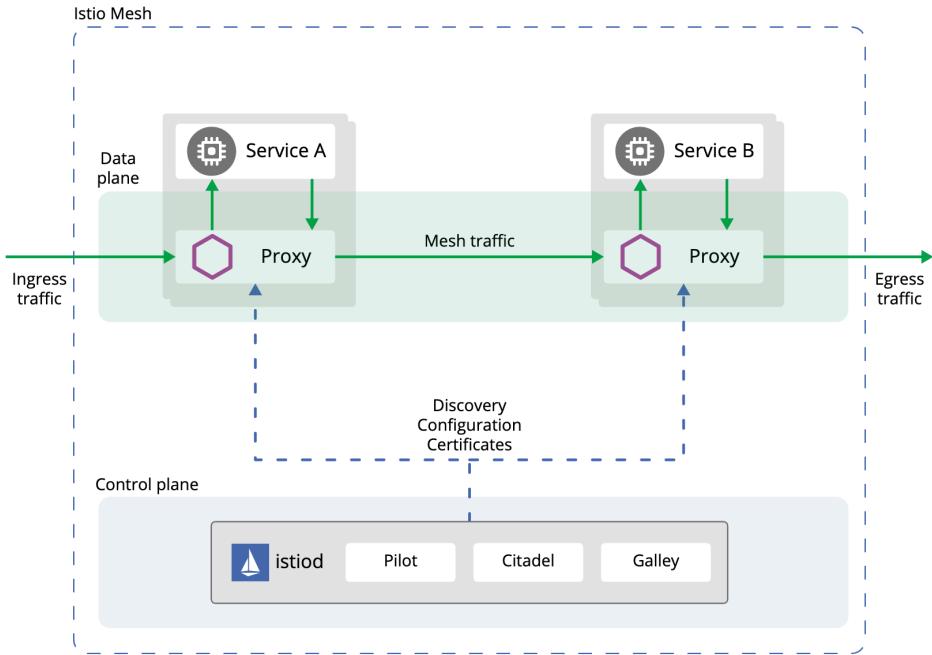
```
1 apiVersion: install.istio.io/v1alpha1
2 kind: IstioOperator
3 spec:
4   components:
5     egressGateways:
6       - name: istio-egressgateway
7         enabled: true
8         k8s:
9           resources:
10             requests:
11               cpu: 10m
12               memory: 40Mi
13
14     ingressGateways:
15       - name: istio-ingressgateway
16         enabled: true
17         k8s:
18           resources:
19             requests:
20               cpu: 10m
21               memory: 40Mi
22
23     policy:
24       enabled: false
25       k8s:
26         resources:
27           requests:
28             cpu: 10m
29             memory: 100Mi
30
31     telemetry:
32       k8s:
33         resources:
34           requests:
35             cpu: 50m
36             memory: 100Mi
37
```



Fewer moving parts

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- Easier operation of the control plane
- Improve performance
- Reduced internal API footprint



```
istio-citadel-58c44d6964-vfbln  
istio-galley-66555fc6c5-dm9x6  
istio-ingressgateway-bd9cf87c8-nrmsr  
istio-pilot-7d76d8c7fc-kk6sv  
istio-policy-8d654bbbbf-78qgm  
istio-sidecar-injector-56b7656fd8-vlh5m  
istio-telemetry-5bc7b7c84d-ttvdf  
prometheus-66c5887c86-5jjbn
```

1.4 default profile

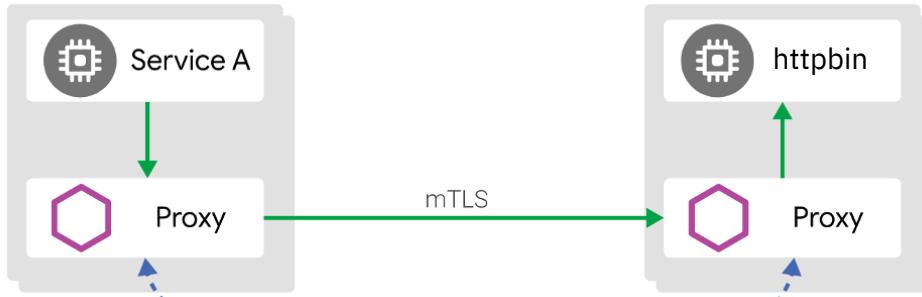


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istio-ingressgateway-85576dff98-xmx9t  
istiod-5cbfb7db8f-fvmz2  
prometheus-65fb99c564-17ltq
```

1.5 default profile

Automatic mutual TLS

- Configures client proxies to send mutual TLS traffic to mesh workloads automatically
- DestinationRule resource not needed!
- Supports incremental adoption



```
apiVersion: "networking.istio.io/v1alpha3"
kind: "DestinationRule"
metadata:
  name: "httpbin"
spec:
  host: "httpbin.bar.svc.cluster.local"
  trafficPolicy:
    tls:
      mode: ISTIO_MUTUAL
```

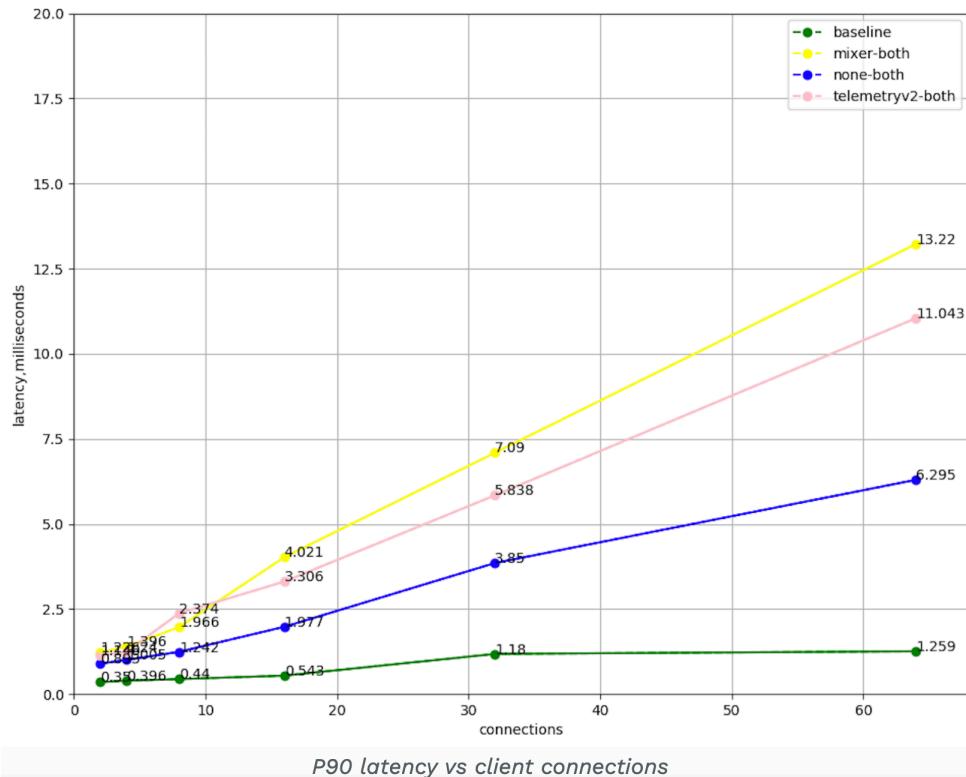
```
apiVersion: "authentication.istio.io/v1alpha1"
kind: "Policy"
metadata:
  name: "httpbin"
spec:
  targets:
  - name: httpbin
  peers:
  - mtls: {}
```

No longer needed!

Performance

Load test with **1000** services and **2000** sidecars with 70,000 mesh-wide requests per second:

- Proxy uses **0.5 vCPU** and **50 MB memory** per 1000 rps
- Proxy adds **2.8 ms latency** (1 kB payload at 1000 rps using 16 connections.)
- Pilot uses **1 vCPU** and 1.5 GB of memory
- YMMV!



Thank you

The image displays three separate browser windows showing different cloud service management interfaces:

- Istio / Getting Started:** A screenshot of the Istio 1.6 documentation page titled "Getting Started". It features a sidebar with links like "Concepts", "Setup", "Getting Started" (which is currently selected), "Platform Setup", "Install", "Upgrade Istio", and "More Guides". The main content area includes sections for "Download Istio", "Install Istio", "Deploy the sample application", "Open the application to outside traffic", and "Determining the ingress IP and ports".
- Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform:** A screenshot of the Red Hat OpenShift web console for a project named "bookinfo". The left sidebar shows "Administrator" and "Operators" sections, with "OperatorHub" and "Installed Operators" listed under Operators. The main content area shows "Provided APIs" for "SMM Istio Service Mesh Member Roll" and "SMC Istio Service Mesh Control Plane", each with a "Create Instance" button. A "Description" section explains that Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh provides behavioral insight and operational control for microservices.
- IBM Cloud:** A screenshot of the IBM Cloud interface showing a cluster named "rvennamcluster". It includes sections for "Clusters / rvennamcluster", "Access", "Overview", "Worker Nodes", "Worker Pools", and "Add-ons". An "Add-ons" card for "Managed Istio" is highlighted, describing it as a service mesh for integrating microservices. It includes a "Learn More" link and an "Install" button.