





Istio Traffic Shifting

What is Istio

- Istio is an open source service mesh that layers transparently onto existing distributed applications.
- Istio is the path to load balancing, service-to-service authentication, and monitoring with few or no service code changes.

Deployment and Traffic shifting

• Traffic shifting makes it possible to gradually migrate traffic from one version of a micro service to another version. This usually happens when migrating from an older version of an app to a newer one. After doing some feature enhancement, first we should need to send small amount of traffic to the new version of service in the initial stage. After that gradually we can increase traffic percentage using service mesh.

Prerequisite

• First we need to start minikube.

minikube start

```
zsh: command not found: minkikube
  pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                     minikube start
   minikube v1.28.0 on Darwin 13.0.1 (arm64)
   Using the docker driver based on existing profile
   Starting control plane node minikube in cluster minikube
   Pulling base image ...
   Restarting existing docker container for "minikube" ...
   Preparing Kubernetes v1.25.3 on Docker 20.10.20 ...
   Verifying Kubernetes components...
   Using image gcr.io/k8s-minikube/storage-provisioner:v5
   Using image docker.io/kubernetesui/metrics-scraper:v1.0.8
   Using image docker.io/kubernetesui/dashboard:v2.7.0
  Some dashboard features require the metrics-server addon. To enable all features please run:
       minikube addons enable metrics-server
   Enabled addons: storage-provisioner, default-storageclass, dashboard
   Done! kubectl is now configured to use "minikube" cluster and "default" namespace by default
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
```

- Install Istio and istioctl.
- Here I am using simple spring boot rest api.

a) This is my old version.

```
package com.pramod.myapp;
 2
 3
    import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
    import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
 4
    import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
 5
 6
7
    @RestController
    @RequestMapping("/api/v1")
 8
 9
    public class HelloController {
10
11
        @GetMapping("hello")
        public String getHello() {
12
            return "Hello World, This is version 1!";
13
14
    }
15
HelloController.java hosted with ♥ by GitHub
                                                                                   view raw
```

b) This is my new version file.

```
package com.pramod.myapp;
2
    import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
    import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
    import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
5
 6
    @RestController
7
8
    @RequestMapping("/api/v1")
 9
    public class HelloController {
10
11
        @GetMapping("hello")
12
        public String getHello() {
13
            return "Hello World, This is version 2!";
        }
14
15
    }
HelloController.java hosted with ♥ by GitHub
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```

- First we should need to create two docker images for old version and new version. Here I am using local docker images. We can push docker images into docker hub and we can pull those images from the docker hub or registry when deploying in Kubernetes.
- Provides instructions to point your terminal's docker-cli to minikuber docker-env.

```
eval $(minikube docker-env)
```

- Build the jar file for each version and build the docker image. (how to dockerize SpringBoot application)
- Here we have 1.0 and 2.0 myapp docker images.

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                     ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp docker images
REPOSITORY
                                           TAG
                                                     IMAGE ID
                                                                     CREATED
                                                                                          SIZE
                                           2.0
                                                     278bfe5018c2
                                                                     22 seconds ago
                                                                                          520MB
myapp
                                           1.0
                                                     2d0bcf24d286
                                                                     About a minute ago
                                                                                          520MB
myapp
```

• We can use below mentioned **kubectl** command to add a namespace label to instruct Istio to automatically inject Envoy sidecar proxies.

```
kubectl label namespace default istio-injection=enabled
```

• After enabled Istio in minikube, Istio-proxy(Envoy proxy) called docker conainer is running in each and every pods.

Deployment

- Now we can do all the deployments.
- 1. First we should deploy myapp service and two pods for v1 and v2.

Here **imagePullPolicy** is **Never** because I am using local docker images. We have two deployment definition for myapp-v1 and myapp-v2. myapp:1.0 is defined as v1 and myapp:2.0 is defined as v2.

```
1 apiVersion: v1
2 kind: Service
3 metadata:
    name: myapp
5
    labels:
6
       app: myapp
       service: myapp
7
8
   spec:
9
     ports:
10
      - port: 8080
11
         name: http
12
    selector:
13
       app: myapp
14
15
   apiVersion: v1
16
   kind: ServiceAccount
   metadata:
17
     name: demo-myapp
18
    labels:
19
20
       account: myapp
21
22 apiVersion: apps/v1
23 kind: Deployment
24 metadata:
25
    name: myapp-v1
26
    labels:
27
      app: myapp
       version: v1
28
29
   spec:
30
    replicas: 1
31
     selector:
32
      matchLabels:
33
         app: myapp
34
         version: v1
35
     template:
36
      metadata:
37
         labels:
38
           app: myapp
           version: v1
39
40
      spec:
41
        serviceAccountName: demo-myapp
42
        containers:
43
          - name: myapp
44
            image: myapp:1.0
45
            imagePullPolicy: Never
           ports:
46
              - containerPort: 8080
            volumeMounts:
48
              - name: tmp
49
                mountPath: /tmp
50
            securityContext:
51
               runAsUser: 1000
52
53
         volumes:
54
           - name: tmp
55
             emptyDir: {}
57
   apiVersion: apps/v1
   kind: Deployment
58
59 metadata:
60
     name: myapp-v2
    labels:
61
62
      app: myapp
63
       version: v2
64 spec:
65
    replicas: 1
66
    selector:
      matchLabels:
```

```
68
         app: myapp
69
         version: v2
70
    template:
71
      metadata:
72
        labels:
73
          app: myapp
74
          version: v2
75
      spec:
76
         serviceAccountName: demo-myapp
77
         containers:
78
          - name: myapp
79
            image: myapp:2.0
80
            imagePullPolicy: Never
81
           ports:
82
               - containerPort: 8080
83
           volumeMounts:
             - name: tmp
84
85
                mountPath: /tmp
86
            securityContext:
87
             runAsUser: 1000
88
       volumes:
89
          - name: tmp
```

kubectl apply -f myapp.yaml

• Check deployments, pods and services.

```
kubectl get svc
kubectl get pods
kubectl get deployments
```

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                 ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp > kubectl get svc
NAME
            TYPE
                       CLUSTER-IP
                                    EXTERNAL-IP
                                                 PORT(S)
                                                            AGE
                                                            4d23h
kubernetes
            ClusterIP
                       10.96.0.1
                                    <none>
                                                 443/TCP
            ClusterIP
                       10.97.58.17
                                    <none>
                                                 8080/TCP
                                                            35m
myapp
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                 ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp
                                                          kubectl get pods
NAME
                          READY
                                 STATUS
                                           RESTARTS
myapp-v1-6cc8bbccf6-svllg
                          2/2
                                 Running
                                           0
                                                     35m
myapp-v2-587b79c77d-nlglr
                                 Running
                                           0
                                                     35m
                          2/2
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                 ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp
                                                         kubectl get deployments
NAME
          READY
                 UP-TO-DATE
                             AVAILABLE
                                         AGE
          1/1
                 1
                              1
                                         35m
myapp-v1
          1/1
                                         35m
myapp-v2
```

• We have defined only one container in the deployment description. But two containers are running in the pod because each and every pods have its own Istio-proxy(Envoy proxy) and defined application container(myapp). After that all the comminucation between services, using that envoy proxy.

```
containers:
    - name: myapp
    image: myapp:1.0
    imagePullPolicy: Never
```

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                    ~/Work/Istio-installation/istio-1.16.1/samples | kubectl get pods
                           READY
                                    STATUS
                                              RESTARTS
                                                         AGE
myapp-v1-6cc8bbccf6-svllg
                           2/2
                                    Running
                                                         6h44m
                                              0
myapp-v2-587b79c77d-nlglr
                           2/2
                                    Running
                                              0
                                                         6h44m
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro > ~/Work/Istio-installation/istio-1.16.1/samples
```

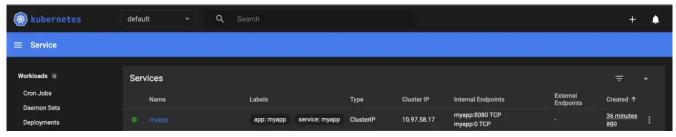
kubectl describe pods myapp-v1-6cc8bbccf6-svllg

```
Containers:
 myapp:
                    docker://1c5d77ed3c2a0b1fd764dc44c69020fd0d787a77ab9111761bf906855a912bcb
   Container ID:
                    myapp:1.0
    Image:
   Image ID:
                    docker://sha256:2d0bcf24d28627ea6f64ab434e7fd8c5f34a871cba8f09dcdbcee5d55a97ea4b
                    8080/TCP
   Port:
   Host Port:
                    0/TCP
                    Running
   State:
                    Wed, 11 Jan 2023 23:16:54 +0800
     Started:
   Ready:
                    True
   Restart Count: 0
   Environment:
                    <none>
   Mounts:
      /tmp from tmp (rw)
      /var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount from kube-api-access-18bnf (ro)
  istio-proxy:
   Container ID: docker://39640c8de738e8d727f4362e03105a7371d8deaa0c869017b489c789976daa7f
                   docker.io/istio/proxyv2:1.16.1
   Image:
                   docker-pullable://istio/proxyv2@sha256:a861ee2ce3693ef85bbf0f96e715dde6f3fbd1546333d348993cc123a00a0290
   Image ID:
                   15090/TCP
   Port:
   Host Port:
                   0/TCP
    Args:
     proxy
     sidecar
      --domain
      $(POD_NAMESPACE).svc.cluster.local
      --proxyLogLevel=warning
      --proxyComponentLogLevel=misc:error
      --log_output_level=default:info
      --concurrency
                    Running
                    Wed, 11 Jan 2023 23:16:55 +0800
      Started:
```

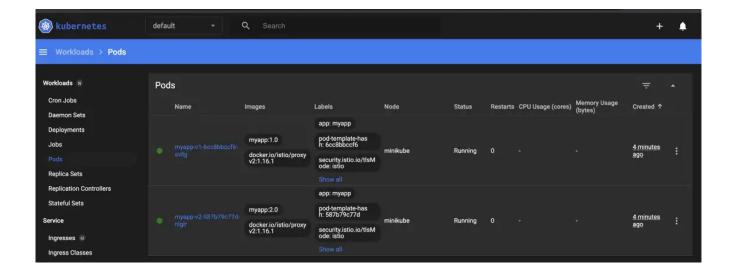
docker containers in pod

• You can use minikube dashboard to check all the service, pods, deployments and etc.

minikube dashboard



services



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pods

2. Now we should deploy destination rule.

- These rules specify configuration for load balancing, connection pool size from the sidecar, and outlier detection settings to detect and evict unhealthy hosts from the load balancing pool.
- Version specific policies can be specified by defining a named subset.
- Here we have two versions for myapp(v1 and v2). So we should define these two versions as two subsets.

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
1
    kind: DestinationRule
2
3 metadata:
     name: myapp-destination-rule
4
5 spec:
6
    host: myapp
7
    trafficPolicy:
8
      loadBalancer:
9
         simple: ROUND_ROBIN
10
    subsets:
11
       - name: v1
12
         labels:
           version: v1
13
        - name: v2
14
         labels:
15
16
           version: v2
17
          trafficPolicy:
18
            loadBalancer:
19
               simple: ROUND_ROBIN
mvann-destination-rule vamI hosted with • hv GitHuh
                                                                               view raw
```

```
kubectl apply -f myapp-dr.yaml
```

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp kubectl apply -f myapp-dr.yaml destinationrule.networking.istio.io/myapp-destination-rule created pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp
```

deploy destination rule

• Check destination rules.

```
kubectl get dr
```

• There are 6 different load balancing policies. We can use load balancing policy for subset level and service level.

LoadBalancerSettings.SimpleLB

Standard load balancing algorithms that require no tuning.

Name	Description
UNSPECIFIED	No load balancing algorithm has been specified by the user. Istio will select an appropriate default.
RANDOM	The random load balancer selects a random healthy host. The random load balancer generally performs better than round robin if no health checking policy is configured.
PASSTHROUGH	This option will forward the connection to the original IP address requested by the caller without doing any form of load balancing. This option must be used with care. It is meant for advanced use cases. Refer to Original Destination load balancer in Envoy for further details.
ROUND_ROBIN	A basic round robin load balancing policy. This is generally unsafe for many scenarios (e.g. when enpoint weighting is used) as it can overburden endpoints. In general, prefer to use LEAST_REQUEST as a drop-in replacement for ROUND_ROBIN.
LEAST_REQUEST	The least request load balancer spreads load across endpoints, favoring endpoints with the least outstanding requests. This is generally safer and outperforms ROUND_ROBIN in nearly all cases. Prefer to use LEAST_REQUEST as a drop-in replacement for ROUND_ROBIN.
LEAST_CONN	Deprecated. Use LEAST_REQUEST instead.

3. Deploy Gateway and Virtual Services.

VirtualService

- VirtualService defines a set of traffic routing rules with matching criteria.
- If the traffic is matched, then it is sent to a named destination service (or subset/version of it) defined in the registry.

Example -

If uri is "api/v1/hello", it is sent all the traffic to myapp-v1 subset and myapp-v2. Before deploying this one, we should deploy destination rules because we define all the subsets in the destination rule.

```
- match:
- uri:
    exact: /api/v1/hello

route:
- destination:
    host: myapp
    port:
        number: 8080
        subset: v1
    weight: 75
- destination:
    host: myapp
    port:
        number: 8080
```

```
subset: v2
weight: 25
```

• For **traffic shifting**, we are using **weight**. According to above example, we are routing 25% traffic to myapp-v2 and 75% traffic to myapp-v1.

Gateway

- Gateway describes a load balance operating at the edge of the mesh receiving incoming or outgoing HTTP/TCP connections.
- We can expose set of ports in Gateway definition which use the type of protocol.

```
1 apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
2 kind: Gateway
3 metadata:
    name: myapp-gateway
5 spec:
6
    selector:
7
      istio: ingressgateway # use istio default controller
    servers:
8
9
      - port:
10
         number: 80
11
         name: http
12
         protocol: HTTP
13
       hosts:
          _ "*"
14
15
16 apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
17 kind: VirtualService
18 metadata:
19
    name: myapp
20 spec:
21
   hosts:
   - "*"
22
23
   gateways:
24
   - myapp-gateway
25
   http:
26
      - match:
27
28
            exact: /api/v1/hello
       route:
29
        - destination:
30
            host: myapp
31
32
            port:
33
              number: 8080
            subset: v1
34
          weight: 75
35
36
          - destination:
37
             host: myapp
            port:
38
              number: 8080
39
40
             subset: v2
        weight: 25
41
```

```
kubectl apply -f myapp-gateway.yaml
```

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp kubectl apply -f myapp-gateway.yaml gateway.networking.istio.io/myapp-gateway created virtualservice.networking.istio.io/myapp created pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp
```

Check virtual services and gateways.

```
kubectl get gw
kubectl get vs
```

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro ~/Work/Istio-installation/istio-1.16.1/samples kubectl get gw
NAME
               AGE
               6h50m
myapp-gateway
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                   ~/Work/Istio-installation/istio-1.16.1/samples kubectl get vs
NAME
       GATEWAYS
                                   AGE
                           HOSTS
                           ["*"]
       ["myapp-gateway"]
                                   6h50m
myapp
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                   ~/Work/Istio-installation/istio-1.16.1/samples
```

After deployment we check the Istio errors using below command.

```
istioctl analyze
```

4. Start minikube tunnel

Minikube tunnel that sends traffic to your Istio Ingress Gateway. This will provide an external load balancer, EXTERNAL-IP, for service/istio-ingressgateway.

```
minikube tunnel
```

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp minikube tunnel

Tunnel successfully started

NOTE: Please do not close this terminal as this process must stay alive for the tunnel to be accessible ...

The service/ingress istio-ingressgateway requires privileged ports to be exposed: [80 443]

sudo permission will be asked for it.

Starting tunnel for service istio-ingressgateway.

Password:
```

• Check the external IP of ingress gateway load balancer.

```
kubectl -n istio-system get service istio-ingressgateway
-o jsonpath='{.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0].ip}'
```

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro -/Work/SpringBoot/myapp kubectl -n istio-system get service istio-ingressgateway -o jsonpath='{.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0].ip}' 127.0.0.12
```

• Check the external http2 port of ingress gateway load balancer.

```
kubectl -n istio-system get service istio-ingressgateway
-o jsonpath='{.spec.ports[?(@.name=="http2")].port}'
```

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro -/Work/SpringBoot/myapp | kubectl -n istio-system get service istio-ingressgateway -o jsonpath='{.spec.ports[?(@.name=="http2")].port}'
802
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro -/Work/SpringBoot/myapp | -/Work/SpringBoot/my
```

• These are the istio-system services which running in minikube after installed istio.

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro <u>~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp</u> kubectl get svc -n istio-system
NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S)
NAME
                                                                                                                                    AGE
                          LoadBalancer
                                           10.106.194.179
                                                               <pending>
                                                                                15021:30329/TCP,80:30733/TCP,443:30638/TCP
                                                                                                                                    5d
istio-ingressgateway
                          ClusterIP
                                           10.104.149.38
                                                                                15010/TCP, 15012/TCP, 443/TCP, 15014/TCP
                                                                                                                                    5d
istiod
                                                               <none>
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                         ~/Work/SpringBoot/myapp
```

5. Testing

```
curl http://kubectl -n istio-system get service istio-ingressgateway
  -o jsonpath='{.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0].ip}':kubectl -n istio-system get service istio-ingressgateway
  -o jsonpath='{.spec.ports[?(@.name=="http2")].port}'/api/v1/hello

curl http://127.0.0.1/api/v1/hello
```

• Here you can see, we have two different output for same url.

```
amodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                      /Work/Istio-installation/istio-1.16.1/samples curl http://127.0.0.1/api/v1/hello
Hello World, This is version 1!\%
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
Hello World, This is version 1!₹
                                                  installation/istio-1.16.1/samples curl http://127.0.0.1/api/v1/hello
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                                                           1/samples curl http://127.0.0.1/api/v1/hello
Hello World, This is version 1!%
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-P
                                                                       .16.1/samples curl http://127.0.0.1/api/v1/hello
Hello World, This is version 2!lpha
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                                  installation/istio-1.16.1/samples curl http://127.0.0.1/api/v1/hello
Hello World, This is version 1!%
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                                                        16.1/samples curl http://127.0.0.1/api/v1/hello
Hello World, This is version 1!%
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
                                                                        16.1/samples curl http://127.0.0.1/api/v1/hello
Hello World, This is version 2!%
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro
```

Kiali Console

- Kiali is a console for Istio service mesh. Kiali can be quickly installed as an Istio add-on, or trusted as a part of your production environment.
- There are several addons for Istio.

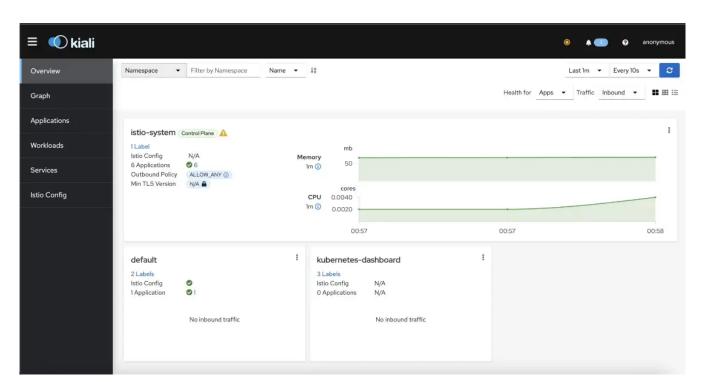
• Deploy Kiali, prometheus using 'kubectl apply -f addons'.

```
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro > ~/Work/Istio-installation/istio-1.16.1/samples > kubectl apply -f addons
serviceaccount/grafana created
configmap/grafana created
service/grafana created
deployment.apps/grafana created
configmap/istio-grafana-dashboards created
configmap/istio-services-grafana-dashboards created
deployment.apps/jaeger created
service/tracing created
service/zipkin created
service/jaeger-collector created
serviceaccount/kiali created
configmap/kiali created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kiali-viewer created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kiali created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kiali created
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kiali-controlplane created
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kiali-controlplane created
service/kiali created
deployment.apps/kiali created
serviceaccount/prometheus created
configmap/prometheus created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/prometheus created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/prometheus created
service/prometheus created
deployment.apps/prometheus created
pramodshehan@Pramods-MacBook-Pro ~/Work/Istio-installation/istio-1.16.1/samples
```

IAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
grafana	ClusterIP	10.103.84.114	<none></none>	3000/TCP	60s
stio-ingressgateway	LoadBalancer	10.106.194.179	127.0.0.1	15021:30329/TCP,80:30733/TCP,443:30638/TCP	5d
stiod	ClusterIP	10.104.149.38	<none></none>	15010/TCP,15012/TCP,443/TCP,15014/TCP	5d
aeger-collector	ClusterIP	10.104.58.102	<none></none>	14268/TCP,14250/TCP,9411/TCP	60s
iali	ClusterIP	10.101.90.253	<none></none>	20001/TCP,9090/TCP	60s
rometheus	ClusterIP	10.100.161.92	<none></none>	9090/TCP	59s
racing	ClusterIP	10.105.106.116	<none></none>	80/TCP,16685/TCP	60s
ipkin	ClusterIP	10.103.24.74	<none></none>	9411/TCP	60s

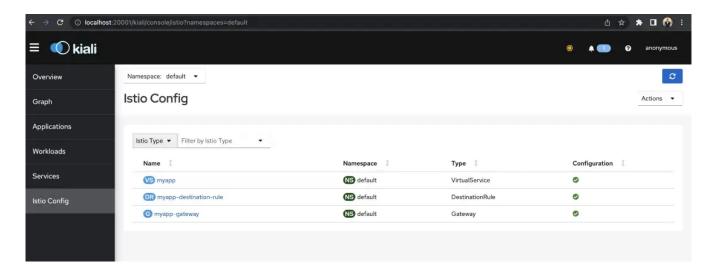
• Open Kiali dashboard using below command.

istioctl dashboard kiali



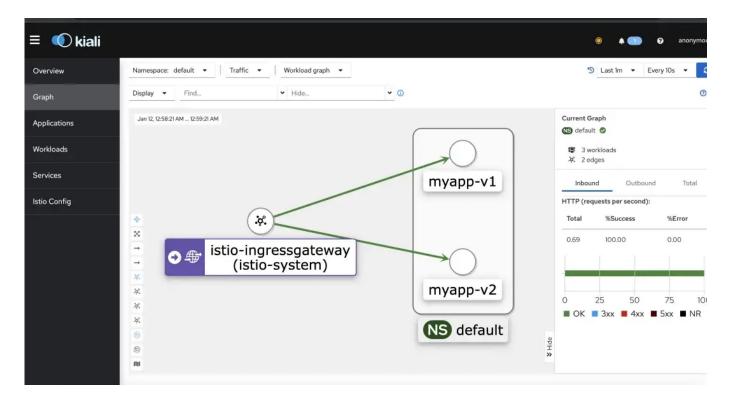
Kiali dashboard

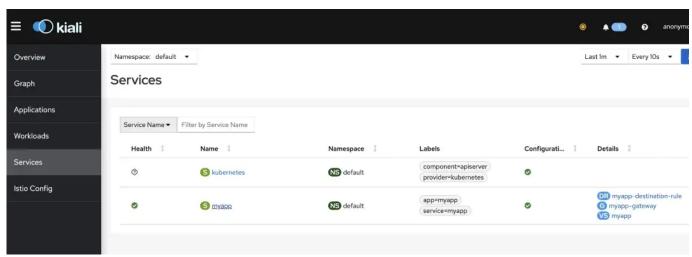
• We can view all the deployment yaml file here which we used for services, deployments, virtual services and etc.



• This is how istio-ingressgateway is routing data to myapp-v1 and myapp-v2

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• Send some traffic to the application and check the Kiali dashboard.

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for ((i=1;i<=100;i++)); do sleep 0.5; curl -v --header "Connection: keep-alive" "http://127.0.0.1/api/v1/hello"; done
```

• Here you can see, traffic shifting has been worked according to our definition. Traffic has been routed to myapp-v1 around 72.6. for myapp-v2, it is around 27.4

 ${\bf github-\underline{https://github.com/\underline{pramodShehan5/istio-traffic-shifting-demo}}$

http 8080 (TCP,HTTP) ♠mTLS

References

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Ports

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