



# Developing & Debugging WebAssembly Filters

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# Istio Adoption with Gloo Mesh

## Crawl



Upstream Istio  
support (24 X 7)  
LTS (N - 3)  
FIPS, ARM  
Tech Advisory

## Walk



Developer portal  
API Gateway  
Security (EW)  
Observability  
Zero-trust

## Run



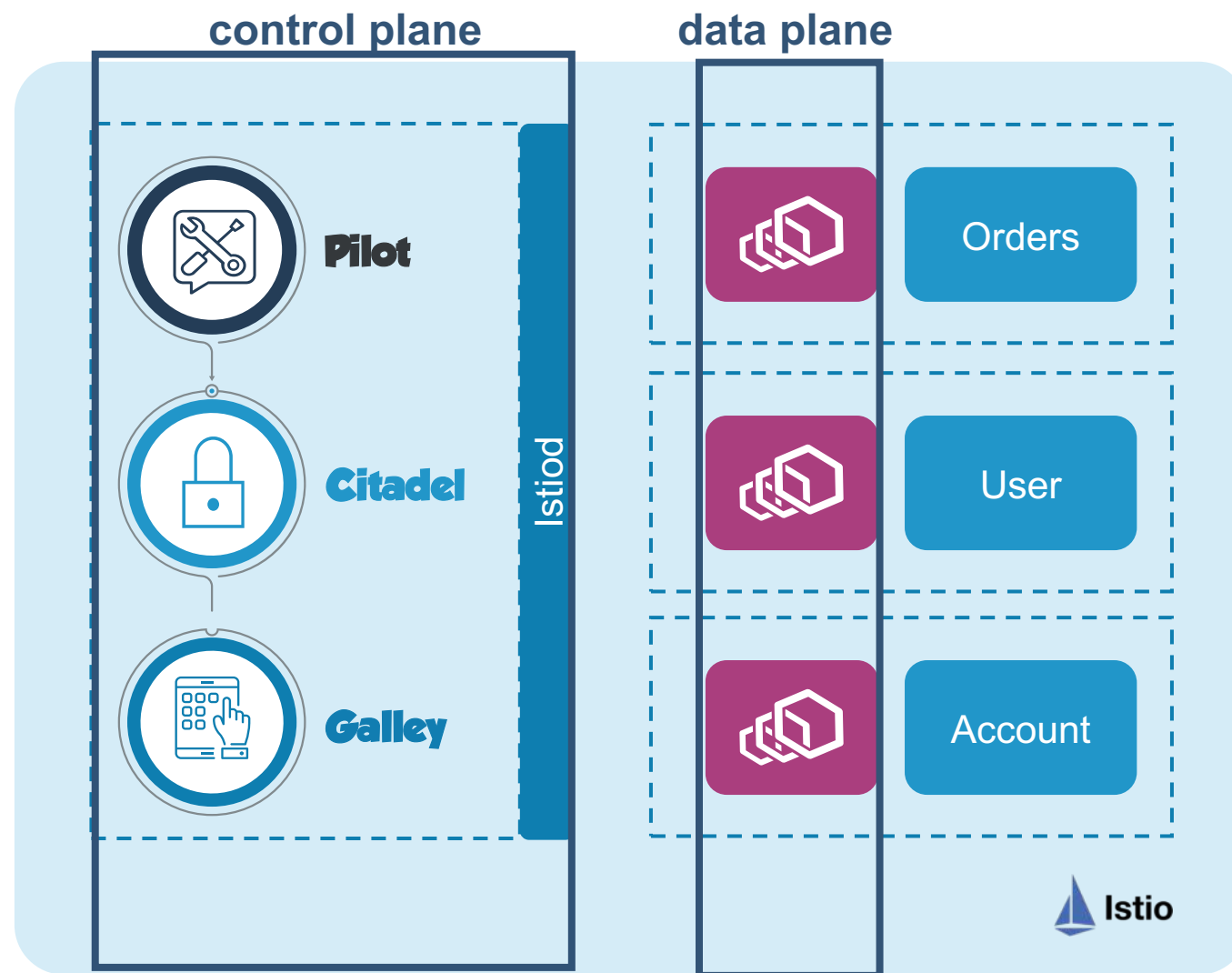
Approval Processes  
Rollback  
Delegation  
WASM

## Fly

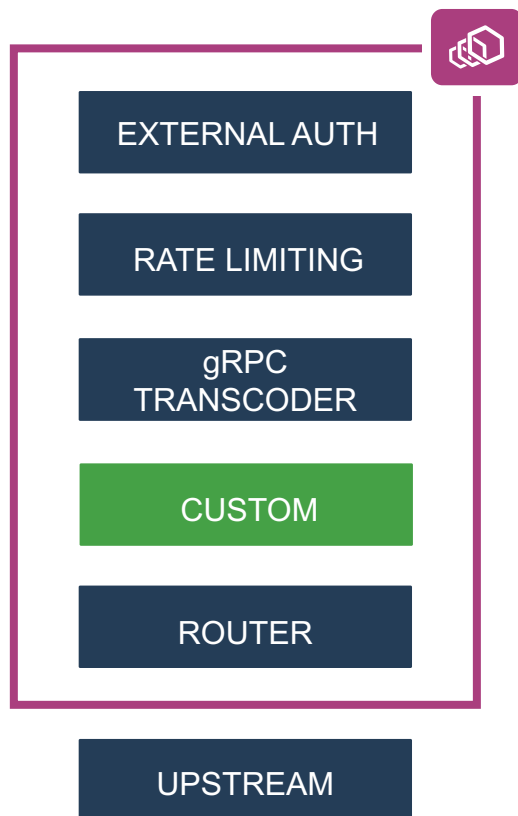


Multi Cluster  
Global Service  
Failover  
Multi Mesh

# Understanding Istio: Control and data planes



# Extend Envoy Proxy with Filter



## Build Custom Envoy Filter

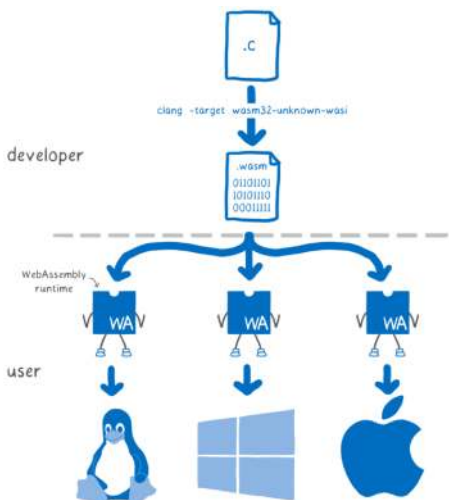
**Develop:** Envoy Filters are written in C++ Async

**Build:** need to recompile and maintain a build of Envoy

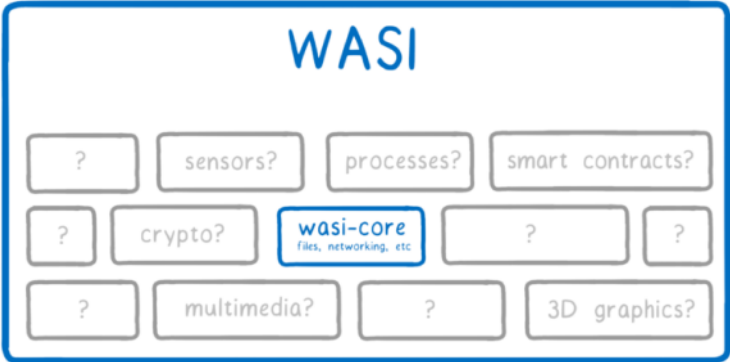


# Web Assembly

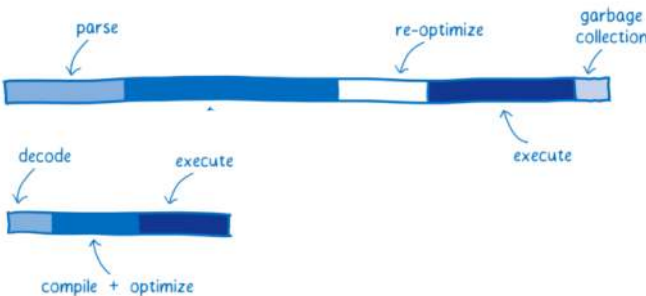
Portable



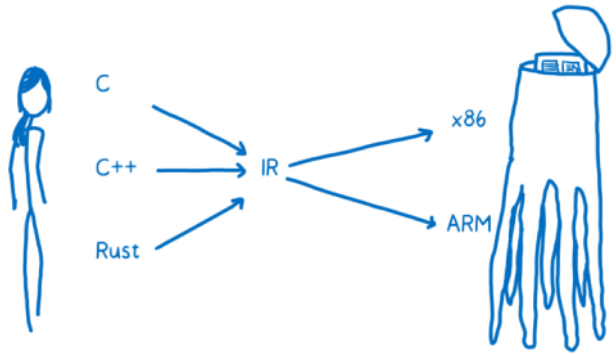
Outside the Web



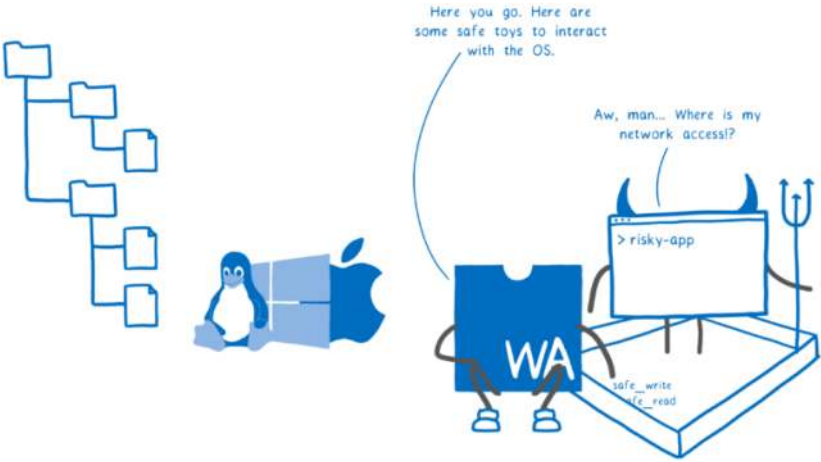
Fast



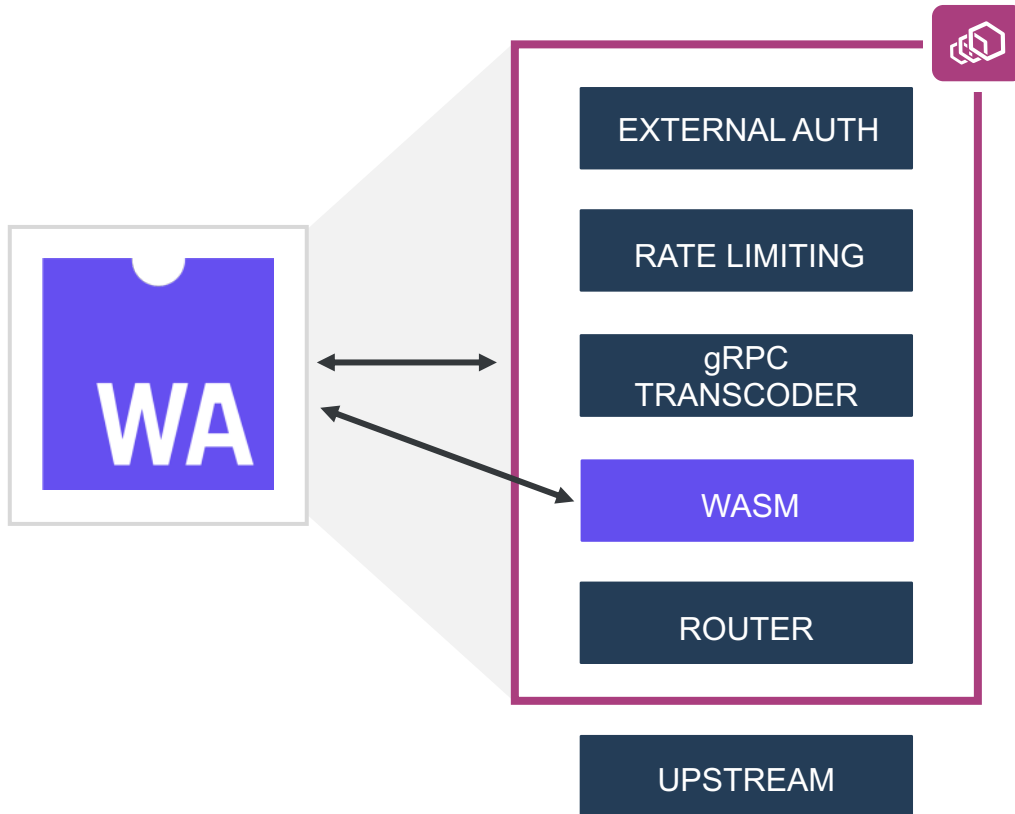
Any Language



Secure



# Extend Envoy Proxy with Web Assembly (Wasm)



## Why WebAssembly?

**Polyglot:** Envoy Filters are written in C++ and Wasm expands to any language

**Secure and Reliable:** Wasm runs in isolated VM, can dynamically update w/o Envoy restarts, no hard dependencies or cascading failures

**Speed:** Near native performance

**Sustainable:** Eliminates need to recompile and maintain a build of Envoy

# User Experience






**Solomon Hykes** @solomonstre · Mar 27, 2019

If WASM+WASI existed in 2008, we wouldn't have needed to create Docker. That's how important it is. Webassembly on the server is the future of computing. A standardized system interface was the missing link. Let's hope WASI is up to the task!



**Lin Clark** @linclark · Mar 27, 2019

WebAssembly running outside the web has a huge future. And that future gets one giant leap closer today with...

 Announcing WASI: A system interface for running WebAssembly outside the web (and inside it too)

[hacks.mozilla.org/2019/03/standa...](https://hacks.mozilla.org/2019/03/standards-for-webassembly/)

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## Technology



## User Experience



# Web Assembly lifecycle



Build

# ABI: Application Binary Interface

## HTTP (L7) extensions

### proxy\_on\_http\_request\_headers

- params:
  - `i32 (uint32_t) context_id`
  - `i32 (size_t) num_headers`
  - `i32 (bool) end_of_stream`
- returns:
  - `i32 (proxy_action_t) next_action`

Called when HTTP request headers are received from the client. Headers can be retrieved using `proxy_get_map` and/or `proxy_get_map_value`.



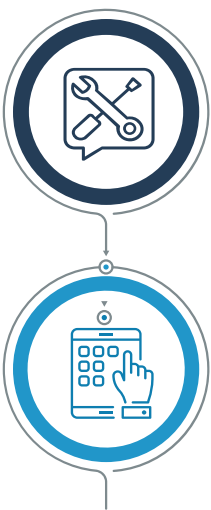
```
> meshctl wasm init addheader-filter --language rust  
> meshctl wasm build rust -t  
    webassemblyhub.io/yuval/addheader-rust:v1 ./addheader-filter
```



Build

Store

> meshctl wasm push [webassemblyhub.io/yuval/addheader-rust:v1](https://webassemblyhub.io/yuval/addheader-rust:v1)



Build

Store

# WASM Artifact Image Specification

```
[
  {
    "mediaType": "application/vnd.module.wasm.config.v1+json",
    "digest": "sha256:d0a165298ae270c5644be8e9938036a3a7a5191f6be03286c40874d761c18abf",
    "size": 125,
    "annotations": {
      "org.opencontainers.image.title": "runtime-config.json"
    }
  },
  {
    "mediaType": "application/vnd.module.wasm.content.layer.v1+wasm",
    "digest": "sha256:5e82b945b59d03620fb360193753cbd08955e30a658dc51735a0fcbc2163d41c",
    "size": 1043056,
    "annotations": {
      "org.opencontainers.image.title": "filter.wasm"
    }
  }
]
```

The following is the runtime config stored as the `application/vnd.module.wasm.config.v1+json` layer:

```
{
  "type": "envoy_proxy",
  "abi_version": "v0-541b2c1155fffb15ccde92b8324f3e38f7339ba6",
  "config": {
    "root_ids": [
      "add_header_root_id"
    ]
  }
}
```



Hollie Ratke  
5 months ago

## Solo.io Borrows OCI Spec to Bundle WebAssembly Modules

Following last year's release of its [WebAssembly Hub](#), Solo.io has released a proposal for a new [WebAssembly \(WASM\) Open Container Initiative \(OCI\) image specification](#) that it says will "define how to bundle WASM modules as OCI images to make it easy to build, pull, publish, and execute."

## Solo.io Proposes OCI Format Extension for WASM

September 14, 2020 containers, kubernetes, oci, OCI specification



by Mike Vizard

Solo.io has launched an initiative to define a format to extend the Open Container Initiative (OCI) image specification to standardize how an image bundles and stores metadata when developers write code using WebAssembly (WASM).

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## Solo.io Borrows OCI Spec to Bundle WebAssembly Modules

17 Sep 2020 11:02am, by [Mike Melanson](#)

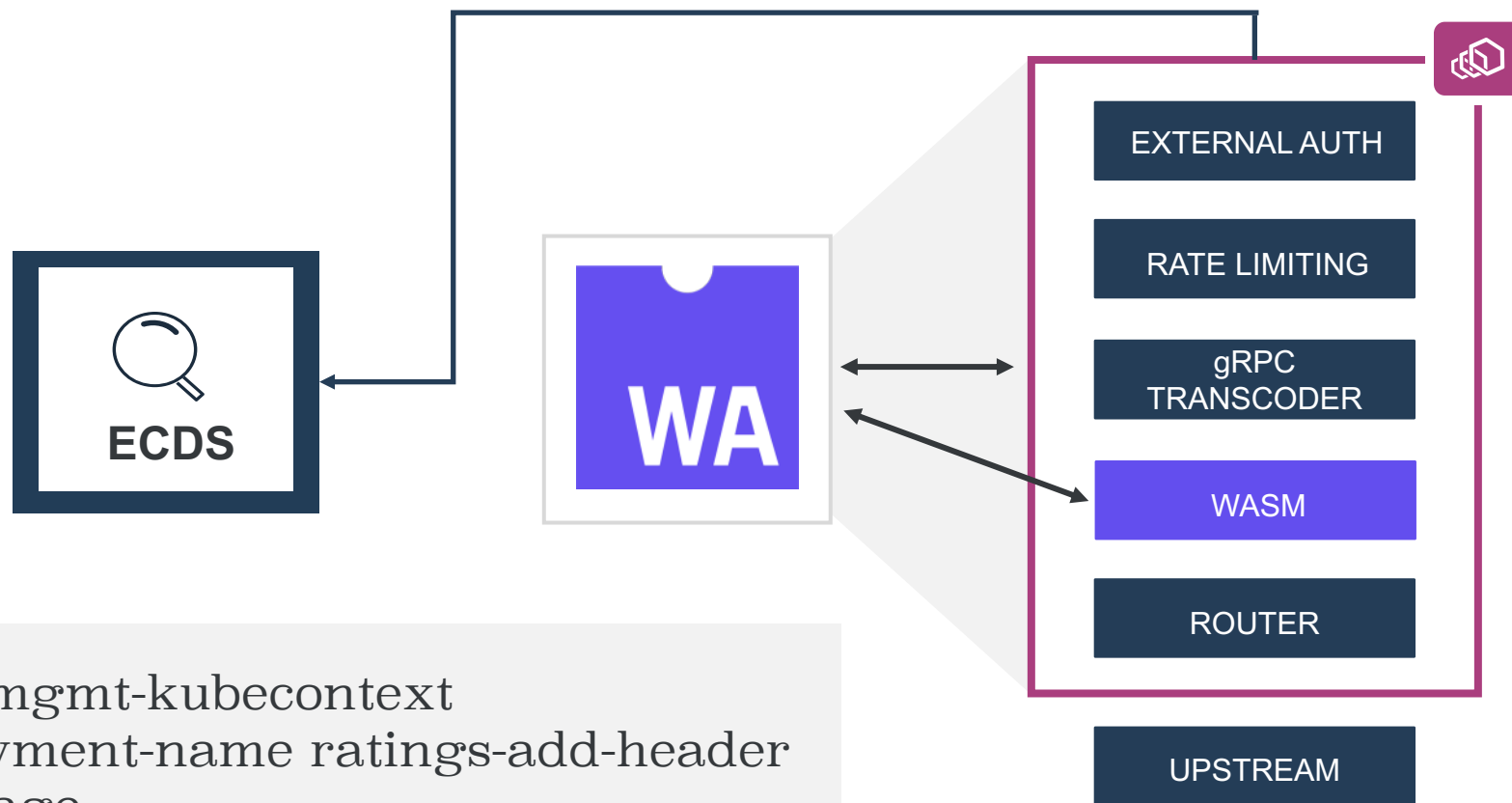


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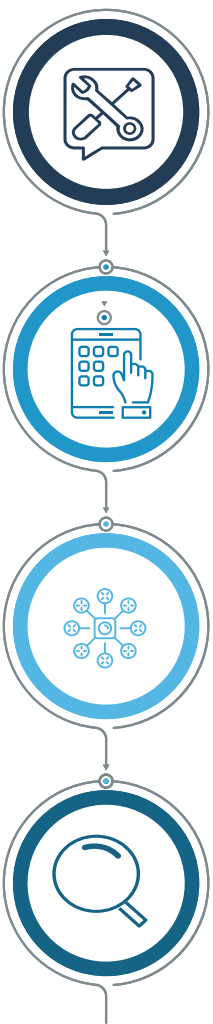
Store

Deploy

# Extension Config Discovery Service



```
> meshctl wasm deploy istio --mgmt-kubecontext  
kind-mgmt-cluster --deployment-name ratings-add-header  
--namespace bookinfo --image  
webassemblyhub.io/yuval/addheader-rust:v1  
--cluster mgmt-cluster --labels app=ratings
```



**Build**

**Store**

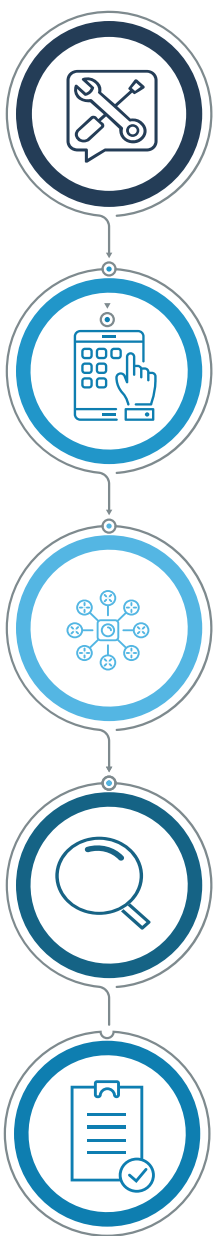
**Deploy**

**Debug**



`meshctl wasm debug workloadSelector`





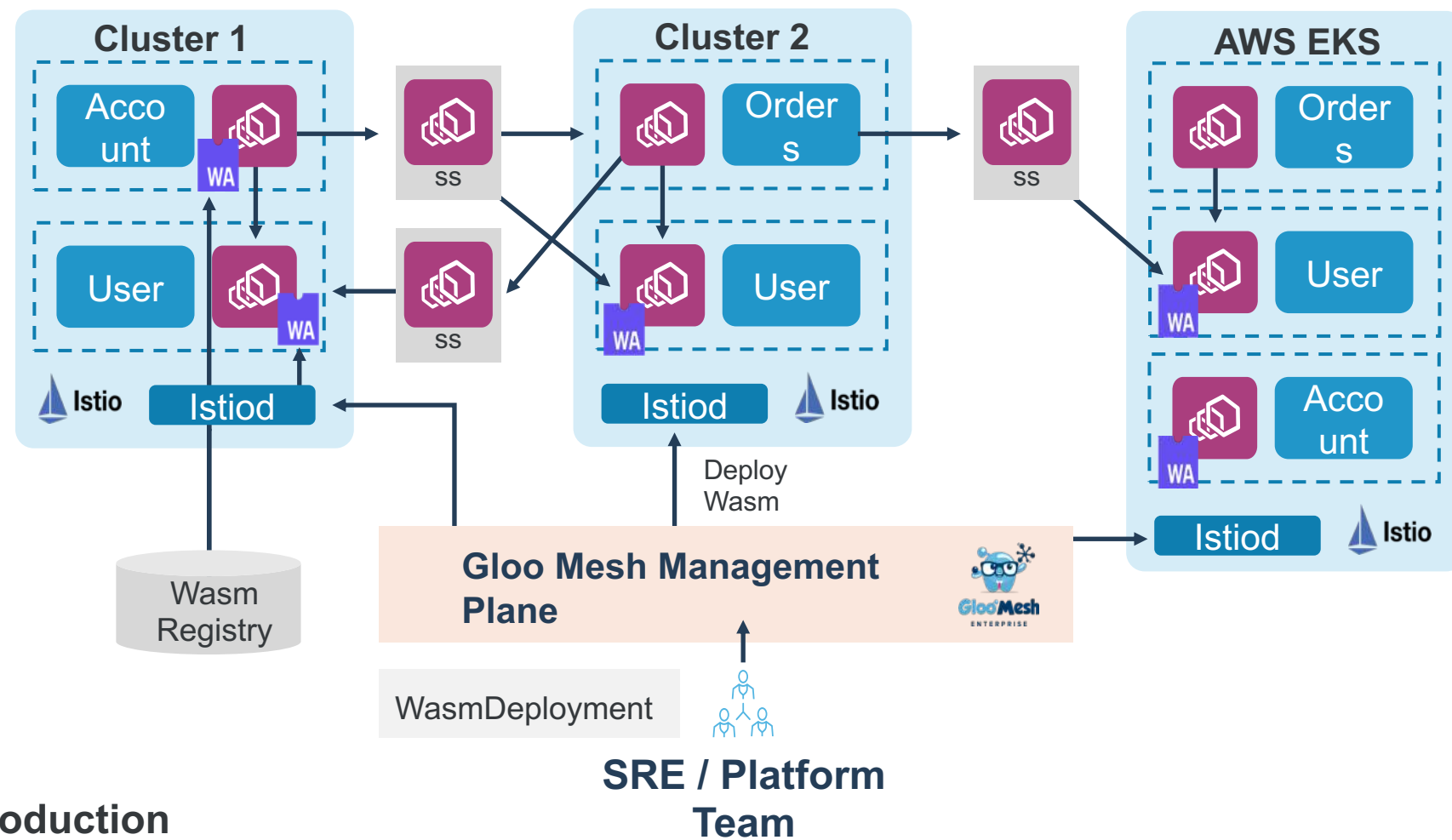
**Build**

**Store**

**Deploy**

**Debug**

**Debug in Production**

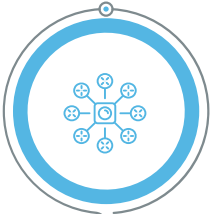




Build



Store



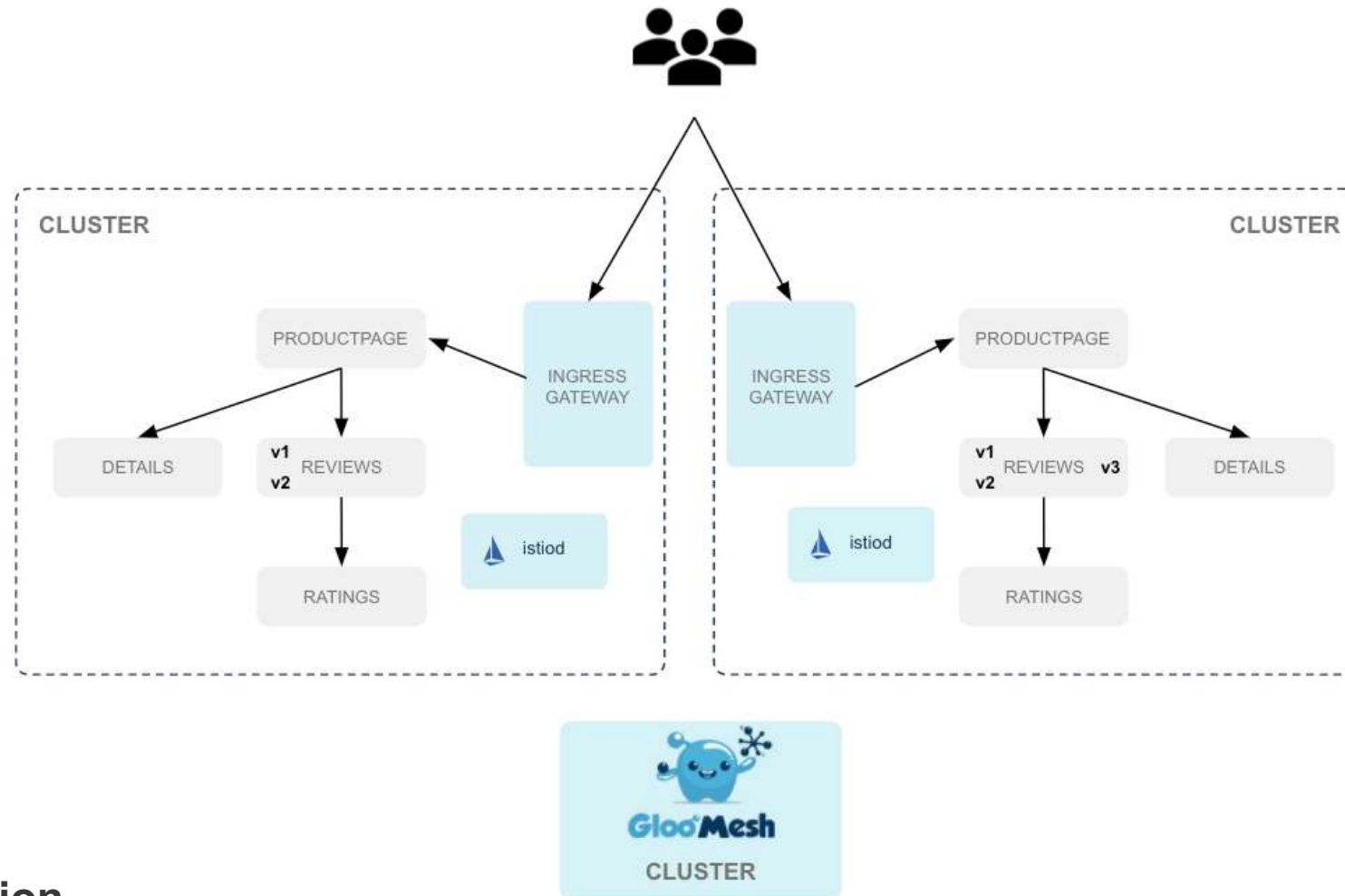
Deploy



Debug



Debug in Production

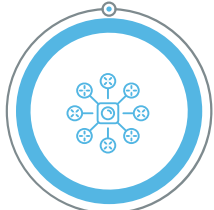




**Build**



**Store**



**Deploy**



**Debug**



**Debug in Production**



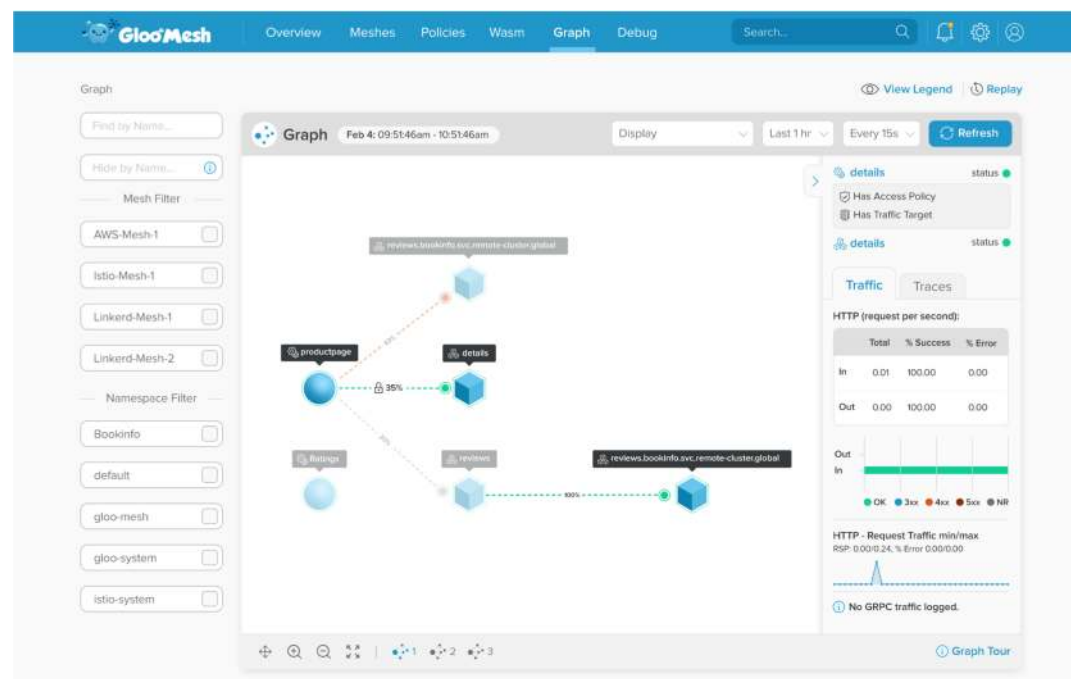
**Debug Logs**

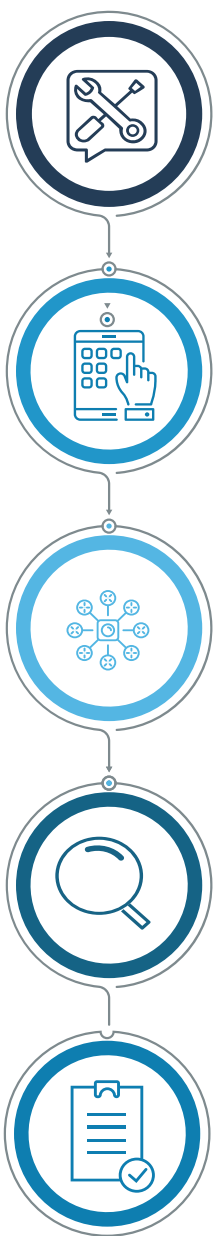


**Access Logs**



**Metrics**





**Build**

**Store**

**Deploy**

**Debug**

**Debug in Production**



# Web Assembly Envoy Filter: User Experience



Simplified tooling to bootstrap Wasm modules in Rust, C++, TinyGo, AssemblyScript



Infrastructure to build, push, share, deploy, debug Wasm into Istio service mesh



Wasm Registry



Multi-cluster management, orchestration of Wasm lifecycle



- <https://solo.io>
- <https://solo.io/blog>
- <https://slack.solo.io>
- <https://gloo.solo.io>
- <https://envoyproxy.io>
- <https://istio.io>
- <https://webassemblyhub.io>

