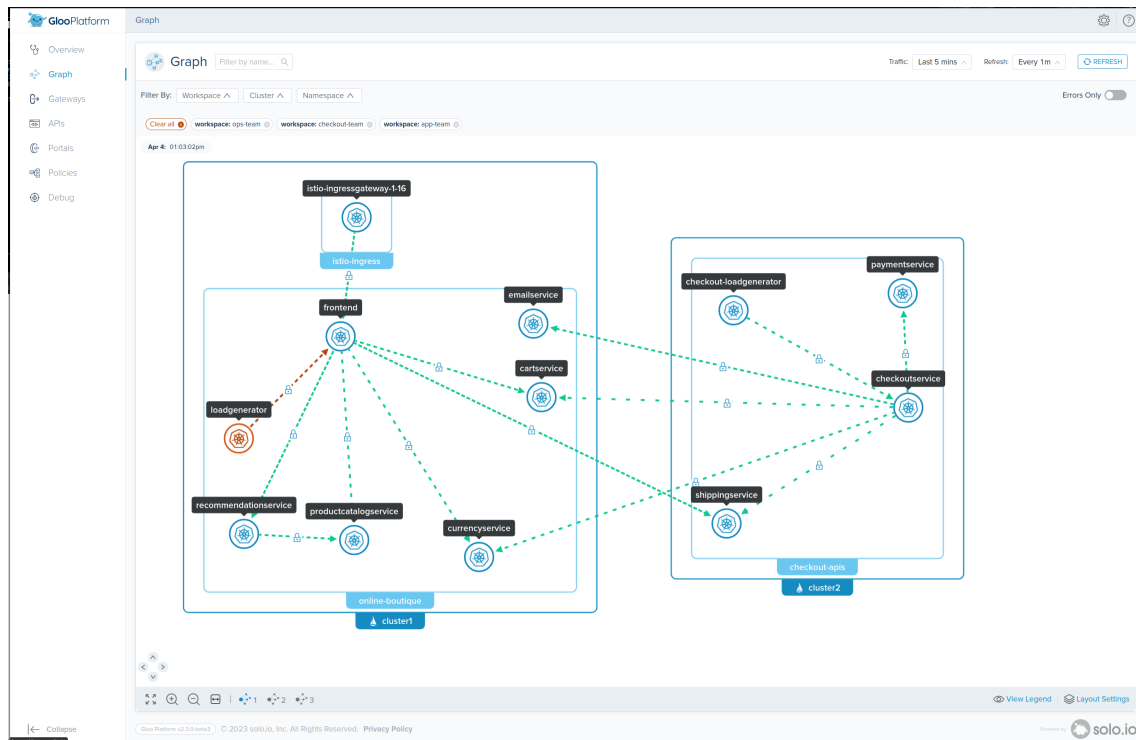


Lab 11 - Observability

Gloo Platform offers the best in class observability for communication between your services. By aggregating logging, tracing, and metrics, Gloo Platform combines telemetry from all environments to give you a complete picture of how your platform is performing.



Links:

- [Exploiting the Gloo UI](#)
- [Prometheus](#)
- [Gloo Platform Tracing/Metrics/Logs](#)

Gloo Platform UI

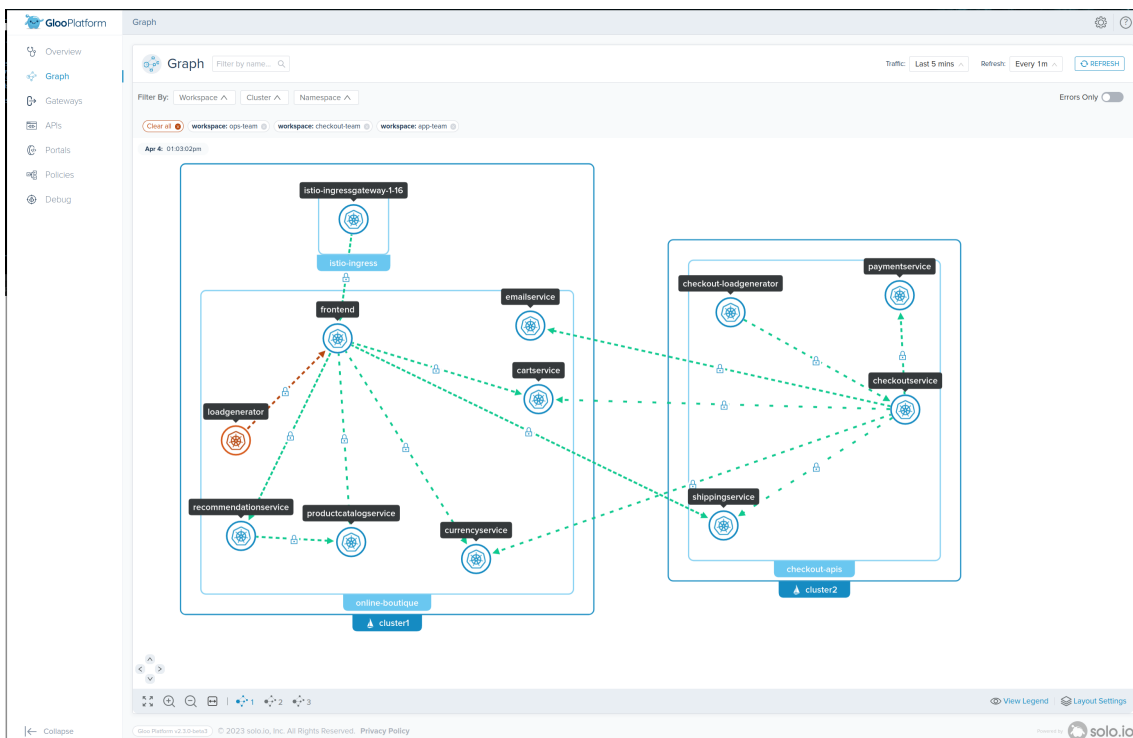
The Gloo UI is automatically installed in the Gloo management cluster. Let's explore some of the key features that you have access to when using the Gloo UI:

- **Gloo Platform overview: With the Gloo UI:** you can view information about your Gloo Platform environment, such as the number of clusters that are registered with the Gloo management server and the Istio version that is deployed to them. You can also review your workspace settings and which Gloo resources you import and export to other workspaces.
- **Verify service mesh configurations:** The Gloo Mesh UI lets you quickly find important information about your service mesh setup, the participating clusters, and the Gloo Mesh resources that you applied to the service mesh. For example, you can review your workspace settings and which Gloo Mesh resources you import and export to other workspaces. You can also view your gateway and listener configurations and traffic policies that you applied to your service mesh routes.
- **Drill into apps and services:** Review what services can communicate with other services in the mesh, the policies that are applied before traffic is sent to a service, and how traffic between services is secured.

- **Visualize and monitor service mesh health metrics:** With the built-in Prometheus integration, the Gloo Mesh UI has access to detailed Kubernetes cluster and service mesh metrics, such as the node's CPU and memory capacity, unresponsive nodes or nodes with degraded traffic, and mTLS settings for services in the mesh. For more information about the Prometheus integration in Gloo Mesh, see Prometheus.
- **OIDC authentication and authorization support:** Set up authentication and authorization (AuthN/AuthZ) for the Gloo Mesh UI by using OpenID Connect (OIDC) and Kubernetes role-based access control (RBAC). The Gloo Mesh UI supports OpenID Connect (OIDC) authentication from common providers such as Google, Okta, and Auth0.

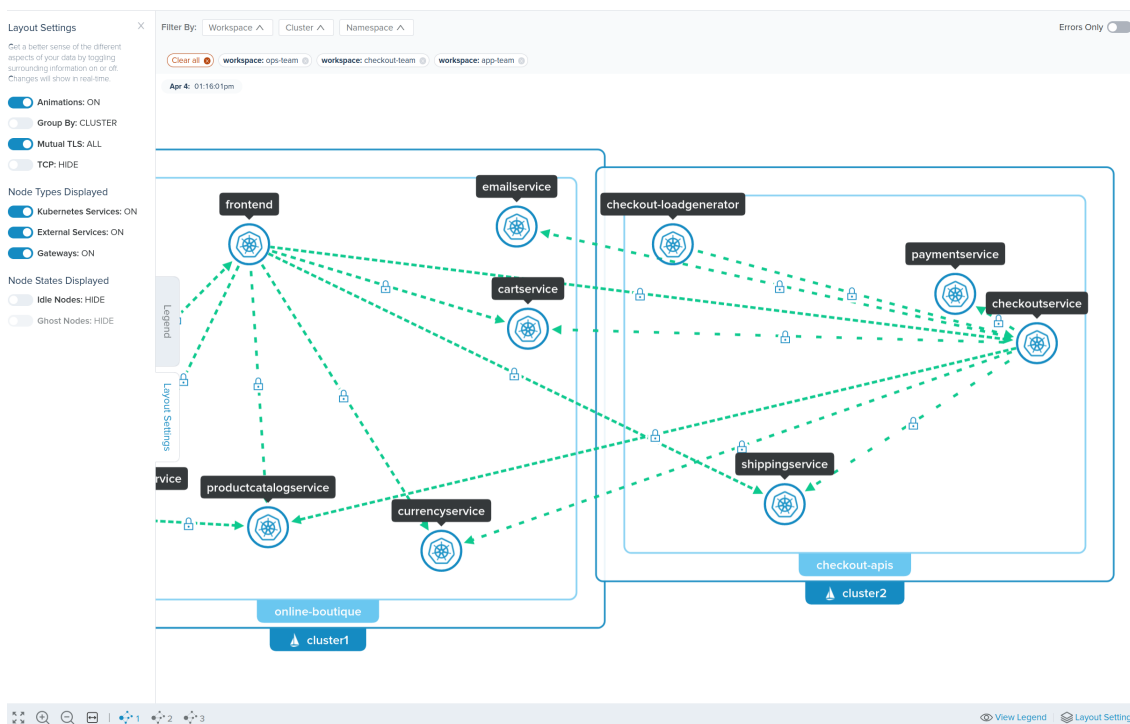
For a detailed overview of what information you can find in the Gloo UI, see [Explore the Gloo UI](#).

- Navigate to Gloo Mesh Graph



```
kubectl port-forward svc/gloo-mesh-ui 8090:8090 --context management -n gloo-mesh
echo "Gloo UI: http://localhost:8090"
```

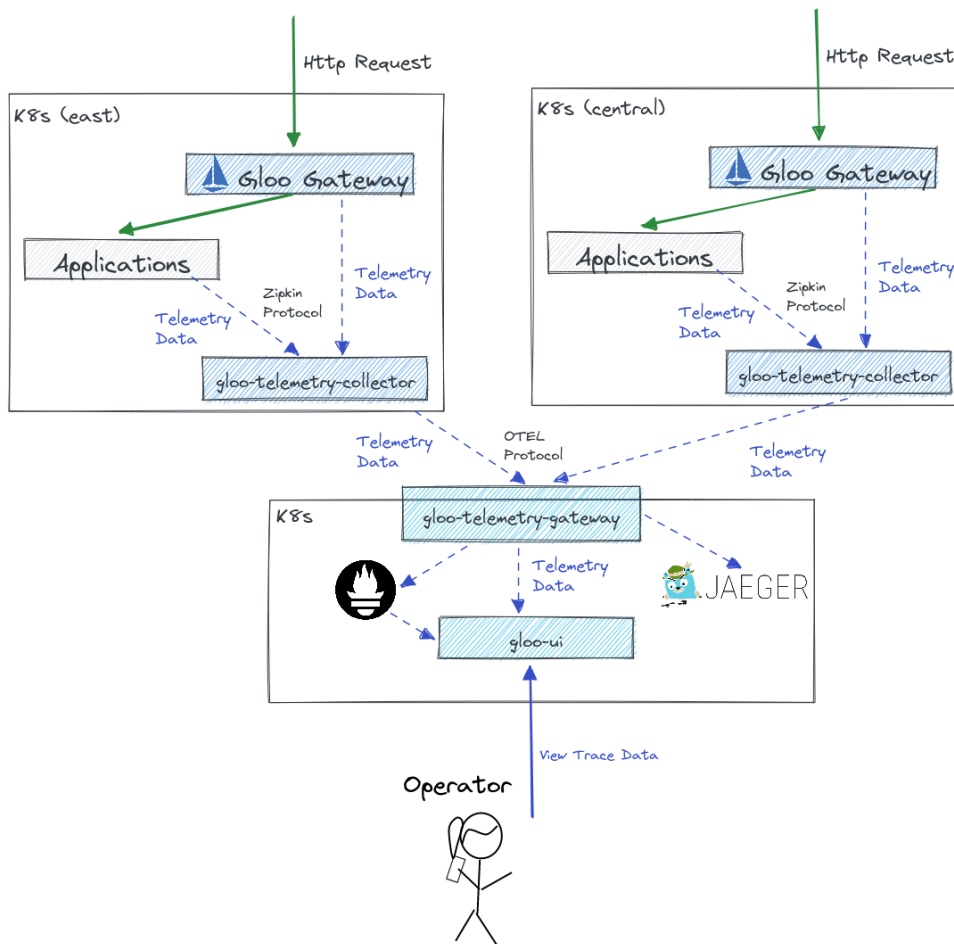
- Click **Workspaces** and select all workspaces
- Click **Layout Settings** in the bottom right of the screen and update **Group By:** to **CLUSTER**



Telemetry

Gloo Platform Telemetry is based on the [Open Telemetry](#) standards. Metrics, logs and traces are gathered in cluster by the `Gloo Telemetry Collector`. Where it is shipped from there is up the user. By default, telemetry data will be shipped to the `Gloo Telemetry Gateway` in the `Management Plane` and aggregated with all other telemetry data from other clusters.

Gloo Telemetry



Third Party Support

Gloo Platform can also ship these metrics to your third party telemetry provider like `Datadog`, `Splunk`, `New Relic`, or `Dynatrace`.

- To view the raw metrics

```
kubectl port-forward svc/prometheus-server --context management -n gloo-mesh 9080:80
echo "Prometheus available at http://localhost:9080"
```

- Search for metrics prefixed with `istio_`, Example `istio_requests_total`
- Here is an example query that lists non 200 codes for each workload

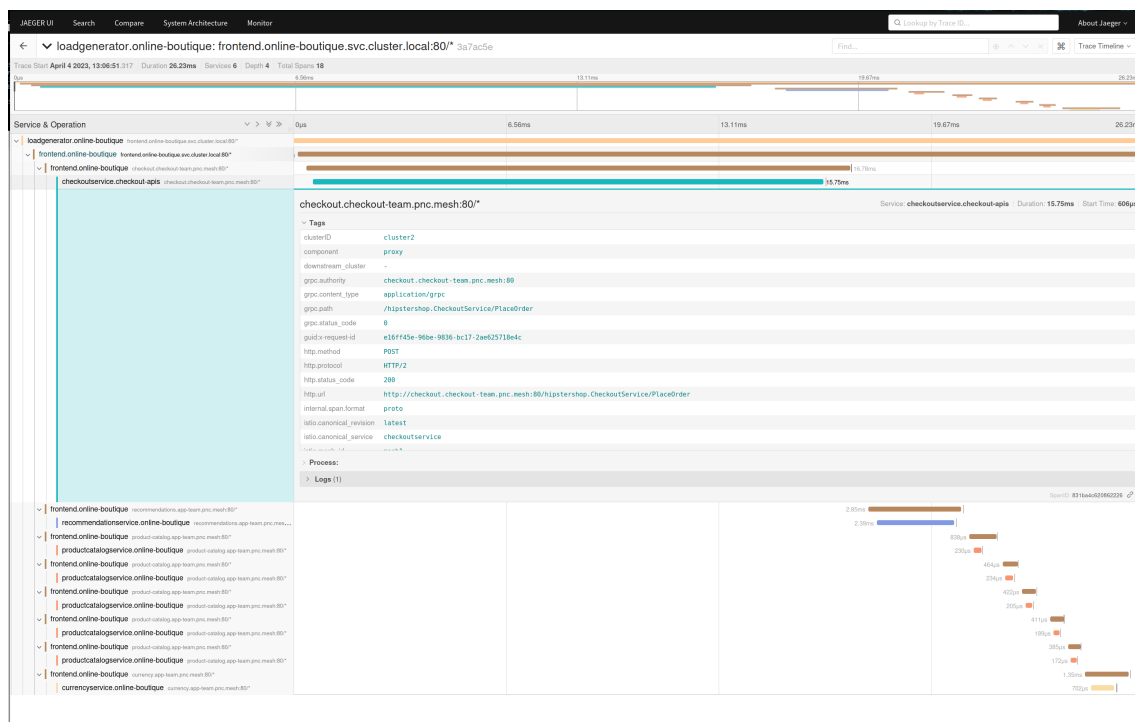
```
sum(rate(istio_requests_total{response_code!="200"}[1m])) by
(workload_id,response_code)
```

Tracing

Sample request traces to monitor the traffic and health of your service mesh.

Distributed tracing helps you track requests across multiple services in your distributed service mesh.

Sampling the requests in your mesh can give you insight into request latency, serialization, and parallelism



- Deploy Jaeger to the `management` cluster

```
helm repo add jaegertracing https://jaegertracing.github.io/helm-charts
helm repo update
```

```
helm upgrade -i jaeger jaegertracing/jaeger \
  --kube-context management \
  --version 0.71.7 \
```

```
--namespace gloo-mesh \  
-f data/jaeger-values.yaml
```

- Create a service for Istio to send metrics

```
kubectl apply --context cluster-1 -f data/tracing-service.yaml  
kubectl apply --context cluster-2 -f data/tracing-service.yaml
```

- Enable Tracing within each cluster

```
kubectl apply --context cluster-1 -f - <<EOF  
apiVersion: telemetry.istio.io/v1alpha1  
kind: Telemetry  
metadata:  
  name: default  
  namespace: istio-system  
spec:  
  tracing:  
    - providers:  
      - name: zipkincustom  
        randomSamplingPercentage: 100  
        disableSpanReporting: false  
    accessLogging:  
      - providers:  
        - name: envoyOtelAls  
EOF  
kubectl apply --context cluster-2 -f - <<EOF  
apiVersion: telemetry.istio.io/v1alpha1  
kind: Telemetry  
metadata:  
  name: default  
  namespace: istio-system  
spec:  
  tracing:  
    - providers:  
      - name: zipkincustom  
        randomSamplingPercentage: 100  
        disableSpanReporting: false  
    accessLogging:  
      - providers:  
        - name: envoyOtelAls  
EOF
```

- Open Jaeger and observe tracing

```
kubectl port-forward svc/jaeger-query --context management -n gloo-mesh 9081:16686  
echo "Jaeger available at http://localhost:9081"
```

- Open browser at <http://localhost:9081>

- Select service `frontend.online-boutique` and then click `Find Traces`