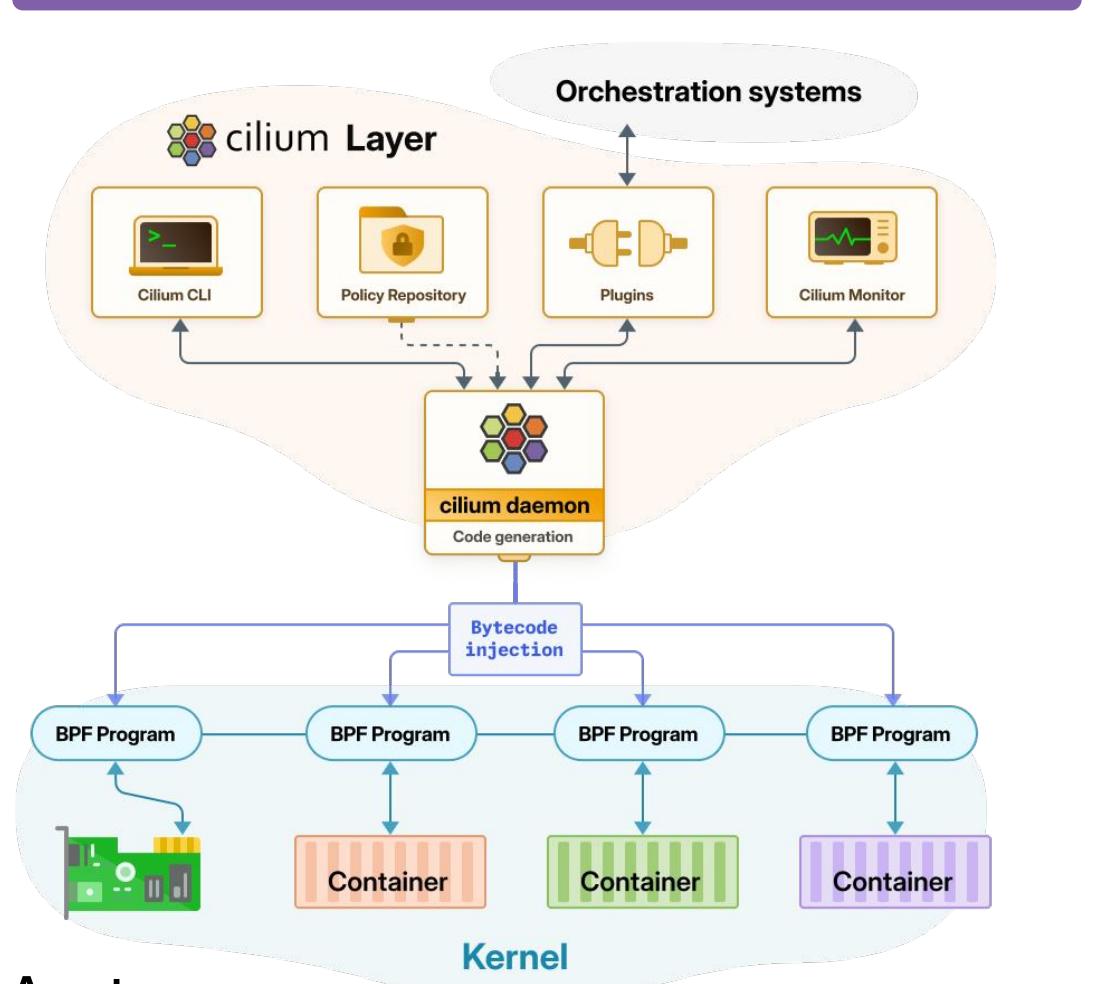


Cilium Cheat Sheet

Cilium is an open source, cloud native solution for providing, securing, and observing network connectivity between workloads, powered by the revolutionary kernel technology eBPF. At a high level, Cilium offers:

- Transparent API protection and security
- Secure service-to-service communication based on identities
- Secure access to and from external services
- Simple Networking
- Load Balancing
- Bandwidth Management
- Monitoring and Troubleshooting

Components of Cilium



Agent

The Cilium agent (**cilium-agent**) runs as a pod on each K8s node in the cluster. The agent accepts configuration via Kubernetes APIs that describe networking, service load-balancing, network policies, and visibility/monitoring requirements.

The Cilium agent listens for events to learn when containers or workloads are started and stopped. It manages the eBPF programs which the Linux kernel uses to control all network access in/out of those containers.

Client (CLI)

The Cilium CLI client (**cilium**) is a command-line tool that is installed along with the Cilium agent. It interacts with the REST API of the Cilium agent running on the same node. The CLI allows inspecting the state and status of the local agent. It also provides tooling to directly access the eBPF maps to validate their state.

Note

The *in-agent* Cilium CLI client described here should not be confused with the [command line tool for quick installing, managing and troubleshooting Cilium on Kubernetes clusters](#), which also has the name **cilium**. That tool is typically installed remotely from the cluster and uses [kubectf](#) information to access Cilium running on the cluster via the Kubernetes API. In this document we define usage as either: agent CLI or client CLI. With Cilium 1.15 and later versions, the *in-agent* Cilium CLI has been renamed to **cilium-dbg**.

Operator

The Cilium Operator is responsible for managing duties in the cluster which should logically be handled once for the entire cluster, rather than once for each node in the cluster. The Cilium operator is not in the critical path for any forwarding or network policy decision. A cluster will generally continue to function if the operator is temporarily unavailable. However, depending on the configuration, failure in availability of the operator can lead to:

- Delays in IP Address Management (IPAM) and thus delay in scheduling of new workloads if the operator is required to allocate new IP addresses
- Failure to update the kvstore heartbeat key which will lead agents to declare kvstore unhealthiness and restart.

CNI Plugin

The CNI plugin (**cilium-cni**) is invoked by Kubernetes when a pod is scheduled or terminated on a node. It interacts with the Cilium API of the node to trigger the necessary datapath configuration to provide networking, load-balancing and network policies for the pod.

Installing Cilium

Using the Client CLI:

\$ cilium install

You will see the output:

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Auto-detected Kubernetes kind: kind
Running "kind" validation checks
Detected kind version "0.20.0"
Using Cilium version 1.15.1
Auto-detected cluster name: kind-kind
Auto-detected kube-proxy has been installed
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Options

--chart-directory string	Helm chart directory
--datapath-mode string	Datapath mode to use { tunnel native aws-eni gke azure aks-bycocn } (default: autodetected)
--dry-run	Write resources to be installed to stdout without actually installing them
--dry-run-helm-values	Write non-default Helm values to stdout without performing the actual installation

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Checking Cilium Status

Client CLI

-h, --help

--list-versions

--nodes-without-cilium

--repository string

--set stringArray

--set-file stringArray

--set-string stringArray

-f, --values strings

--version string

--wait

--wait-duration duration

Set helm values on the command line (can specify multiple or separate values with commas: key1=val1,key2=val2)

Set helm values from respective files specified via the command line (can specify multiple or separate values with commas: key1=path1,key2=path2)

Set helm values in a YAML file or a URL (can specify multiple)

Cilium version to install (default "v1.13.4")

Wait for helm install to finish

Maximum time to wait for status (default 5m0s).

Cilium can be uninstalled with:

\$ cilium uninstall

Flags:

--all-addresses

-h, --help

--test-namespace string

--timeout duration

--wait

Upgrading Cilium

Upgrade Cilium using the Client CLI.

\$ cilium upgrade [flags]

Flags:

--verbose

--timeout duration

--chart-directory string

--datapath-mode string

--dry-run

--dry-run-helm-values

-h, --help

--list-versions

--repository string

--reset-values

--reuse-values

--set stringArray

--set-file stringArray

--set-string stringArray

-f, --values strings

--version string

--wait

Configuring Cilium

Repository string

--reset-values

--reuse-values

--set stringArray

--set-file stringArray

--set-string stringArray

-f, --values strings

--version string

--wait

--wait-duration duration

\$ cilium upgrade

Output:

Auto-detected Kubernetes kind: kind

Running "kind" validation checks

Detected kind version "0.22.0"

Using Cilium version 1.15.1

Auto-detected cluster name: kind-kind

kube-proxy-replacement disabled

Auto-detected datapath mode: tunnel

Detected real Kubernetes API server addr and port on kind

Auto-detected kube-proxy has not been installed

Cilium will fully replace all functionalities of kube-proxy

Checking Cilium Status

Client CLI

\$ cilium status

Flags:

-h, --help

--ignore-warnings

-o, --output string

--wait

--wait-duration duration

--worker-count int

Output:

Set helm values on the command line (can specify multiple or separate values with commas: key1=val1,key2=val2)

Set helm values from respective files specified via the command line (can specify multiple or separate values with commas: key1=path1,key2=path2)

Set helm values in a YAML file or a URL (can specify multiple)

Cilium version to install (default "v1.13.4")

Wait for helm install to finish

Maximum time to wait for status (default 5m0s).

Cilium Connectivity Tests

Run a number of prescribed tests in your environment to validate the network connectivity of a Cilium deployment

\$ cilium connectivity test

Output:

This command has a number of flags to control which tests are run. The below command will show you all options.

\$ cilium connectivity test -help

Some common flags are:

--agent-daemonset-name string

Name of cilium agent daemonset (default "cilium")

--agent-pod-selector string

Label on cilium-agent pods to select with (default "k8s-app=cilium")

--all-flows

Print all flows during flow validation

--collect-sysdump-on-failure

Collect sysdump after a test fails

--connect-timeout duration

Maximum time to allow initiation of the connection to take (default 2s)

--d, --debug

Show debug messages

--external-cidr string

CIDR to use as external target in connectivity tests (default "10.0.0.8/8")

--external-ip string

IP to use as external target in connectivity tests (default "10.1.1.1")

--external-other-ip string

Other IP to use as external target in connectivity tests (default "10.0.1.0")

--external-target string

Domain name to use as external target in connectivity tests (default "one.one.one.one")

--flow-validation string

Enable Hubble flow validation { disabled | warning | strict }

--include-upgrade-test

Include upgrade test

--multi-cluster string

Test across clusters to given context

--node-selector stringToString

Restrict connectivity test pods to nodes matching this label (default [])

--p, --pause-on-fail

Pause execution on test failure

--perf

Run network Performance tests

--print-flows

Print flow logs for each test

--test strings

Run tests that match one of the given regular expressions, skip tests by starting the expression with !, target Scenarios with e.g. /pod-to-cidr/

--Attrs [!Origin: i] (AsPath: 65001) (Nexthop: 172.0.0.2)

Namespace to perform the connectivity test in (default "cilium-test")

Show timestamp in messages

Show informational messages and don't buffer any lines

\$ cilium config view

Output:

ContainerRuntime: OK

Kubernetes: Disabled

NodeMonitor: OK

Listening for events on 2 CPUs with 544096 of shared memory

Cilium health daemon: OK

Controller Status: 6 healthy

Proxy Status: OK, ip: 10.15.28.238, port-range 10000-20000

Cluster health: 1/1 reachable (2018-04-11T07:33:09Z)

Configuring Cilium Hubble

Client