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# Multi-Cloud Ingress LB: Gimbal Use Case in Actapio and Yahoo Japan

# Who is Hirotaka?



## Hirotaka “HIRO” Ichikawa

Actapio, Inc. (Yahoo Japan, Corp.)

### Cloud Infrastructure Engineer

- Kubernetes
- OpenStack
- Networking
- Data Center

Full Stack  
Infrastructure  
Engineer



# What is Actapio?



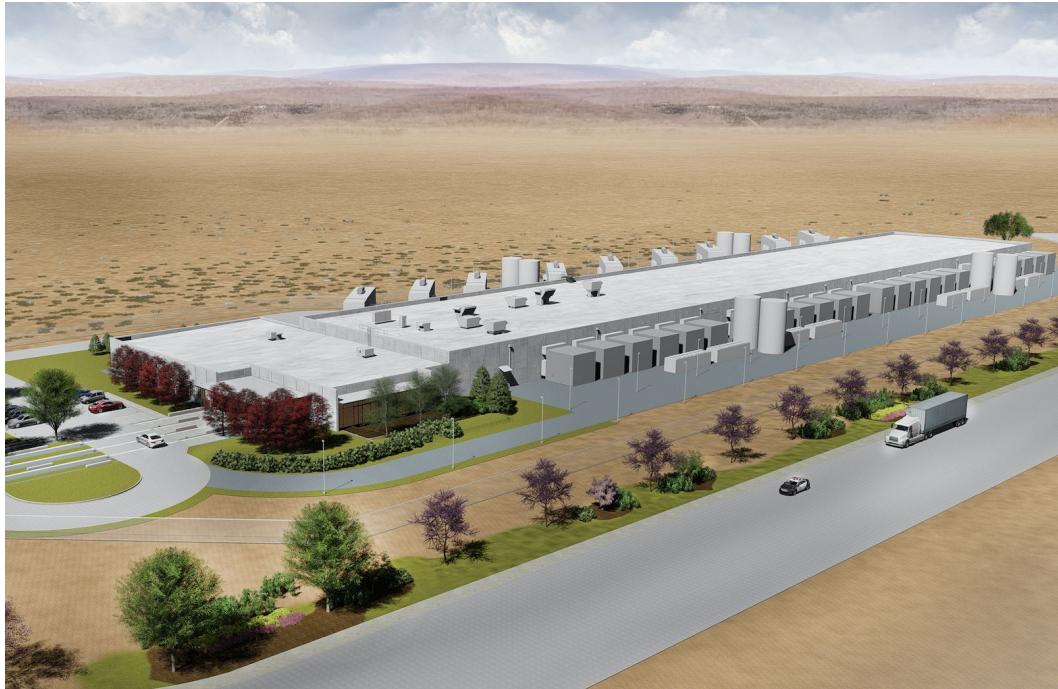
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# ACTAPIO



- US subsidiary of Yahoo Japan
- 2 Data Center in WA
  - 16MW DC (next week 🎉)
- SW infrastructure acceleration
  - Load Balancing
  - Application Monitoring
  - Storage
  - etc...

# Who is Ryutaro?



## Ryutaro Inoue

Senior Manager @Yahoo! JAPAN

### Speciality:

- Network
- Security
- HW
- OS
- OpenStack, Kubernetes

# About Yahoo! JAPAN



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- Joint venture of Softbank and Yahoo! Inc.
- 100+ services (news,auction,weather,etc..)
- 72billion PV per month
  - 10 Data centers
  - 100,000+ Servers
  - 60+ OpenStack Clusters
  - 100+ kubernetes Clusters



An aerial photograph of a small boat, likely a fishing vessel, sailing on a vast expanse of dark teal ocean. The boat is positioned centrally, moving away from the viewer, creating a white wake behind it. The surrounding water shows subtle ripples and patterns.

GIMBAL

# What is Gimbal?



**heptio**  
**Gimbal**

## Ingress Load Balancing Platform

- built by Heptio w/ Actapio
- work on Kubernetes ecosystem
- **scalable, multi-team and API-driven**
- **support multi-cloud upstream**
  - Kubernetes
  - OpenStack

<https://github.com/heptio/gimbal>



# Why#1: Necessity of Gimbal

## BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN VM AND CONTAINER

### Scalable Multi-Cloud Load Balancer

- support both of VM and Container cloud
- make migration from VM to Container EASY
- optimize operation cost by providing large single load balancing tier

# Modernizing application release



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## RAPID RELEASE AT SCALE FOR ANY CLOUD

- Service Discovery
- Performance Measurement
- Canary Deployment
- Instant Rollback

# Why#2: Collaborating with Heptio



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- Deep Expertise around K8S & Cloud Native
- Tight Connection to OSS Community





# Technical Overview

# Gimbal Architecture

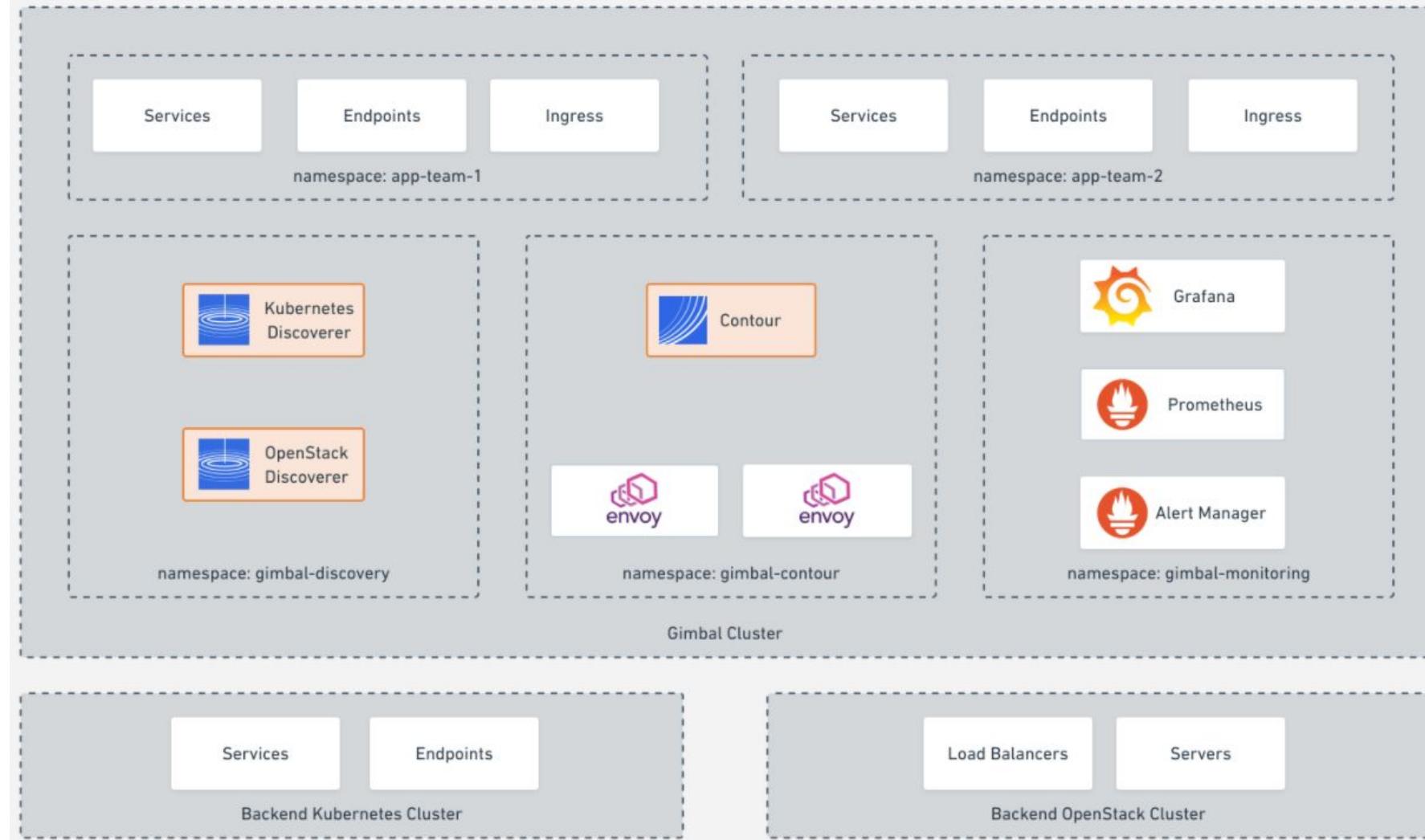


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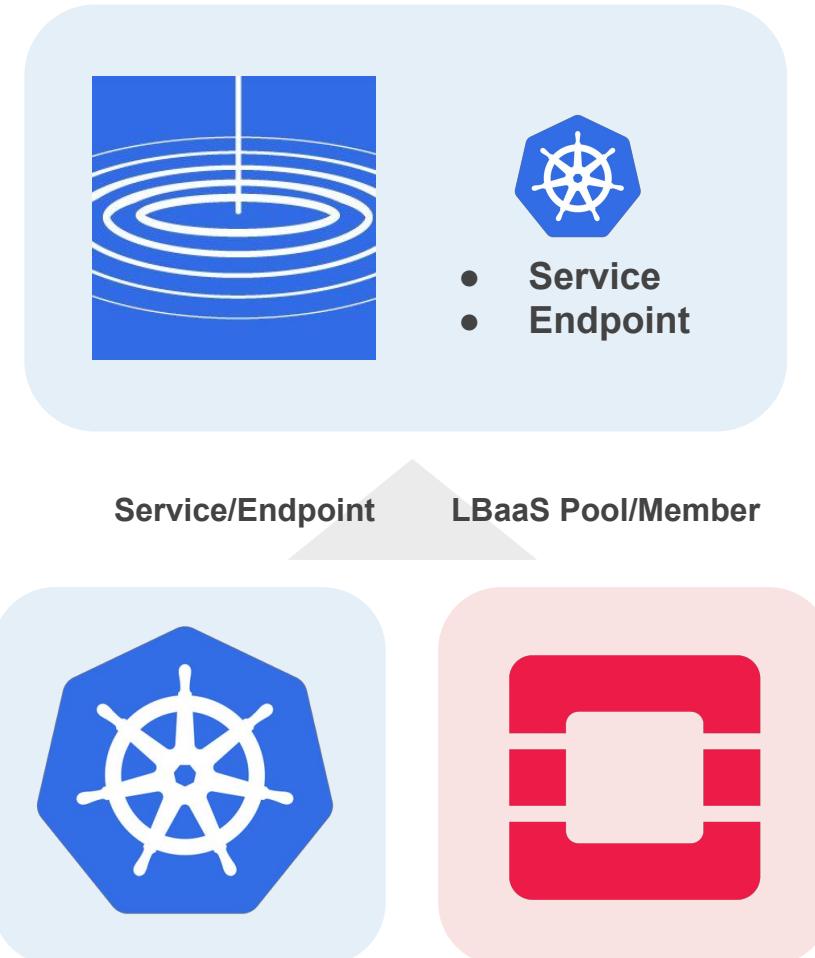


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# Service Discovery



**Gimbal discovers upstream cluster services. Developers can see their services at gimbal cluster and operate routing rules according to discovered services.**

## Supported Upstream Cloud

- **Kubernetes**
  - **Service & Endpoint**
- **OpenStack**
  - **LBaaSv2 Pool & Member**

# K8S Service Discovery



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## # Gimbal K8S Cluster

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## # Upstream K8S Cluster

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# Routing and Policy



**heptio**  
Contour



- **Ingress controller for envoy**
- **Advanced Capability**
  - **Weight-shifting**
  - **Load balancing method**
  - **cross-cluster backends**

<https://github.com/heptio/contour>



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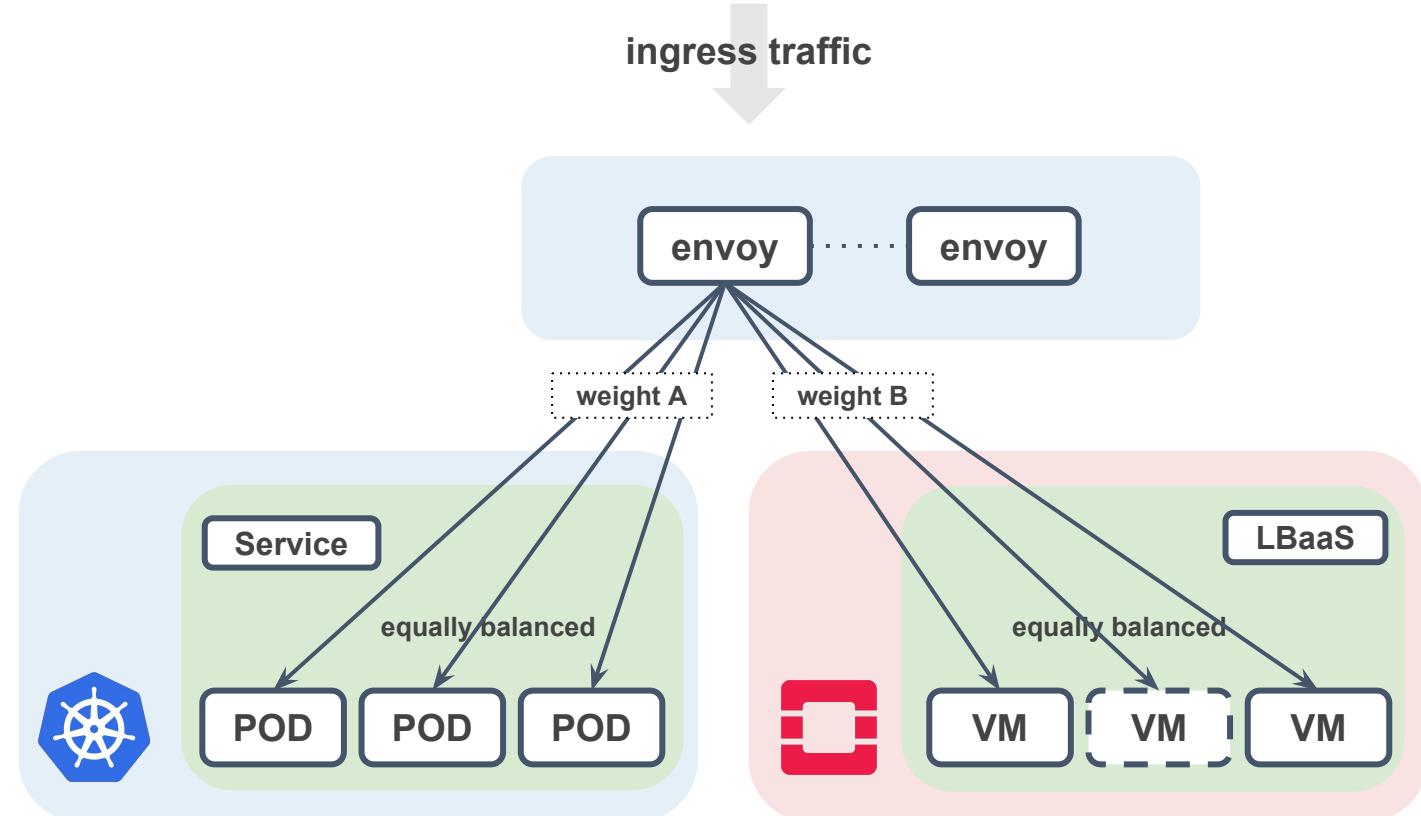
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# Ingress Routing

```
$ kubectl get ingressroute --namespace team01
NAME      FQDN    ALIASES   TLS SECRET   FIRST ROUTE   STATUS   STATUS DESCRIPTION
app01          /           valid       valid IngressRoute
```

```
apiVersion: contour.heptio.com/v1beta1
kind: IngressRoute
metadata:
  name: team01-app
spec:
  virtualhost:
    fqdn: team01-app.example.com
  routes:
    - match: /
      services:
        - name: up01-team01-app
          port: 80
          weight: 75
        - name: up02-team01-<UUID>
          port: 80
          weight: 25
      healthCheck:
        path: /status.html
        intervalSeconds: 60
```



# Observability



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## Activity Monitoring

- Up/Downstream
  - Request
  - Connection
  - Latency

Developers can control balancing weight watching each service upstream situation.

# Observability

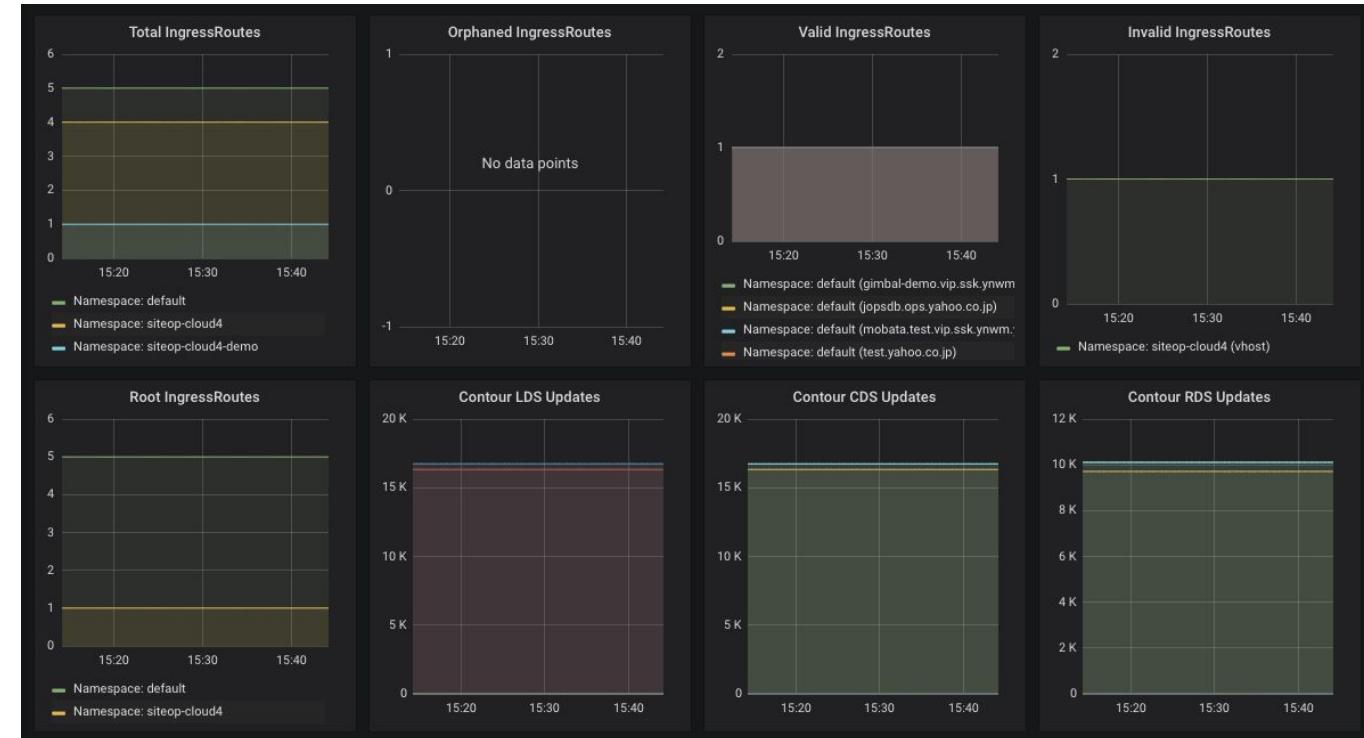
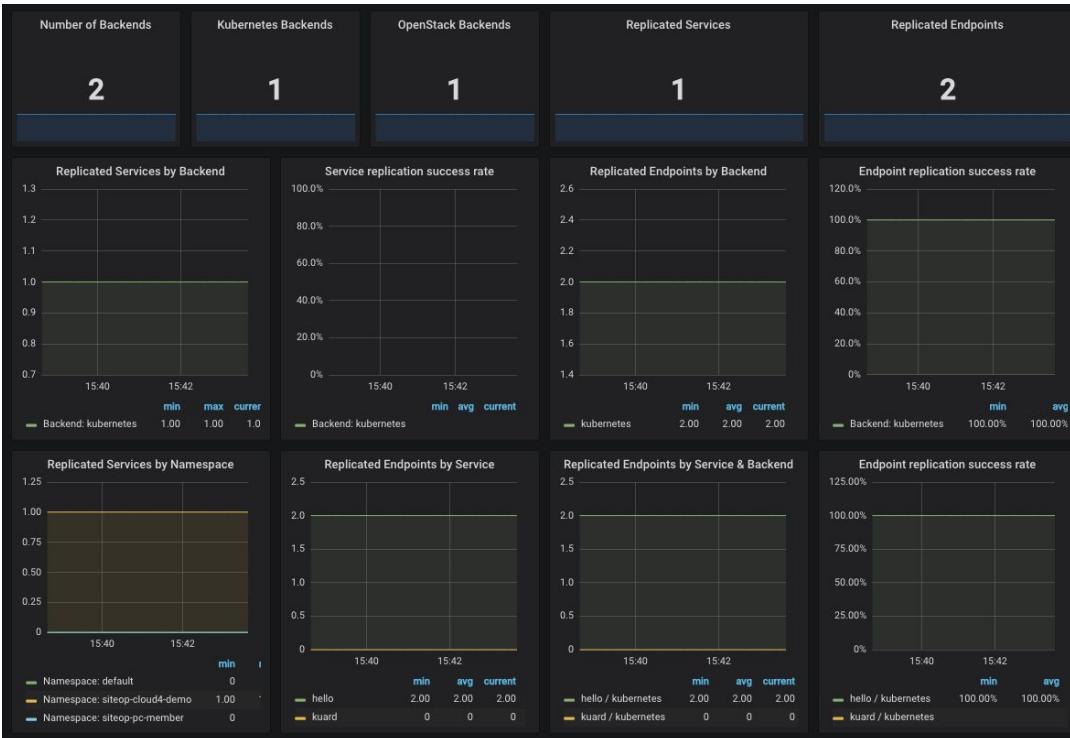


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For Operators:  
Backend Clusters / Replication Status / IngressRoutes

# ※ Current Limitations



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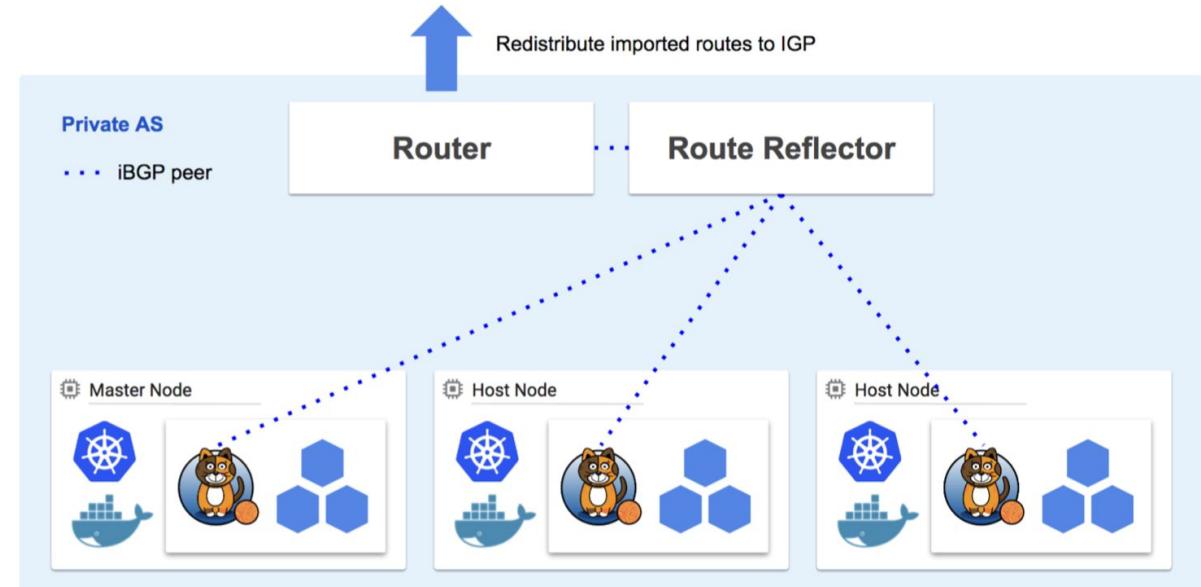


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- POD should be reachable from outside cluster
  - use “hostNetwork: true”
  - advertise pod network with Calico

These methods are not applicable to all K8S users. We need future improvement.





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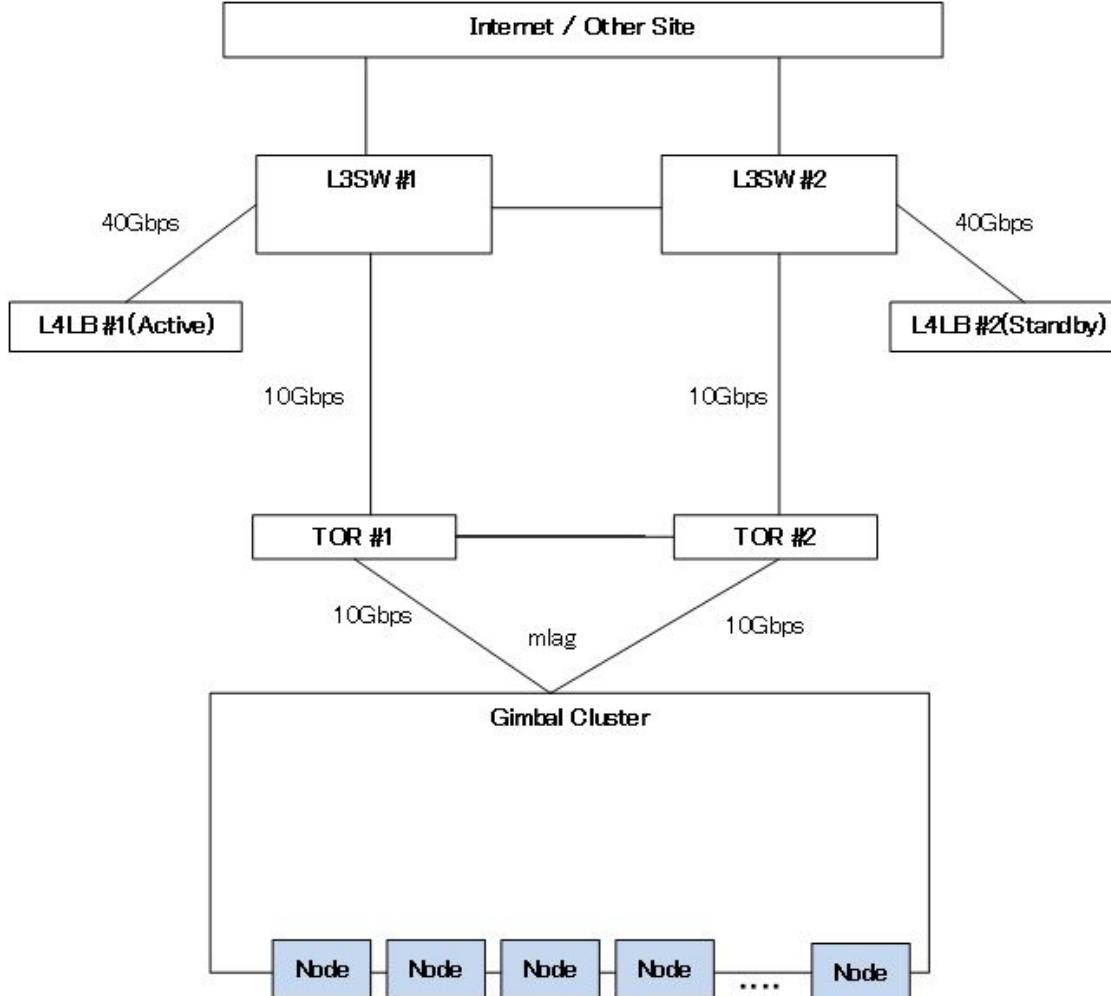


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# Case study at Yahoo! JAPAN

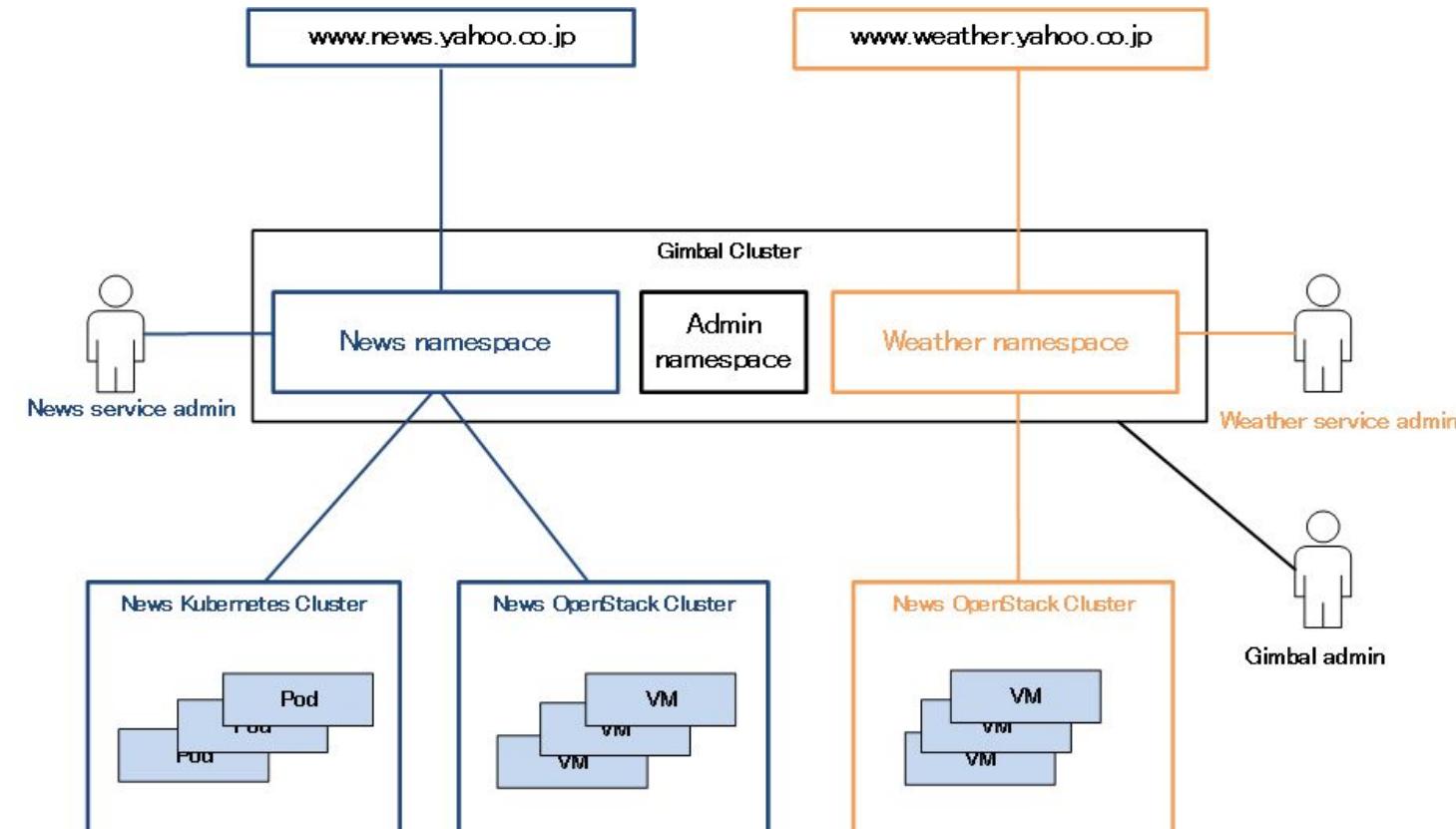
# Gimbal cluster structure in Yahoo! JAPAN production env



- 1 Cluster per datacenter
- L4LB uses DSR (Direct Server Return)
- Envoy pods in Gimbal cluster uses hostNetwork
  - 1 Envoy pod per node

	HW/Spec	OS	number
L4LB	A10 Thunder 3030S	ACOS 2.7.2-P12-SP1	2(HA pair)
Worker Nodes	Xeon E5-2683v4 * 2 / 512GBmem/ 10G NIC * 2	Ubuntu 16.04.5 LTS	10
Master & etcd Nodes	Xeon E5-2683v4 * 2 / 512GBmem / 10G NIC * 2	Ubuntu 16.04.5 LTS	3

# Using Gimbal



- The application is developed for each service
  - Requires namespace for each service

## Service admin:

- Managing endpoint(vm/pod)
- Managing Gimbal config in their namespace

## Gimbal admin:

- Managing entire Gimbal cluster
  - Admin Namespace, Nodes, L4LB, etc...

# Using Gimbal at Yahoo! JAPAN



## Beginning of use

1. Service admin sends a request Gimbal admin via ticketing system(JIRA)
  - o Namespace & FQDN
2. Gimbal admin makes a kubeconfig file with authority for service namespace
3. Gimbal admin create the FQDN in admin(default) namespace
4. Gimbal admin sends the kubeconfig to service admin
5. Service admin modifies gimbal config using their kubeconfig
6. Service admin modifies their DNS record to gimbal cluster's ip

## Modifying IngressRoutes

1. Service admin modifies Gimbal cluster config

## Adding or deleting Endpoints

1. Service admin modifies their backend (openstack or kubernetes)
  - a. Gimbal discovers automatically applies the changes to ingressroute

# Config sample (delegation)

admin namespace(default)

```
apiVersion: contour.heptio.com/v1beta1
kind: IngressRoute
metadata:
  name: root-news-yahoo-co-jp
  namespace: default
spec:
  routes:
    - delegate:
        name: news-yahoo-co-jp
        namespace: news-team
      match: /
  virtualhost:
    fqdn: news.yahoo.co.jp
```

service namespace(news-team)

```
apiVersion: contour.heptio.com/v1beta1
kind: IngressRoute
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  name: news-yahoo-co-jp
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spec:
  routes:
    - match: /
      services:
        - name: os1-6f671e13-1fb9-4c6d-a1db-31a565bb019c
          port: 80
          weight: 60
        - name: k8s1-7877d3b4-a471-4f38-9459-69659a593b38
          port: 80
          weight: 40
```



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# Performance Testing

# Performance Testing -environment



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## Workload cluster:

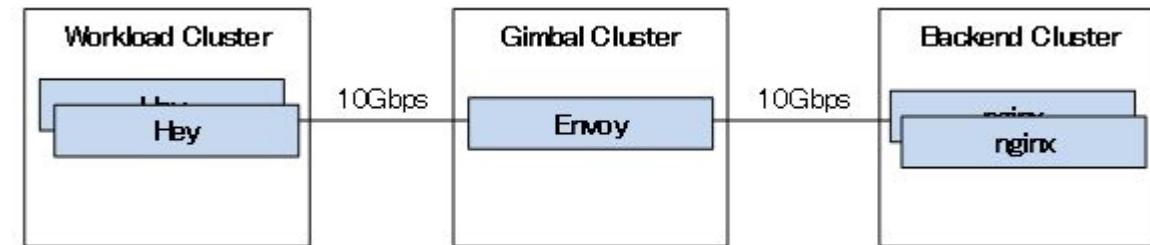
- kubernetes on vm
- VM(4vCPU/8Gmem) \* 10 nodes
- load generator: hey (<https://github.com/rakyll/hey>)

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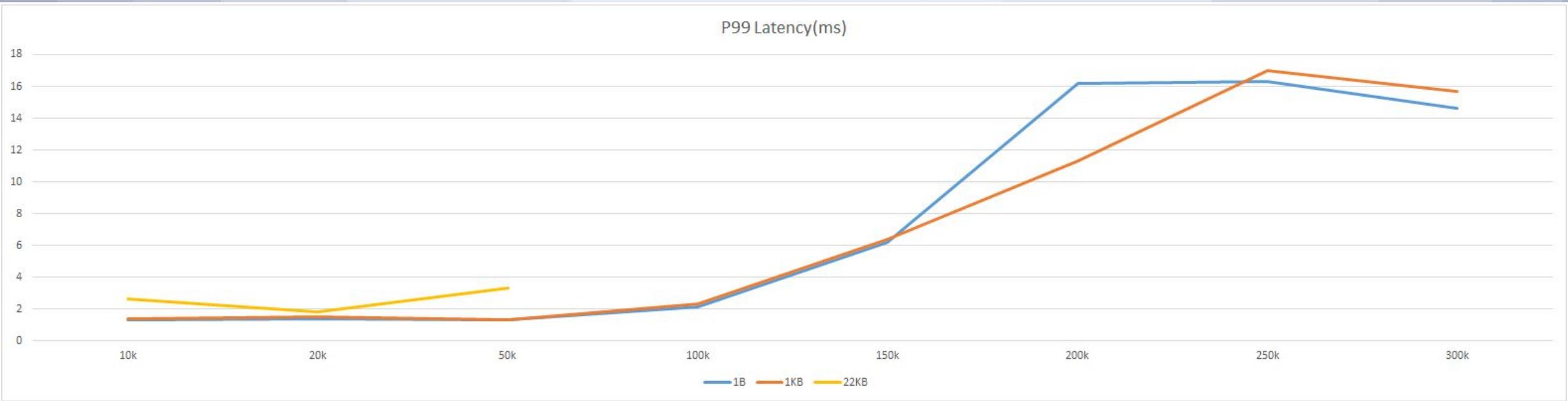
- kubernetes on physical machine
- spec:Xeon E5-2683v4 \* 2 (64 thread) / 512GBmem
- 1 Envoy pod,
- Envoy 1.6.0

## Backend cluster

- kubernetes on vm
- VM(4vCPU/8Gmem) \* 10nodes
- application: nginx



# Performance Testing - Latency



	Request per second								comment
Data Size	10k	20k	50k	100k	150k	200k	250k	300k	
1B	1.3ms	1.4ms	1.3ms	2.1ms	6.2ms	16.2ms	16.3ms	14.6ms	
1KB	1.4ms	1.5ms	1.3ms	2.3ms	6.4ms	11.3ms	17.0ms	15.7ms	
22KB	3.8ms	5.4ms	12.5ms	-	-	-	-	-	saturation of bandwidth(10Gbps)

# Performance Testing - CPU usage

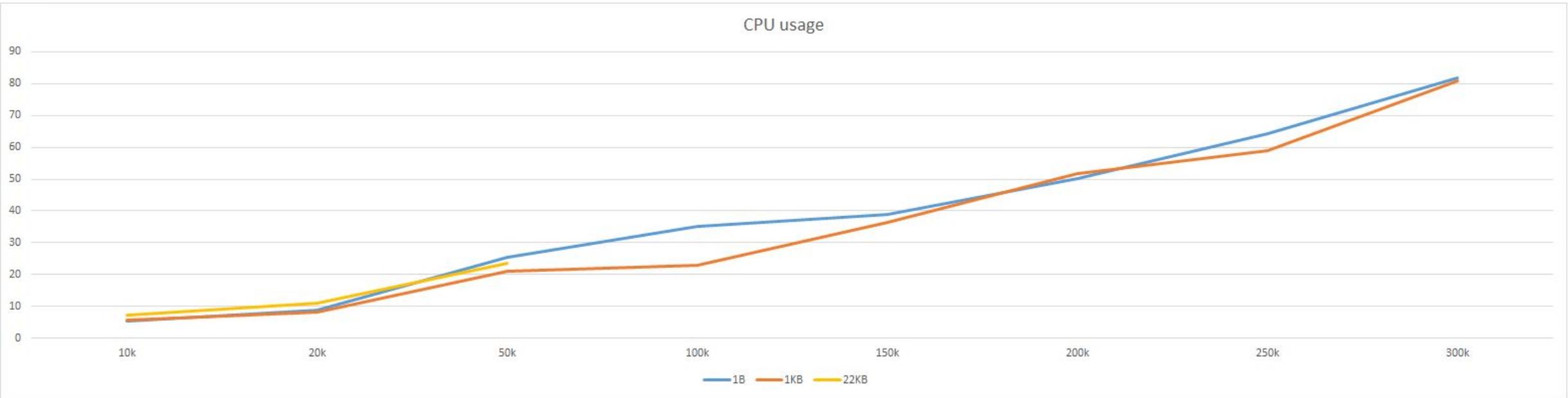


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Data Size	10k	20k	50k	100k	150k	200k	250k	300k	
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1KB	5.66%	8.16%	20.88%	22.84%	36.28%	51.71%	59.05%	80.89%	
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# Performance Testing - # of Ingress routes / Endpoints



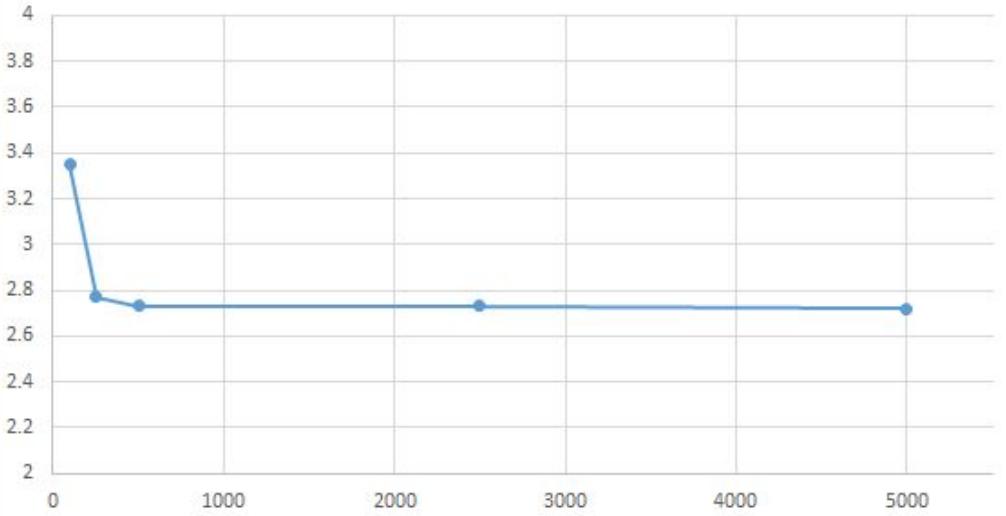
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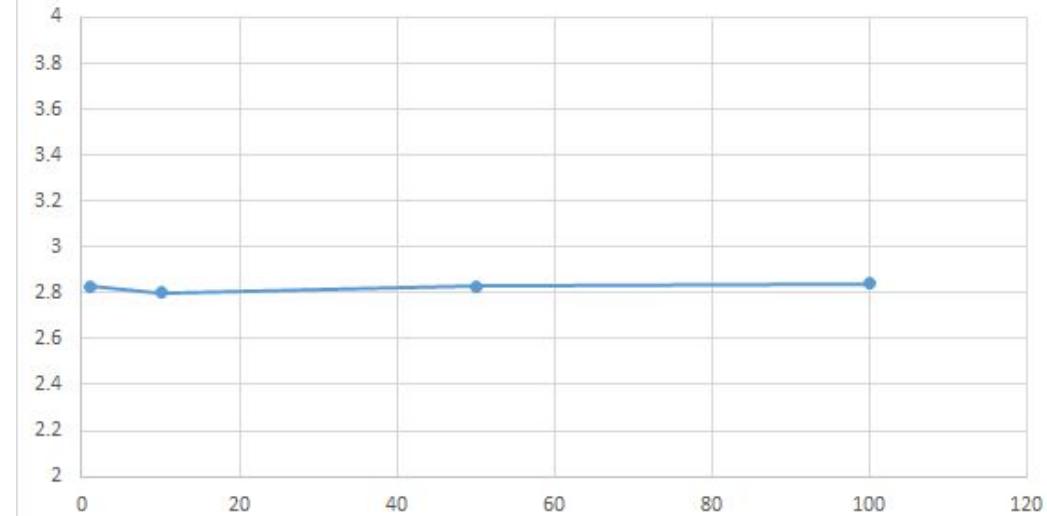
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#of Ingress routes



#of Endpoints



# of Ingress routes	P99 Latency (ms)
100	3.35
250	2.77
500	2.73
2500	2.73
5000	2.72

# of Endpoints	P99 Latency (ms)
1	2.83
10	2.80
50	2.83
100	2.84

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# Performance Testing -Conclusion



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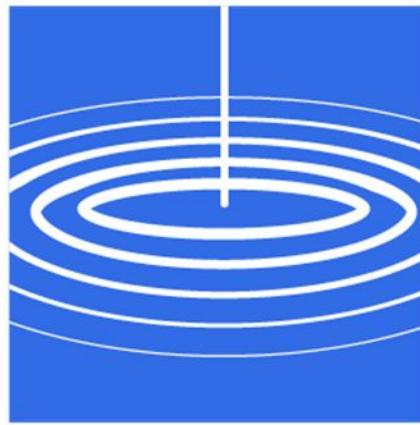
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- An Envoy pod achieves 300k req/s @1KB data size
  - Might achieve higher?
- It scales linearly in terms of structure, 10 envoy pods will achieve 3M req/s
- No degradation of latency was observed when increasing the number of ingressroutes or endpoints



# Future activities



- Expansion of usage in Yahoo JAPAN production environment
- Development of faster openstack discover
- Change Hardware L4LB into SWLB in upstream of Gimbal cluster
- Development of GUI

# Conclusion

- Gimbal Overview
  - Bridging the gap between VM and Container
  - Modernize traditional application release
- Production ready performance at scale
- Yahoo Japan will expand Gimbal in production
- PR is welcome

# Thank you



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Check it out <https://github.com/heptio/gimbal>

**Office Hour: 12/13 12:15 - 13:45 @Heptio booth**



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