

API Gateway Demo

Introduction

From the frontend application (developed specifically to test the resilience of my containers) you can login either as a **regular user** (without the privilege of viewing the health status of the microservices) or as an **administrator**.

The main (and only) page displays the general system status, retrieved from the health API, along with:

- A summary of the requests made by the currently logged-in user
- A testing section where you can choose which API and which microservice to invoke

The screenshot shows the 'Kubernetes Dashboard & Load Tester' application. At the top, there's a header with the title and a green 'Autenticato' status. Below the header is a 'Rate Limiting Overview' section with expandable 'General Info' and 'Specific Info' tabs. The main content area is titled 'Stato di Salute del Sistema' and includes an 'Aggiorna' button and an 'Auto-refresh (30s)' checkbox. It is divided into two columns: 'Health Summary' on the left and 'Statistiche Servizi' on the right. The 'Health Summary' column shows four green status indicators: 'Room: Healthy', 'Book: Healthy', 'Loan: Healthy', and 'User: Healthy'. The 'Statistiche Servizi' column displays detailed metrics for 'Book' and 'Loan' services, including total requests, average response time, last call time, methods used, user count, and endpoint URLs. Below this is a 'Test di Resistenza Kubernetes' section with input fields for 'Endpoint', 'Metodo', 'Numero Richieste', 'Concorrenza', and 'Durata (secondi)'. It features 'Avvia Test' and 'Ferma Test' buttons. At the bottom, there are three test result boxes: 'Test 1' for the Loan service, 'Test 2' for the Book service, and 'Test 3' for the Book service, each showing metrics like requests, success rate, error count, and average response time.

Service	Totale richieste	Tempo medio risposta	Ultima chiamata	Metodi	Utenti	Endpoint
Book	1094	46.71ms	8/22/25, 2:22 PM	POST (1000), GET (100)	Admin (1100)	http://bookms:80/api/book (1100)
Loan	998	97.06ms	8/22/25, 2:25 PM	POST (1000)	Admin (1000)	http://loanms:82/api/loan (1000)

Test	Endpoint	Richieste	Successi	Errori	Tempo medio	Successo
Test 1	Loan	1000	1000	0	55101ms	100%
Test 2	Book	1000	1000	0	14890ms	100%
Test 3	Book	100	100	0	938ms	100%

Usage example

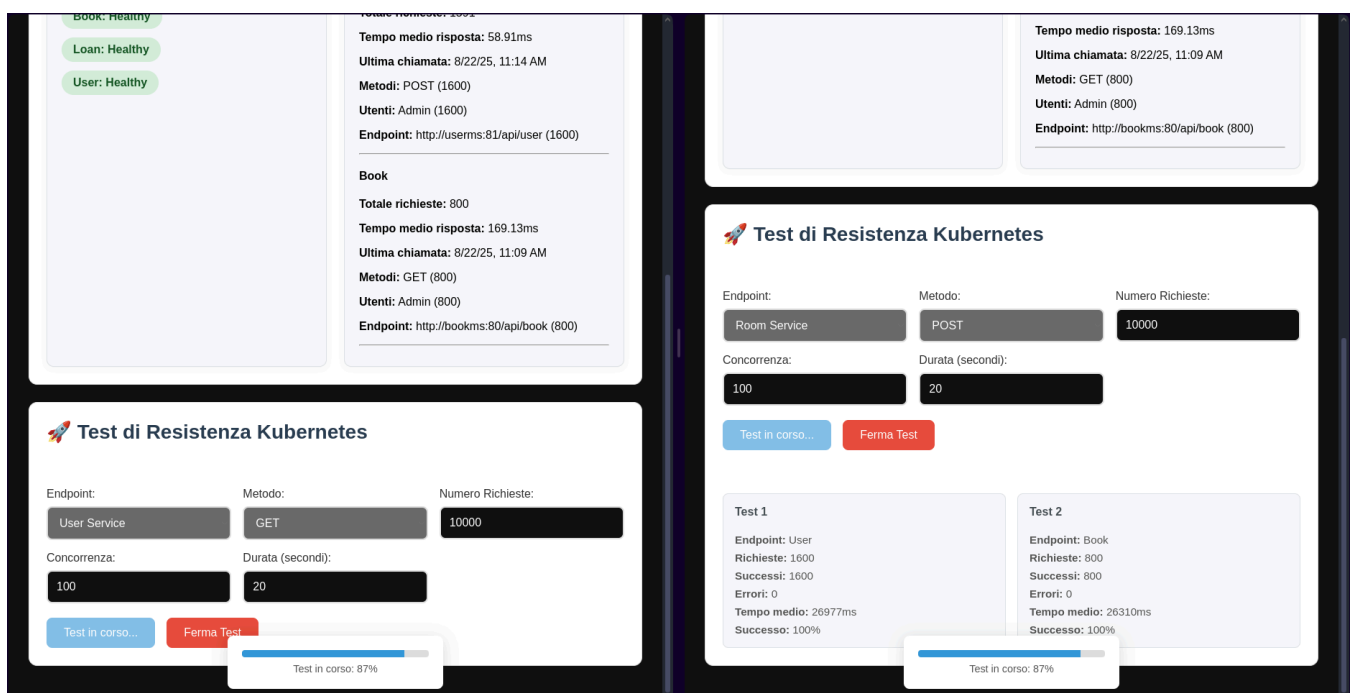
After sending a high number of requests to the **Book** and **User** microservices:



We can observe that the **Horizontal Pod Autoscaler (HPA)** starts scaling the pods accordingly.

Deployments					
Name	Images	Labels	Pods	Created ↑	
apigateway	roccobalocco/apigateway:latest	-	1 / 1	24 days ago	⋮
bookms	roccobalocco/book:latest	-	4 / 4	24 days ago	⋮
grafana	grafana/grafana:latest	-	1 / 1	24 days ago	⋮
loanms	roccobalocco/loan:latest	-	1 / 1	24 days ago	⋮
mssql	mcr.microsoft.com/mssql/server:2019-latest	-	1 / 1	24 days ago	⋮
prometheus	prom/prometheus:latest	-	1 / 1	24 days ago	⋮
roomms	roccobalocco/room:latest	-	1 / 1	24 days ago	⋮
userms	roccobalocco/user:latest	-	4 / 4	24 days ago	⋮

To stress-test the deployment, I sent **20,000 requests**, split between two different microservices.



As a result, many pods crashed due to workload intensity and existing policy configurations.

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Name	Images	Labels	Node	Status	Restarts	CPU Usage (cores)	Memory Usage (bytes)	Created
roomms-56d6565cd-zpl5f	roccobalocco/room:latest	app: roomms pod-template-hash: 56d6565cd	minikube	Running	0	<div><div></div>8.740m</div>	<div><div></div>28.50Mi</div>	a minute ago
roomms-56d6565cd-gbpj2	roccobalocco/room:latest	app: roomms pod-template-hash: 56d6565cd	minikube	Running	0	<div><div></div>34.46m</div>	<div><div></div>31.64Mi</div>	a minute ago
roomms-56d6565cd-t626c	roccobalocco/room:latest	app: roomms pod-template-hash: 56d6565cd	minikube	Running	0	<div><div></div>35.00m</div>	<div><div></div>27.54Mi</div>	a minute ago
userms-59dc946bd6-rhkrc	roccobalocco/user:latest	app: userms pod-template-hash: 59dc946bd6	minikube	Running	0	<div><div></div>1.00m</div>	<div><div></div>86.59Mi</div>	8 minutes ago
userms-59dc946bd6-g8szr	roccobalocco/user:latest	app: userms pod-template-hash: 59dc946bd6	minikube	Running	0	<div><div></div>1.00m</div>	<div><div></div>87.25Mi</div>	8 minutes ago
userms-59dc946bd6-hwb6b	roccobalocco/user:latest	app: userms pod-template-hash: 59dc946bd6	minikube	Running	0	<div><div></div>1.00m</div>	<div><div></div>84.03Mi</div>	17 minutes ago
roomms-56d6565cd-w4ddi	roccobalocco/room:latest	app: roomms pod-template-hash: 56d6565cd	minikube	Running	1	<div><div></div>93.00m</div>	<div><div></div>38.32Mi</div>	21 days ago
bookms-6dc684d7b4-hgb96	roccobalocco/book:latest	app: bookms pod-template-hash: 6dc684d7b4	minikube	Running	1	<div><div></div>1.00m</div>	<div><div></div>86.38Mi</div>	21 days ago
loanms-6c8f87599c-vzprt	roccobalocco/loan:latest	app: loanms pod-template-hash: 6c8f87599c	minikube	Running	3	<div><div></div>1.00m</div>	<div><div></div>62.23Mi</div>	24 days ago
prometheus-5c8b5544-dp4zn	prom/prometheus:latest	app: prometheus pod-template-hash: 5c8b5544	minikube	Running	3	<div><div></div>3.60m</div>	<div><div></div>56.77Mi</div>	24 days ago
userms-59dc946bd6-2qnqz	roccobalocco/user:latest	app: userms pod-template-hash: 59dc946bd6	minikube	Running	4	<div><div></div>1.00m</div>	<div><div></div>34.21Mi</div>	24 days ago
apigateway-5546d77f26-brwvp	roccobalocco/api-gateway:latest	app: apigateway	minikube	Running	4	<div><div></div>25.00m</div>	<div><div></div>160.85Mi</div>	24 days ago

- The test on the **Room** service achieved a success rate of **17%**.

Test 1

Endpoint: Room
Richieste: 10000
Successi: 1741
Errori: 8259
Tempo medio: 16179ms
Successo: 17%

- The test on the **User** service achieved a success rate of **14%**.

Test 1

Endpoint: User
Richieste: 10000
Successi: 1357
Errori: 8643
Tempo medio: 44320ms
Successo: 14%

Although 10,000 requests were sent to each microservice, only a small number were processed successfully. The remaining requests were blocked due to circuit-breaking policies, pod crashes, or other constraints.

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Room

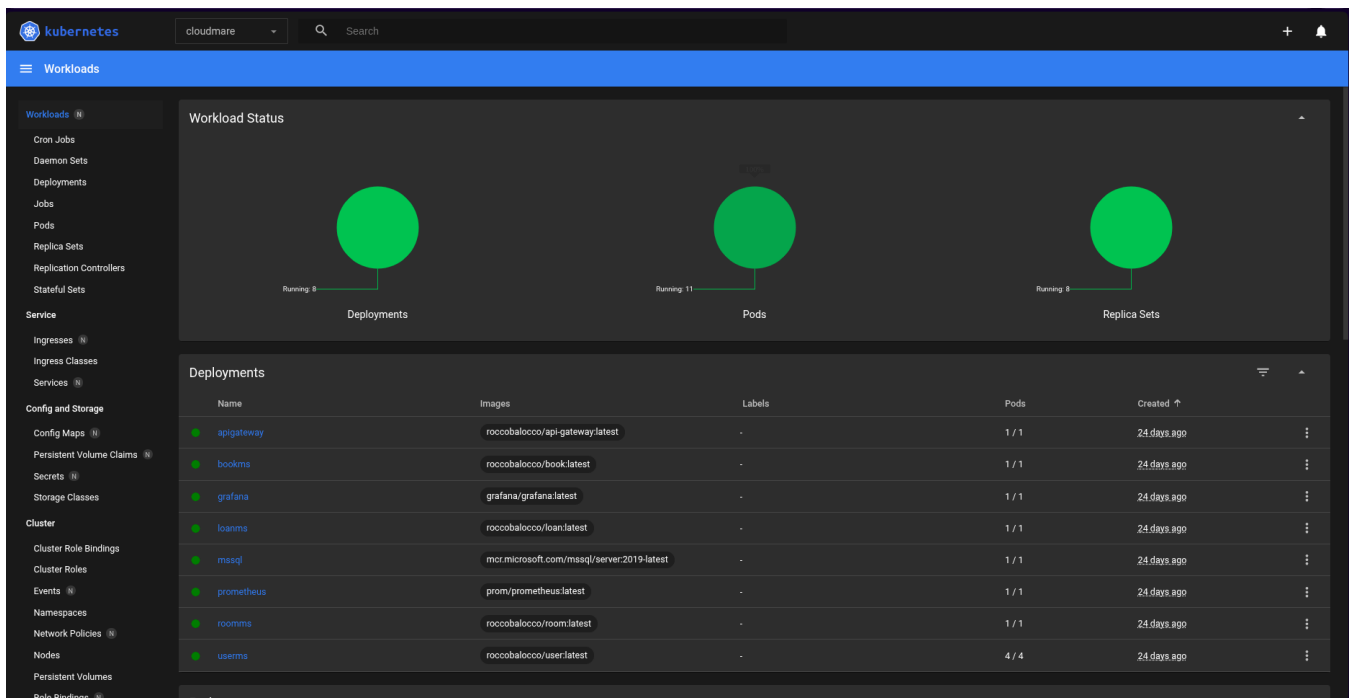
Totale richieste: 1736
Tempo medio risposta: 43.17ms
Ultima chiamata: 8/22/25, 11:20 AM
Metodi: POST (1741)
Utenti: Admin (1741)
Endpoint: http://roomms:83/api/room (1741)

User

Totale richieste: 2944
Tempo medio risposta: 161.03ms
Ultima chiamata: 8/22/25, 11:23 AM
Metodi: POST (1600), GET (1357)
Utenti: Admin (2957)
Endpoint: http://userms:81/api/user (2957)

After this test, the system adjusted dynamically:

- Since the latest requests targeted the **User** microservice, the HPA scaled up its number of pods.
- At the same time, the number of pods for the **Room** microservice was scaled down.



To trigger the **Per-IP** and **Global Fixed** policies in the Angular web application, you need to send many requests, as they are not sent simultaneously.

Prometheus

Thanks to the annotations included in the manifest files, **Prometheus** can scrape the metrics of the active pods.

kubernetes-annotated-services				9 / 9 up
Endpoint	Labels	Last scrape	State	
http://10.244.0.199:8080/metrics	instance="10.244.0.199:8080" job="kubernetes-annotated-services"	9.483s ago 9ms	UP	
http://10.244.0.167:8080/metrics	instance="10.244.0.167:8080" job="kubernetes-annotated-services"	8.024s ago 10ms	UP	
http://10.244.0.195:9090/metrics	instance="10.244.0.195:9090" job="kubernetes-annotated-services"	6.689s ago 18ms	UP	
http://10.244.0.171:8080/metrics	instance="10.244.0.171:8080" job="kubernetes-annotated-services"	5.547s ago 12ms	UP	
http://10.244.0.200:3000/metrics	instance="10.244.0.200:3000" job="kubernetes-annotated-services"	6.282s ago 33ms	UP	
http://10.244.0.166:8080/metrics	instance="10.244.0.166:8080" job="kubernetes-annotated-services"	8.59s ago 14ms	UP	
http://10.244.0.160:8080/metrics	instance="10.244.0.160:8080" job="kubernetes-annotated-services"	6.139s ago 19ms	UP	
http://10.244.0.156:9153/metrics	instance="10.244.0.156:9153" job="kubernetes-annotated-services"	13.851s ago 6ms	UP	
http://10.244.0.162:8080/metrics	instance="10.244.0.162:8080" job="kubernetes-annotated-services"	662ms ago 10ms	UP	

Grafana

Grafana connects to Prometheus as a data source and visualizes various performance and health metrics of the system.

