



# Service Mesh AND API Management

## Teamwork at its Best

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# Some questions



Background:

Olya Kobruseva <https://www.pexels.com/de-de/foto/fragezeichen-auf-papierhandwerk-5428836/>

# Who is using an API Gateway?

# Who is using Kubernetes\*?

\* includes OpenShift

# Who is using Kubernetes\* ... in production?

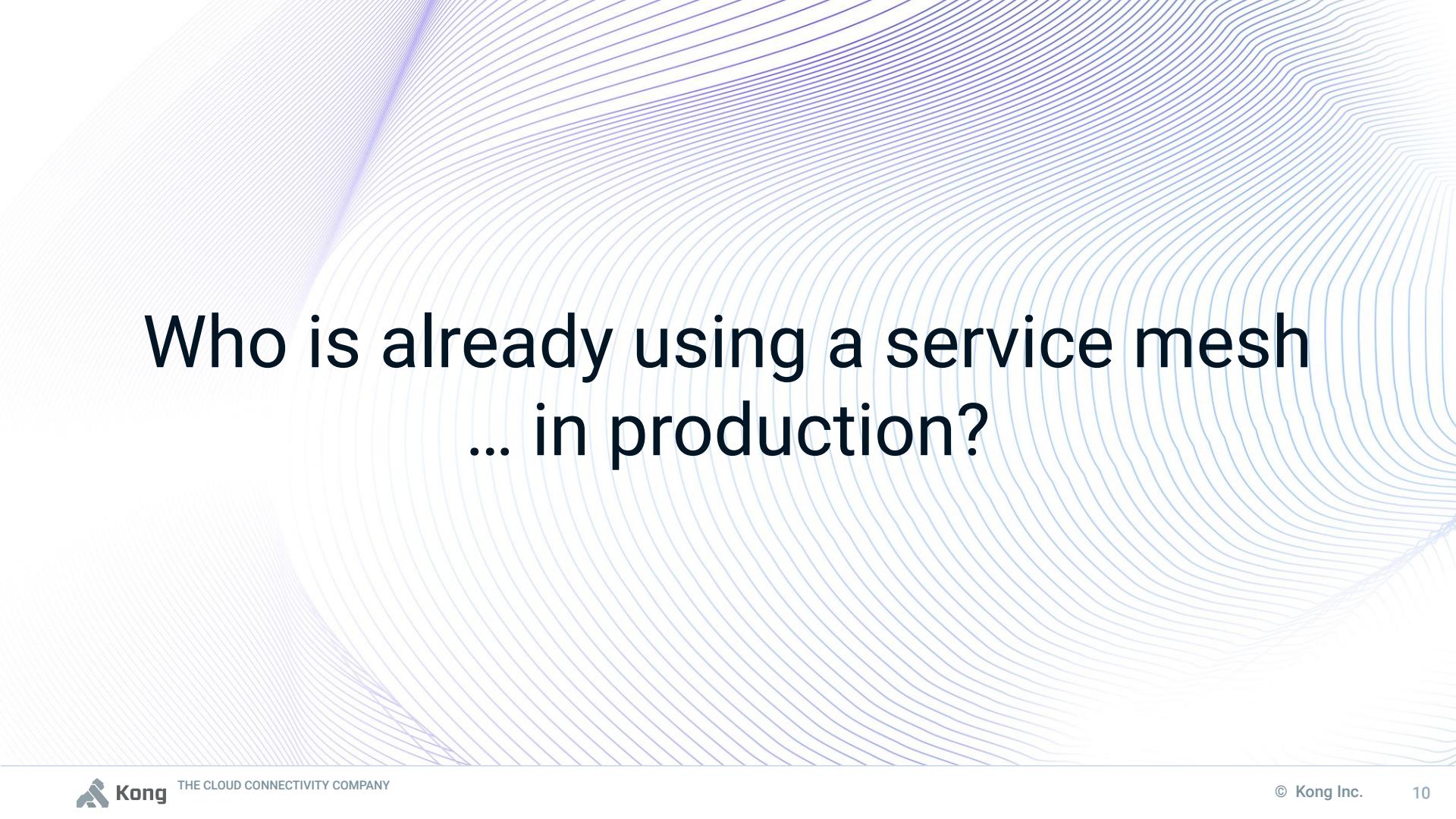
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# Who is using **only** Kubernetes\* in production?

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# Who knows what a service mesh is?

# Who is already using a service mesh?



# Who is already using a service mesh ... in production?

# Who is multi-cloud?

# API Gateways

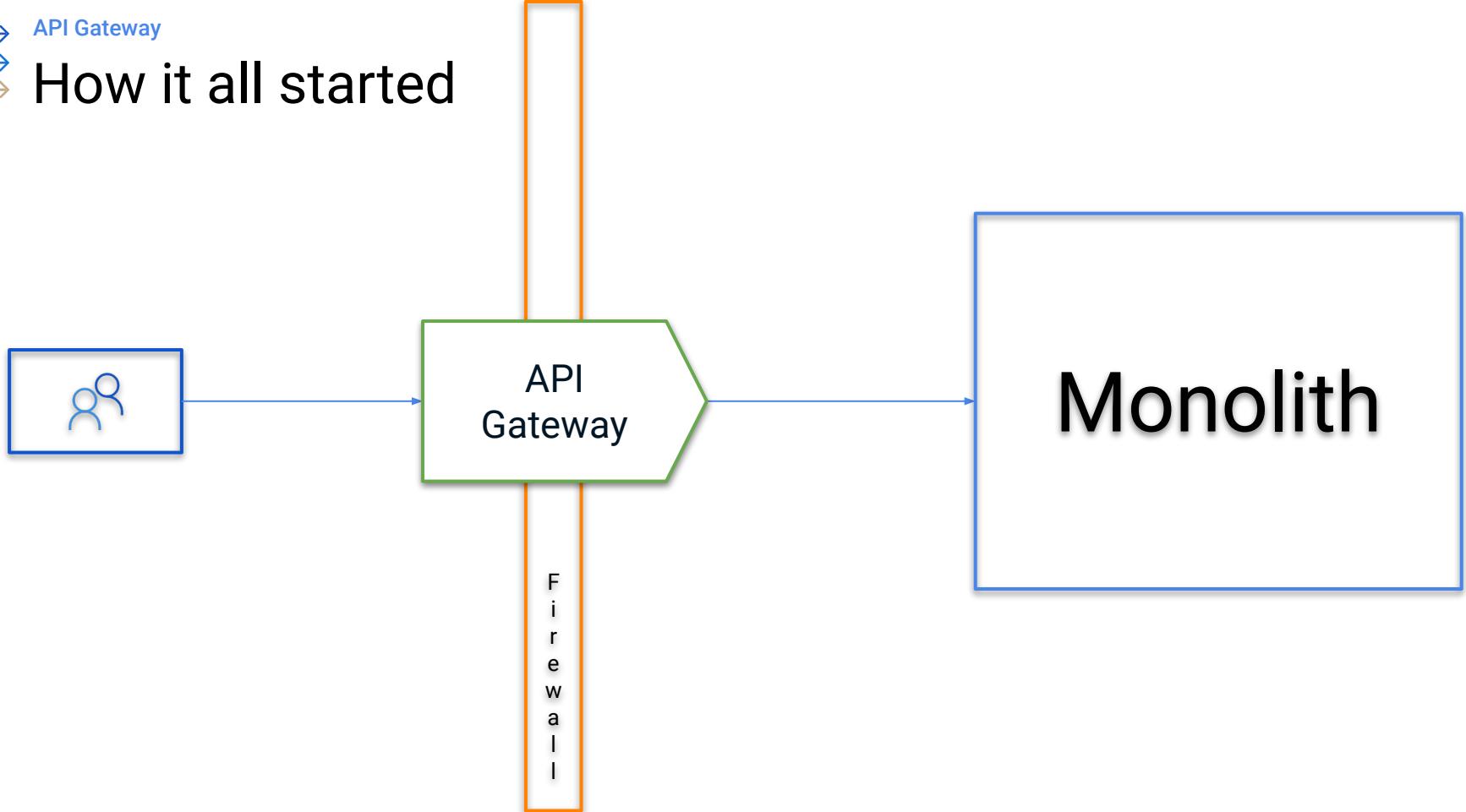
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API Gateway

## How it all started





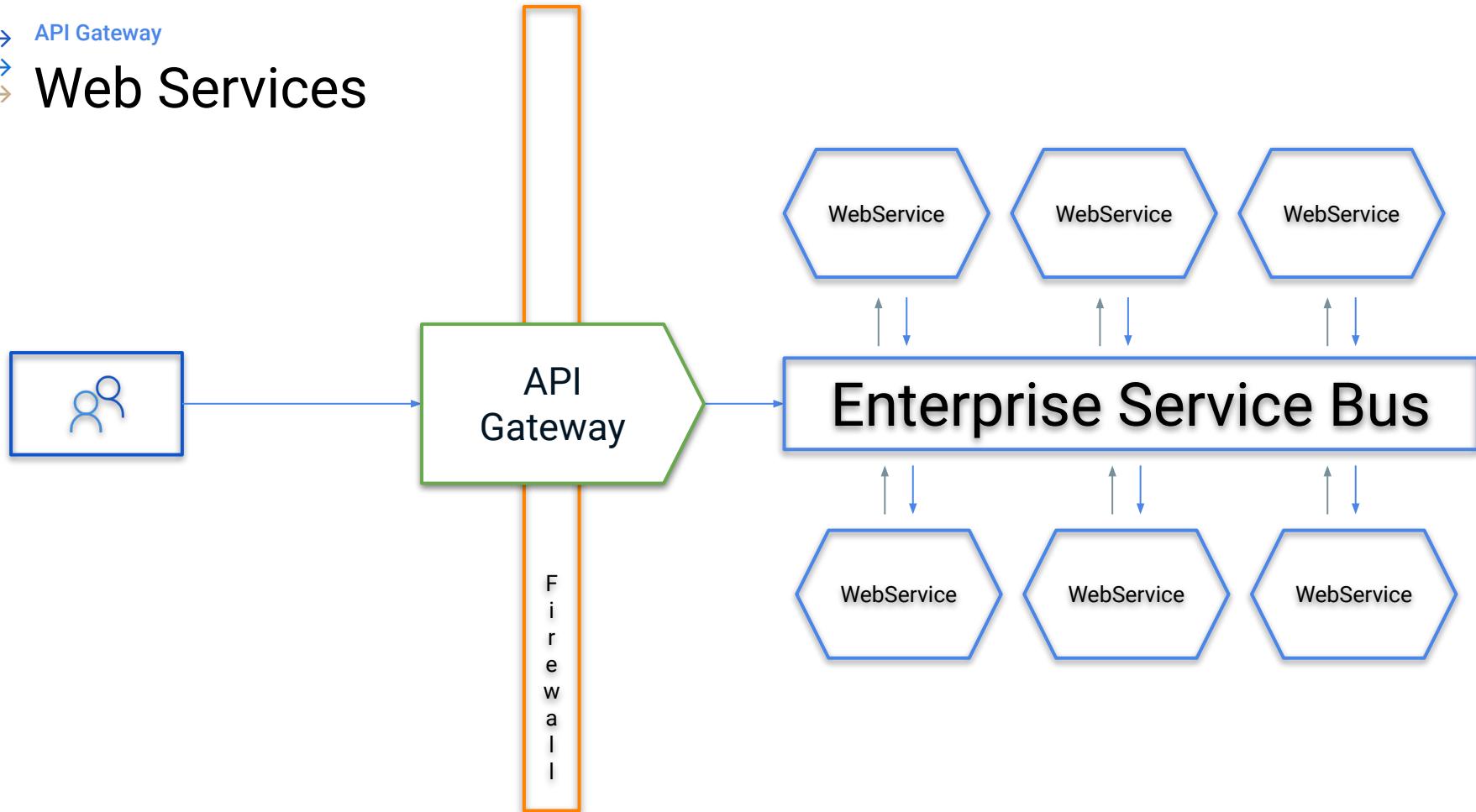
# Functionality

API  
Gateway

- Routing
- Authentication
- Authorization
- Monitoring
- Logging
- Rate Limiting
- Caching
- ...

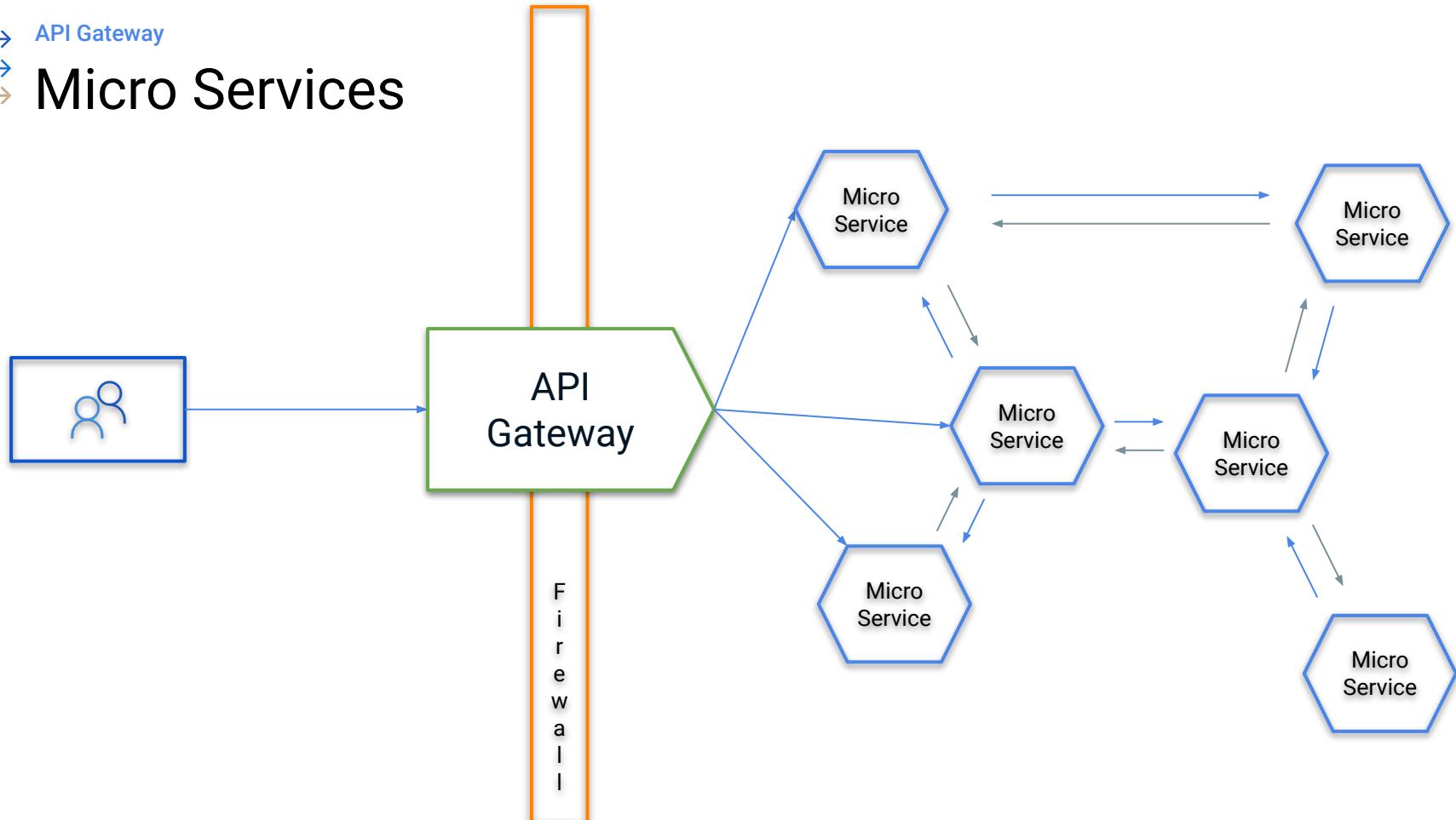
 API Gateway

# Web Services



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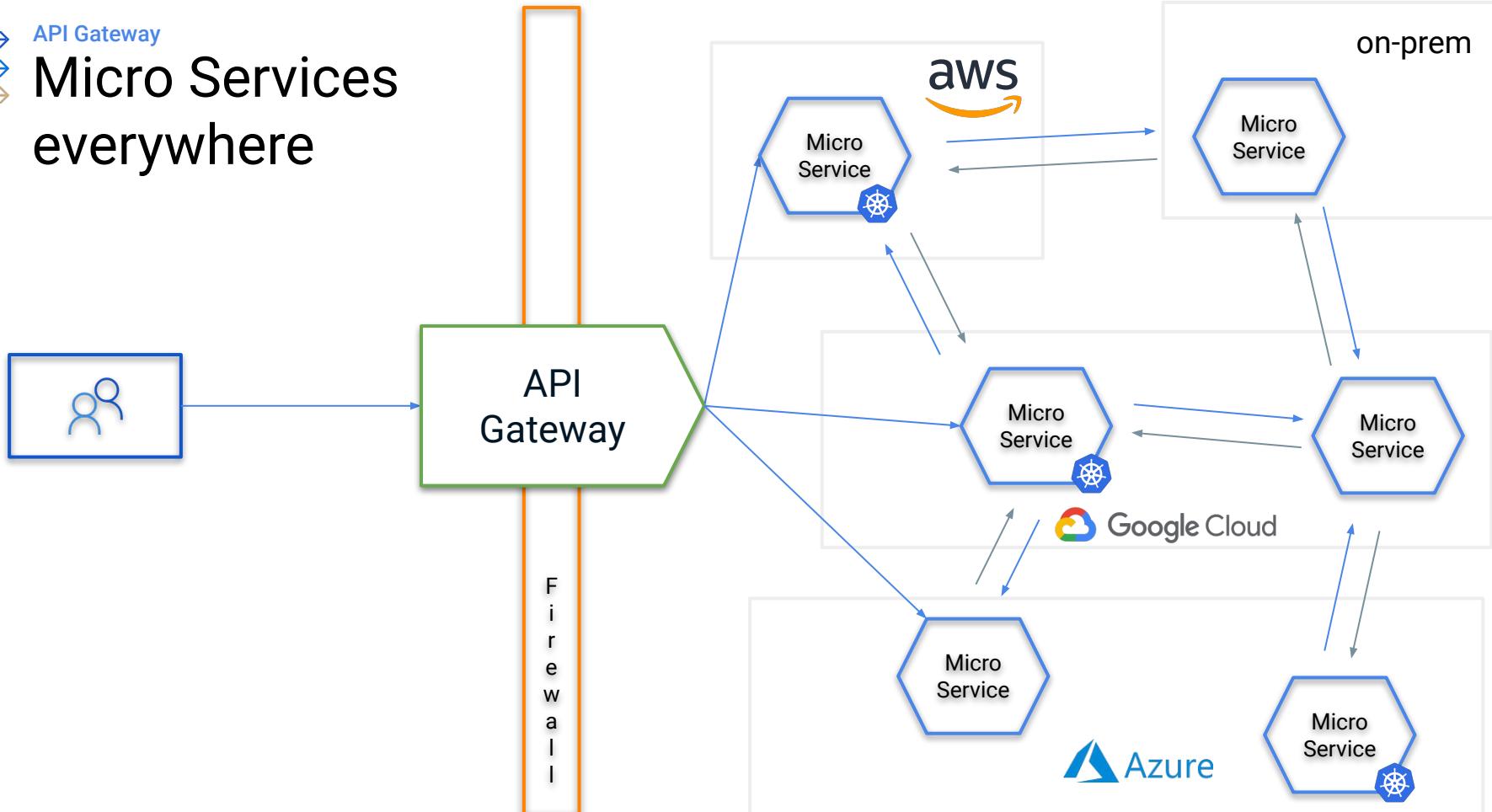
# Micro Services





API Gateway

# Micro Services everywhere



# Micro Services

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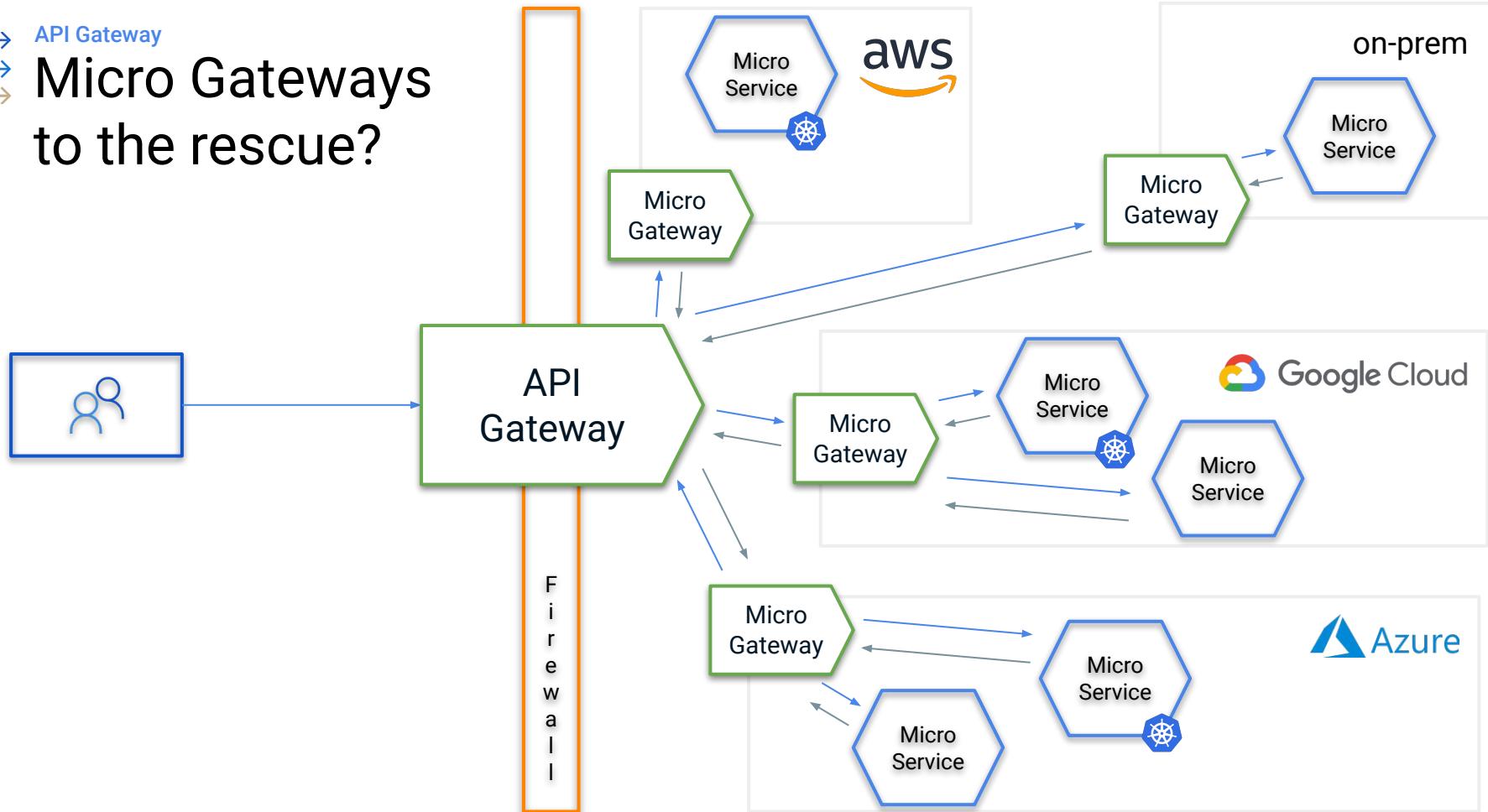
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API Gateway

# Micro Gateways to the rescue?



“Give a boy a hammer and everything he meets has to be pounded”



Kaplan's Law of the Instrument:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law\\_of\\_the\\_instrument](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_of_the_instrument)

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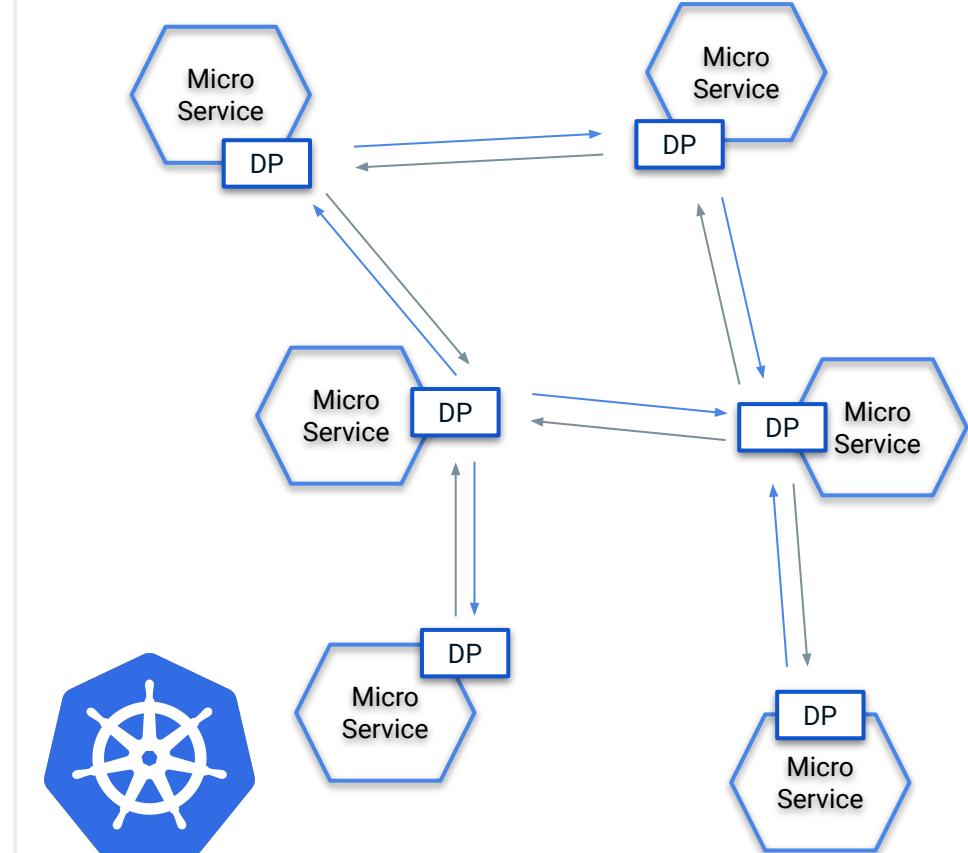
# Service Mesh



# The idea

- Everything encrypted (TLS)
- Everything authenticated and authorized (mTLS)
- Everything monitored
- ...

Everything means:  
=> within the cluster



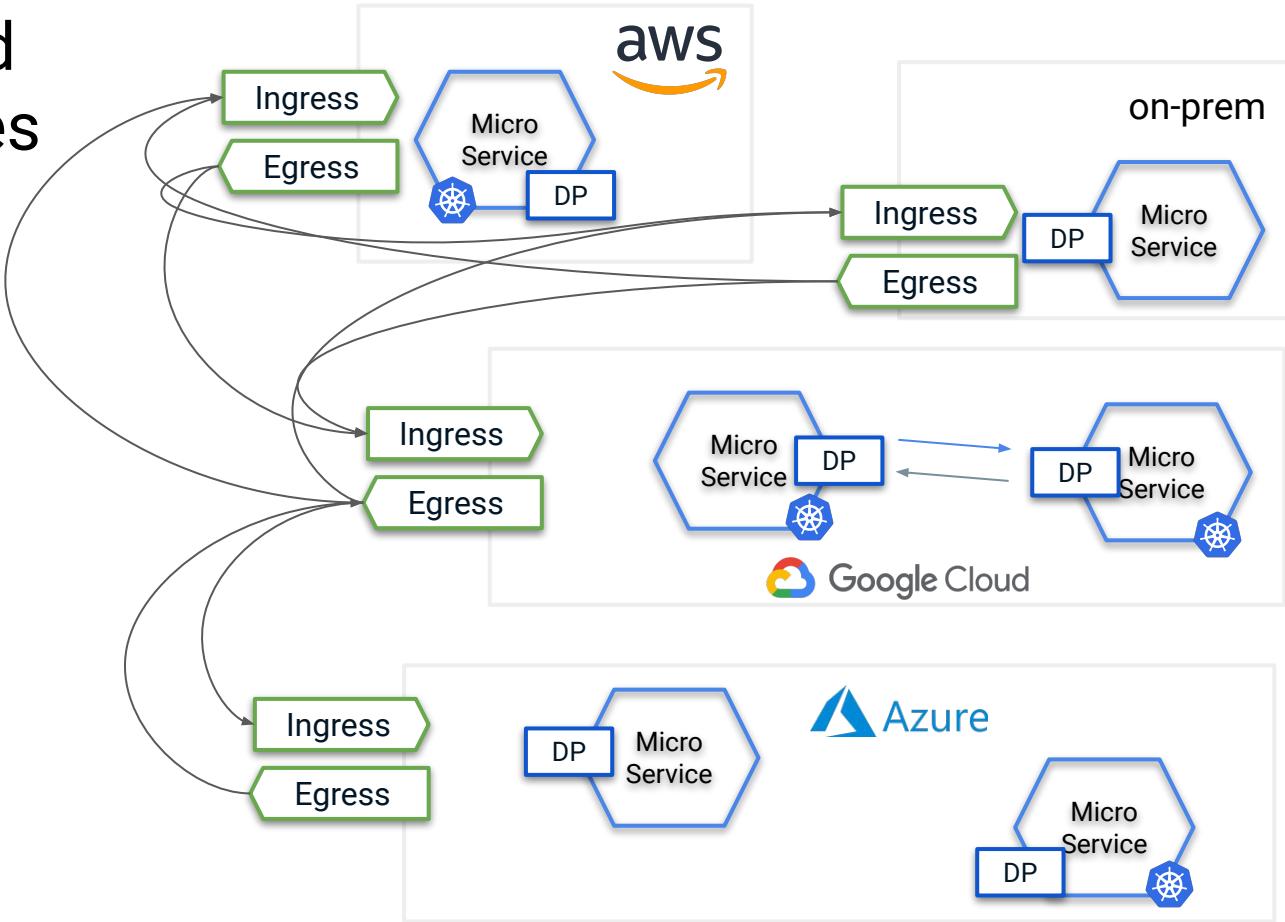


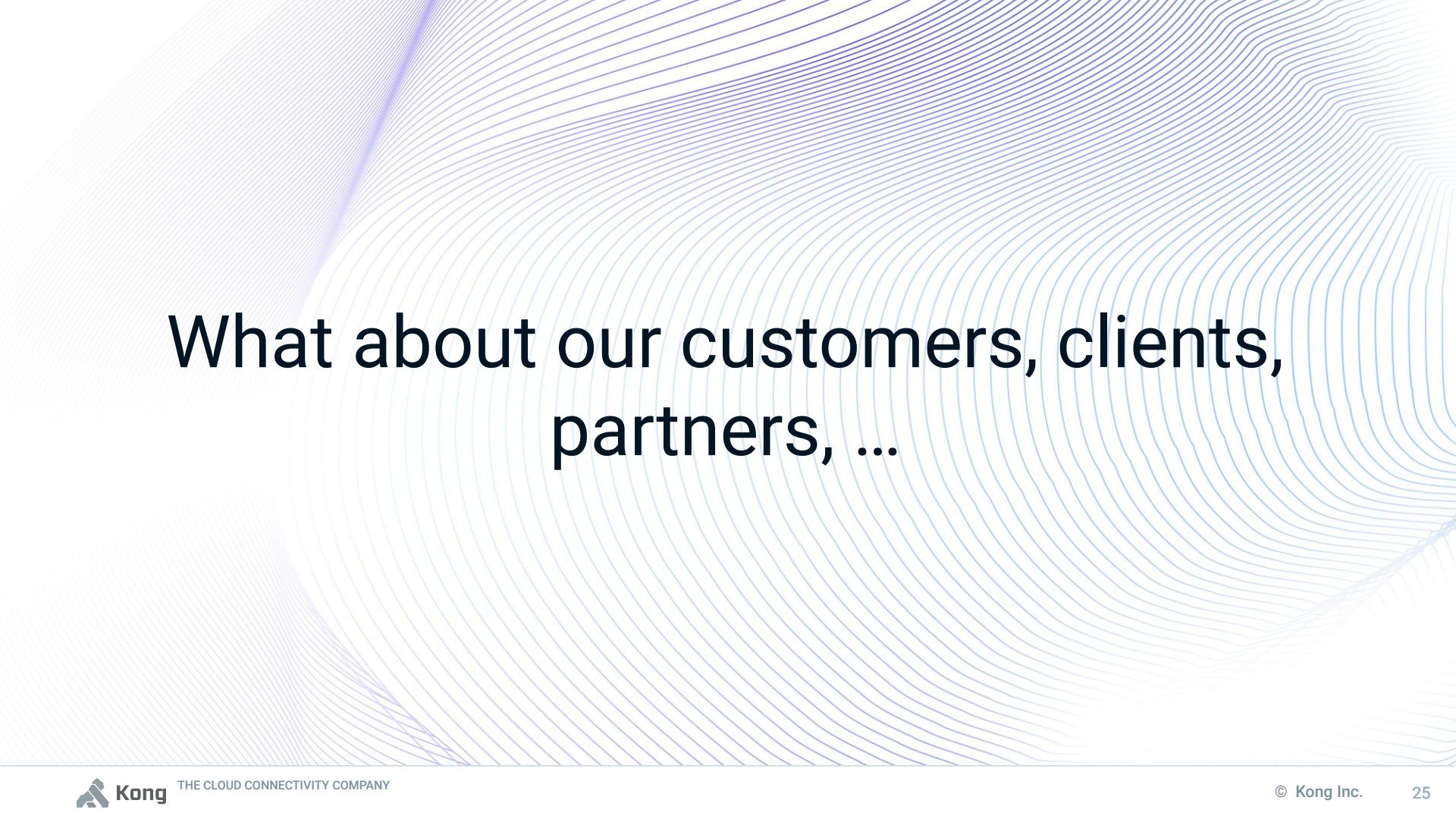
# Functionality

Service  
Mesh

- Routing
- Encryption
- AuthN & AuthZ (mTLS)
- Load Balancing
- Monitoring
- Logging
- Tracing

# Multi Cloud and more challenges



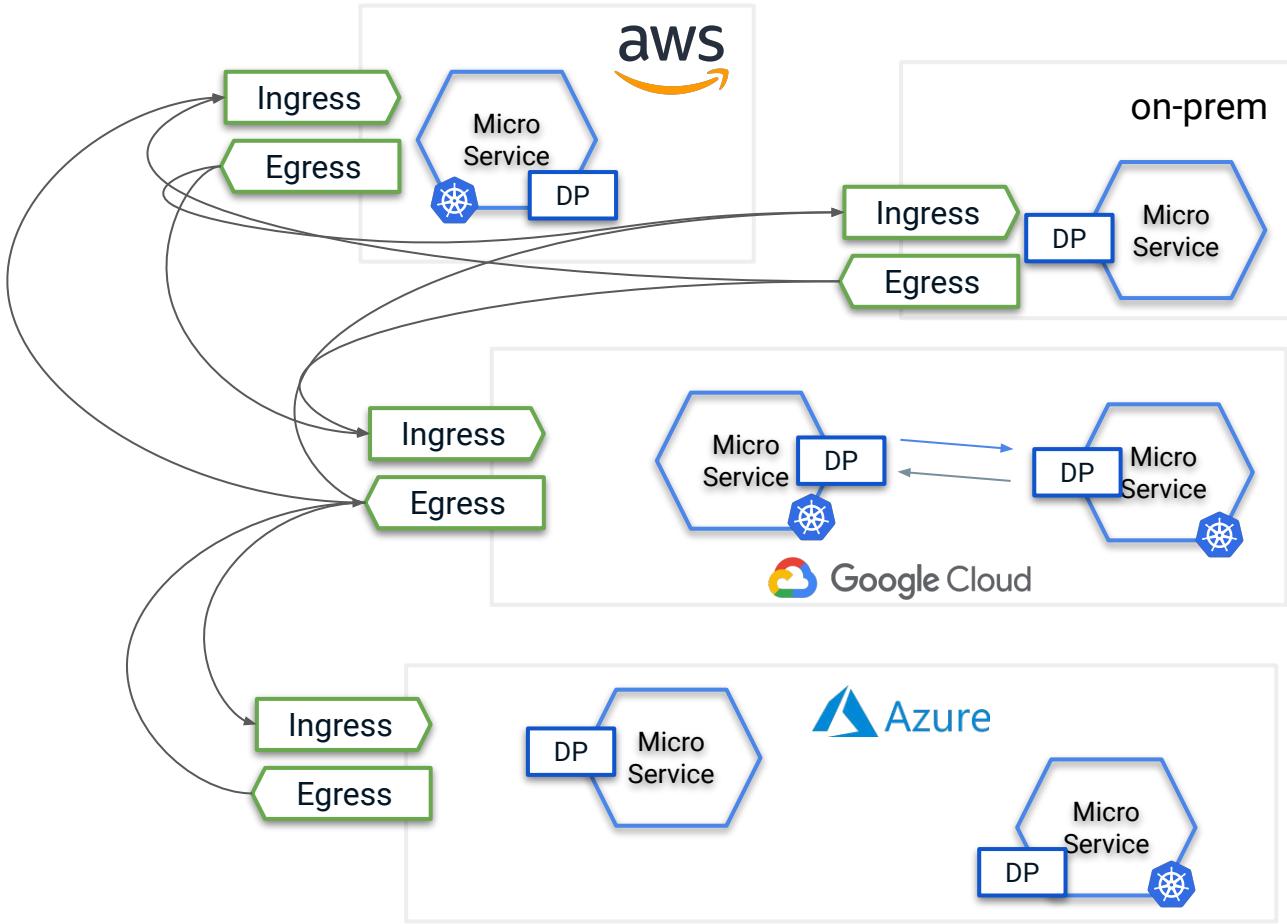


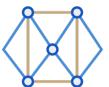
# What about our customers, clients, partners, ...



Service Mesh

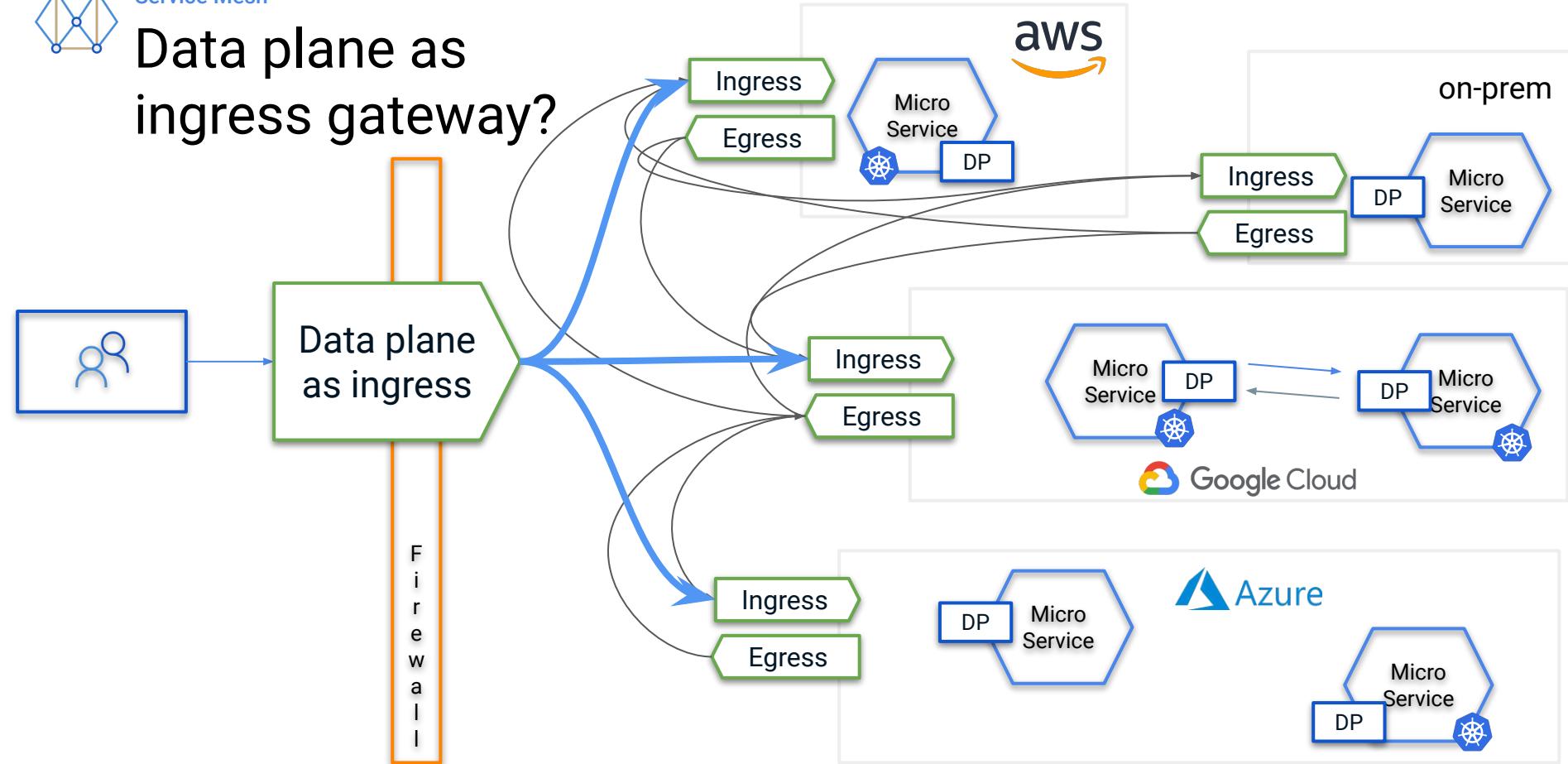
# What about clients?





Service Mesh

# Data plane as ingress gateway?

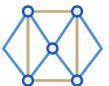


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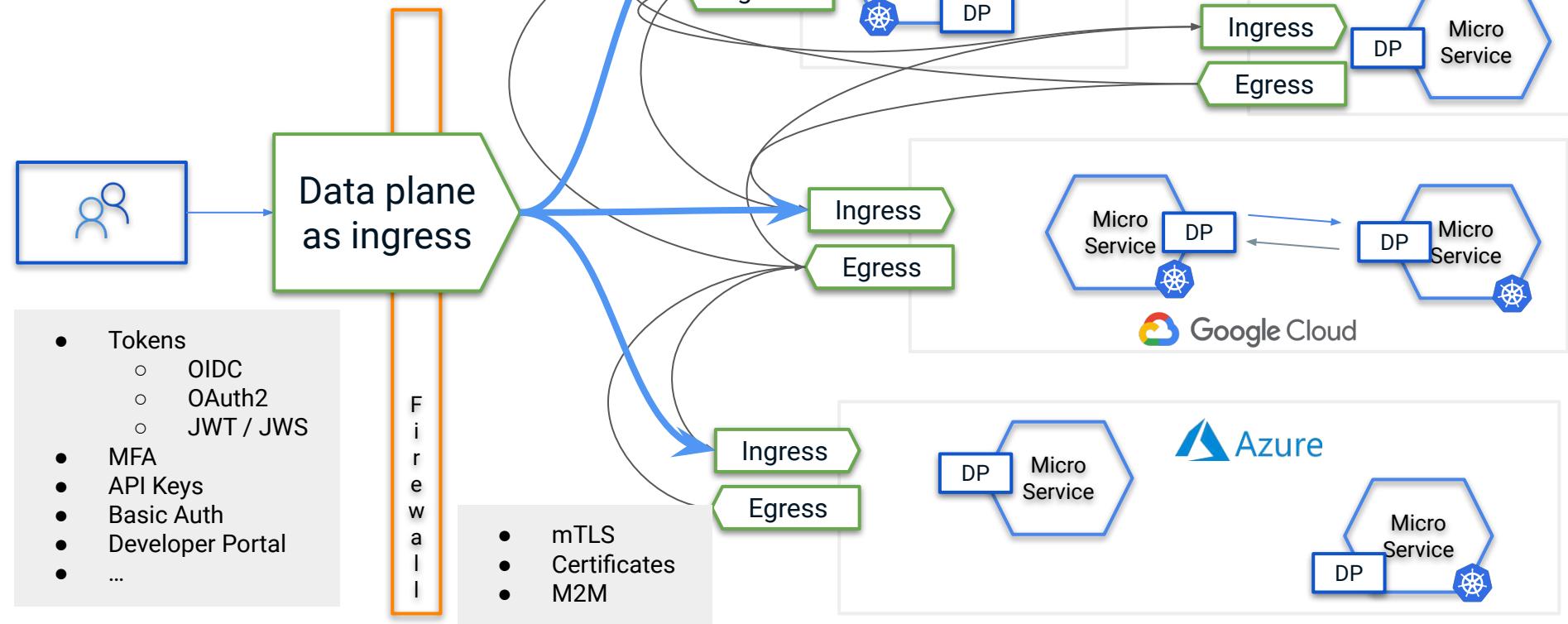
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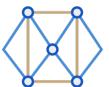
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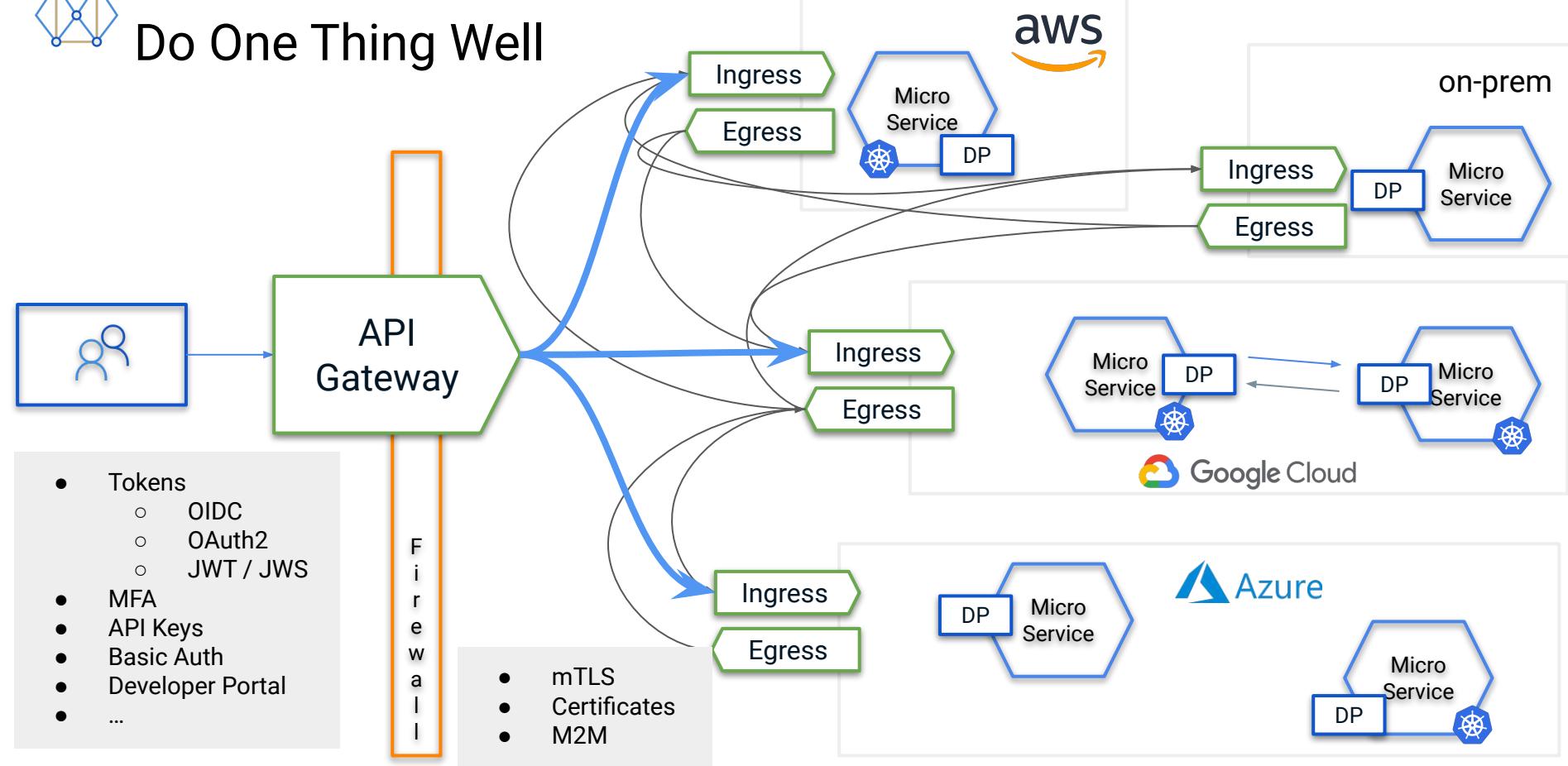
# Different use cases - different tools!





Service Mesh

# Do One Thing Well



# The right tool for the right audience

## API Gateway

- (Mainly) external focused
- Human being and machine to machine
- Hard to provision certificates to external machines
- Token focused (but also api keys and similar)
- Documentation for developers
- Routing and load balancing from external to internal
- Automation is a strong should be

## Service Mesh

- Internal focused
- Everything machine to machine
- Certificates can be issued and updated automatically
- Untrusted wire
- Routing and load balancing
- Automation is a must be
- Sidecar and eBPF pattern enforce minimal data plane size (hardware needs)

# Teamwork



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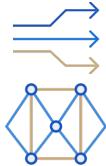
# Collaboration

Where is the teamwork?

Gateway and mesh share central solutions

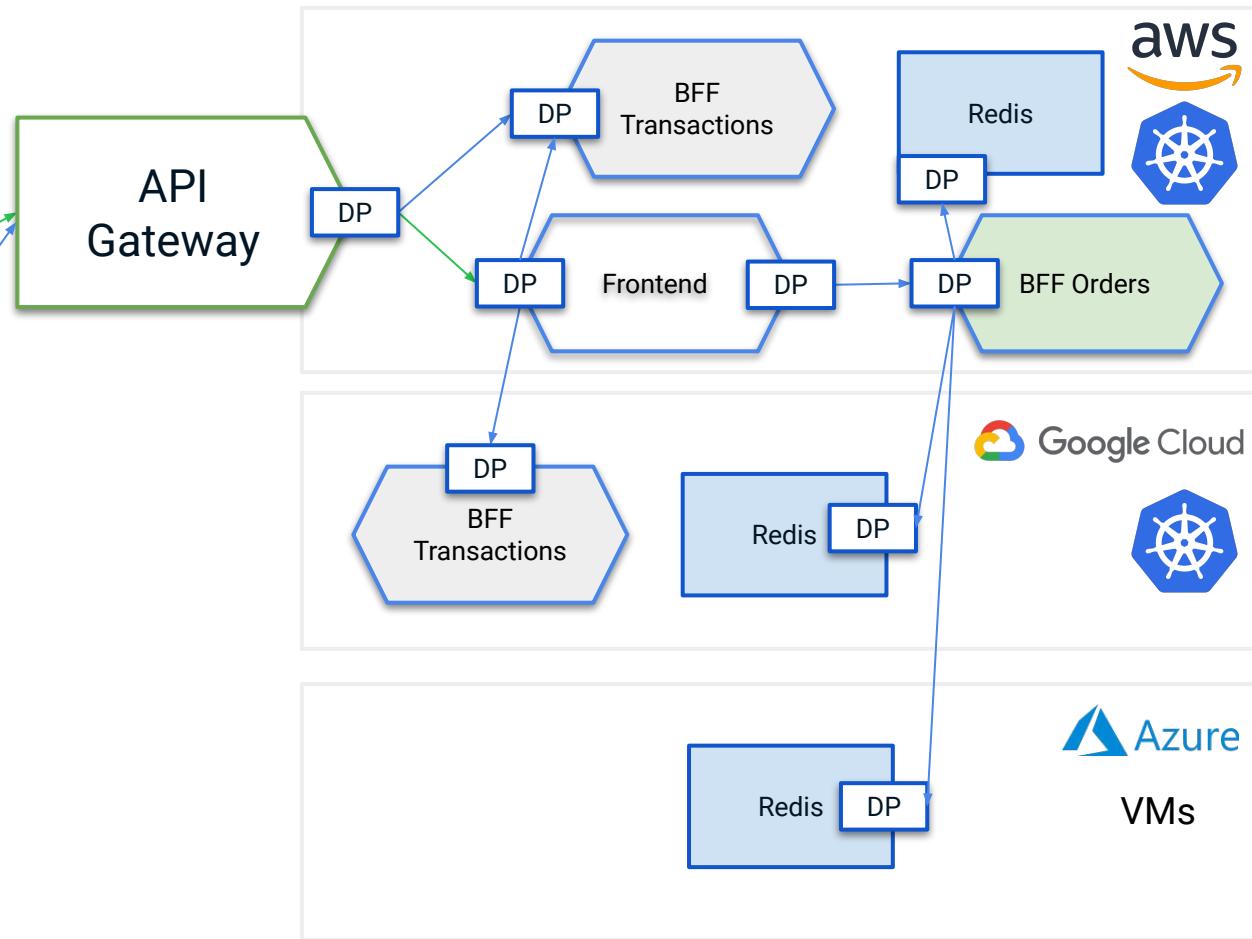
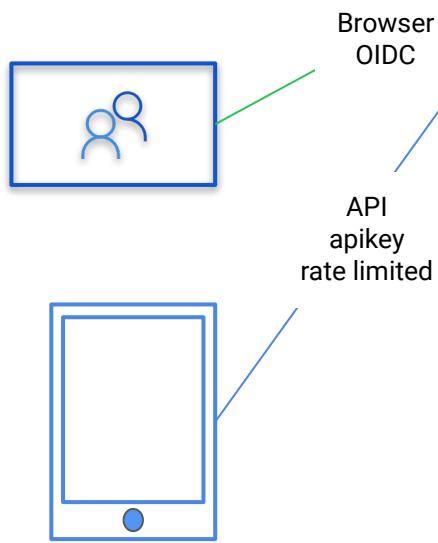
- Common pattern of configuration
- Logging
- Monitoring
- Tracing
- Service to service security patterns
- IdP / tokens (OpenPolicyAgent)
- Gateway routes to mesh, mesh routes to active and healthy endpoints

# Live Demo



API Gateway AND Service Mesh

Live



# Q&A

# Thank you

Slides available at <https://bio.walther.world/>