

Envoy Intro



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State of microservice networking in industry

- Languages and frameworks.
- **Protocols** (HTTP/1, HTTP/2, gRPC, databases, caching, etc.).
- Infrastructures (laaS, CaaS, on premise, etc.).
- Intermediate load balancers (AWS ELB, F5, etc.).
- **Observability** output (stats, tracing, and logging).
- Implementations (often partial) of **retry**, **circuit breaking**, **rate limiting**, **timeouts**, and other distributed systems best practices.
- Authentication and Authorization.
- Per language libraries for service calls.



What is Envoy?

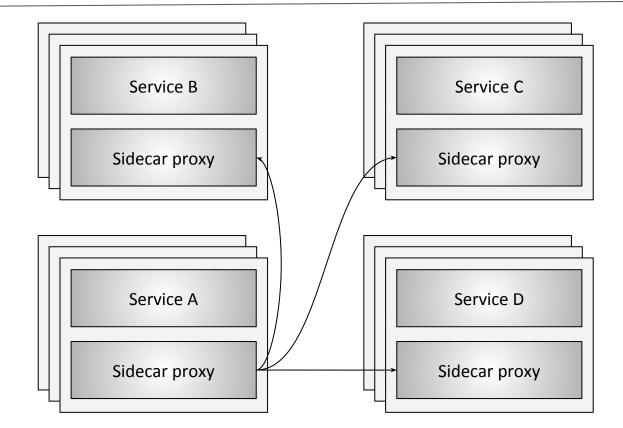
The network should be transparent to applications.

When network and application problems do occur it should be easy to determine the source of the problem.





Service mesh refresher





Envoy refresher

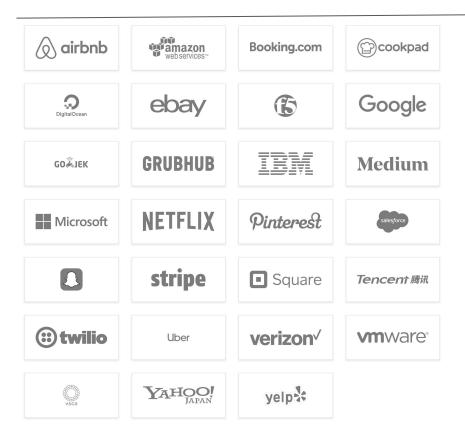
- Out of process architecture
- High performance / low latency code base
- L3/L4 filter architecture
- HTTP L7 filter architecture
- HTTP/2 first
- Service discovery and active/passive health checking
- Advanced load balancing
- Best in class observability (stats, logging, and tracing)
- Authentication and authorization
- Edge proxy



- Envoy is a universal data plane
- xDS == * Discovery Service (various configuration APIs). E.g.,:
 - LDS == Listener Discovery Service
 - CDS == Cluster Discovery Service
- Both gRPC streaming and JSON/YAML REST via proto3!
- Central management system can control a fleet of Envoys avoiding per-proxy config file hell
- Global bootstrap config for every Envoy, rest taken care of by the management server
- Envoys + xDS + management system == fleet wide traffic management distributed system



Envoy Adoption





Why Envoy + Q&A

- Quality + velocity
- Extensibility
- Eventually consistent configuration API
- No "open core" / paid premium version. It's all there.
- Community, community, community

