istioctl Service mesh CLI

CONCEPTS

Run analyze after every config change: it catches missing gateways, bad hosts and unlabelled namespaces before traffic breaks.

istiod control plane
↓ xDS push
Envoy / ztunnel data plane
↓ proxy-status
proxy-config what it received

A pod is <name>.<namespace>; use deployment/<name> in place of a pod name where the command accepts it.

INSTALL

`istioctl install --set profile=<name>`
Install a profile

`istioctl install -f <iop.yaml>`
Install from an IstioOperator file

`istioctl install --set <path>=<value>`
Override a single value

`istioctl x precheck`
Check the cluster before install

`istioctl uninstall --purge`
Remove every Istio resource

STATUS & VERSION

`istioctl version`
Show client and control plane versions

`istioctl proxy-status`
Sync state of every proxy

ANALYZE & VALIDATE

`istioctl analyze`
Analyze the current namespace

`istioctl analyze -A`
Analyze all namespaces

ANALYZE & VALIDATE (cont.)

`istioctl analyze <file.yaml>`
Check a file before applying

PROXY CONFIG

`istioctl pc cluster <pod>`
Upstream clusters of a proxy

`istioctl pc listener <pod>`
Listeners of a proxy

`istioctl pc route <pod>`
Route tables of a proxy

`istioctl pc endpoint <pod>`
Endpoints the proxy knows

INJECT & DESCRIBE

`istioctl x describe pod <pod>`
Explain routing and policy for a pod

`istioctl x check-inject <pod>`
Why was sidecar injected or not?

`istioctl kube-inject -f <file.yaml>`
Inject the sidecar into a manifest

DASHBOARDS

`istioctl dashboard kiali`
Open Kiali

REVISIONS & TAGS

`istioctl tag set <tag> --revision <rev>`
Point a tag at a revision

AMBIENT

`istioctl waypoint apply -n <ns>`
Create a waypoint proxy

GLOBAL FLAGS

`-n <ns>`
Target namespace

`--context <name>`
Kubeconfig context to use