



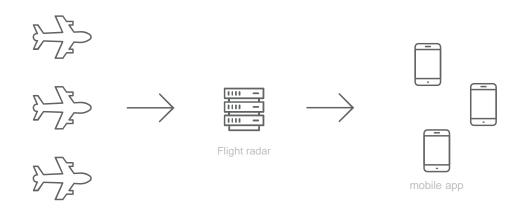
B0M33BDT – Apache Kafka, Architecture patterns

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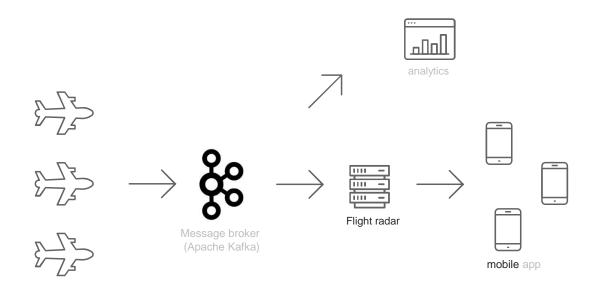
Apache Kafka

Motivation for message broker

- It is a vacation day, your flight is scheduled for 14:00
- Is my flight on time?

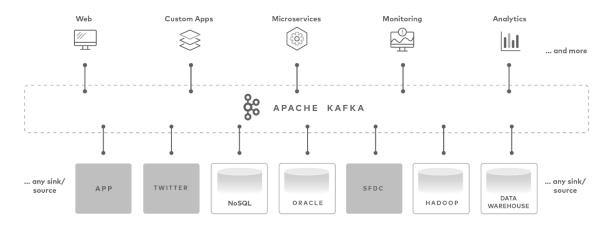


Getting rid of peer-to-peer data transfer



Apache Kafka

- Started as message broker at Linkedin, now it's a data processing ecosystem
- > Key characteristics
 - High-throughput
 - Distributed
 - Scalable



Kafka 101 – naming convention

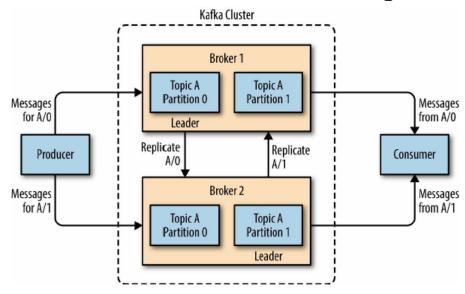
- Consumer
 - An application that is reading data from Kafka
- Consumer Group
 - A group of an application processes that read data from Kafka
- > Producer
 - An application that is writing data to Kafka
- > Broker
 - Kafka process (single server) that is receiving data from producers, storing data on disk and provide them to consumers

Kafka 101 – naming convention

- > Topic
 - Named "message queue"
- > Partition
 - Topics are broken down into partitions
-) Offset
 - The position of a last committed message of a consumer in a topic/partition

Kafka cluster

- > Broker a single Kafka server
- Xafka cluster collection of brokers that work together



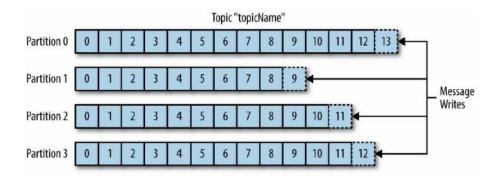
Kafka basics – Topic and partitioning

> Topic

- Named container for similar events
 - Usually there are many topics in a system
 - Data in one topic can be duplicated with data in another topic
- Durable logs of events
 - New message always on the end
 - Can be read by seaking arbitrary offset
 - Are immutable once something has happened, it is exceedingly difficult to make it un-happen
 - Are durable stored on filesystem

Kafka basics – Topic and partitioning

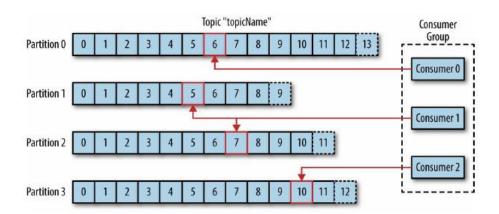
- > Partitioning
 - Breaked single topic log to multiple logs that can live independently
 - Are spread out across a cluster



Kafka basics - Offset



- The consumer offset is a way of tracking the sequential order in which messages are received by Kafka topics.
- Consumer offsets are persisted

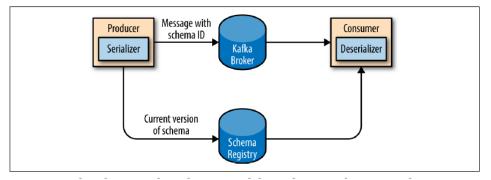


Message structure

- > Key
- > Value
- > Header
- Yey and Value can be any type (as long as we can serialize/deserialize them to bytes)
 - We can easily send json records as Values

Another very popular format to serialize data is Avro, but it requires Schema

Registry



Message ordering in Kafka

- > Message order
 - Kafka guarantees to maintain a message order per partition
 - That doesn't guarantee an order of messages per topic
- Messages with the same key are guaranteed to be send to the same partition
 - By default a hash partitioned is used
 - Messages without a key will be uniformly distributed between partitions

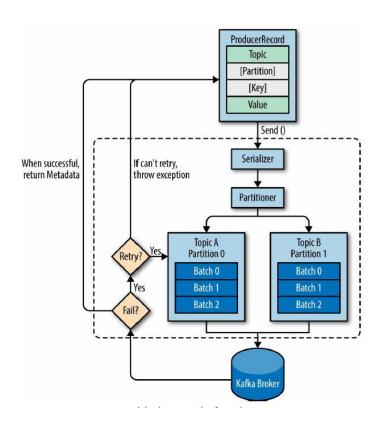
Kafka basic - Producer



- Client application
- Write data to appropriate kafka topic and broker
 - Serialize data
 - Define partition
 - Compress data
 - Handle errors

Acks	Throughput	Latency	Durability
)	High	Low	No Guarantee. The producer
			does not wait for
			acknowledgment from the
			server.
1	Medium	Medium	Leader writes the record to its
			local log, and responds without
			awaiting full acknowledgment
			from all followers.
1	Low	High	Leader waits for the full set of in-
			sync replicas (ISRs) to
			acknowledge the record. This
			guarantees that the record is not
			lost as long as at least one IRS
			is active.

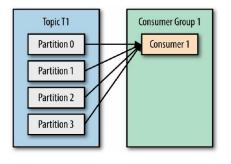
Kafka basic - Producing data

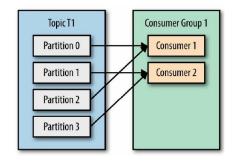


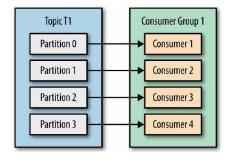
Kafka basic - Consumer

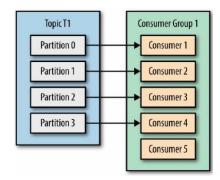
- Client application
- Read data from Kafka topic
- Scallable organized to consumer groups
- > Keep up to date metadata (offset)

Kafka basics – Consumer Group

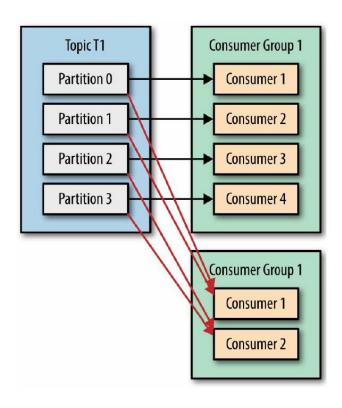








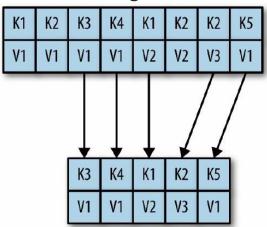
Kafka basics – Consumer Groups



Log compaction

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- When the data is no longer needed (after retention period) the default action is to delete the message
- Xafka has special retention policy called "compaction" in case we want to store most recent message for each key



Schema registry

- Centralized repository for managing schemas of kafka messages
- > Key component for data governance
 - Schema management including validation
 - Compatibility check
 - Versioning
- > Supported schema types
 - AVRO
 - JSON
 - Protobuff

Message delivery

Message delivery semantics

- > Exactly once
 - Every message is delivered only once
 - We need to keep track which messages were delivered and processed
- At least once
 - A message might be delivered more than once
 - Might be OK given pragmatic consideration
- At most once
 - The system will never try to deliver a message again once it was sent
 - Good option for non-critical data, that quickly become irrelevant

Exactly once – Kafka support

- Idempotence: Exactly-once in order semantics per partition
 - Safeguard against duplicates in retry logic, that might be caused by broker or producer failure
 - The message will be written to the Kafka topic once
 - Enable enable.idempotence=true in producer configuration
- > Transactions: Atomic writes across multiple partitions
 - New transation API atomic writes across multiple partitions
 - Consumer side configuration
 - isolation.level (read_committed, read_uncommitted)
- Kafka streams
 - processing.guarantee=exactly_once



Latest releases

- **> KRaft** : Zookeeper
- > Tiered Storage: "hot" a "cold" storage
- > Cloud-native Kafka: Improved elasticity autoscaling
- **Queues support**: More consumers for one partition
- New Rebalancing: Reatime rebalancing

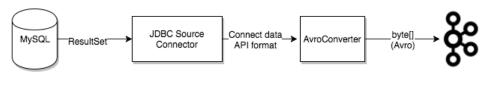
Kafka ecosystem

Kafka Connect



- Common framework for building connectors to integrate various data stores with Kafka
- Allows both getting data into and from Kafka
- If you find yourself trying to get data into or from Kafka, there is probably a connector for that
- The ingest process can be speeded up by running multiple connector instances in distributed fashion
- Aside from plain piping the data from system a to Kafka, also supports simple transformations of data records in transition

Kafka Connect- Example





```
{
"name": "gcs-sink-01",
"config": {
"connector.class": "io.confluent.connect.gcs.GcsSinkConnector",
"tasks.max": "1",
"topics": "gcs_topic",
"gcs.bucket.name": "<my-gcs-bucket>",
"storage.class": "io.confluent.connect.gcs.storage.GcsStorage",
"format.class": "io.confluent.connect.gcs.format.avro.AvroFormat",
"partitioner.class": "io.confluent.connect.storage.partitioner.DefaultPartitioner",
"value.converter": "io.confluent.connect.avro.AvroConverter",
"value.converter.schema.registry.url": "http://localhost:8081",
"schema.compatibility": "NONE",
"confluent.topic.bootstrap.servers": "localhost:9092",
"errors.tolerance": "all",
"errors.deadletterqueue.topic.name": "dlq-gcs-sink-01"
}
```

Kafka Streams

- Library build on-top of Kafka Producer/Consumer API for real-time stream processing
- It's best suited for reading data from Kafka topic, doing some work and then writing data to another Kafka topic
- Application instance is a JVM process
- The parallelism of a Kafka Streams application is primarily determined by how many partitions the input topics have
- > Stafefull support (RockDB)

Kafka Streams naming convention

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> Source processor

 produces an input stream to its topology from one or multiple Kafka topics by consuming records from these topics.

> Sink processor

sends any received records from its up-stream processors to a specified Kafka topic.

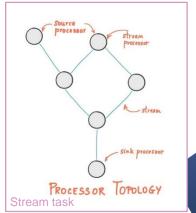
> Stream processor

represents a processing step in a topology - it is used to transform data. Standard

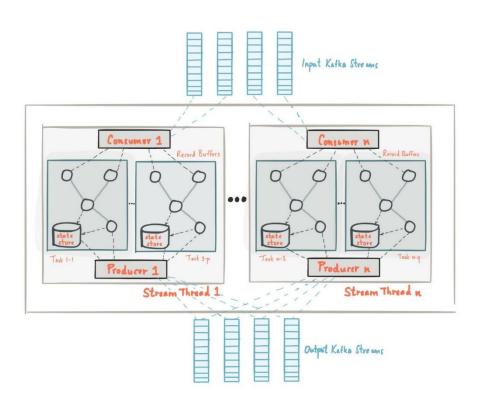
operations are map or filter, joins, and aggregations.

Stream task

smallest unit of work within a Kafka Streams
 application instance. The number of tasks is determined
 by an application's source topic with the highest number of partitions.



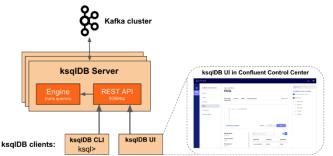
Kafka Streams Architecture



ksqlDB

- DB-like abstraction on top of Kafka Streams
- Provides table-like interface over Kafka topic (using extended SQL syntax)
- Main components
 - KSQL Server processes SQL statements and queries
 - KSQL CLI CLI program to interact with Server

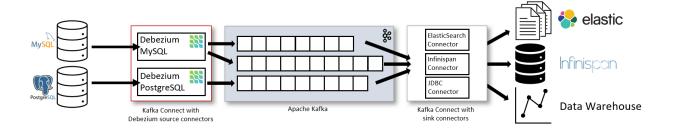
ksqIDB architecture and components



Kafka Connect - Debezium

Debezium

 Debezium is a set of distributed services that capture row-level changes in your databases (CDC – change data capture)



Debezium - sources

-) MySQL
-) MariaDB
- > MongoDB
-) Oracle
- > MSSQL server
- Cassandra
- **>** ...

Debezium – connector operations

- CDC debezium send changes
- > Full snapshot debezium send full mirror of table
- Incremental snapshot debezium send records based on provided filter (request)



UseCases



- Messaging replacement of messages brokers (RabitMQ,Active MQ)
- Log Aggregation stream of log events with applied business logic
- Web Tracking user aktivity tracking pipeline with publish subsribe model
- > Stream Processing RSS Feed
- > Event sourcing Application style (current (at every a point of time) state can be reconstruct based on past events)
- CommitLog support for distributed system
- Reporting operational monitoring

Cloudification

Confluent cloud

- Cloud streaming platform build on Apache Kafka
 - Available on AWS, Azure, Google Cloud
- Streaming data accross different cloud providers
- Integration with Apache Flink (streaming platform)
- New Kora Engine (better performance latency)
- > Pricing
 - Basic Limited storage
 - Standard HA 99,99
 - Enterprise Private networking

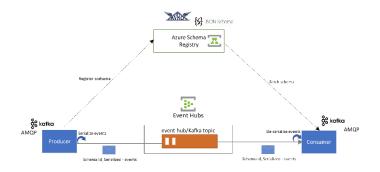
Azure Event Hubs

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- Streaming platform with native Apache Kafka support
 - Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP)
 - Apache Kafka
 - HTTPS protocols

> Pricing

- Basic without Kafka
- Standard Kafka support, pay per event
- Premium 90 days retetion
- Dedicated 10 TB retention



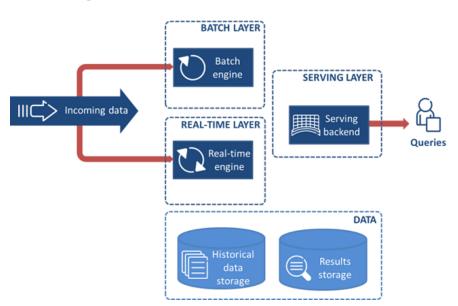
Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (MSK)

- Fully managed Kafka service
 - MSK Cluster
 - MSK Connect
 - MSK Replicator
- MSK serverless
 - Serverless cluster
- > Pricing
 - Cluster instances (cluster size per hour)
 - Serverless (price per hour cluster, partition, storage, data in, data out)
 - Connect (MCU per hour)

Architectures

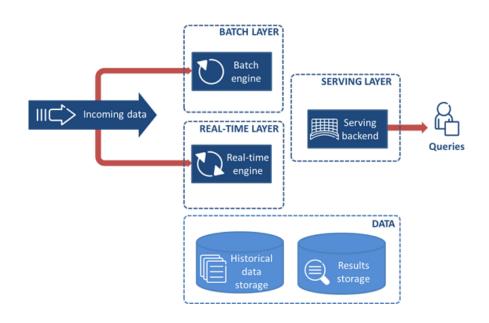
Lambda

- > From Apache Storm
- Nathan Marz, 2011
- > http://nathanmarz.com/blog/how-to-beat-the-cap-theorem.html
- Yahoo, Netflix



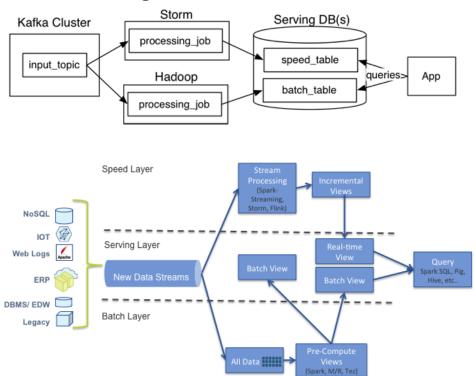
Lambda

7 4 layers



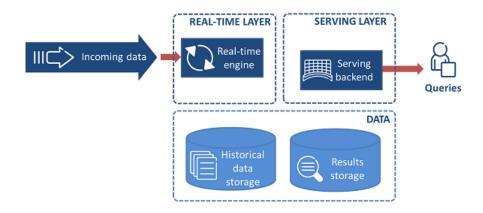
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Mapping to the technologies



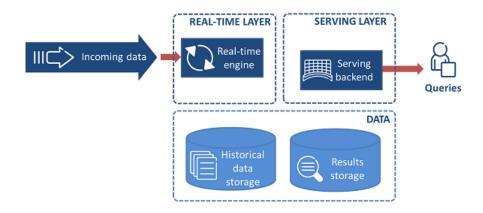
Kappa

- 2014 Jay Kreps Linkedin
- > https://www.oreilly.com/ideas/questioning-the-lambda-architecture



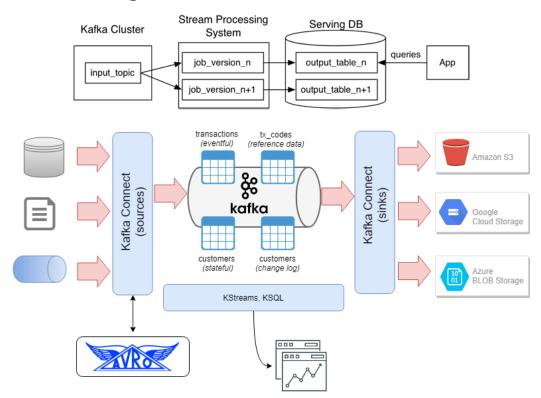
Kappa

- 3 layers batch layer removed
- Long retention can be used
- How to work with state microbatches?



Kappa

Mapping to technologies



Apache Nifi

NIFI (Niagara Files, Hortonworks Data Flow (HDF))

- NiFi is a processing engine designed to manage a continuous flow of information as a series of events in an ecosystem
- Visual creation and management of directed graphs of processors
- Highly concurrent model without a developer having to worry about the typical complexities of concurrency
- Natural error handling
- Cohesive and loosely coupled components which can then be reused



Naming Convention

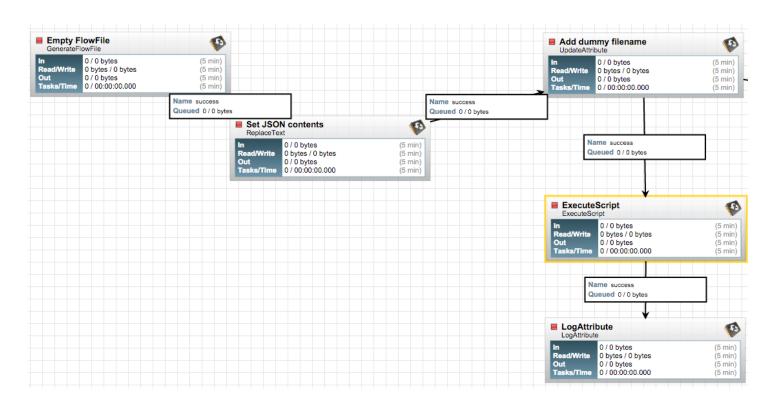


- **Flowfiles** Information Packet. Represents each object moving through the system and for each one. Map object (key, value pair)
- **Processors** Perform the work data routing, transformation, or mediation between systems.
- **Connections** Connections provide the actual linkage between processors. These act as queues and allow various processes to interact at differing rates.
- Flow Controller Scheduler. The Flow Controller maintains the knowledge of how processes connect and manages the threads and allocations thereof which all processes use



Hello World - Example

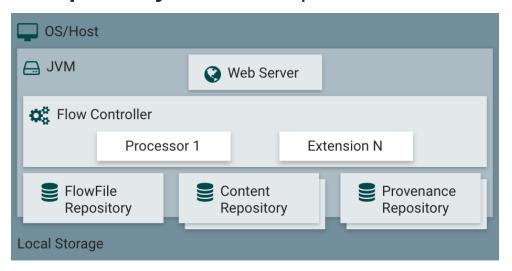




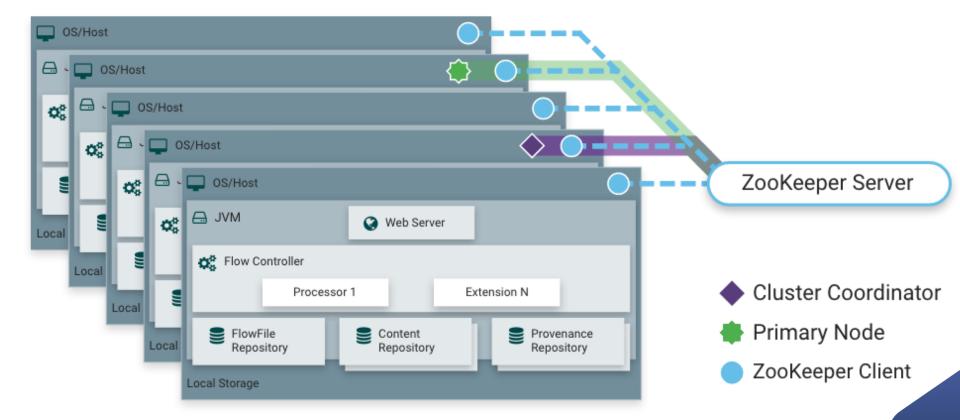
Architecture



- FlowFile Repository where NiFi keeps track of the state of what it knows about a given FlowFile that is presently active in the flow.
- Content Repository where the actual content bytes of a given FlowFile live
- Provenance Repository where all provenance event data is stored.



Cluster

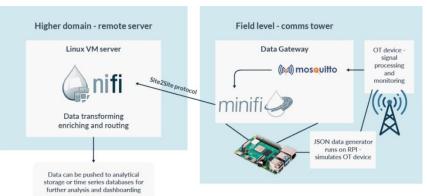


Minifi

- A complementary data collection approach that supplements the core tenets of NiFi
- Small size and low resource consumption
 - binary (3.2MB)
 - Original Java agent (50MB)

Integration with NiFi for follow-on dataflow

management





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