

Title: Spring Boot & Kafka, Producer thrown exception with key='null'

Post Body:

I'm trying to use Spring Boot with Kafka and ZooKeeper with Docker :

docker-compose.yml:

```
version: '2' services: zookeeper: image: wurstmeister/zookeeper restart: always ports: - '2181:2181' kafka: image: w
```

docker ps output:

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS
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docker-compose up output log:

```
kafka_1 | [2018-01-12 13:14:49,545] INFO Client environment:java.library.path=/usr/java/packages/lib/amd64:/usr/lib64:/li
```

Kafka maven dependency in Producer and Consumer:

```
<parent> <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId> <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-parent</artifactId> <vers
```

application.properties in Producer:

```
spring.kafka.producer.bootstrap-servers=0.0.0.0:9092 spring.kafka.consumer.topic=kafka_topic server.port=8080
```

application.properties in Consumer:

```
spring.kafka.consumer.bootstrap-servers=0.0.0.0:9092 spring.kafka.consumer.group-id=WorkUnitApp spring.kafka.consumer.topi
```

Consumer:

```
@Component public class Consumer { private static final Logger LOGGER = LoggerFactory.getLogger(Consumer.class); @KafkaList
```

Producer:

```
@Component public class Producer { private static final Logger LOGGER = LoggerFactory.getLogger(Producer.class); @Autowired
```

ConsumerConfig log:

```
2018-01-12 15:25:48.220 INFO 20919 --- [ main] o.a.k.clients.consumer.ConsumerConfig : ConsumerConfig values: a
```

ProducerConfig log:

```
2018-01-12 15:26:27.956 INFO 20924 --- [nio-8080-exec-1] o.a.k.clients.producer.ProducerConfig : ProducerConfig values: a
```

When i try to send a message I get an exception:

```
producer.send('kafka_topic', 'test')
```

exception log:

```
2018-01-12 15:26:27.975 INFO 20924 --- [nio-8080-exec-1] o.a.kafka.common.utils.AppInfoParser : Kafka version : 0.10.1
```

How to fix it ?

Accepted Answer:

Problem is not with sending key as null, Connection to a broker may not be established

try using local Kafka installation.

If you are using mac Docker for mac having some networking limitations

<https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-mac/networking/#known-limitations-use-cases-and-workarounds>

Highest Rated Answer:

i ran into the same issue. the issue was with my dockercompose file. not 100% but i think `KAFKA_ADVERTISED_HOST_NAME` and `KAFKA_ADVERTISED_LISTENERS` both need to reference localhost. my working compose file.

```
version: '2' networks: sb_net: driver: bridge services: zookeeper: image: confluentinc/cp-zookeeper:latest h
```