

Hands-on learning is a great way to prepare for any exam. While reading about concepts and memorizing information is helpful, actually working with the technology is hugely beneficial for mastering and retaining knowledge. As such, you may want to have your own Kafka cluster that you can use for experimenting and practicing the concepts and techniques covered in this course.

In this lesson, we will discuss the specifications you should use to set up servers in Linux Academy's Cloud Playground, which you can use to build your own Kafka cluster.

Lesson Reference

Create three servers with the following specifications:

- **Distribution:** Ubuntu 18.04 Bionic Beaver LTS
- **Size:** One Large and two Small