



# Introduction to Data Stream Processing

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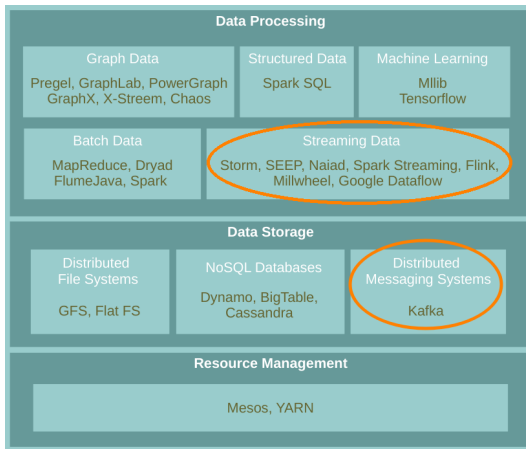
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# Where Are We?



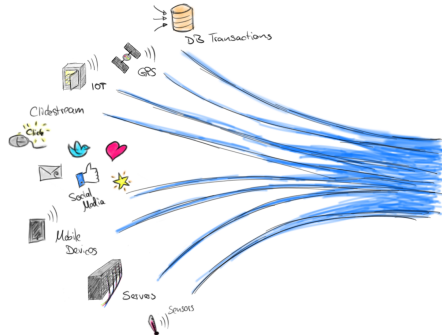
# Stream Processing (1/3)

- **Stream processing** is the act of **continuously** incorporating **new data** to compute a result.



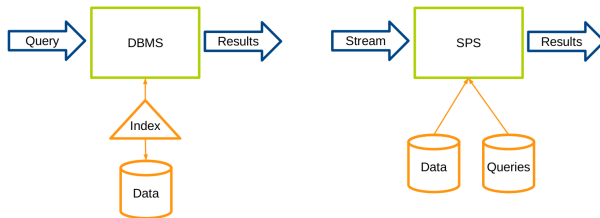
## Stream Processing (2/3)

- ▶ The **input data** is **unbounded**.
  - A **series of events**, no predetermined **beginning or end**.
  - E.g., credit card transactions, clicks on a website, or sensor readings from IoT devices.



## Stream Processing (3/3)

- ▶ Database Management Systems (DBMS): **data-at-rest** analytics
  - **Store** and **index** data before processing it.
  - Process data only when **explicitly** asked by the users.
- ▶ Stream Processing Systems (SPS): **data-in-motion** analytics
  - Processing information as it **flows**, **without storing** them persistently.





# Streaming Data

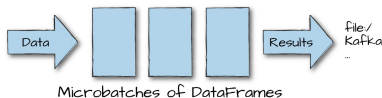
- ▶ Data stream is unbound data, which is broken into a sequence of individual tuples.
- ▶ A data tuple is the atomic data item in a data stream.
- ▶ Can be structured, semi-structured, and unstructured.



# Streaming Processing Patterns

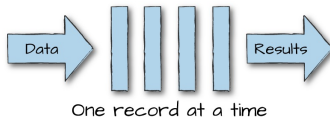
## ► Micro-batch systems

- Batch engines
- Slicing up the unbounded data into a sets of bounded data, then process each batch.



## ► Continuous processing-based systems

- Each node in the system continually listens to messages from other nodes and outputs new updates to its child nodes.



# Event and Processing Time

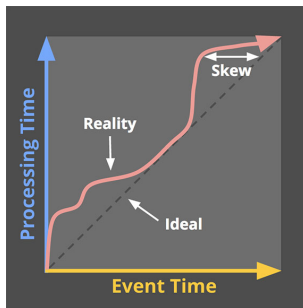


## Event Time vs. Processing Time (1/2)

- ▶ **Event time**: the time at which events **actually occurred**.
  - Timestamps inserted into each record **at the source**.
- ▶ **Processing time**: the time when the record is **received at the streaming application**.

## Event Time vs. Processing Time (2/2)

- ▶ Ideally, event time and processing time should be equal.
- ▶ Skew between event time and processing time.



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# Windowing (1/2)

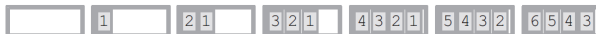
- ▶ **Window**: a **buffer** associated with an input port to retain previously **received tuples**.
- ▶ **Four** different windowing **management policies**.
  - **Count-based policy**: the **maximum number** of tuples a window buffer can hold
  - **Delta-based policy**: a **delta threshold** in a tuple attribute
  - **Punctuation-based policy**: a **punctuation** is received
  - **Time-based policy**: based on **processing or event time** period

## Windowing (2/2)

- ▶ Two types of windows: **tumbling** and **sliding**
- ▶ **Tumbling window**: supports **batch** operations.
  - When the buffer fills up, **all** the tuples are **evicted**.

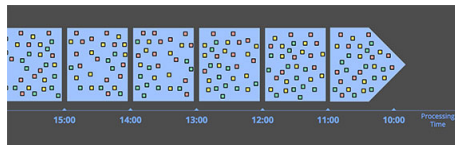


- ▶ **Sliding window**: supports **incremental** operations.
  - When the buffer fills up, **older** tuples are **evicted**.



# Windowing by Processing Time

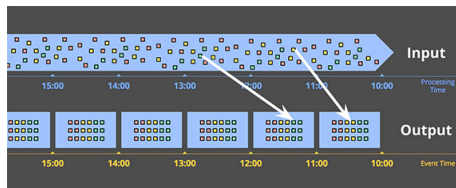
- ▶ The system **buffers up** incoming data into windows until **some amount of processing time has passed**.
- ▶ E.g., **five-minute** fixed windows



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# Windowing by Event Time

- ▶ Reflect the **times** at which **events** actually happened.
- ▶ Handling **out-of-order** events.

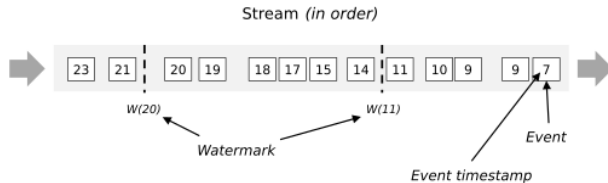


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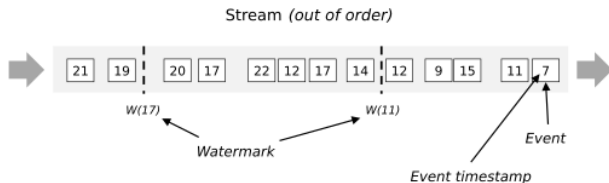
## Windowing by Event Time - Watermark (1/2)

- ▶ **Watermarking** helps a stream processing system to deal with **lateness**.
- ▶ Watermarks **flow as part of the data stream** and carry a **timestamp  $t$** .
- ▶ A watermark is a **threshold** to specify **how long the system waits for late events**.
- ▶ Streaming systems uses **watermarks** to **measure progress in event time**.



## Windowing by Event Time - Watermark (2/2)

- ▶ A  $W(t)$  declares that **event time** has reached time  $t$  in that stream
  - There should be **no more elements from the stream** with a timestamp  $t' \leq t$ .
- ▶ It is possible that certain elements will **violate the watermark condition**.
  - After the  $W(t)$  has occurred, more elements with timestamp  $t' \leq t$  will occur.
- ▶ If an arriving event lies **within the watermark**, it gets used to update a query.
- ▶ Streaming programs may explicitly expect some **late elements**.



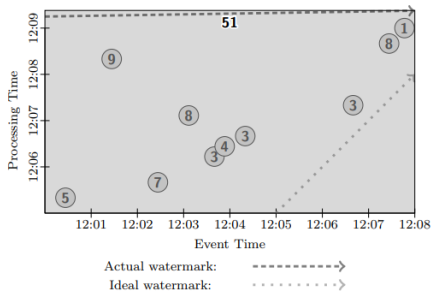


# Windowing and Triggering

- ▶ **Windowing** determines **where** in **event time** data are grouped together for processing.
- ▶ **Triggering** determines **when** in **processing time** the results of groupings are emitted as panes.

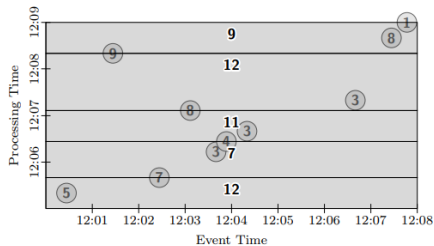
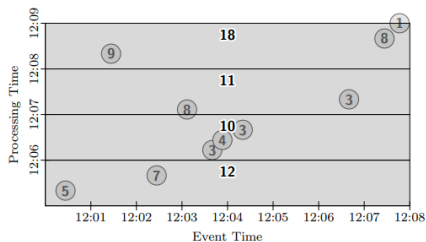
## Example (1/3)

### ► Batch processing



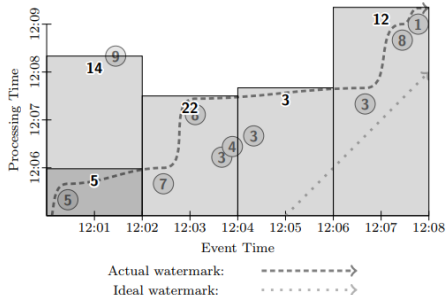
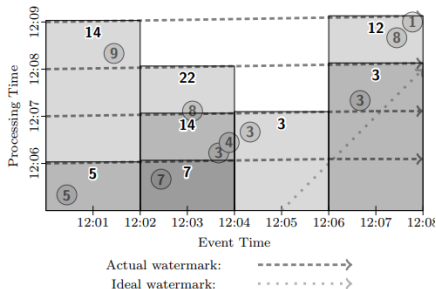
## Example (2/3)

- ▶ Trigger at **period** (time-based triggers)
- ▶ Trigger at **count** (data-driven triggers)



## Example (3/3)

- Fixed window, trigger at **period** (**micro-batch**)
- Fixed window, trigger at **watermark** (**streaming**)

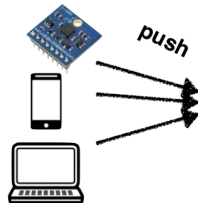


# Data Stream Storage

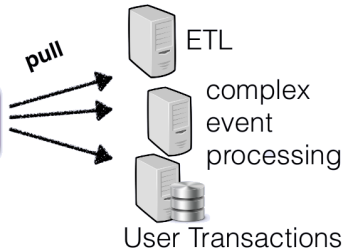
# The Problem

- ▶ We need disseminate streams of events from various producers to various consumers.

## Data Producers



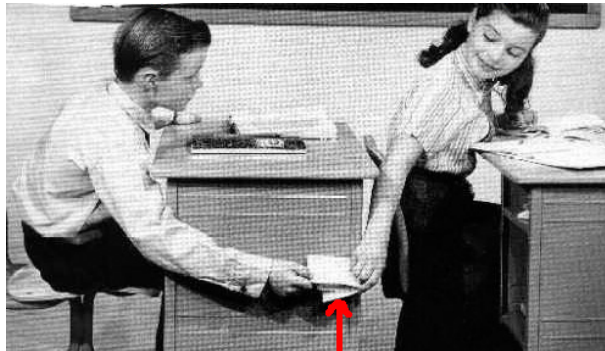
## Data Consumers





## Possible Solution?

- ▶ Messaging systems



Message

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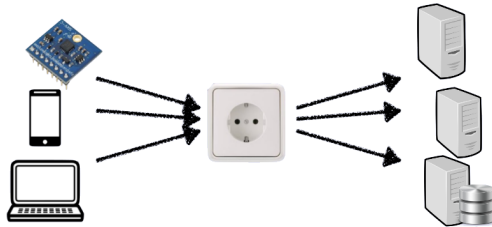


# What is Messaging System?

- ▶ **Messaging system** is an approach to **notify consumers** about new events.
- ▶ **Messaging systems**
  - **Direct** messaging
  - Message **brokers**

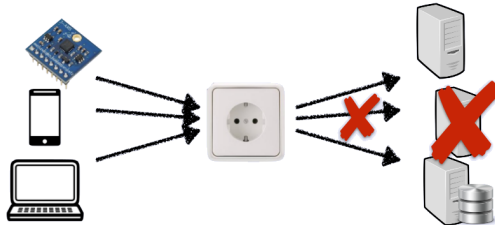
## Direct Messaging (1/2)

- ▶ Necessary in **latency critical** applications (e.g., remote surgery).
- ▶ A **producer** sends a message containing the event, which is **pushed** to **consumers**.
- ▶ Both consumers and producers have to be **online at the same time**.

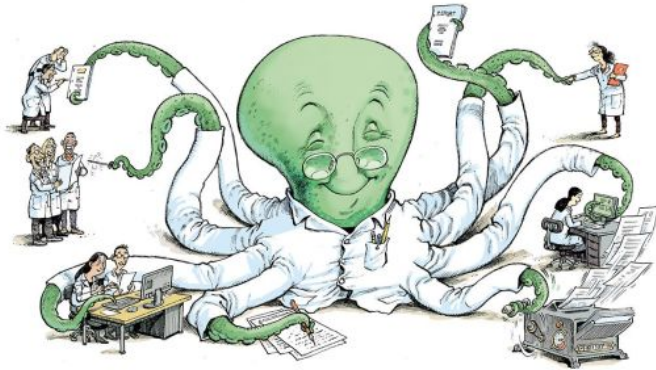


## Direct Messaging (2/2)

- ▶ What happens if a **consumer** **crashes** or temporarily **goes offline**? (**not durable**)
- ▶ What happens if **producers** send messages **faster** than the **consumers** can process?
  - **Dropping** messages
  - **Backpressure**
- ▶ We need **message brokers** that can **log events** to process at a **later time**.



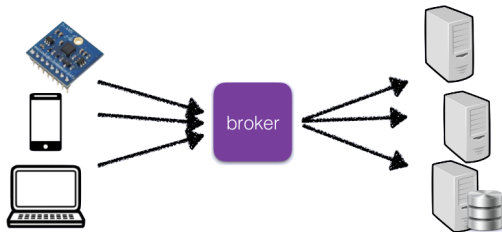
# Message Broker



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# Message Broker

- ▶ A **message broker** decouples the **producer-consumer** interaction.
- ▶ It runs as a **server**, with **producers and consumers** connecting to it as **clients**.
- ▶ **Producers** write messages to the broker, and **consumers** receive them by reading them from the broker.
- ▶ **Consumers** are generally **asynchronous**.





## Partitioned Logs

- ▶ In typical message brokers, once a message is **consumed**, it is **deleted**.
- ▶ **Log-based message brokers** **durably** store all events in a sequential **log**.
- ▶ A **log** is an **append-only** sequence of records on **disk**.
- ▶ A **producer** sends a message by **appending** it to the end of the log.
- ▶ A **consumer** receives messages by reading the log **sequentially**.

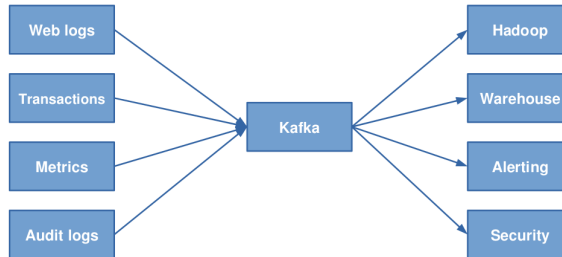
# Kafka - A Log-Based Message Broker





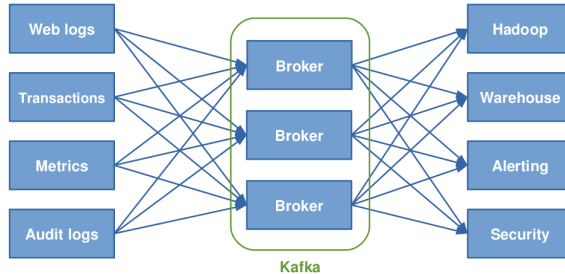
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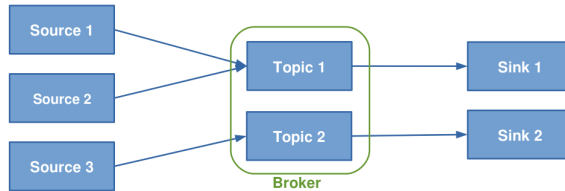
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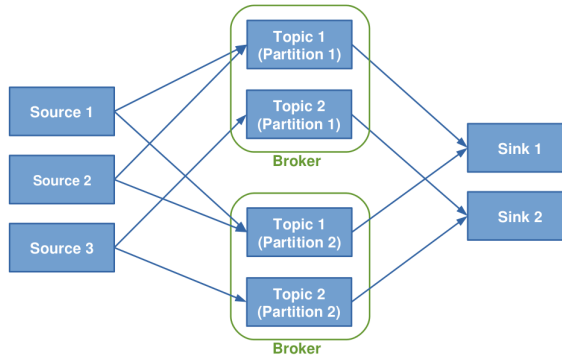
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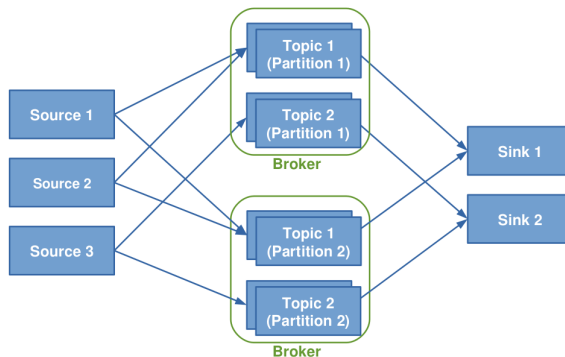
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# Logs, Topics and Partition (1/6)

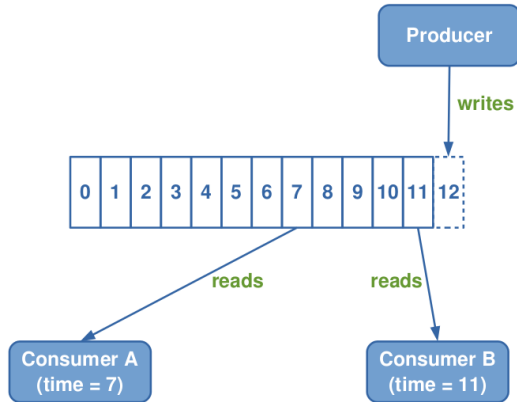
- Kafka is about **logs**.
- **Topics** are **queues**: a **stream of messages** of a **particular type**

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::1 - - [23/Mar/2014:15:07:00 -0700] "GET /images/apache_feather.gif HTTP/1.1" 200 4128
::1 - - [23/Mar/2014:15:07:04 -0700] "GET /images/producer_consumer.png HTTP/1.1" 200 8f
::1 - - [23/Mar/2014:15:07:04 -0700] "GET /images/log_anatomy.png HTTP/1.1" 200 19579
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## Logs, Topics and Partition (2/6)

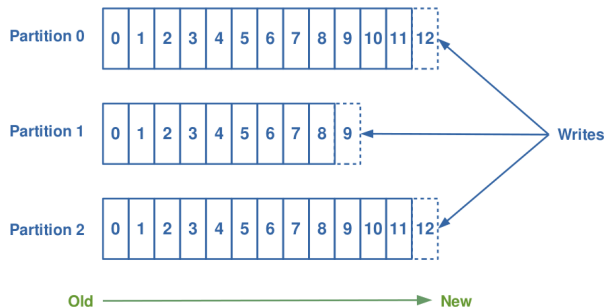
- Each **message** is assigned a **sequential id** called an **offset**.



## Logs, Topics and Partition (3/6)

► **Topics** are **logical** collections of **partitions** (the **physical files**).

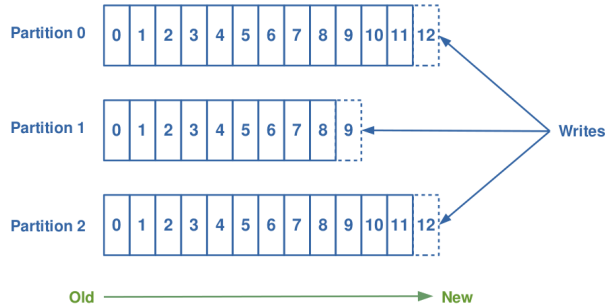
- Ordered
- Append only
- Immutable





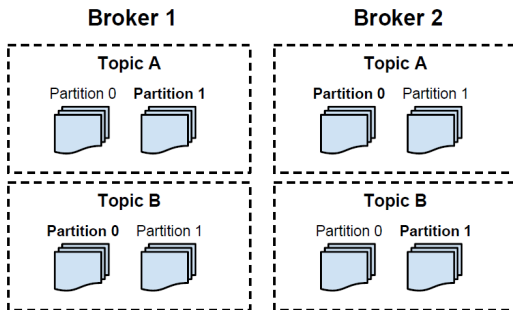
## Logs, Topics and Partition (4/6)

- ▶ Ordering is only **guaranteed within** a **partition** for a **topic**.
- ▶ Messages sent by a **producer** to a particular topic partition will be **appended** in the order they are sent.
- ▶ A **consumer** instance sees messages in the order they are stored in the log.

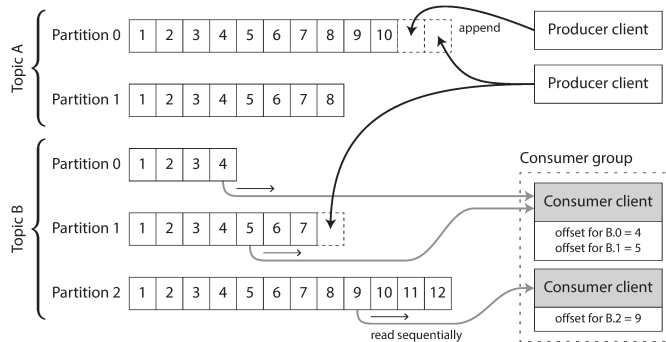


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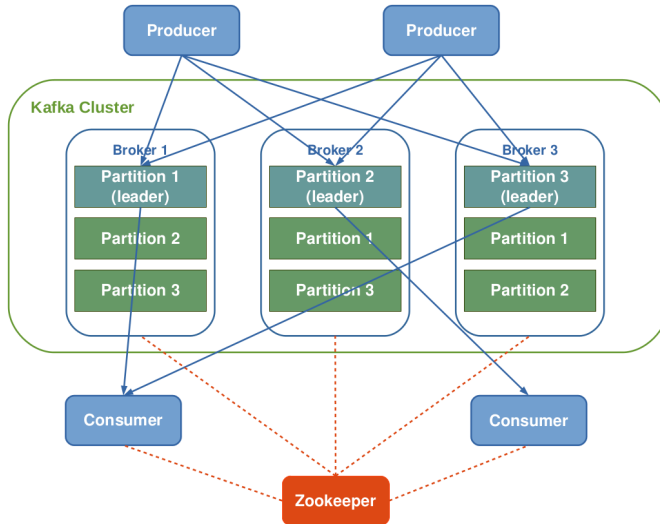
- ▶ **Partitions** of a topic are **replicated**: **fault-tolerance**
- ▶ A **broker** contains some of the **partitions** for a topic.
- ▶ One broker is the **leader** of a partition: all **writes** and **reads** must go to the leader.



## Partitioned Logs (6/6)



# Kafka Architecture



# Coordination

- ▶ Kafka uses **Zookeeper** for the following tasks:
- ▶ Detecting the **addition** and the **removal** of **brokers** and **consumers**.
- ▶ Keeping track of the **consumed** offset of each partition.





## State in Kafka

- ▶ Brokers are **stateless**: **no metadata** for consumers-producers in **brokers**.
- ▶ **Consumers** are responsible for keeping track of **offsets**.
- ▶ Messages in queues **expire** based on pre-configured time periods (e.g., once a day).



## Delivery Guarantees

- ▶ Kafka guarantees that messages from a **single partition** are delivered to a consumer **in order**.
- ▶ There is **no guarantee** on the ordering of messages coming from **different partitions**.
- ▶ Kafka only guarantees **at-least-once** delivery.



# Start and Work With Kafka

*# Start the ZooKeeper*

```
zookeeper-server-start.sh config/zookeeper.properties
```

*# Start the Kafka server*

```
kafka-server-start.sh config/server.properties
```

*# Create a topic, called "avg"*

```
kafka-topics.sh --create --topic avg --bootstrap-server localhost:9092 --replication-factor 1  
--partitions 1
```

*# Produce messages and send them to the topic "avg"*

```
kafka-console-producer.sh --topic avg --bootstrap-server localhost:9092
```

*# Consume the messages sent to the topic "avg"*

```
kafka-console-consumer.sh --topic avg --from-beginning --bootstrap-server localhost:9092
```



# Summary



# Summary

- ▶ SPS vs. DBMS
- ▶ Data stream, unbounded data, tuples
- ▶ Event-time vs. processing time
- ▶ Windowing and triggering



## Summary

- ▶ Messaging system and partitioned logs
- ▶ Decoupling producers and consumers
- ▶ Kafka: distributed, topic oriented, partitioned, replicated log service
- ▶ Logs, topics, partition
- ▶ Kafka architecture: producer, consumer, broker, coordinator

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