

Introduction to Data Stream Processing

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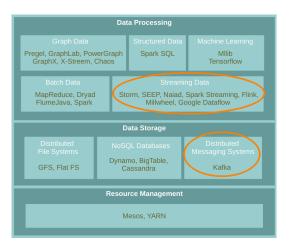


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Where Are We?





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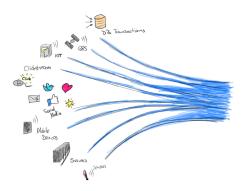
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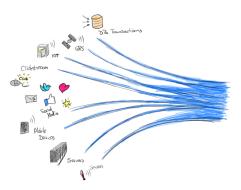
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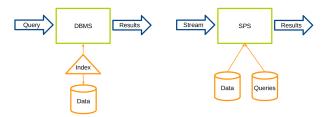
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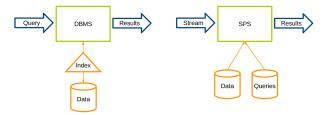
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- ► Stream Processing Systems (SPS): data-in-motion analytics
 - Processing information as it flows, without storing them persistently.



- ▶ 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.



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- 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.
- ▶ Prcosseing 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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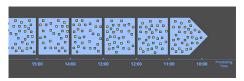
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Windowing by Processing Time

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

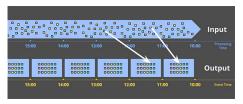


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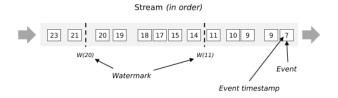
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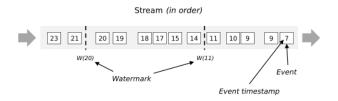


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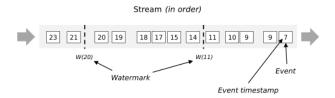


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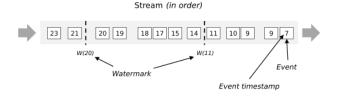


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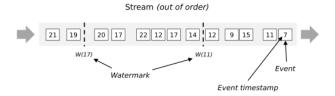


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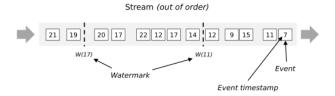


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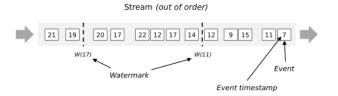


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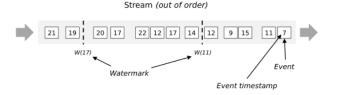


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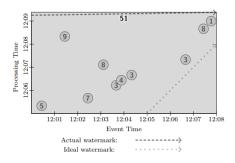


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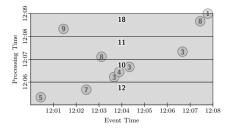


► Batch processing



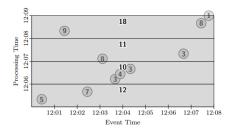
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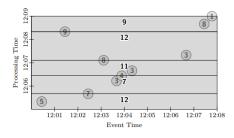
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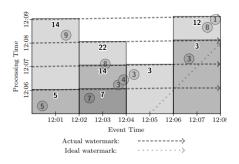
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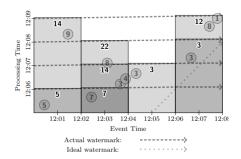


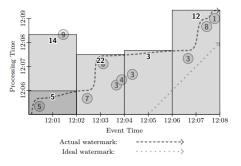
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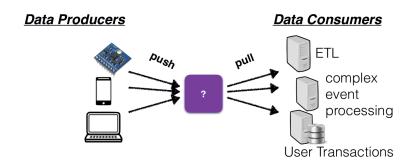




Data Stream Storage

The Problem

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





Possible Solution?

► Messaging systems



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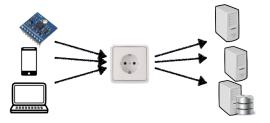
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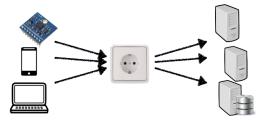


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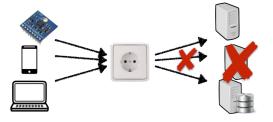


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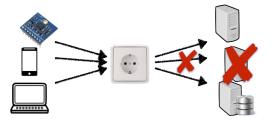


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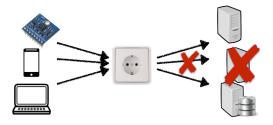


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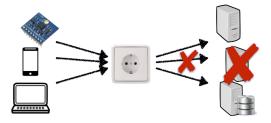


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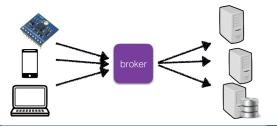


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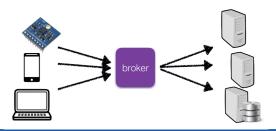
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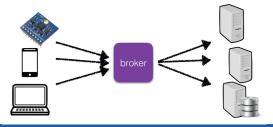
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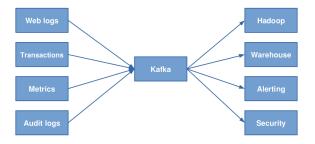
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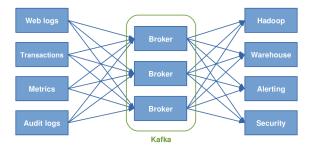


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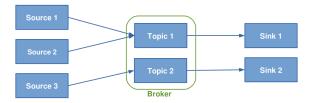


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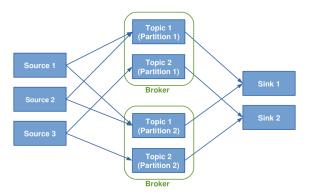
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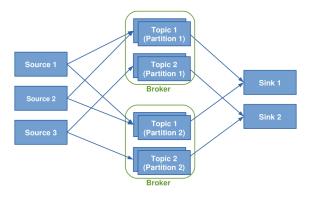
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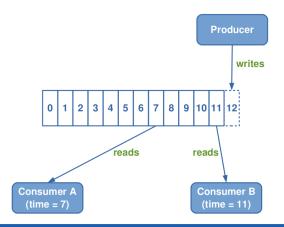
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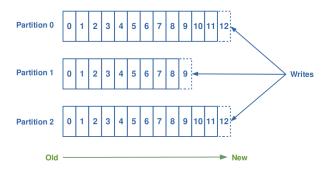
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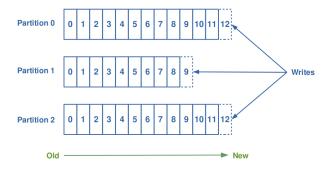
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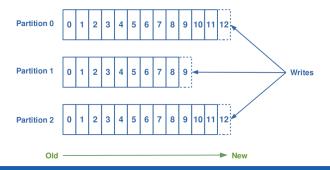
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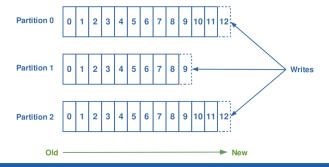
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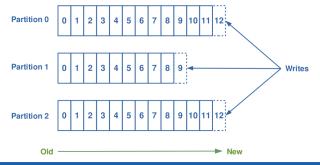
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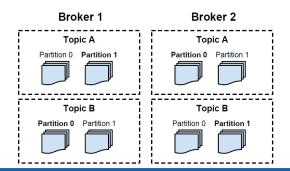
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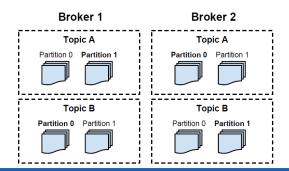
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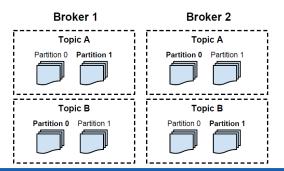
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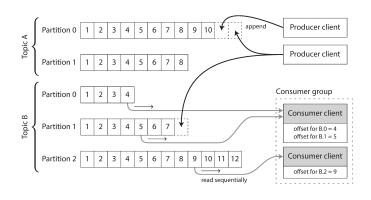
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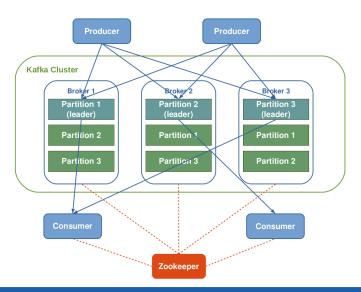


Partitioned Logs (6/6)





Kafka Architecture



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

KTH Summary

- ► SPS vs. DBMS
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KTH Summary

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- Decoupling producers and consumers
- ► Kafka: distributed, topic oriented, partitioned, replicated log service
- ► Logs, topcs, partition
- ► Kafka architecture: producer, consumer, broker, coordinator



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