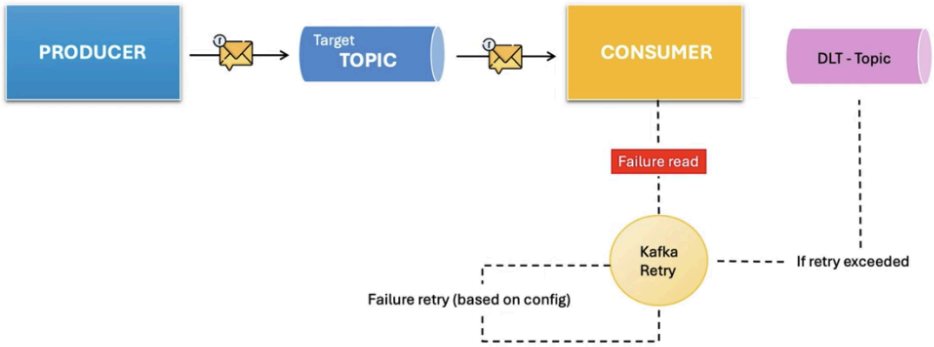
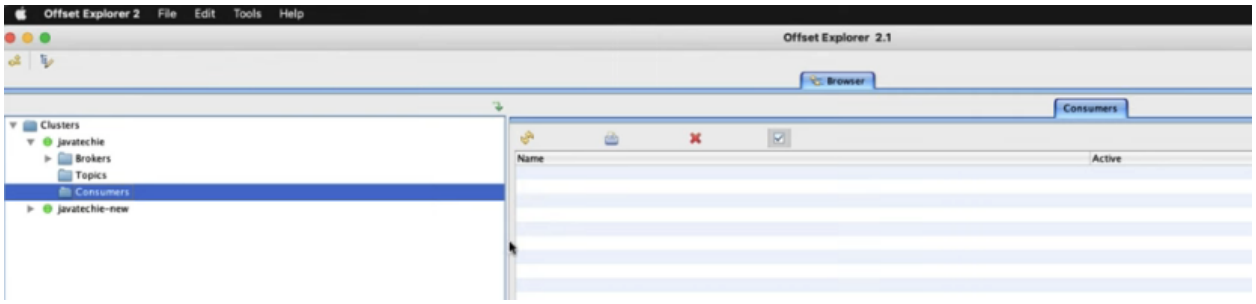
Kafka Error Handling with Spring Boot | Retry Strategies & Dead Letter Topics

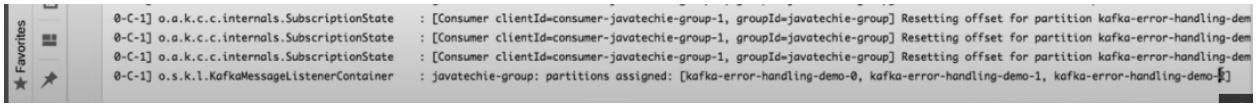


https://github.com/Java-Techie-jt/kafka-error-handling

```
17
18  @Service
19  @Slf4j
20  public class KafkaMessageConsumer {
21
22      @RetryableTopic(attempts = "4")// 3 topic N-1
23      @KafkaListener(topics = "${app.topic.name}", groupId = "javatechie-group")
24      public void consumeEvents(User user, @Header(KafkaHeaders.RECEIVED_TOPIC) String topic, @Header(KafkaHeaders.OFFSET) long offset) {
25          try {
26              log.info("Received: {} from {} offset {}", new ObjectMapper().writeValueAsString(user), topic, offset);
27              //validate restricted IP before process the records
28              List<String> restrictedIpList = Stream.of("32.241.244.236", "15.55.49.164", "81.1.95.253", "126.130.43.183").collect(Collectors.toList());
29              if (restrictedIpList.contains(user.getIpAddress())) {
30                  throw new RuntimeException("Invalid IP Address received !");
31              }
32
33          } catch (JsonProcessingException e) {
34              e.printStackTrace();
35          }
36      }
37
```

Imitating error scenario in the consumer
Start zookeeper and kafka server and open offset explorer
Topic name



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12
13  @RestController
14  @RequestMapping("/producer-app")
15  public class EventController {
16
17      @Autowired
18      private KafkaMessagePublisher publisher;
19
20
21      @PostMapping("/publishNew")
22      public ResponseEntity<?> publishEvent(@RequestBody User user) {
23          try {
24              List<User> users = CsvReaderUtils.readDataFromCsv();
25              users.forEach(usr -> publisher.sendEvents(usr));
26              return ResponseEntity.ok("Message published successfully");
27          } catch (Exception exception) {
28              return ResponseEntity.
29                      status(HttpStatus.INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR)
30                      .build();
31          }
32      }
33  }
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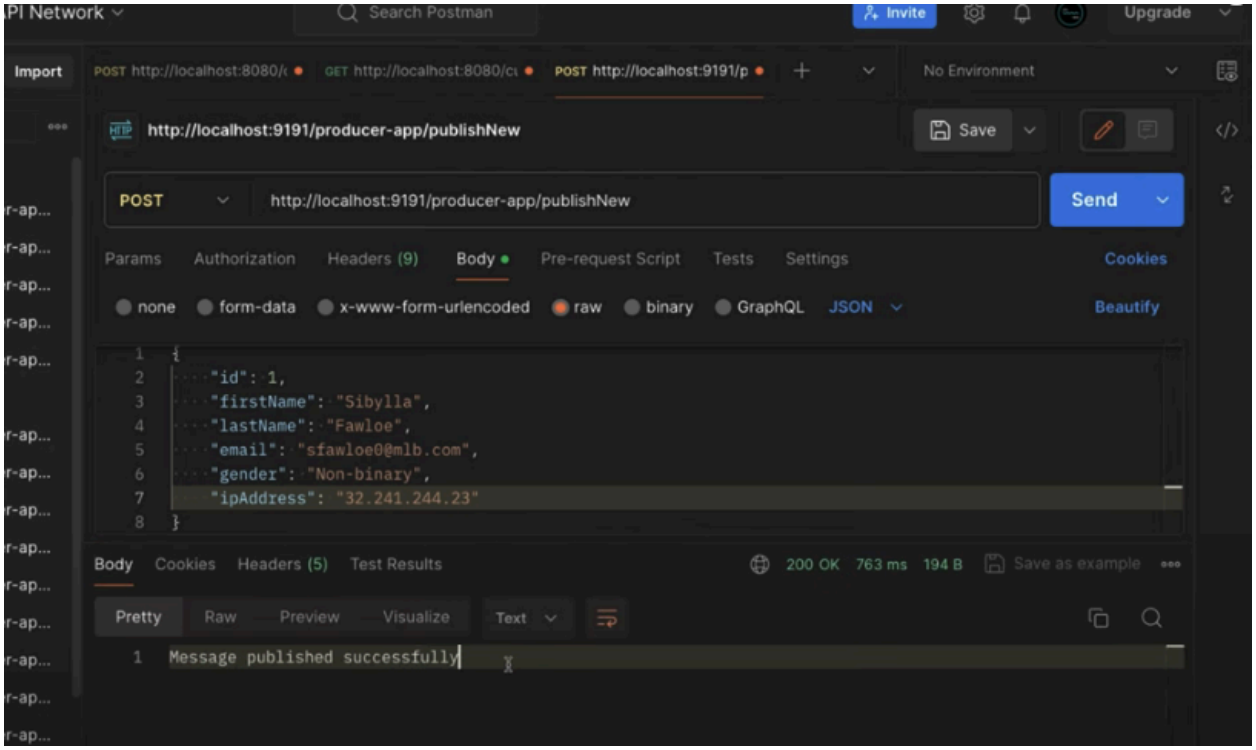
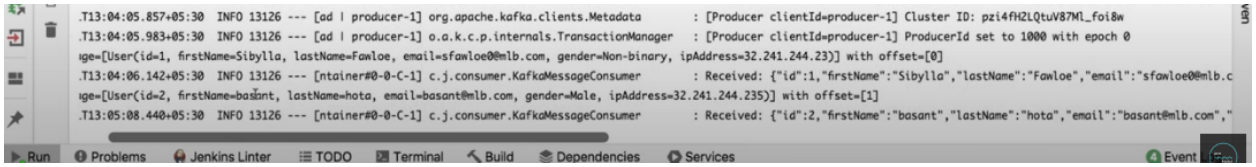
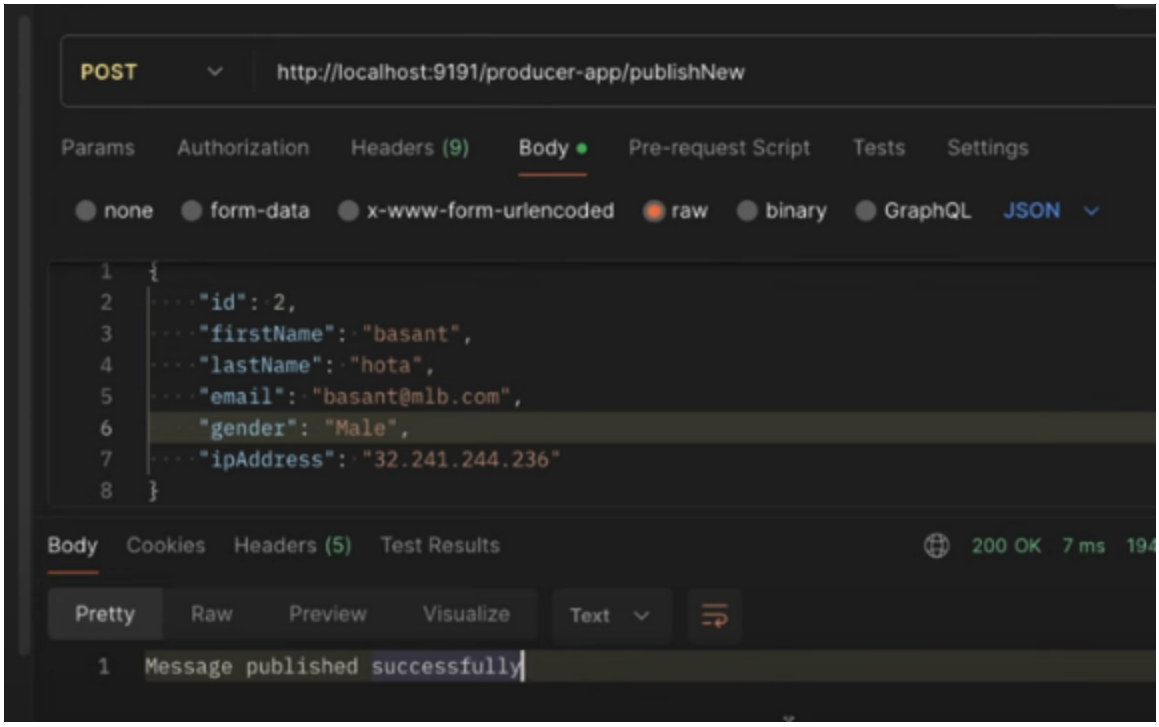


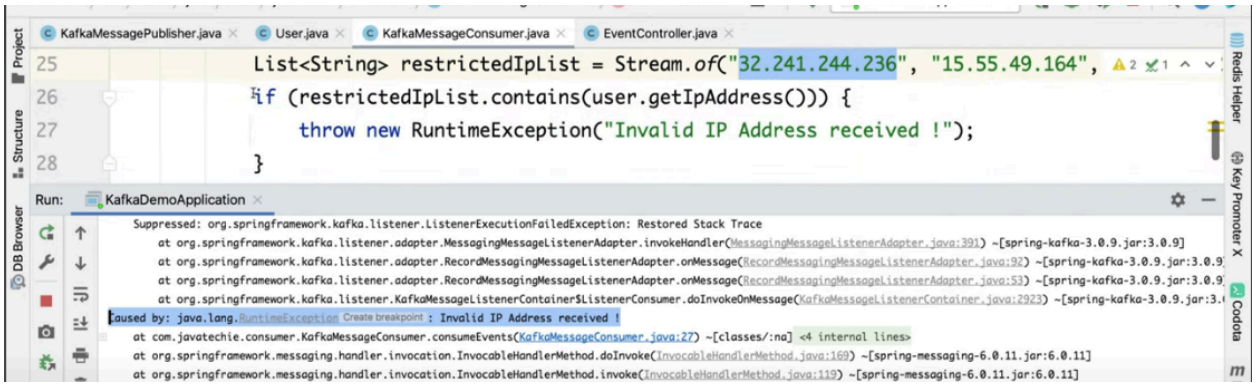
We have success response



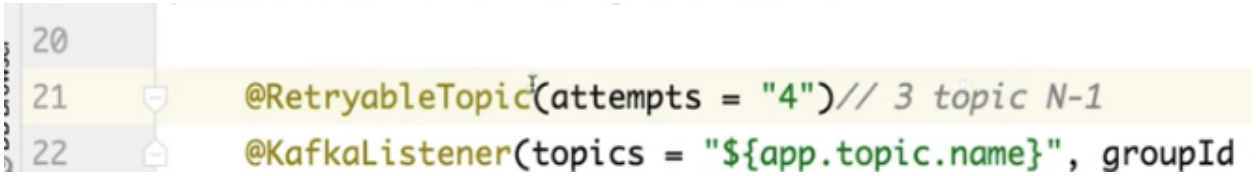
Two messages submitted successfully. So far we have seen happy scenario.

Now try with invalid ip address

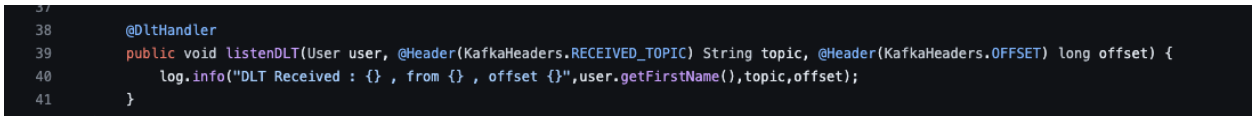




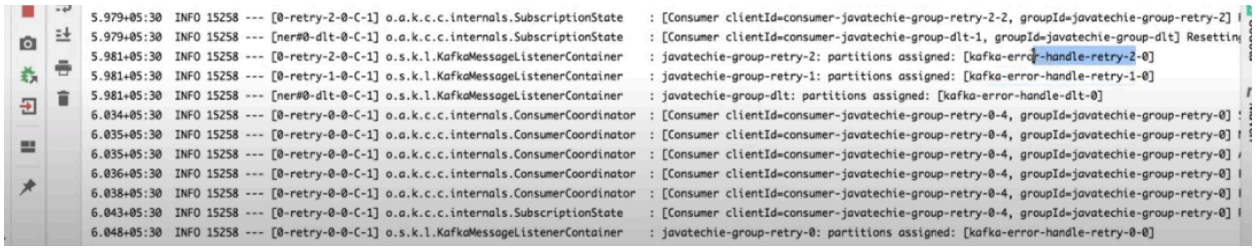
In realtime it failed due to DB error / mongo error. But we have to take care of that message.



Let's add @RetryableTopic and @DltHandler method as shown below.



We see three retries now after regular attempt.

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ted topicId changed from null to ksXXXcEwR4SexdJ80Q-pDQ
afka-error-handle-retry-0-0
5"} from kafka-error-handle-retry-0 offset 0
ted topicId changed from null to XD7rMwRdTs2dBoa4nP893A
afka-error-handle-retry-1-0
5"} from kafka-error-handle-retry-1 offset 0
ted topicId changed from null to 1UdX01TBQa2e9864TyrR8Q
afka-error-handle-retry-2-0
5"} from kafka-error-handle-retry-2 offset 0
: kafka-error-handle-retry-2 and won't be retried. Sending
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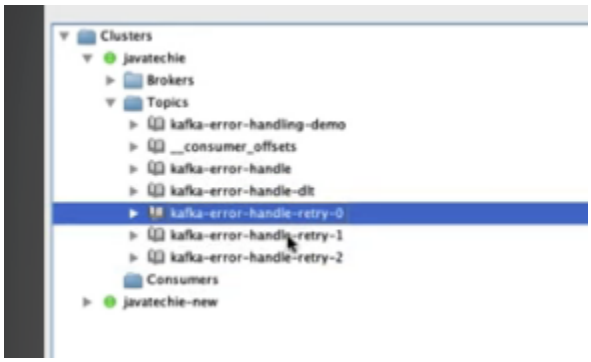
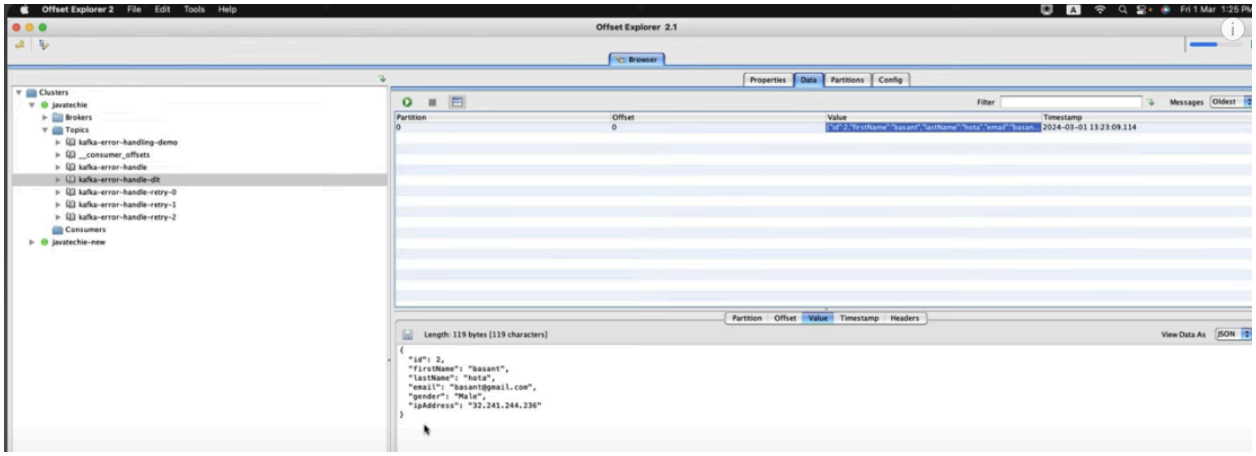
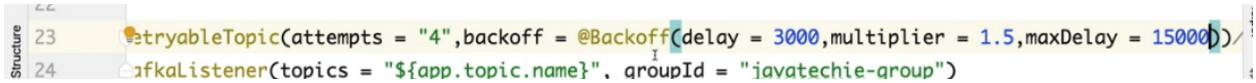
It creates three retry topics and one dead letter topic at the backend.



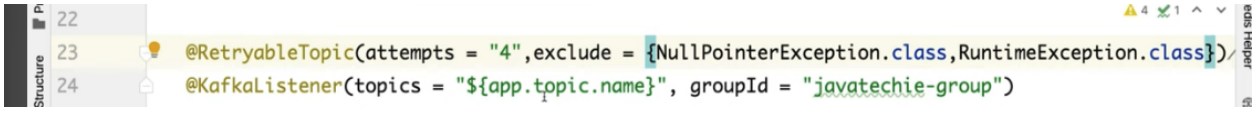
After three attempts it is not successful then it will reach to Dead letter queue



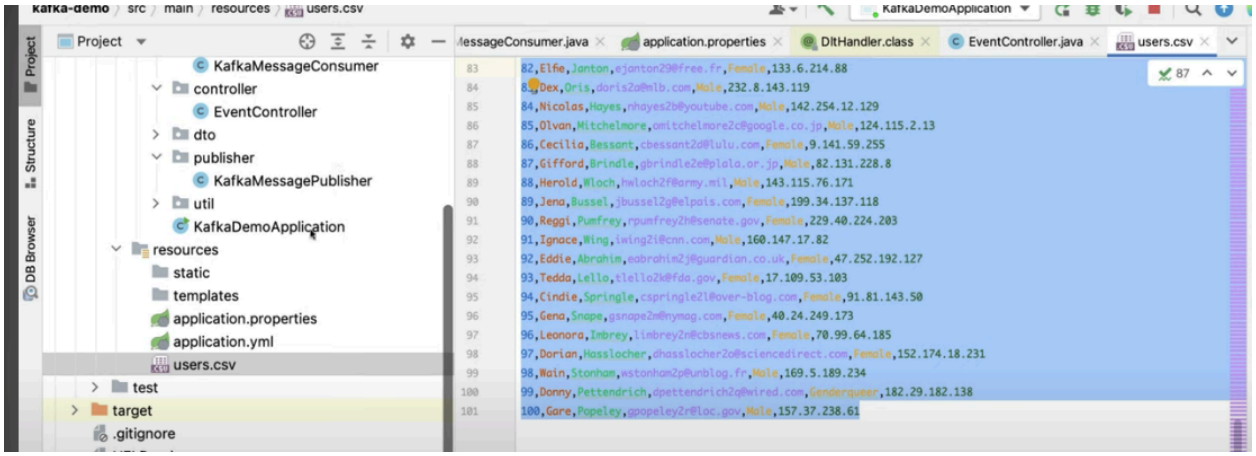
If you want to give time between try play with these values in @RetryTopic annotation.



We can also control for what exception we do not want to retry



Let us try with bulk without “exclude” and “backoff” attributes with 4 errors records



Change the controller method accordingly as shown below.

```java
@PostMapping("/publishNew")
public ResponseEntity<?> publishEvent(@RequestBody User user) {
    try {
        List<User> users = CsvReaderUtils.readDataFromCsv();
        users.forEach(usr -> publisher.sendEvents(usr));
        return ResponseEntity.ok("Message published successfully");
```

We received 4 errors