

Low-Level Design Document (LLD)

Project Name: Data Streaming (Kafka – NiFi – HDFS -Airflow– Hive Data Pipeline)

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Code Details:

Producer Application

- Class Name: **KafkaAvroProducerApp**
- Responsibility:
 - Generates 1000 UserEvent records
 - Serializes records using Avro
 - Registers schema in Confluent Schema Registry
 - schema.registry.url=http://schema-registry:8081
 - Publishes records to Kafka topic: user-events

Consumer Application

- Class Name: **KafkaAvroConsumerApp**
 - Responsibility:
 - Consumes messages from Kafka topic user-events
 - Deserializes using KafkaAvroDeserializer
 - Prints GenericRecord output for validation
- **Topic Configuration**
 - • Topic Name: user-events
 - • Offset Reset: earliest
 - • Message Count Tested: 1000 records

Schema Registration:

Avro Schema

```
{
  "type": "record",
  "name": "UserEvent",
  "namespace": "com.example.avro",
  "fields": [
    { "name": "user_id", "type": "int" },
    { "name": "name", "type": "string" },
    { "name": "email", "type": "string" },
    { "name": "event_type", "type": "string" },
    { "name": "event_time", "type": "long" }
  ]
}
```



KafkaAvroProducerApp Code To Generate 1000 Record:

```
package com.example;
import com.example.avro.UserEvent;
import org.apache.kafka.clients.producer.*;
import io.confluent.kafka.serializers.KafkaAvroSerializer;
import java.util.Properties;
public class KafkaAvroProducerApp {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        String bootstrapServers = "localhost:9092";
        String schemaRegistryUrl = "http://localhost:8081";
        String topic = "user-events";

        Properties props = new Properties();
        props.put(ProducerConfig.BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS_CONFIG, bootstrapServers);
        props.put(ProducerConfig.KEY_SERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, KafkaAvroSerializer.class.getName());
        props.put(ProducerConfig.VALUE_SERIALIZER_CLASS_CONFIG, KafkaAvroSerializer.class.getName());
        props.put("schema.registry.url", schemaRegistryUrl);

        Producer<String, UserEvent> producer = new KafkaProducer<>(props);

        for (int i = 1; i <= 1000; i++) {

            UserEvent userEvent = UserEvent.newBuilder()
                .setId(i)
                .setName("User" + i)
                .setEmail("user" + i + "@example.com")
                .setEventTime(System.currentTimeMillis())
                .build();

            ProducerRecord<String, UserEvent> record =
                new ProducerRecord<>(topic, String.valueOf(userEvent.getId()), userEvent);

            producer.send(record, (metadata, exception) -> {
                if (exception != null) {
                    exception.printStackTrace();
                } else {
                    System.out.println("Sent record " + userEvent.getId() +
                        " to partition " + metadata.partition() +
                        " with offset " + metadata.offset());
                }
            });
        }

        producer.flush();
        producer.close();

        System.out.println("All 1000 messages sent successfully!");
    }
}
```



KafkaAvroConsumerApp To consumer data record from producer:

```
package com.example;
import org.apache.kafka.clients.consumer.*;
import io.confluent.kafka.serializers.KafkaAvroDeserializer;
import org.apache.avro.generic.GenericRecord;
import java.time.Duration;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Properties;

public class KafkaAvroConsumerApp {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Properties props = new Properties();
        props.put("bootstrap.servers", "localhost:9092");
        props.put("group.id", "test-group");
        props.put("key.deserializer", KafkaAvroDeserializer.class.getName());
        props.put("value.deserializer", KafkaAvroDeserializer.class.getName());
        props.put("schema.registry.url", "http://localhost:8081");
        props.put("specific.avro.reader", "false");

        KafkaConsumer<String, GenericRecord> consumer = new KafkaConsumer<>(props);
        consumer.subscribe(Arrays.asList("user-events"));

        while (true) {
            ConsumerRecords<String, GenericRecord> records = consumer.poll(Duration.ofMillis(1000));
            for (ConsumerRecord<String, GenericRecord> record : records) {
                System.out.println(record.value());
            }
        }
    }
}
```



NiFi Flow Detailed Design (Production Level)

Flow Name:

kafka_nifi_hdfs_hive

Purpose

This NiFi flow is designed to consume real-time streaming data from Kafka, validate and enrich the records, persist them in HDFS in a structured format, and provide full observability through structured logging and failure handling mechanisms.

The flow follows a controlled success/failure routing strategy to ensure reliability, data integrity, and production-grade monitoring.

ConsumeKafkaRecord_2_6

Component Role

Acts as the ingestion entry point of the streaming pipeline.

- **Functional Responsibilities**
- Subscribes to Kafka topic: user-events
- Deserializes Avro messages using configured Record Reader
- Converts Kafka records into NiFi FlowFiles
- Commits offsets only after successful processing (consumer group controlled)

Relationship	Action
success	Routes valid records to UpdateAttribute
parse.failure	Routes malformed or schema-invalid records to logging processor

Production Considerations

- Consumer group configured for controlled offset tracking
- Back pressure enabled to prevent memory overflow
- Supports horizontal scaling when deployed in NiFi cluster

2. Parse Failure Handling (LogAttribute – Failure Path)

Purpose

Captures malformed or schema-incompatible records.

Observability

This ensures early detection of schema incompatibility or producer-side data issues.



UpdateAttribute

Component Role

Prepares the FlowFile for structured storage.

Functional Responsibilities

- Generates dynamic filename if required
- Adds metadata attributes for lineage tracking

Design Rationale

- Enables dynamic HDFS directory structure.
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PutHDFS

Component Role

Handles distributed storage into HDFS.

Functional Responsibilities

- Writes records in Parquet format
- Stores data under directory structure
- Ensures compatibility with Hive external table

Target Directory Structure

/data/user_events/ user_events_<timestamp>.parquet

Relationships

Relationship	Action
success	Routed to Success LogAttribute
failure	Routed to Failure LogAttribute

Production Considerations

- HDFS replication factor ensures durability
 - Supports large-scale distributed storage
 - Fault-tolerant write mechanism
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End-to-End Execution Lifecycle

1. Kafka message ingestion
 2. Schema-based deserialization
 3. Validation routing (success vs parse failure)
 4. Attribute enrichment
 5. Parquet file creation
 6. HDFS persistence
 7. Success/Failure logging
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Reliability & Enterprise Controls

✓ **Controlled Offset Management**

Offsets committed only after successful processing.

✓ **Schema Governance**

Strict Avro validation prevents malformed ingestion.

✓ **Observability**

Logging implemented at ingestion, transformation, and storage stages.

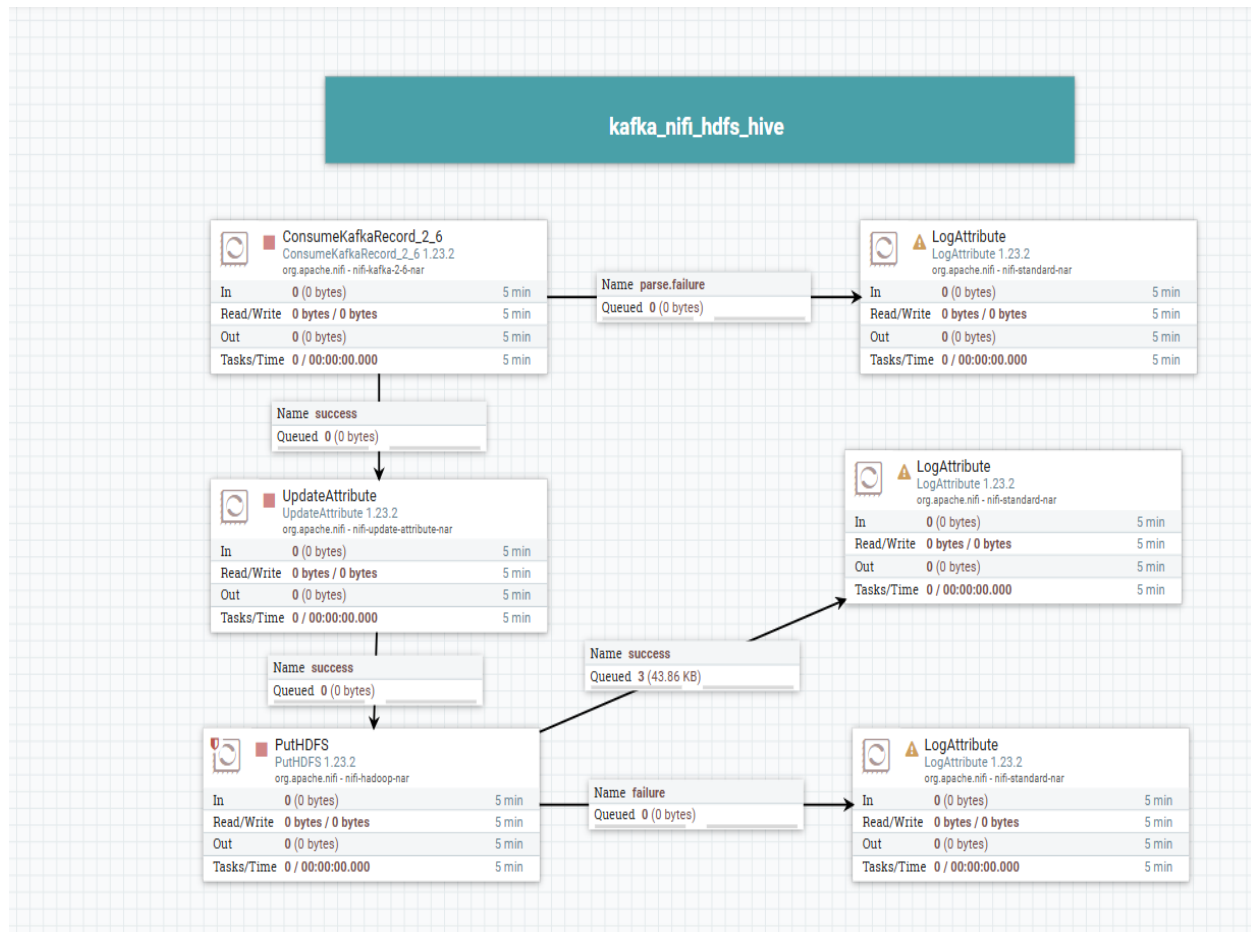
✓ **Failure Isolation**

Corrupted records are isolated and do not impact healthy data flow.

Production Readiness Summary

This NiFi flow design ensures:

- High reliability
- Clear data lineage
- Strong schema enforcement
- Distributed scalable storage
- Enterprise-grade monitoring
- Fault-tolerant streaming ingestion



Connection Details

- **Kafka:**
 - Broker: kafka:29092
 - Topic: user-events
 - Schema Registry: <http://schema-registry:8081>
- **NiFi:**
 - URL: http://localhost:8060
 - Processor: ConsumeKafkaRecord_2_6
 - Record Reader: AvroReader
 - Record Writer: ParquetRecordSetWriter
- **HDFS:**
 - Path: /data/user_events
- **Hive:**
 - Database: user_events_db



DDLs (Hive Tables)

○ **External Table (Parquet)**

```
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE user_events_db.user_events_parq (  
  id INT,  
  name STRING,  
  email STRING,  
  event_time BIGINT  
)  
STORED AS PARQUET  
LOCATION '/data/user_events';
```

○ **Managed Table (Parquet)**

```
CREATE TABLE user_events_prod.user_events_parquet_managed (  
  id INT,  
  name STRING,  
  email STRING,  
  event_time BIGINT  
)  
  
STORED AS PARQUET  
TBLPROPERTIES ("parquet.compression"="SNAPPY");
```

○ **Load data into managed table :**

○ **Method 1:**

```
LOAD DATA INPATH '/data/user_events' INTO TABLE user_events_managed;
```

○ **Method 2 (loading data from external table into managed table):**

```
INSERT INTO TABLE user_events_parquet_managed  
SELECT * FROM user_events_db.user_events_parq;
```


Data Loading & Archiving Logic

1 Overview

This section describes the detailed implementation of the data ingestion process from HDFS to Hive managed table using Apache Airflow.

The pipeline ensures:

- Only new files are loaded into the Hive managed table.
- Previously processed files are archived.
- Data is stored in Parquet format with Snappy compression.
- Duplicate loading is prevented.

2 HDFS Directory Structure

/data/user_events/ → Incoming files

/data/user_events/archive/ → Archived processed files

3 Hive Configuration

- Database: user_events_prod
- Managed Table: user_events_parquet_managed
- Storage Format: Parquet
- Compression: Snappy

Table type: Managed Table(id , name , email, event_time)

Location: Managed by Hive (default warehouse path)

4 Processing Logic

Step 1: Detect New Files

Airflow checks the HDFS incoming directory.

Step 2: Load to Hive Managed Table

New files are inserted into:

user_events_prod.user_events_parquet_managed

Using:

- Parquet format
- Snappy compression

Step 3: Archive Processed Files

After successful load:

- Files are moved from:
- /data/user_events/

To:

/data/user_events/archive/

This ensures:

- Idempotent processing
 - No duplicate ingestion
 - Clear separation between new and processed data
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5 DAG Implementation

DAG Name: user_events_kafka_nifi_hadoop_hive

Main Task:

- load_and_archive

Execution Flow:

1. Load new data into Hive
 2. Move processed files to archive
 3. Log execution status
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6 Error Handling

- If Hive load fails → files are NOT moved to archive.
- If archive step fails → DAG retries based on retry configuration.
- Logs are stored in Airflow logs directory.

Airflow Dag Code:

```
from airflow import DAG
from airflow.operators.bash import BashOperator
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
# Paths and Hive table names
HDFS_PATH = "/data/user_events"
ARCHIVE_PATH = "/data/user_events/archive"
HIVE_DB = "user_events_prod"
HIVE_TABLE = "user_events_parquet_managed"

# Default arguments for the DAG
default_args = {
    'owner': 'airflow',
    'start_date': datetime(2026, 2, 16),
    'retries': 1,
    'retry_delay': timedelta(minutes=2),
}

# Define the DAG
with DAG(
    dag_id="user_events_kafka_nifi_hadoop_hive",
    default_args=default_args,
    schedule_interval="*/5 * * * *",
    catchup=False,
    max_active_runs=1,
    tags=['hive', 'hdfs', 'archive'],
) as dag:

    # Task: Load new files into managed Hive table and archive them
    load_and_archive = BashOperator(
        task_id="load_and_archive",
        bash_command=f"""
            set -e
            echo "Creating archive directory if not exists..."
            hdfs dfs -mkdir -p {ARCHIVE_PATH}

            # Count new files
            file_count=$(hdfs dfs -ls {HDFS_PATH} 2>/dev/null | grep -v '/archive' | grep 'user-
            events-.*\\.parquet$' | wc -l)

            if [ "$file_count" -eq 0 ]; then
```

```

        echo "No new files to process"
        exit 0
    fi

    echo "Found $file_count new file(s)"

    temp_ext_table="ext_user_events_temp_$(date +%s)"
    echo "Creating temporary external Hive table: $temp_ext_table"

    hive -e "
    USE {HIVE_DB};
    SET hive.stats.autogather=false;
    SET hive.compute.query.using.stats=false;

    CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE $temp_ext_table (
        id INT,
        name STRING,
        email STRING,
        event_time BIGINT
    )
    STORED AS PARQUET
    LOCATION '{HDFS_PATH}';

    INSERT INTO TABLE {HIVE_TABLE}
    SELECT t.id, t.name, t.email, t.event_time
    FROM $temp_ext_table t
    LEFT JOIN {HIVE_TABLE} h ON t.id = h.id
    WHERE h.id IS NULL;

    DROP TABLE $temp_ext_table;
    "

    echo "? Data loaded to managed table successfully"
    # Archive processed files
    for file in $(hdfs dfs -ls {HDFS_PATH} | awk '{{print $8}}' | grep 'user-events-
.*\\.parquet$'); do
        filename=$(basename "$file")
        hdfs dfs -mv "$file" "{ARCHIVE_PATH}/$filename"
        echo "? Archived: $filename"
    done
    echo "? All files archived successfully"
    """,

```