## Appache Kafka:

- An open-source distributed event streaming platform designed to handle real-time data feeds with high throughput, fault tolerance, and scalability.
- Widely used for building real-time data pipelines and streaming applications.

## How Kafka Assists in Making Streaming Jobs:

- Real Time Data Ingestion
- Scalability
- Fault Tolerance
- Low Latency Rate

## What Cases We Prefer Streaming Jobs?

- For applications like fraud detection, realtime recommendation engines, and monitoring systems, where decisions need to be made immediately based on the latest data.

- For IoT data processing, real-time user activity tracking, or microservices that need to respond to events in real time.
- When building ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) pipelines where data needs to be processed and loaded into a data warehouse.

## **Key Kafka Components:**

- Brokers: Servers that store and manage data, distributed across a Kafka cluster.
- Zookeeper: Manages broker coordination and metadata (being replaced by KRaft).
- Kafka Server: The component running

Kafka services, part of a distributed system.

- **Kafka Clients**: Applications that produce and consume data.
- KRaft: Kafka's new consensus protocol replacing Zookeeper.
- Kafka Cluster: A group of brokers working together to provide scalability and fault tolerance.