



Apache Kafka

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Course Map

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- 2 Data Transmission
- 3 Perils of Messaging Under High Volume
- 4 Middleware Magic and Challenges
- 5 LinkedIn with Kafka
- 6 Apache Kafka Adoption

What is Kafka?

Kafka-Messaging System

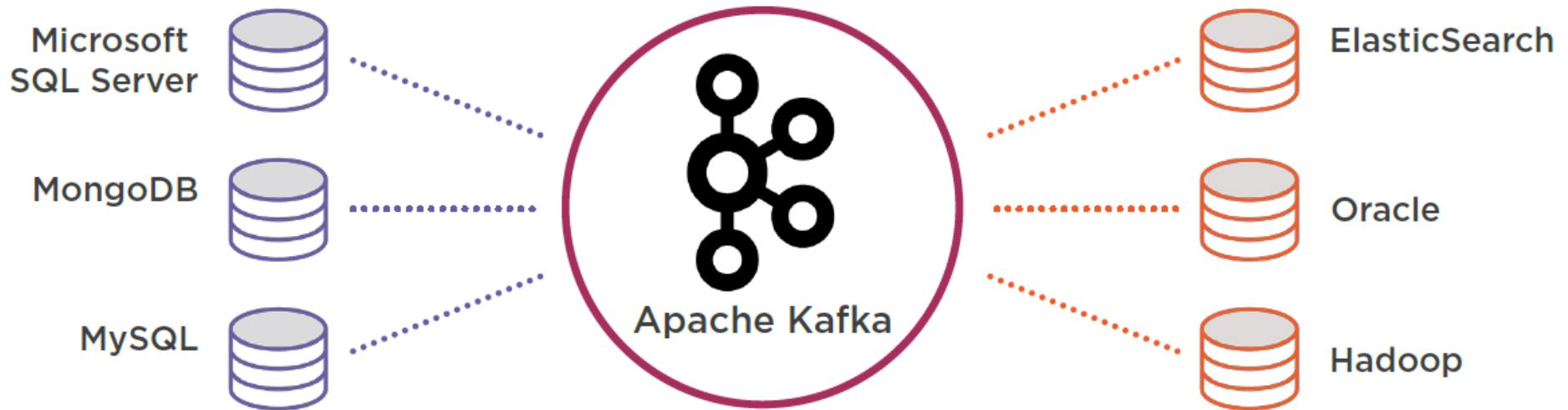
- Kafka is an open source distributed streaming platform that simplifies data integration between systems. A stream is a pipeline to which your applications receives data continuously. As a streaming platform Kafka has two primary uses:
- **Data Integration:** Kafka captures streams of events or data changes and feeds these to other data systems such as relational databases, key-value stores or data warehouses.
- **Stream processing:** Kafka accepts each stream of events and stores it in an append-only queue called a log. Information in the log is immutable hence enables continuous, real-time processing and transformation of these streams and makes the results available system-wide.
- Compared to other technologies, Kafka has a better throughput, built-in partitioning, replication, and fault-tolerance which makes it a good solution for large-scale message processing applications.

What is Kafka?

Kafka-Messaging System

- A Messaging System is responsible for transferring data from one application to another, so the applications can focus on data, but not worry about how to share it.
- Distributed messaging is based on the concept of reliable message queuing.
- Messages are queued asynchronously between client applications and messaging system.
- Two types of messaging patterns are available – one is point to point and the other is publish-subscribe (pub-sub) messaging system.
- Most of the messaging patterns follow pub-sub.

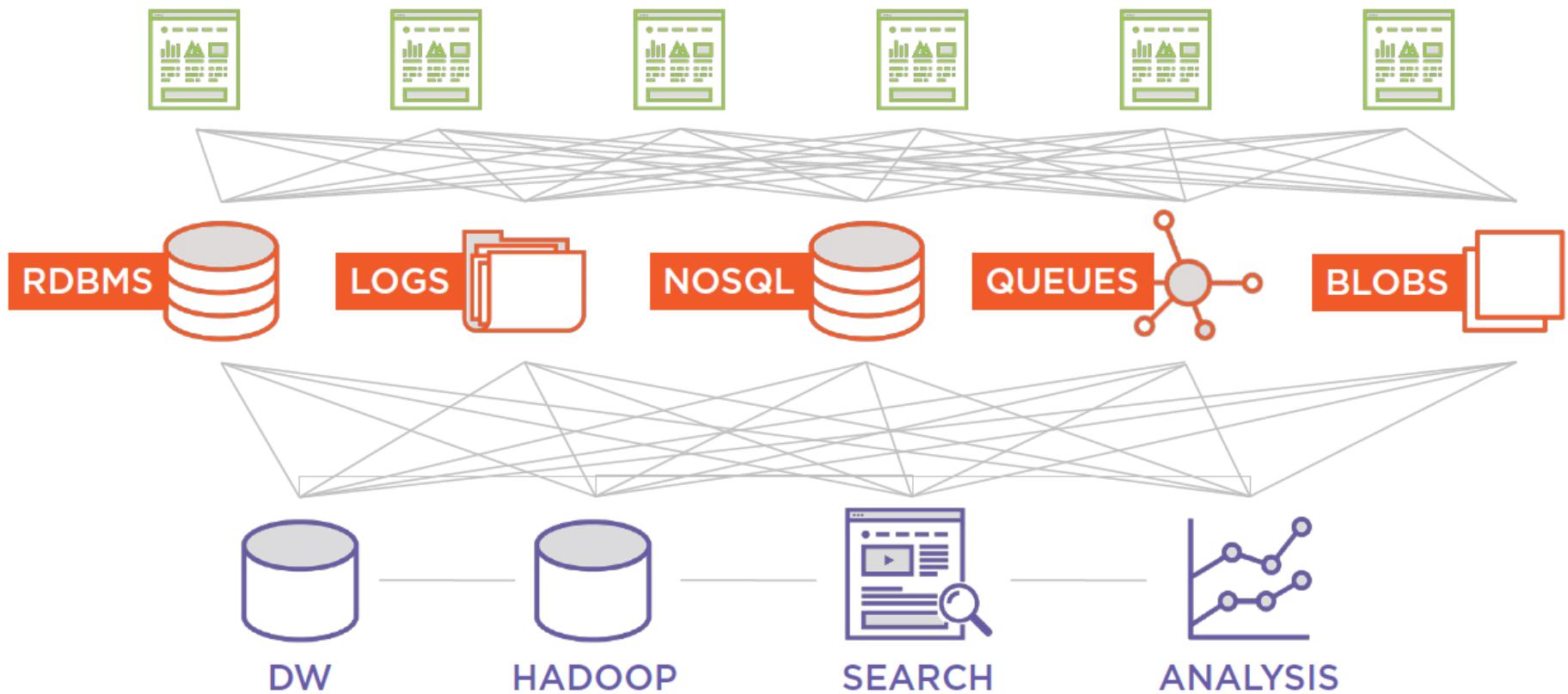
What is Kafka?



“A high - throughput distributed messaging system.”

What is Kafka?

What a Typical Enterprise Looks Like

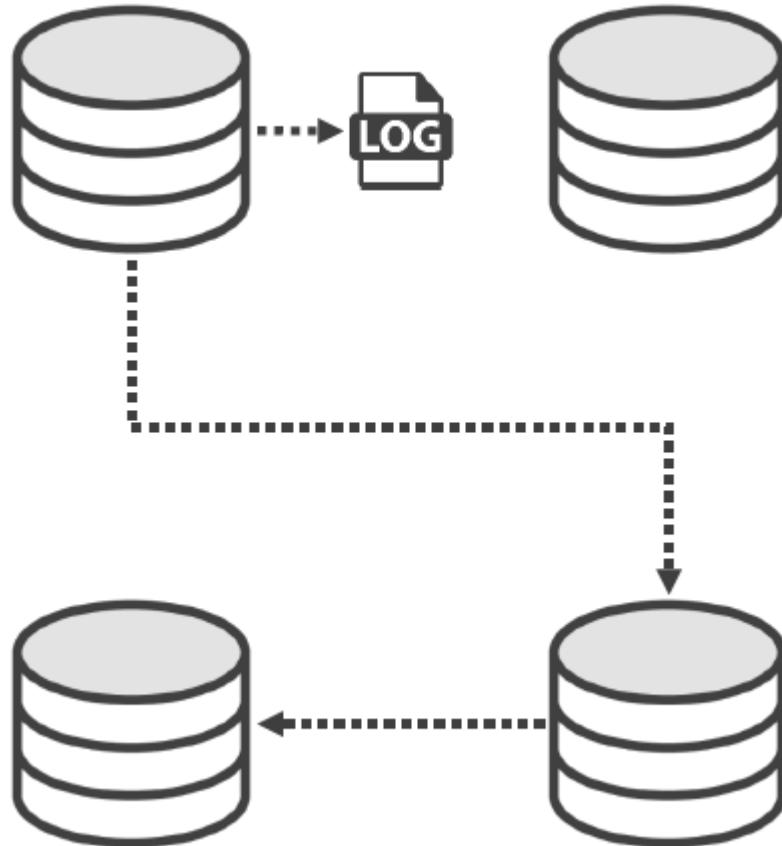


Data Transmission

- Database replication
- Log shipping
- Extract, Transform, and Load (ETL)
- Messaging
- Custom middleware magic

Data Transmission

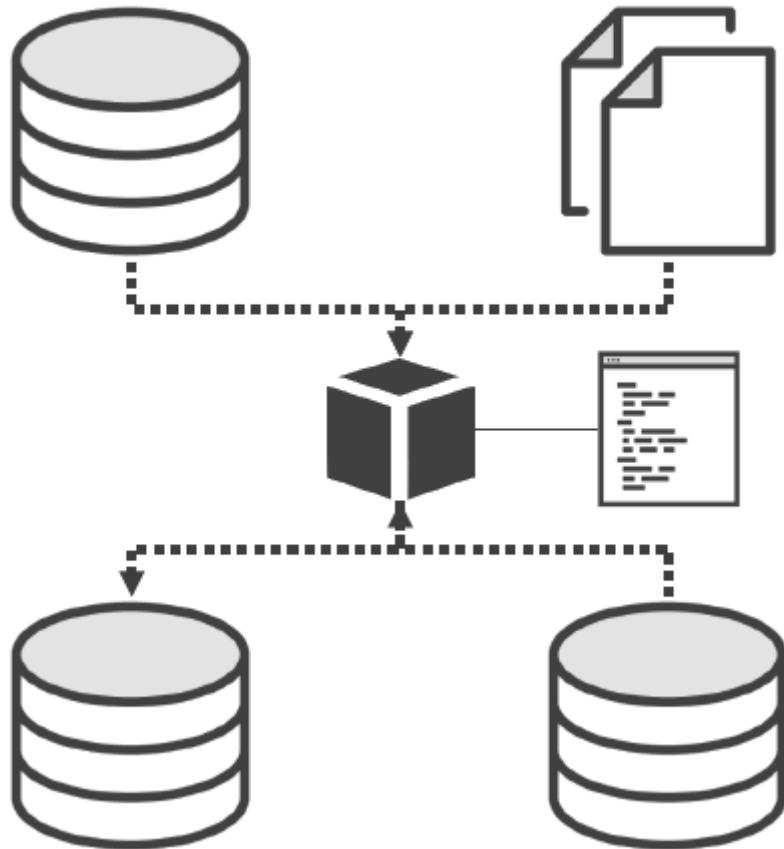
Database Replication and Log Shipping



- RDBMS to RDBMS only
- Database-specific
- Tight coupling (schema)
- Performance challenges (log shipping)
- Cumbersome (subscriptions)

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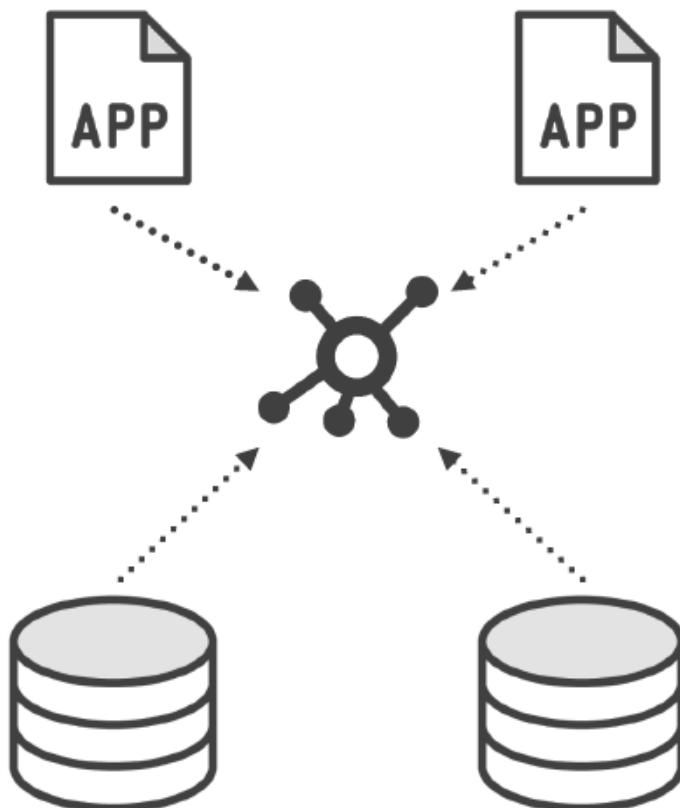
Extract, Transform, and Load (ETL)



- Typically proprietary and costly
- Lots of custom development
- Scalability challenged
- Performance challenged
- Often times requires multiple instances

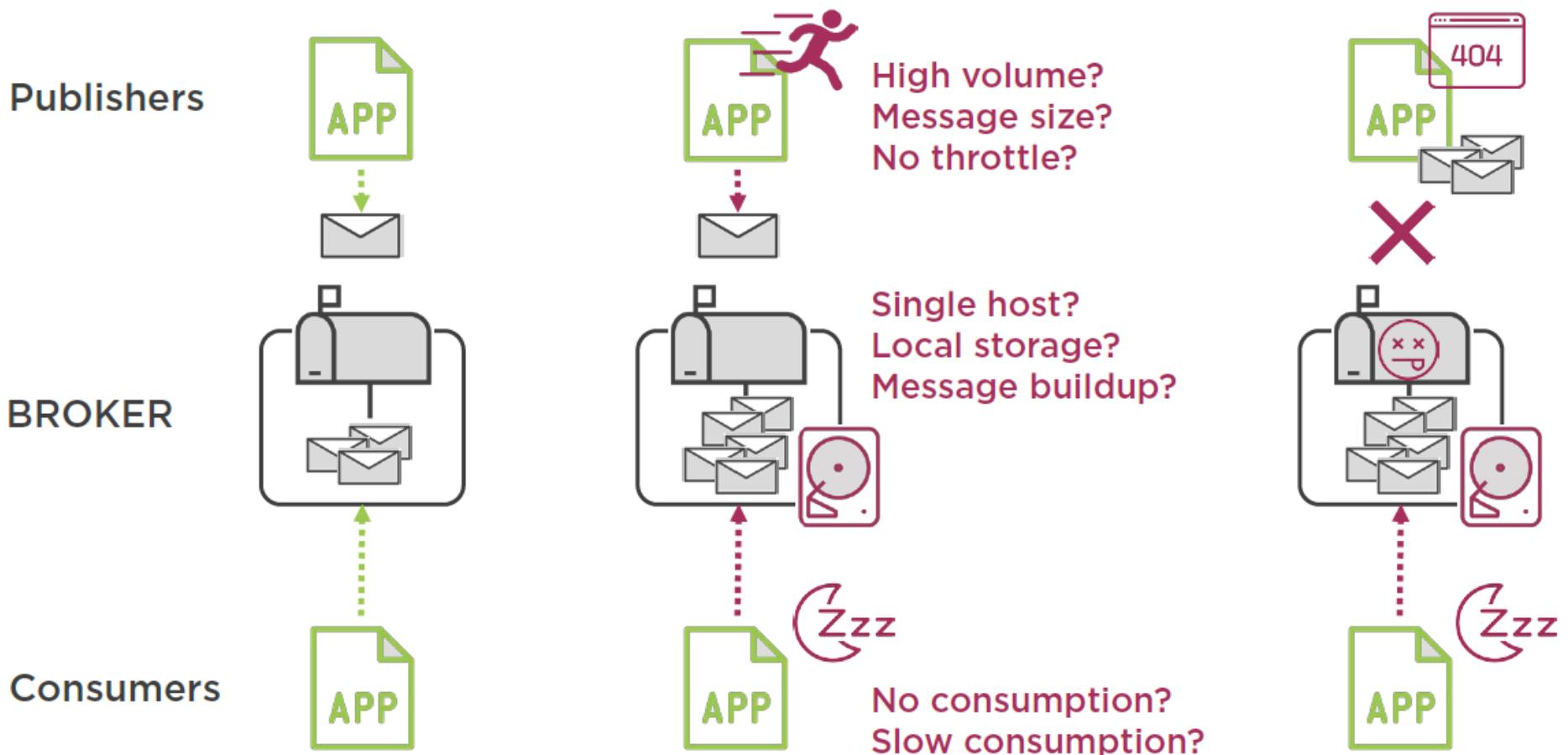
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Messaging

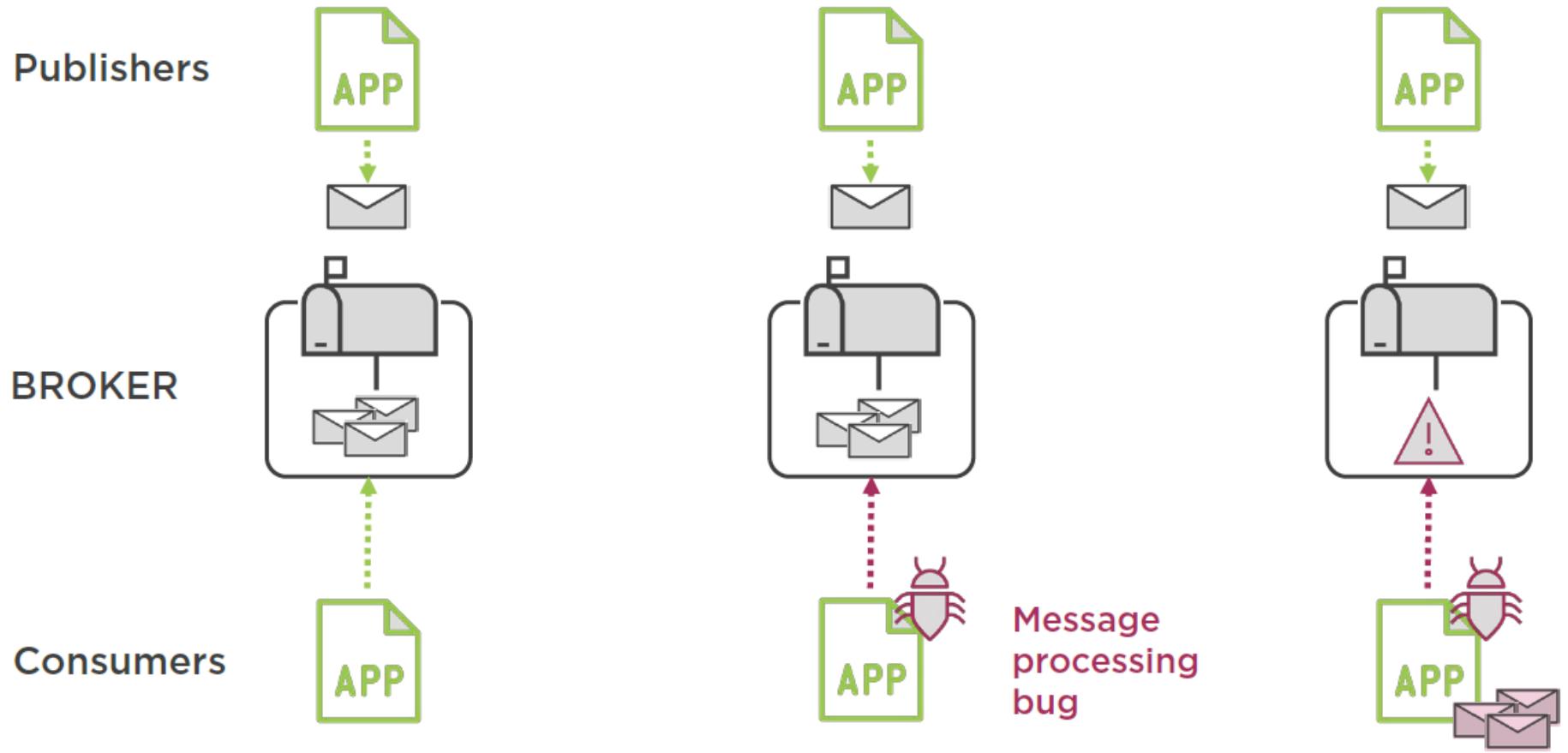


- Limited scalability
- Smaller messages
- Requires rapid consumption
- Not fault-tolerant
(application)

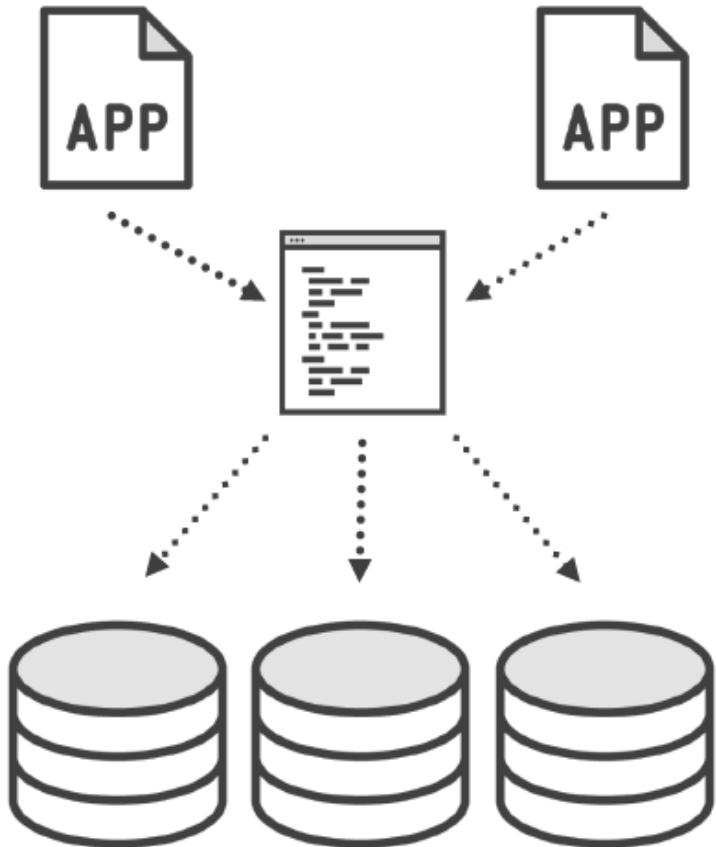
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Middleware Magic



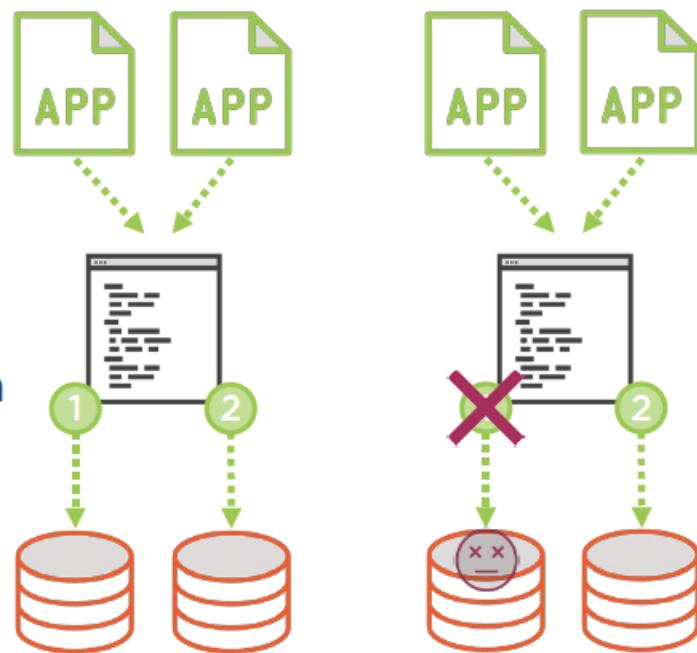
- Increasingly complex
- Deceiving
- Consistency concerns
- Potentially expensive

Middleware Challenges

Problems

Cleanly
Reliably
Quickly
Autonomously

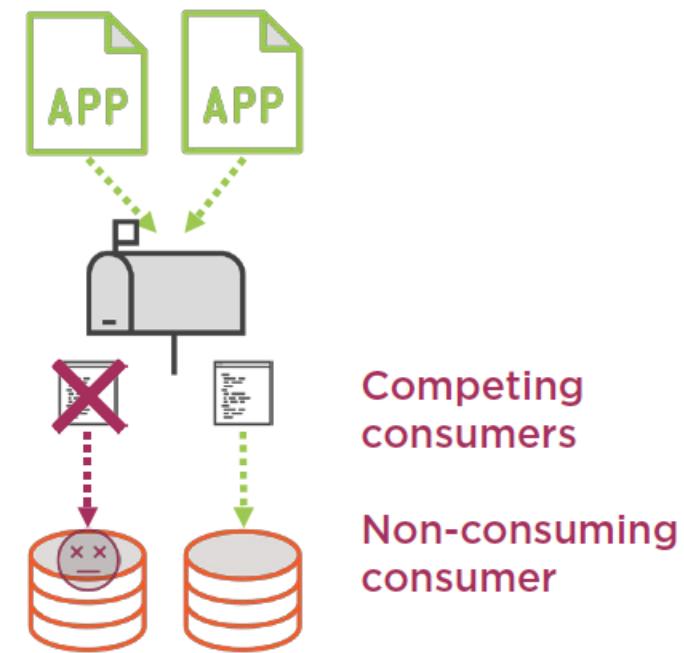
Multi-write pattern



Atomic transaction

Coordination logic

Message broker pattern



Competing consumers

Non-consuming consumer

LinkedIn with Kafka



- Over 1.4 trillion messages per day
- 175 terabytes per day
- 650 terabytes of messages consumed per day
- Over 433 million users
- Peak 13 million messages per second
- 2.75 gigabytes per second
- Multiple RDBMS (Oracle, MySQL, etc.)
- Multiple NoSQL (Espresso, Voldemort)
- Hadoop, Spark, etc.



LinkedIn with Kafka

Pre-2010 LinkedIn Data Architecture





LinkedIn with Kafka



Franz Kafka

kaf•ka•esque /'káf, kə, ɛsk/ | adjective

Basically it describes a nightmarish situation which most people can somehow relate to, although strongly surreal.

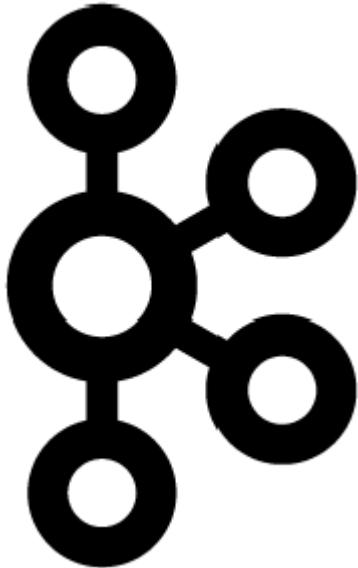
synonyms: surreal, lucid, spoilsburytoast boy

Usage: “Whoa! This flick is way kafkaesque...”



LinkedIn with Kafka

Next-generation Messaging Goals

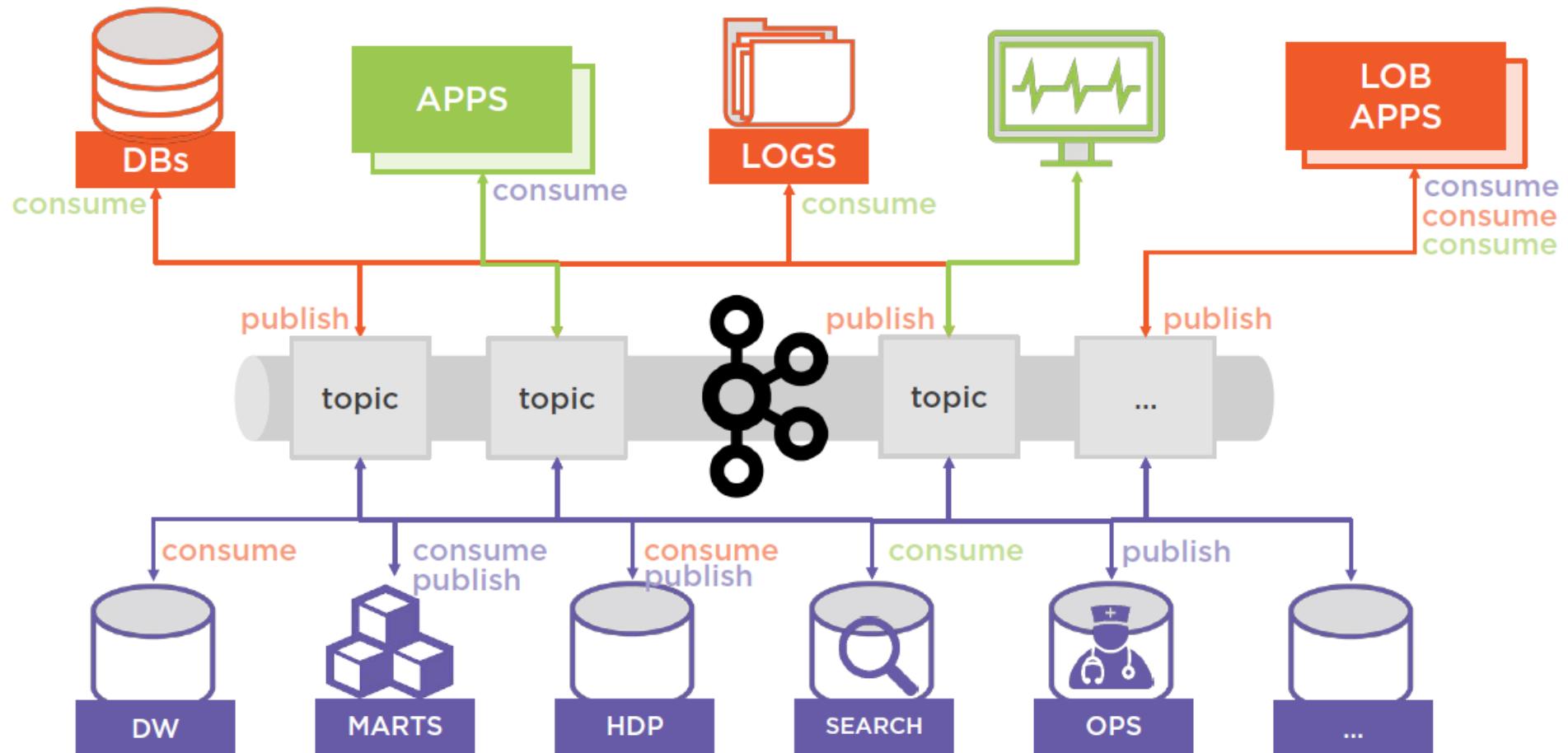


- High throughput
- Horizontally scalable
- Reliable and durable
- Loosely coupled Producers and Consumers
- Flexible publish -subscribe semantics

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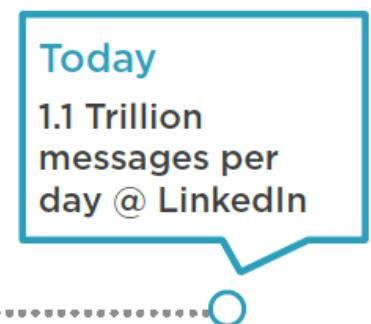
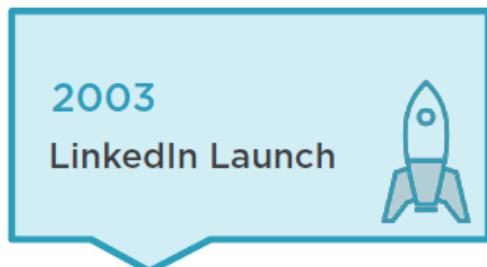
Post -2010 LinkedIn Data Architecture



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TimeLine Events



Apache Kafka Adoption

7X since 2015

Yahoo
Etsy
Microsoft
Bing
Mailchimp
Uber

Oracle
Goldman Sachs
Netflix
PayPal
Square
Coursera
IBM
Pinterest
Twitter
Airbnb
Spotify
Ancestry
LinkedIn
Hotels.com

Summary

- Kafka is a distributed messaging system
- Designed to move data at high volumes
- Addresses shortcomings of traditional data movement tools and approaches
- Invented by LinkedIn to address data growth issues common to many enterprises
- Open - sourced under Apache Software Foundation in 2012
- First -choice adoption for data movement for hundreds of enterprise and internet-scale companies

Course Map – Kafka Architecture

1 Apache Kafka Architecture

2 Workflow of Pub-Sub Messaging

3 Apache Kafka Cluster

4 Distributed Systems

5 Apache Zookeeper

6 Apache Kafka Distributed Architeture

7 Kafka Use cases, Competitors

Workflow of Pub-Sub Messaging

Following is the step wise workflow of the Pub-Sub Messaging –

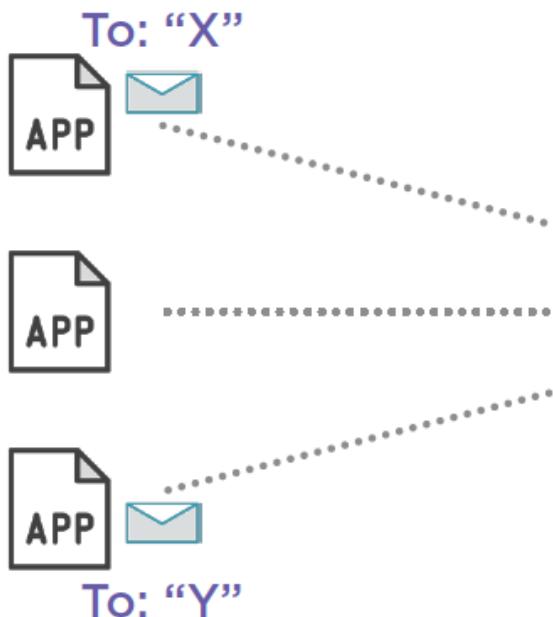
- Producers send message to a topic at regular intervals.
- Kafka broker stores all messages in the partitions configured for that particular topic. It ensures the messages are equally shared between partitions.
- If the producer sends two messages and there are two partitions, Kafka will store one message in the first partition and the second message in the second partition.
- Consumer subscribes to a specific topic.
- Once the consumer subscribes to a topic, Kafka will provide the current offset of the topic to the consumer and also saves the offset in the Zookeeper ensemble.
- Consumer will request the Kafka in a regular interval (like 100 Ms) for new messages.

Workflow of Pub-Sub Messaging(Contd...)

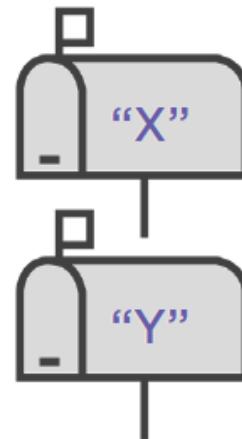
- Once Kafka receives the messages from producers, it forwards these messages to the consumers.
- Consumer will receive the message and process it.
- Once the messages are processed, consumer will send an acknowledgement to the Kafka broker.
- Once Kafka receives an acknowledgement, it changes the offset to the new value and updates it in the Zookeeper.
- Since offsets are maintained in the Zookeeper, the consumer can read next message correctly even during server outages.
- This above flow will repeat until the consumer stops the request.
- Consumer has the option to rewind/skip to the desired offset of a topic at any time and read all the subsequent messages.

Apache Kafka Architecture

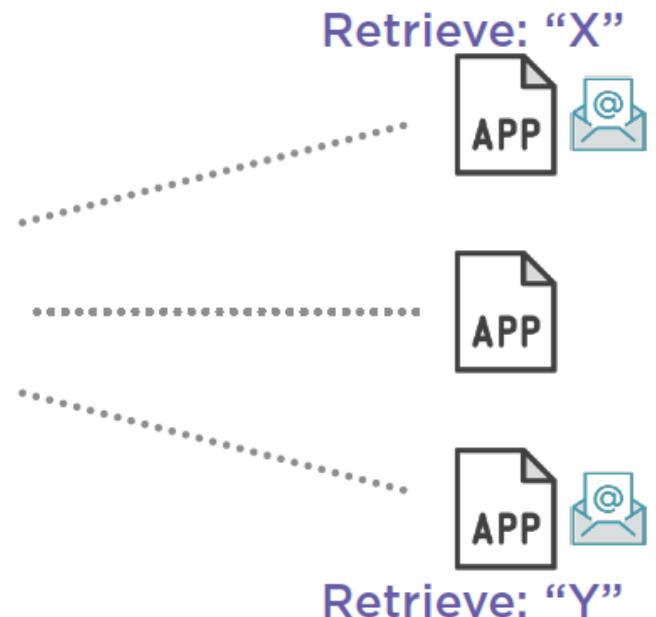
Producers



Topics

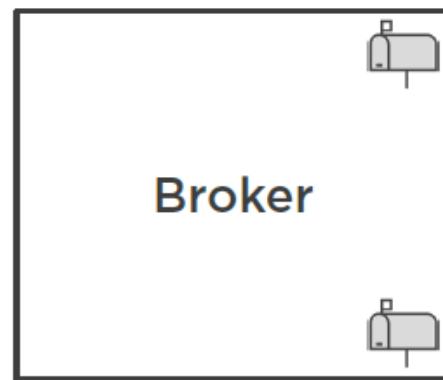


Consumers



Apache Kafka Architecture

Producers



Consumers

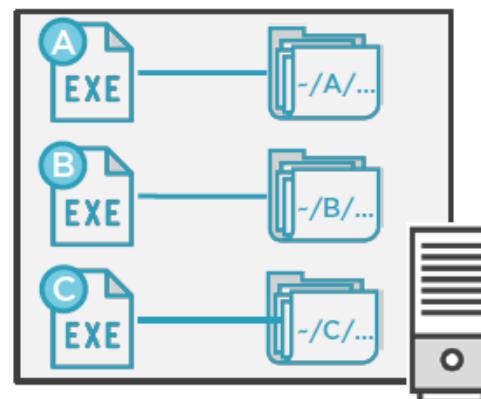


Apache Kafka Architecture

Producers



Broker



Consumers

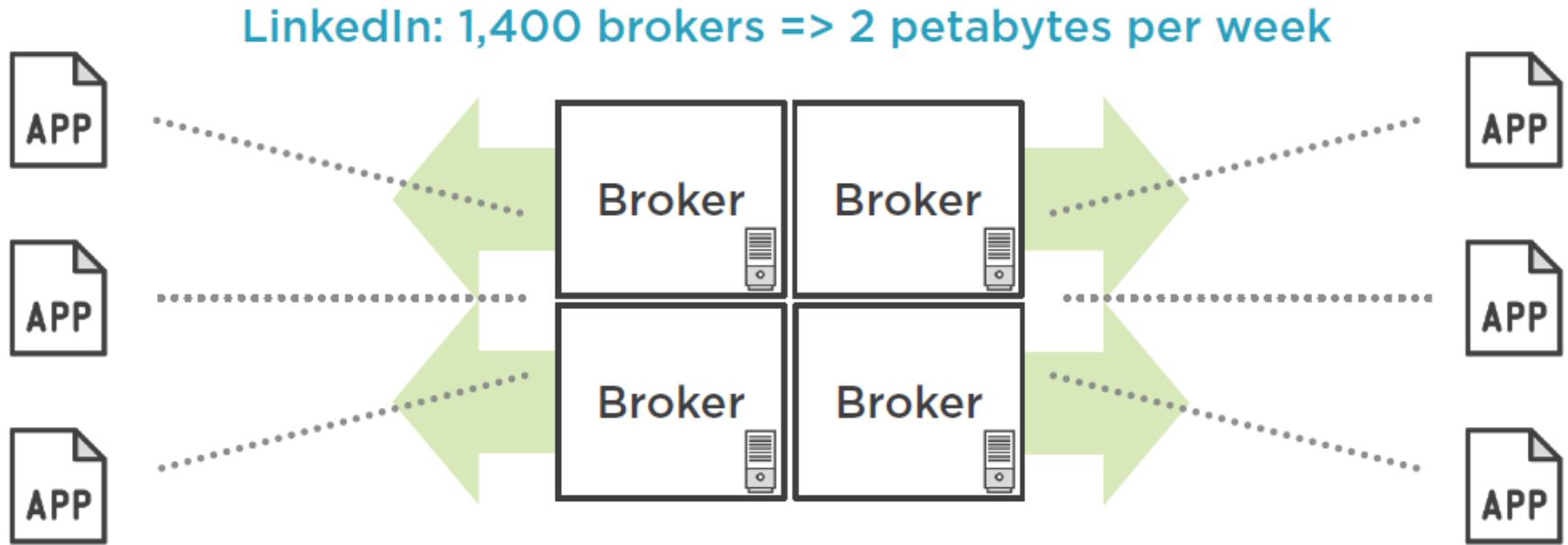


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How Apache Kafka Starts to Differentiate

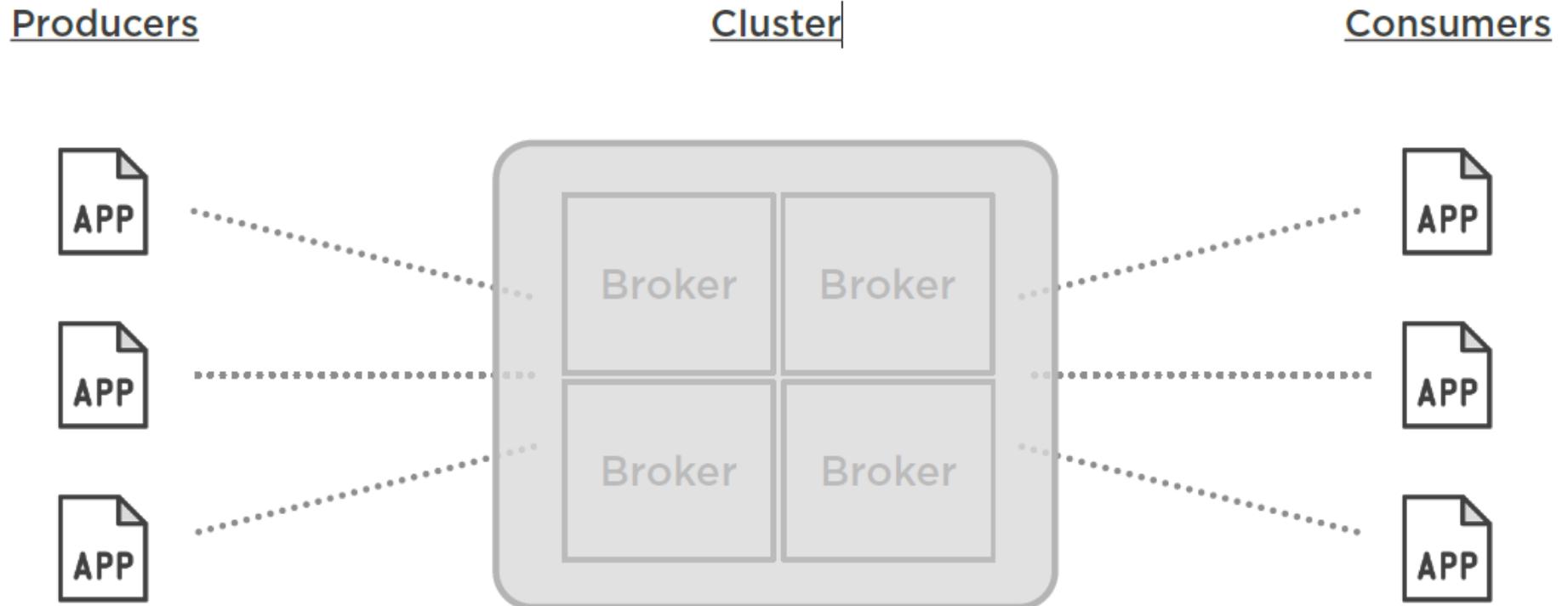
Producers

Consumers



High - throughput distributed messaging system."

Apache Kafka Cluster



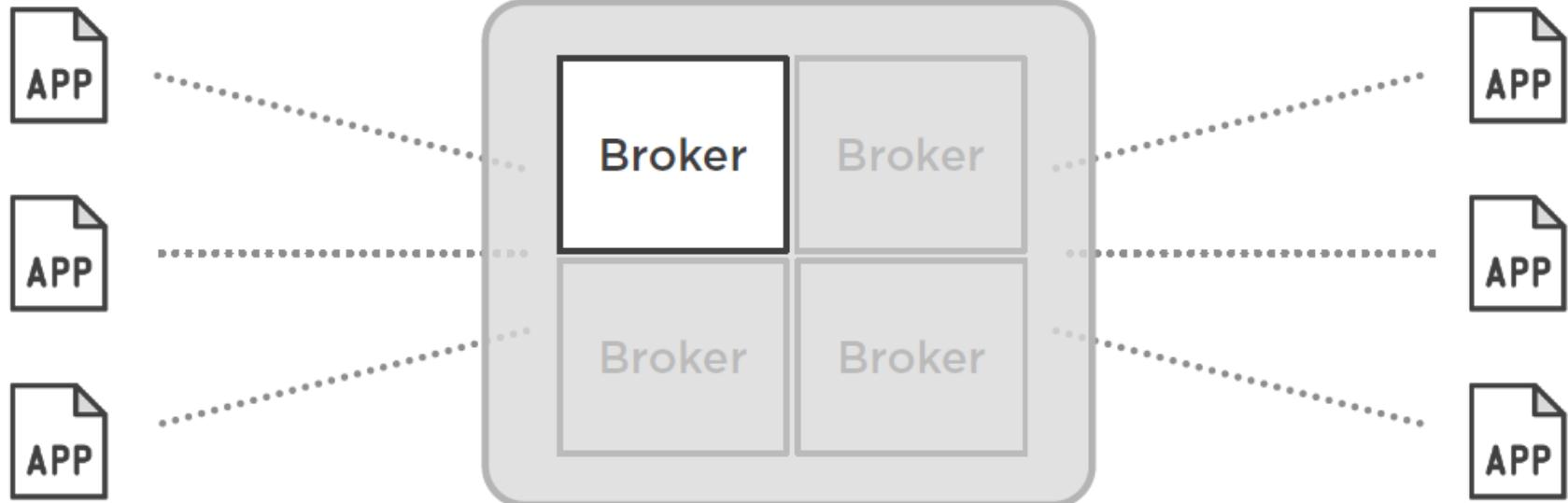
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Producers

Cluster

Size: 1

Consumers

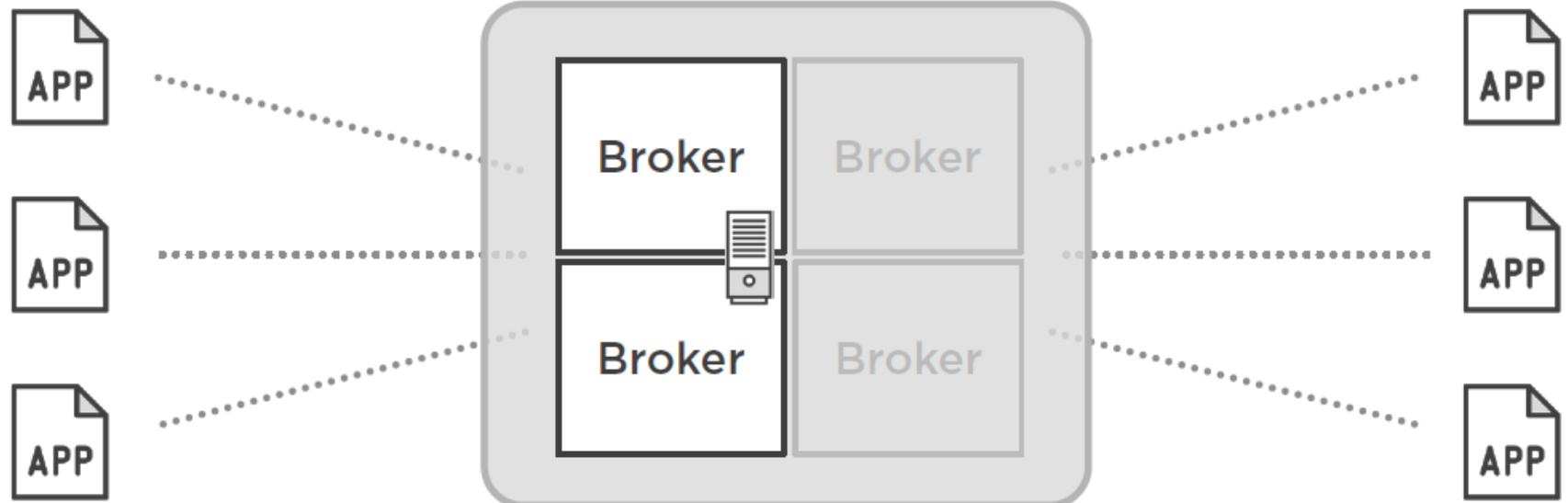


Apache Kafka Cluster

Producers

Cluster
Size: 2

Consumers

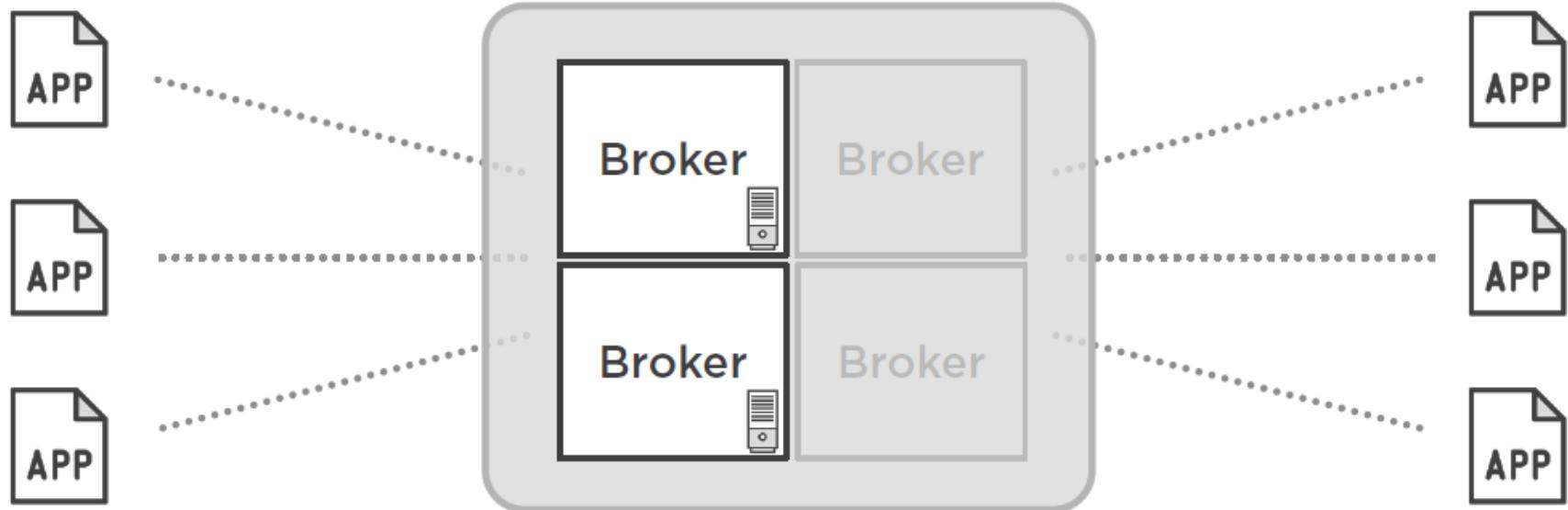


Apache Kafka Cluster

Producers

Cluster
Size: 2

Consumers

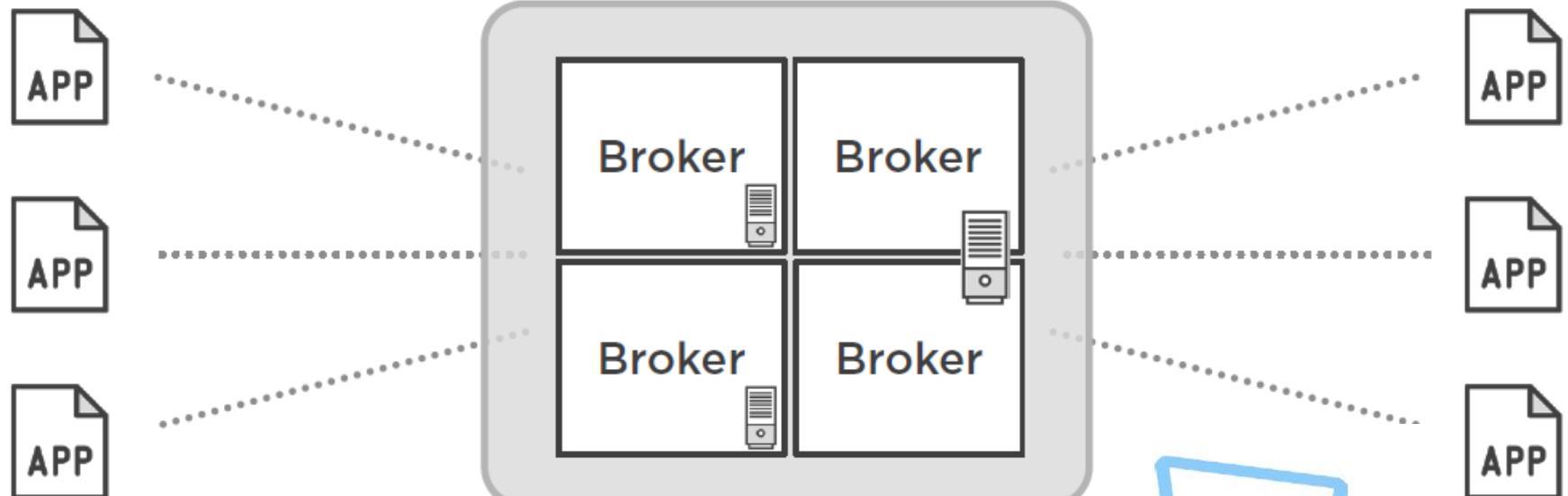


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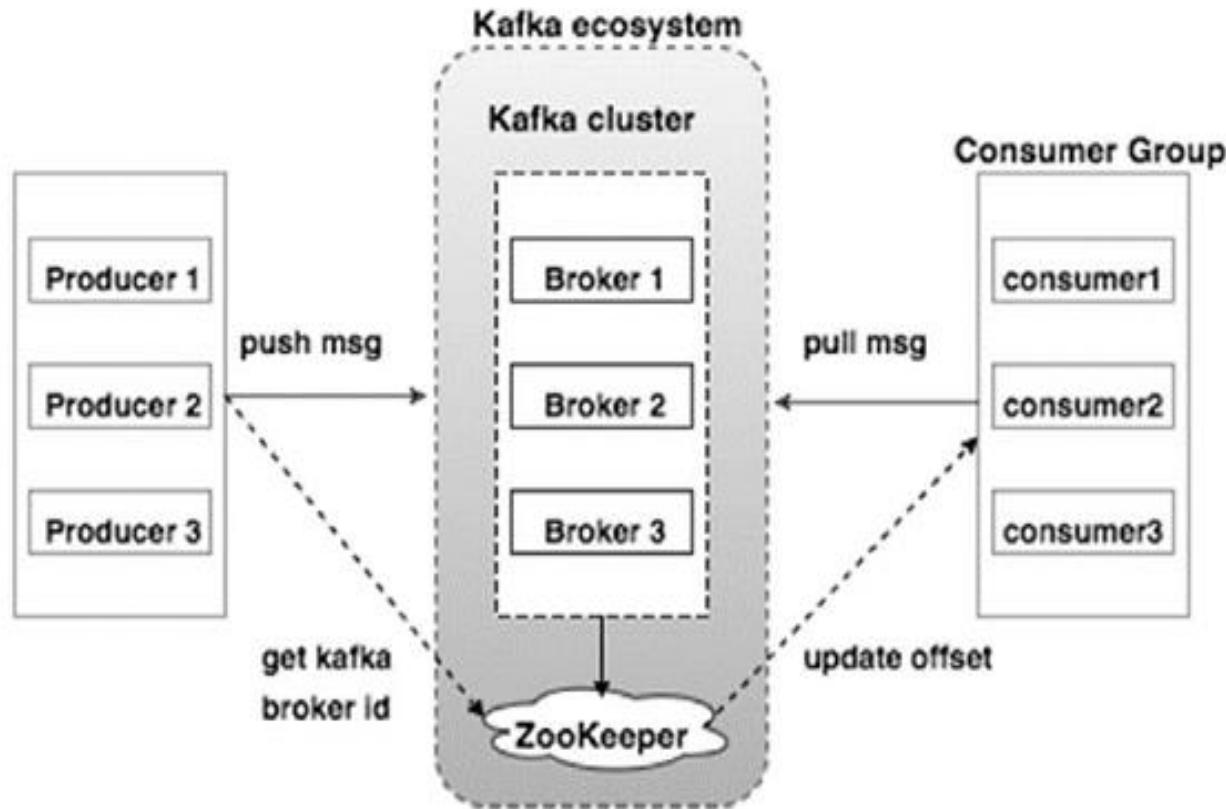
Producers

Cluster
Size: 4

Consumers



Kafka Architecture



Distributed Systems



- Collection of resources that are instructed
- to achieve a specific goal or function
- Consist of multiple workers or nodes
- The system of nodes require coordination
- to ensure consistency and progress towards a common goal
- Each node communicates with each other through messages

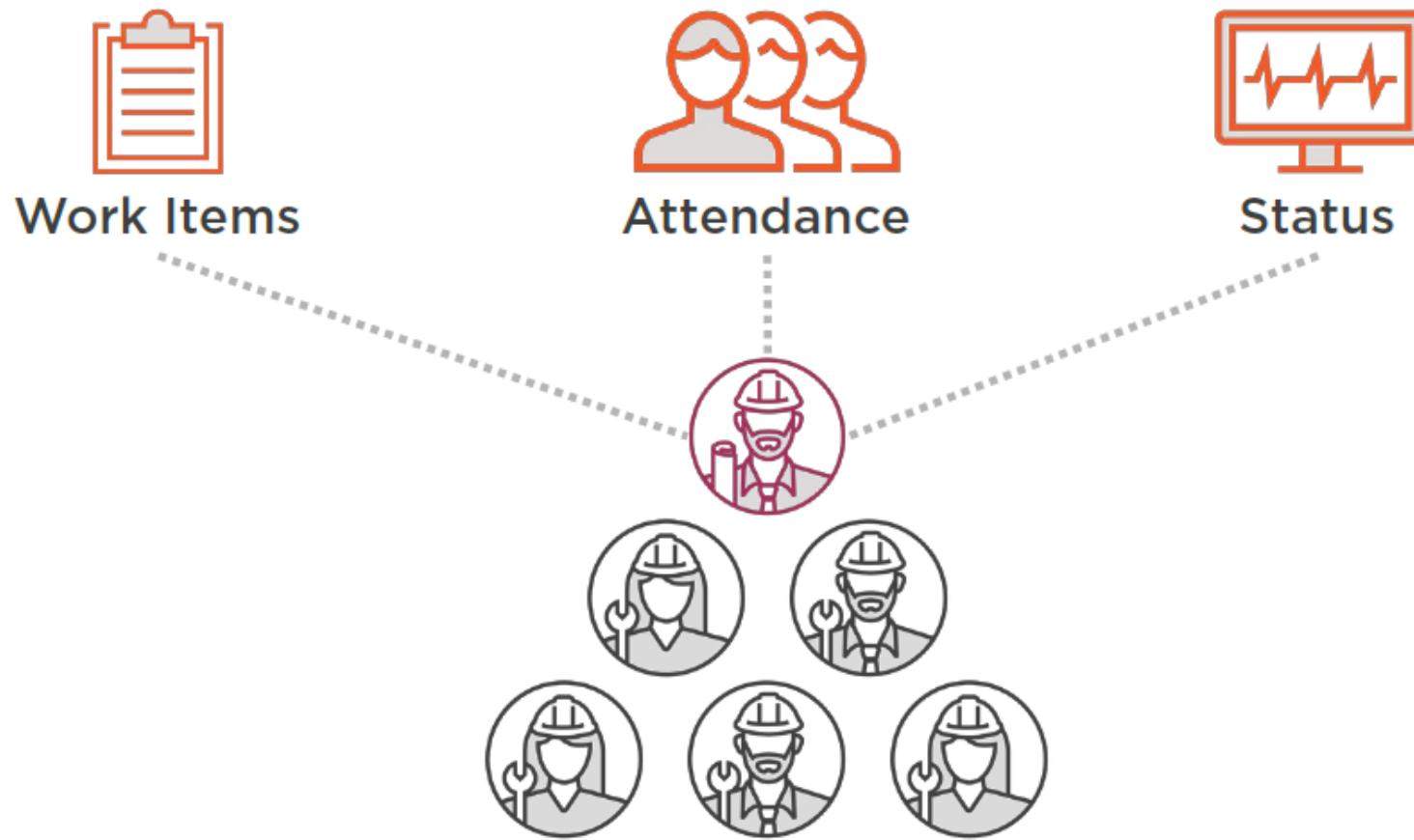
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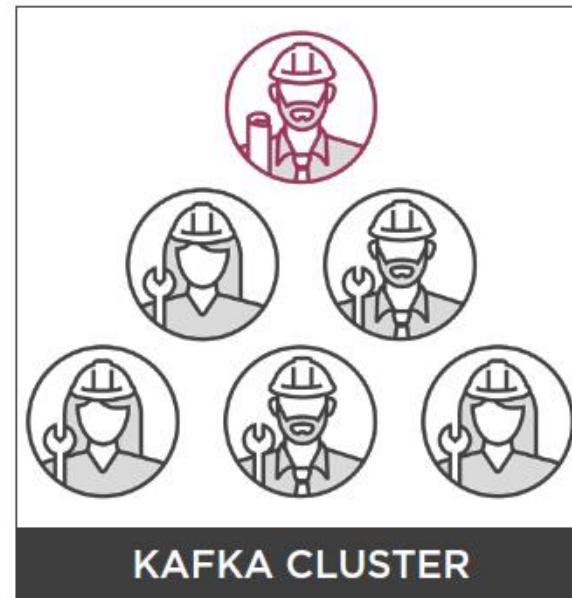
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Distributed Systems: Controller Election



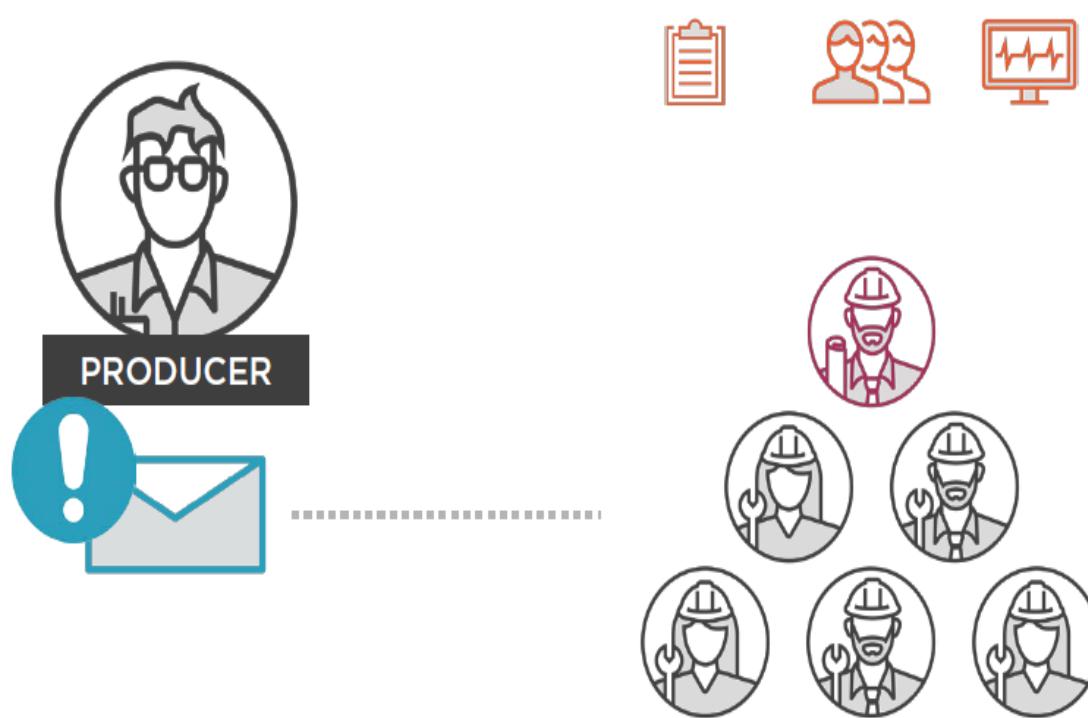
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Distributed Systems: The Clusters



Distributed Systems

Distributed Systems: Getting Work Done

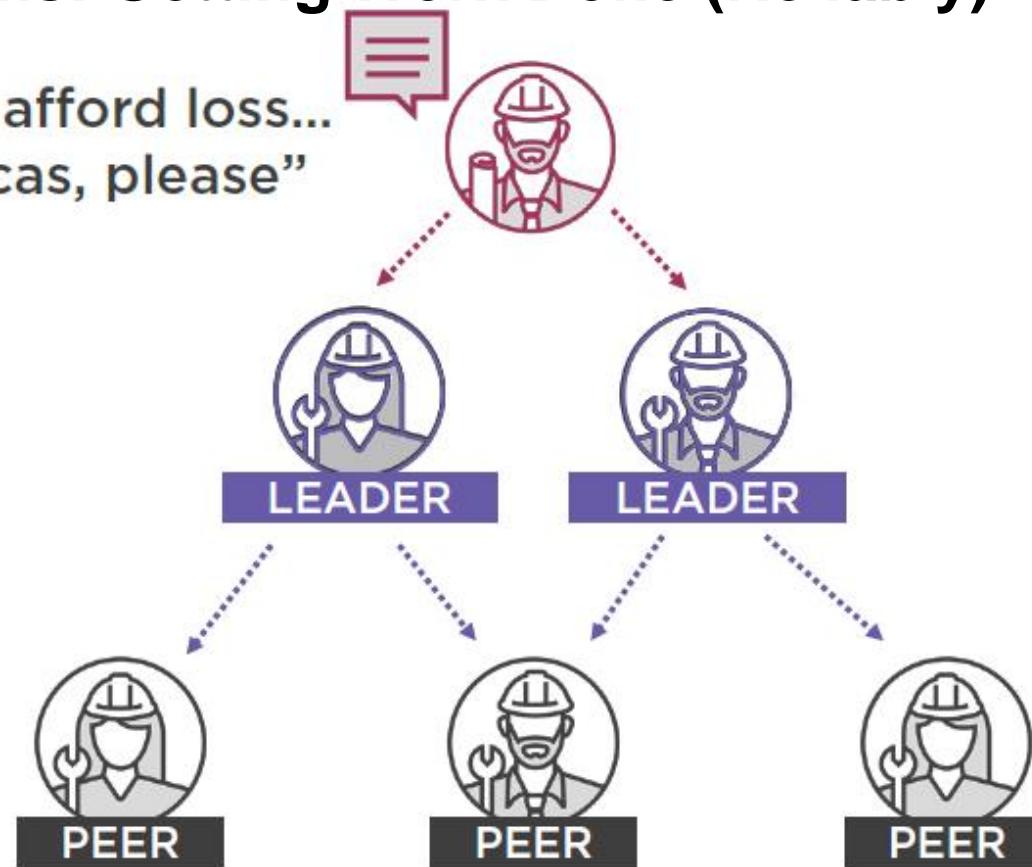


- Worker availability and health
- Task redundancy

Distributed Systems

Distributed Systems: Getting Work Done (Reliably)

“we cannot afford loss...
three replicas, please”



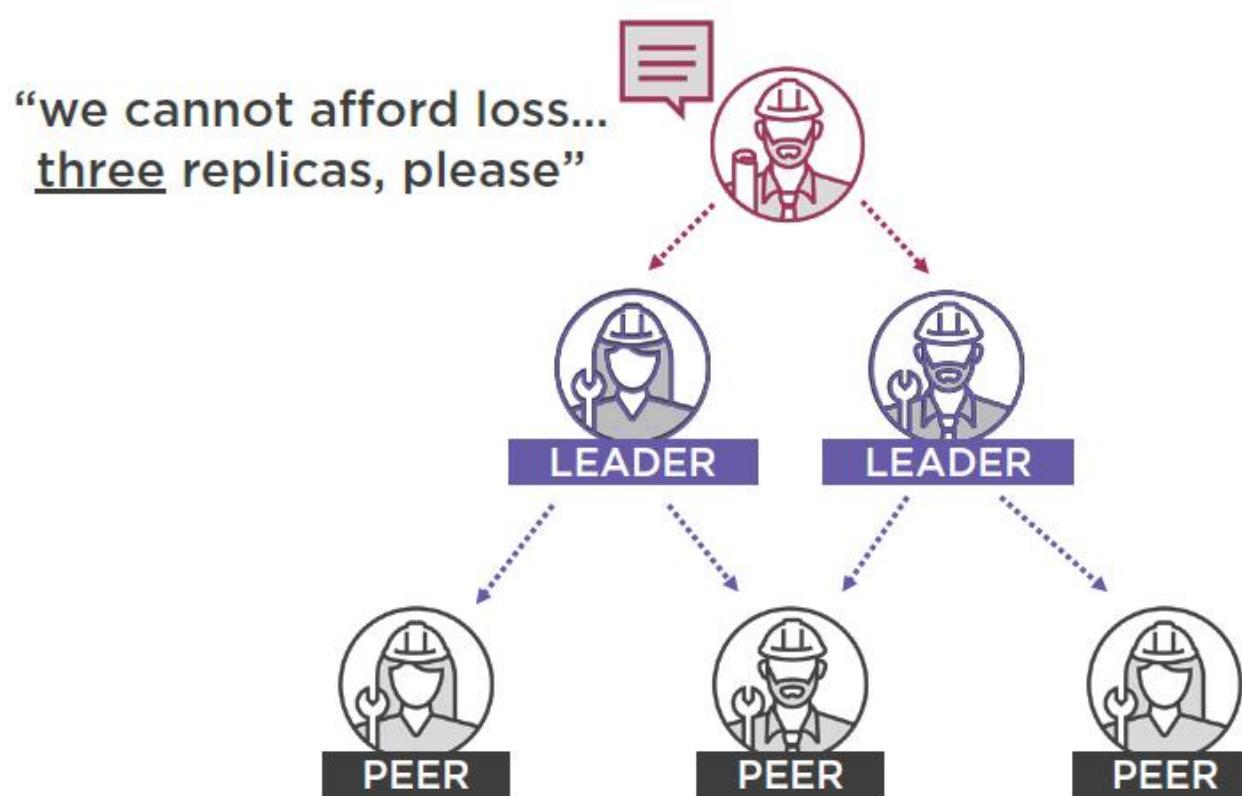
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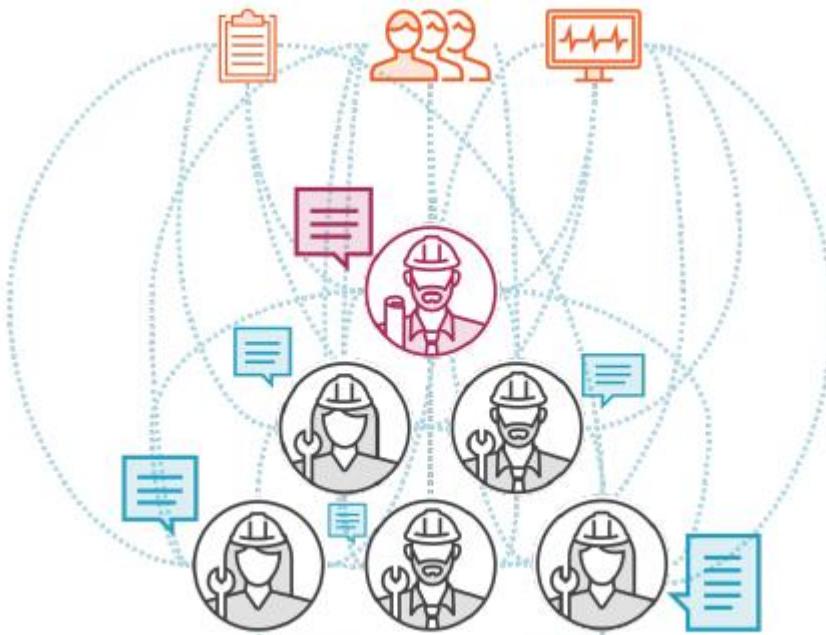
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Sources of Work in Apache Kafka



Distributed Systems

Distributed Systems: Communication and Consensus



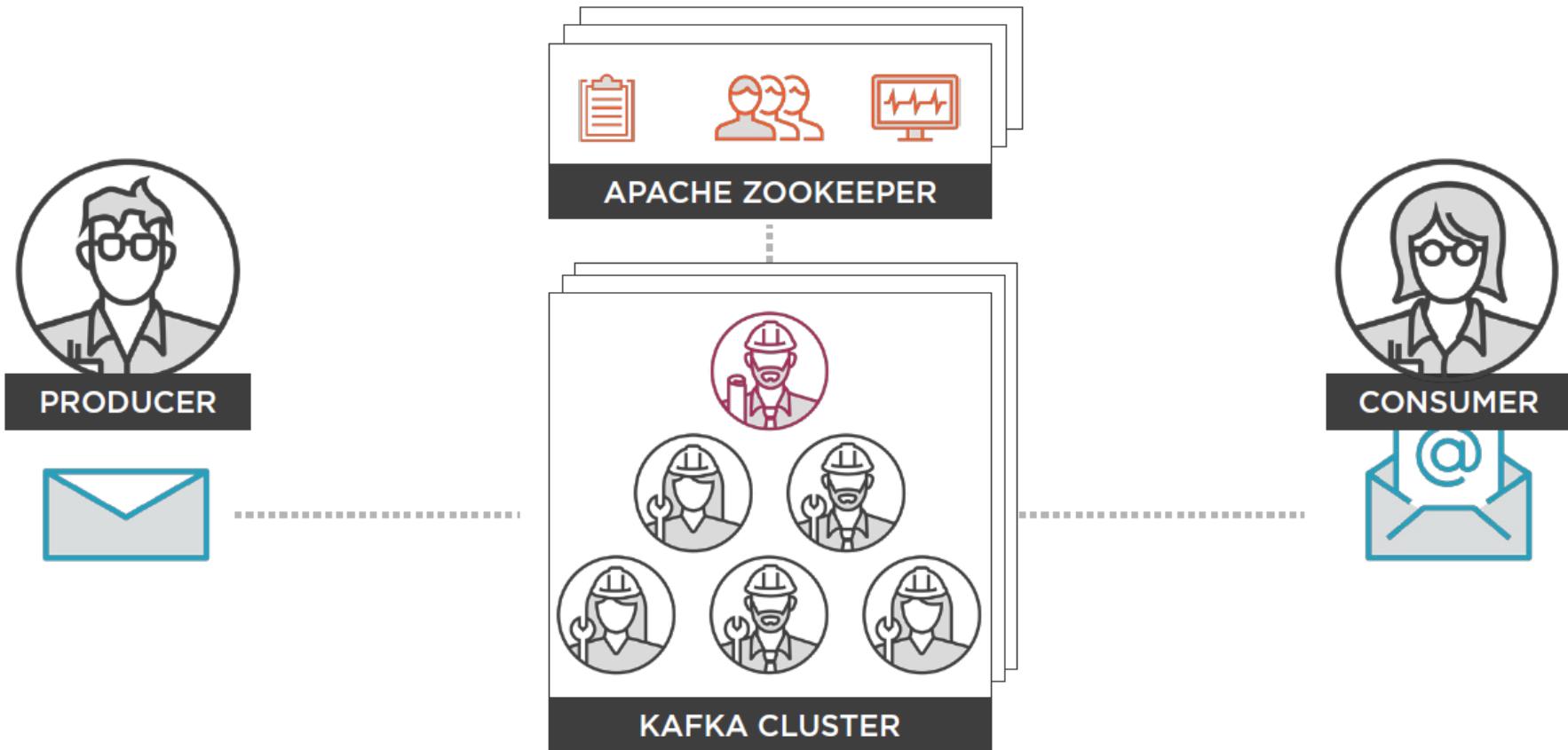
- Worker node membership and naming
- Configuration management
- Leader election
- Health status

Apache Zookeeper



- Centralized service for maintaining metadata about a cluster of distributed nodes
 - Configuration information
 - Health status
 - Group membership
- Hadoop, HBase, Mesos, Solr, Redis, and Neo4j
- Distributed system consisting of multiple nodes in an “ensemble”

Apache Kafka – Distributed Architecture



Kafka Competitors

| | ActiveMQ / Apollo | RabbitMQ | ZeroMQ | Kafka | IronMQ | Apcache Qpid |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Brokerless/ Decentralized | No | No | Yes | Distributed | Distributed & Cloud Based | No |
| Clients | C,C++, Java, Others | C,C++, Java, Others | C,C++, Java, Others | C,C++, Java, Others | C,C++, Java, Others | C,C++, Java, Others |
| Transaction | Yes | Yes | No | No. But can be implemented with plugin | No | Yes |
| Persistence/ Reliability | Yes (configurable) | Yes (built-in) | No persistence – requiring higher layers to manage persistence | Yes (built-in - File system) | Yes (built-in) | Yes (additional Plugin required) |
| Routing | Yes (easier to implment) | Yes (easier to implment) | Yes (complex to implment) | Can be implemented | No | No |
| Failover/ HA | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Kafka Use Cases

- ❖ Metrics / KPIs gathering
 - ❖ Aggregate statistics from many sources
- ❖ Event Sourcing
 - ❖ Used with microservices (in-memory) and actor systems
- ❖ Commit Log
 - ❖ External commit log for distributed systems. Replicated data between nodes, re-sync for nodes to restore state
- ❖ Real-time data analytics, Stream Processing, Log Aggregation, Messaging, Click-stream tracking, Audit trail, etc.

Summary

- Apache Kafka is a Pub - Sub messaging system, consisting of:
 - Producers and Consumers
 - Brokers within a Cluster
- Characteristics of distributed systems
 - Worker node roles: Controllers, Leaders, and Followers
 - Reliability through replication
 - Consensus-based communication
- Role of Apache Zookeeper

Course Map – Topics, Partitions, and Brokers

1 Apache Kafka Installation

2 Apache Kafka Topics

3 The message content and The offset

4 Message Retention Policy

5 Kafka Partitions

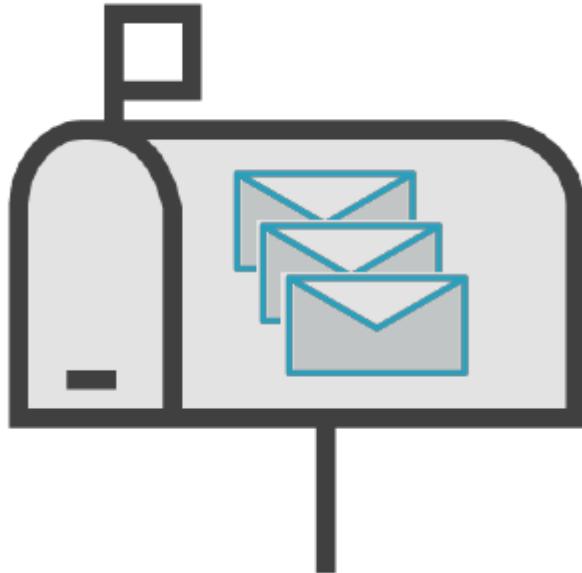
6 Fault Tolerance

7 Replication Factor

Apache Kafka Installation

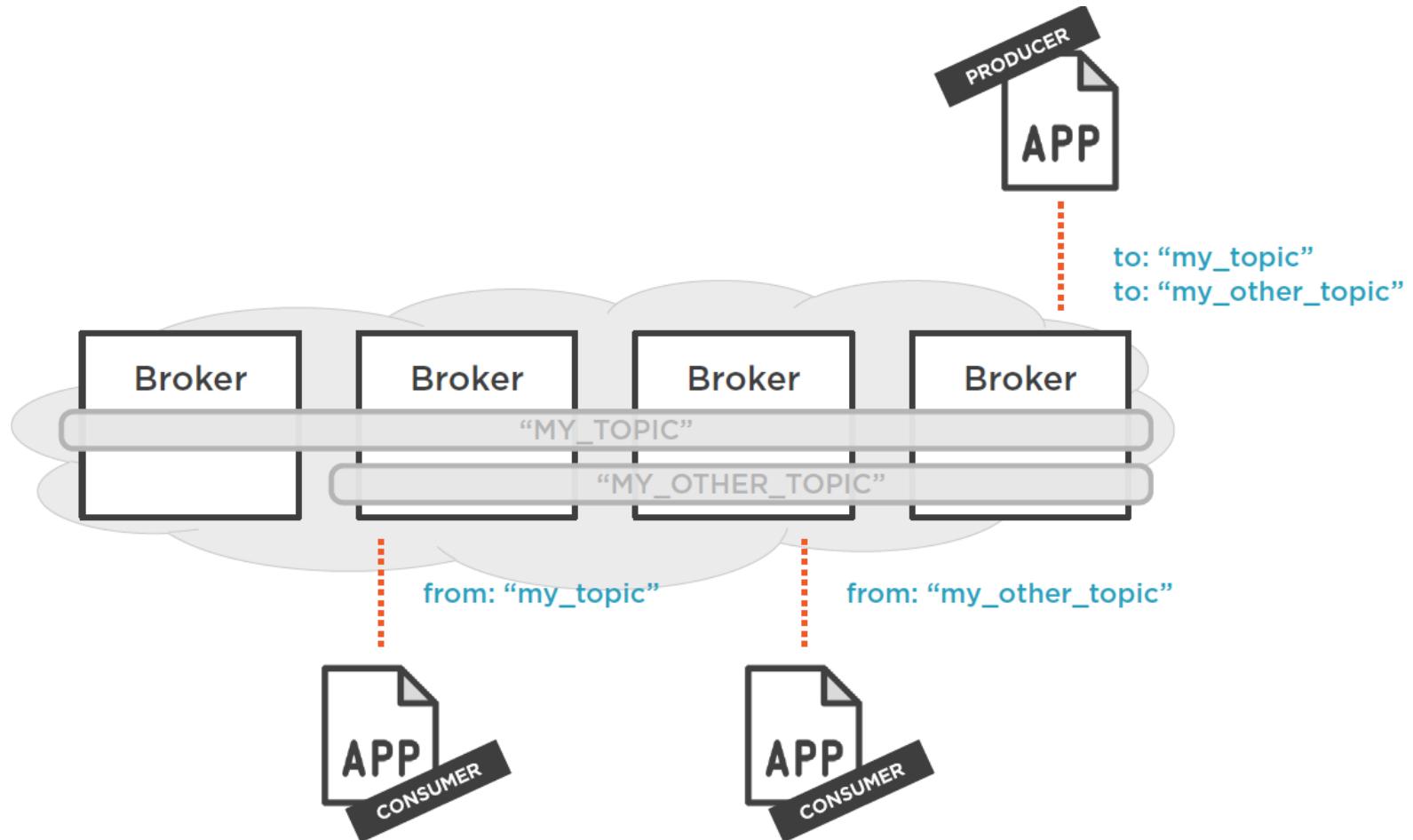
- Basic Apache Kafka installation:
 - Download the binary package
 - Extract the archive
 - Explore the installation directory contents
- Prerequisites:
 - Windows/Linux operating system
 - Java 8 JDK installed
 - Scala 2.11.x installed (optional)

Apache Kafka Topics

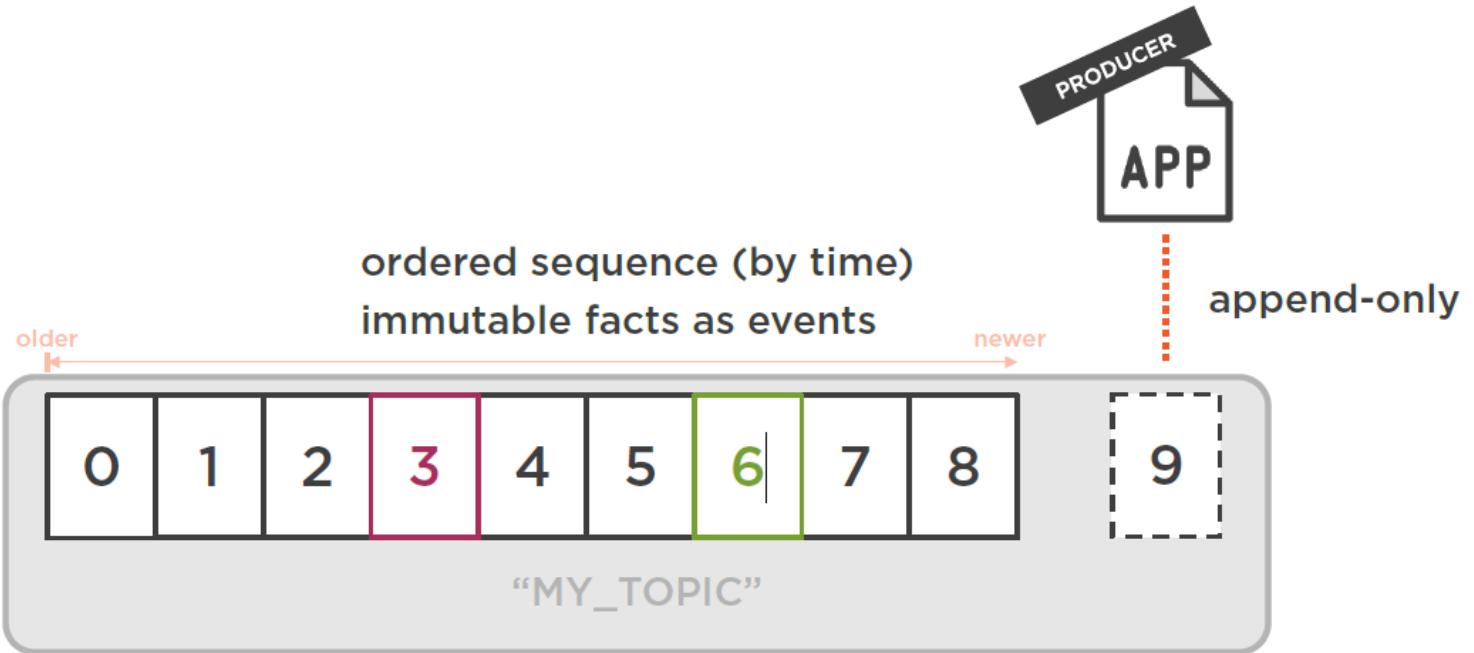


- Central Kafka abstraction
- Named feed or category of messages
 - Producers produce to a topic
 - Consumers consume from a topic
- Logical entity
- Physically represented as a log

Apache Kafka Topics



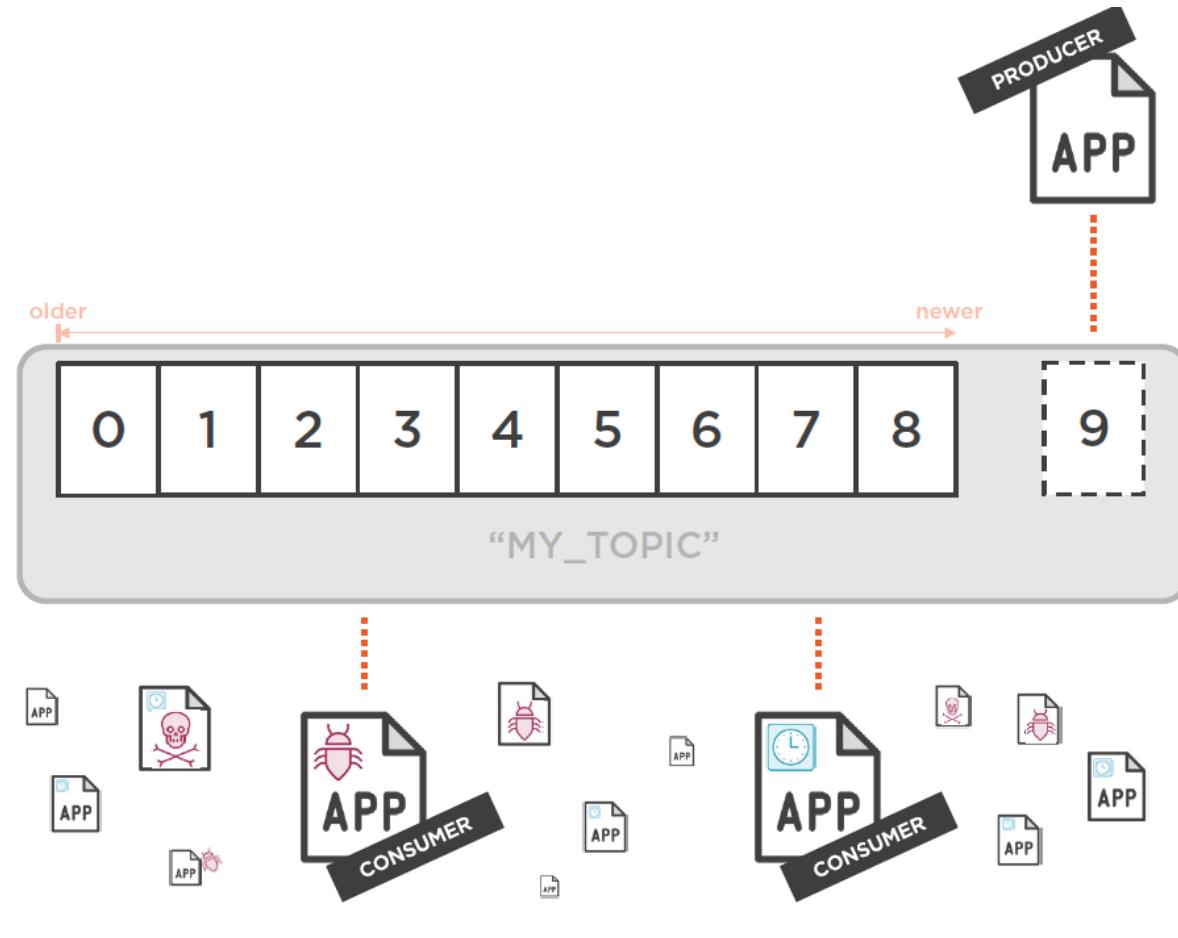
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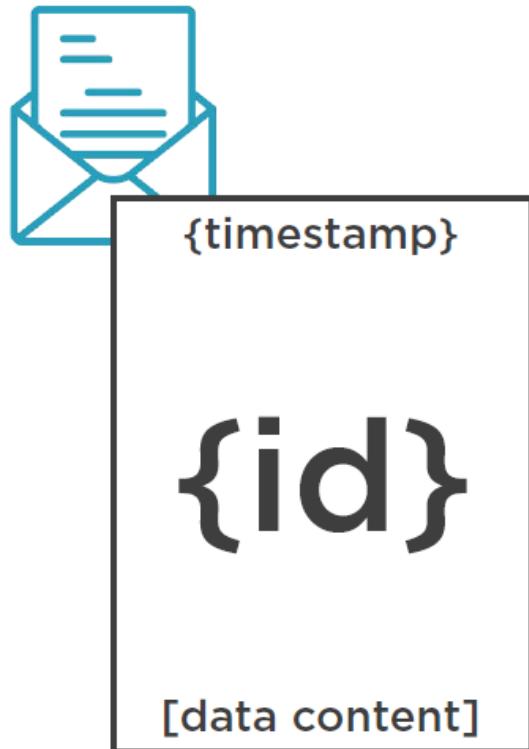
Event Sourcing

An architectural style or approach to maintaining an application's state by capturing all changes as a sequence of time-ordered, immutable events.

Apache Kafka Topics

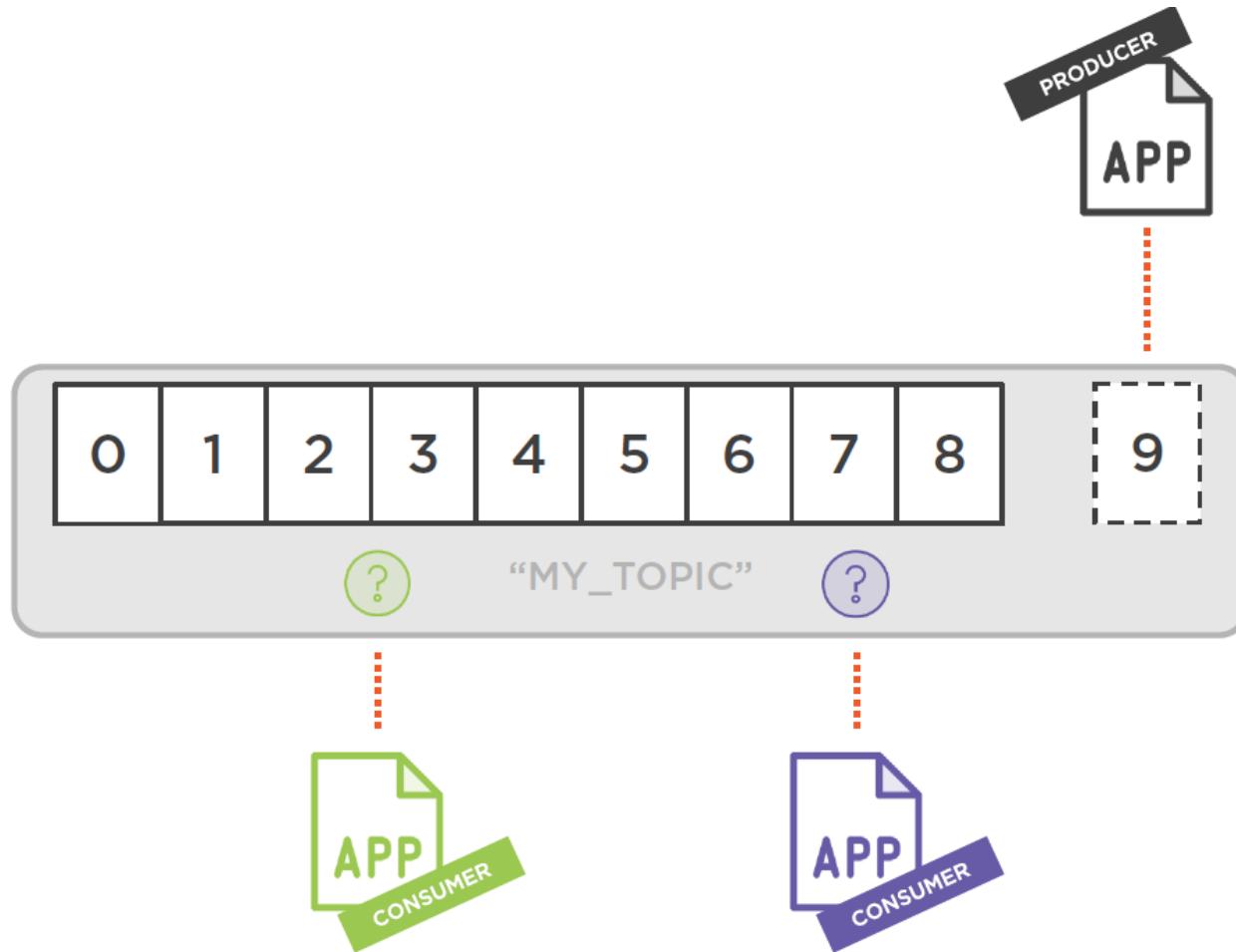


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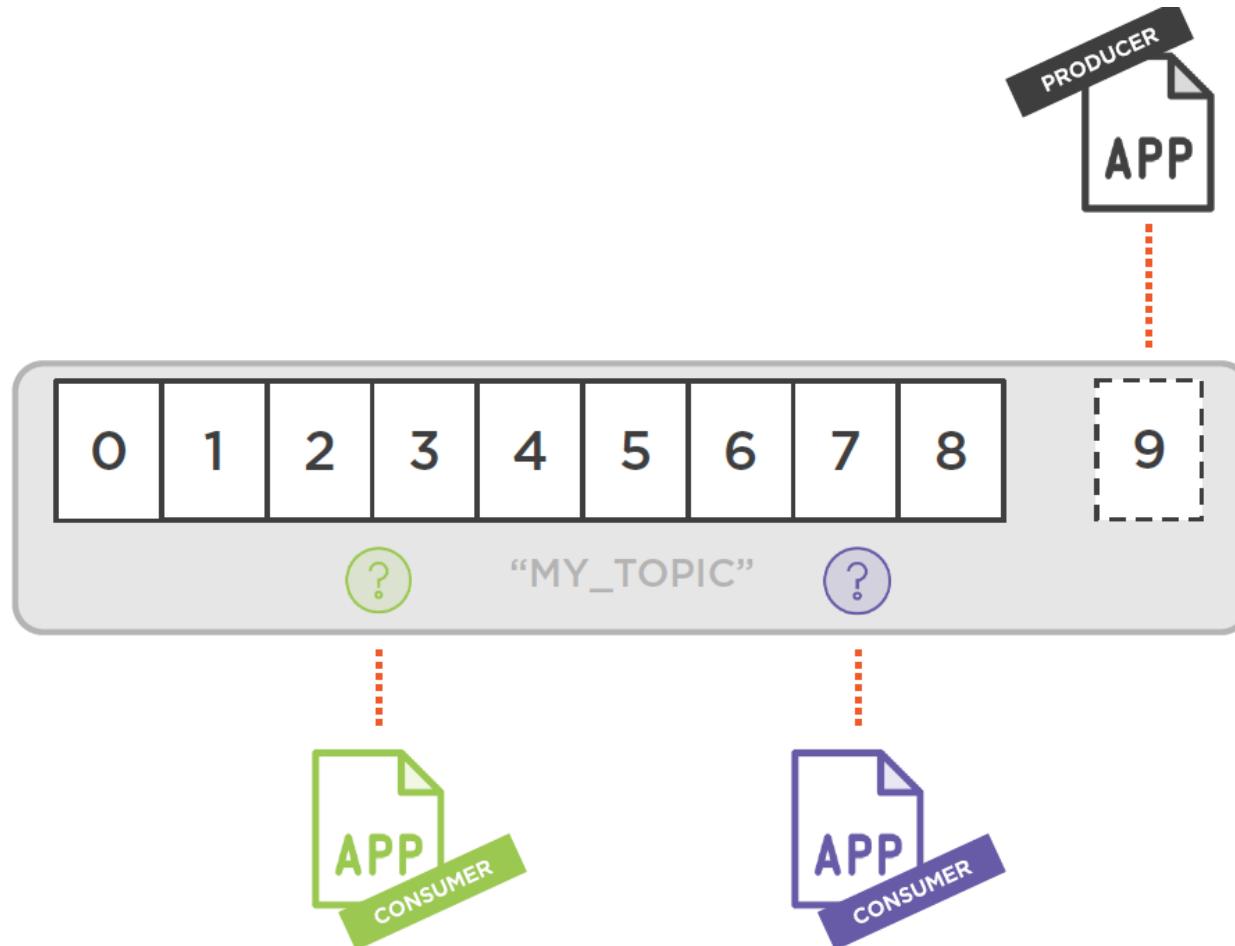


- Timestamp
- Referenceable identifier
- Payload (binary)

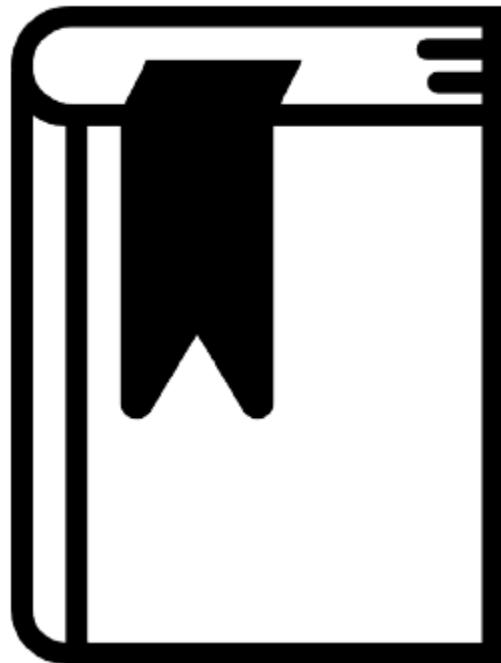
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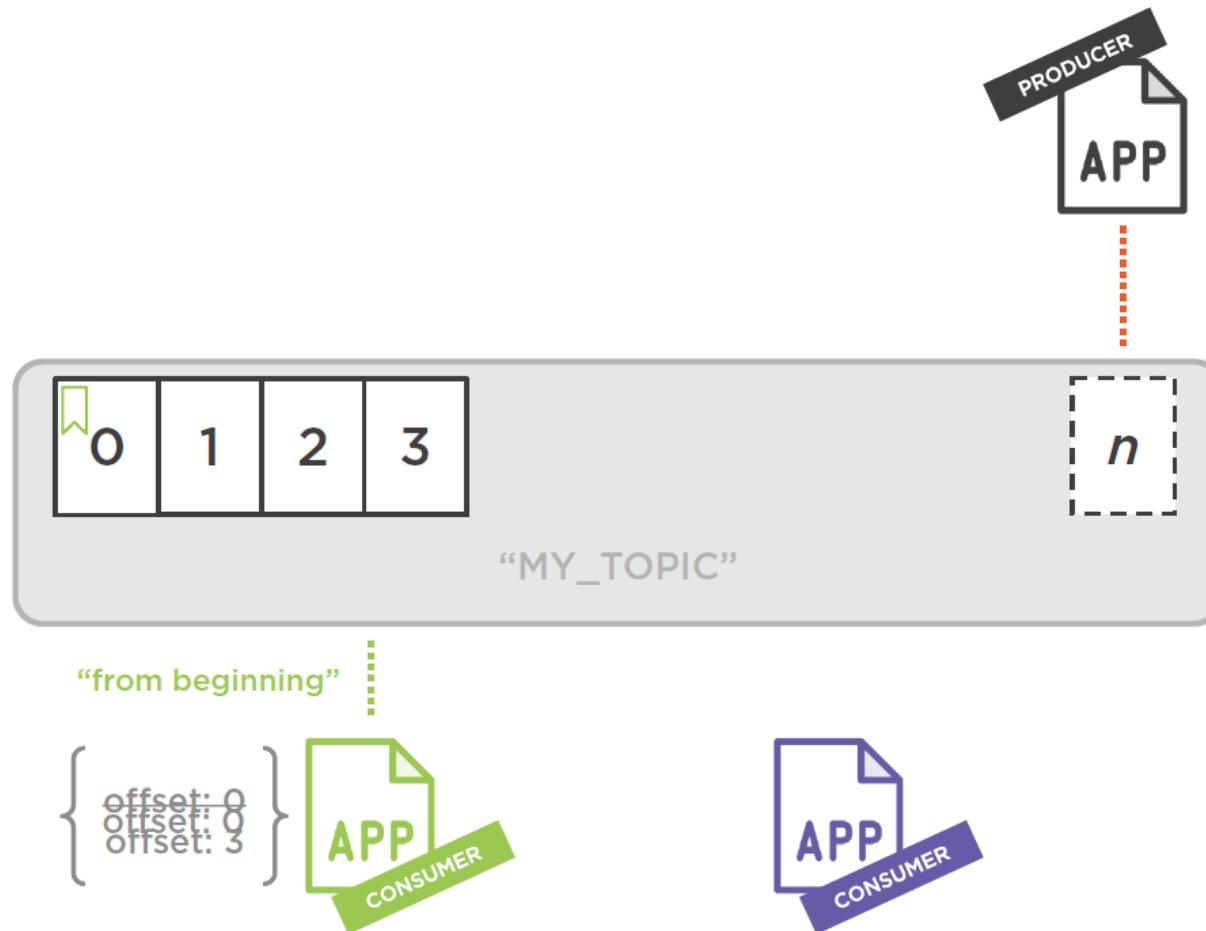


The offset

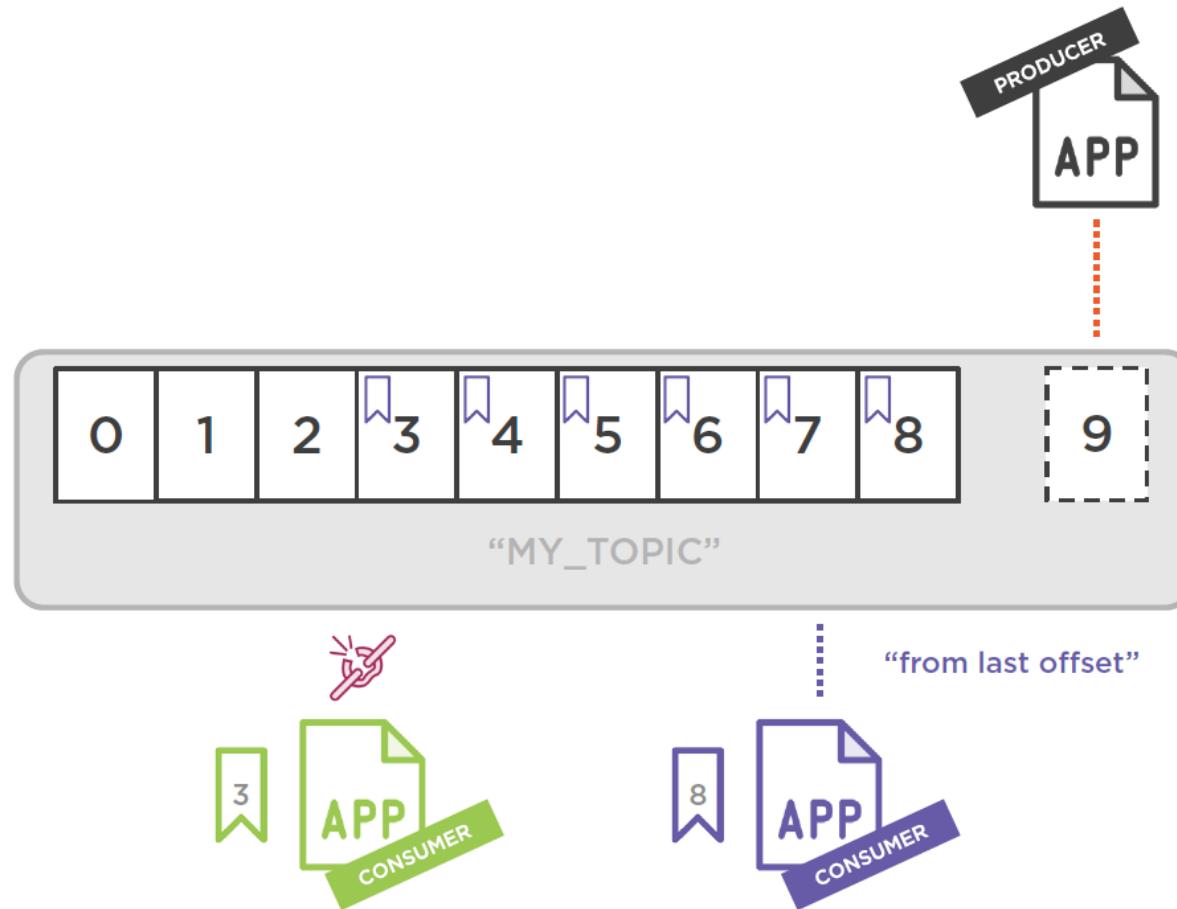


- A placeholder:
 - Last read message position
 - Maintained by the Kafka Consumer
 - Corresponds to the message identifier

The offset



The offset



Message Retention Policy



- Apache Kafka retains all published messages regardless of consumption
- Retention period is configurable
 - Default is 168 hours or seven days
- Retention period is defined on a per-topic basis
- Physical storage resources can constrain message retention

Message Retention Policy



- Does Look This Look Familiar?
 - Append only
 - Ordered sequence (by time)
 - Immutable facts as events

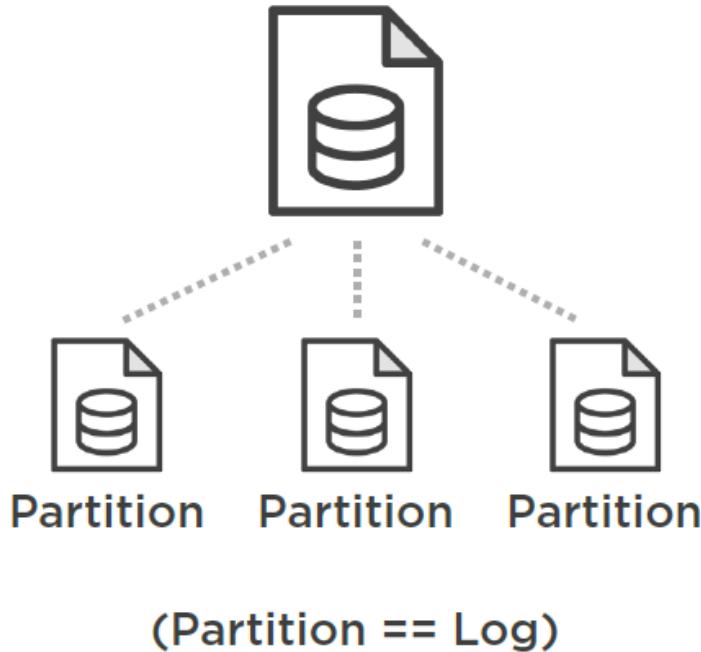
Transaction or Commit Logs



- Source of truth
- Physically stored and maintained
- Higher-order data structures derive from the log
 - Tables, indexes, views, etc.
- Point of recovery
- Basis for replication and distribution

Apache Kafka is publish-subscribe messaging rethought as a distributed commit log.

Kafka Partitions



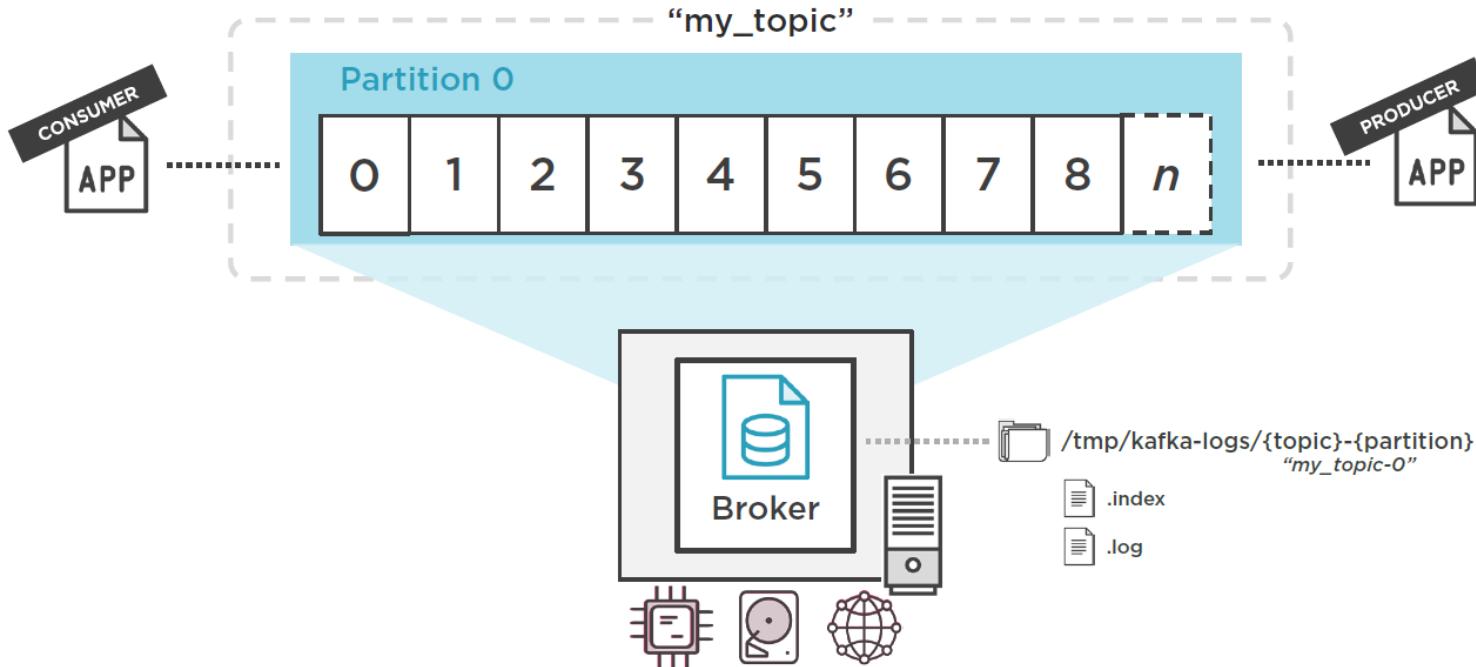
- Each topic has one or more partitions
- A partition is the basis for which Kafka can:
 - Scale
 - Become fault-tolerant
 - Achieve higher levels of throughput
- Each partition is maintained on at least one or more Brokers

Kafka Partitions

- Creating a Topic: Single Partition

```
~$ bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --topic my_topic\  
> --zookeeper localhost:2181 \  
> --partitions 1 \  
> --replication-factor 1
```

Kafka Partitions



Each partition must fit entirely on one machine.

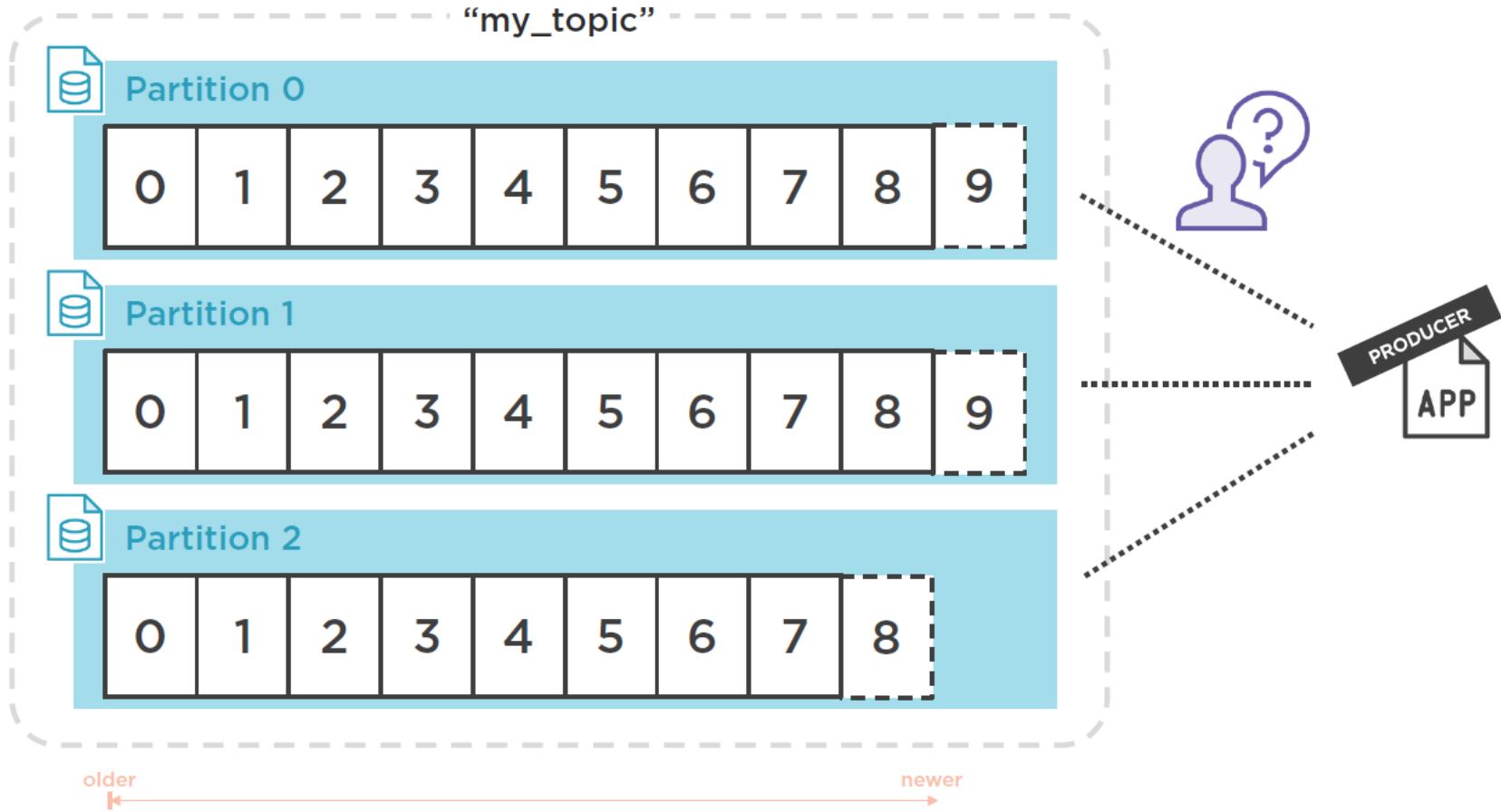
In general, the scalability of Apache Kafka is determined by the number of partitions being managed by multiple broker nodes.

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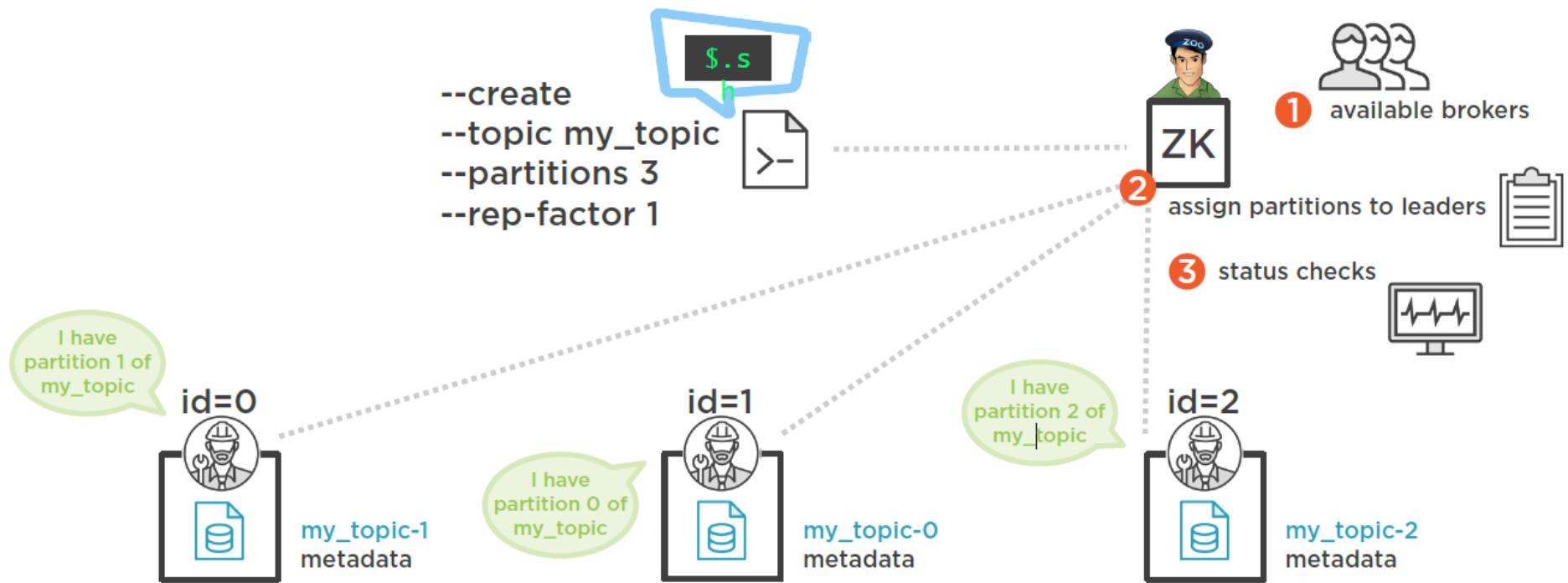
- Creating a Topic: Multiple Partitions

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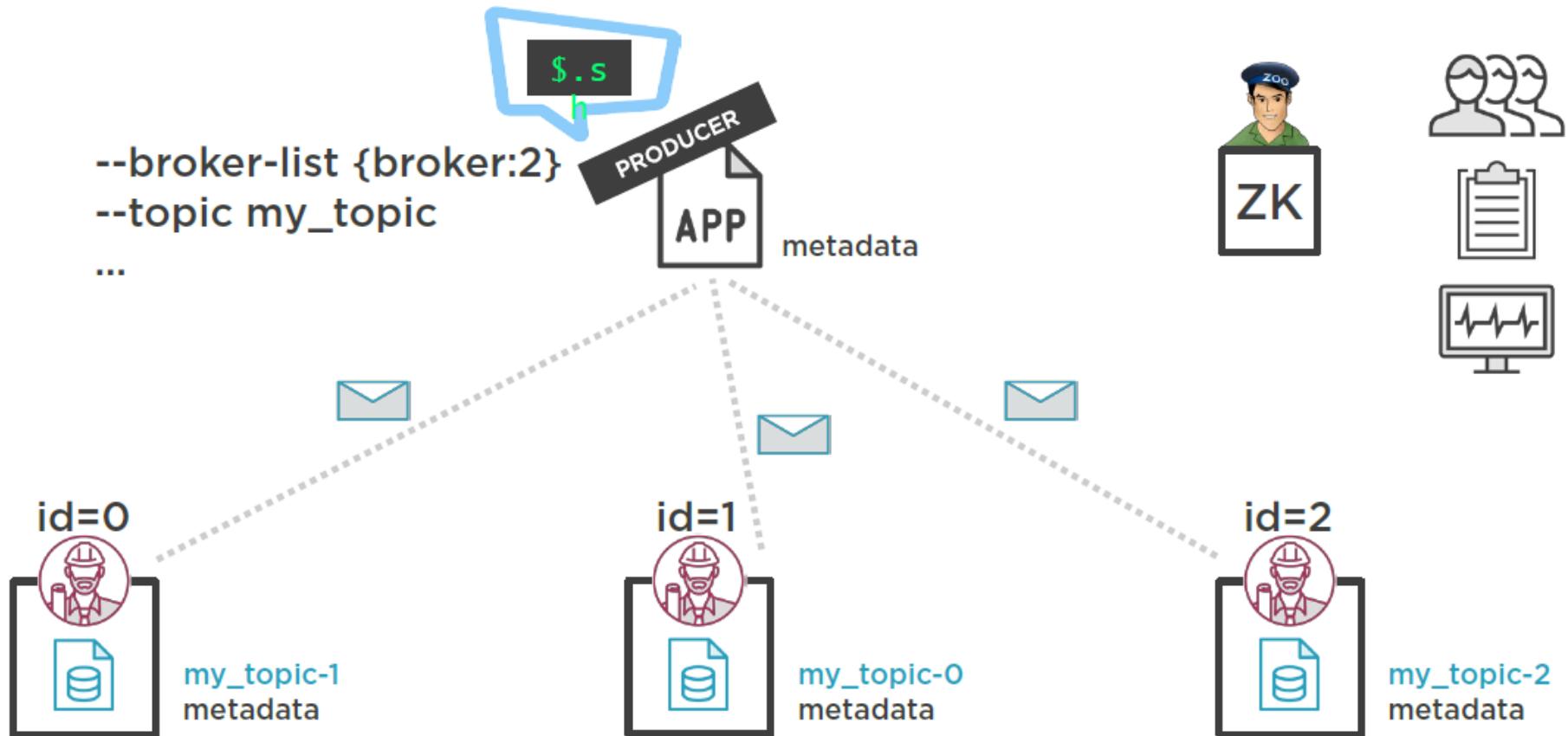
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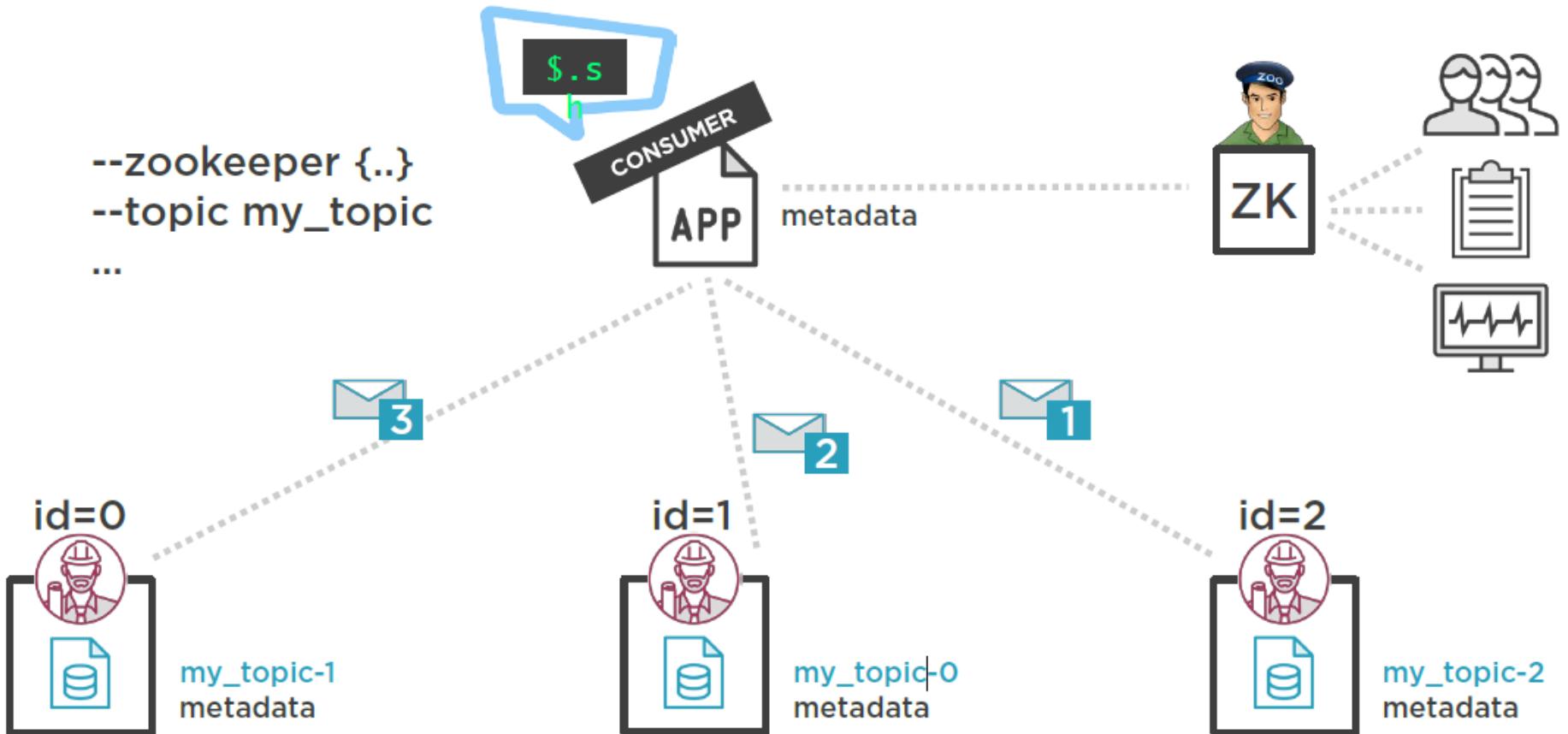
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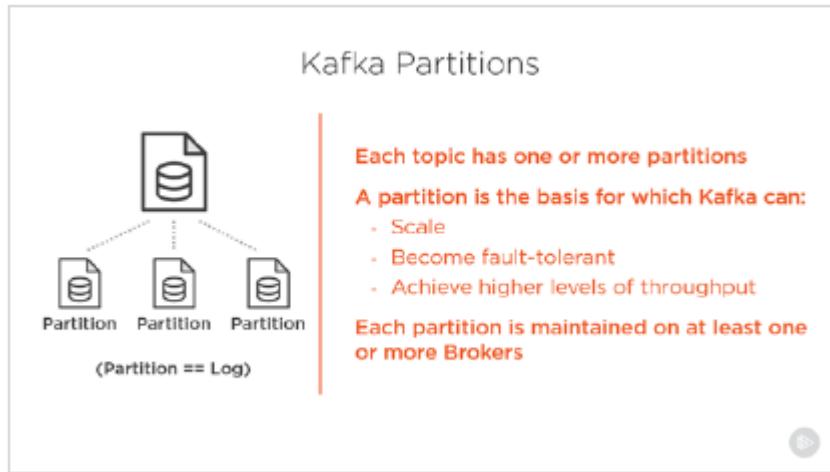
Partitioning Trade-offs

- The more partitions the greater the Zookeeper overhead
 - With large partition numbers ensure proper ZK capacity
- Message ordering can become complex
 - Single partition for global ordering
 - Consumer-handling for ordering
- The more partitions the longer the leader fail-over time

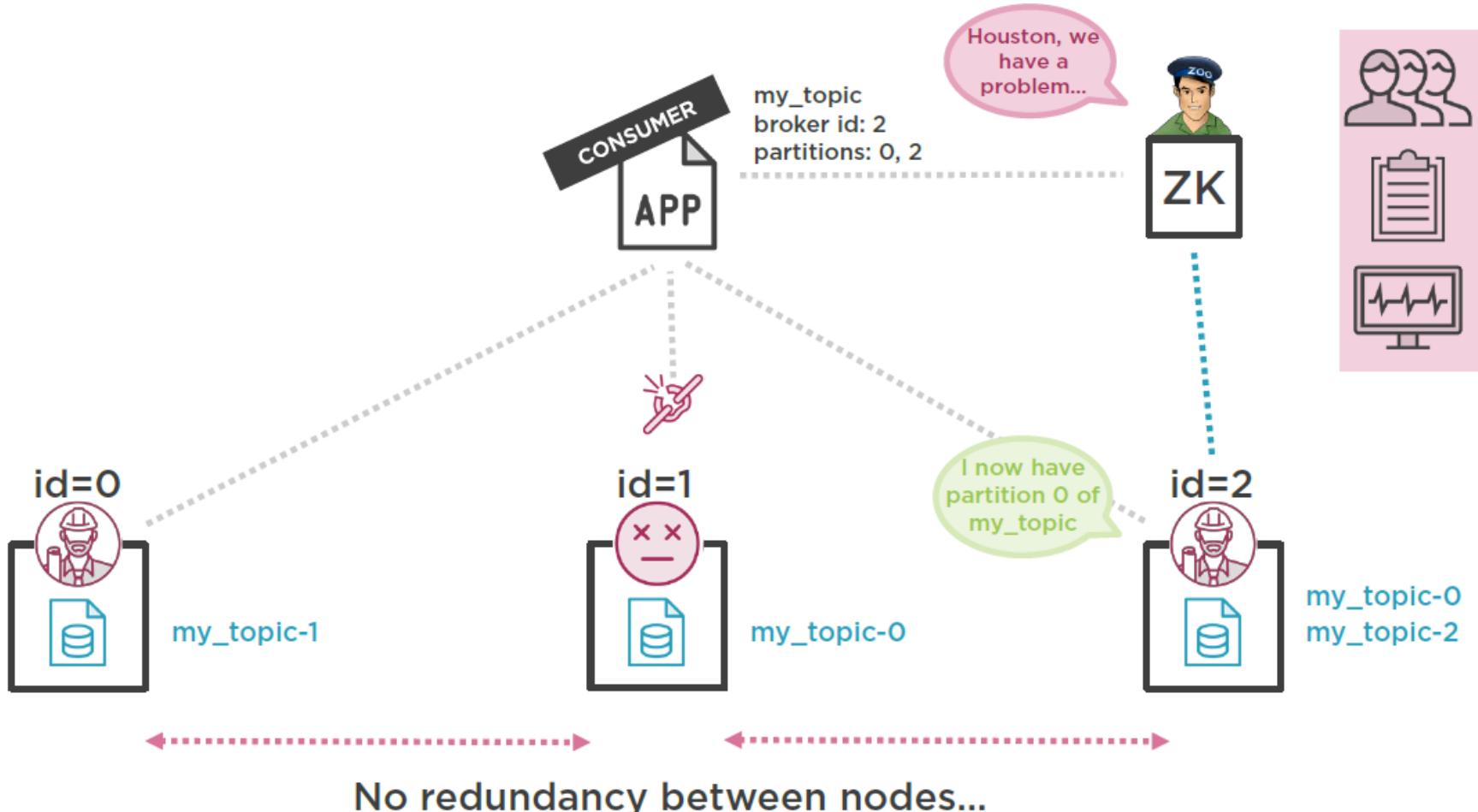
Fault-Tolerance

Something Is Missing

- What about fault-tolerance?
 - Broker failure
 - Network issue
 - Disk failure



Fault-Tolerance

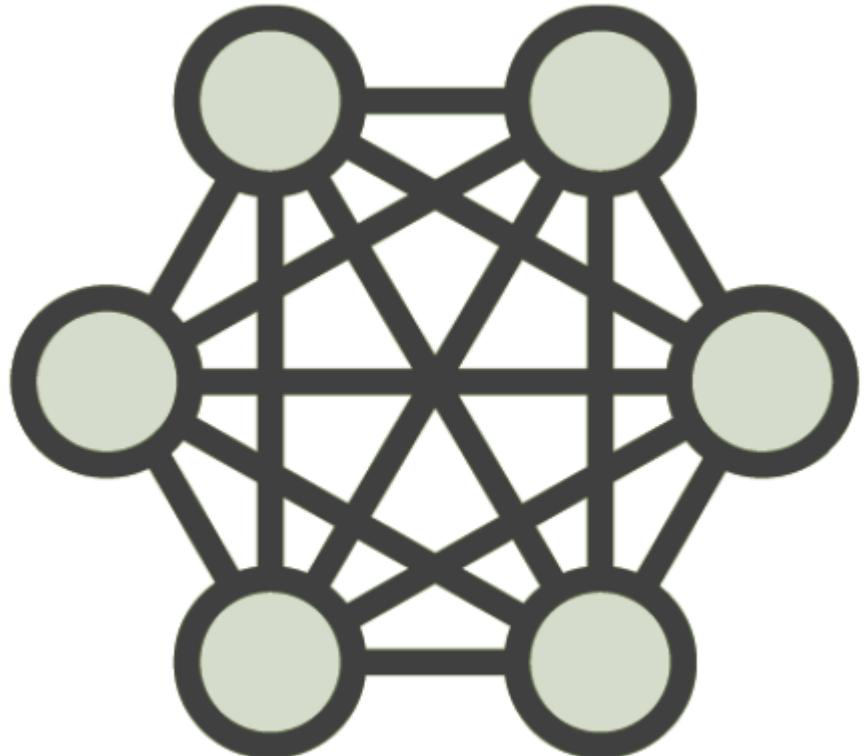


Fault-Tolerance

- Don't Forget the Replication Factor

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Replication Factor



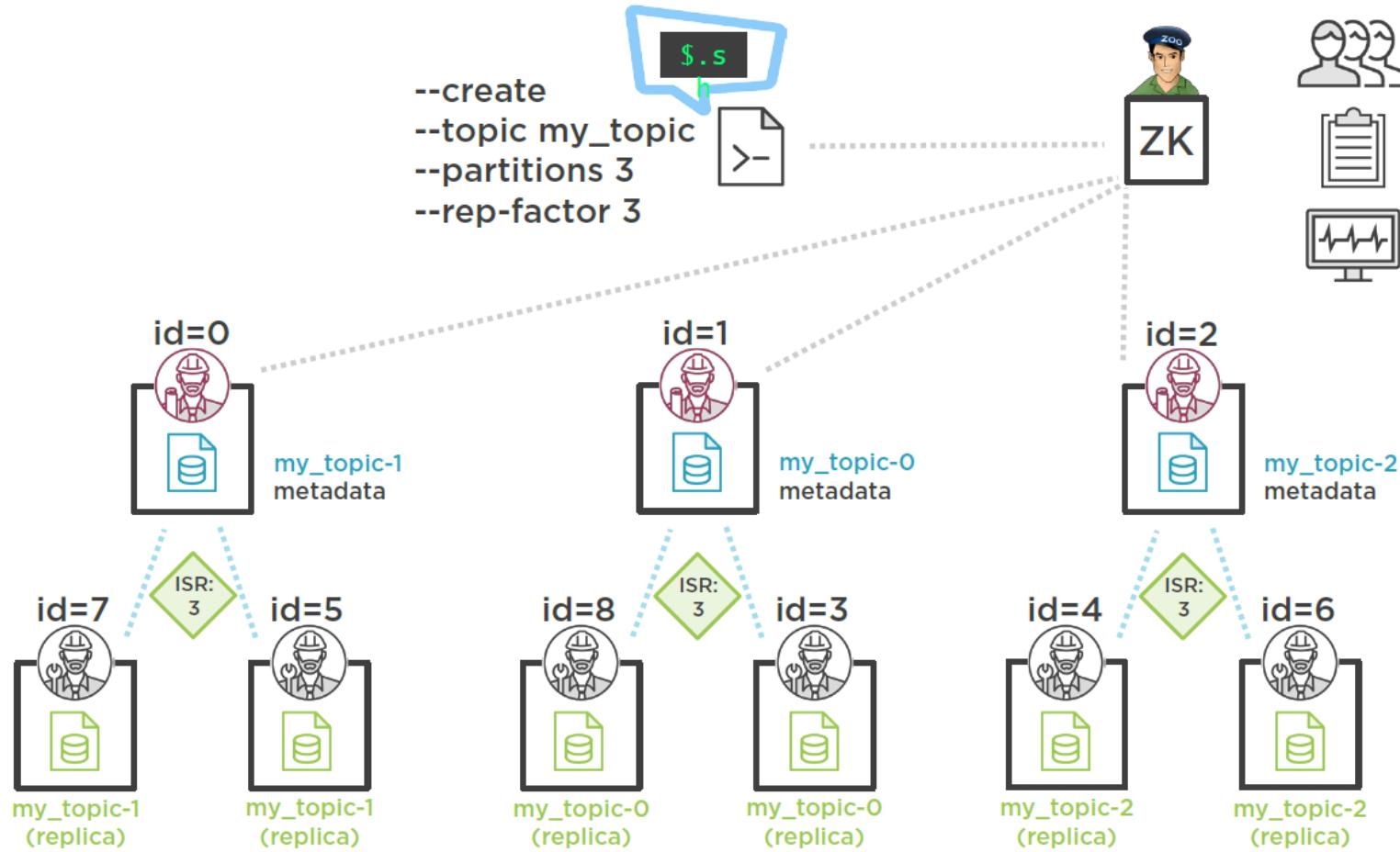
- **Reliable work distribution**
 - Redundancy of messages
 - Cluster resiliency
 - Fault-tolerance
- **Guarantees**
 - N-1 broker failure tolerance
 - 2 or 3 minimum
- **Configured on a per-topic basis**

Replication Factor

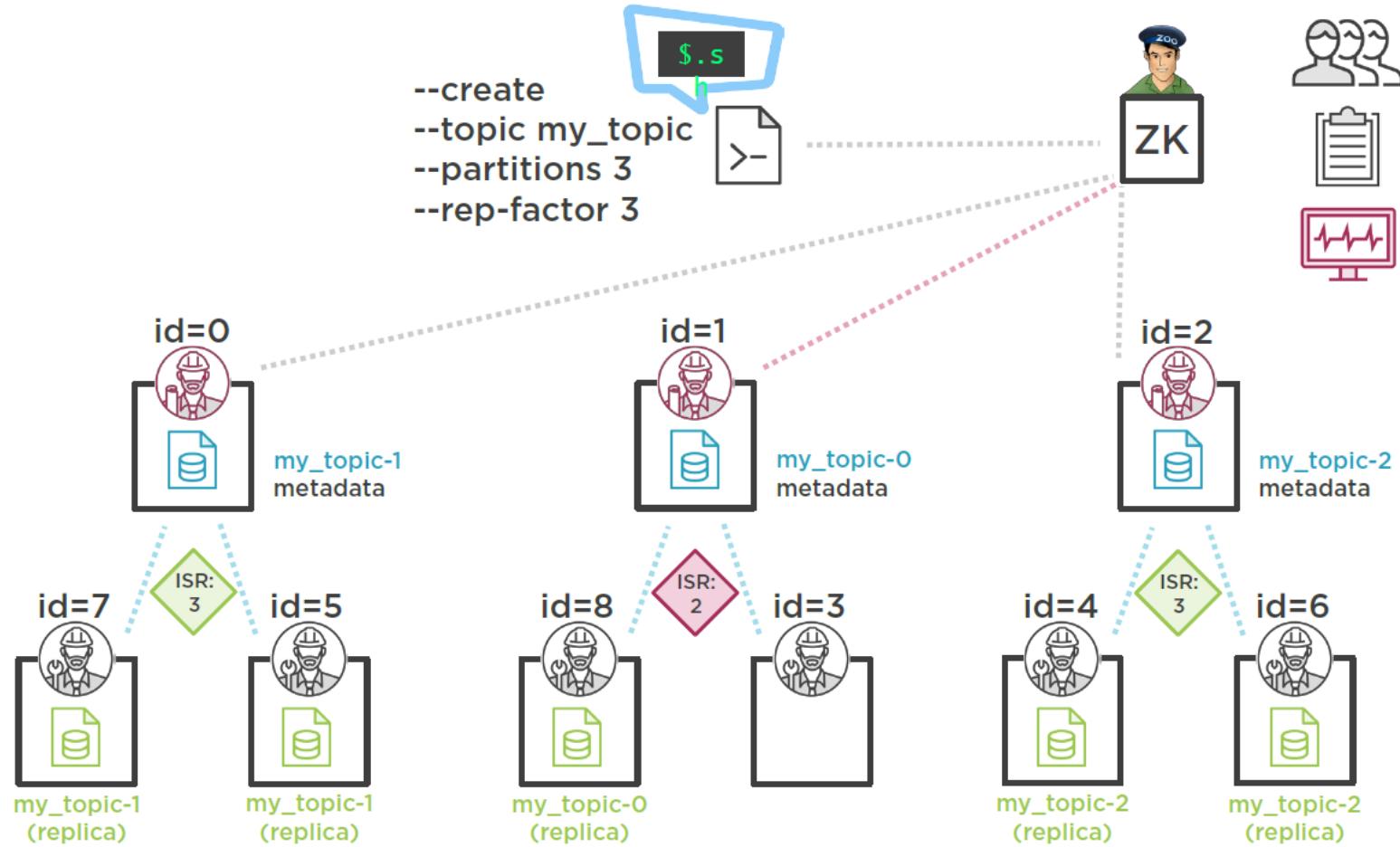
- Multiple Replica Sets

```
~$ bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --topic my_topic\  
> --zookeeper localhost:2181 \  
> --partitions 3 \  
> --replication-factor 3
```

Replication Factor



Replication Factor



Replication Factor

- Viewing Topic State

```
~$ bin/kafka-topics.sh --describe --topic  
my_topic\  
> --zookeeper localhost:2181
```

Summary

- Detailed explanation and view:
 - Topics and Partitions
 - Broker partition management and behavior
- Aligned with distributed systems principles
 - Leader election of partitions
 - Work distribution and failover
- Kafka in action
 - Demos
 - Configuration
- Foundation upon which to dive deeper into Producers and Consumers

Apache Kafka Tools

- [Consumer Offset Checker](#)
- [Dump Log Segment](#)
- [Export Zookeeper Offsets](#)
- [Get Offset Shell](#)
- [Import Zookeeper Offsets](#)
- [JMX Tool](#)
- [Kafka Migration Tool](#)
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Course Map – Producing Message with Kafka Producers

1 Creating Apache Kafka Producer

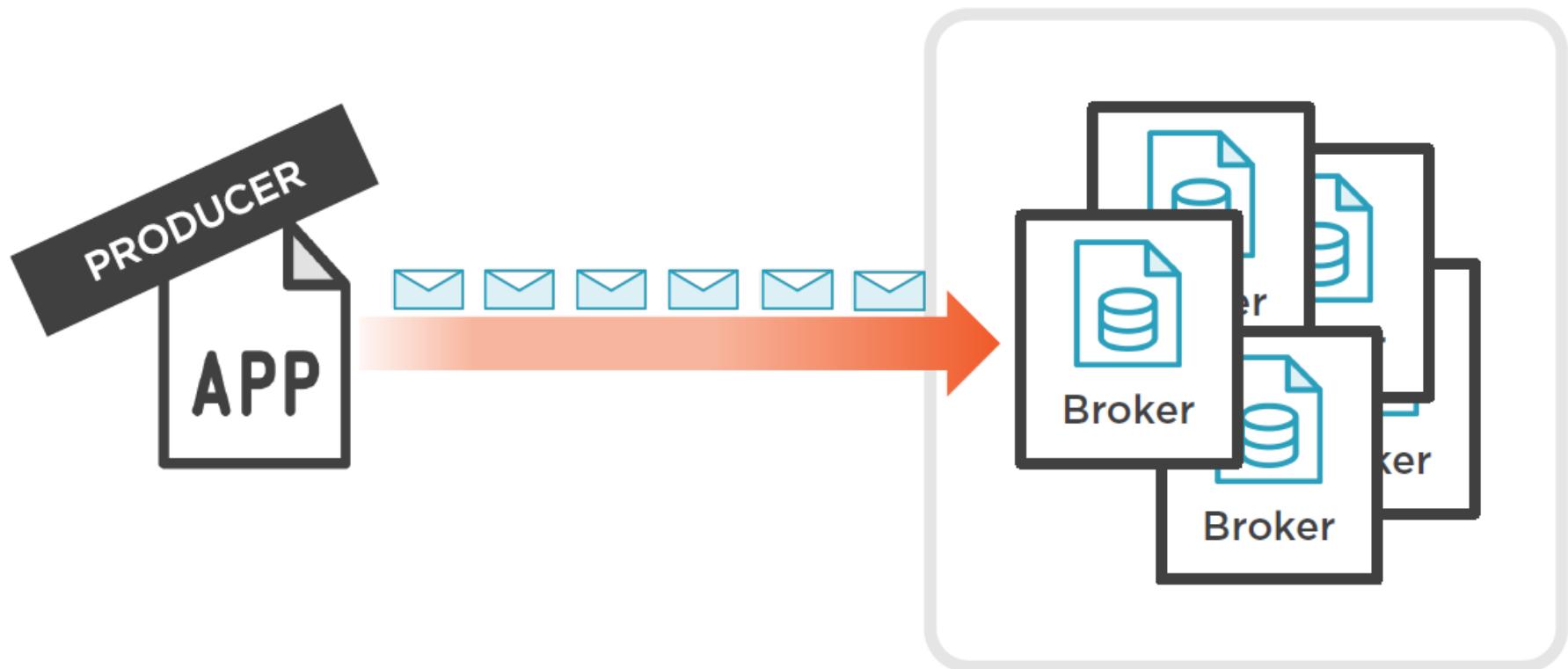
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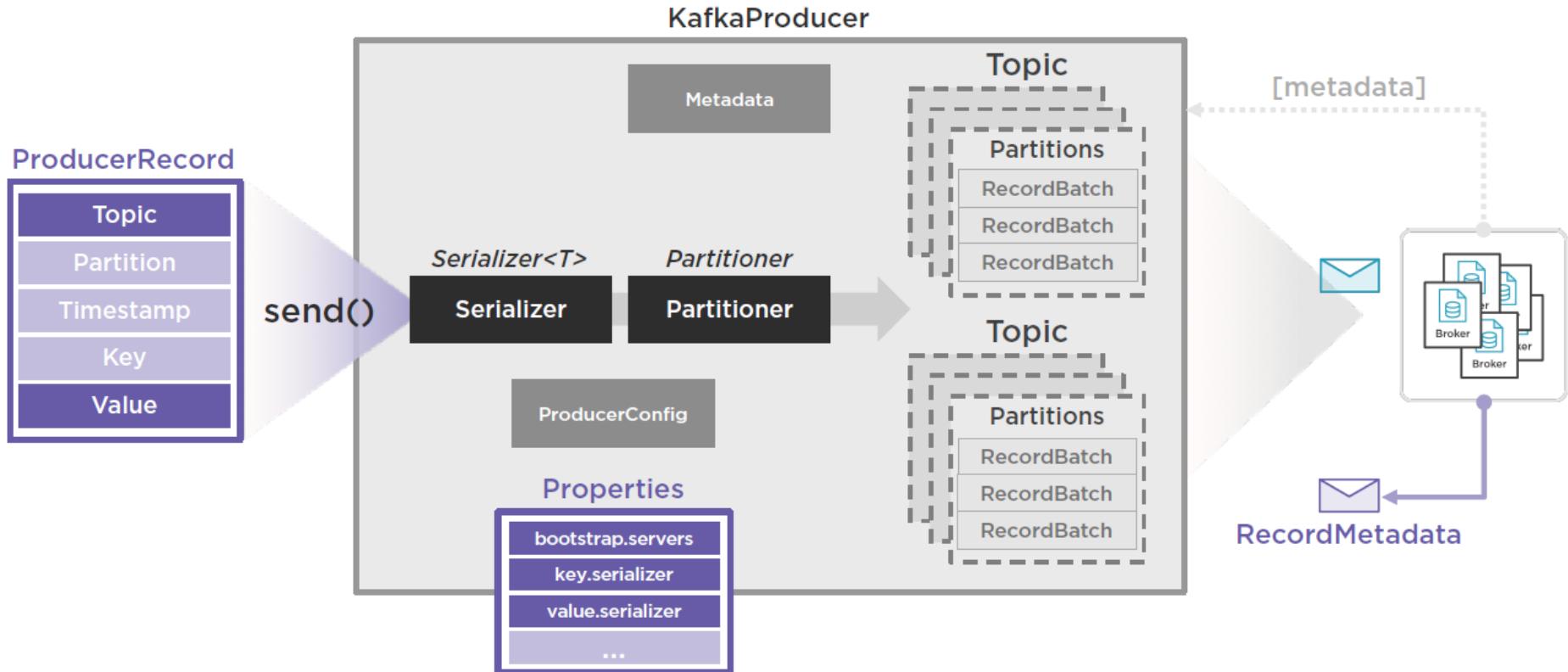
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Kafka Producer - External



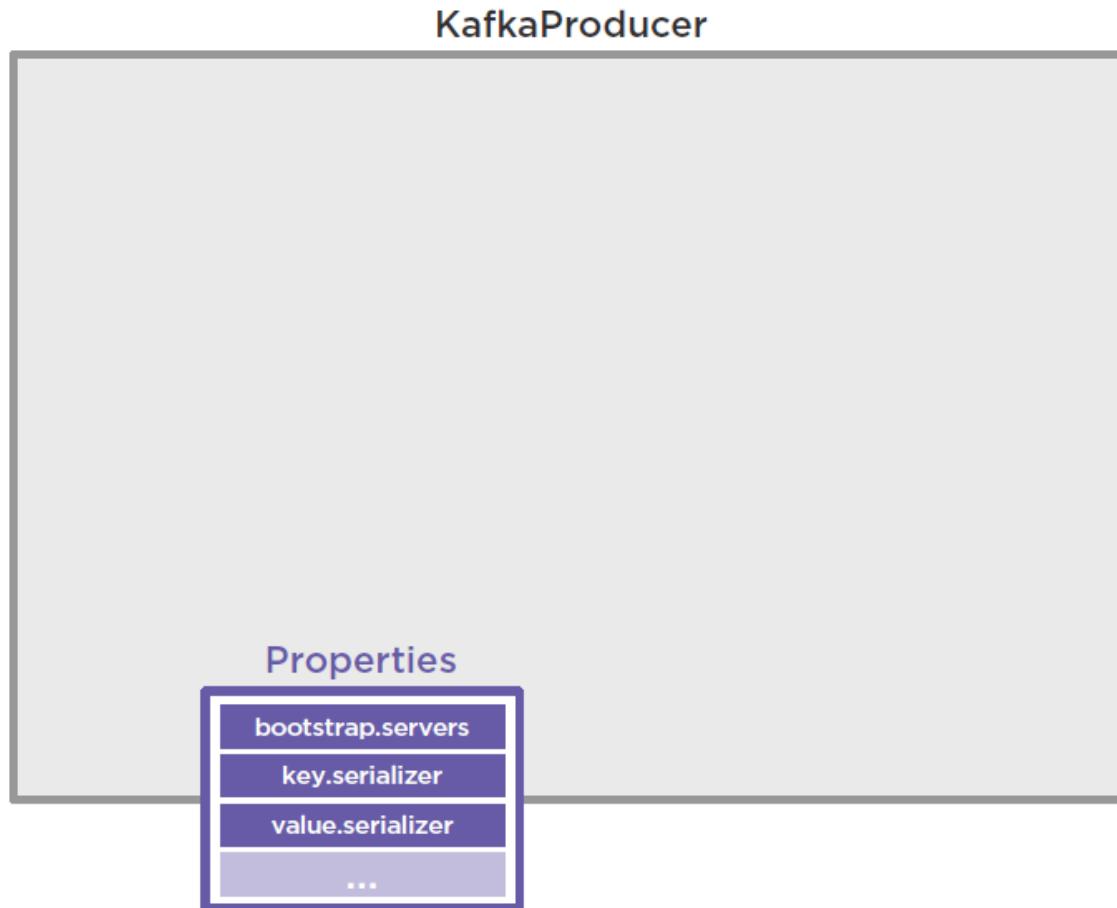
Creating Apache Kafka Producer

Kafka Producer - Internal



Creating Apache Kafka Producer

Creating a Kafka Producer



Creating Apache Kafka Producer

- Kafka Producer: Required Properties
- bootstrap.servers
- - Cluster membership: partition leaders, etc.
- key and value serializers
- - Classes used for message serialization and deserialization

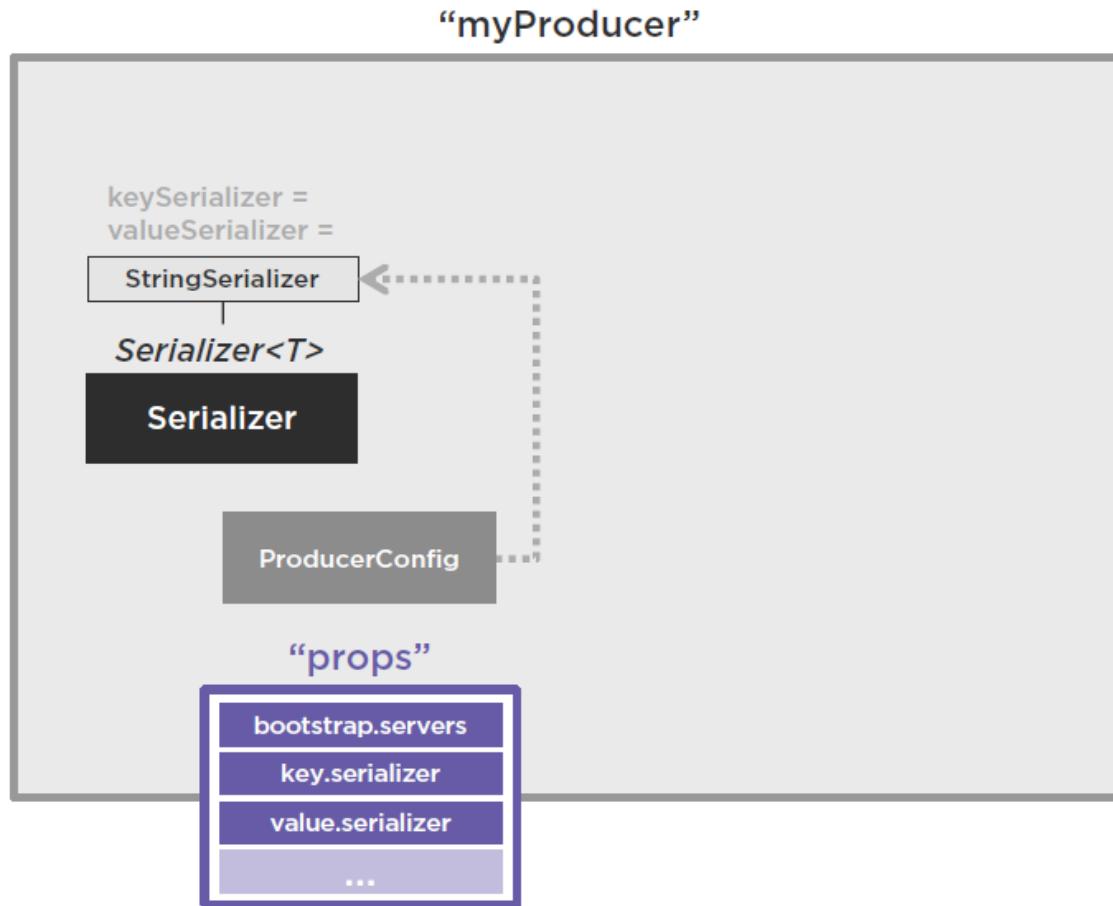
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props.put("key.serializer", "org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringSerializer");
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```

Creating Apache Kafka Producer

```
public class KafkaProducerApp {  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
        Properties props = new Properties();  
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        props.put("key.serializer",  
                "org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringSerializer");  
        props.put("value.serializer",  
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        KafkaProducer myProducer = new KafkaProducer(props);  
    }  
}
```

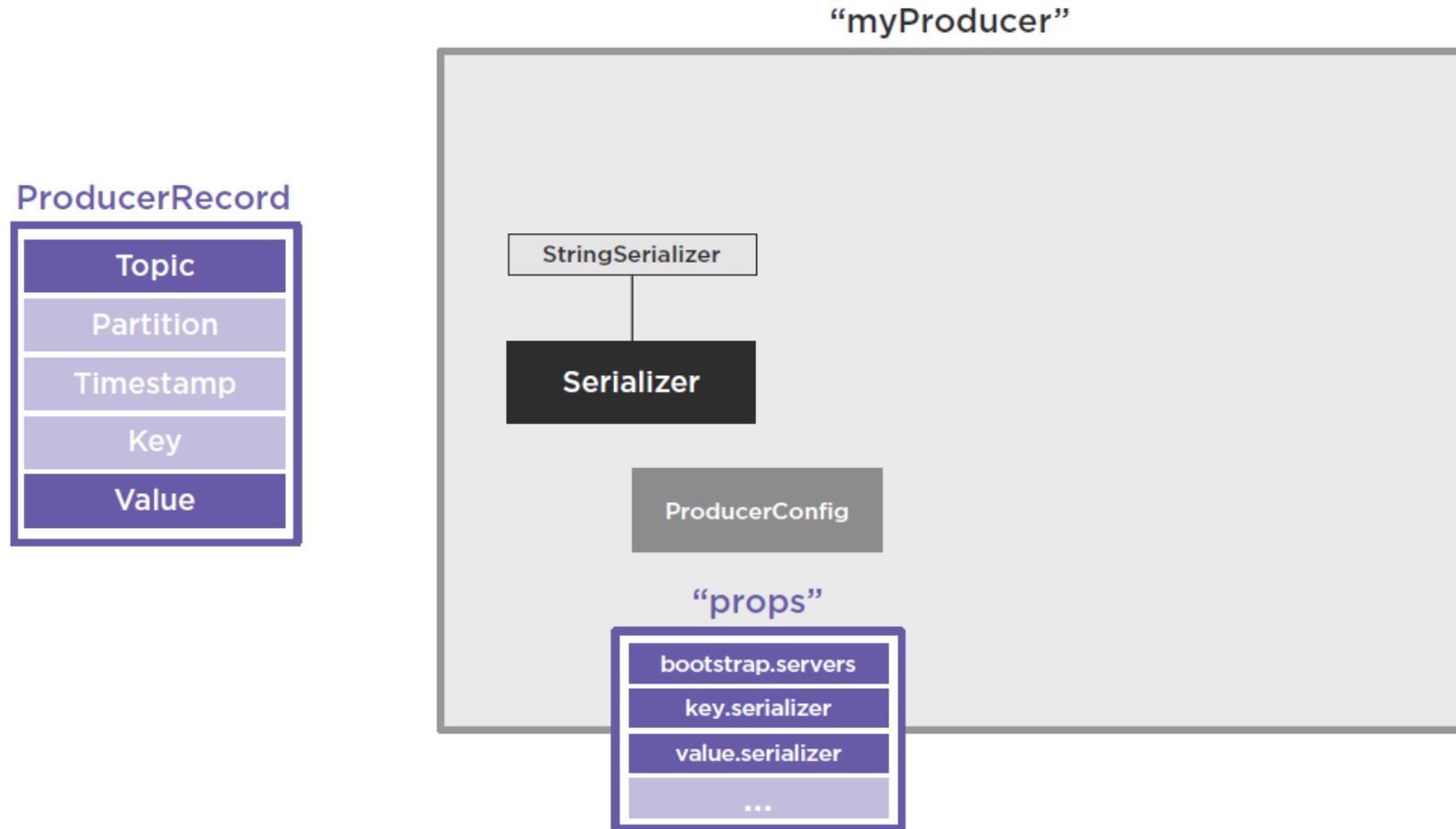
Creating Apache Kafka Producer

Basic Kafka Producer



Creating Apache Kafka Producer

Kafka Producer Messages Records



Creating Apache Kafka Producer

- **ProducerRecord: Required Properties**
- **topic**
- - Topic to which the ProducerRecord will be sent
- **value**
- - The message content (matching the serializer type for value)

```
props.put("value.serializer", "org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringSerializer")
ProducerRecord myMessage = new ProducerRecord("my_topic", "My Message 1");
```

Creating Apache Kafka Producer

Kafka Producer Shell Program

```
~$ bin/kafka-console-producer.sh \
> --broker-list localhost:9092, localhost:9093 \
➤ --topic my_topic
```

MyMessage 1

MyMessage 2

Creating Apache Kafka Producer

- **ProducerRecord: Required Properties**
- **topic**
- - Topic to which the ProducerRecord will be sent
- **value**
- - The message content (matching the serializer type for value)

```
props.put("value.serializer", "org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringSerializer")
ProducerRecord myMessage = new ProducerRecord("my_topic","My Message 1");
```

```
ProducerRecord myMessage = new ProducerRecord("my_topic",3.14159);
SerializationException: Can't convert value of class ...
```

Notes: *KafkaProducer instances can only send ProducerRecords that match the key and value serializers types it is configured with.*

Creating Apache Kafka Producer

- **ProducerRecord: Optional Properties**
- **partition**
- - specific partition within the topic to send ProducerRecord
- **timestamp**
- - the Unix timestamp applied to the record

```
ProducerRecord(String topic, Integer partition, Long timestamp, K key, V value);
```

```
// Example:
```

```
ProducerRecord("my_topic", 1, 124535353325, "Course-001","My Message 1");
```

```
// Defined in server.properties:
```

```
log.message.timestamp.type = [CreateTime, LogAppendTime]
```

```
// CreateTime: producer-set timestamp used.
```

```
// LogAppendTime: broker-set timestamp used when message is appended to commit log.
```

Creating Apache Kafka Producer

- **ProducerRecord: Optional Properties**
- **key**
- - a value to be used as the basis of determining the partitioning strategy to be employed by the Kafka Producer

```
ProducerRecord(String topic, Integer partition, Long timestamp, K key, V value);
```

```
// Example:
```

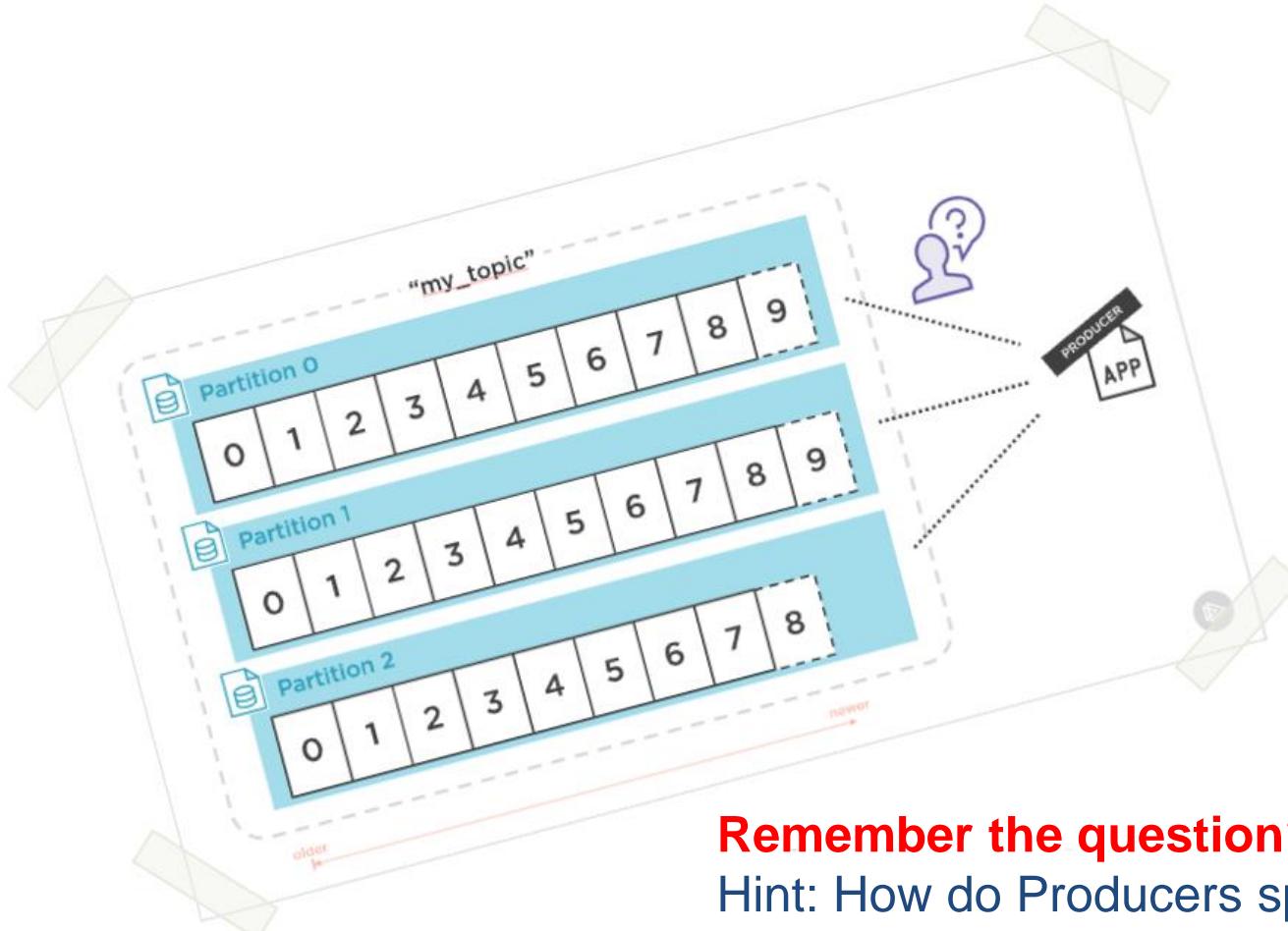
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ProducerRecord("my_topic", 1, 124535353325, "Course-001","My Message 1");
```

Creating Apache Kafka Producer



- **Two useful purposes:**
 - - Additional information in the message
 - - Can determine what partitions the message will be written to
- **Downside:**
 - - Additional overhead
 - - Depends on the serializer type used

Creating Apache Kafka Producer



Remember the question?

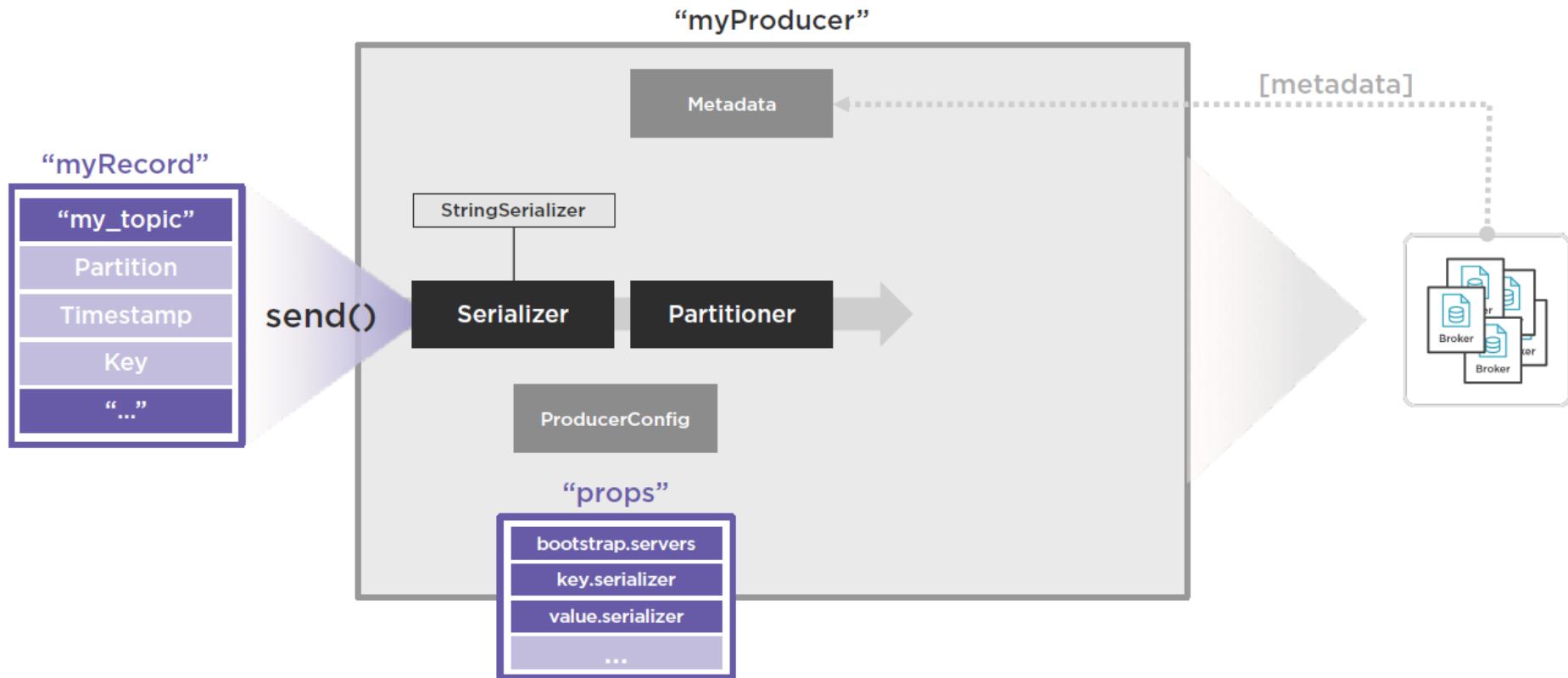
Hint: How do Producers split messages to partitions?

Creating Apache Kafka Producer

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    public static void main(String[] args){  
  
        Properties props = new Properties();  
  
        props.put("bootstrap.servers", "BROKER-1:9092, BROKER-2:9093");  
  
        props.put("key.serializer", "org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringSerializer");  
  
        props.put("value.serializer", "org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringSerializer");  
  
        KafkaProducer myProducer = new KafkaProducer(props);  
  
        ProducerRecord myRecord = new ProducerRecord("my_topic", "Course-001", "My Message 1");  
  
        myProducer.send(myRecord); // Best practice: try..catch  
  
    }  
}
```

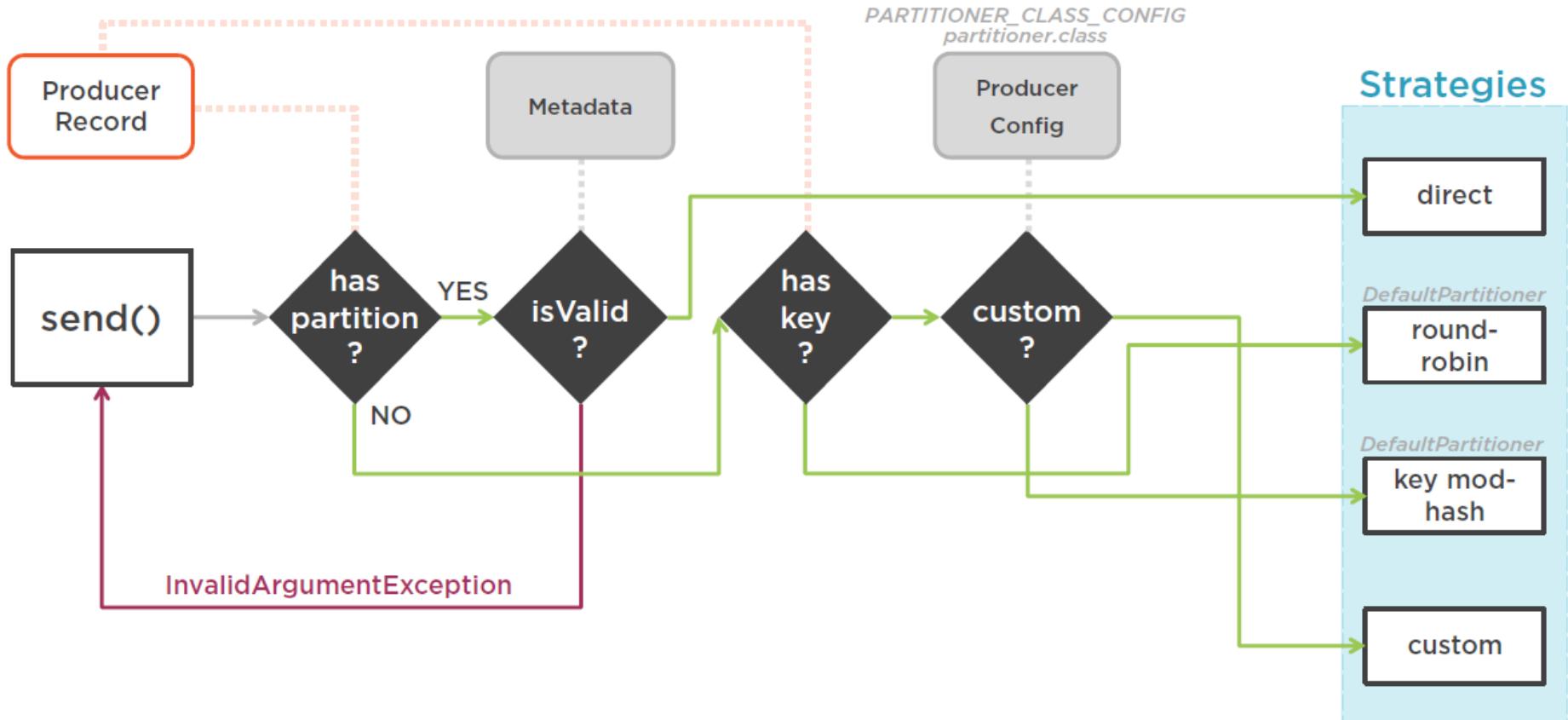
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Sending the messages, Part - 1



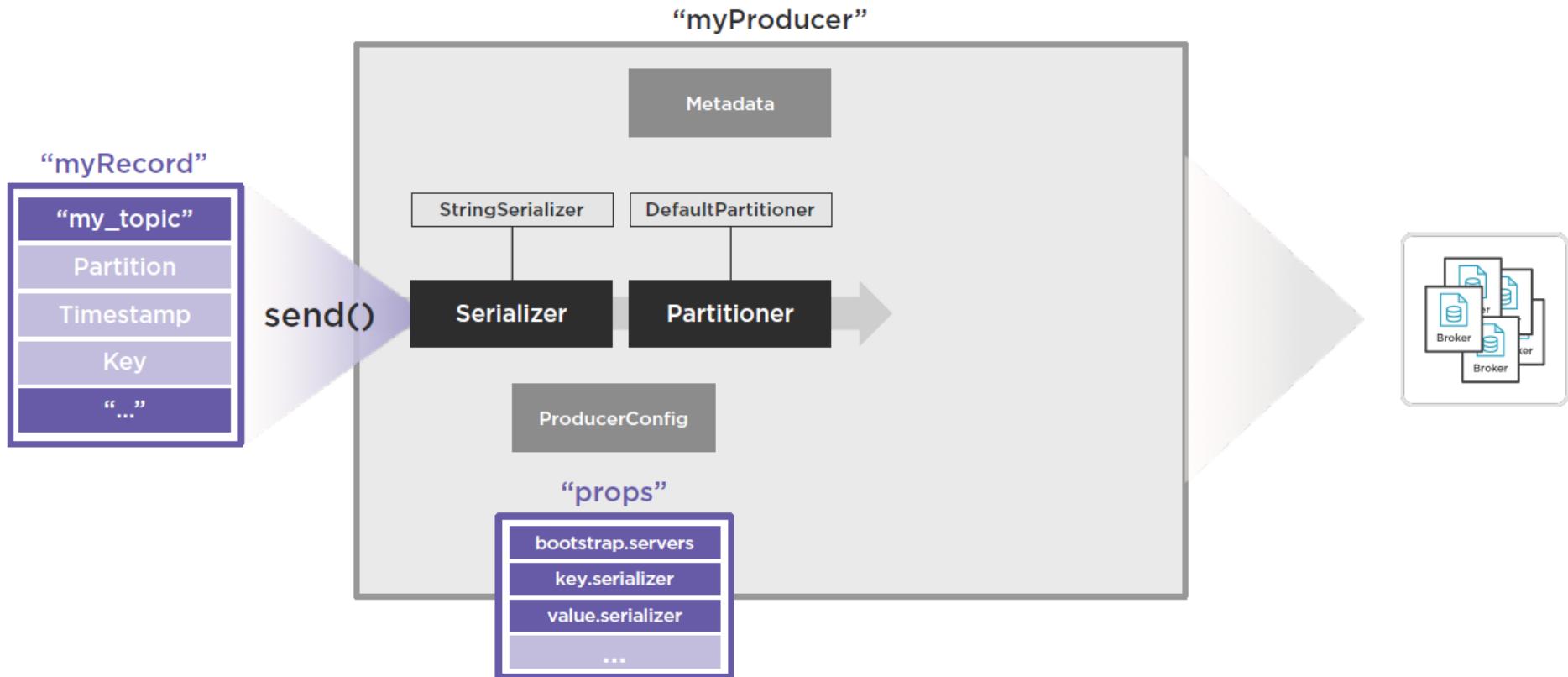
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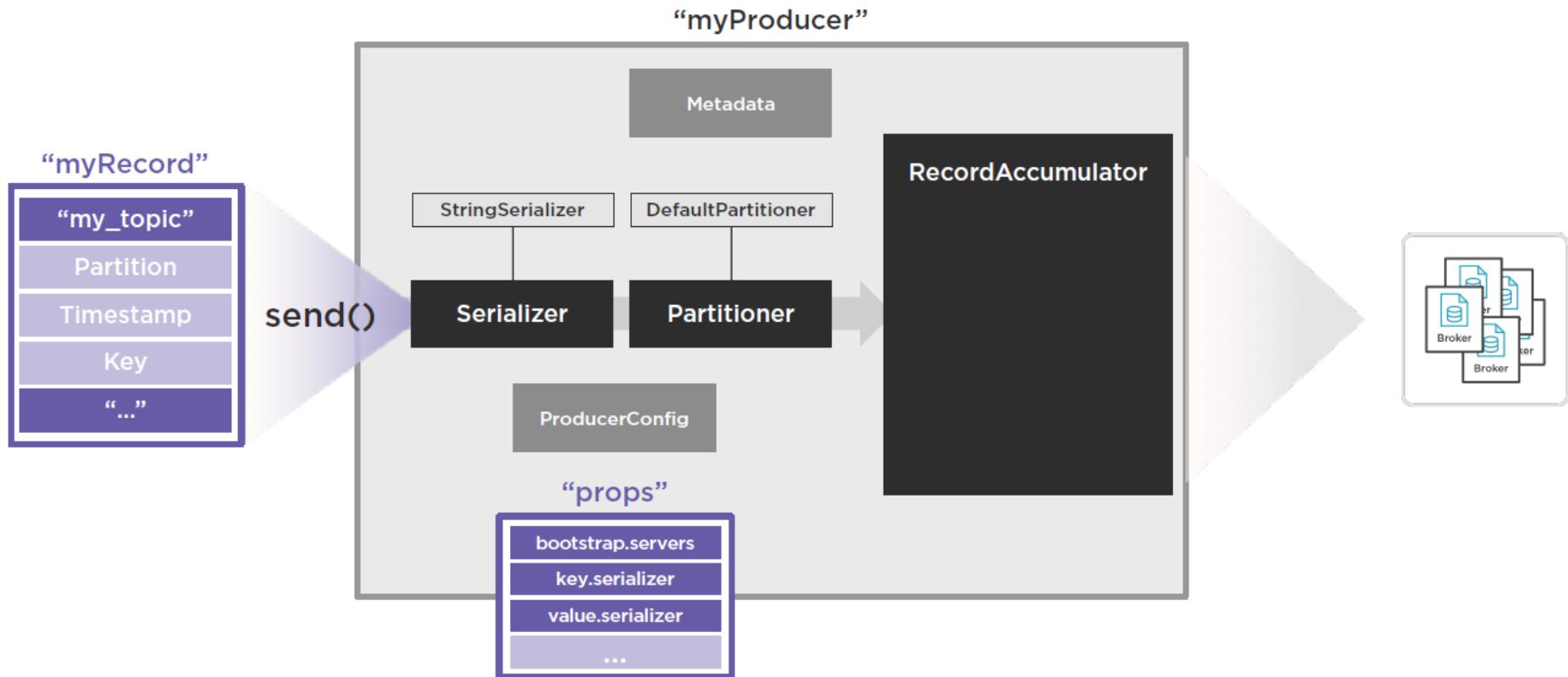
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Sending the messages, Part - 1



Sending Messages

Sending the messages, Part - 2



Sending Messages

Sending the messages, Part - 2

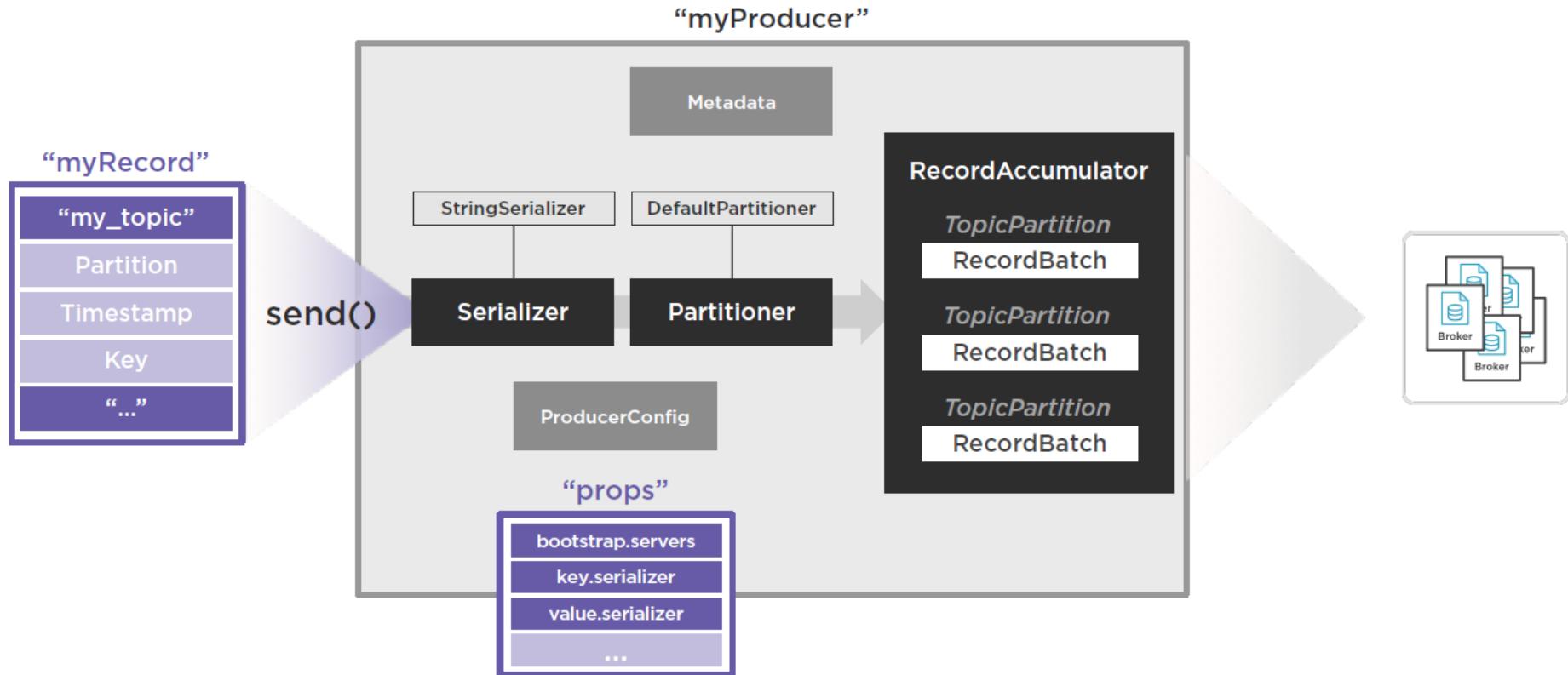
Micro-batching in Apache Kafka



- At scale, efficiency is everything.
- Small, fast batches of messages:
 - - Sending (Producer)
 - - Writing (Broker)
 - - Reading (Consumer)
- Modern operating system functions:
 - - Pagecache
 - - Linux sendfile() system call (kernel)
- Amortization of the constant cost

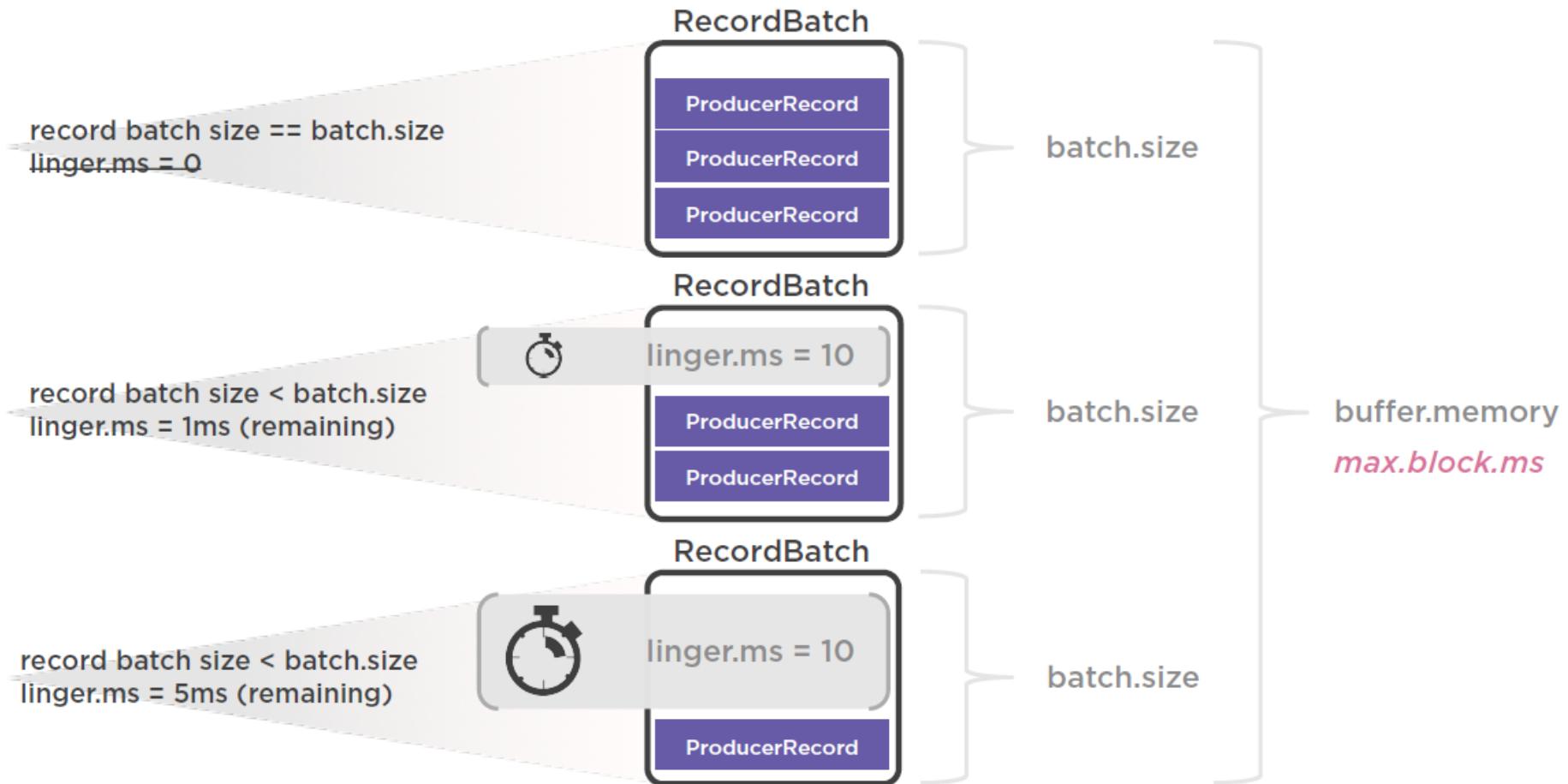
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Sending the messages, Part - 2



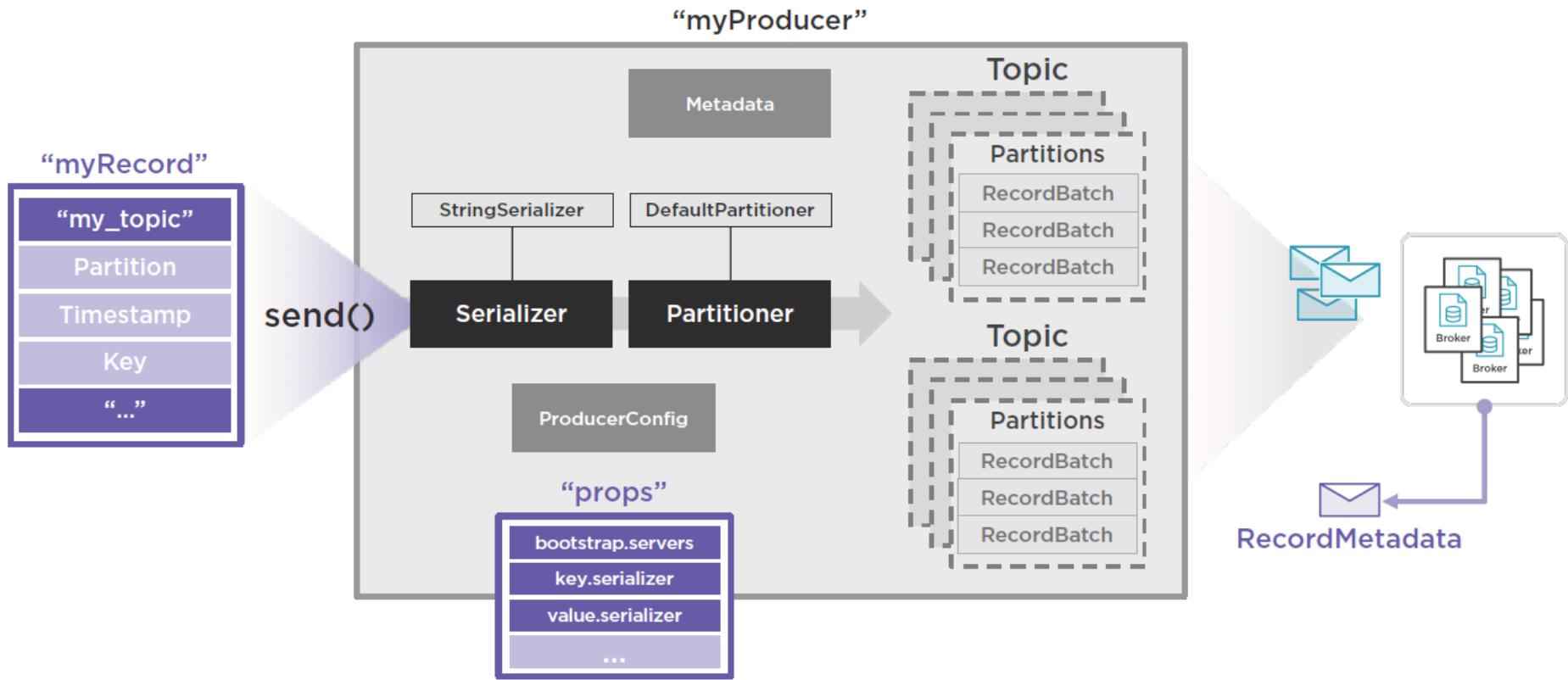
Sending Messages

Message buffering



Sending Messages

Sending the messages, Part - 2



Delivery Guarantees



- Broker acknowledgement (“acks”)
 - - 0: fire and forget
 - - 1: leader acknowledged
 - - 2: replication quorum acknowledged
- Broker responds with error
 - - “retries”
 - - “retry.backoff.ms”

Ordering Guarantees



- Message order by partition
 - - No global order across partitions
- Can get complicated with errors
 - - retries, retry.backoff.ms
 - - max.in.flight.request.per.connection
- Delivery semantics
 - - At-most-once, at-least-once, only-once

Summary

- Kafka Producer Internals
 - Properties -> ProducerConfig
 - Message -> ProducerRecord
 - Processing Pipeline: Serializers and Partitioners
 - Micro-batching -> Record Accumulator and RecordBuffer
- Delivery and Ordering Guarantees
- Java-based Producer

Course Map – Consuming Message with Kafka Consumer and Consumer Groups

1 Creating Apache Kafka Consumer

2 Single Consumer Topic Subscriptions

3 Kafka Consumer Polling

4 Offset

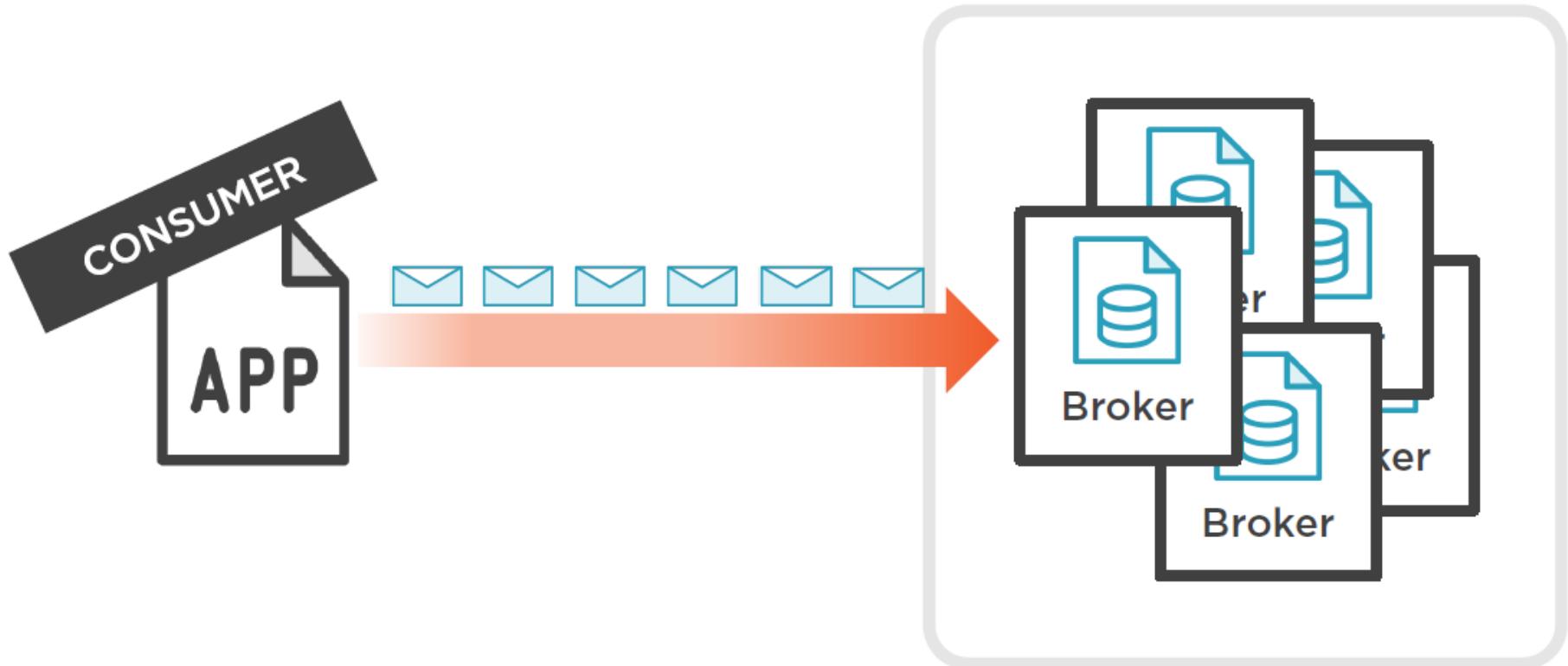
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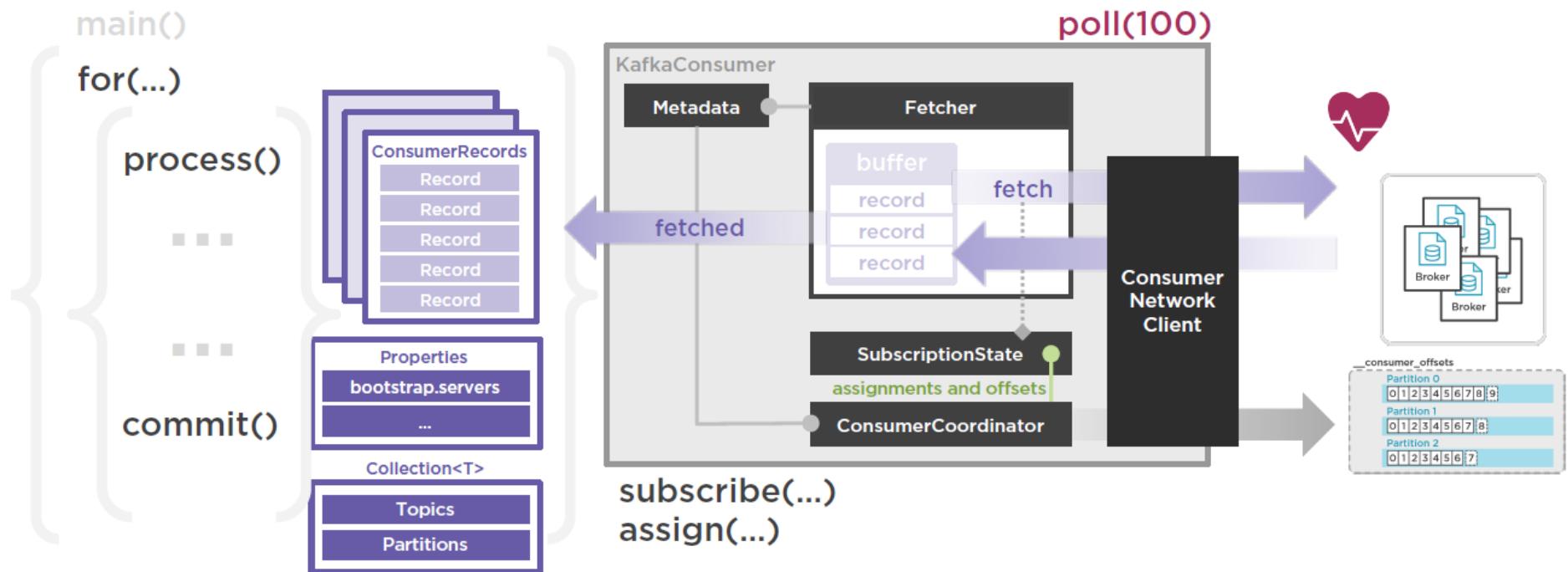
Creating Apache Kafka Consumer

Kafka Consumer - External



Creating Apache Kafka Consumer

Kafka Consumer - Internals



Creating Apache Kafka Consumer

- **Kafka Consumer: Required Properties**
- **bootstrap.servers**
 - Cluster membership: partition leaders, etc.
- **key and value deserializers**
 - Classes used for message deserialization

```
Properties props = new Properties();
props.put("bootstrap.servers", "BROKER-1:9092, BROKER-2:9093");
props.put("key.deserializer", "org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringDeserializer");
props.put("value.deserializer",
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```

Creating Apache Kafka Consumer

```
public class KafkaConsumerApp {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
  
        Properties props = new Properties();  
  
        props.put("bootstrap.servers", "BROKER-1:9092, BROKER-2:9093");  
  
        props.put("key.deserializer", "org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringDeserializer");  
  
        props.put("value.deserializer", "org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringDeserializer");  
  
        KafkaConsumer myConsumer = new KafkaConsumer(props);  
  
    }  
  
}
```

Creating Apache Kafka Consumer

Subscribing to Topics

```
public class KafkaConsumerApp {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
  
        // Properties code omitted...  
  
        KafkaConsumer myConsumer = new KafkaConsumer(props);  
  
        myConsumer.subscribe(Arrays.asList("my-topic"));  
  
        // Alternatively, use regular expressions:  
  
        myConsumer.subscribe("my-*");  
  
    }  
}
```

Creating Apache Kafka Consumer

Subscribing to Topics

// Initial subscription:

```
myConsumer.subscribe(Arrays.asList("my-topic"));
```

// Later, add another topic to the subscription (intentional):

```
myConsumer.subscribe(Arrays.asList("my-other-topic"));
```

// Better for incremental topic subscription management:

```
ArrayList<String> topics = new ArrayList<String>();
```

```
topics.add("myTopic");
```

```
topics.add("myOtherTopic");
```

```
myConsumer.subscribe(topics);
```

Creating Apache Kafka Consumer

Un - Subscribing to Topics

```
ArrayList<String> topics = new ArrayList<String>();  
  
topics.add("myTopic");  
  
topics.add("myOtherTopic");  
  
myConsumer.subscribe(topics);  
  
myConsumer.unsubscribe();  
  
// Less-than-intuitive unsubscribe alternative:  
  
topics.clear() // Emptying out the list  
  
myConsumer.subscribe(topics) // passing the subscribe() method a list of empty strings
```

Creating Apache Kafka Consumer



- **subscribe()**
 - For topics (dynamic/automatic)
 - One topic, one-to-many partitions
 - Many topics, many more partitions
- **assign()**
 - For partitions
 - One or more partitions, regardless of topic
- **topic**
 - Manual, self-administering mode

Creating Apache Kafka Consumer

Manual Partition Assignments

```
// Similar pattern as subscribe():

TopicPartition partition0 = new TopicPartition("myTopic", 0);

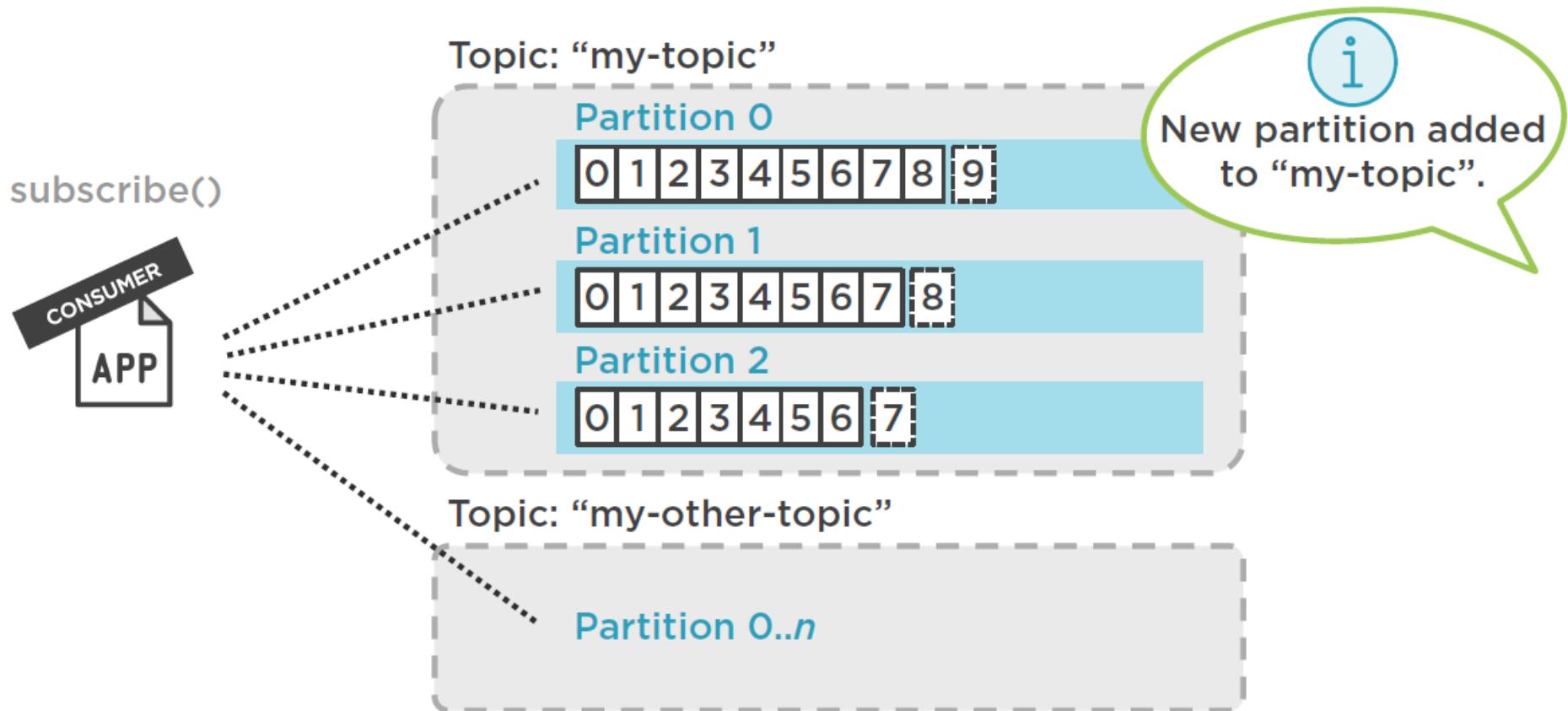
ArrayList<TopicPartition> partitions = new ArrayList<TopicPartition>();

partitions.add(partition0);

myConsumer.assign(partitions); // Remember this is NOT incremental!
```

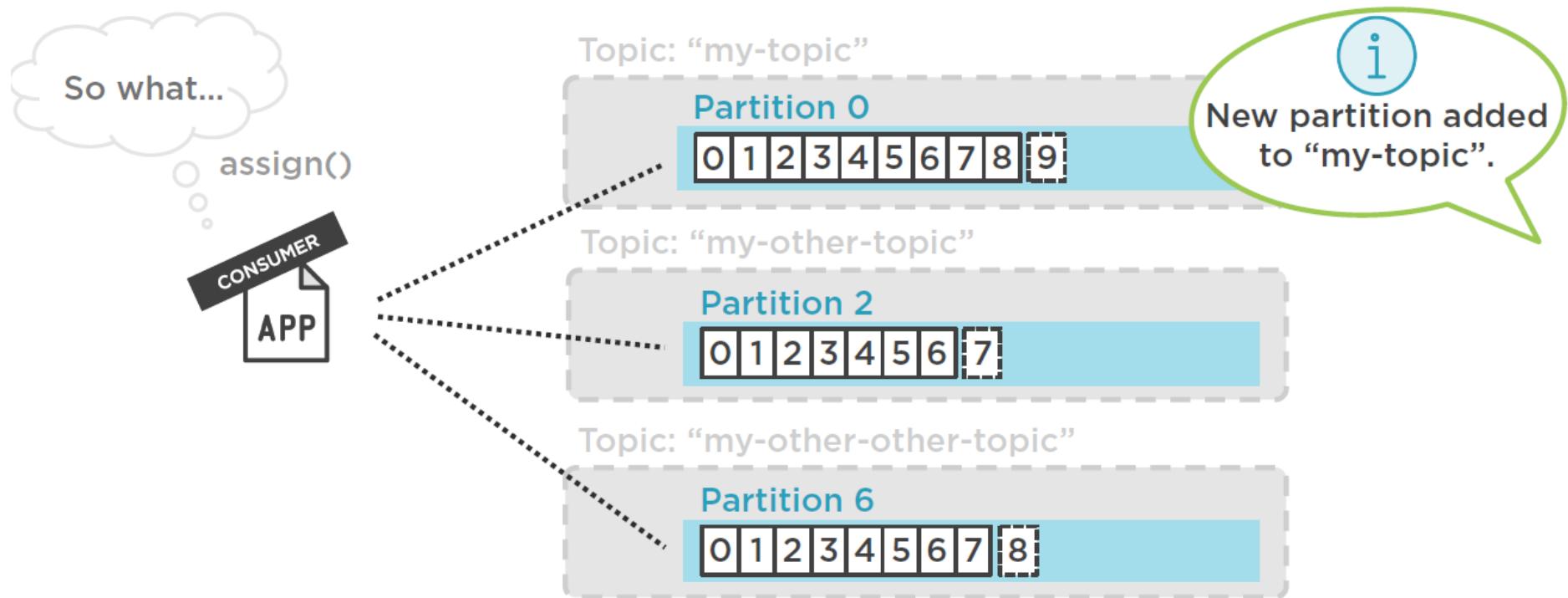
Single Consumer Topic Subscriptions

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Single Consumer Topic Subscriptions

The poll - loop



- Primary function of the Kafka Consumer
 - `poll()`
- Continuously polling the brokers for data
- Single API for handling all Consumer-Broker interactions
 - A lot of interactions beyond message retrieval

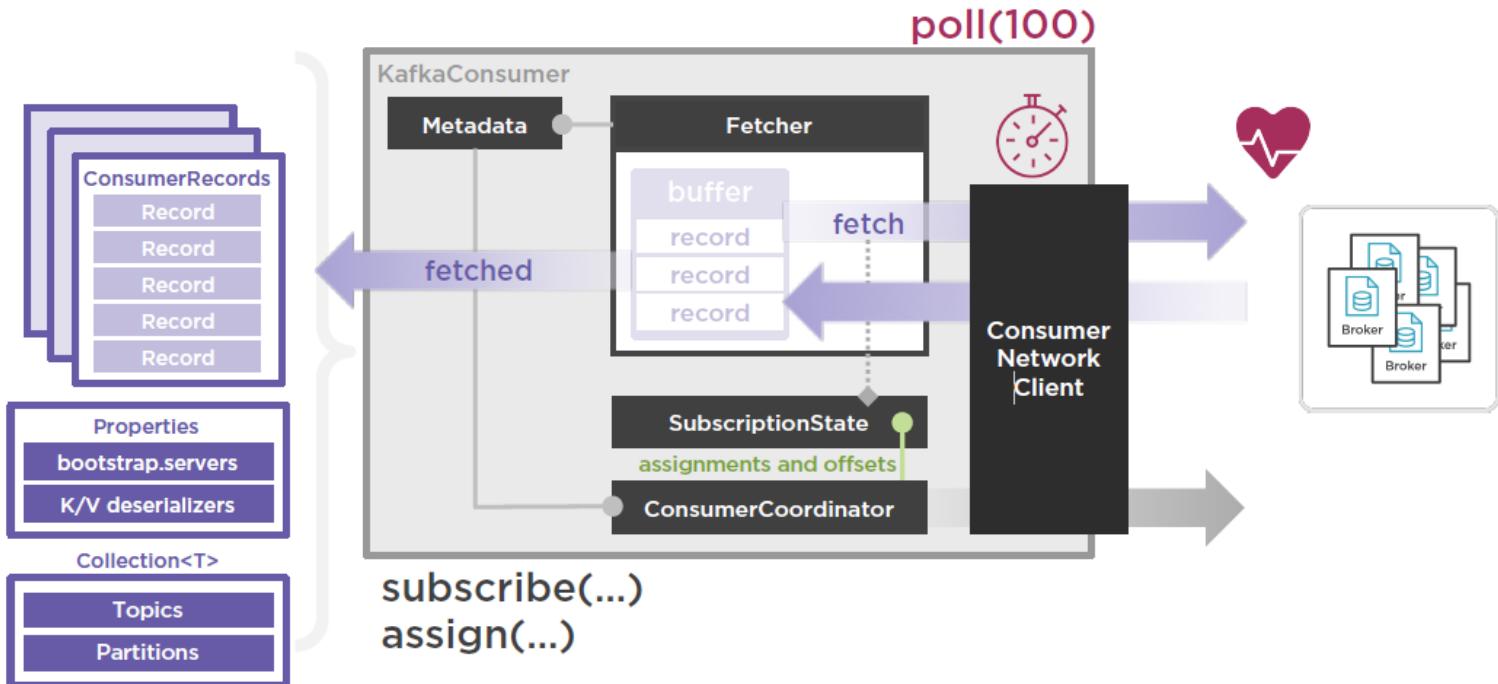
Single Consumer Topic Subscriptions

Starting the Poll Loop

```
// Set the topic subscription or partition assignments:  
myConsumer.subscribe(topics);  
myConsumer.assign(partitions);  
try {  
    while (true) {  
        ConsumerRecords<String, String> records = myConsumer.poll(100);  
        // Your processing logic goes here...  
    }  
    finally {  
        myConsumer.close();  
    }  
}
```

Kafka Consumer Polling

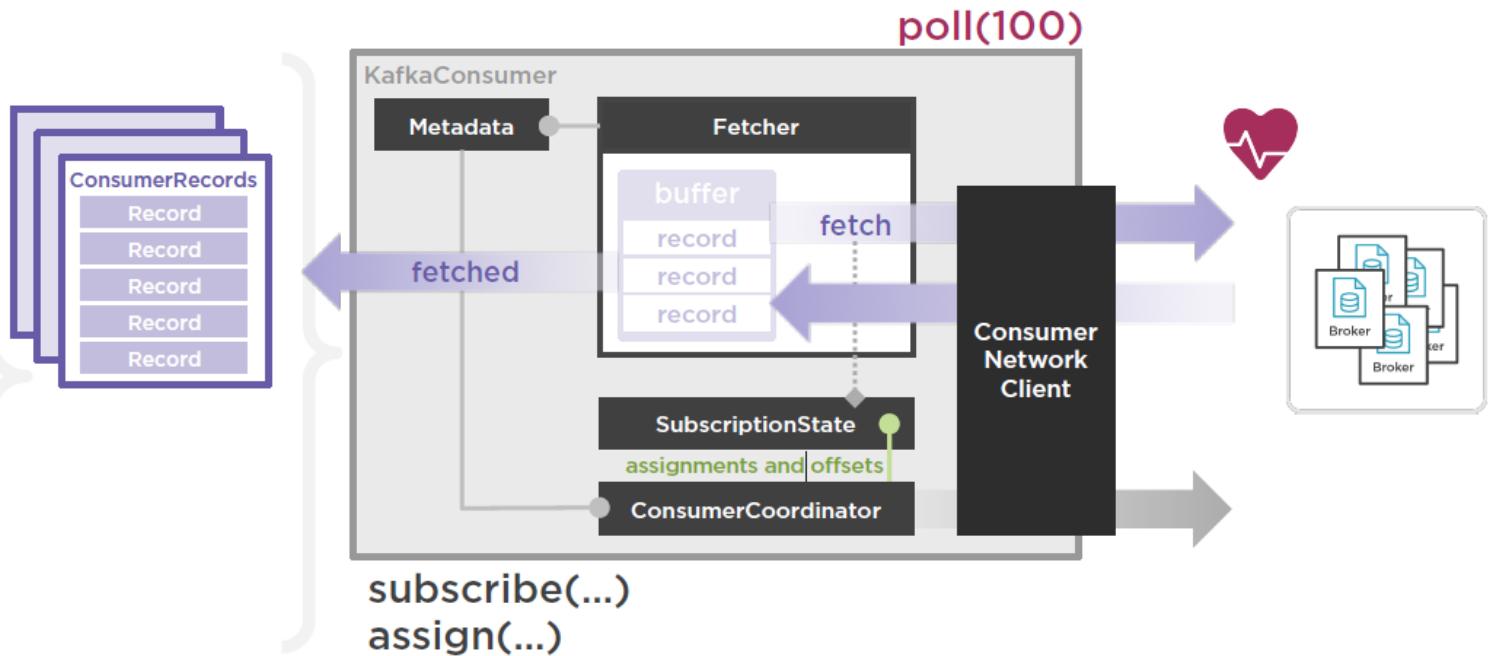
main()



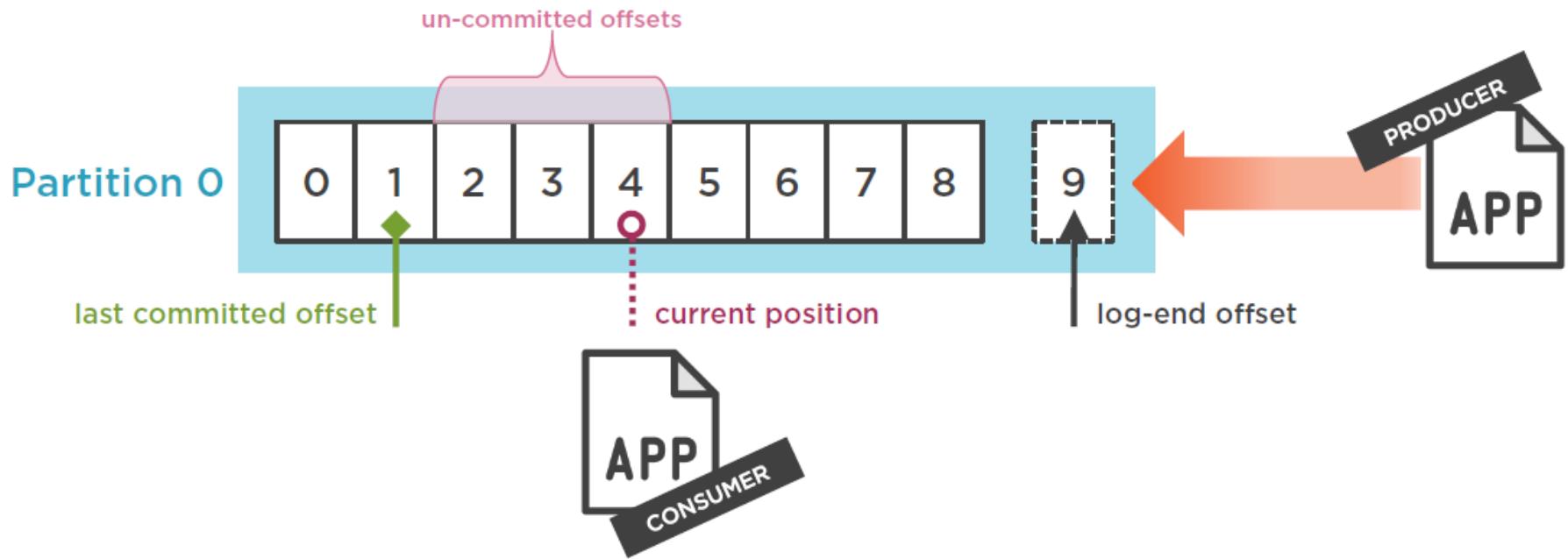
The poll() process is a single-threaded operation.

Processing Messages

```
main()  
for(...)  
  process()
```

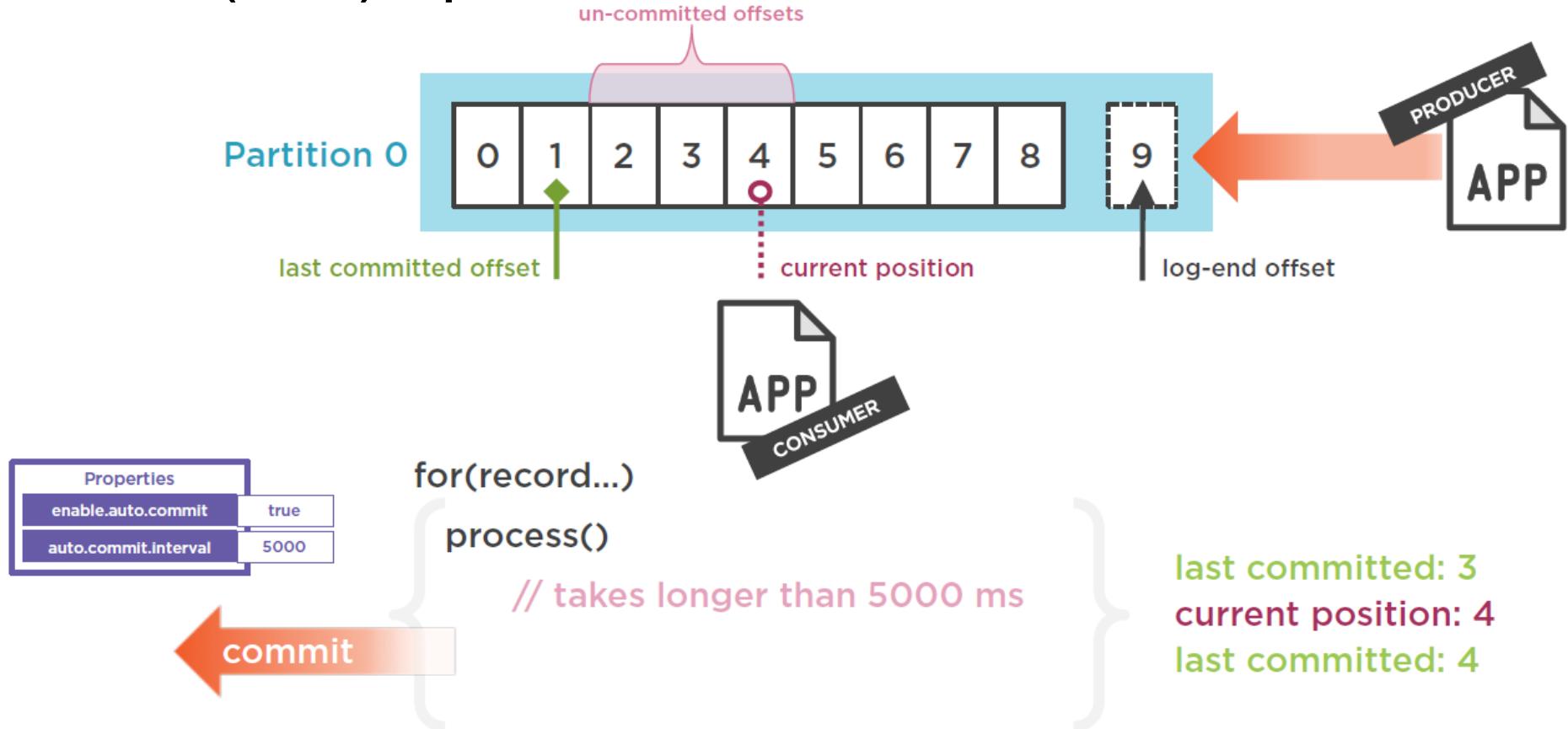


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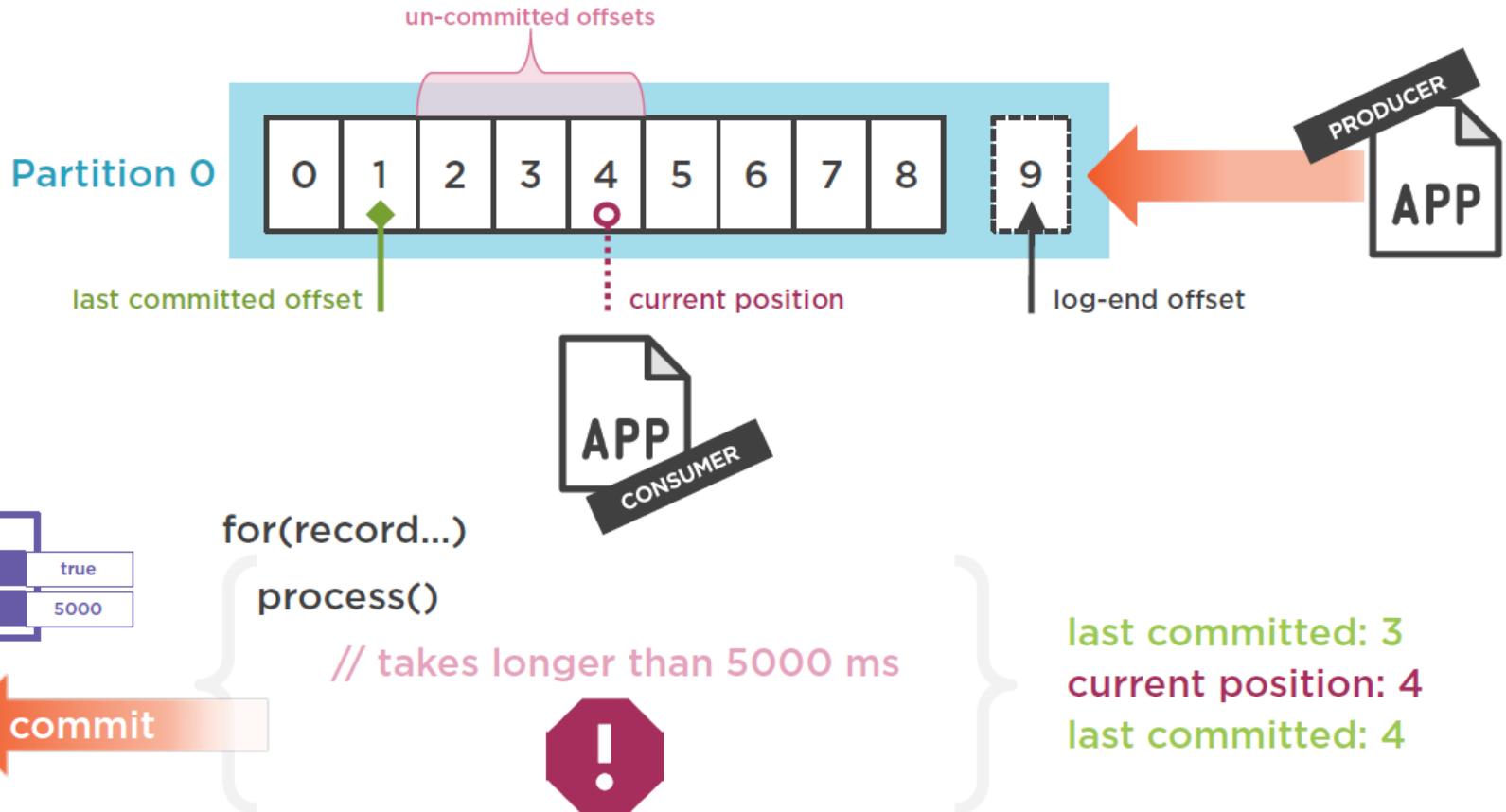
Mind the (Offset) Gap



The extent in which your system can be tolerant of eventually consistency is determined by its reliability.

Offset

Mind the (Offset) Gap



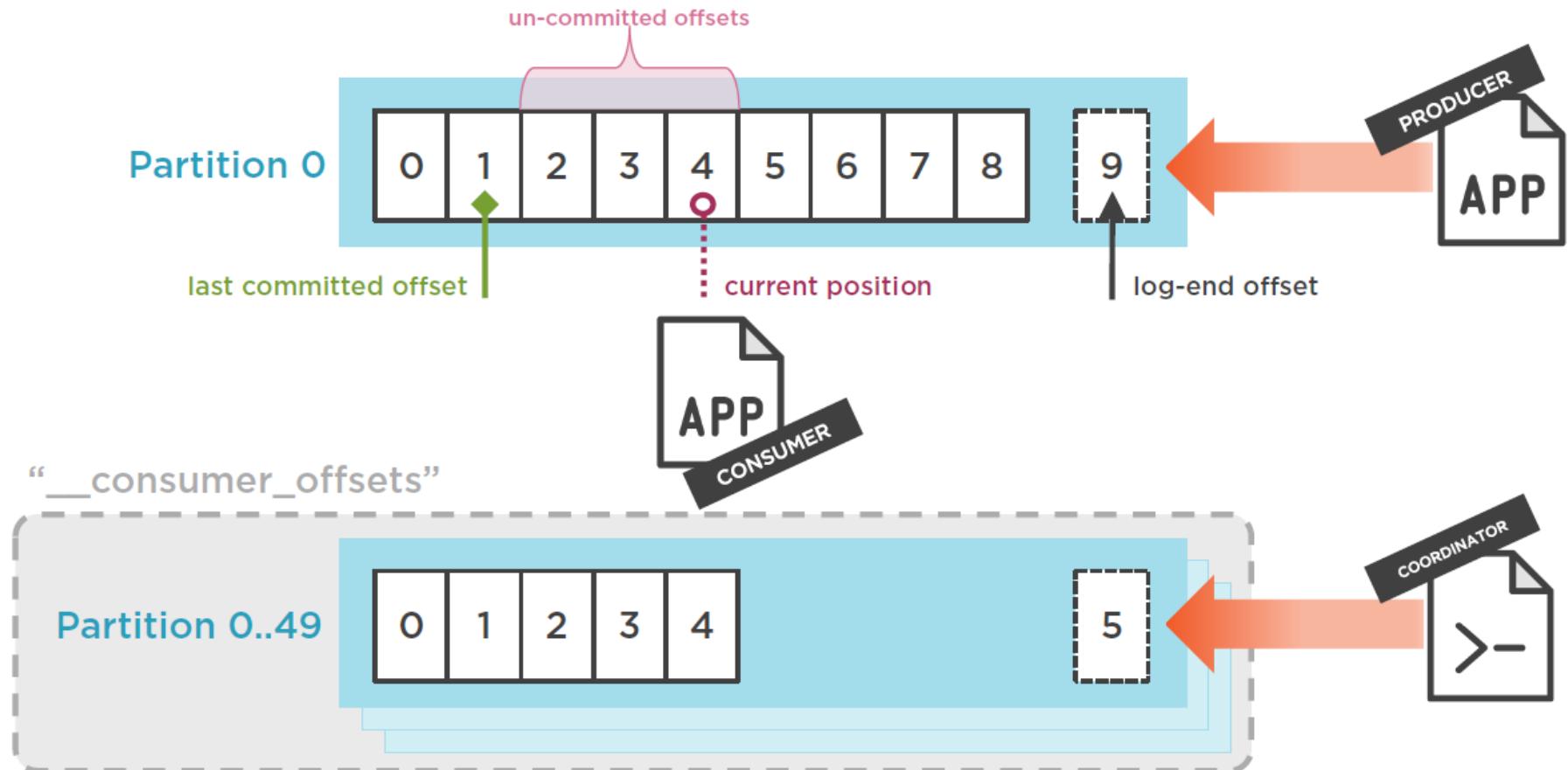
Offset

Offset Behavior

- Read != Committed
- Offset commit behavior is configurable
 - enable.auto.commit = true (default)
 - auto.commit.interval.ms = 5000 (default)
 - auto.offset.reset = “latest” (default)
 - “earliest”
 - “none”
- Single Consumer vs. Consumer Group

Offset

Storing the Offsets



Offset

Offset Management

- Automatic vs. Manual
 - enable.auto.commit = false
- Full control of offset commits
 - commitSync()
 - commitAsync()

Offset

```
try {  
    for (...) { // Processing batches of records... }  
    // Commit when you know you're done, after the batch is processed:  
    myConsumer.commitSync();  
} catch (CommitFailedException) {  
    log.error("there's not much else we can do at this point...");  
}
```

commitSync

- **Synchronous**
 - blocks until receives response from cluster
- **Retries until succeeds or unrecoverable error**
 - retry.backoff.ms (default: 100)

Offset

```
try {  
    for (...) { // Processing batches of records... }  
        // Not recommended:  
        myConsumer.commitAsync();  
        // Recommended:  
        myConsumer.commitAsync(new OffsetCommitCallback() {  
            public void onComplete(..., ..., ...) { // do something...}  
        });  
};
```

commitAsync

- Asynchronous
 - non-blocking but non-deterministic
- No retries
- Callback option

Offset

Committing Offsets

main()

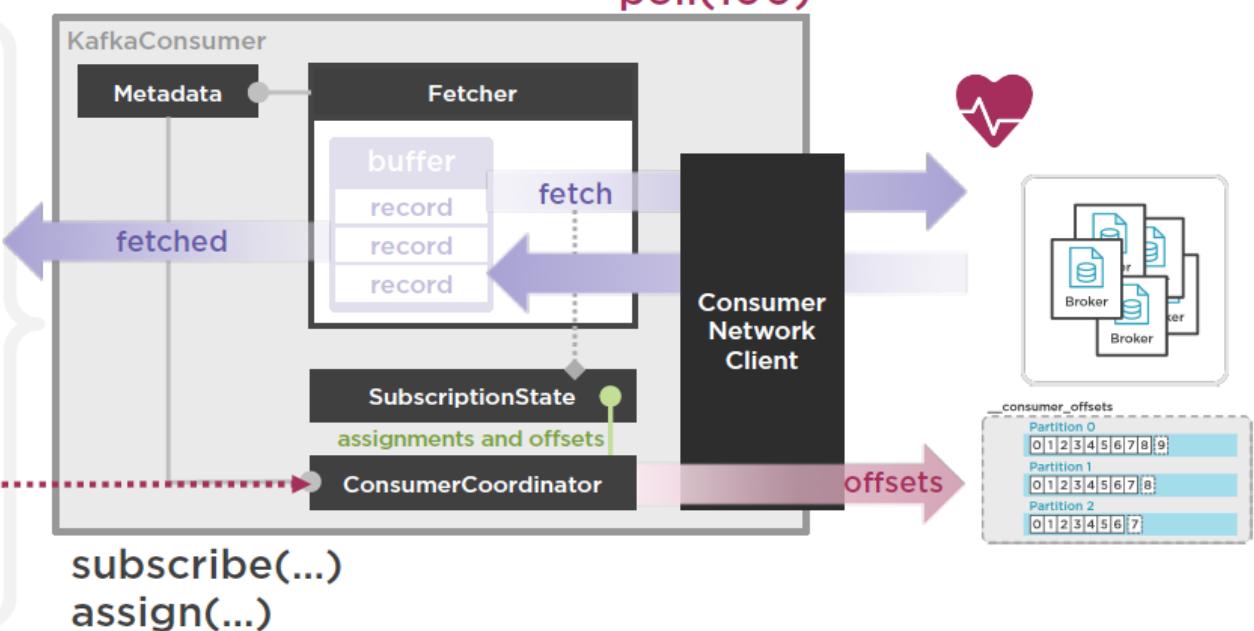
for(...)

process()

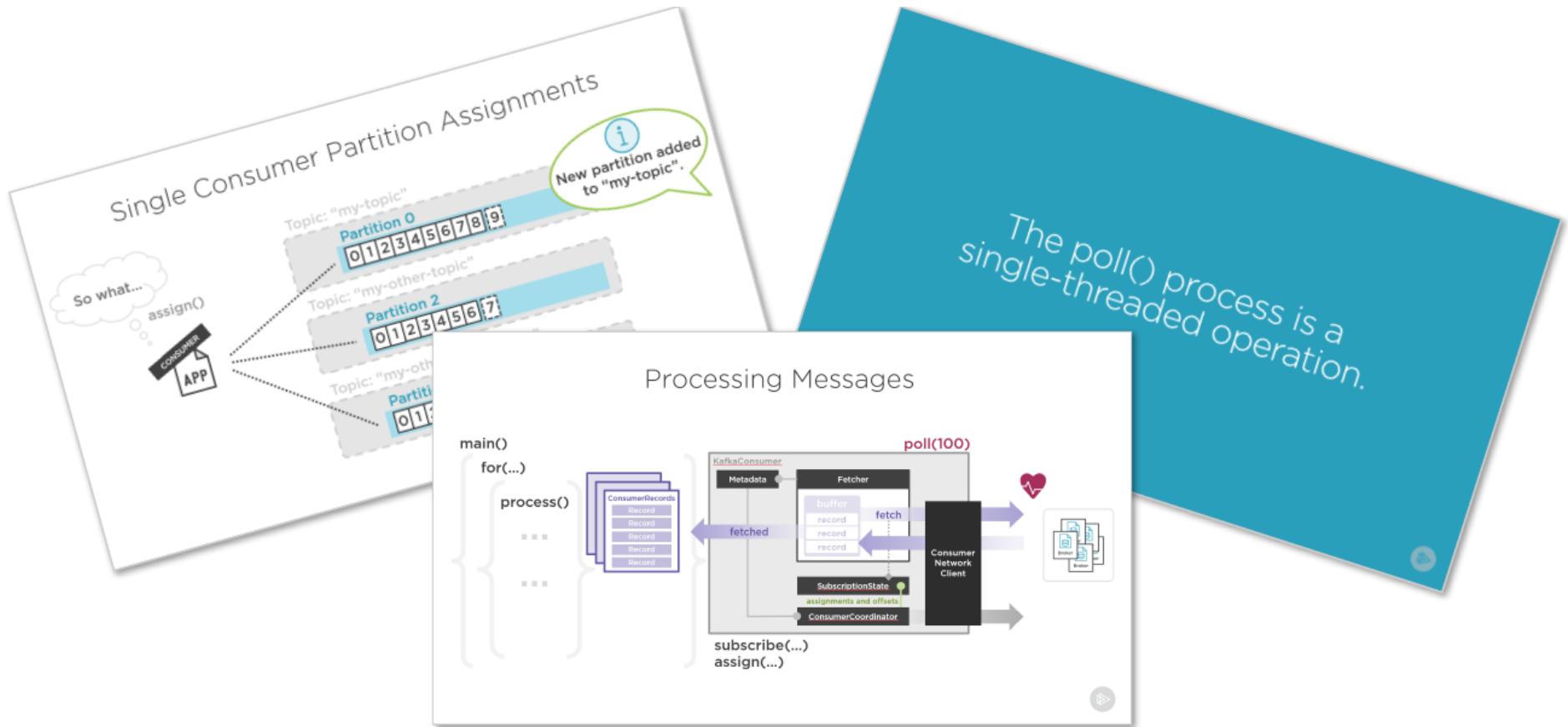
...

...

commit()



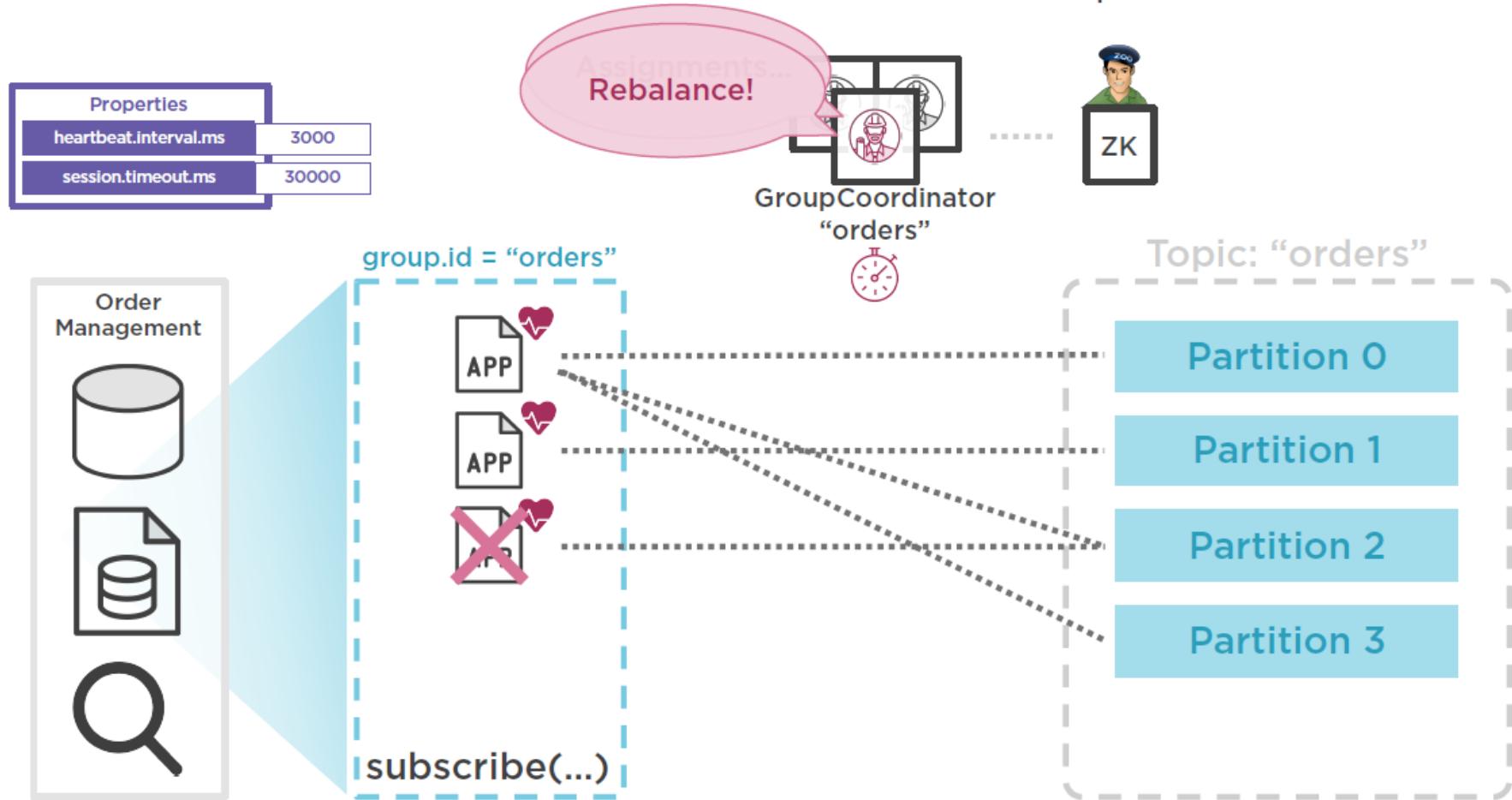
Scaling – out Consumers



Consumer Groups

- Kafka's solution to Consumer-side scaleout
- Independent Consumers working as a team
 - “group.id” setting
- Sharing the message consumption and processing load
 - Parallelism and throughput
 - Redundancy
 - Performance

Consumer Groups



Consumer Groups

Consumer Group Rebalancing



new
APP
CONSUMER

no current position

Partition 0

next offset: 5



Rebalance!



GroupCoordinator



Partition 1



current position + last committed offset

Consumer Groups

Group Coordinator

- Evenly balances available Consumers to partitions
 - 1:1 Consumer-to-partition ratio
 - Can't avoid over-provisioning
- Initiates the rebalancing protocol
 - Topic changes (partition added)
 - Consumer failure

Consumer Groups

Consumer Configuration

- Consumer performance and efficiency
 - fetch.min.bytes
 - max.fetch.wait.ms
 - max.partition.fetch.bytes
 - max.poll.records

Summary

- Kafka Consumer Internals
 - Properties -> ConsumerConfig
 - Message -> ConsumerRecord
 - Subscriptions and assignments
 - Message polling and consumption
 - Offset management
- Consumer Groups
- Consumer Configuration
- Java-based Consumer

Challenges

- Governance and Data Evolution
- Consistency and Productivity
- Big and Fast Data

Growing and Healthy Ecosystem

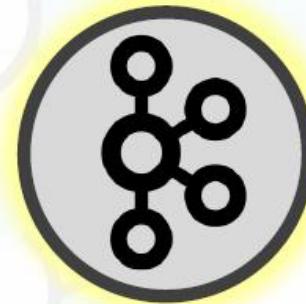
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