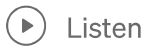


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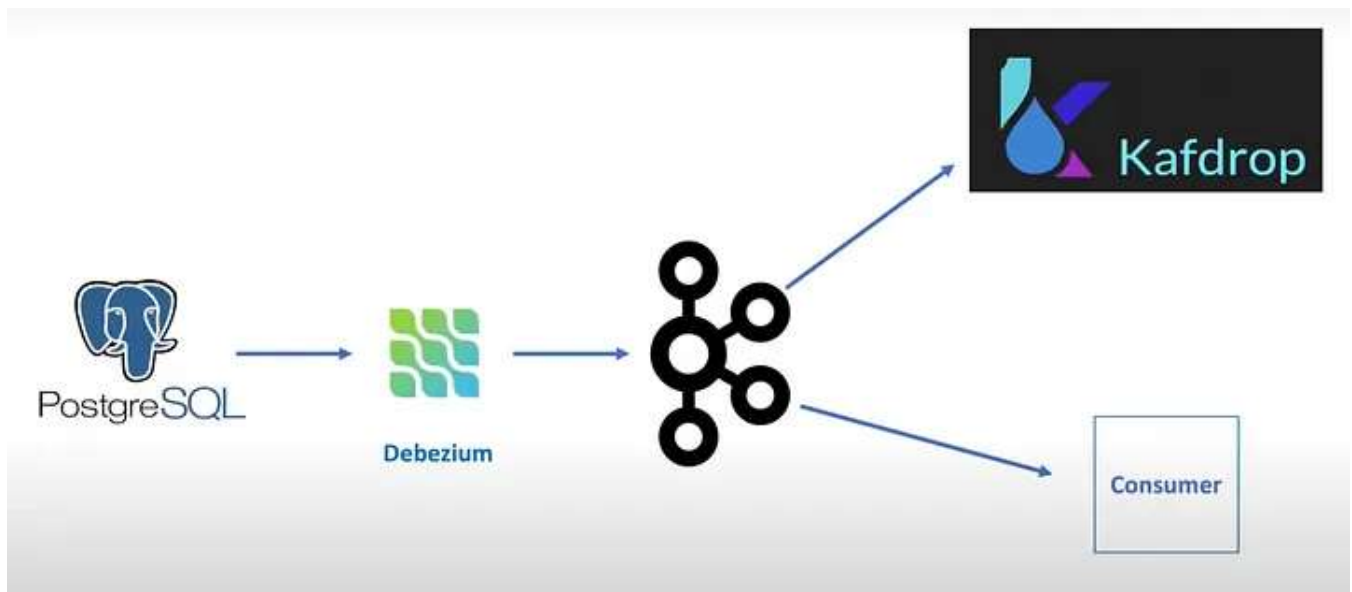
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In this article, we will see how Data Engineering teams Capture Data Change events and how data is published to kafka topics etc.



Step1: Provision Docker containers

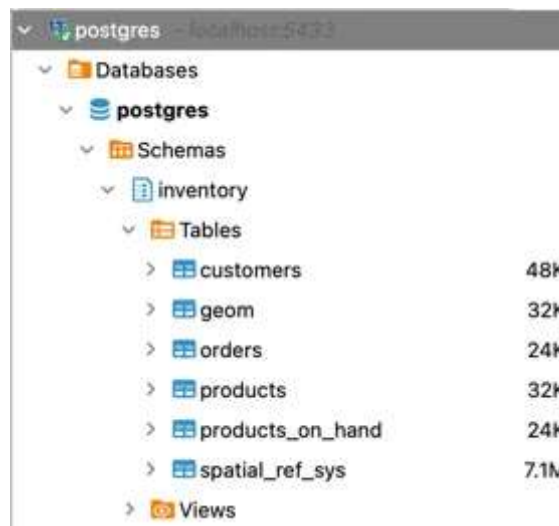
We will provision below 6 (4+2) docker containers using a docker-compose file.

Zookeeper: ZooKeeper is a centralized service for maintaining configuration information, naming, providing distributed synchronization, and providing group services. We will bring up zookeeper node on standard 2181 port, TICK_TIME is 2 seconds which is the heartbeat for zookeeper. Ports 2888 and 3888 are used by zookeeper peers to talk to each other.

Kafka Cluster: A Kafka cluster is a system that consists of several Brokers, Topics, and Partitions for both. The key objective is to distribute workloads equally among replicas and Partitions. We will provision 2 kafka nodes first node runs on port 9092 and second on 9093. Internal listener ports are 29092, 29093 and external are 9092, 9093 . This [article](#) explains more about kafka listeners.

Kafdrop: Kafdrop is a web UI for viewing Kafka topics and browsing consumer groups. The tool displays information such as brokers, topics, partitions, consumers, and lets you view messages. We will run kafdrop on default 9000 port.

Postgres: We need a database for which we want to capture Data Change Events. We will use *debezium/example-postgres:1.9* image to provision postgres database since it has got some default schema & tables created. Postgres docker runs on port 5433



Default schema & tables in postgres docker image

Debezium Connector/Kafka Connect: The Debezium PostgreSQL connector captures row-level changes in the schemas of a PostgreSQL database. This container runs on port 8083.

docker-compose-debezium.yaml:

```
version: '3.3'
services:
  postgres:
    image: debezium/example-postgres:1.9
    container_name: postgres
    ports:
      - 5433:5432
```

```
environment:
  - POSTGRES_USER=postgres
  - POSTGRES_PASSWORD=postgres

# Zookeeper, single node
zookeeper:
  image: wurstmeister/zookeeper:latest
  environment:
    ZOOKEEPER_CLIENT_PORT: 2181
    ZOOKEEPER_TICK_TIME: 2000
  ports:
    - 2181:2181
    - 2888:2888
    - 3888:3888

# kafka multi node
kafka1:
  image: wurstmeister/kafka:latest
  restart: "no"
  links:
    - zookeeper
  ports:
    - 9092:9092
  environment:
    KAFKA_BROKER_ID: 1
    KAFKA_ZOOKEEPER_CONNECT: zookeeper:2181
    KAFKA_LISTENERS: INTERNAL://:29092,EXTERNAL://:9092
    KAFKA_ADVERTISED_LISTENERS: INTERNAL://kafka1:29092,EXTERNAL://localhost:
    KAFKA_LISTENER_SECURITY_PROTOCOL_MAP: INTERNAL:PLAINTEXT,EXTERNAL:PLAINTEXT
    KAFKA_INTER_BROKER_LISTENER_NAME: INTERNAL
    #https://github.com/wurstmeister/kafka-docker/issues/553

kafka2:
  image: wurstmeister/kafka:latest
  restart: "no"
  links:
    - zookeeper
  ports:
    - 9093:9093
  environment:
    KAFKA_BROKER_ID: 2
    KAFKA_ZOOKEEPER_CONNECT: zookeeper:2181
    KAFKA_LISTENERS: INTERNAL://:29093,EXTERNAL://:9093
    KAFKA_ADVERTISED_LISTENERS: INTERNAL://kafka2:29093,EXTERNAL://localhost:
    KAFKA_LISTENER_SECURITY_PROTOCOL_MAP: INTERNAL:PLAINTEXT,EXTERNAL:PLAINTEXT
    KAFKA_INTER_BROKER_LISTENER_NAME: INTERNAL
    #https://github.com/wurstmeister/kafka-docker/issues/553

#kafdrop for topic/msg visualization
kafdrop:
  image: obsidiandynamics/kafdrop
  restart: "no"
  environment:
```

```

KAFKA_BROKERCONNECT: "kafka1:29092,kafka2:29093"
JVM_OPTS: "-Xms16M -Xmx512M -Xss180K -XX:-TieredCompilation -XX:+UseString
ports:
  - 9000:9000
depends_on:
  - kafka1
  - kafka2

# debezium connector
kconnect:
  image: debezium/connect:1.9
  ports:
    - 8083:8083
  environment:
    CONFIG_STORAGE_TOPIC: my_connect_configs
    OFFSET_STORAGE_TOPIC: my_connect_offsets
    STATUS_STORAGE_TOPIC: my_connect_statuses
    BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS: kafka1:29092,kafka2:29093
  links:
    - zookeeper
    - postgres
  depends_on:
    - kafka1
    - kafka2

```

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```

# 2. kafdrop --> docker
# 3. postgres --> docker
# 4. debezium connector --> docker
# 5. pgAdmin/DBeaver --> local system
# 6. Postman --> local system

```

Spin-up dockers:

```
docker-compose -f docker-compose-debezium.yaml up -d
```

Step2: Register Kafka Connect

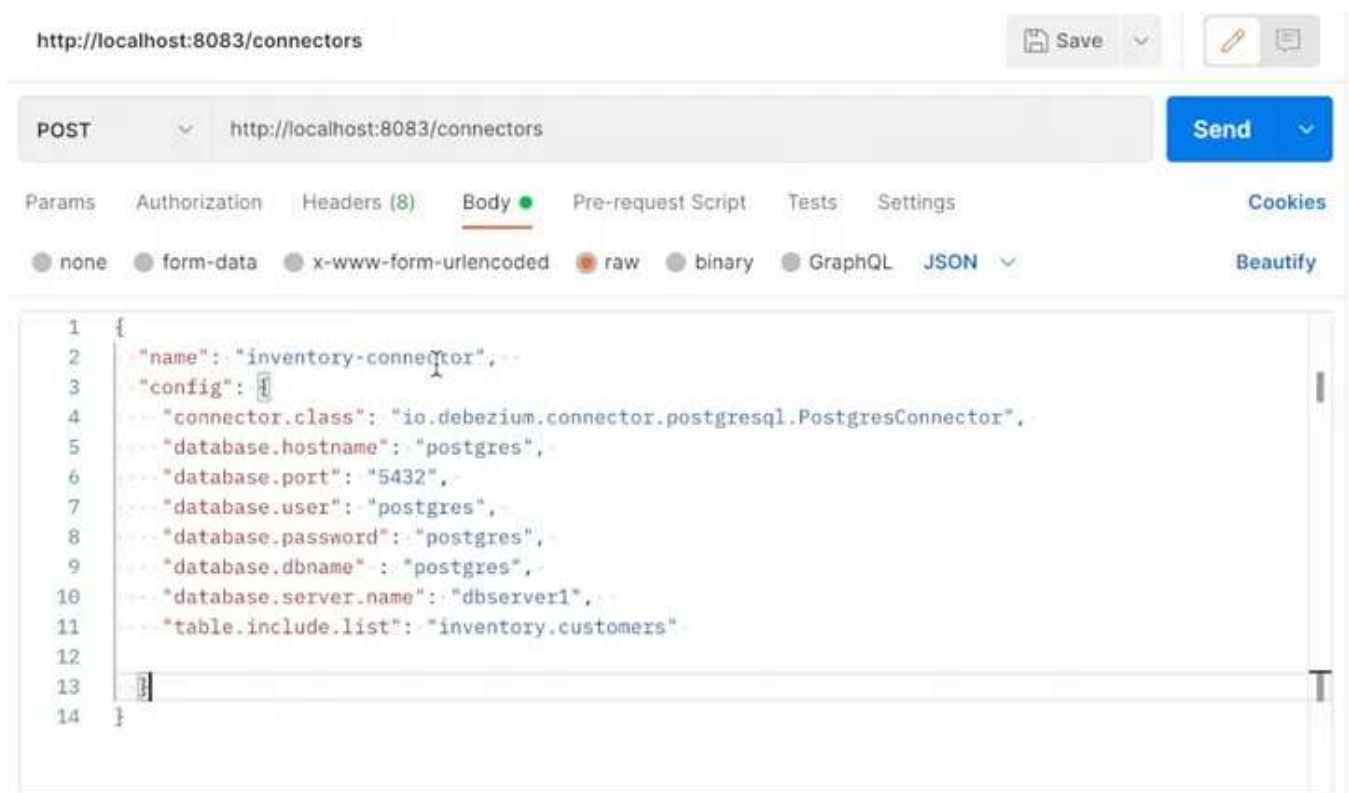
Once all the containers are up and running, open postman and make a POST call to <http://localhost:8083/connectors> with below request body.

Note: We are passing hostname as 'postgres' which is the container name in docker-

compose file for postgres container and the port is internal port 5432 not the exposed one 5433.

```
{
  "name": "inventory-connector",
  "config": {
    "connector.class": "io.debezium.connector.postgresql.PostgresConnector",
    "database.hostname": "postgres",
    "database.port": "5432",
    "database.user": "postgres",
    "database.password": "postgres",
    "database.dbname": "postgres",
    "database.server.name": "dbserver1",
    "table.include.list": "inventory.customers"
  }
}
```

for example:



Postman POST request

Here we want to get all change events (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) for *customers* table in *inventory* schema. All the changes will be published to our kafka topic.

To learn more about postgres connector, you can read the official documentation [here](#).

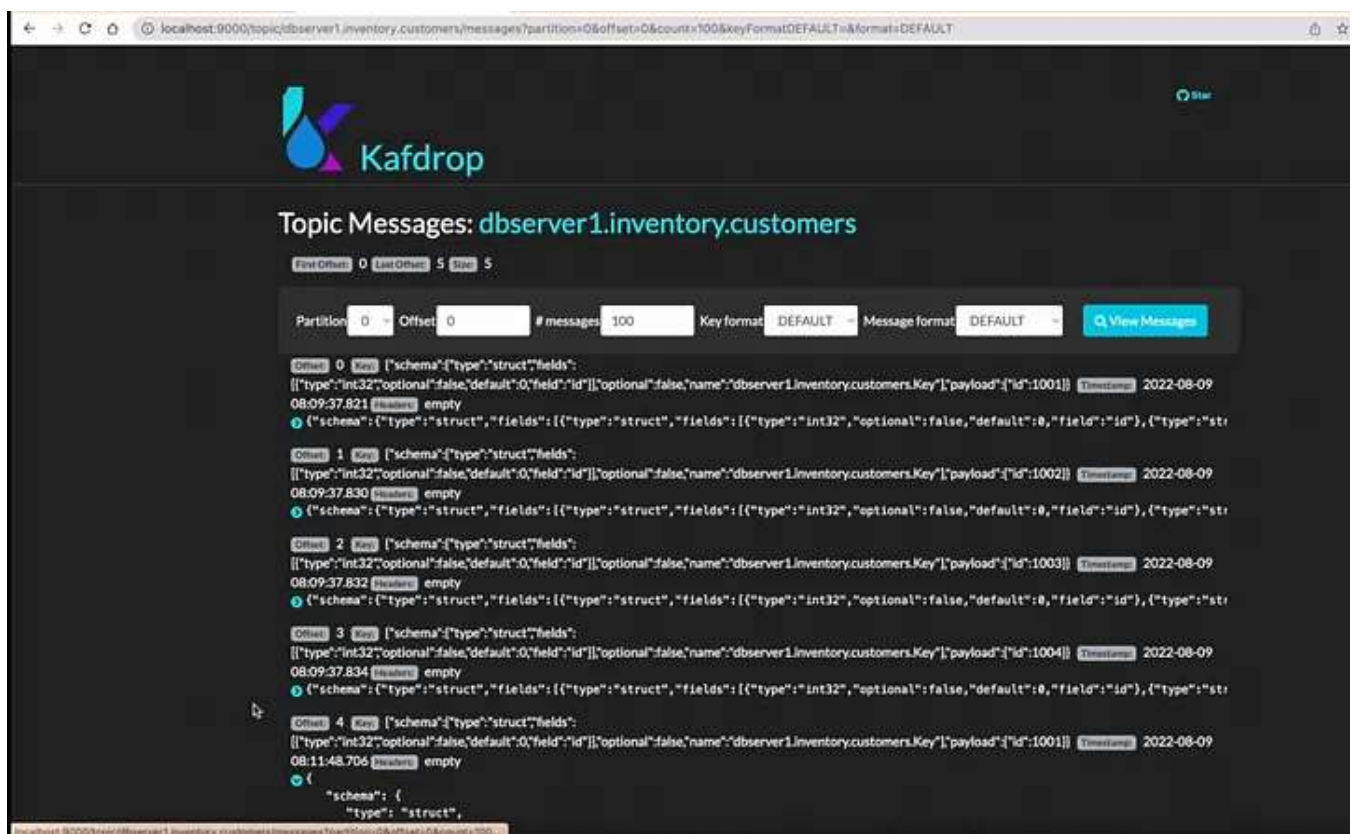
Step3: Visualize change events

Now that we have kafka connect successfully registered, we are good to make some changes in database.

We can use any database client eg. pgAdmin or DBeaver and connect to our database (**host: localhost**, **post: 5433**, **user: postgres**, **password: postgres**) and we can make an **update/insert** to existing row in *customers* table.

```
update inventory.customers set first_name = 'Cloud_Geek' where id = 1001
```

After the update statement is executed, we can see in kafdrop UI under topic: 'dbserver1.inventor.customers' a new message would be published (offset 4 below):



UPDATE change event in Kafdrop UI

Similarly if we make an INSERT/DELETE statement, we will see new messages getting published to the same topic.

Conclusion

This is how CDC (Capture Data Change) is used by data engineering teams. This was just a basic example.

We can write consumers for the above topic (**dbserver1.inventor.customers**) and trigger various actions(emails etc) based on change events (insert, update, delete). This is how we get automated messages for various stages of our delivery items (Amazon, Flipkart, Delhivery)

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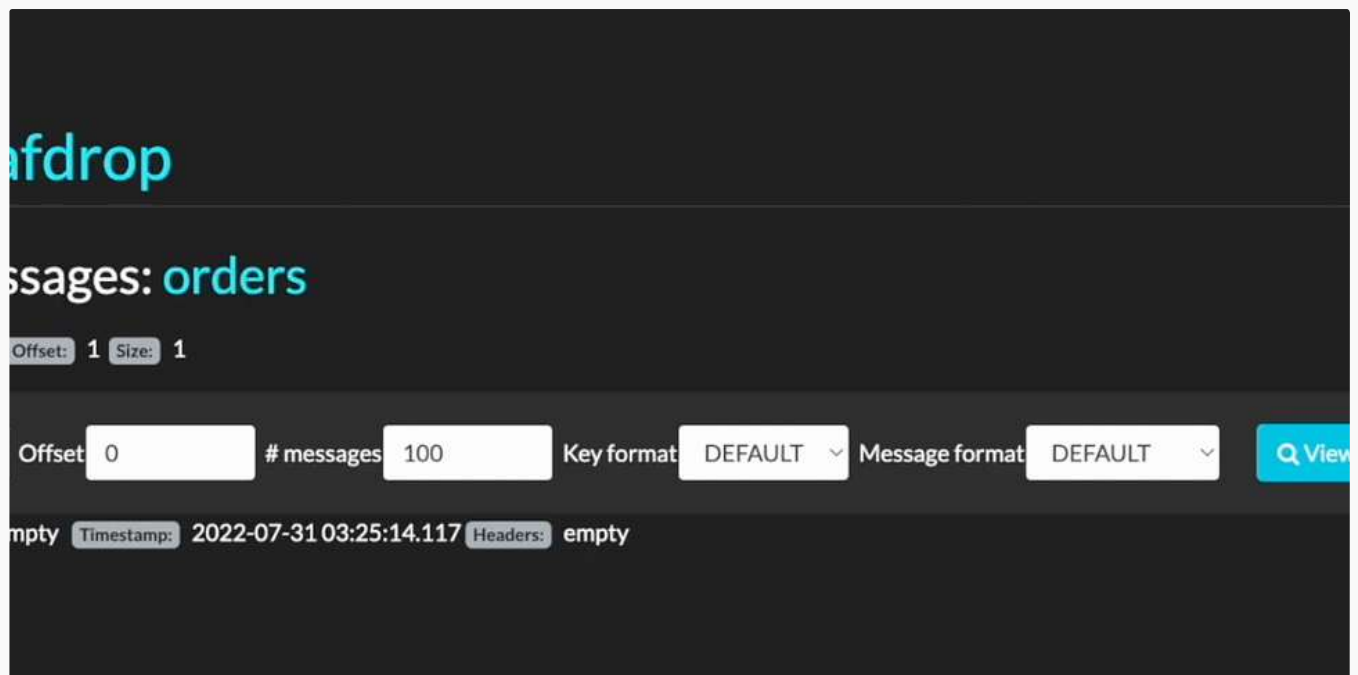
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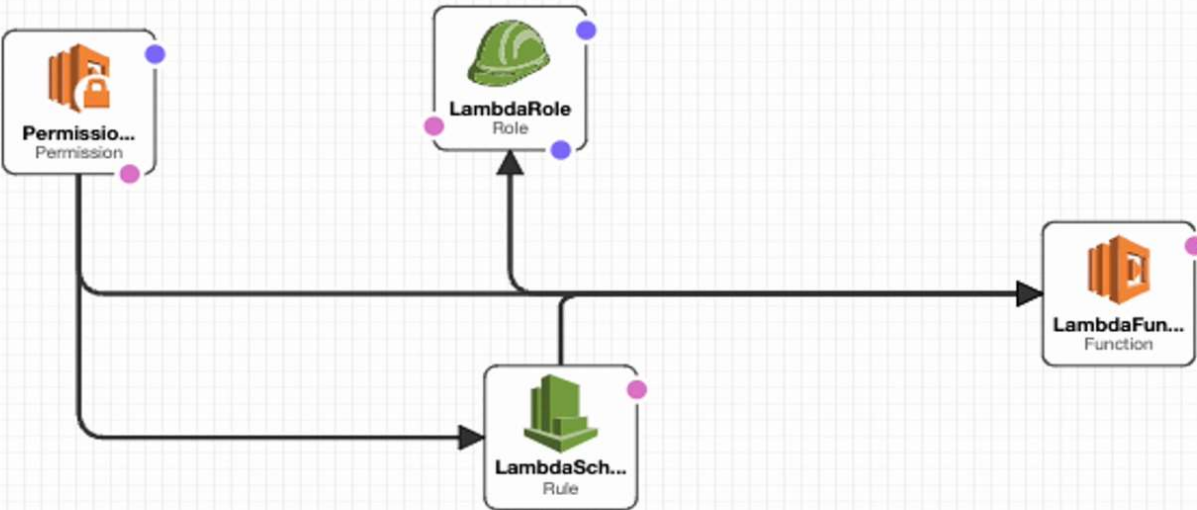
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Total topics	0
Total partitions	0
Total preferred partition leader	0%
Total under-replicated partitions	0

Brokers

ID	Host	Port	Rack	Controller	Number of partitions (% of total)
1	kafka1	29092	-	No	0 (0%)
2	kafka2	29093	-	Yes	0 (0%)

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Name	Partitions	% Preferred	# Under-replicated	Custom Config
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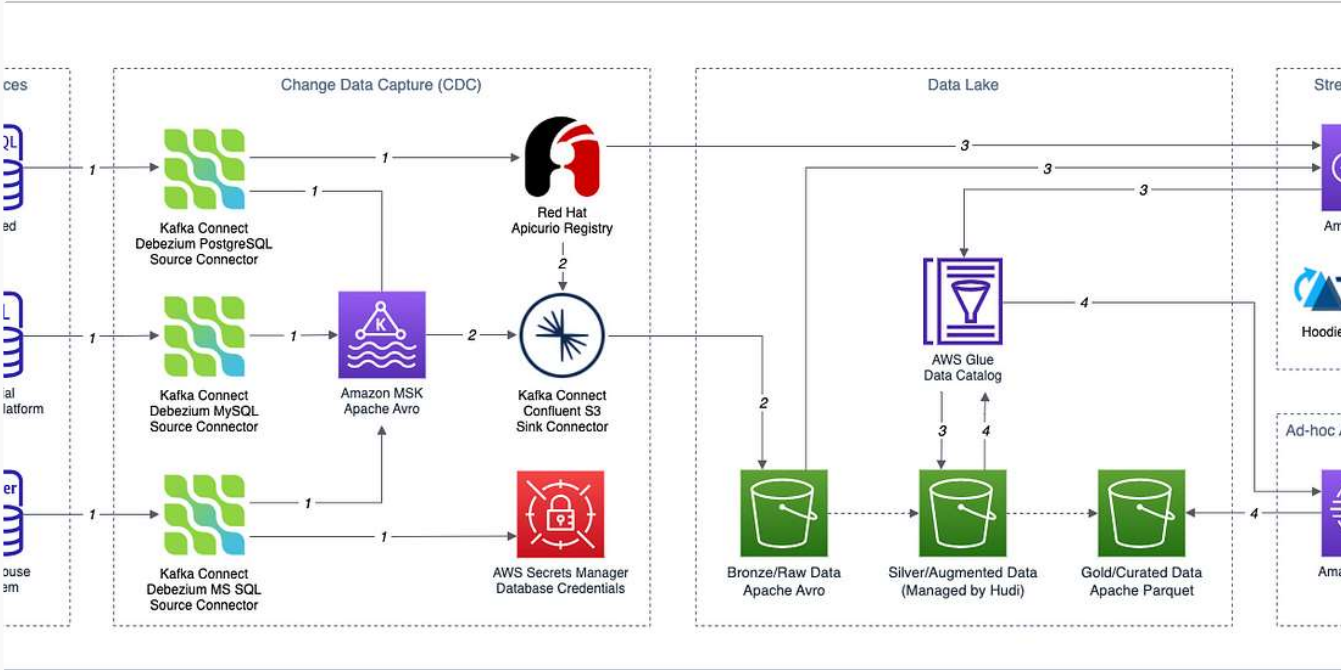



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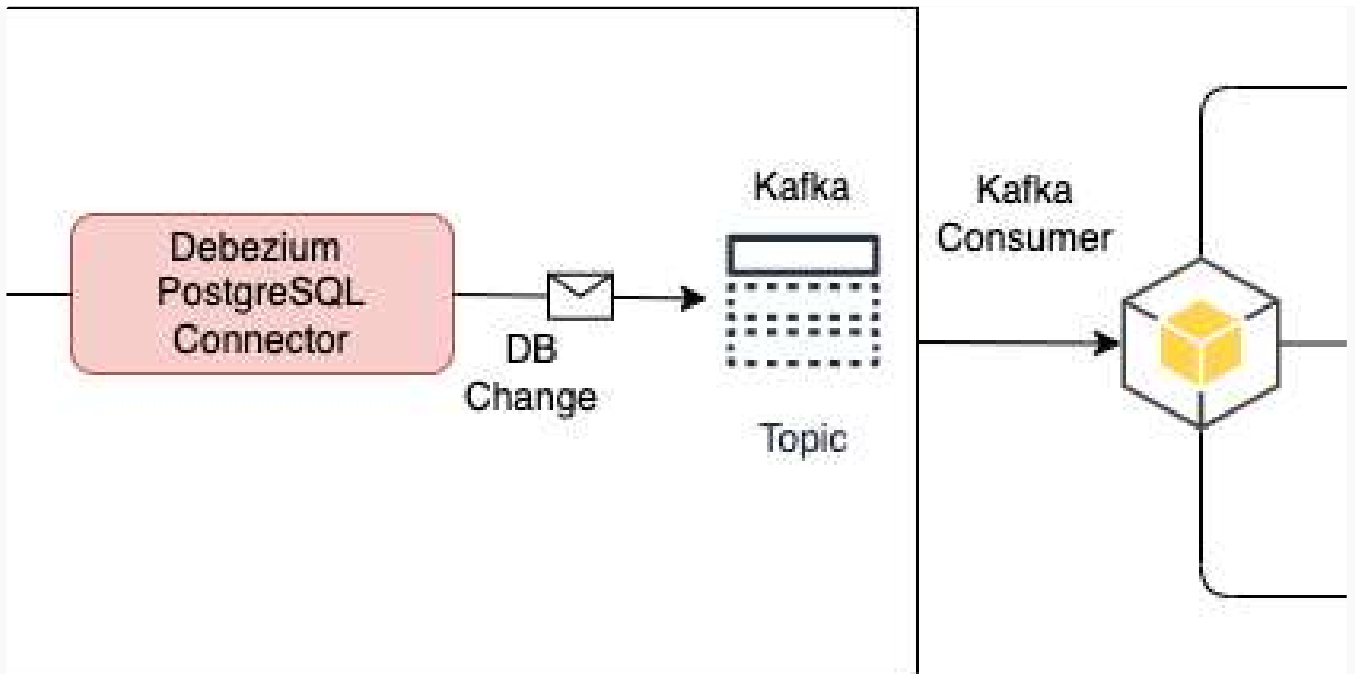
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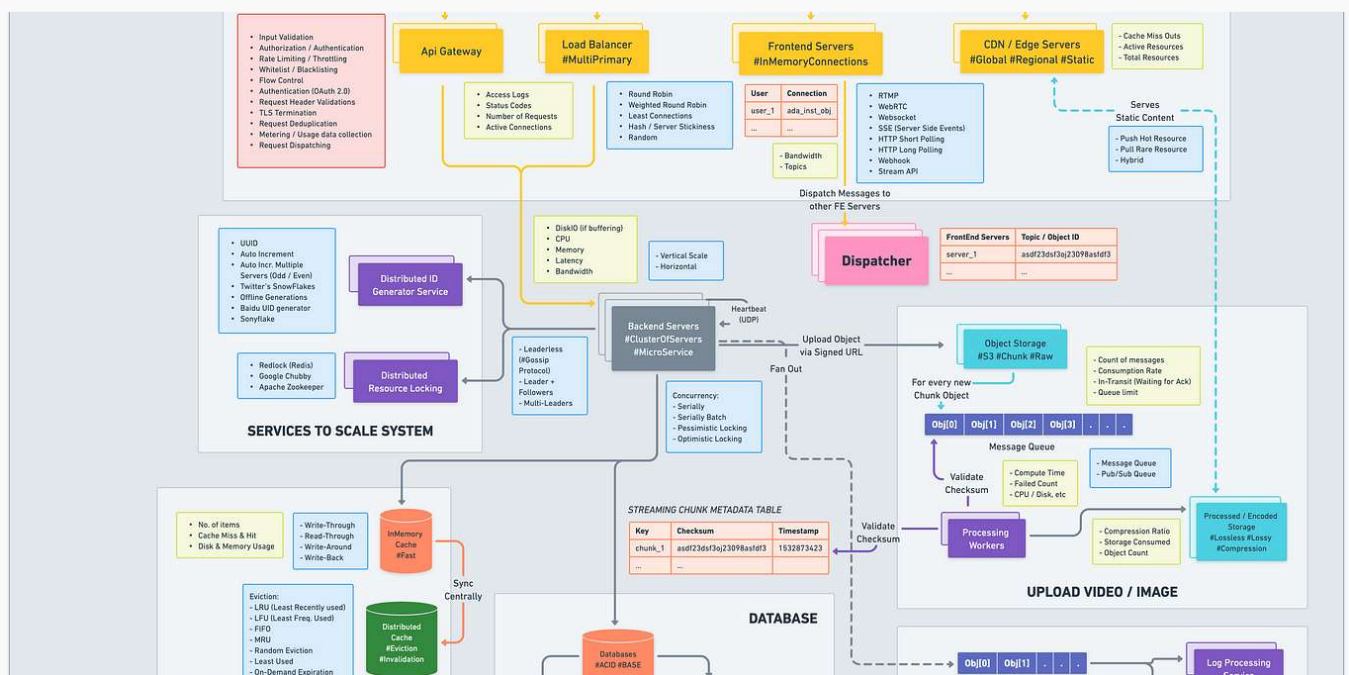
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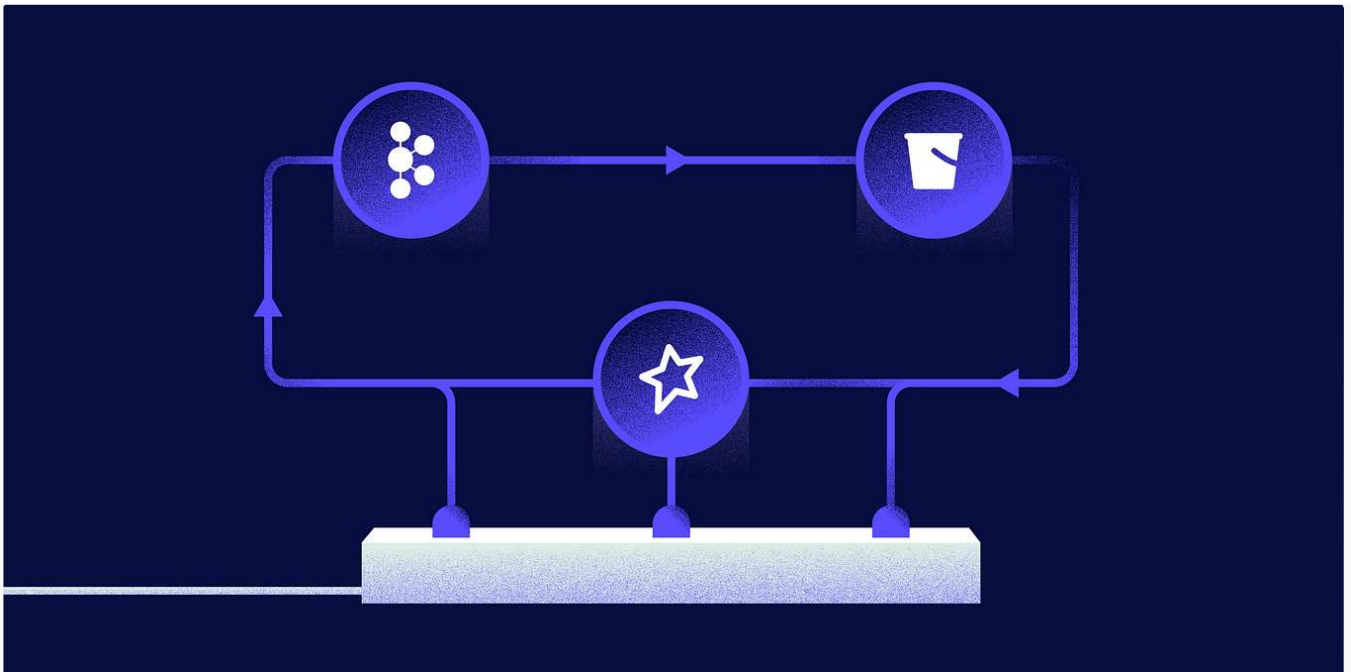
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