HAProxy layer

A HAProxy layer uses [HAProxy](http://haproxy.1wt.eu/" \t "_blank)—a reliable high-performance TCP/HTTP load balancer— to provide high availability load balancing and proxy services for TCP- and HTTP-based applications. It is particularly useful for websites that must crawl under very high loads while requiring persistence or Layer 7 processing.

VerneMQ Cluster

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**Key Concepts**

1. **MQTT Protocol:** MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport) is a lightweight messaging protocol designed for IoT and other resource-constrained environments. It uses a publish/subscribe model.
2. **Cluster Nodes:** Each instance of VerneMQ running on a different machine (or even on the same machine) is called a node. In a cluster, these nodes work together to handle the load and provide redundancy.
3. **Node Communication:** Nodes in a VerneMQ cluster communicate with each other to share the load and state. This communication is typically done using Erlang’s distributed capabilities.
4. **Replication:** Message queues and session data are replicated across nodes to ensure that no data is lost if a node fails.

Kafka connect consumers

Kafka Connect is a tool for scalable and reliable streaming data between Apache Kafka and other data systems. Kafka Connect consumers are part of this ecosystem, allowing data to be consumed from Kafka topics and delivered to other systems (sinks). Here’s an overview of Kafka Connect consumers and how they work: