

Apache Kafka

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Suppose data is getting inserted or fetched every millisecond in DB then it's sure that your DB will be down/crashed.

So, to overcome this problem, we do have Kafka.

Kafka is an open source platform for communication between Producer and Consumer.

It contains Topic , Partition. (KTP-> Kafka, Topic, Partition)

Auto-balancing -> Zookeeper

Let's take an example of Zomato Live Location Sharing of Delivery Driver/ Partner in Customer UI.

- Here, inserting the data of live location of Delivery Partner in DB every millisecond surely crash your DB.
- Because DB has low throughput i.e ops(operation per second).
- Now Apache Kafka comes into picture, it makes the data sharing as Producer and data fetching as Consumer.
- Here, Delivery Driver/Partner is a Producer and Customer is a consumer.
- Kafka will provide you Topics which contains Partitions.
- Suppose we want to divide the data of Live Location of Delivery driver/ partner into North India & South India then we can create two partition in a Topic which will be consumed by a group of Consumers or a consumer or two consumer using Zookeeper (auto-balancing).
- Here again we have an issue like ok now consumer is able to fetch the data every millisecond but we want to keep records of data in DB. How?
- Its simple we can do run bulk insert query to insert the data in DB.