**CS60002 Distributed Systems**

Assignment 2: Distributed Queue with Partitions and Broker Manager

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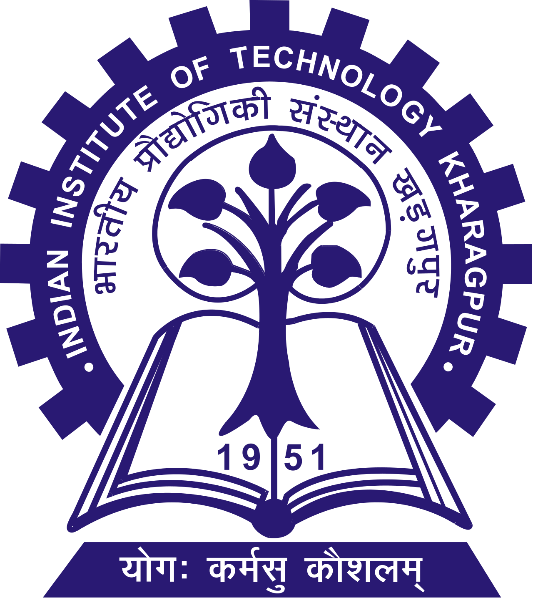
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# Assignment 1 Modifications

In Assignment 1, we worked with a single broker. There was a single database that contained all data that include information about all producers, consumers and topics, as well as all messages in the system.

A modified version of this same system is used to implement each broker for this assignment. Here, instead of grouping messages by topic as earlier, we are grouping messages according to partitions. Each broker has a database that contains all partitions assigned to it (a broker might have multiple partitions of the same topic). The broker manager redirects requests to a broker as required, and the broker perform all required functionalities that include enqueue, dequeue, registering consumers, getting size and probing.

Probing is a new functionality implemented to check the first message in the queue without marking it as viewed. This functionality is required to compare the time stamps of all messages that are at the front of the queue for all brokers to obtain the actual first message.

# Design Decisions

## Partitions

* + Each topic is broken down into partitions horizontally.
  + Each partition of a topic might be on different brokers.
  + Multiple partitions of the same topic might pe on the same broker.
  + Creating a new topic automatically creates one partition for the same.
  + Every new partition created is assigned to the broker that handles the least number of partitions.
  + Any log message produced by the producer is assigned to a partition in a round robin fashion, unless a specific partition number is provided by the producer.

## Broker Manager

* + The Broker manager handles the metadata of producers, consumers, topics, brokers and partitions. It also stores the mapping between consumers and topics & partitions.
  + Producers can choose a specific partition to produce, in absence of which a round robin algorithm is used to choose partition.
  + The broker manager can add or remove brokers. Each broker is run using a docker, and the broker manager spawns a new broker in the docker port provided.
  + Current algorithm assigns every new partition to the broker with least partitions for uniform load.
  + Also, we send a request to launch a new broker whenever the number of partitions per broker passes a limit for load balancing.
  + Services like List Topics, Register Producer are handled by the broker manager; the rest including Create Topic, Create Partition, Register Consumer, Enqueue, Dequeue, Size are redirected to the respective broker (might be multiple brokers).
  + Health check is implemented using separate function in all brokers, that is called periodically on a separate thread to obtain a heartbeat from all brokers.
  + WAL
  + Read replicas

## Broker

# Model Designs

## Broker Manager

The following database models are implemented to store the metadata for the broker managers.

1. Persistent Storage
   1. Producer Model

Stores the producer id (int) and topic (string) subscribed

* 1. Consumer Model

Stores the consumer id (int) and topic (string) subscribed

* 1. Topic Model

Stores all topics (string) present in the system

* 1. Broker Model

Stores the port (int) and database name (string) for each broker (Each broker has its own database that is assigned some unique name)

* 1. Partition Model

Stores the id (int), topic (string) of the partition, partition number (int) and the broker it is assigned to.

1. In Memory Storage
   1. Lock

To implement a threading to prevent deadlocks and handle multiple asynchronous accesses.

* 1. Topic

In memory storage for faster access. Contains details of all topics that include the name, produces and consumers subscribed, partitions and an index for round robin allocation to partitions.

* 1. Metadata

Maps all topic names to the topic

* 1. Broker

Maps every broker to the number of partitions it contains. Used for load balance.

* 1. Ids

Store three integer ids for brokers, producers and consumers to assign ids to them sequentially.

## Broker

The following database models are implemented to store the metadata for the broker managers.

1. Persistent Storage
   1. Log Messages

Stores all the log messages for each partition in the broker. Contains the message (string), creation time (DateTimeField) and partition (foreign key)

* 1. Consumers

Stores the consumer ids (int) of the consumers, and two many to many fields for mapping to their subscriptions and the messages viewed.

# Testing