

# Reassigning Kafka topic partitions

Use these steps to reassign the Kafka topic partition Leaders to a different Kafka Broker in your cluster.

## Before you begin

Ensure that Kafka and ZooKeeper Services are up and running.

## Procedure

1. Run the following script to check the current partition assignments:

```
./kafka-topics.sh --zookeeper <zookeeper_server>:<port> --describe
```

Assume that the current partition replica assignment is as follows:

```
Current partition replica assignment
{"version":1,"partitions":[{"topic":"topic2","partition":1,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic5","partition":1,"replicas":[1004]},
{"topic":"topic3","partition":1,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic5","partition":0,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic2","partition":0,"replicas":[1004]},
{"topic":"topic5","partition":2,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic6","partition":1,"replicas":[1004]},
{"topic":"topic6","partition":0,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic1","partition":1,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic4","partition":2,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic4","partition":3,"replicas":[1004]},
{"topic":"topic1","partition":0,"replicas":[1004]},
{"topic":"topic4","partition":1,"replicas":[1004]},
{"topic":"topic2","partition":2,"replicas":[1004]},
{"topic":"topic4","partition":0,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic3","partition":0,"replicas":[1004]}]}
```

You want to assign or distribute all topics from Broker ID 1004 to Broker IDs 1001 and 1002.

2. Create the content according to the proposed partition reassignment in `</tmp/reassign-partitions.json>` file.

The format of the `reassign-partitions.json` file is as follows:

```
{
  "version": 1,
  "partitions": [
    {
      "topic": "[topic]",    #Topic of partition to reassign
      "partition" : [partition],    #partition to reassign
      "replicas": [brokerIds]    #brokerids to reassign partition to
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

For example:

```
{"version":1,"partitions":[{"topic":"topic2","partition":1,"replicas":[1001]},
{"topic":"topic5","partition":1,"replicas":[1001]},
{"topic":"topic3","partition":1,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic5","partition":0,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic2","partition":0,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic5","partition":2,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic6","partition":1,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic6","partition":0,"replicas":[1001]},
{"topic":"topic1","partition":1,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic4","partition":2,"replicas":[1001]},
{"topic":"topic4","partition":3,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic1","partition":0,"replicas":[1001]},
{"topic":"topic4","partition":1,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic2","partition":2,"replicas":[1002]},
{"topic":"topic3","partition":0,"replicas":[1001]},
{"topic":"topic4","partition":0,"replicas":[1001]}]}
```

3. Run the reassignment of topics to replicas by using the following command:

Enter the command in a single line.

```
/kafka-reassign-partitions.sh --zookeeper <zookeeper_server>:<port>  
--reassignment-json-file /tmp/reassign-partitions.json --execute
```



For example:

```
./kafka-reassign-partitions.sh --zookeeper <myserver.ibm.com>:2182  
--reassignment-json-file /tmp/reassign-partitions.json --execute
```



#### 4. Verify the reassignment by using the following commands:

Enter the command in a single line.

```
./kafka-reassign-partitions.sh --zookeeper <zookeeper_server>:<port>  
--reassignment-json-file <reassign-partitions.json> --verify
```



For example:

```
./kafka-reassign-partitions.sh --zookeeper <myserver.ibm.com>:2182  
--reassignment-json-file /tmp/reassign-partitions.json --verify
```



Review the leadership assignment for topics and partitions by using the following command:

```
./kafka-topics.sh --zookeeper <zookeeper_server>:<port> --describe
```



#### Parent topic:

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#### Related information:

 [Reassign Partitions Tool](#)