# Communicating Messages Structure with AVRO and Schema Registry



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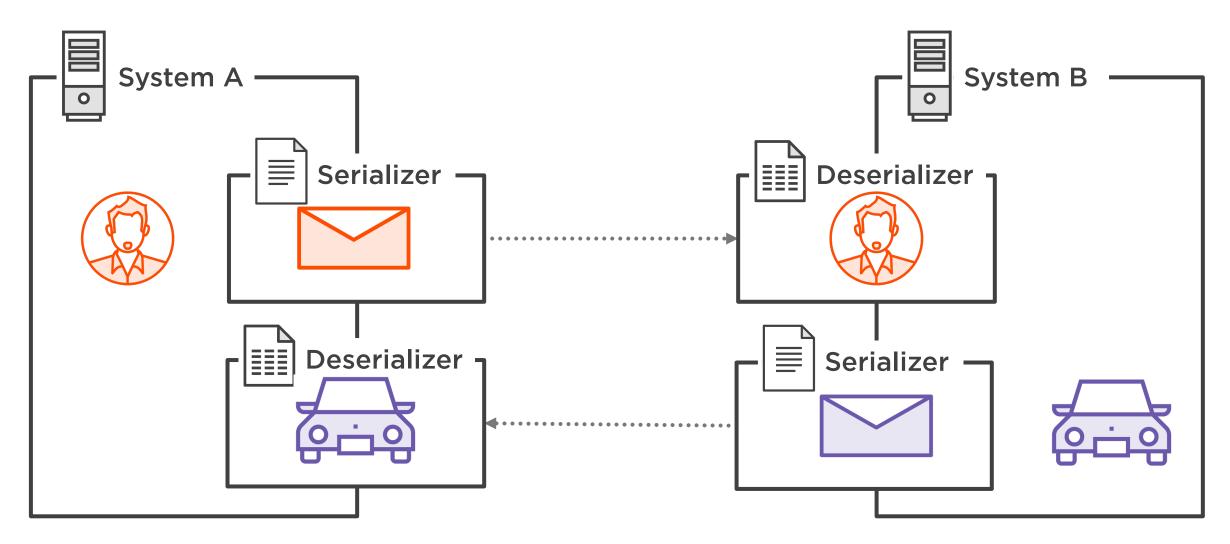
## Serialization

The process of translating data structures or object states into a format that can be stored or transmitted and reconstructed later, possibly in a different computer environment.

-Wikipedia

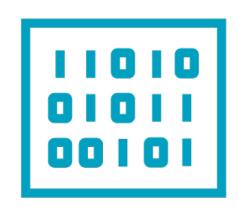


#### Serialization





#### Serialization Formats



**Binary?** 

Data is transmitted/stored as bytes or plaintext



Schema?

Fixed data structure or flexible

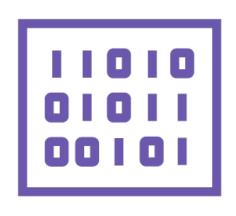


## Serialization Formats

Name	Binary	Schema - IDL
JSON		
XML		
YAML		
AVRO		
Protobuf		
Thrift		



#### AVRO







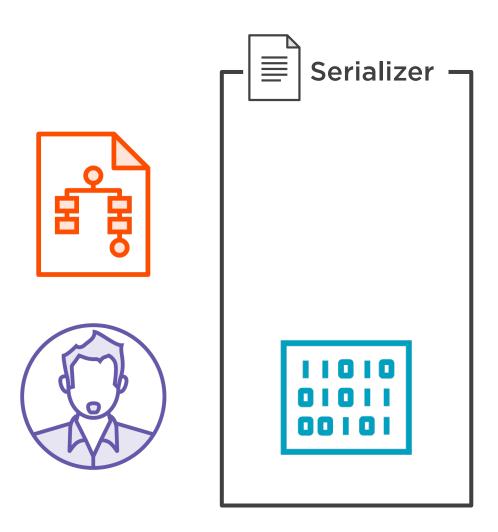
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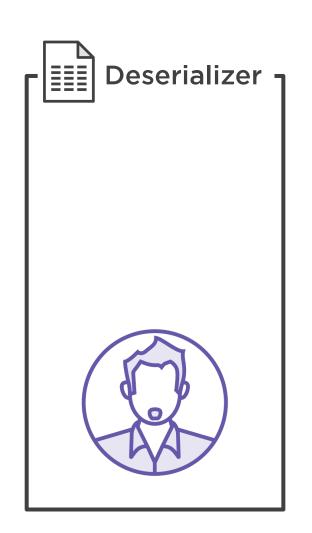
**Not Human Readable** 

Schema



## AVRO Serialization / Deserialization









```
user_schema.avsc
  "type": "record",
  "namespace": "com.pluralsight",
  "name": "User",
  "fields": [
      "name": "userId",
      "type": "string"
      "name": "username",
      "type": "string"
      "name": "dateOfBirth",
      "type": "int",
      "logicalType": "date"
```

#### **■ JSON**

- Defines a complex type
- Prefix the full name
- Name of the schema
- Declaring fields contained by the record
- ◆ e.g: "ABC123"

**◄ Plain string** 

■ Special type

#### AVRO Types

#### **Primitives**

null: no value

boolean: a binary value

int: 32-bit signed integer

long: 64-bit signed integer

float: (32-bit) floating-point number

double: (64-bit) floating-point number

bytes: sequence of 8-bit unsigned bytes

string: unicode character sequence

#### Complex

```
records
enums - { "symbols" : [ "BLUE", "GREEN" ] }
arrays
maps - { "values" : "long" }
unions - { [ "null", "string" ] }
fixed - { "size" : "6" }
```



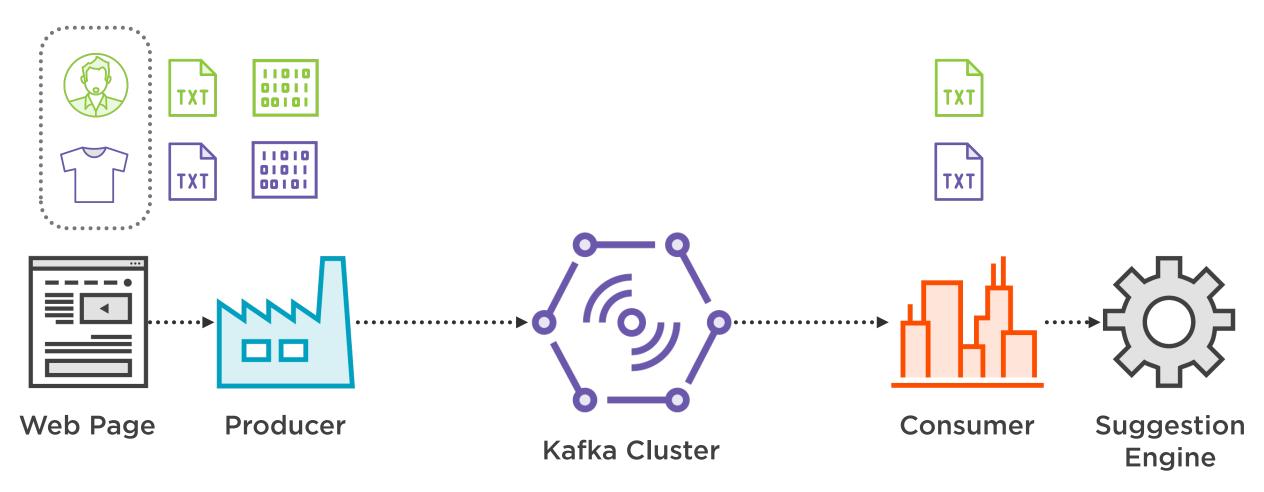
## Demo



Create AVRO user schema
Generate JAVA classes

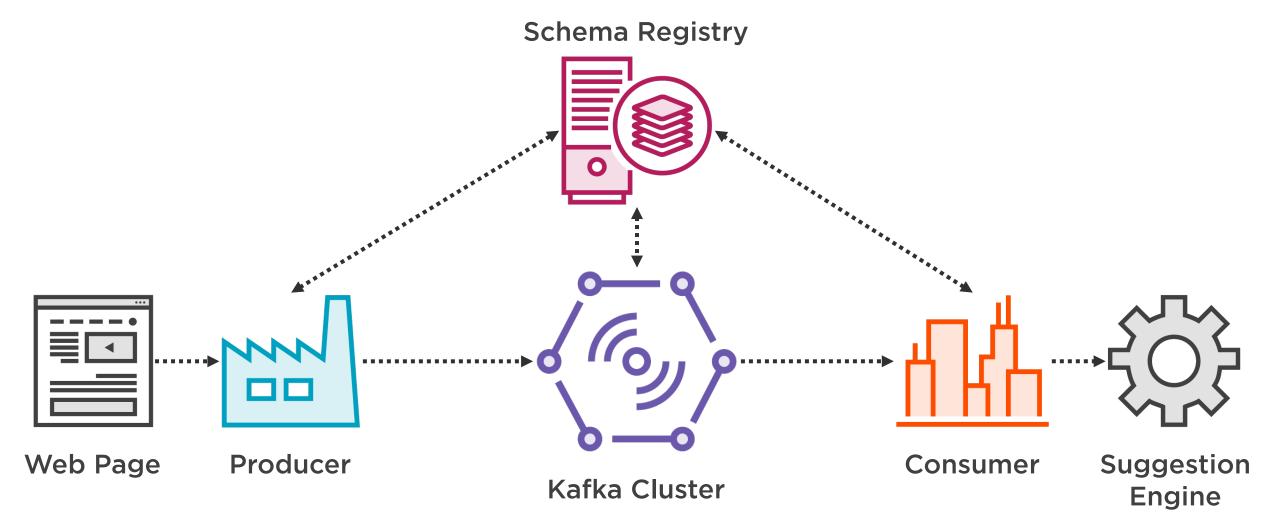


## Applications Architecture



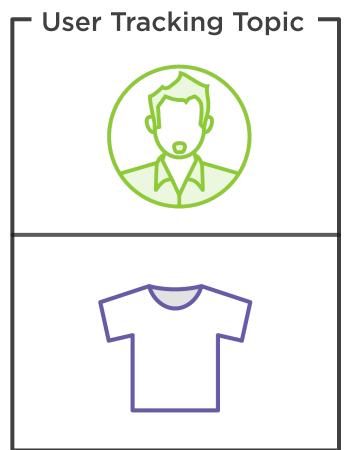


## Applications Architecture





#### Subject Name Strategy

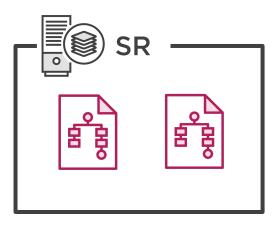


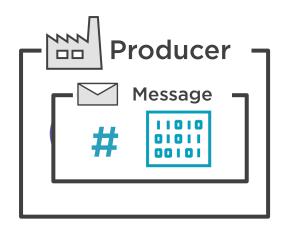
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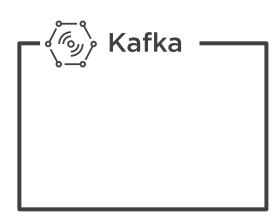
{topic-name}-value: user-tracking-value



#### Schema Distribution





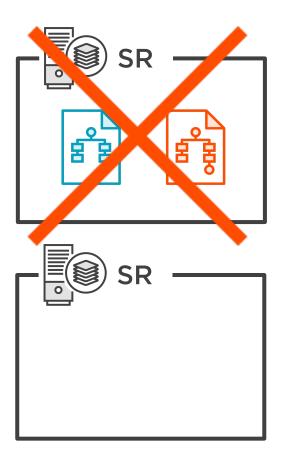


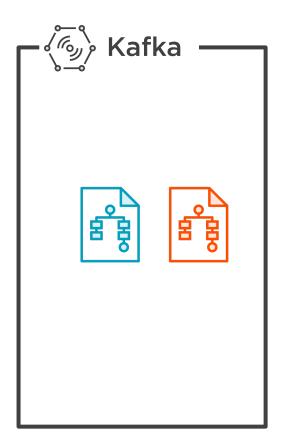




## Schema Upload









#### Demo



#### Set up Schema Registry

#### Upgrade user tracking applications

- Producer
- Consumer



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## Summary



**Serialization formats** 

AVRO to the rescue

Schema distribution using Schema Registry

