Event Driven Data Platform with Kafka, Spark, and Airflow

This project demonstrates a local ETL pipeline for processing event data from simulated sources (e.g., CRM, ERP, website, and app) using an event-driven architecture. The pipeline leverages Kafka for data ingestion, Spark for transformation, PostgreSQL/JSON for storage, and Apache Airflow for orchestration.

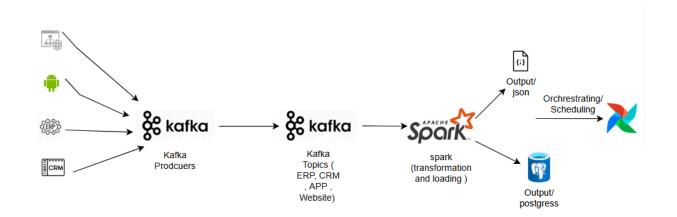
Overview

Goal:

To simulate how real-time and batch data pipelines work in a modern data stack by:

- Capturing raw event streams from mock producers
- Processing the events with PySpark streaming
- Persisting the cleaned data in JSON format
- Automating the entire pipeline with Apache Airflow

Architecture



Components:

- Kafka: Acts as the message broker receiving events from producers.
- **Spark Structured Streaming**: Consumes Kafka topics, applies transformations, and writes structured output.
- **PostgreSQL** : Stores summary or metadata.
- Airflow: Orchestrates the end-to-end flow.
- Docker: Containers for Airflow, Kafka, Redis, PostgreSQL.

Workflow:

- 1. Mock producers generate and publish JSON events to Kafka topics.(didn't use an actual API)
- 2. Spark consumes and processes the events based on schemas.

- 3. Cleaned data is saved as JSON files locally.
- 4. Airflow schedules and monitors the daily ETL run.

Project Structure

Screenshots:

1- topics.py output

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done

done

done

done

done
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2- producers.py output:

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• Producers.py"
  sent
  sent
```

3- Airflow (manual triggering of the ETL pipeline):



SPark output (sampels):

Spark automatically load the events data to tables on postgresql and also make on prem version as json file

On prem json output samples:

App events:

```
{"event type":"properties","data":{"property id":"3436df8d-5343-4fd4-96e1-
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CRM events:

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Website events:

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How to Run the Project

Prerequisites

- Docker & Docker Compose
- Python 3.10+

- Java 8+ (for Spark)
- Apache Spark installed locally
- Kafka running locally (or using a mock container)
- Optional: .env file for secrets like Gmail credentials

Step 1: Clone the Repo

git clone https://github.com/your-name/data-platform cd data-platform

Step 2: Add Environment Variables (Optional but Recommended)

Create a .env file in the root directory:

GMAIL_APP_PASSWORD=your_app_password_here

Step 3: Start the Services

docker-compose up --build

This will spin up:

- PostgreSQL
- Redis
- Airflow (Webserver, Scheduler, Init)

Airflow UI will be available at: http://localhost:8080

Login credentials:

• Username: airflow

• Password: airflow

Step 4: Place DAG Files

Ensure your etl_pipeline_dag.py and its folders are mounted correctly under the ./dags volume inside Docker.

Airflow loads DAGs from:

/opt/airflow/dags/

Step 5: Trigger the Pipeline

- Go to Airflow UI
- Unpause the DAG: local_kafka_spark_etl
- Click **Trigger DAG** to test it manually

If successful:

- Output files will appear under /output
- Archived versions will appear under /archive

Scheduling

The DAG is scheduled to run daily at 2:00 PM Cairo time (UTC+3).

schedule="0 14 * * *"

start_date=pendulum.datetime(2025, 7, 15, 14, 0, tz="Africa/Cairo")

Email Notification Setup

You can configure Airflow to send Gmail alerts on DAG failure.

Update docker-compose.yml under airflow-webserver:

environment:

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- AIRFLOW__SMTP__SMTP_HOST=smtp.gmail.com
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- AIRFLOW SMTP SMTP STARTTLS=True

- AIRFLOW__SMTP_SSL=False

- AIRFLOW SMTP SMTP PORT=587

- AIRFLOW_SMTP_SMTP_MAIL_FROM=your_email@gmail.com

- AIRFLOW__SMTP__SMTP_USER=your_email@gmail.com

AIRFLOW__SMTP__SMTP_PASSWORD=\${GMAIL_APP_PASSWORD}

Production Tips & Developer Notes

What Worked

- Using simple BashOperators to call Spark/Python scripts was straightforward and reliable.
- Volume mounting into Airflow container ensured DAG visibility without extra syncing.
- Archiving JSON output with timestamps provided clear version control of daily runs.

Common Issues & How to Avoid Them

Issue	Fix
DAG not showing in UI	Ensure the .py file is inside the correct ./dags/ folder mounted into /opt/airflow/dags
Spark crash with memory error	Restart laptop or limit partitions. Reduce workload per batch
DAG time mismatch	Use pendulum.datetime() with correct time zone like Africa/Cairo
Email not sending	Enable App Passwords in Gmail and use .env to inject secrets
Kafka topic data not visible	Ensure your producers run and publish to the expected topic names

Debugging DAGs

• Use the Airflow logs tab to trace where failures happen.

You can SSH into the container and manually run the Spark script if needed:

docker exec -it airflow-webserver bash spark-submit dags/spark_jobs/spark_consumer.py

Final Notes

This project was built without using cloud resources to simulate a production-like data pipeline locally. You can expand it further by connecting real APIs, logging, alerting, and integrating it with front-end dashboards.