[**NATS** is a **connective technology** that powers modern distributed systems, facilitating addressing, discovery, and message exchange for services, microservices, and stream processing1](https://docs.nats.io/nats-concepts/overview).

Here are **five free reference links** where you can learn more about NATS:

1. **NATS Docs Overview**[: Provides an in-depth understanding of NATS concepts, including messaging patterns, scalability, and security1](https://docs.nats.io/nats-concepts/overview)[2](https://docs.nats.io/nats-concepts/what-is-nats).
2. [**NATS by Example**: A collection of runnable, cross-client examples for NATS, covering topics like pub-sub, JetStream, authentication, and deployment topologies](https://docs.nats.io/nats-concepts/overview)[3](https://natsbyexample.com/).
3. [**Tutorials on NATS Docs**: Learn how to run workloads on NATS, deploy NATS servers, and integrate with Docker and Kubernetes](https://docs.nats.io/nats-concepts/overview)[4](https://docs.nats.io:8443/using-nats/developer/tutorials).
4. [**Developing with NATS**: Explore NATS client libraries in various languages, including Go, Kotlin, Dart, PHP, and more](https://docs.nats.io/nats-concepts/overview)[5](https://docs.nats.io/using-nats/developer).
5. [**Publish and Receive Messages with Nats Java Client**: A tutorial demonstrating how to use the Java Client for NATS to publish and receive messages](https://docs.nats.io/nats-concepts/overview)[6](https://www.baeldung.com/nats-java-client).

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