**Apache** is a popular open-source, cross-platform web server actively maintained by the **Apache Software Foundation**. It powers a significant portion of websites and handles the behind-the-scenes aspects of serving files to visitors. [While it’s widely used, especially for smaller websites, it’s essential to note that high-traffic sites often prefer alternatives like **NGINX**1](https://kinsta.com/knowledgebase/what-is-apache/)[2](https://www.techtarget.com/whatis/definition/Apache)[3](https://www.wpbeginner.com/glossary/apache/).

Here are **five free resources** to learn more about Apache:

1. [**Apache Kafka Fundamentals**: A YouTube playlist by Tim Berglund that breaks down Kafka basics and includes hands-on exercises](https://kinsta.com/knowledgebase/what-is-apache/)[4](https://www.confluent.io/blog/best-kafka-tutorials-examples-and-learning-resources/).
2. [**Apache Kafka 101**: A course that guides you through creating your first Kafka application in just minutes](https://kinsta.com/knowledgebase/what-is-apache/)[5](https://developer.confluent.io/tutorials/).
3. [**Apache HTTP Server Tutorial**](https://geek-university.com/apache-http-server-tutorial/): Learn how to configure Apache as a web server, proxy server, and reverse proxy server[6](https://geek-university.com/apache-http-server-tutorial/).
4. [**Apache Tutorials for Beginners**](https://www.guru99.com/apache.html): A beginner-friendly guide covering Apache’s role as the most widely used web server on the Internet[7](https://www.guru99.com/apache.html).
5. [**Confluent Developer Tutorials**](https://developer.confluent.io/tutorials/): Explore various Kafka-related topics, including CLI usage, producing and consuming events, and more[5](https://developer.confluent.io/tutorials/).

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