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**MICROSERVICES IN INTERNET OF THINGS  
INFRASTRUCTURES FOR SMART CITY SOLUTIONS:  
AN EVENT-DRIVEN AIR QUALITY MONITORING  
APPLICATION UTILIZING APACHE KAFKA AND  
CLOUD METHODOLOGIES**

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# INTRODUCTION

Event-driven IoT **Air Quality** monitoring application, utilizing advanced cloud methodologies.

**SYNAISTHISI** platform, Apache Kafka, Kafka Connect and Schema Registry integration.

Efficient **data validation** and **event interconnection** with Kafka Connect and Schema Registry.

High-performance, fault-tolerant, scalable **Apache Kafka** cluster.

**Web application** for real-time Air Quality data visualization through Web-Sockets and React.

# MOTIVATION

- Environmental Perspective
- Internet of Thing Perspective
- Open-source Approach
- SYNAISTHISI Platform
- Event Streaming Integration

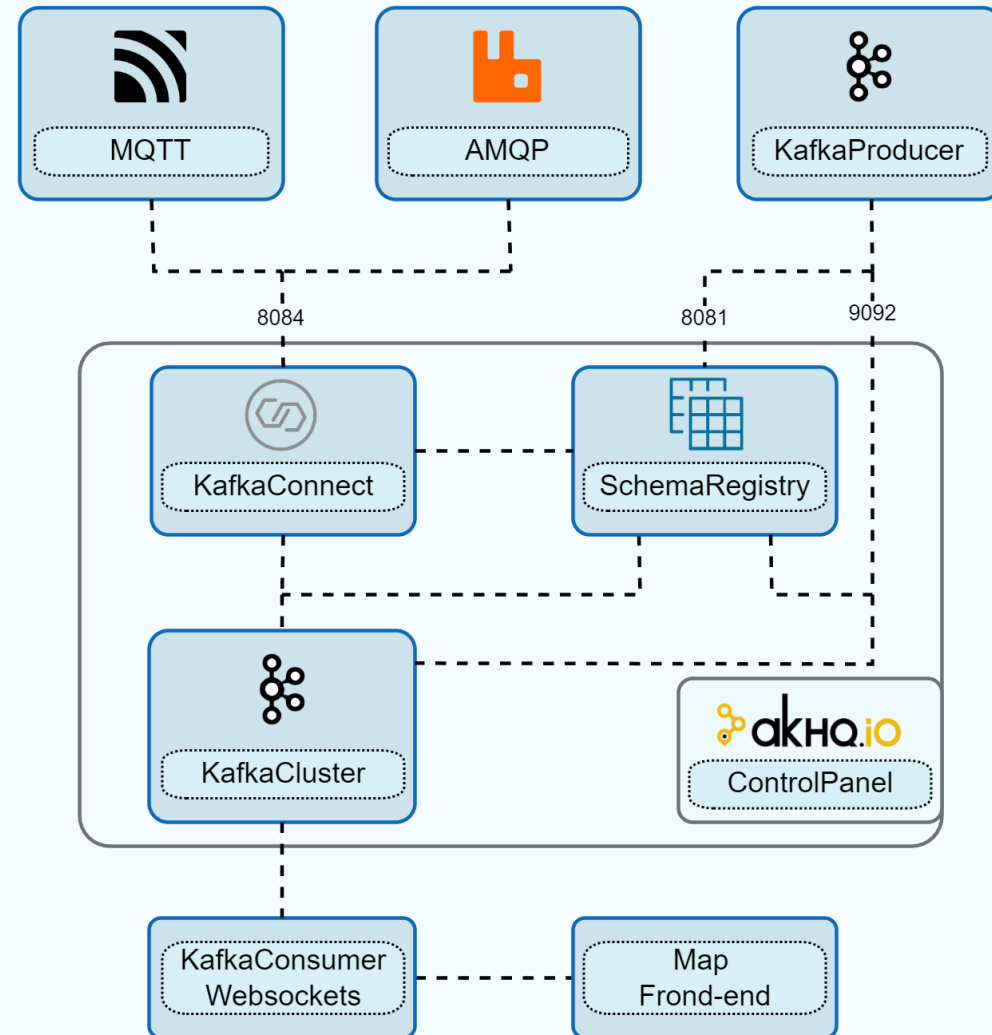


# AVAILABLE FRAMEWORKS

- Docker, Docker compose, Docker network
- Apache Kafka
- RabbitMQ, MQTT
- Kafka Connect
- Schema Registry
- Web-sockets
- React

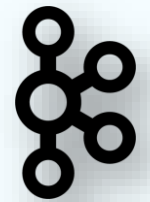
# ARCHITECTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION

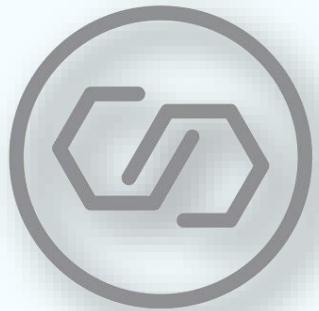
# SYSTEM OVERVIEW



# DATA INGESTION

- Producers support native Kafka, AMQP, and MQTT protocols
- Interoperability
- Data Structure
- Data validation





Kafka Connect

# INTEROPERABILITY

**Bidirectional interconnection** between RabbitMQ broker and Kafka.

Alignment of **source connector** with the application's data flow requirements.

**Fault-tolerance** provided by distributed mode configuration.

**Efficient integration** with a wide variety of external systems.

Reduction in **development time**.



# DATA STRUCTURE

```
{  
  "deviceId": "sensor1",  
  "latitude": 39.36103,  
  "longitude": 22.94248,  
  "pm25": 12.5,  
  "temperature": 22.5,  
  "humidity": 60.0,  
  "timestamp": 164099520  
}
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Adoption of JSON file format for **broad system support**.

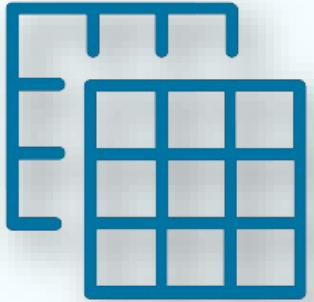
JSON messages with specific fields for **data capture**.

DeviceID and geolocation fields for **spatial data representation**.

**Universal timestamps** utilizing Unix epoch time.

High **scalability** and **flexibility** in data structure.

# DATA VALIDATION



Schema Registry



**Avro implementation** for compact and efficient serialization of JSON.

**Message size reduction** by 40% or more.

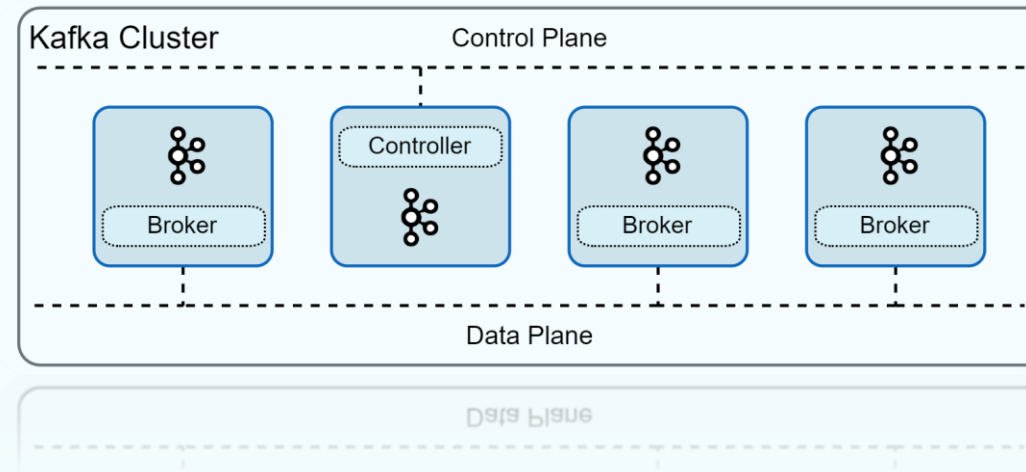
**Centralized** data management is provided.

**Consistent** event data structure is ensured.

**Flexible** interconnection with pre-existing sensors.

**Data integrity** ensured through schema versioning and evolution.

# KAFKA CLUSTER PLATFORM



- Control Plane
- Data Plane
- Control Panel



# KAFKA CLUSTER CONFIGURATION AND MANAGEMENT

**Four-node** Kafka implementation, one controller and three data brokers.

**Reliability** and **fault-tolerance** by three-broker data plane.

**Single controller** node for simplicity and robustness.

**KRaft** protocol, enhanced data recovery and metadata management.

**Horizontal scalability**, brokers addition based on demand.

**Vertical scalability** managed utilizing partitions.

# PLATFORM CONTROL PANEL

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# Topics

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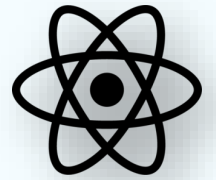
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# WEB APPLICATION

- Kafka Consumer Client
- Monolithic back-end service
- Web-sockets
- React Front-end Map





## BACK-END SERVICE

**Monolithic design** back-end infrastructure.

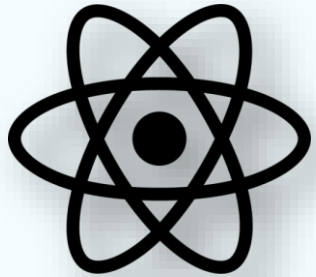
Automatic topics and devices **detection** on the map.

Live event handling with **Kafka consumers**.

**Adjustable data consumption** rate.

Front-end and back-end communication via **Web-Sockets**.

Enhanced responsiveness and **real-time data** transmission.



## FRONT-END MAP

**Visually appealing** and highly functional React webpage.

**Leaflet OpenStreetMap**, a widespread open-source map solution.

Dynamic, user-friendly **live map page** design.

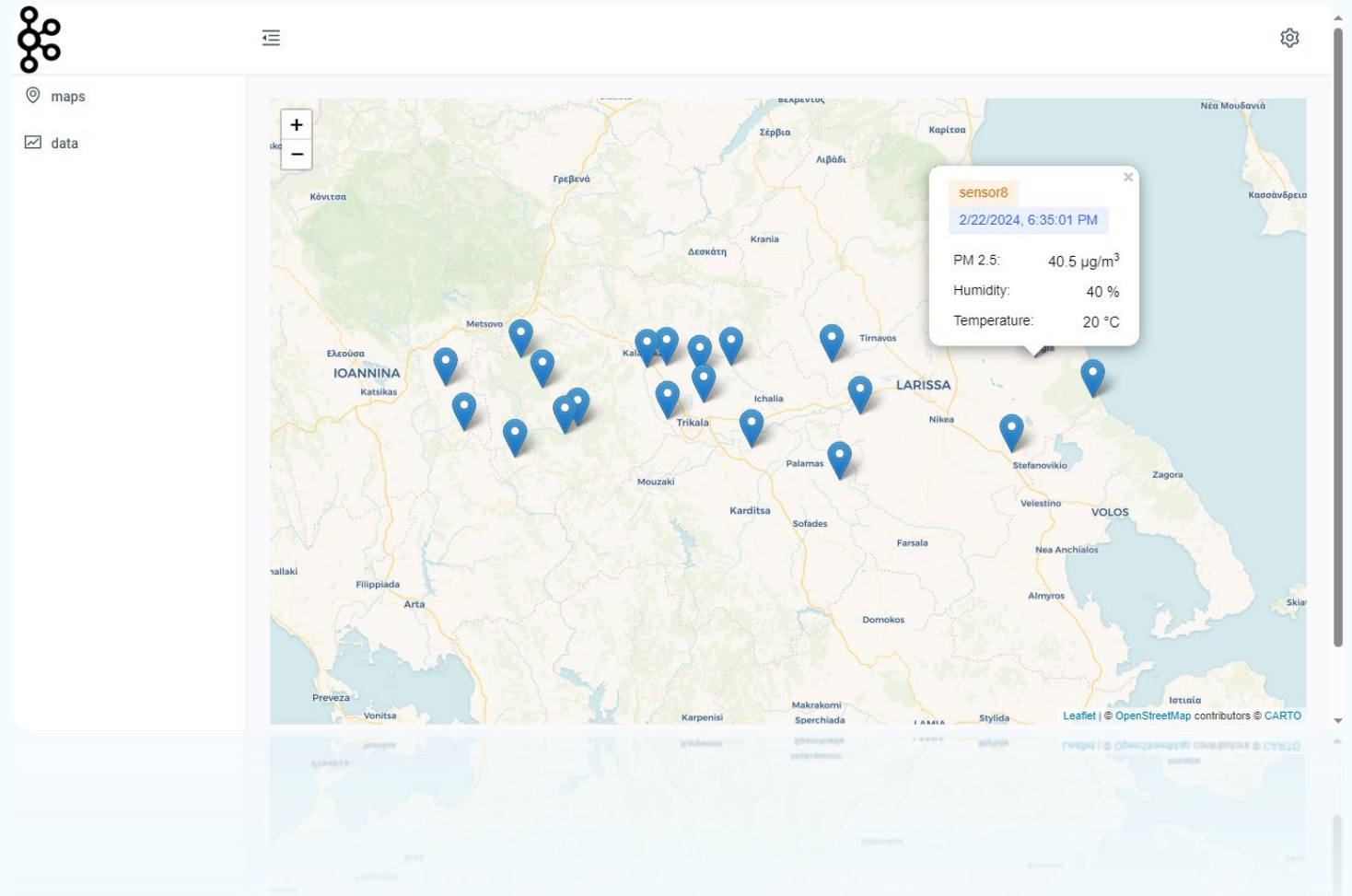
**Dashboard page** for historical sensor data display.

**Live updating** of points on the map.

**Easy management** and update of application's interface.



# LIVE MAP



# DASHBOARD



# FUTURE WORK

Enterprise-level security using SASL\_SSL and TLS(SSL) protocols.

Utilizing SSL for inter-broker communications.

Configuring SASL\_SSL for external communications, integrated with a Kerberos server through the GSSAPI authentication mechanism.

Enhancing Kafka's key mapping mechanism for efficient event distribution.

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