



Introduction to Streaming Data Pipelines



Streaming data pipelines are systems designed to ingest, process, and deliver data in real time.



Essential for applications like financial transactions, IoT monitoring, and video streaming.



Examples

Fraud detection, live analytics, predictive maintenance.

Key Components of Streaming Data Pipelines

Data Sources

IoT devices, social media platforms, web logs.

Ingestion Tools

Tools like Kafka, Flume, and RabbitMQ handle data intake.

Processing Engines

Apache Spark, Flink, and Beam process data.

Storage Solutions

HDFS and NoSQL databases for persistent storage.

Visualization/Analytics

Tools such as Tableau and Grafana for insights.

Benefits of Streaming Data Pipelines



Enable real-time decision-making.



Boost operational efficiency.



Provide scalable and fault-tolerant architectures.



Improve user experiences through fast insights.

Challenges in Building Streaming Pipelines



Managing high data throughput with low latency.



Ensuring fault tolerance and consistent data.



Integrating with diverse systems.



Handling schema changes and compatibility issues.

Real-World Applications



FINANCIAL SERVICES FRAUD DETECTION, STOCK MARKET ANALYTICS.



HEALTHCARE

REMOTE PATIENT

MONITORING AND

DIAGNOSTICS.



E-COMMERCETAILORED PRODUCT
RECOMMENDATIONS.



MEDIAREAL-TIME VIDEO AND AUDIO STREAMING.



IOT
APPLICATIONS IN SMART
CITIES AND CONNECTED
VEHICLES.

Open-Source Tools for Streaming Data Pipelines



Apache Kafka

High-throughput distributed event streaming.



Apache Flink

Real-time stream processing framework.



Apache Beam

Unified batch and streaming data processing.



Spark Streaming

Micro-batch processing for real-time data.



RabbitMQ

Lightweight message queuing.



Pulsar

Scalable distributed pub-sub messaging.



Airflow

Workflow orchestration and scheduling.

Cloud-Based Streaming Data Pipeline Tools

AWS Kinesis

Managed service for real-time stream processing.

Google Cloud Dataflow

Unified stream and batch processing.

Azure Stream Analytics

Scalable analytics in real time.

Databricks

Unified analytics with real-time processing capabilities.

Snowflake

Handles continuous data ingestion and analytics.

Monitoring and Debugging in Streaming Pipelines



Why It Matters

Ensures system reliability and performance.



Key Metrics

Latency, throughput, error rates.



Tools

Prometheus, Grafana, ELK Stack, Kafka Monitoring APIs.

Trends in Streaming Pipelines

Event-Driven Architectures

Reactive systems for real-time operations.

AI/ML Integration

Enhanced analytics and predictive modeling.

Edge Computing

Processing closer to data sources in IoT.

Serverless Solutions

Reduced overhead for streaming services.

Data Sources and Technologies for Business Insights



Businesses gather data from **internal sources** (e.g., CRM, ERP systems), **external sources** (e.g., social media platforms), and **third-party services** (e.g., Google Analytics).



Various technologies are employed to capture data, including web scraping tools and browser fingerprinting technologies.



The diversity of sources enables businesses to collect a wide range of structured and unstructured data for analysis.

Data Pipeline

A data pipeline is a set of tools and processes used to automate the movement and transformation of data between a source system and a target repository.

Data pipeline is the process of moving data from one data source to a target repository.

Businesses can use data pipeline tools to extract data from various sources and load it into a destination such as a data warehouse or data lake.

Along the way, data pipeline architecture ingests and organizes extracted data, allowing business analysts and other users to analyze and gain insights.

Data Pipeline

- A data pipeline is a set of actions that ingest raw data from disparate sources and move the data to a destination for storage and analysis.
- A pipeline also may include filtering and features that provide resiliency against failure.
- It seems as if every business these days is seeking ways to integrate data from multiple sources to gain business insights for competitive advantage.

Source: stitchdata

How does a data pipeline work?

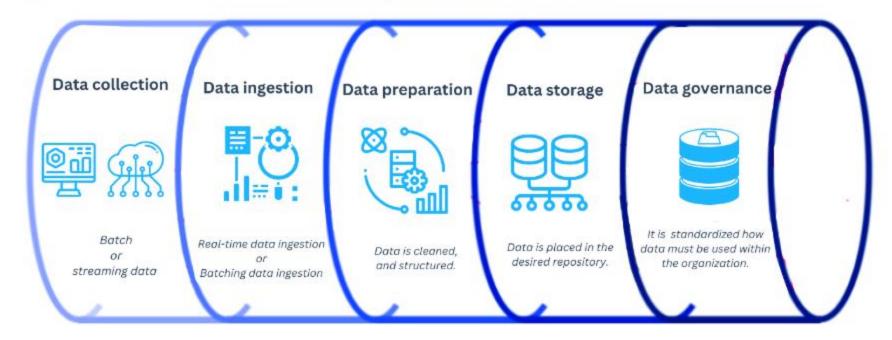
- **1.Data collection:** Data can be collected in batches (e.g., a traditional database) or in real-time (e.g., sensors or sales transactions).
- **2.Data ingestion:** Stream or batch ingestion is used to extract data. For example, if you want to extract data from an IoT system, you must use the stream ingestion method. However, if data is extracted at regular intervals. Then you must process and store the data in batches.
- **3.Data preparation:** Data is cleaned and organized.
- **4.Data storage:** Data is placed in the target repository.
- **5.Data governance:** It is the process of identifying and standardizing how various departments within an organization should use data.

Source: aimultiple

Data pipeline Architecture



Data Pipeline Architecture



Why Do We Use Data Pipeline?

Some of the use cases of Data Pipeline are listed below







Delivering the Sales and Marketing data to CRM platforms to enhance customer service.

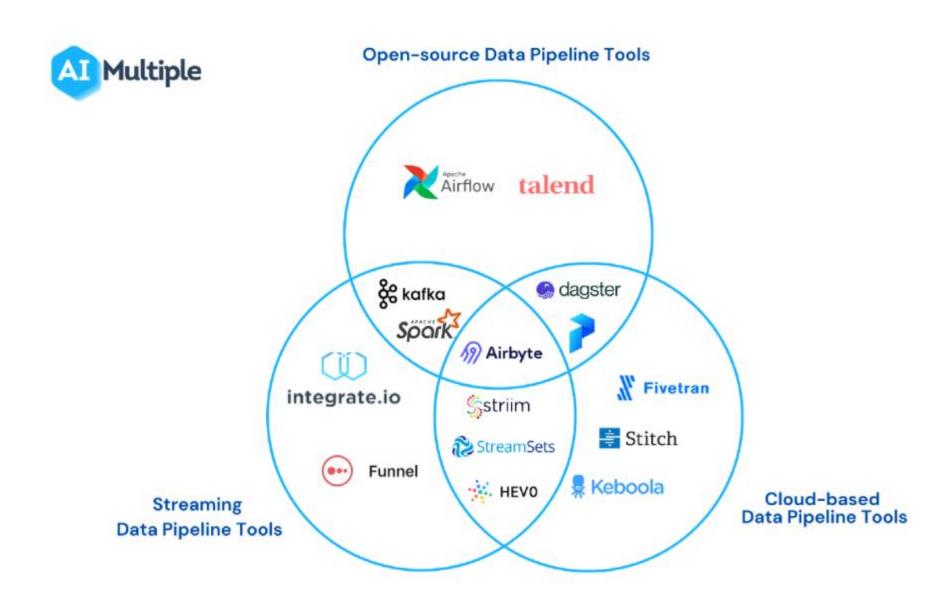
Streaming the data from sensors to the applications for monitoring the performance and status.

Unifying the data together so that it can speed up the development of new products.

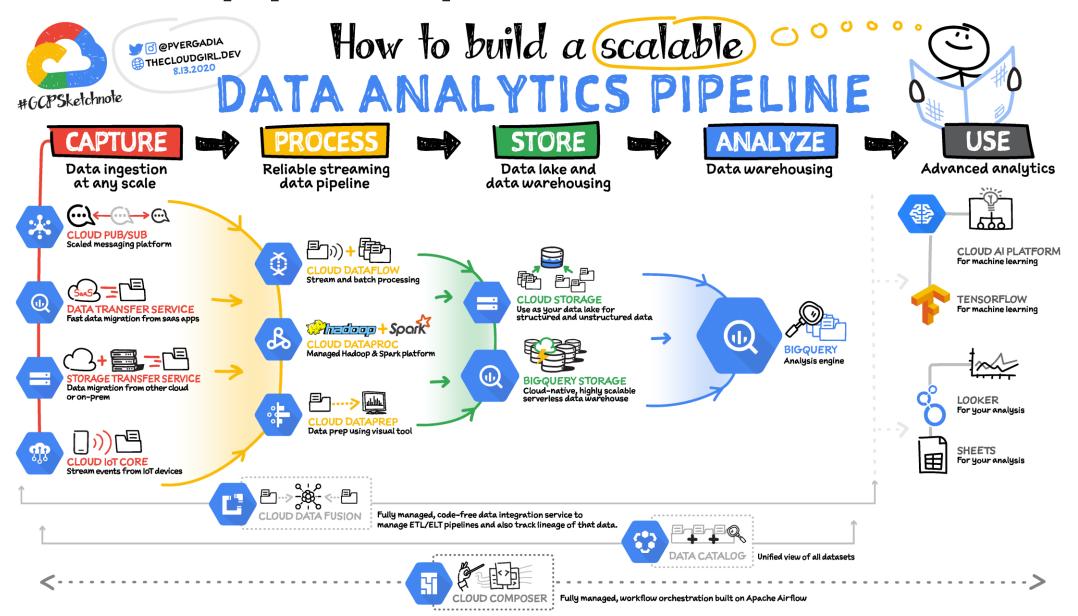
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Aspect	Data Pipeline	ETL (Extract, Transform, Load)
Definition	A framework or workflow to move and process data between systems.	A specific process to extract, transform, and load data.
Scope	Broader, includes real- time streaming, batch processing, and other tasks.	Narrower, focused on transforming and loading structured data.
Data Types	Handles structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data.	Primarily designed for structured or semistructured data.
Processing Mode	Supports both real- time (streaming) and batch processing.	Generally batch processing, with realtime extensions in modern ETL tools.
Use Cases	Data integration, machine learning pipelines, and eventdriven workflows.	Data warehouse population, reporting, and analytics.

Data Pipeline vs ETL



GCP-Data pipeline process



Source: Priyanka Vergadia

Summary

Streaming pipelines drive realtime data handling and analytics.

Critical for industries needing low-latency systems.

Supported by a wide range of tools and technologies.

Apache Kafka

Introduction to Apache Kafka



Kafka is an open-source platform for distributed event streaming.



Core Use Case

Facilitates publish-subscribe messaging, data storage, and stream processing.



Key Features

Scalability, high throughput, fault tolerance.

Kafka Architecture Overview

Core Components

- Producers: Send messages to specific topics.
- Brokers: Servers that manage messages within Kafka.
- **Consumers:** Retrieve messages from topics.
- ZooKeeper: Manages configurations and cluster state (being replaced by KRaft).

Topics

Logical groupings of related messages.



Apache Kafka

- Kafka also provides a robust set of features including:-
 - Fault-tolerance through automatic replication of data across multiple nodes.
 - Scalability through the ability to add more nodes to handle increasing data volume.
 - Durability through the ability to persist data to disk.
 - Low latency through the use of a distributed architecture.

Messaging System

There are two types of Messaging System:-

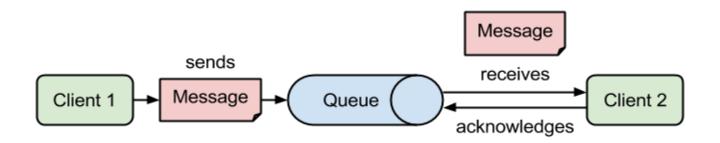
- 1. Point to Point System
- 2. Publish-Subscribe System

1. Point to Point System

Messages are persisted in a queue, but a particular message can be consumed by a maximum of one consumer only. Once a consumer reads a message in the queue, it disappears from that queue.

The typical example of this system is an Order Processing System, where each order will be processed by one Order Processor, but Multiple Order Processors can work as well at the same time.

The following diagram depicts the structure.



Messaging System

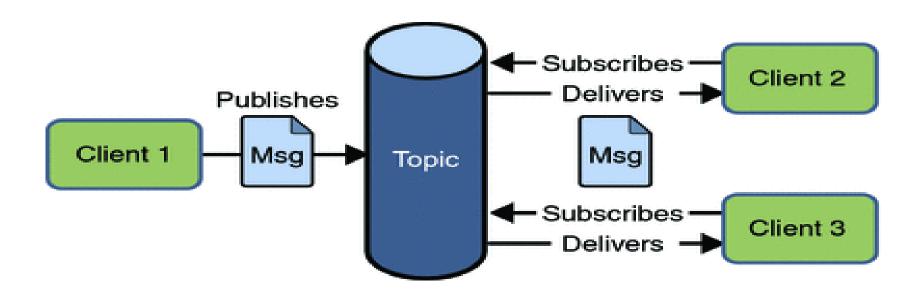
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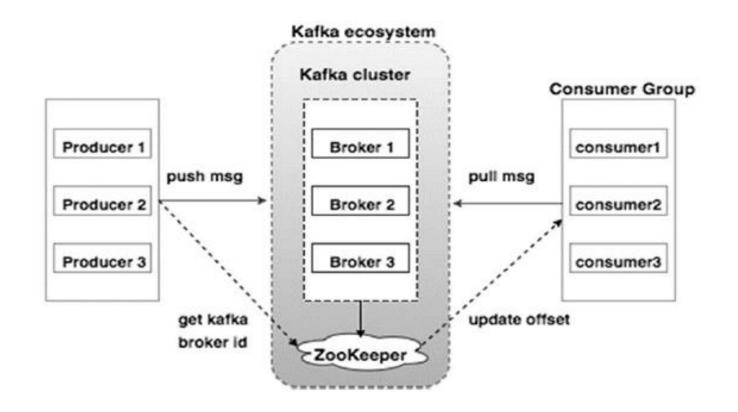
Unlike point-to-point system, consumers can subscribe to one or more topic and consume all the messages in that topic.

In the Publish-Subscribe system, message producers are called **publishers** and message consumers are called **subscribers**.

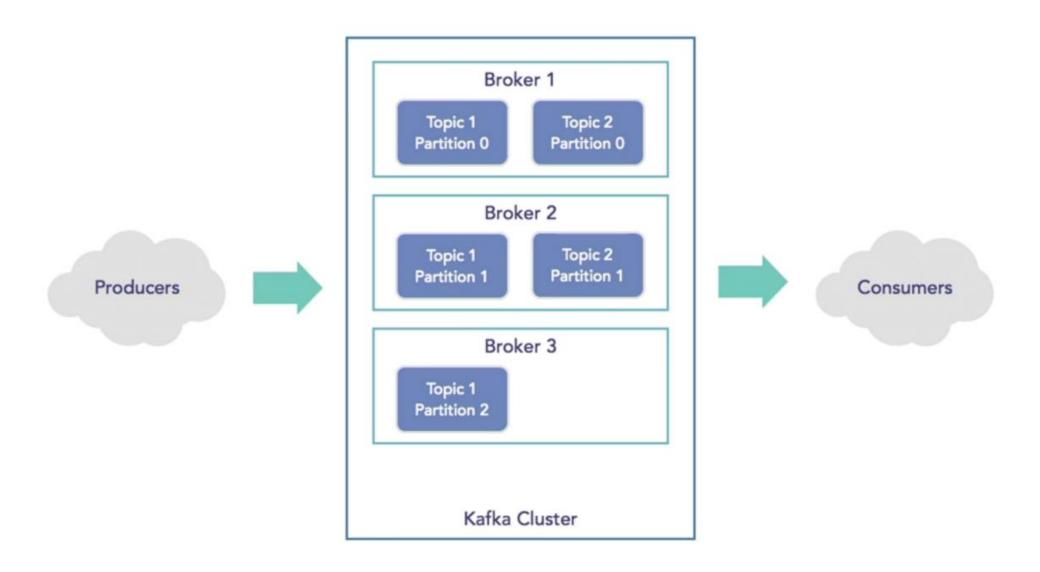
A real-life example is Dish TV, which publishes different channels like sports, movies, music, etc., and anyone can subscribe to their own set of channels and get them whenever their subscribed channels are available.



Apache Kafka as a Messaging System



Apache Kafka Architecture



Apache Kafka Work Flow

Following is the step wise workflow of the Pub-Sub Messaging :-

- Producers send message to a topic at regular intervals.
 - Kafka broker stores all messages in the partitions configured for that particular topic. It ensures the messages are equally shared between partitions.
 - If the producer sends two messages and there are two partitions, Kafka will store one message in the first partition and the second message in the second partition.
- Consumer subscribes to a specific topic.
 - Once the consumer subscribes to a topic, Kafka will provide the current offset of the topic to the consumer and also saves the offset in the Zookeeper.
 - Consumer will request the Kafka in a regular interval (like 100 Ms) for new messages.
 - Once Kafka receives the messages from producers, it forwards these messages to the consumers.
 - Consumer will receive the message and process it.
 - Once the messages are processed, consumer will send an acknowledgement to the Kafka broker.
 - Once Kafka receives an acknowledgement, it changes the offset to the new value and updates it in the Zookeeper. Since offsets are maintained in the Zookeeper.
 - This above flow will repeat until the consumer stops the request.
 - Consumer has the option to rewind/skip to the desired offset of a topic at any time and read all the subsequent messages

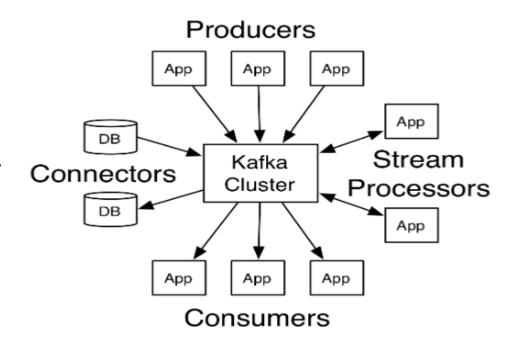
Apache Kafka Core API

The Producer API allows an application to publish a stream of records to one or more Kafka topics.

The Consumer API allows an application to subscribe to one or more topics and process the stream of records produced to them.

The Streams API allows an application to act as a *stream processor*, consuming an input stream from one or more topics and producing an output stream to one or more output topics, effectively transforming the input streams to output streams.

The Connector API allows building and running reusable producers or consumers that connect Kafka topics to existing applications or data systems. For example, a connector to a relational database might capture every change to a table.

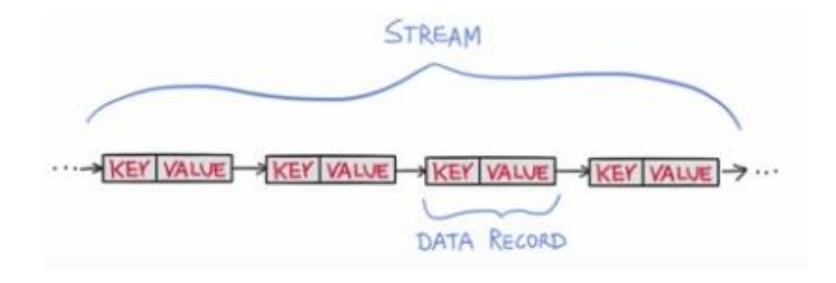


What is Streams

Think of s Stream as an infinite. Continuous real-time flow of data. data are a key-value pairs.

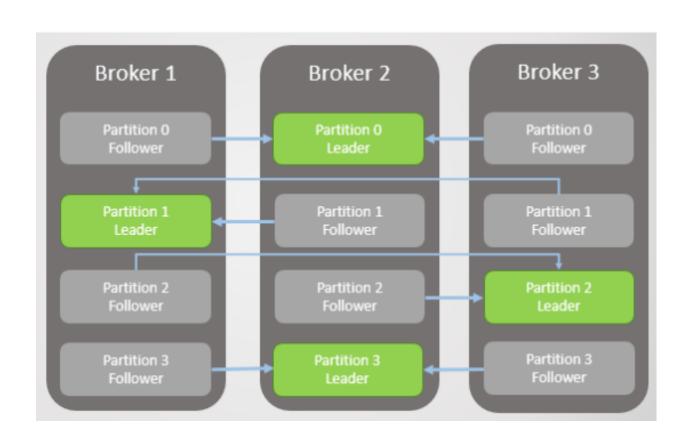
In Kafka stream API transform and increases data.

- Support per-record stream processing with milisecond.



Kafka Components

- Partitions for the same topic are distributed across multiple brokers in the cluster.
- Partitions are replicated across multiple servers;
 number of replicas is a configurable parameter.
- Each Partition has one server as a leader and a number of servers as followers.
- Each Server acts a leader for some of its partitions and as a follower for some other.
- The Producers are responsible for choosing which message to assign to which partition within the topic based on key assigned to message.



Kafka Cluster

Scalability

Broker clusters distribute workloads.

Partitioning

Divides topics for parallel processing.

Replication

Ensures data availability across nodes.

Producers and Consumers



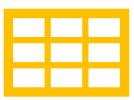


Publish data to designated topics.



Consumers

Retrieve data, subscribing to specific topics or partitions.



Consumer Groups

Enable parallel data consumption.

Kafka Topics and Partitions

Topics

Organize messages logically.

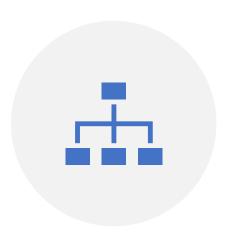
Partitions

Allow parallel data handling.

Replication

Each partition has a leader and backup replicas.

Kafka with Zookeeper







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METADATA.

FUNCTIONSLEADER ELECTION AND FAULT RECOVERY.

FUTUREKRAFT WILL ELIMINATE DEPENDENCY ON ZOOKEEPER.

Kafka Connect

Simplifies integration with external systems.

Kafka Streams

API for stream processing.

KSQL

Enables SQL-like queries on Kafka topics.

MirrorMaker

Replicates data across clusters.

Kafka Ecosystem

Kafka in Action-Companies

LinkedIn

Powers real-time user activity tracking.

Netflix

Handles streaming analytics and recommendation engines.

Uber

Supports dynamic pricing and geolocation services.

Spotify

Enables personalized user recommendations.

Goldman Sachs

Processes high-frequency financial transactions.

Kafka Integration with Other Tools

Hadoop/Spark

For big data batch and stream processing.

Flink

Real-time analytics and stream processing.

ElasticSearch

For log analysis and visualization.

MongoDB

Stores processed event data for querying.

Kafka Use Cases

Log Aggregation

Centralizing application logs.

Event Sourcing

Maintaining event history.

Metrics Collection

Monitoring system performance.

Real-Time Analytics

Insights as events happen.

Messaging Backbone

Distributed communication across systems.

Advantages of Apache Kafka

High Throughput

Handles millions of events per second.

Scalability

Add brokers to increase capacity.

Fault Tolerance

Replication ensures data reliability.

Ecosystem

Broad compatibility with external tools.

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