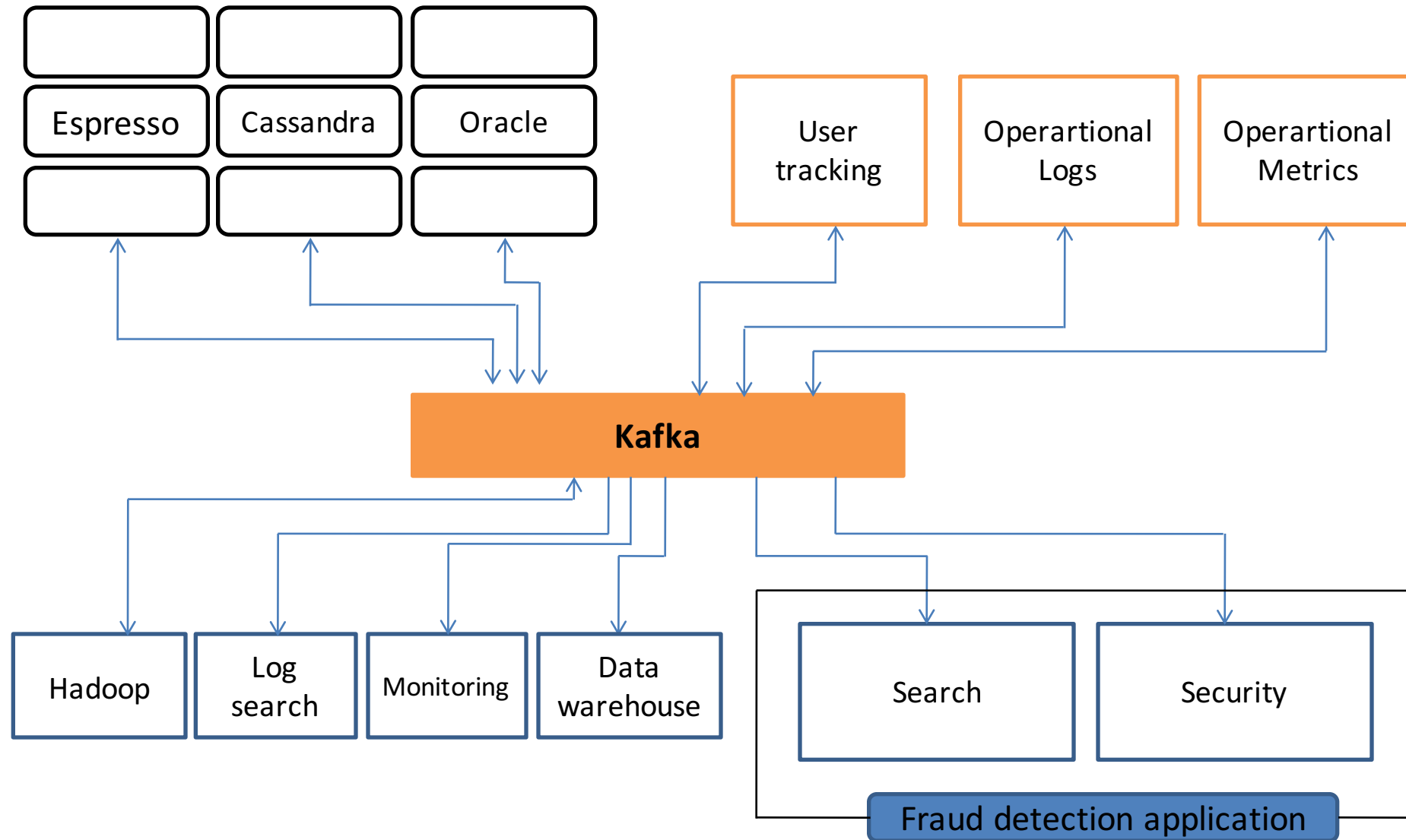


# Kafka Connect

# Central Hub with Kafka

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**Simplified, scalable data import/export for Kafka**

Kafka Connect is a distributed, scalable, fault-tolerant service designed to reliably stream data between Kafka and other data systems.

Data is produced from a source and consumed to a sink.

**Example use cases:**

- Publishing an SQL Tables (or an entire SQL database) into Kafka
- Consuming Kafka topics into HDFS for batch processing
- Consuming Kafka topics into Elasticsearch for secondary indexing
- Integrating legacy systems with modern Kafka framework
- ... many others

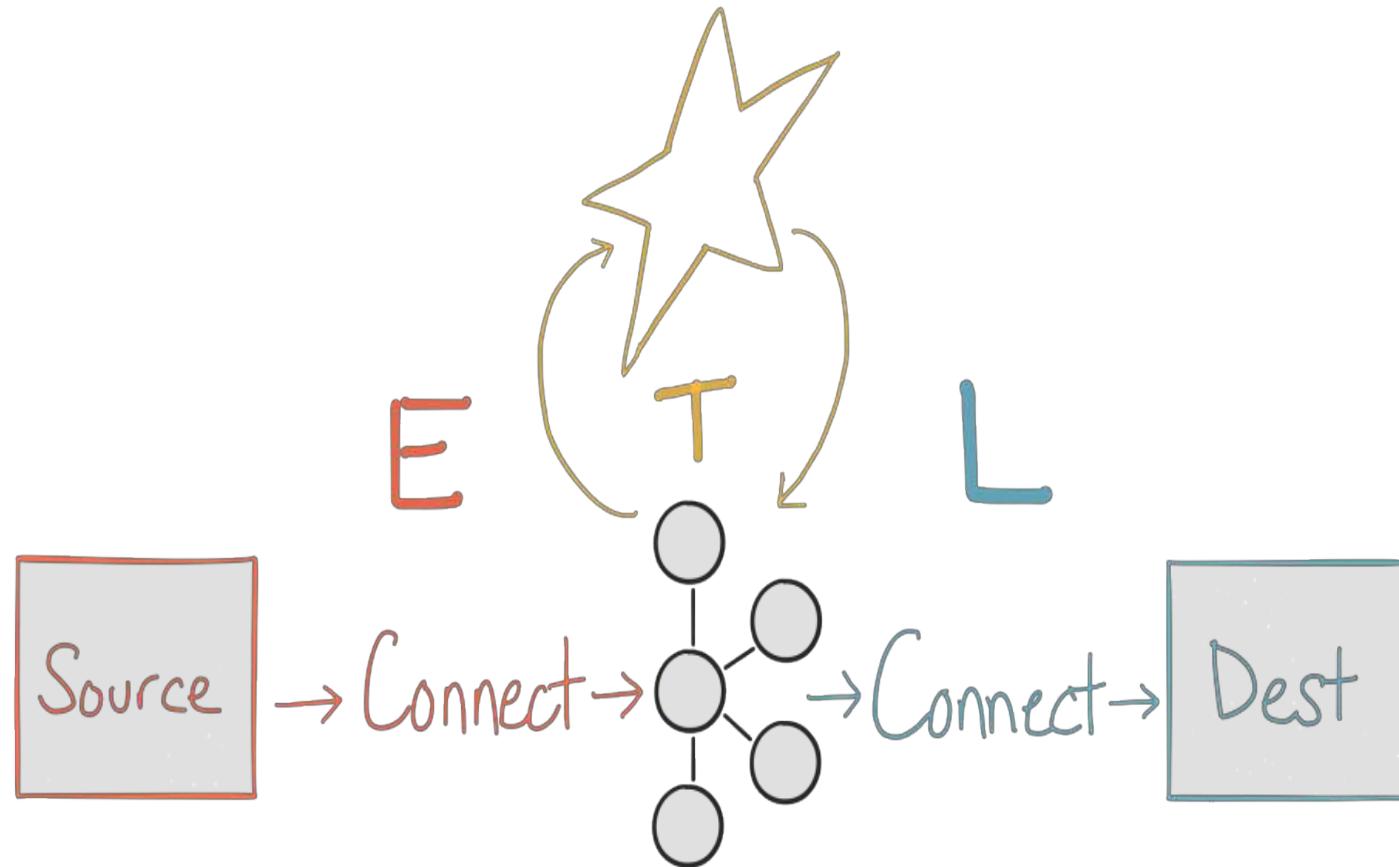
Kafka producers and consumers are simple in theory, yet ungainly in practice

Many common requirements

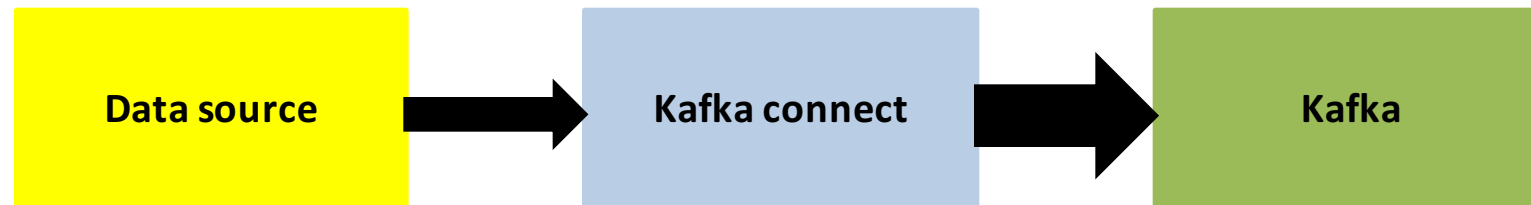
- Data conversion (serialization)
- Parallelism / scaling
- Load balancing
- Fault tolerance / fail-over
- General management

A few data-specific requirements

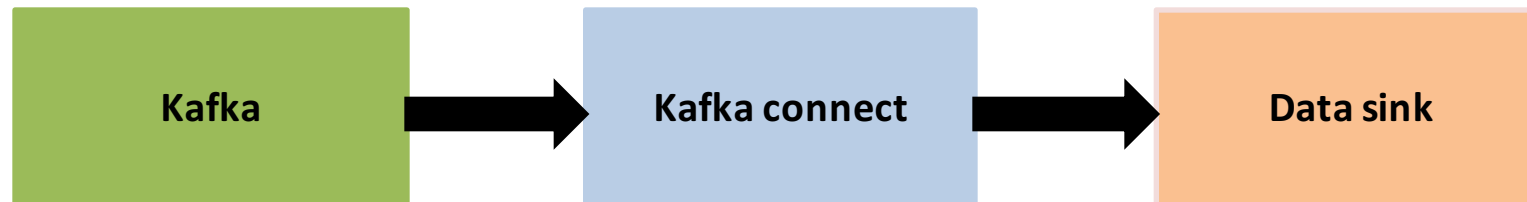
- Move data to/from sink/source
- Support relevant delivery semantics



## Source connectors:

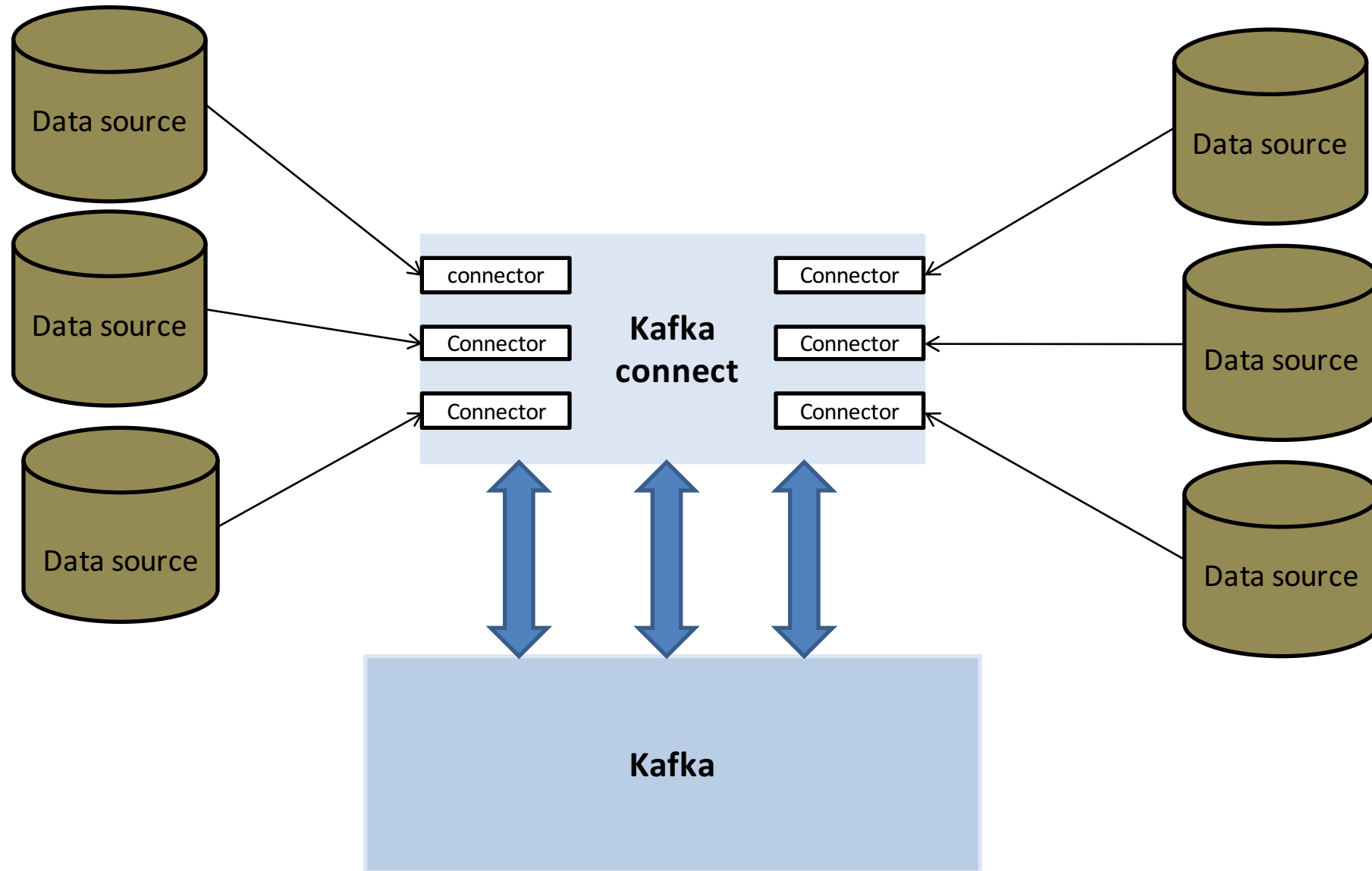


## Sink connectors:



# Kafka Connect : Source & Sink Connectors

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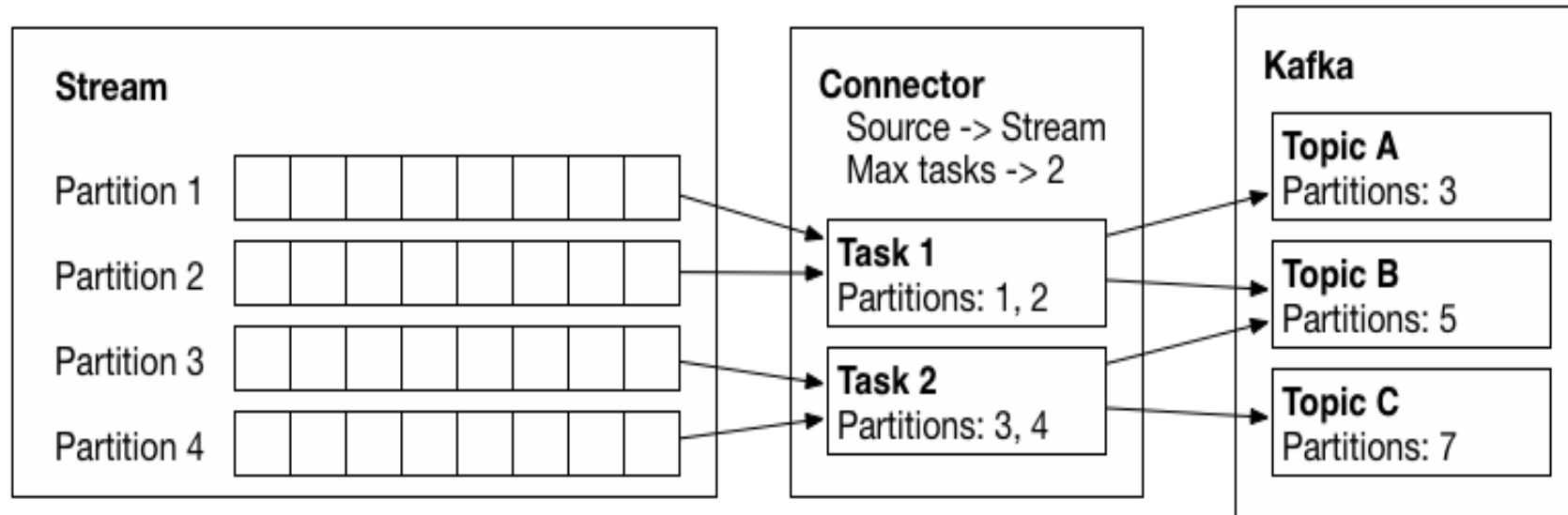
# How is Connect different than a producer or consumer?

- Producers and consumers provide complete flexibility to send any data to Kafka or process it in any way.
  - This flexibility means you do everything yourself.
- Kafka Connect's simple framework allows :
  - developers to create connectors that copy data to/from other systems.
  - operators/users to use said connectors just by writing configuration files and submitting them to Connect -- no code necessary
  - community and 3rd-party engineers to build reliable plugins for common data sources and sinks
  - deployments to deliver fault tolerance and automated load balancing out-of-the-box

- Serialization / de-serialization
- Schema Registry integration
- Fault tolerance / failover
- Partitioning / scale-out
- ... *and let the developer to focus on domain specific copying details*

# Kafka Connect Architecture (low-level)

Connect has three main components: Connectors, Tasks, and Workers

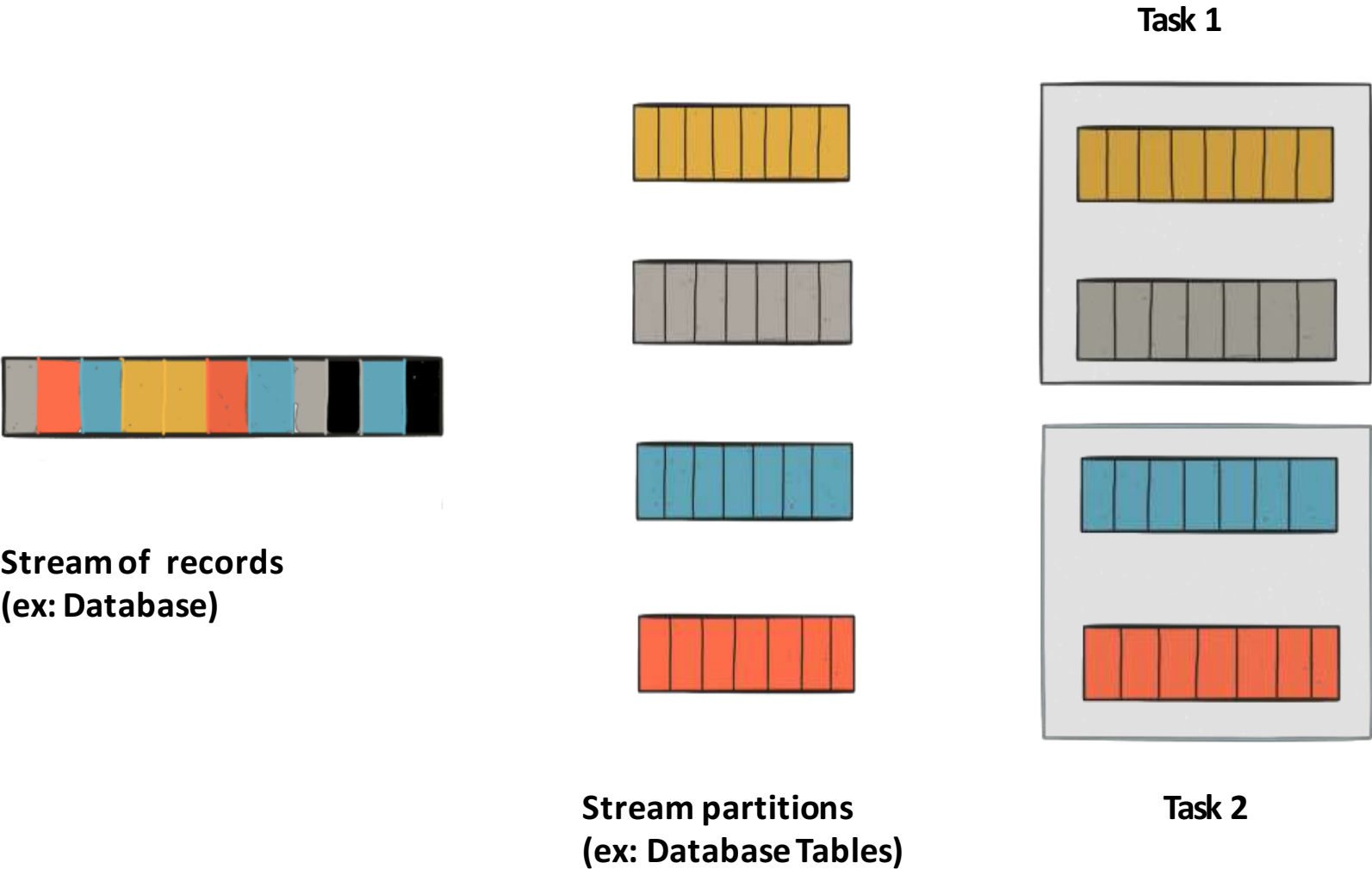


In practice, a stream partition could be a database table, a log file, etc.

Connect workers can run in two modes: standalone or distributed

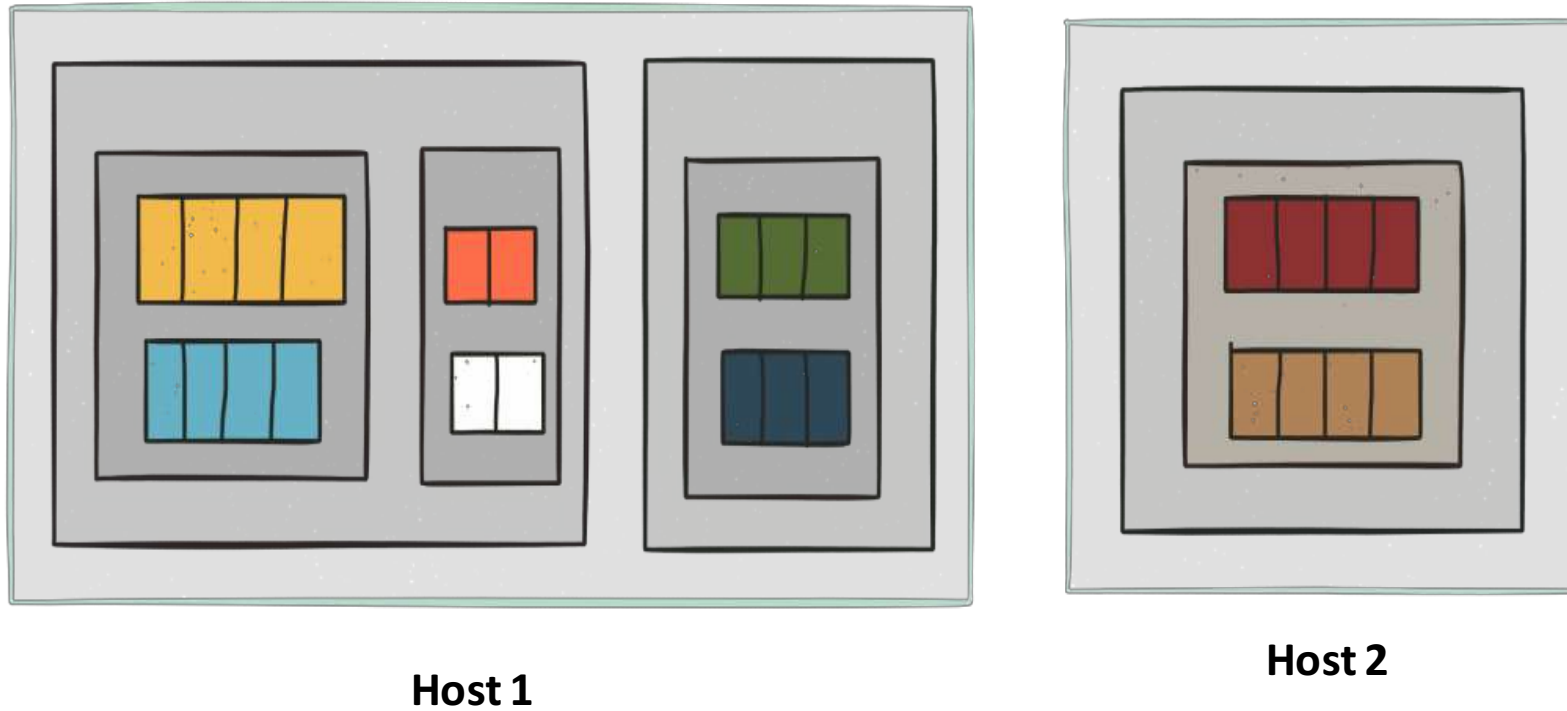
**Standalone mode** runs in a single process -- ideal for testing and development, and consumer/producer use cases that need not be distributed (for example, tailing a log file).

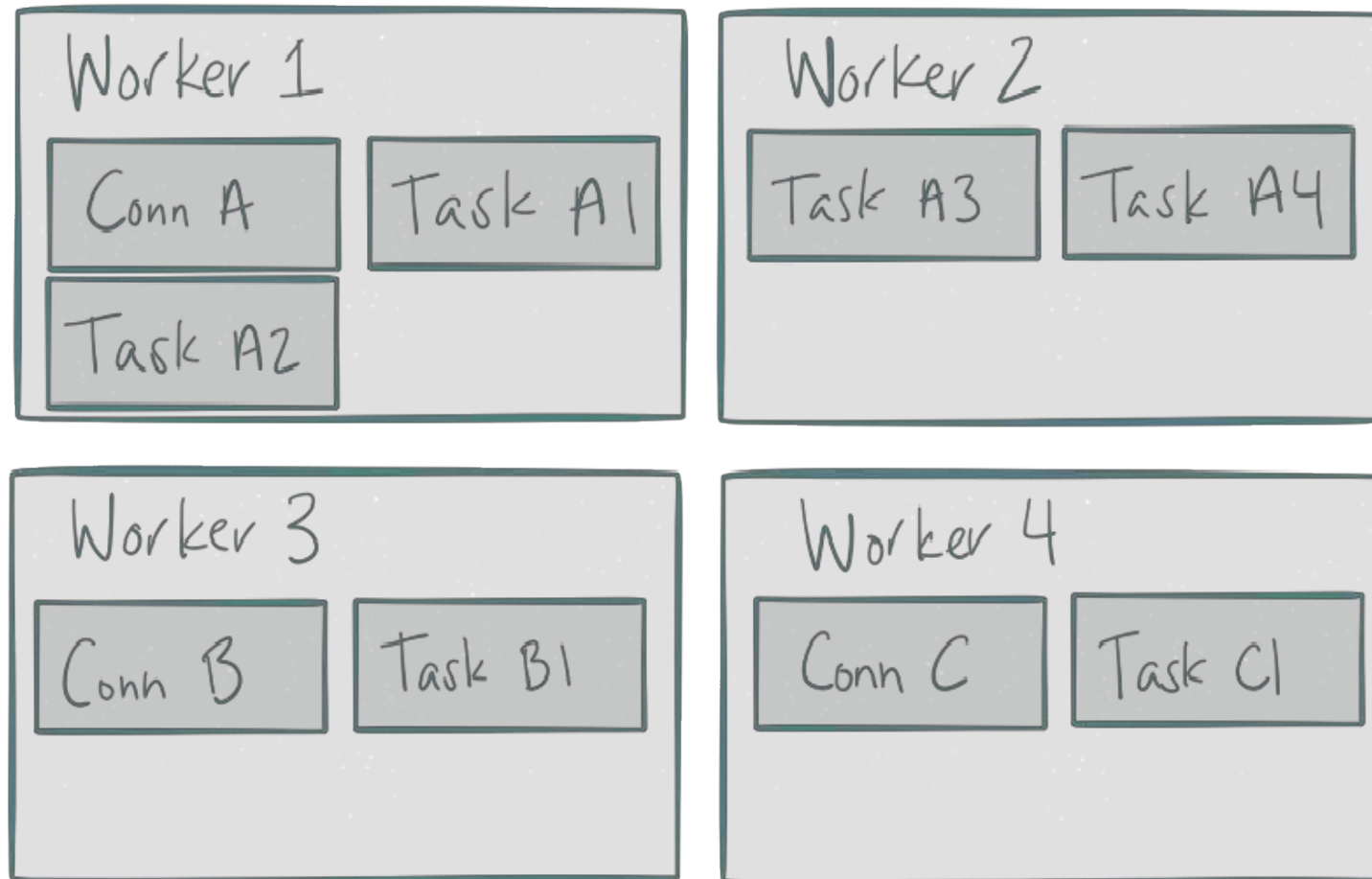
**Distributed mode** runs in multiple processes on the same machine or spread across multiple machines. Distributed mode is fault tolerant and scalable (thanks to Kafka Consumer Group support).



# Kafka Connect Architecture : Execution Model

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Pluggable API to convert data between native formats and Kafka

- Source connectors: converters are invoked after the data has been fetched from the source and before it is published to Kafka
- Sink connectors: converters are invoked after the data has been consumed from Kafka and before it is stored to the sink
- Converters are applied to both key and value data

Apache Kafka ships with JSONConverter

Confluent Platform adds AvroConverter

- AvroConverter allows integration with Confluent Schema Registry to track topic schemas and ensure compatible schema evolution.



The following discrete configuration dimensions exist for Connect:

- ❖ Distributed mode Vs Standalone Mode
- ❖ Mode Connectors
- ❖ Workers
- ❖ Overriding Producer and Consumer settings

- ❖ In **standalone** mode, Connector configuration is stored in a file and specified as a command-line argument.
- ❖ In **distributed** mode, Connector configuration is set via the REST API, in the JSON payload.
- ❖ Connect configuration options are as follows:

| Parameter                    | Description  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Name                         | Connector's unique name.   |
| Connector.class              | Connector's Java class   |
| Tasks.max                    | Maximum tasks to create. The Connector may create fewer if it cannot achieve this level of parallelism |
| Topics(sink connectors only) | List of input topics(to consume from)  |

- ❖ Worker configuration is specified in a configuration file that is passed as an argument to the script starting Connect.
- ❖ The following slides will go through important configuration options in three dimensions: standalone mode, distributed mode, and parameters common to both modes.
- ❖ See [docs.confluent.io](https://docs.confluent.io) for a comprehensive list, along with an example configuration file.

These parameters define the worker connection to the Kafka cluster.  
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| Parameter         | Description  |
|-------------------|--|
| bootstrap.servers | A list of host/port pairs to use for establishing the initial connection to the Kafka Cluster. |
| Key.converter     | Converter class for key connect data.  |
| value.converter   | Converter class for value connect data   |

- **Standalone mode**

| Parameter                    | Description                             |
|------------------------------|---|
| offset.storage.file.filename | The file to store Connector offsets in. |

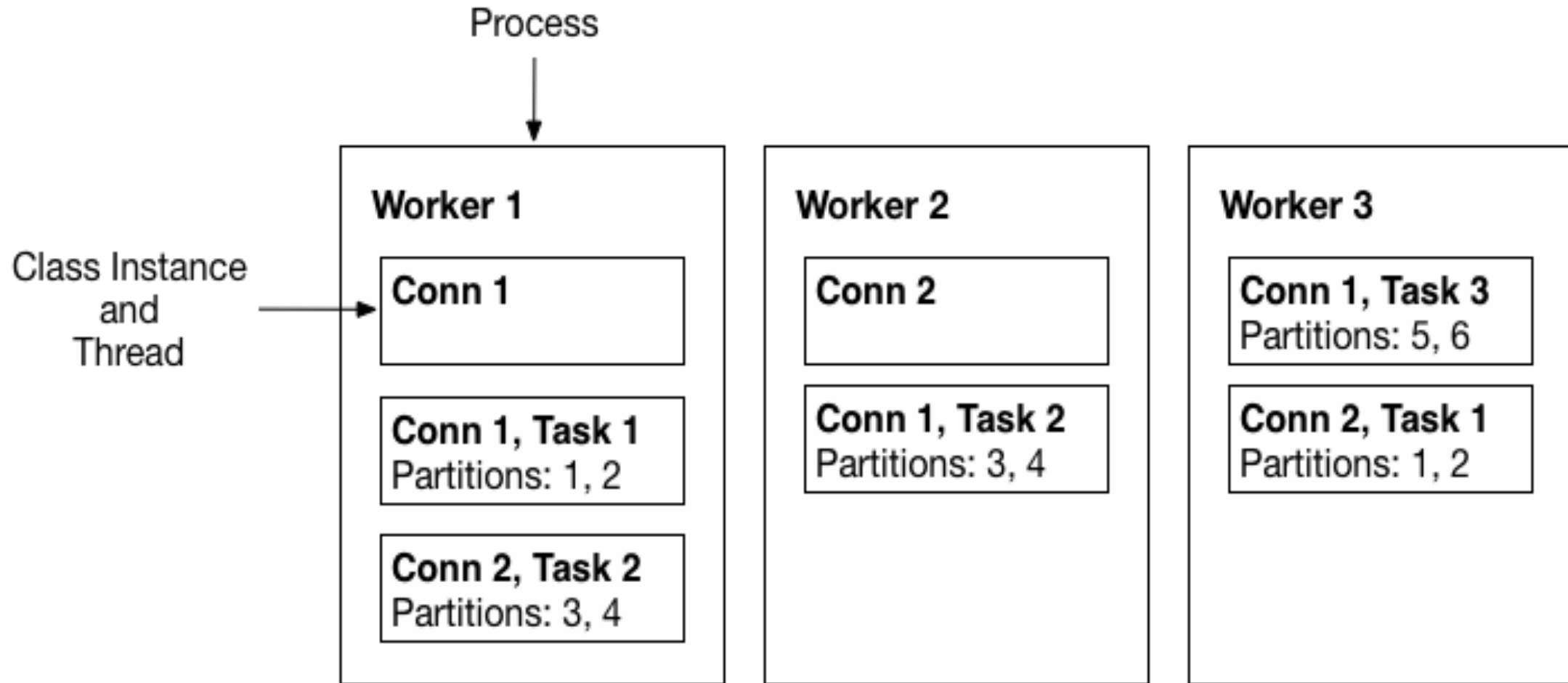
- **Distributed mode**

| Parameter             | Description  |
|-----------------------|--|
| group.id              | A unique string that identifies the Connect cluster group this worker belongs to.  |
| config.storage.topic  | The topic to store Connector and task configuration data in. This must be the same for all workers with the same group.id.                             |
| offset.storage.topic  | The topic to store offset data for Connectors in. This must be the same for all workers with the same group.id.  |
| session.timeout.ms    | The timeout used to detect failures when using Kafka's group management facilities.  |
| heartbeat.interval.ms | The expected time between heartbeats to the group coordinator when using Kafka's group management facilities. Must be smaller than session.timeout.ms. |

- Starting Connect in standalone mode involves starting a process with one or more connect configurations:

❖ *Connect-standalone worker.properties connector1.properties [connector2.properties connector3.properties ...]*

- Each connector instance will be run in its own thread.
- Configuration will be covered later.



- Starting Connect in distributed mode involves starting `connect` on each worker node with the following:

*connect-distributed worker.properties*

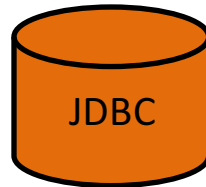
- Connectors are then added, modified, and deleted via a REST API. Configuration will be covered later.



- To install a new connector, the connector needs to be packaged in a JAR and placed in the CLASSPATH of each worker process.
- A REST API is used to create, list, modify, or delete connectors in distributed mode. All worker processes listen for REST requests, by default on port 8083. REST requests can be made to any worker node.

| Method | Path   | Description  |
|--------|--|--|
| GET    | /connectors                                  | Get a list of active connectors.   |
| POST   | /connectors                                  | Create a new connector   |
| PUT    | /connectors/(string:name)/config             | Create a new connector, or update the configuration of an existing connector |
| GET    | /connectors/(string: name)/config            | Get configuration info for a connector.                                      |
| GET    | /connectors/(string: name)/tasks/<tasks-id>/ | Retrieve details for specific tasks  |
| DELETE | /connectors/(string:name)                    | Delete a configured connector from the worker pool                           |

- ❖ Confluent-supported connectors (included in Confluent Platform)



- ❖ Community-written connectors (just a sampling)



- The local file **source** Connector tails a local file
  - Each line is published as a Kafka message to the target topic
- The local file **sink** Connector appends Kafka messages to a local file
  - Each message is written as a line to the target file.
- Both the **source** and **sink** Connectors need to be run in standalone mode.

- The JDBC source Connector periodically polls a relational database for new or recently modified rows, creates an Avro record, and produces the Avro record as a Kafka message.
- Records are divided into Kafka topics based on table name.
- New and deleted tables are handled automatically by the Connector.

- Supports SASL and TLS/SSL
- Uses java keystores/truststores
- ```
# Source security settings are prefixed with "producer"
producer.security.protocol=SSL
producer.ssl.truststore.location=/var/private/ssl/kafka.client.truststore.jks
producer.ssl.truststore.password=test1234
```
- ```
# Sink security settings are prefixed with "consumer"
consumer.security.protocol=SSL
consumer.ssl.truststore.location=/var/private/ssl/kafka.client.truststore.jks
consumer.ssl.truststore.password=test1234
```

- ✓ Simplifies data flow in to and out of Kafka
- ✓ Reduces development costs compared to custom connectors
  - Integrated schema management
  - Task partitioning and rebalancing
  - Offset management
  - Fault tolerance
  - Delivery semantics, operations, and monitoring

## Lab : Kafka Connector