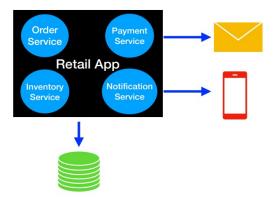
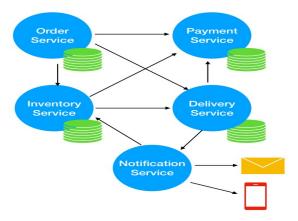
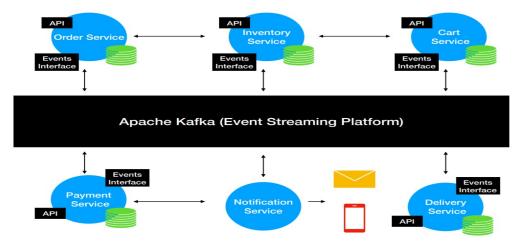
Why Event Streaming in case of Microservices



In monolith architecture, all the functionality will reside in one single application and share the same database. **This monolith architecture is proven to fail under heavy load.**



Modern architecture now-a-days is microservice architecture. The application is decomposed into multiple micro services. In order to deliver value, multiple micro services need to interact with each other. It will look spagetti if each microservice talk to each other.



Having a middleware (event streaming platform like kakfa) is necessary to communicate instead of each microservices directly talking to each other. In a nutshell, **every microservice will provide API, be a event producer and a event consumer. Producer and Consumer are independent of each other.** The event streaming platform store the stream of events which can replayed if needed. These events are stored in multiple servers for fault-tolerance and availability.

Traditionl Messaging System vs Kakfa

<u>Traditional Messaging System</u> <u>Kafka</u>

Transient Message Persistence Store events based on retention time. Events are immutable. Brokers keep track of consumedConsumer's responsibility to keep tract of the consumed

message messages

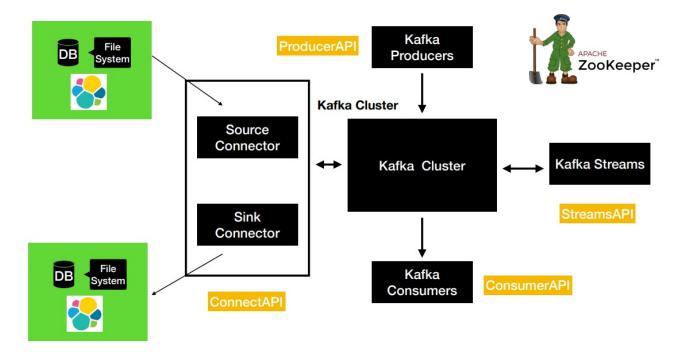
Not a distributed system Distributed stream system

Transient Message Persistence means once the message is consumed, the message is removed from the Message Broker

Kafka is not just a messaging system. It is also a distributed streaming system too.

Kafka Terminology

- Kafka Cluster Multiple Brokers
- Zookeeper To manage multiple brokers and keeps track the health of the brokers
- Kafka Producers Uses the client producer API to write/produce new data in kafka
- Kafka Consumers Consume the message using the Client consumer API
- Kafka Connect Client API (Source Connector and Sink Connector). Source Connector is used to pull the data from external sources like Database, files etc., into a Kafka Topic. With Kakfa connect, we can do the data movement (in and out of Kafka) without writing a single line of code.
- Kakfa Streams API Used to take data from Kafka and perform simple to complex transformations on it and put it back to kafka
- 4 Client API Types Producer API, Consumer API, Kafka Connect, Kafka Streams API using which you can interact with Kakfa

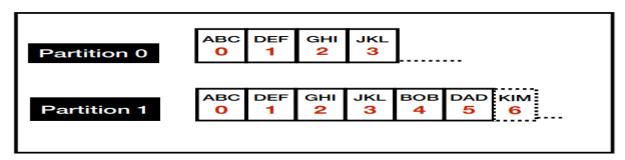


Understanding Kakfa Components

Kakfa Topic: Kafka Topic live inside the broker. Kafka clients use the Topic name to produce and consume messages.

Topic Partitions: Partitions are where the message exactly lives. Each topic can have one or more partitions. Partitions has significant effect on scalable message consumption. Each partition is an ordered, immutable sequence of records. Each record is assigned a sequential number called offset. This offset is generated when the record is placed in a Topic Partition. Each Parition is independent of each other and so ordering is guaranteed only at the Parition level. Partition continue grow as new records are added and the offsets get incremented one by one. All records in the partition is persisted in a distributed commit log in the file system where kakfa is installed.

TopicA



Setup of Zookeeper and Kafka Broker

Zookeeper maintains the metadata of the Kafka Broker and also the kafka client information. Anytime the kafka broker starts it registers itself with the Zookeeper. T

he Zookeeper will keep track of the health of the kafka broker. It acts as a centrlaized service for maintaining the configuration information, health of the broker and provide synchronization when we have multiple brokers.

Reference: https://github.com/dilipsundarraj1/kafka-for-developers-using-spring-boot-v2/blob/main/docker-compose.yml

```
docker-compose.yml
```

version: '2.1'

services:
zoo1:
image: confluentinc/cp-zookeeper:7.3.2
hostname: zoo1
container_name: zoo1
ports:
- "2181:2181"
environment:
ZOOKEEPER_CLIENT_PORT: 2181
ZOOKEEPER_SERVER_ID: 1
ZOOKEEPER_SERVERS: zoo1:2888:3888

kafka1:

image: confluentinc/cp-kafka:7.3.2

hostname: kafka1 container_name: kafka1

```
ports:
   - "9092:9092"
  - "29092:29092"
 environment:
  KAFKA ADVERTISED LISTENERS: INTERNAL://kafka1:19092,EXTERNAL://$
{DOCKER_HOST_IP:-127.0.0.1}:9092,DOCKER://host.docker.internal:29092
 KAFKA_LISTENER_SECURITY_PROTOCOL_MAP:
INTERNAL: PLAINTEXT, EXTERNAL: PLAINTEXT, DOCKER: PLAINTEXT
   KAFKA INTER BROKER LISTENER NAME: INTERNAL
  KAFKA_ZOOKEEPER_CONNECT: "zoo1:2181"
  KAFKA_BROKER_ID: 1
  KAFKA OFFSETS TOPIC REPLICATION FACTOR: 1
  KAFKA_TRANSACTION_STATE_LOG_MIN_ISR: 1
  KAFKA TRANSACTION STATE LOG REPLICATION FACTOR: 1
 depends_on:
   - zoo1
```

Explanation:

depends_on:

- zoo1

This means the kafka broker will wait for the zookeepr to start

\$ docker-compose.yml up

```
PS C:\Users\rames> docker ps

CONTAINER ID IMAGE

COMMAND

CORRATED

STATUS

PORTS

NAMES

6036c7calc14

confluentinc/cp-kafka:7.3.2

"/etc/confluent/dock..."

2 hours ago

Up 2 hours

2 hours ago

Up 2 hours

2 bours ago

Up 2 hours

2 2888/tcp, 0.0.0.0:2181->2181/tcp, 3888/tcp

2001
```

Produce and Consume messages using CLI

Create the topic

First, login to the docker container that is running kafka.

\$ docker exec -it kafka1 bash

kafka1:19092 refers to the KAFKA_ADVERTISED_LISTENERS in the docker-compose.yml file

```
$ kafka-topics --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \
--create \
--topic test-topic \
--replication-factor 1 --partitions 1
```

Produce messages to the Topic

We will use the kafka console producer to produce messages to the topic.

\$ docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
kafka-console-producer --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \
--topic test-topic

```
PS C:\Users\rames> docker exec --interactive --tty kafkal kafka-console-producer --bootstrap-server kafkal:19092 --topic test-topic
>First Message - Helloworld from Kafka
>Second Message - How are you?
>
```

Consume messages from the Topic

We will use the kafka console consumer to consume messages from the topic

\$ docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \

kafka-console-consumer --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \

- --topic test-topic \
- --from-beginning

PS C:\Users\rames> docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 kafka-console-consumer --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 --topic test-topic -from-beginning First Message - Helloworld from Kafka
Second Message - How are you?

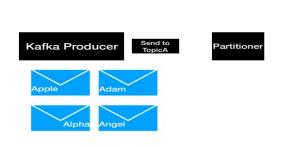
Produce and Consume messages with a Key

Before the message is sent to the kafka, it passes through multiple layers beneath the Kafka Producer. One such layer is called the Partitioner.

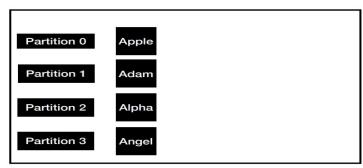
If no key is sent and only the value is sent. Then, the Partitioner will use the round-robin approach to choose the partition to place the messages.

If key is sent along with the value. Then, the Partitioner will do hashing of the key to determine the partition. The same key will always resolve to the same partition.

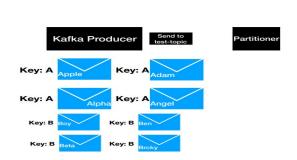
Message without Key



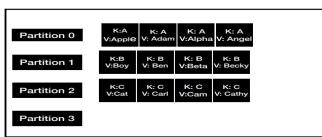
test-topic



Message with Key



test-topic



```
Console Producer to Create Message with key and value
$ docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
kafka-console-producer --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \
--topic test-topic \
--property "key.separator=-" --property "parse.key=true"
```

Note: we are sending messages like "A-Apple", "B-Bob" because we are using the property key.separator as "-"

Console Consumer to Read Message with key and value

```
$ docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
kafka-console-consumer --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \
--topic test-topic \
--property "key.separator=-" --property "print.key=true"
```

```
PS C:\Users\range> docker exec --interactive --tty kafkal kafka-console-consumer --bootstrap-server kafkal:19892 --topic test-topic --property "key.separator= - " --property "print.key=true" A - Apple B - Bob C - Cat
```

Consumer Offset

Any message that is produced into the topic will have an unique id called offset.

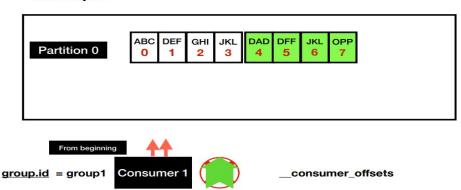
Consumer has three positions to read

- from-beginning
- latest Read messages from the instance the consumer is spun-up
- from a specific offset This can be done only programmatically

Every consumer is required to provide a group id

How does the consumer knows from which offset to start (let's say for example the consumer has crashed and restarted. Also, the producer has created more messages meanwhile)

test-topic



The consumer offsets is stored in an internal topic called __consumer_offsets. Consumer offsets

behaves like a bookmark for the consumer to start reading the messages from the point it left of.

Get the List of topics

docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
kafka-topics --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 --list

```
PS C:\Users\rames> docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 kafka-topics --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 --list __consumer_offsets test-topic
PS C:\Users\rames>
```

__consumer_offsets topic is local and internal to Kakfa

Consumer Groups

Group id plays a major role in scalabe message consumption.

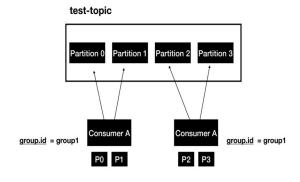
If we have consumer with group id 1 and have 4 partitions. The consumer is single threaded and will pool all the four partitions. If the producer is producing message at a higher rate. Then, it will create a lag at the consumption side. So, the messages might not be processed realtime.

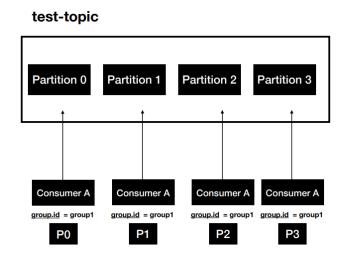
If more consumers with same group id is started. Now, the partitions are split between the two consumers. This way we can scale our message consumption.

As we add more consumers with the same group id. Then, the consumption of the messages by consumer is split between the partitions.

2 consumers in a group and 4 partitions

4 consumers in a group and 4 partitions

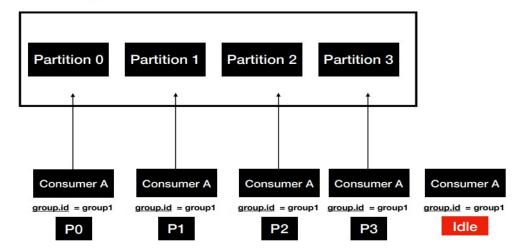




5 consumers in a group and 4 partitions

Note: One of the Consumer in the group will remain idle

test-topic



Each Consumer Group is like an application Concept

Two different application for the same topic.

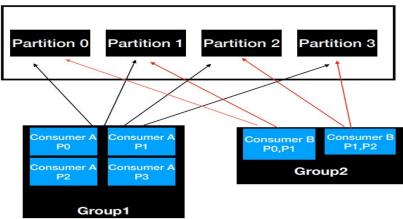
Here, every/same message will be read by two different consumers of different consumer groups.

Each application will have their own processing logic and hence each application that consume will have their own group id. Also, each application has different number of instances based on the requirement.

Here, the application (consuming group id of group1) has four consumers to read the messages from the topic whereas a different application (consuming group id of group2) has two consumers to read the messages from the same topic. It is upto the individual application team to decide how many consumers they want.

You have make sure each application uses a unique group id for themselves

test-topic



Summary

- Consumer Groups are used for scalable message consumption
- Each different application will have a unique consumer group

Hands-on Consumer Groups

View Consumer Groups

```
docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
```

kafka-consumer-groups --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 -list

```
PS C:\Users\rames> docker exec --interactive --tty kafkal kafka-consumer-groups --bootstrap-server kafkal:19092 --list console-consumer-96243
PS C:\Users\rames>
```

Describe All topics

```
docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
```

kafka-topics --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 -describe

Describe a specific Topic (test-topic here)

```
docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
```

kafka-topics --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 --describe \

--topic test-topic

Alter the number of partitions to 4 in order to test Consumer Topics

```
docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
```

kafka-topics --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \

--alter --topic test-topic --partitions 4

Start the Producer

```
docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
kafka-console-producer --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \
--topic test-topic \
--property "key.separator=-" --property "parse.key=true"
```

Start one consumer

```
docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
kafka-console-consumer --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \
--topic test-topic --group console-consumer-41911\
--property "key.separator= - " --property "print.key=true"
```

Get the consumer group of the started consumer

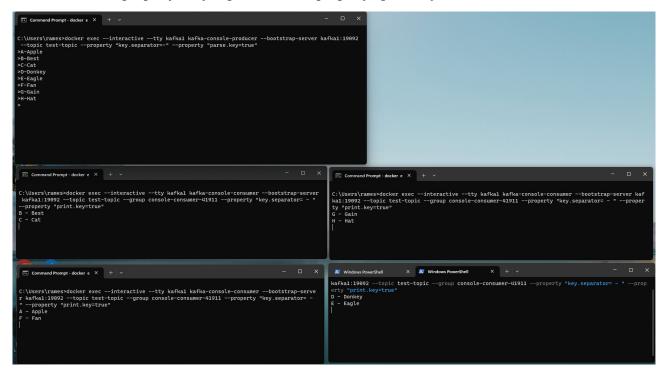
docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 kafka-consumer-groups --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 -list

```
C:\Users\rames>docker exec --interactive --tty kafkal kafka-consumer-groups --bootstrap-server kafkal:19092 --list console-consumer-41911
```

Start the Other three consumers using the same consumer group docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \

kafka-console-consumer --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \

- --topic test-topic --group console-consumer-41911\
- --property "key.separator= " --property "print.key=true"



Each Consumer receiving the messages from its corresponding partition

Let's start the 5th Consumer in the same consumer group (**Number of Consumers > Number of Paritions**)

You will notice one of the consumer will remain idle

Commit Log and Retention Policy

Commit Log

Whenever a message is produced to a topic, It is written to a file with extension of .log in the filesystem called commit log. Each partition will have its own log file. The filesystem location for the commit log is configured in server properties in a property called **log.dirs**.

The message is written to the filesystem as bytes. It is when the message is written to the file, the message produced by the producer is considered committed. Consumers can see only the records that are committed.

Retention Policy

Kakfa retains the messages for a prefined period of time called retention policy. It determines how long the message is going to be retained. Configured using the property **log.retention.hours** in server.properties

The default retention period is 168 hours (7 days)

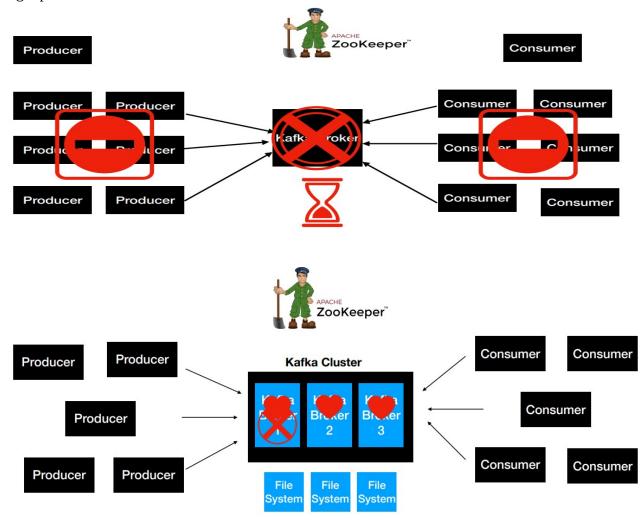
Kakfa – As a Distribute System

Kafka is a distributed streaming platform. Distributed systems are a collection of systems working together to deliver a value

Characteristics of Distributed System

- Availability and Fault Tolerance Even if one of the system is down, Still it won't impact the overall availability of the system.
- Reliable Work distribution The work load is distributed and shared by the different systems.
- Easily scalable Adding another system to the existing setup can be done easily

Single point of failure



With a Kafka Cluster. Kafka Cluster is nothing but 1 or more brokers. It is common to have more than 1 broker.

- Client requests are distributed between brokers
- Easy to scale by adding more brokers based on the need
- Handles data loss using Replication
- If one of the broker goes down. Then, cluster manager (namely the Zookeeper) is notified and all the client requests are routed to the available brokers.

Kafka Cluster Setup

Reference: https://github.com/dilipsundarraj1/kafka-for-developers-using-spring-boot-v2/blob/main/docker-compose-multi-broker.yml

```
Cluster with three brokers
version: '2.1'
services:
 zoo1:
  image: confluentinc/cp-zookeeper:7.3.2
  platform: linux/amd64
  hostname: zoo1
  container name: zoo1
  ports:
   - "2181:2181"
  environment:
   ZOOKEEPER_CLIENT_PORT: 2181
   ZOOKEEPER SERVER ID: 1
   ZOOKEEPER_SERVERS: zoo1:2888:3888
 kafka1:
  image: confluentinc/cp-kafka:7.3.2
  platform: linux/amd64
  hostname: kafka1
  container_name: kafka1
  ports:
   - "9092:9092"
   - "29092:29092"
  environment:
   KAFKA_ADVERTISED_LISTENERS: INTERNAL://kafka1:19092,EXTERNAL://$
{DOCKER HOST IP:-127.0.0.1}:9092,DOCKER://host.docker.internal:29092
   KAFKA_LISTENER_SECURITY_PROTOCOL_MAP:
INTERNAL: PLAINTEXT, EXTERNAL: PLAINTEXT, DOCKER: PLAINTEXT
   KAFKA_INTER_BROKER_LISTENER_NAME: INTERNAL
   KAFKA_ZOOKEEPER_CONNECT: "zoo1:2181"
   KAFKA BROKER ID: 1
   KAFKA_LOG4J_LOGGERS:
"kafka.controller=INFO,kafka.producer.async.DefaultEventHandler=INFO,state.change.logger=I
NFO"
  depends_on:
   - zoo1
 kafka2:
  image: confluentinc/cp-kafka:7.3.2
  platform: linux/amd64
  hostname: kafka2
  container_name: kafka2
  ports:
   - "9093:9093"
   - "29093:29093"
  environment:
   KAFKA_ADVERTISED_LISTENERS: INTERNAL://kafka2:19093,EXTERNAL://$
```

```
{DOCKER_HOST_IP:-127.0.0.1}:9093,DOCKER://host.docker.internal:29093
  KAFKA LISTENER SECURITY PROTOCOL MAP:
INTERNAL: PLAINTEXT, EXTERNAL: PLAINTEXT, DOCKER: PLAINTEXT
   KAFKA INTER BROKER LISTENER NAME: INTERNAL
  KAFKA ZOOKEEPER CONNECT: "zoo1:2181"
  KAFKA_BROKER_ID: 2
  KAFKA_LOG4J_LOGGERS:
"kafka.controller=INFO,kafka.producer.async.DefaultEventHandler=INFO,state.change.logger=I
NFO"
 depends_on:
  - zoo1
 kafka3:
  image: confluentinc/cp-kafka:7.3.2
 platform: linux/amd64
 hostname: kafka3
 container_name: kafka3
 ports:
   - "9094:9094"
  - "29094:29094"
 environment:
  KAFKA ADVERTISED LISTENERS; INTERNAL://kafka3:19094,EXTERNAL://$
{DOCKER HOST IP:-127.0.0.1}:9094,DOCKER://host.docker.internal:29094
   KAFKA_LISTENER_SECURITY_PROTOCOL_MAP:
INTERNAL: PLAINTEXT, EXTERNAL: PLAINTEXT, DOCKER: PLAINTEXT
  KAFKA INTER BROKER LISTENER NAME: INTERNAL
  KAFKA_ZOOKEEPER_CONNECT: "zoo1:2181"
  KAFKA BROKER ID: 3
  KAFKA_LOG4J_LOGGERS:
"kafka.controller=INFO,kafka.producer.async.DefaultEventHandler=INFO,state.change.logger=I
NFO"
 depends_on:
- zoo1
```

\$ docker-compose -f docker-compose-multi-broker.yml up

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```

```
Create a topic with replication factor of 3 docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \ kafka-topics --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 \ --create \ --topic test-topic \ --replication-factor 3 --partitions 3
```

Note: Though, we connect to one broker to create the topic. Still, the topic gets created in all the brokers.

Produce Messages to the Topic docker exec --interactive --tty **kafka1** \ kafka-console-producer --**bootstrap-server** localhost:9092,kafka2:19093,kafka3:19094 \ --topic test-topic

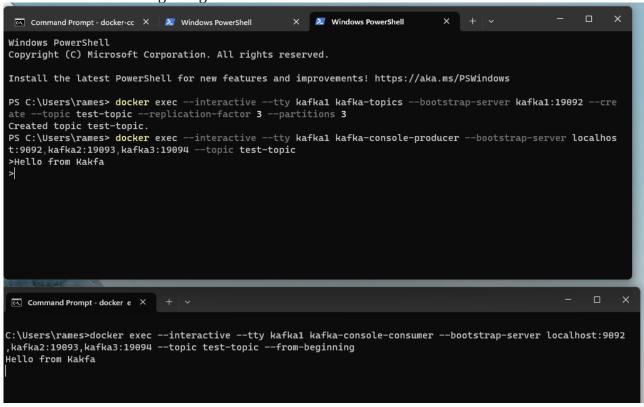
Note: We give all the broker address in the bootstrap-server when producting the topic. Since, we login to kafka1 to issue the command, we use localhost for kafka1

Consume Messages from the Topic

docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \

kafka-console-consumer --bootstrap-server localhost:9092,kafka2:19093,kafka3:19094 \

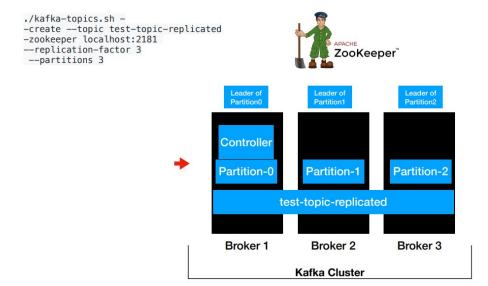
- --topic test-topic \
- --from-beginning



<u>Distribution of Client Requests – Leader and Follower</u>

How Kafka cluster distributes the client requests between the brokers.

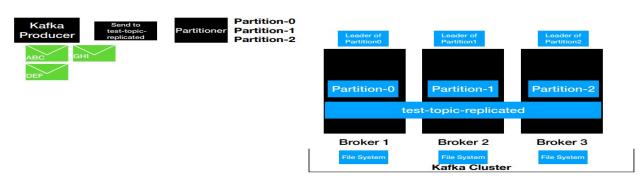
When the broker starts up and connect to the zookeeper, one of the broker acts as a controller.



When the create topic command is issued to the cluster, the zookeeper takes care of re-directing the request to the controller. The role of the controller is to distribute the partitions to the available broker. This process is called leader assignment.

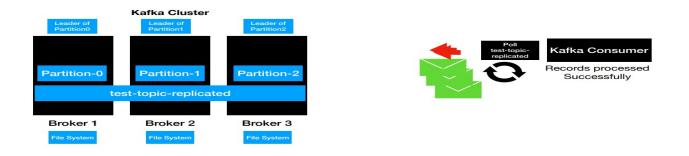
How Producer distributes the client requests?

The partitioner finds out which partition the message should be delivered. For example, the partitioner decides to send the message to Partition-0. In this case, the leader of Parition-0 is Broker1. Therefore, the message is sent to Broker1. **The client will always invoke the leader of the partition.** The client requests from the producer end is distributed between the brokers based on the partition which means indirectly it is distributed among the brokers.

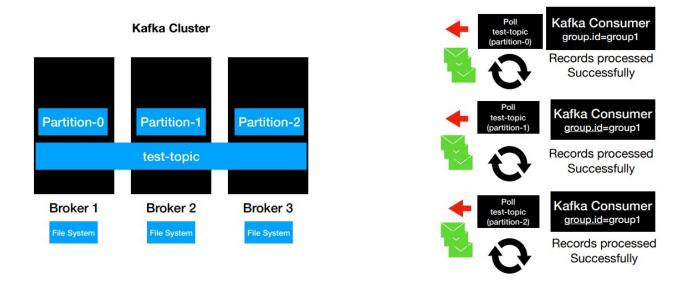


<u>How Kakfa distributes the client request – Kakfa Consumer</u>

Requests go to all the paritions/brokers to retrieve the records to process.



With consumer groups, it is a common practise to run multiple instances of a consumer in a consumer group and process the records in parallel. If one ore more consumers are started with the same groupid. Then, the partitions are distributed for scalable consumption. Each consumer gets one partition assigned. Also, the call goes to the broker which leader of the respective partition.

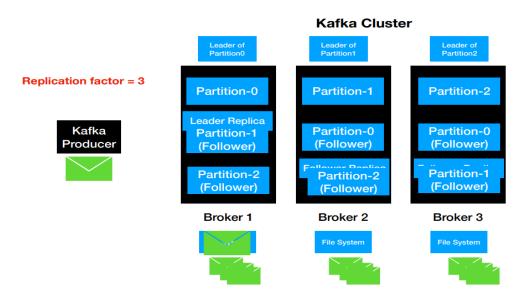


How Kafka handles data loss?

Kafka handles data loss via replication. The producer and consumer will always talk to the leader o the partition.

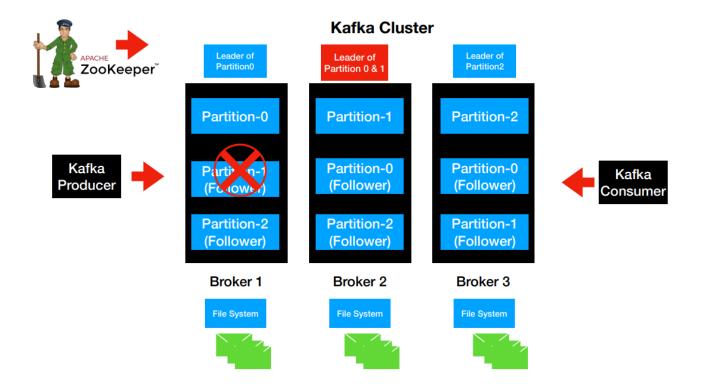
When the data is producer it will written to the leader of the partition and ultimately to the file system of the leader of the partition.

Replication factor represents the number of copies of the message. With replication-factor of 3, two more brokers will be identifier as follower replicas. The message is written to the leader replica and the same message is written to the follower replicas. **In total for replication-factor of 3, 3 copies of the message will be written.** Note: The replication factor should be greater than 1.



What happens when one of the broker fails.

We have leader replica for each partition and follower replicas for them. Let's assume the Broker 1 is down. Still, the data of the partition-0 is available in its follower replicas namely Broker 2 and Broker 3. Zookeeper is informed about the failure of the broker and Zookeeper assigns a new leader. Now, Broker 2 becomes the leader of both partition 0 and partition 1.



In-Sync Replicas (ISR)

Represents the number of replicas which is in sync with each other in the cluster. The number includes both the leader and the follower replica.

Ideal value is **ISR** == **replication factor**

The value for ISR can be configured using the property **min.insync.replicas.** Can be set at the broker level or at the topic level.

Describe the topic

```
docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \
kafka-topics --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 --describe \
--topic test-topic
```

Here, you can see each parition which is the leader/follower and the Replica details.

Topic: test-topic TopicId: nS4bpnfxR-KRWFE73gm02A PartitionCount: 3

ReplicationFactor: 3 Configs:

Topic: test-topic Partition: 0 Leader: 2 Replicas: 2,3,1 Isr: 2,3,1 Topic: test-topic Partition: 1 Leader: 3 Replicas: 3,1,2 Isr: 3,1,2 Topic: test-topic Partition: 2 Leader: 1 Replicas: 1,2,3 Isr: 1,2,3

If there are say 40 partitions and 3 brokers. Then, each broker will be leader replica for many partitions.

Isr: 2,3,1 – Means three replicas are in sync.

Let's remove one of the broker from the cluster \$ docker stop <containerid of kafka3>

```
PS C:\Users\rames> docker stop 33e26070c3a0
33e26070c3a0
PS C:\Users\rames>
```

Now, let's describe of the topic again now

PS C:\Users\rames> docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 kafka-topics --bootstrap-server kafka1:19092 --describe --topic test-topic

Topic: test-topic TopicId: D05Am97mRO2QGBub-WZQRw PartitionCount: 3 ReplicationFactor: 3 Configs:

Topic: test-topic Partition: 0 Leader: 2 Replicas: 3,2,1 Isr: 2,1 Topic: test-topic Partition: 1 Leader: 1 Replicas: 1,3,2 Isr: 1,2 Topic: test-topic Partition: 2 Leader: 2 Replicas: 2,1,3 Isr: 2,1

You will ntoice the Isr: 2,1 for partition-0 and all partitions has only 2 in-sync replicas

Note: Like the replication-factor, it is advisable to **keep the min.insync.replicas value to be greater than 1** so that there is atleast 1 backup of the messages.

Configuring min.insync.replicas

Setting min.insync.replicas at Topic Level docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \ kafka-configs --bootstrap-server localhost:9092 --entity-type topics --entity-name test-topic \ --alter --add-config min.insync.replicas=2

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PS C:\Users\ranges docker exec —interactive —tty kafkal kafka-configs —bootstrap-server localhost:9992 —entity-type topics —entity-name test-topic —alter —add-config min.insync.replicas=2 [7282-80-99 19:51:17,885] kARM [AdminCtient clientId=adminclient-1] Connection to node 3 (/127.80.8.1:9994) could not be established. Broker may not be available. (org.apache.kafka.clients.KetmorkCtient) [7282-90-99 18:51:17,889] WARW [AdminCtient clientId=adminclient-1] Connection to node 2 (/127.80.8.1:9993) could not be established. Broker may not be available. (org.apache.kafka.clients.NetworkCtient) completed updating cenfig for topic test-topic.

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Let's instatiate the producer docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \ kafka-console-producer --bootstrap-server localhost:9092,kafka2:19093,kafka3:19094 \ --topic test-topic

Let's instatiate a consumer docker exec --interactive --tty kafka1 \ kafka-console-consumer --bootstrap-server localhost:9092,kafka2:19093,kafka3:19094 \ --topic test-topic \ --from-beginning

Message is flowing as expected.

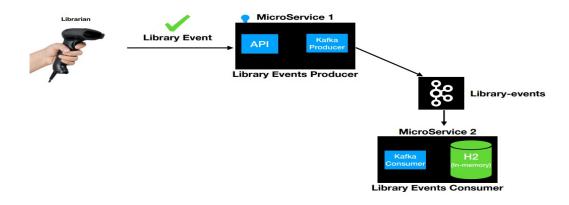
Now, Let's bring two out of the threee brokers down. The setting for min.insync.replicas = 2 and the number of brokers = 1

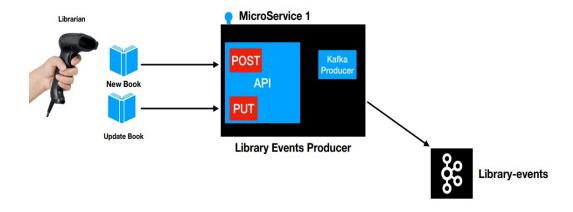
Now if you publish the message, you will get error saying NOTENOUGH_REPLICAS

If two out of the three brokers are up. Then, the requirements will be met and will be able publish successfully.

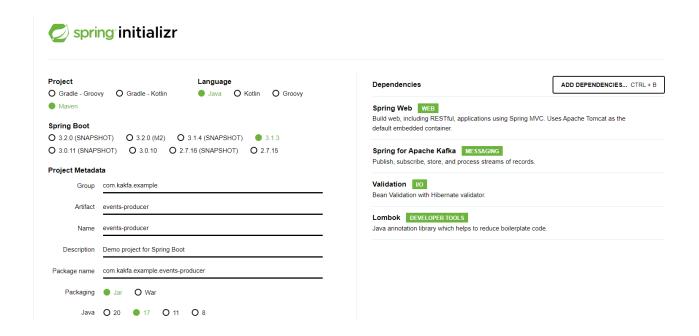
The min.insync.replicas will ensure that the required/stated number of copies of the data is available in more than 1 kafka broker.

Overview of the Application – Library inventory





Build SpringBoot Kafka Producer - Hands On

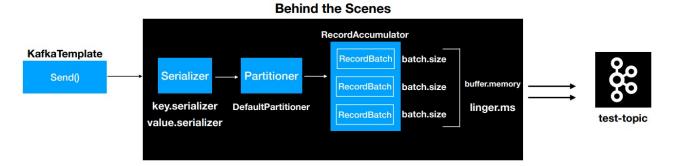


<u>Kafka Producer – KafkaTemplate (Spring)</u>

Kafka Template is similar to the JdbcTemplate for DB interactions. It is used to produce records into Kafka Topic.

The KafkaTemplate wraps a producer and provides convenience methods to send data to Kafka topics. You will notice many variations of send and sendDefault methods.

The message goes through different layers before it reaches.



Serializer

The record needs to be serialized to bytes. There are two types of Serializer and is mandatory for the Producer and the client need to configure them by providing configuration values for the Serializer.

- 1. Key Serializer (key.serializer)
- 2. Value Serializer (value.serializer)

Partitioner

It determines which partition the message is going to go in the Topic. Configuring the Partitioner is not mandatory as the DefaultPartitioner comes into action if no Partitioner is configured. The DefaultPartitioner is more than enough most of the times

RecordAccumulator

Any record sent by the Producer/KafkaTemplate won't get sent immediately to the topic. This helps to increase the performance by limiting the number of trips to the Kafka Cluster. If the topic has

three partitions. Then, there will be three RecordBatches (one for each partition) to accumulate the records.

Every RecordBatch has a batch size (specified by batch.size)

Also, the RecordAccumulator has a overall buffer memory (specified by buffer.memory)

The record accumulator buffers the record. The records are sent to the topic once the buffer (**buffer.memory**) is full.

Once the batch is full, the records are sent to the topic. If the batch size doesn't fill up for a long time, the producer will not wait for long. Instead it will send after the threshold time configured (**linger.ms**) even if the batch does not fill.

Simple Configuration of KakfaTemplate

Mandatory Values:

```
bootstrap-servers: localhost:9092,localhost:9093,localhost:9094
key-serializer: org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.IntegerSerializer
value-serializer: org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringSerializer
```

Autocreate Topic using KakfaAdmin

This is not a recommended approach to create topic programmatically. KakfaAdmin is part of SpringKakfa dependency.

To create a topic from code Create a Bean of type **KafkaAdmin** in SpringConfiguration Create a Bean of type **NewTopic** in SpringConfiguration

Kafka Template - Producer API

send(org.apache.kafka.clients.producer.ProducerRecord<K,V> record)

The send method which accepts ProducerRecord is helpful when **you want to send headers for the message.**

Reference:

https://docs.spring.io/spring-kafka/reference/html/#sending-messages

Integration Testing using JUnit5

Why we need Automated Tests? - Manual Testing is error-prone, time consuming and slows down delivery. Automated Tests can run as part of your build process which is a requirement for today's software development. Also, it is easy to catch bugs as it will fail the build.

Types of Automated Tests – Unit Test, Integration Test and End to End Tests.

Integration Test – It tests all the layers of the code and verify their behaviour is working as expected.

EmbeddedKafka – Configure and Integrate in Junit

EmbeddedKafka is needed if the integration test is running in a CI/CD pipeline as we cannot start a kakfa instance locally and run the test.

The above starts an EmbeddedKafka instance and we the provide the values for the properties spring.kafka.producer.bootstrap-servers and spring.kafka.admin.properties.bootstrap.servers with the values from the EmbeddedKafka instance namely the values of spring.embedded.kafka.brokers and spring.embedded.kafka.brokers

@Autowired

private EmbeddedKafkaBroker embeddedKafkaBroker;

We can access the EmbeddedKafka broker instance that was started as part of the test by Autowiring the EmbeddedKafkaBroker

Unit Testing using JUnit5