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Apache Kafka

Prerequisites:

Configure a Kafka cluster using Docker with the following parameters:

- Number of brokers 3
- Number of partitions 3
- Replication factor 2
- Observe the Kafka broker logs to see how leaders/replicas for every partition are assigned

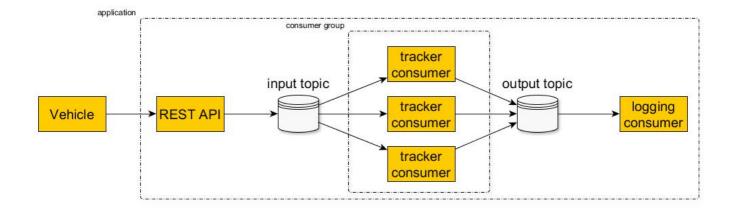
Tips

- if you're working on a machine with 8 Gb of RAM or less, you might need to fall back to just 2 brokers
- an example of a Docker Compose for a 2-node cluster based on the official Confluent Kafka image, can be found here

Practical Task:

- I. Implement a pair of "at least once" producer and "at most once" consumer.
 - 1. No web application required
 - 2. Write an integration test using the Kafka Containers library
- II. Implement a taxi Spring Boot application. The application should consist of:
 - 1. REST API which
 - 1. accepts vehicle signals
 - 2. validates that every signal carries a valid vehicle id and 2d coordinates
 - 3. puts the signals into the "input" Kafka topic
 - 2. Kafka broker
 - 3. 3 consumers which
 - 1. poll the signals from the "input" topic
 - 2. calculate the distance traveled by every unique vehicle so far
 - 3. store the latest distance information per vehicle in another "output" topic
 - 4. Separate consumer that polls the "output" topic and logs the results in realtime
- III. **Advanced task (optional)**: Improve the taxi application by wrapping the poll(input) > calculate distance > publish(output) loop into Kafka transactions

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Important

Messages from every vehicle must be processed sequentially!

Tips

• the first two subtasks may be done as integration tests (for example, using the Embedded Kafka from Spring Boot)

References

- 1. Kafka Introduction
- 2. Kafka Quickstart Guide
- 3. Spring Kafka Introduction
- 4. Learn Apache Kafka for Beginners