High Scalable Streaming Microservices with Kafka Streams

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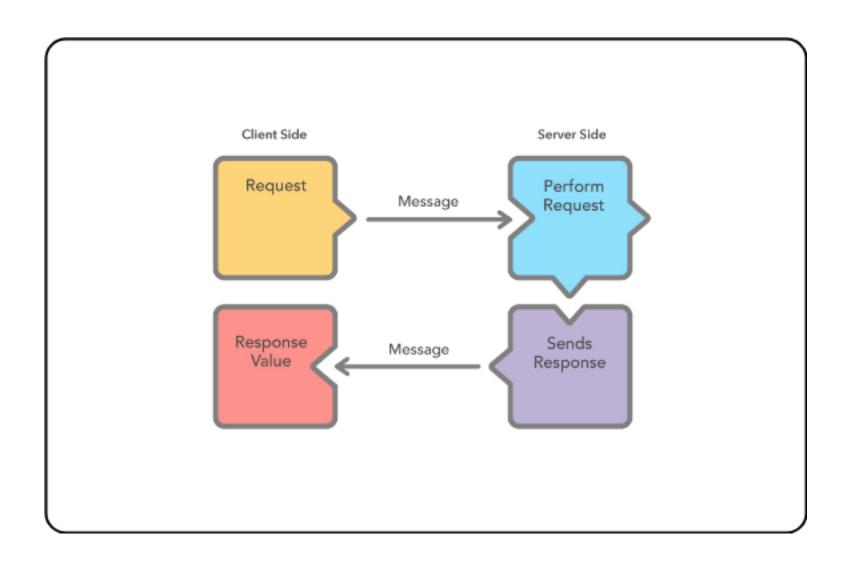
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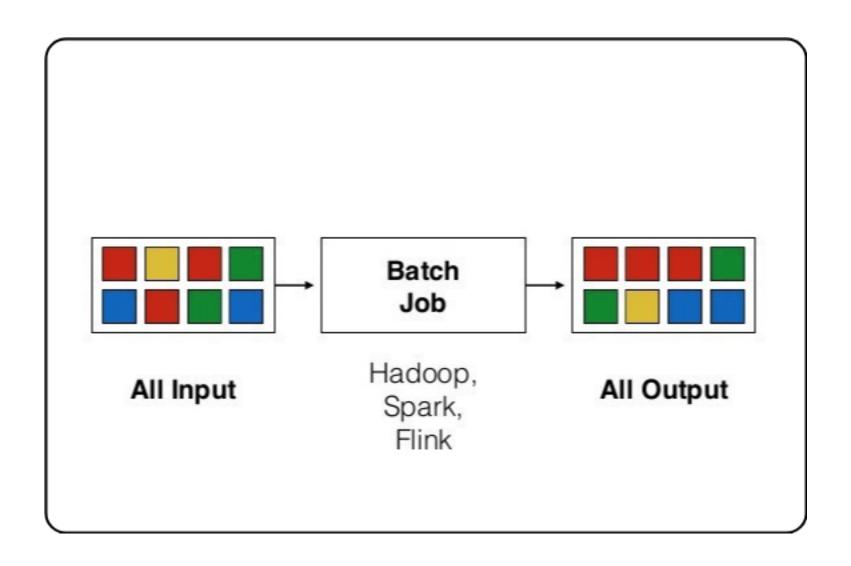
Paradigms getting input and producing outputs

- Request/Response
- Batch
- Stream processing

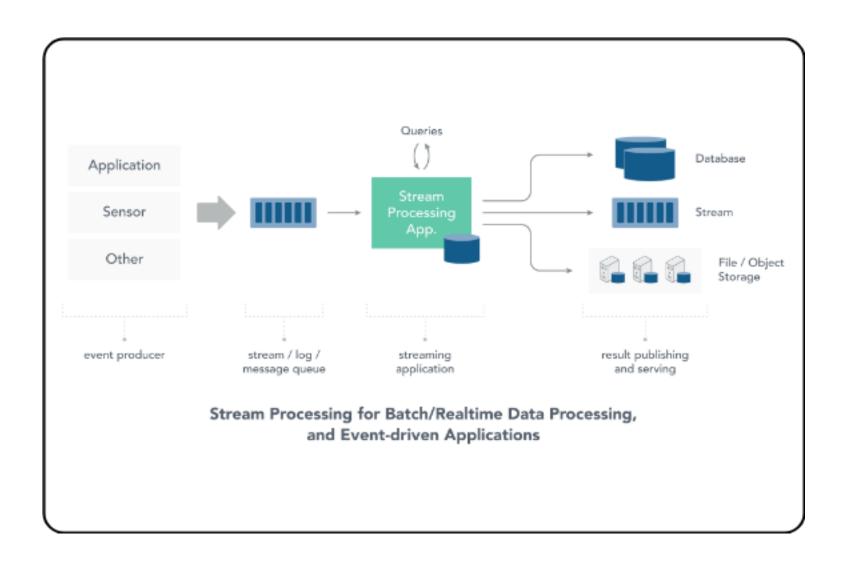
Request/Response



Batch



Stream Processing



Stream Processing

- Applications react to events instantly
- Can handle data volumes that are much larger than other data processing systems
- Naturally and easily models the continuous and timely nature of most data
- Decentralizes and decouples the infrastructure
- Asynchronous

Stateful Stream Processing

- Computation maintains contextual state
- State is used to store information derived from the previously-seen events
- Requires a stream processor that supports state management

Stream Processing - Hard Parts

- Accurate results
- Partitioning & Scalability
- Fault tolerance
- Time
- Re-processing

Stream Processing - Use cases

- Network monitoring
- Intelligence and surveillance
- Risk management
- E-commerce
- Fraud detection
- Smart order routing

Stream Processing - Semantics

Systems fail! Depending on the action the producer takes to handle such a failure, you can get different semantics:

- At least once
- At most once
- Exactly once

Apache Kafka

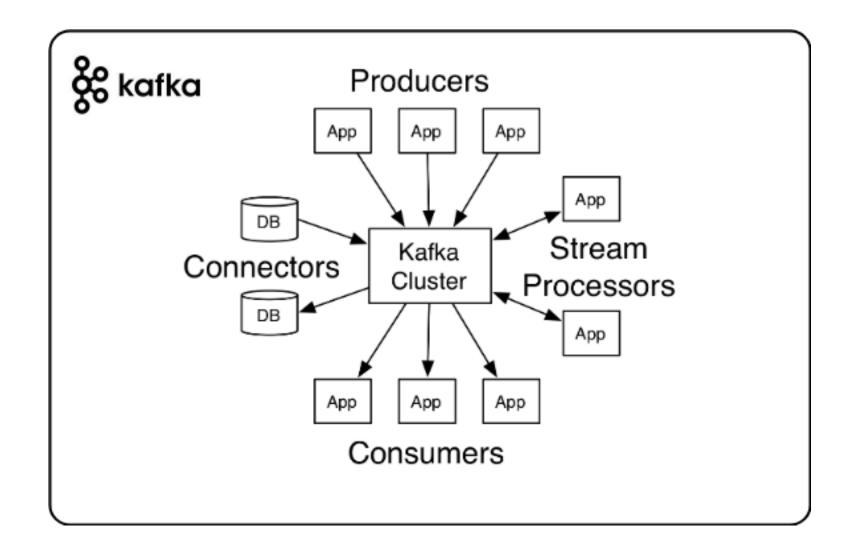
What is Apache Kafka?

- Distributed streaming platform
- Based on an abstraction of a distributed commit log
- Created and open sourced by LinkedIn
- Provides low-latency, high-throughput, fault-tolerant publish and subscribe pipelines and is able to process streams of events

Apache Kafka - Concepts

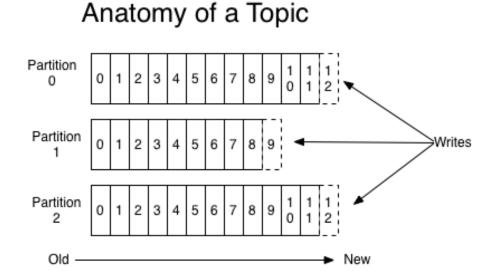
- Run as a cluster on one or more servers that can span multiple datacenters
- The Kafka cluster stores streams of records in categories called topics
- Each record consists of a key, a value, and a timestamp

Apache Kafka - Core APIs



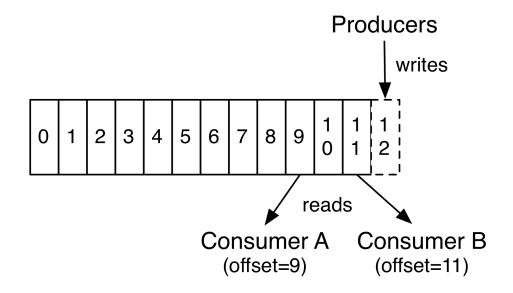
Apache Kafka - Topics and logs

- Category or feed name to which records are published
- Multi-subscriber
- Kafka cluster maintains a partitioned log for each topics



Apache Kafka - Topics and logs

- Partition is an ordered, immutable sequence of records
- Records have offsets
- Records are persisted with a retention period



Apache Kafka - Topics and logs

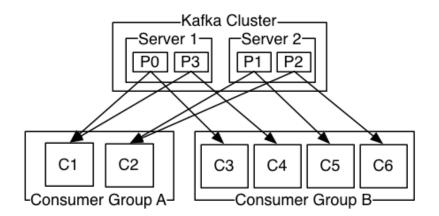
- Distributed over the servers in the Kafka cluster
- Each partition is replicated across a configurable number of servers for fault tolerance
- Each partition has one server which acts as the "leader" and zero or more servers which act as "followers"
- MirrorMaker provides geo-replication support for your clusters

Apache Kafka - Producers

- Publish data to the topics of their choice
- Responsible for choosing which record to assign to which partition within the topic

Apache Kafka - Consumers

- Has a consumer group
- Records are load balanced over the consumer instances of the same group
- Partitions are divided across consumer instances

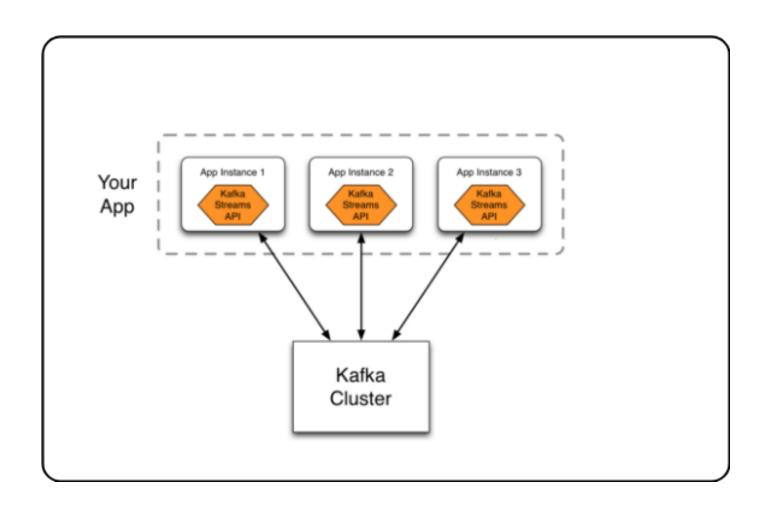


Kafka Streams

What is Kafka Streams?

- Built upon important concepts for stream processing
- Java Library
- Highly scalable, elastic and fault tolerant
- Exactly Once capabilities

What is Kafka Streams?



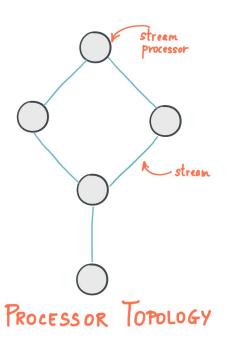
Concepts

Streams

- Stream: represents unbounded, continuously updating data set
- Stream Partition: ordered, replayable, and fault-tolerant sequence of immutable data records
- Stream Application: program that makes use of the Kafka Streams library.
 - Multiple instances

Processor topology

- Defines the computational logic of the data processing that needs to be performed by a stream processing application
- low-level Processor API or Kafka Streams DSL



KStream

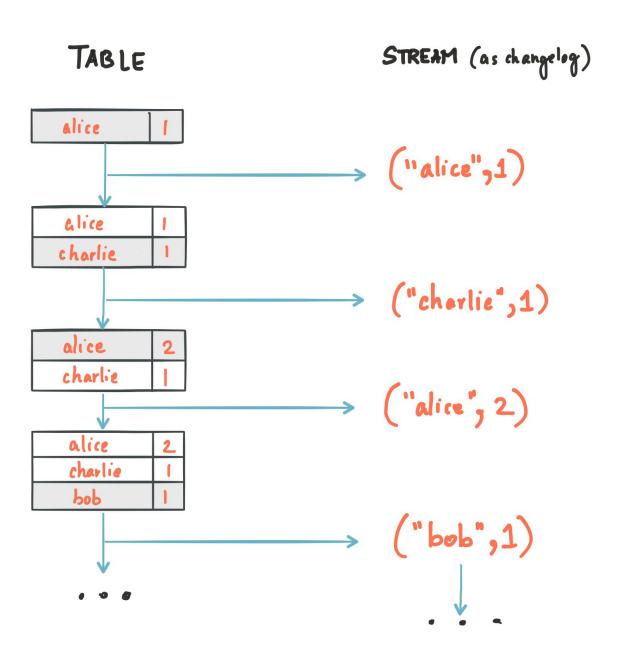
- Record stream abstraction
- Read from/written to external topic or product from other KStream
- append-only

```
("alice", 1) --> ("alice", 3)
```

KTable

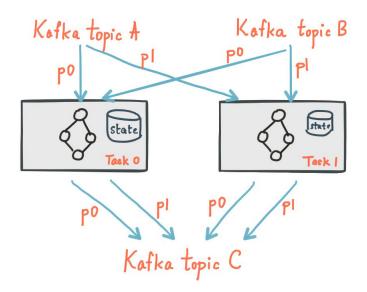
- Changelog stream abstraction (snapshot of the latest value for each key in a stream)
- Each data record represents an update
- Produced from other tables or stream join/aggregation
- Read from external topic

KTable and KStream



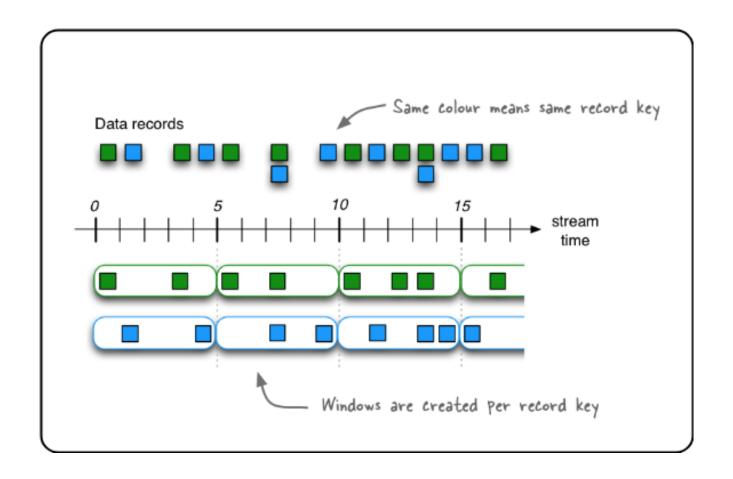
State Store

- Fault tolerant Key-value store for stateful operations
- RocksDB or in-memory hash map
- Interactive Queries



Time Windows

 Control how to group records that have the same key for stateful operations



Important Considerations

- Internal topics
- Need of disk when using RocksDB
- Proper partitioning
- Parallelism

Example

```
static void main(final String[] args) throws Exception {
      Properties streamsConfiguration = KafkaStreamsConfig.getConfig("order-filter-example")
       final StreamsBuilder builder = new StreamsBuilder()
      KStream<String, String> ordersStream = builder.stream("orders")
      KStream<String, String> ordersPerBook = ordersStream.filter({
           key, value -> objectMapper.readValue(value, Order).quantity > 5
       })
      ordersPerBook.to("filtered-orders")
      final KafkaStreams streams = new KafkaStreams(builder.build(), streamsConfiguration)
      streams.cleanUp()
      streams.start()
```

Useful links

https://docs.confluent.io/current/streams/index.html
https://kafka.apache.org/documentation/
https://github.com/rpalcolea/gr8confus-2018-presentations
https://github.com/rpalcolea/gr8confus-2018-kafka-streams-demos

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