Please refer to this lecture first if you have setup problems.

> Zookeeper - java.net.BindException: Address already in use

Something is already occupying your port 2181. Figure out which application it is and stop it

> My topics are losing their data after a while

This is how Kafka works. Data is only retained for 7 days.

> The topics list is disappearing

Make sure you have changed the Zookeeper dataDir=/path/to/data/zookeeper, and Kafka log.dirs=/path/to/data/kafka

> I have launched Kafka in a VM or in the Cloud, and I can't produce to Kafka

If you can't produce to Kafka, it's possible you are using a VM and this can break the Kafka behaviour. Please look at the annex lectures for solutions of how to deal with that. I strongly recommend doing this tutorial using the Kafka binaries and localhost