I created a new project in the PyCharm IDE and named it "cdc_streaming". I created a docker-compose.yml file with the below configuration

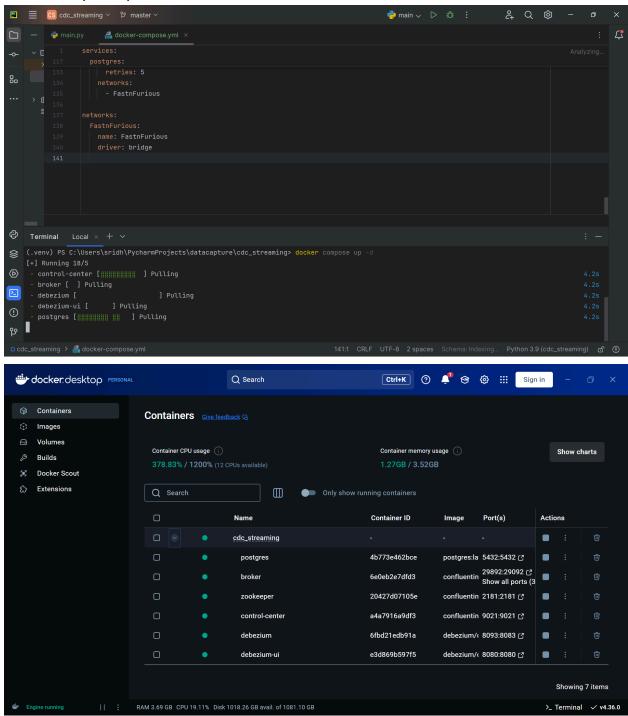
```
services:
  image: confluentinc/cp-zookeeper:7.4.0
  container name: zookeeper
    ZOOKEEPER CLIENT PORT: 2181
    test: echo srvr | nc zookeeper 2181 || exit 1
    interval: 10s
    - FastnFurious
    KAFKA BROKER ID: 1
PLAINTEXT HOST: PLAINTEXT
PLAINTEXT HOST://localhost:9092
    KAFKA TRANSACTION STATE LOG REPLICATION FACTOR: 1
    KAFKA JMX PORT: 9101
    KAFKA JMX HOSTNAME: localhost
    interval: 5s
```

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- FastnFurious
 CONFLUENT METRICS ENABLE: 'false'
 interval: 30s
  - FastnFurious
image: debezium/connect:2.1
 STATUS STORAGE TOPIC: connect statuses
 KEY CONVERTER: org.apache.kafka.connect.json.JsonConverter
 VALUE CONVERTER: org.apache.kafka.connect.json.JsonConverter
```

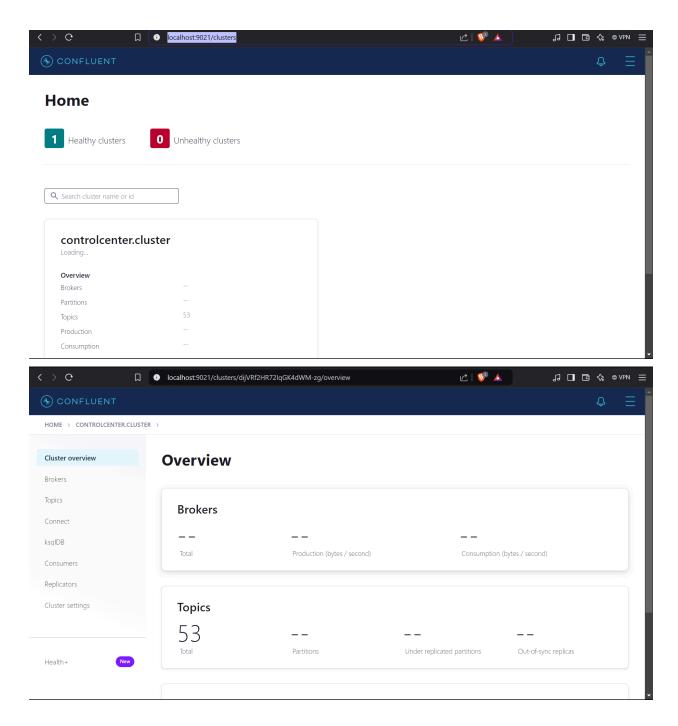
```
"http://localhost:8083/connectors"]
    - FastnFurious
  image: debezium/debezium-ui:latest
  restart: always
  container name: postgres
    interval: 10s
    - FastnFurious
networks:
FastnFurious:
```

Once I have written all the dependencies, I started the docker containers by entering the

"docker compose up -d" in the terminal

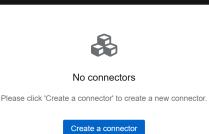


Debezium helps us to do change data capture from database level. It goes into the database level logs and picks the changes that are happening and ships it to kafka brokers. Debezium-ui helps us to visualize the changes in real time. From the above, I can see that the control center is at port 9021. I can visit the web page http://localhost:9021/clusters and see the control center UI



Similarly, I can see that the debezium UI is running at port 8080





Now, I set up the database and fetched the live data into postgresDB using the below python script

```
import random
from datetime import datetime
from faker import Faker
import psycopg2

fake = Faker()

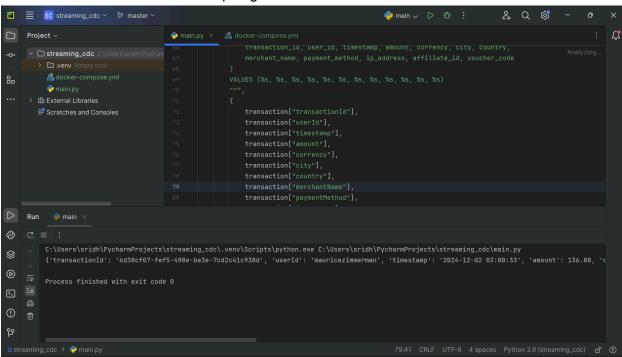
def generate_transaction():
    user = fake.simple_profile()
    return {
        "transactionId": fake.uuid4(),
        "userId": user['username'],
        "timestamp": datetime.utcnow().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S'),
        "amount": round(random.uniform(10, 1000), 2),
        "currency": random.choice(['USD', 'GBP']),
        'city': fake.city(),
        "country": fake.country(),
        "merchantName": fake.company(),
        "paymentMethod": random.choice(['credit_card', 'debit_card',
        'online_transfer']),
        "ipAddress": fake.ipv4(),
        "voucherCode": random.choice(['', 'DISCOUNT10', '']),
        'affiliateId': fake.uuid4()
    }

def create_table(conn):
```

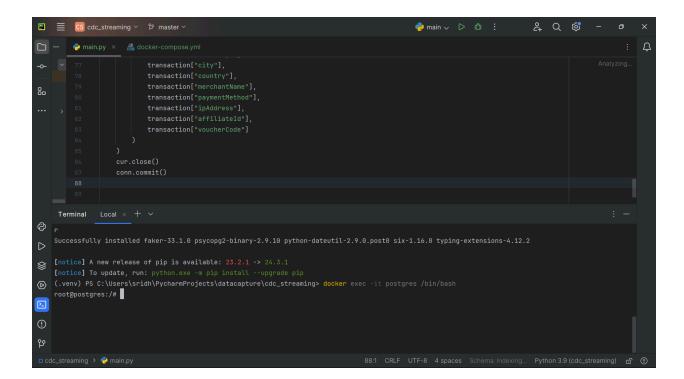
```
cursor = conn.cursor()
cursor.execute(
cursor.close()
conn = psycopg2.connect(
    password='postgres',
    port=5432
transaction = generate transaction()
cur = conn.cursor()
cur.execute(
```

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transaction["timestamp"],
    transaction["amount"],
    transaction["currency"],
    transaction["city"],
    transaction["country"],
    transaction["merchantName"],
    transaction["paymentMethod"],
    transaction["ipAddress"],
    transaction["affiliateId"],
    transaction["voucherCode"]
   )
)
cur.close()
conn.commit()
```

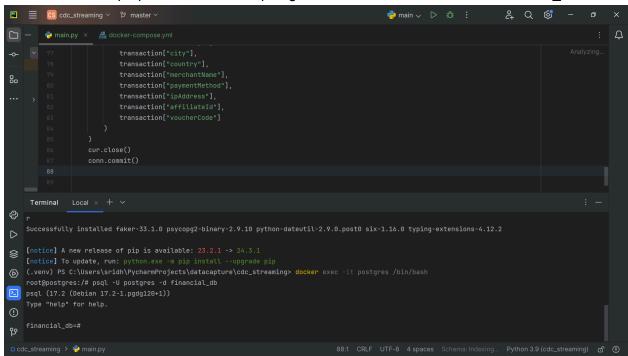
I can see that data is inserted into postgres DB

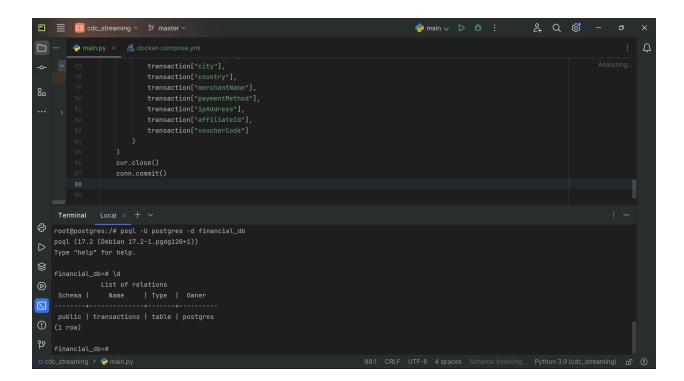


Now, I executed "docker exec -it postgres /bin/bash"

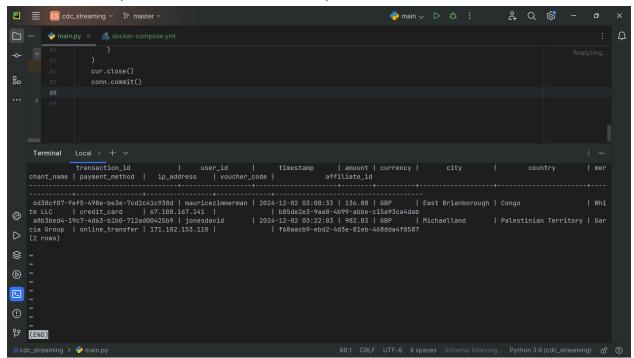


To connect to the psql db with the user "postgres" and the database name is financial_db

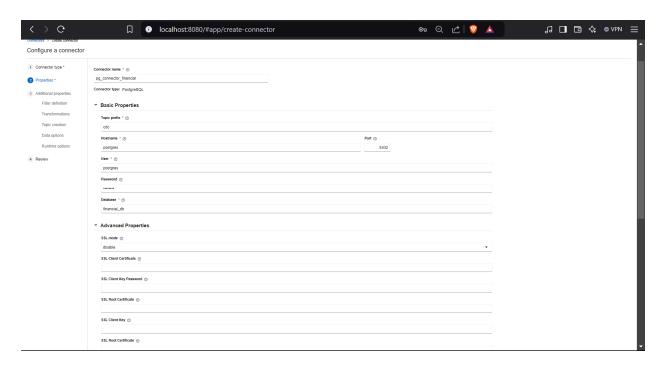


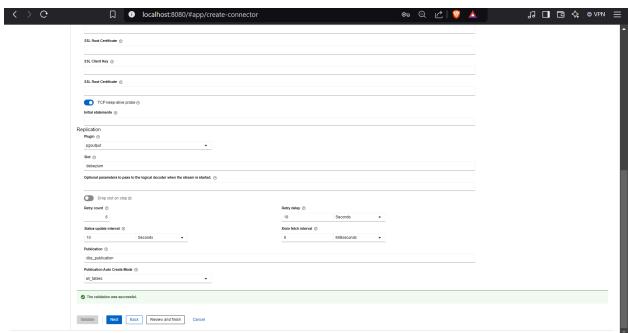


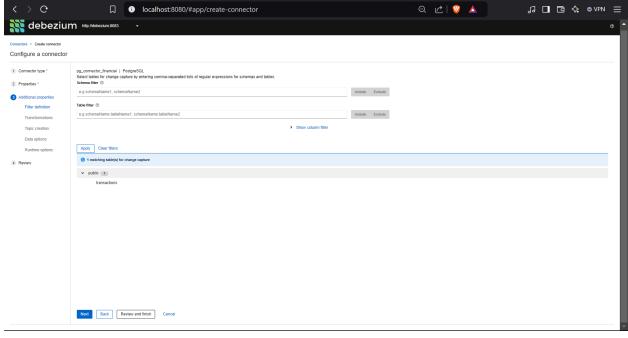
To check the data, SELECT * FROM transactions;



Now, I created a connector for postgreSQL database in debezium with the following configuration

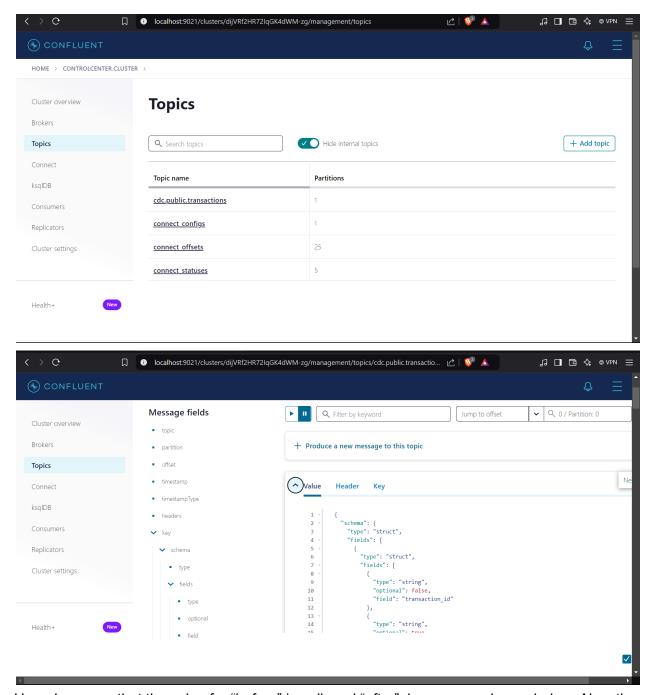




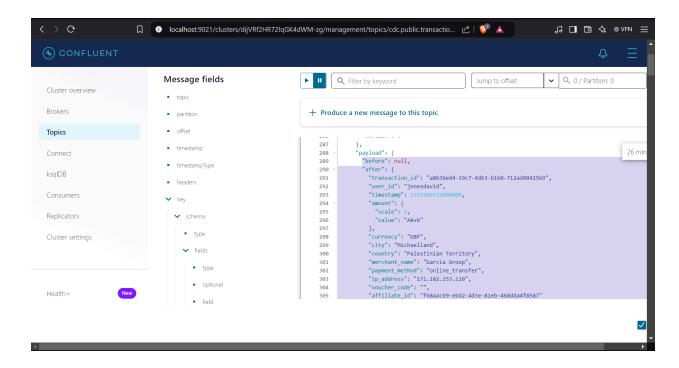


```
I used the below JSON to create the connector {
   "topic.prefix": "cdc",
   "database.hostname": "postgres",
   "database.user": "postgres",
   "database.password": "********",
   "database.dbname": "financial_db",
   "plugin.name": "pgoutput"
}
```

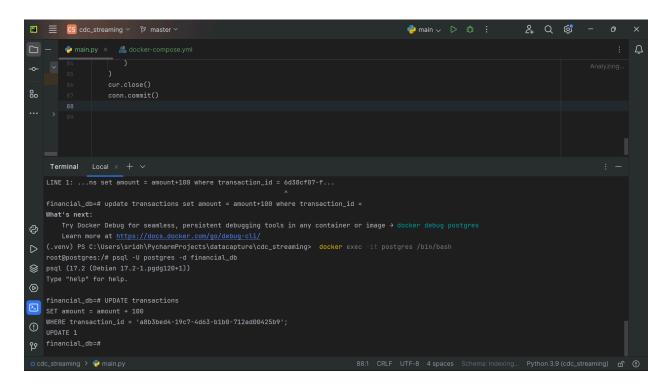
At this point, I am able to replicate the postgreSQL database in Debezium, the next step is to replicate the debezium data in kafka broker. I can see one topic as shown below



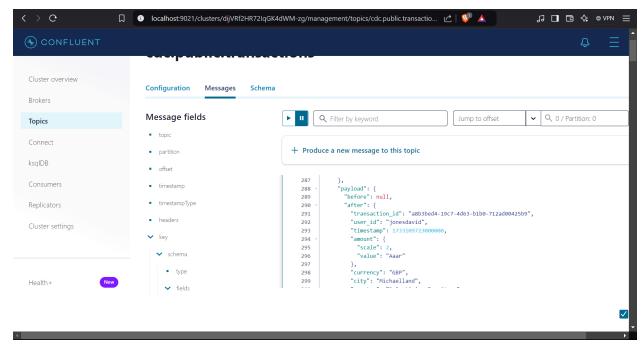
Here, I can see that the value for "before" is null, and "after" has some value as below. Also, the "amount" is not represented properly.



Now, I updated the "amount" as SET amount = amount + 100 WHERE transaction_id = 'a8b3bed4-19c7-4d63-b1b0-712ad00425b9';



I can still see the "null" value in "before"



I used below SQL command to create a logical replica

ALTER TABLE transactions REPLICA IDENTITY FULL;

It is used in PostgreSQL to configure the **replica identity** for the transactions table. This setting determines how the UPDATE and DELETE operations on the table are logged in the Write-Ahead Log (WAL) for replication purposes.

What It Does:

- REPLICA IDENTITY FULL:
 - This setting ensures that **all columns** of a row are included in the WAL entry when the row is updated or deleted.
 - This is required for logical replication or Change Data Capture (CDC) scenarios where all columns are needed to identify and replicate changes.

Use Cases:

- 1. Logical Replication:
 - Logical replication streams the changes (inserts, updates, deletes) to a subscriber. For updates and deletes, having the full row helps to uniquely identify and replicate the changes.
- 2. Change Data Capture (CDC):

o If you are capturing changes using tools like Debezium, Striim, or any custom solution, setting REPLICA IDENTITY FULL ensures that even tables without a primary key or unique index can still be used in replication.

3. Tables Without a Primary Key:

 If the table does not have a PRIMARY KEY or UNIQUE index, PostgreSQL cannot use the default identity (DEFAULT or INDEX); in such cases, FULL is necessary.

Replica Identity Options:

1. **DEFAULT**:

 Only logs the primary key column(s) for identifying rows during updates or deletes. This is the default behavior.

2. **INDEX**:

• Uses a specific unique index (specified by the user) for identifying rows.

3. **FULL**:

Logs the entire row's data (both before and after the change).

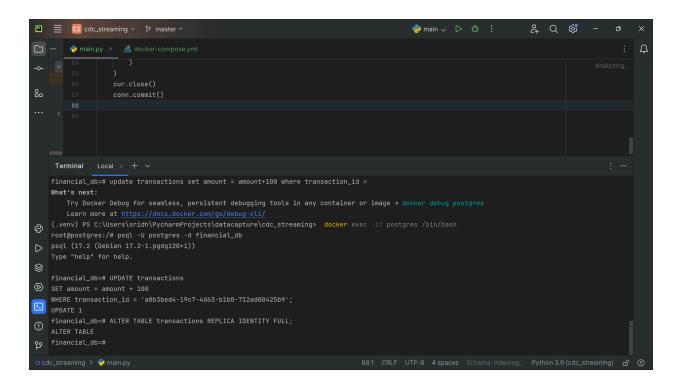
4. NOTHING:

 Logs no identifying information for updates or deletes. This is generally not used unless replication is disabled.

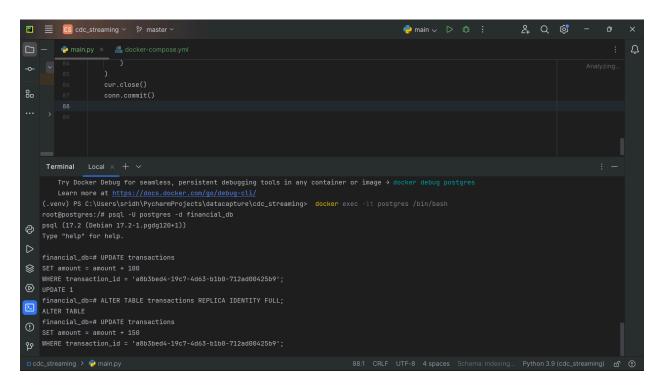
Example Scenario:

Suppose you are running a Change Data Capture process on the transactions table, and it does not have a primary key. In this case:

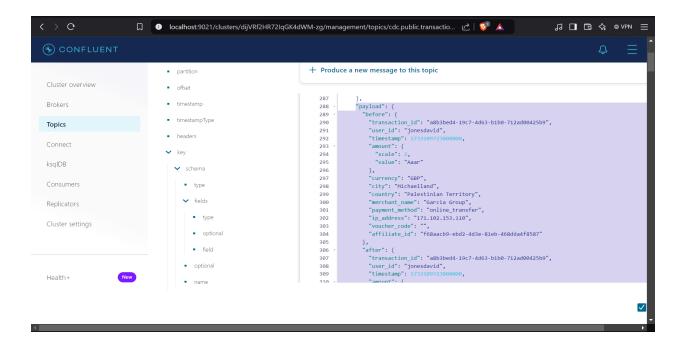
- 1. Without REPLICA IDENTITY FULL, updates or deletes may fail to log enough information to identify the rows.
- 2. By setting REPLICA IDENTITY FULL, you ensure the entire row is included in the WAL, enabling accurate replication.



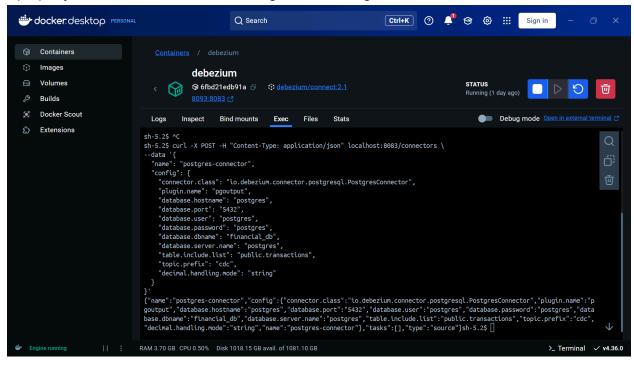
Now, I updated the amount again to add 150 more by using the below SQL command



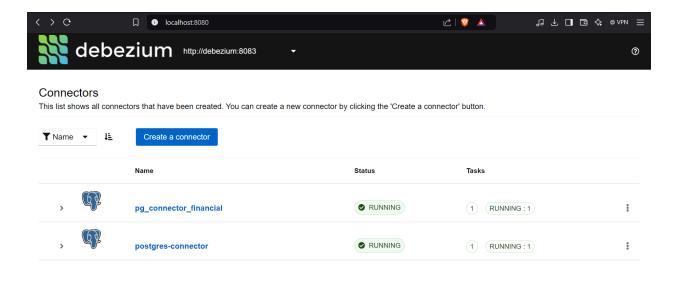
Now, I observed the offset 3, I can see that a new value propagated for "before", but still the issue with the "amount" column exists

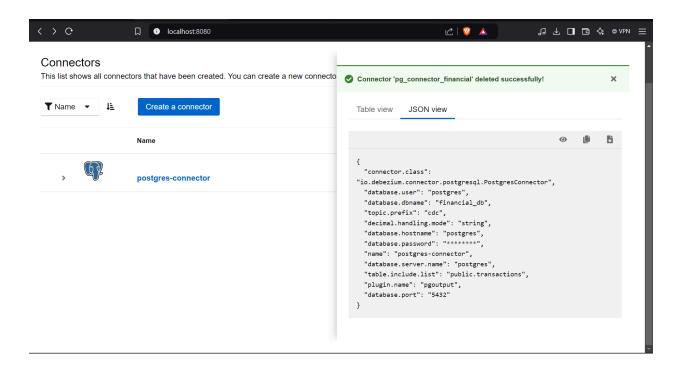


The issue with the amount column is because of the way Debezium handles the decimal values. Instead of doing the conversion exclusively into decimal, I changed the connector value. I added a property in the JSON "decimal.handling.mode": "string" as below

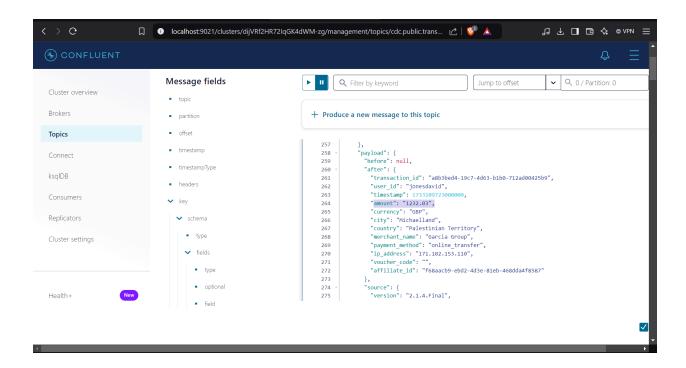


Now, I can see one more connector in the debezium UI with the decimal handling mode present in the properties.

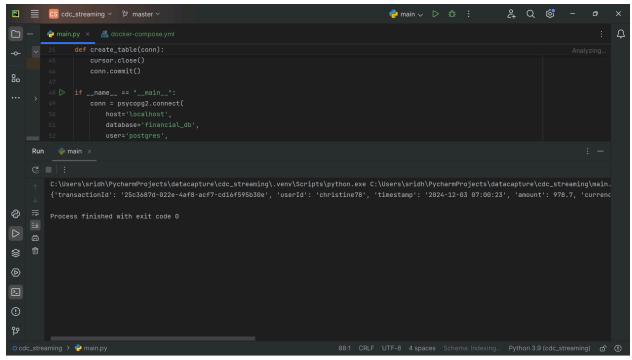


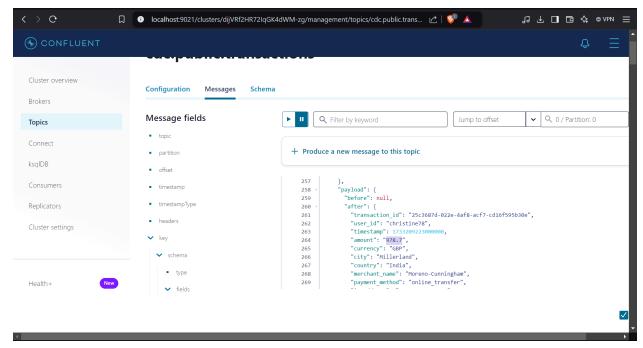


I observed the "amount" in offset 5 and I can see that amount is handled properly



The data is being properly shipped into kafka. So, if I insert a new record now, I should be able to see the both the before and after values and the amount being handled properly I inserted one more record by running the main script again as below





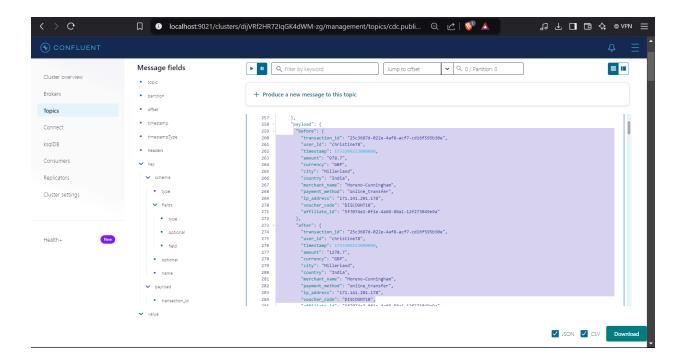
The record has a transaction_id = 25c3687d-022e-4af8-acf7-cd16f595b30e and the amount value = 978.7

Now, If i update the same record, the amount value should be updated and I should see both "before" and "after" values. I executed the below SQL statement in the terminal UPDATE transactions

SET amount = amount + 300

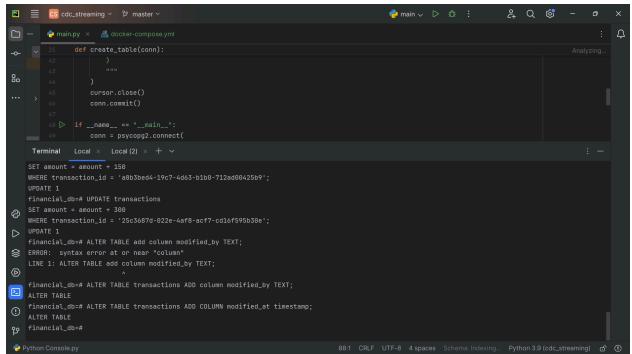
WHERE transaction_id = '25c3687d-022e-4af8-acf7-cd16f595b30e';

I can see the values as below

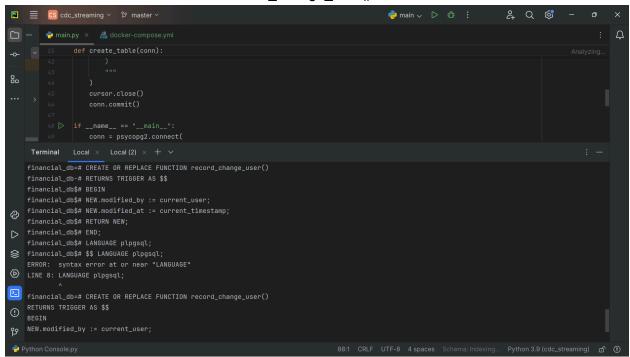


At this point, I can see the changes on the database and I can also see how debezium is tracking those changes. But I am still clueless about the user who changed the data and the timestamp at which the change happened.

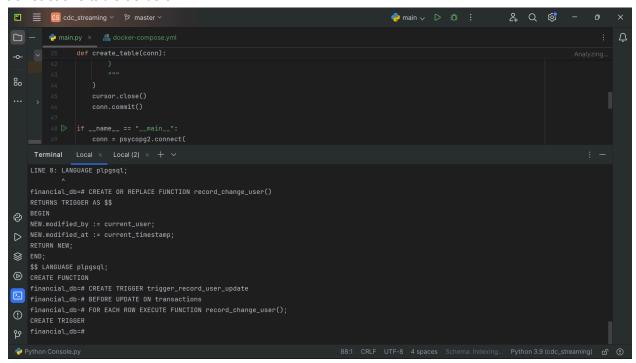
I added two columns in the financial_db with names modified_by (TEXT data type), modified_at (TIMESTAMP data type).



I created a function with the name record_change_user()

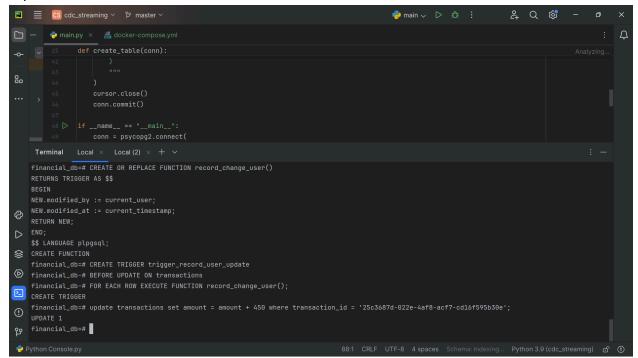


I configured a trigger trigger_record_user_update to be triggered before any update on the transactions table as below

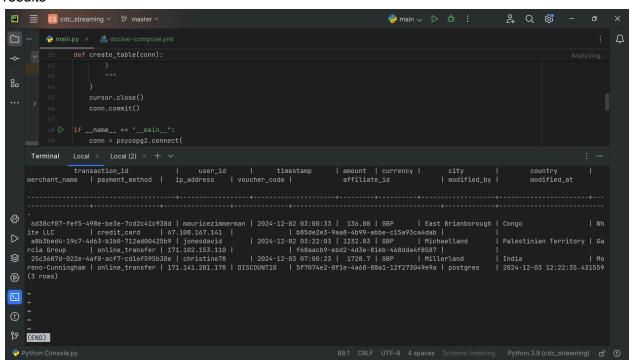


For the transaction with "transaction_id" = "25c3687d-022e-4af8-acf7-cd16f595b30e", the "amount" value in "before" and "after" were "978.7" and "1278.7". If I update this transaction again, I should be able to track the user who updated this transaction and when it was updated. I should also be able to see changes in amount value on the kafka brokers

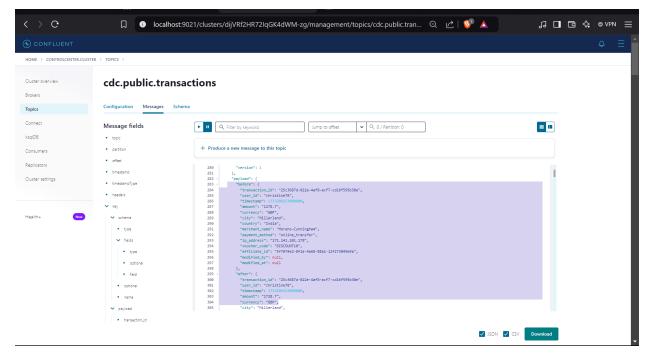
I updated the "amount" column in transactions as below



Now, If i see the values populated in columns (modified_by, modified_at), I can see the below results



Also, on the control center UI, I observe the values for "amount" for offset 8 would be 1278.7 and 1728.7 in "before" and "after"



Now, I am able to track the changes in the "amount" column. This is how I can observe the change data capture.