



Data Pipeline with Kafka

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是時候改變了



Why

深入了解用戶行為，洞悉可行的改善方法

Understand our users.

Provide actionable insights.

How

以數據驅動產品方向

Data driven: steer our product direction.

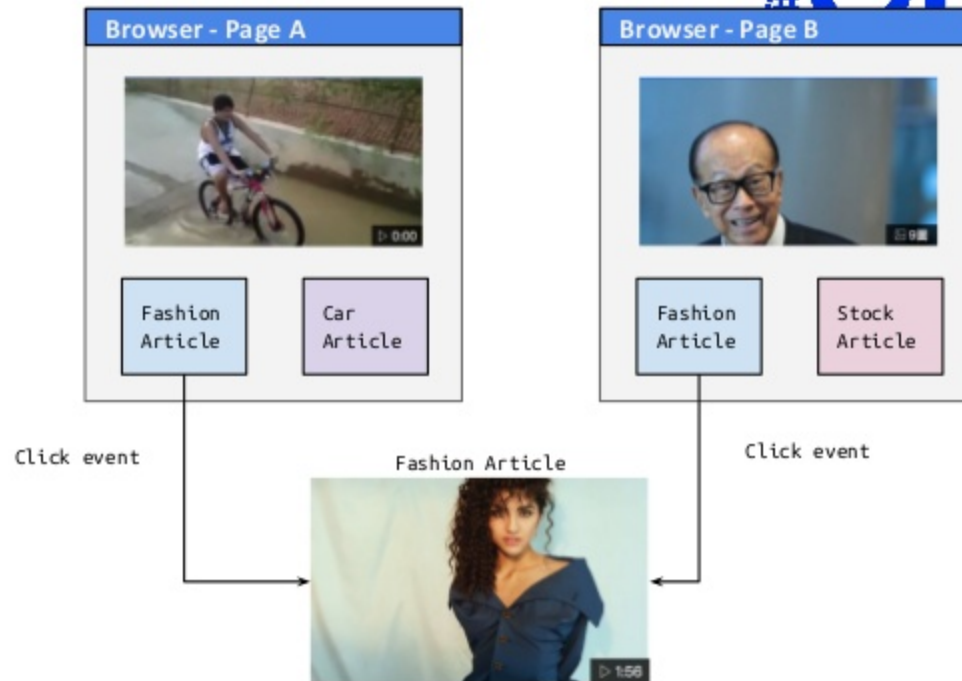
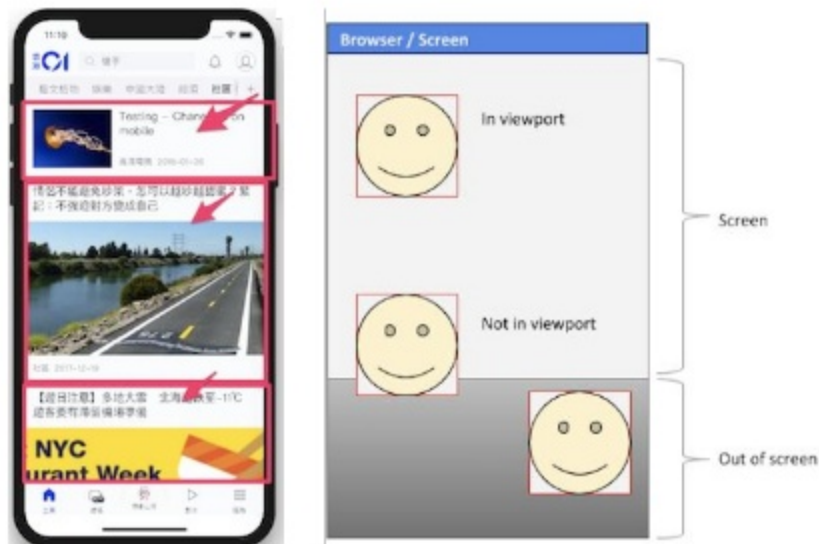
What

數據：定義、收集、處理、洞見

Data: definition, ingress, process, insight.

SERVER LOG?

GIVE ME FRONT END EVENTS



Data-Driven Product Development



User Reading History

NLP Content-based
Clustering

Collaborative filtering
Image source: wikipedia

Machine Learning Products

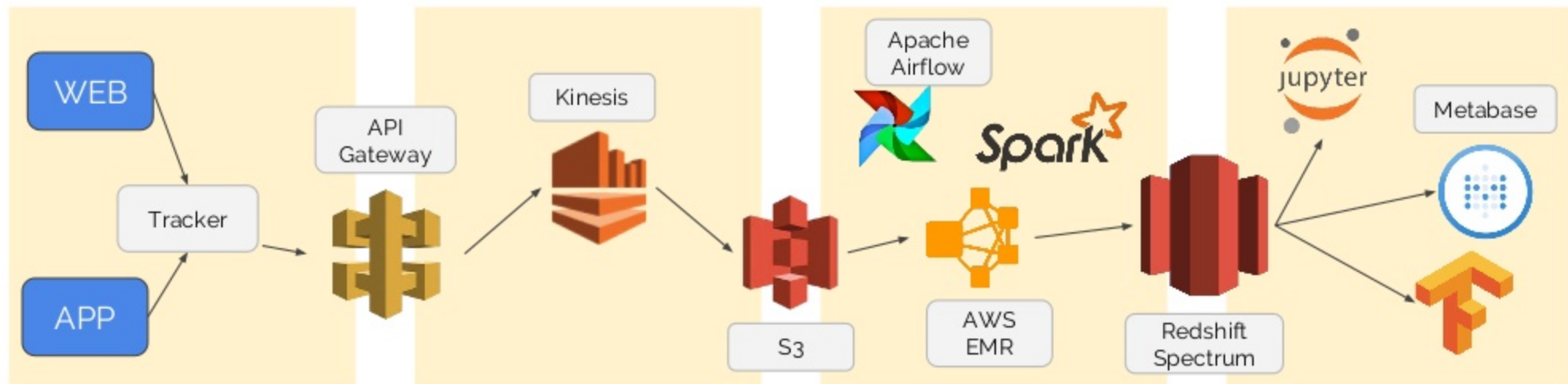
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Outline

- Data pipeline - what is it?
- Kafka - roles in a data pipeline
- Other use cases of Kafka

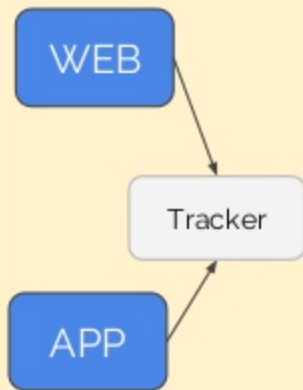
Typical Data Pipeline Setup



Data Ingress

JS Library (WEB)
Native Library (APP)

Google Analytics
Mixpanel
Matomo (Piwik)



Data Tracker

- **Nature**
 - Lightweight
 - Programmable
- **Capability**
 - Page view / Screen view
 - Custom events
 - Device identification
 - Session management

Different Aspects of a Data Pipeline

Data Ingress

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Infrastructure

- AWS Kinesis
- Google Pub/Sub
- Apache Kafka

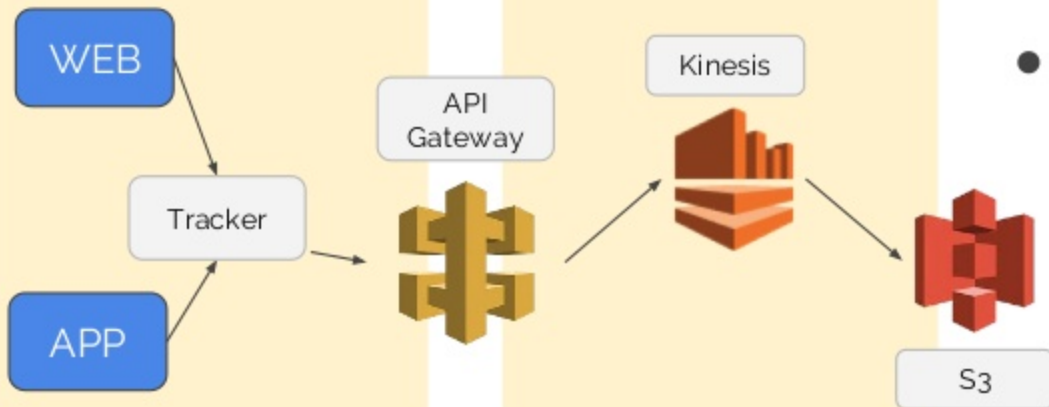
Data Infrastructure

- **Main Roles**

- Buffering
- Routing
- Writing

- **Characteristics**

- Multiple producers
- Multiple consumers
- Batch / Real-time



Different Aspects of a Data Pipeline

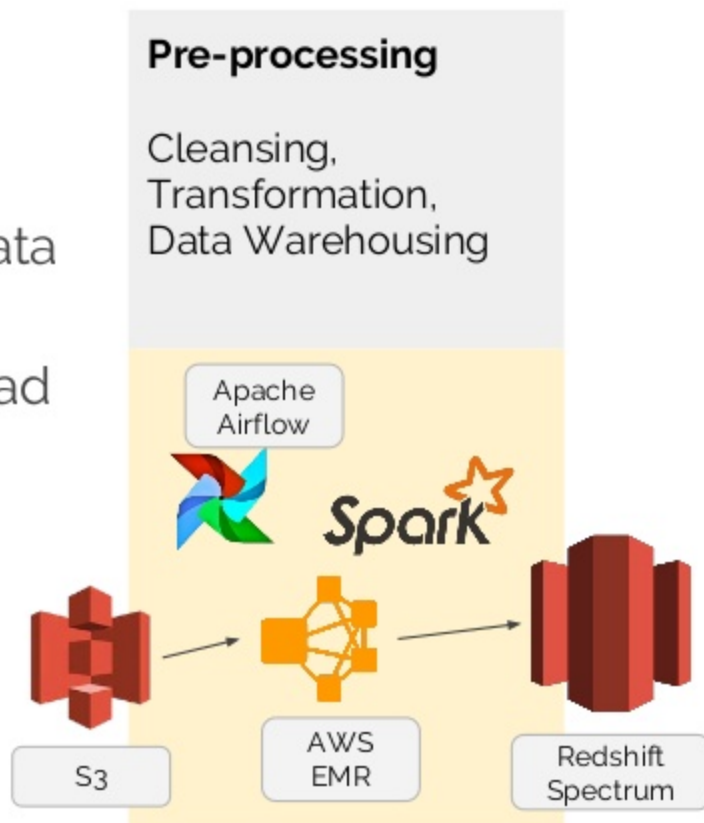
Pre-processing

- **Main Roles**

- Avoid direct querying raw data
- Cleansing
- ETL - Extract, Transform, Load
- Scheduling

- **Characteristics**

- Defining data sets
- Time-frame-based queries



Different Aspects of a Data Pipeline

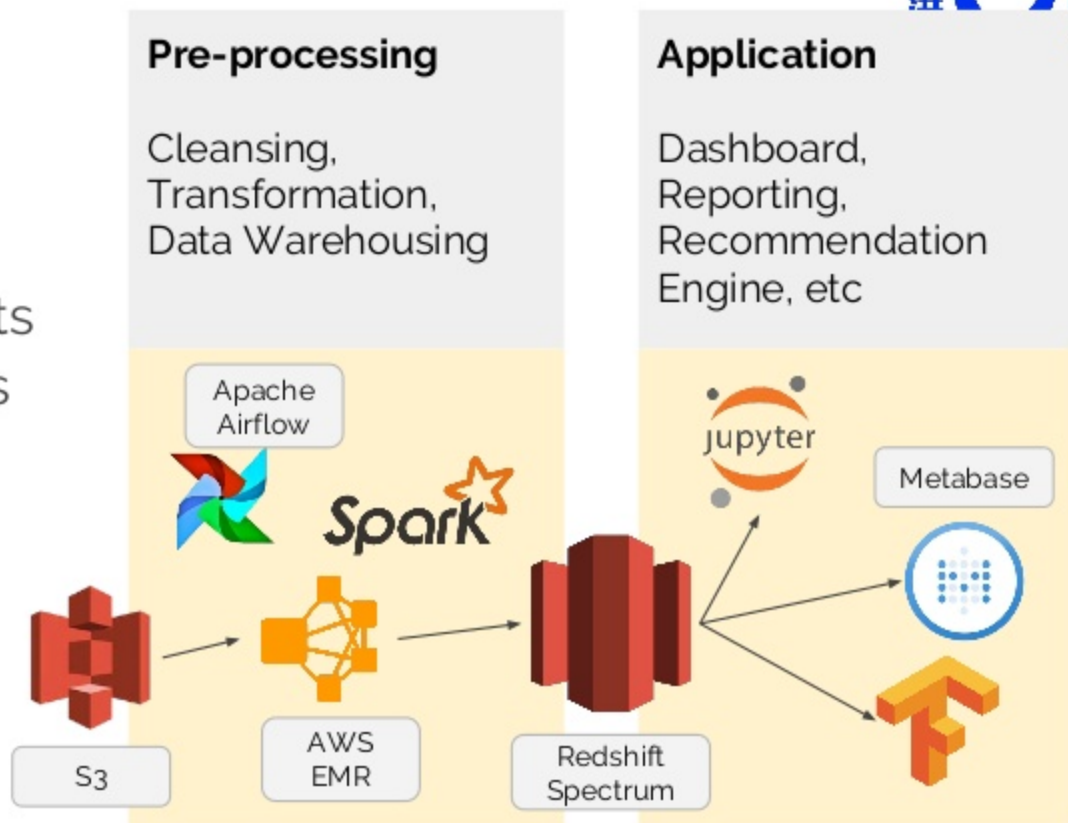
Application

- **Main Roles**

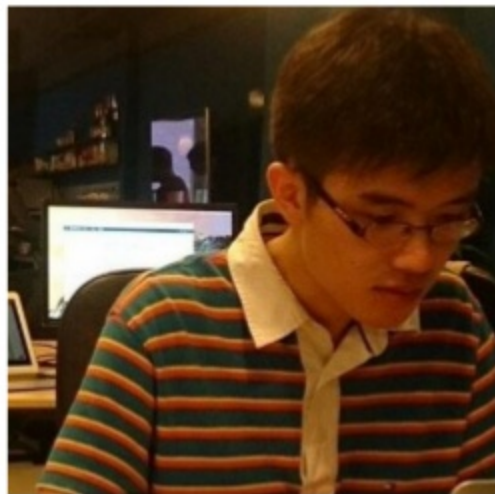
- KPI VS Exploration
- Operators VS Data Scientists
- Planned VS Ad-hoc queries

- **Characteristics**

- Production-grade data
- Fast is a must

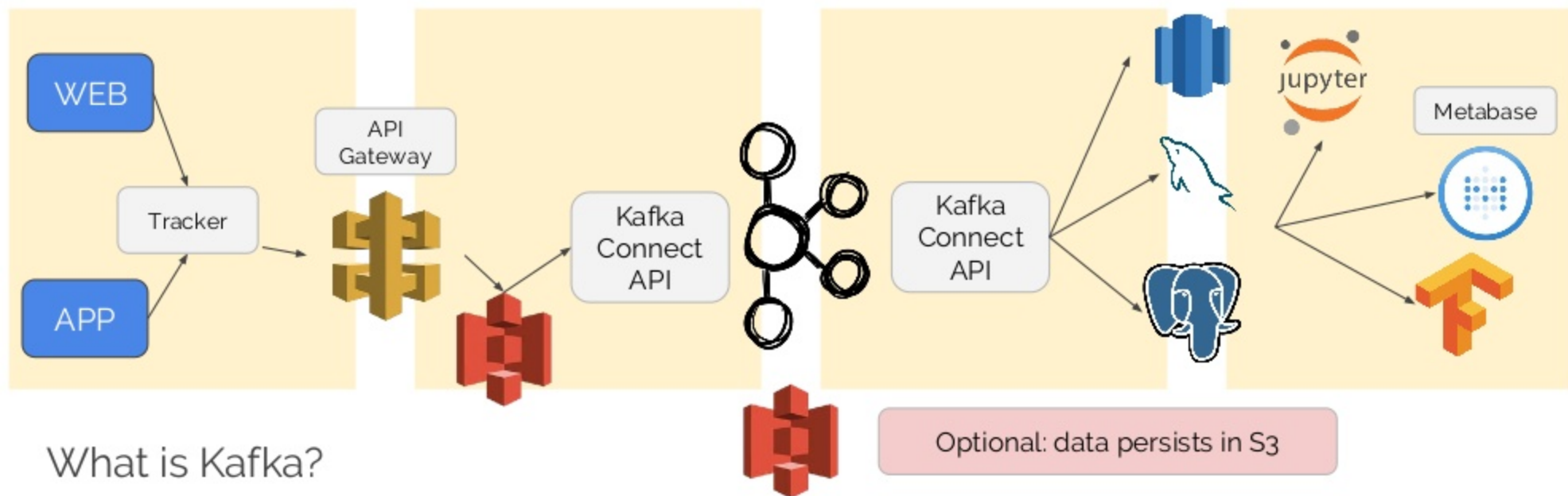


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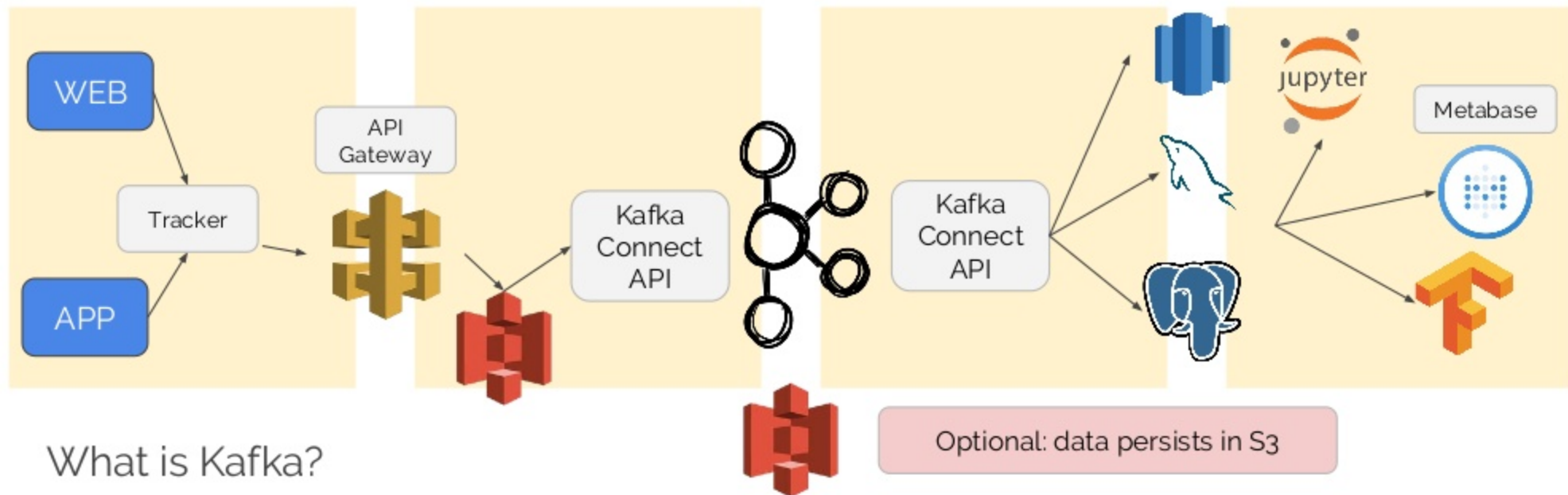
What is Kafka? <https://kafka.apache.org/> Main Contributor: Gene NG

Data Pipeline with Kafka



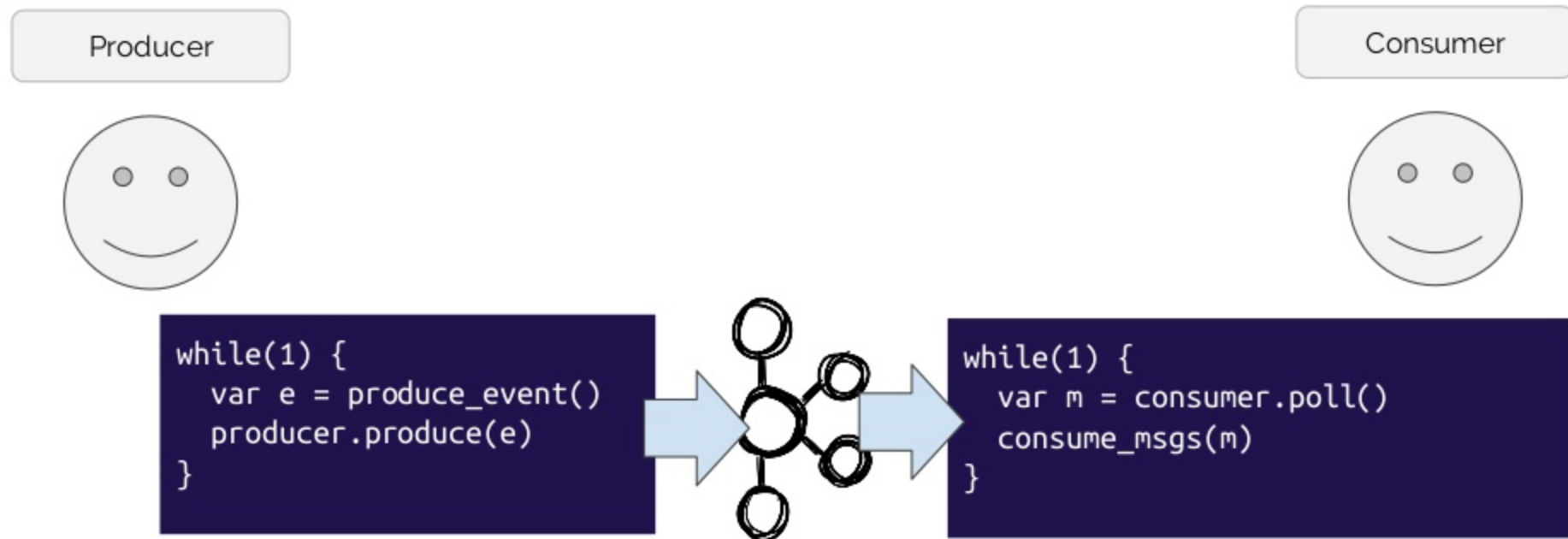
What is Kafka?

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What is Kafka?

Basics: Producer-Consumer Model



What is Kafka - terminology

Connect API

- For database / data source
- Wrapped consumer & producer code
- Nice thing: config file only!



What is Kafka - terminology

Connect API - common connectors

JDBC - MySQL, PgSQL	S3
HDFS	ElasticSearch



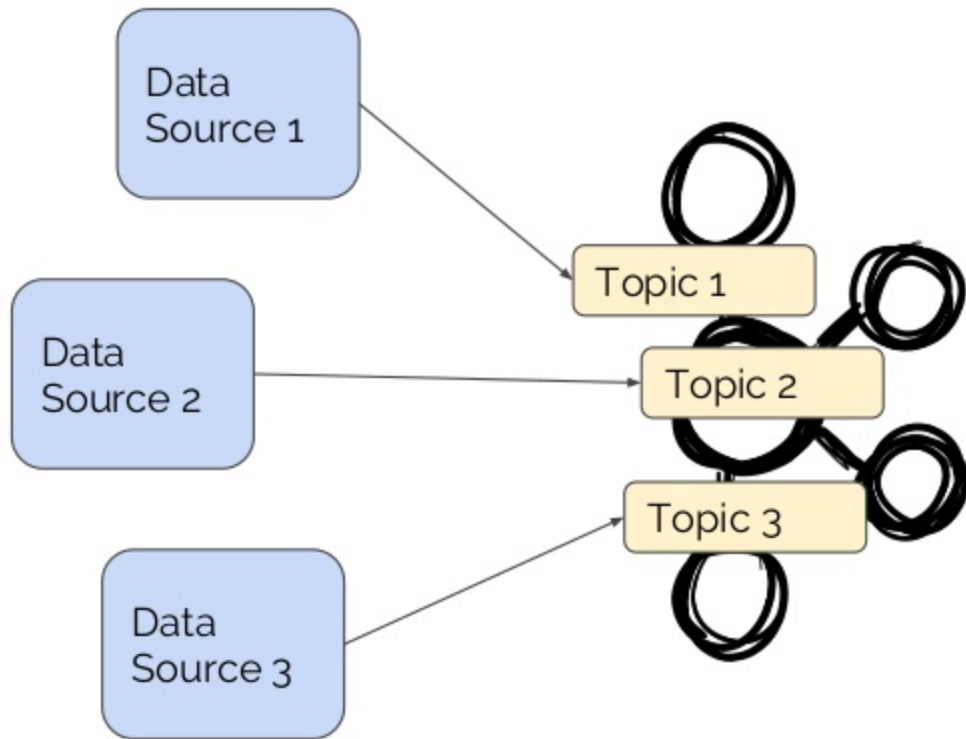
What is Kafka - terminology

Data Topic Model

- One-to-one (most common)

Feature

- Autonomous
 - Loads data from sources whenever changes occur
- Storage
 - Writes data to the hosted HDD
 - Optional: sync data to S3



Kafka Connect

```
1 name=test-source-sqlite-jdbc-autoincrement
2 connector.class=io.confluent.connect.jdbc.JdbcSourceConnector
3 tasks.max=1
4 connection.url=jdbc:sqlite:test.db
5 mode=incrementing
6 incrementing.column.name=id
7 topic.prefix=test-sqlite-jdbc-
```

Kafka Connect - Source Property File

Source: <https://github.com/confluentinc/kafka-connect-jdbc/blob/master/config/source-quickstart-sqlite.properties>

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Topic naming convention

- Prefix, and
- DB table name

How it works:

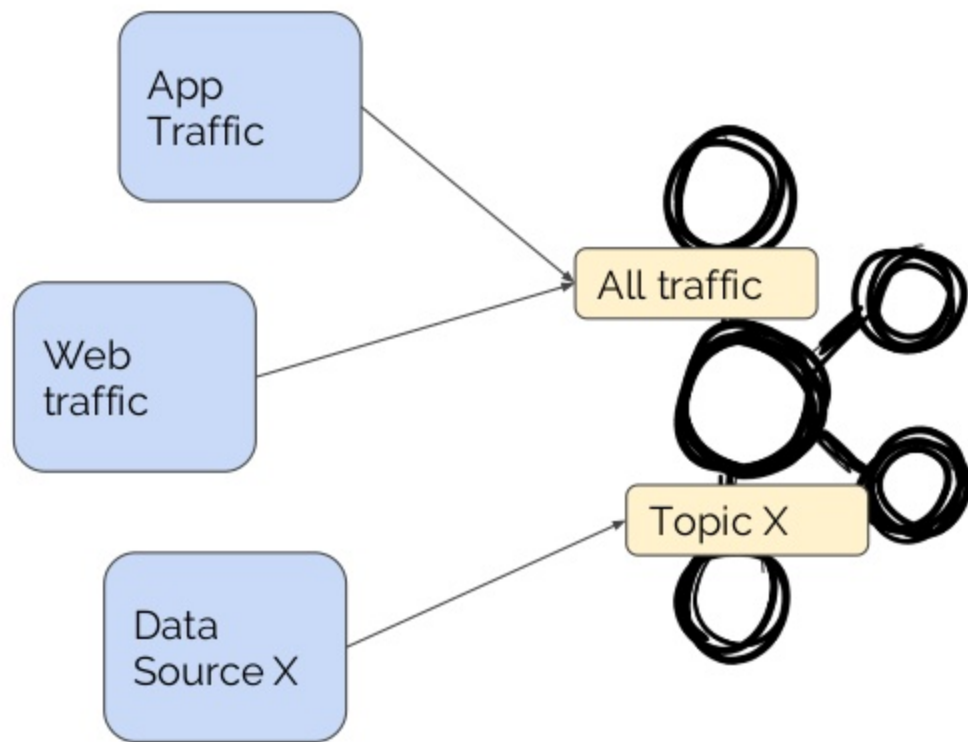
- Each table implies one topic.

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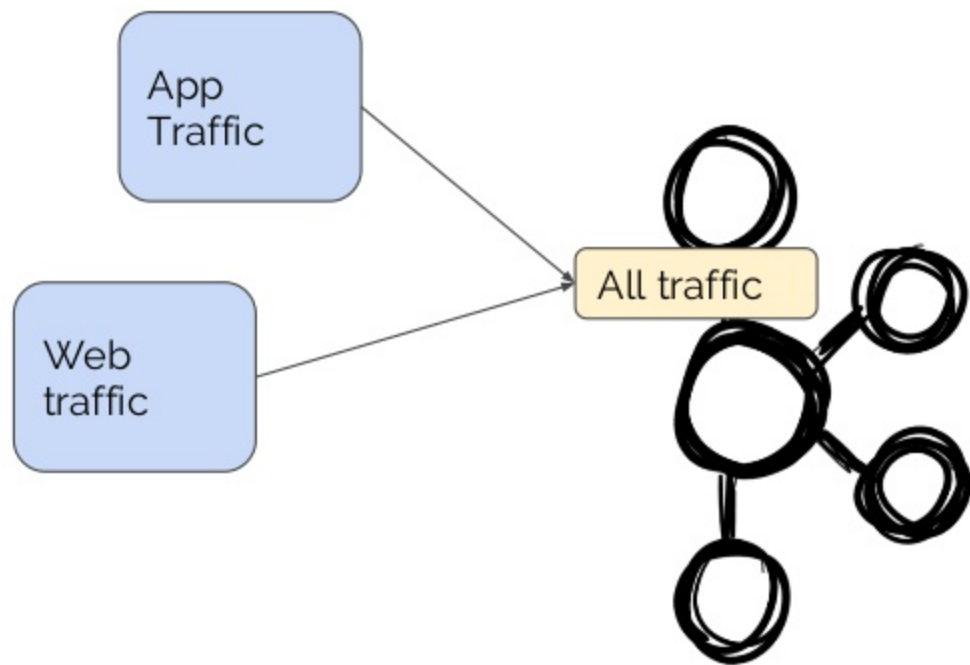
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Data Topic Model

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- Many-to-one



Kafka Connect



Schema-less

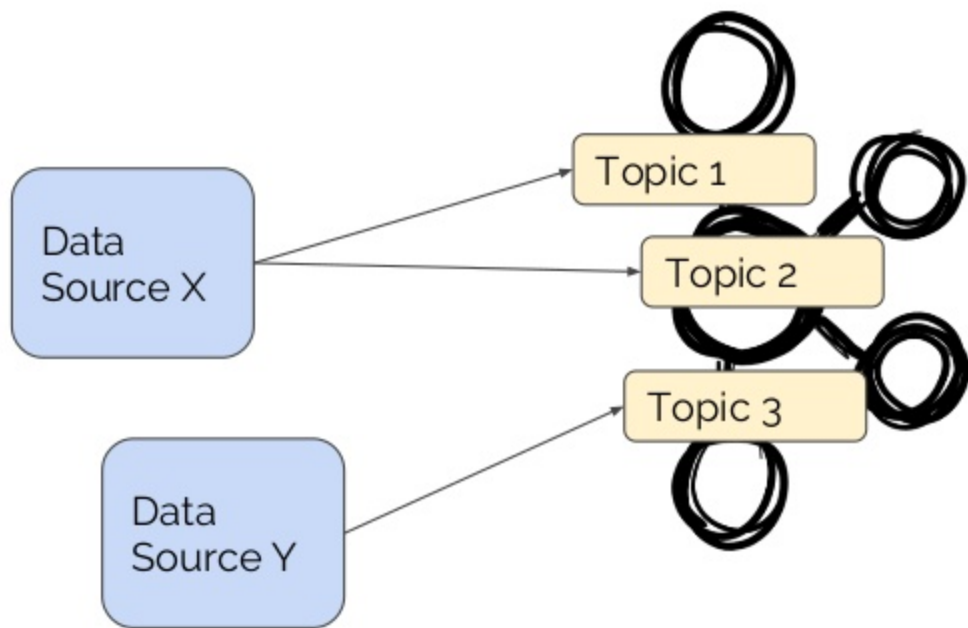
- Practically, you can write any types of data to the topic
- Most common choice is [Avro](#)

Btw, Avro is an open-source library for schema specification and data serialization.

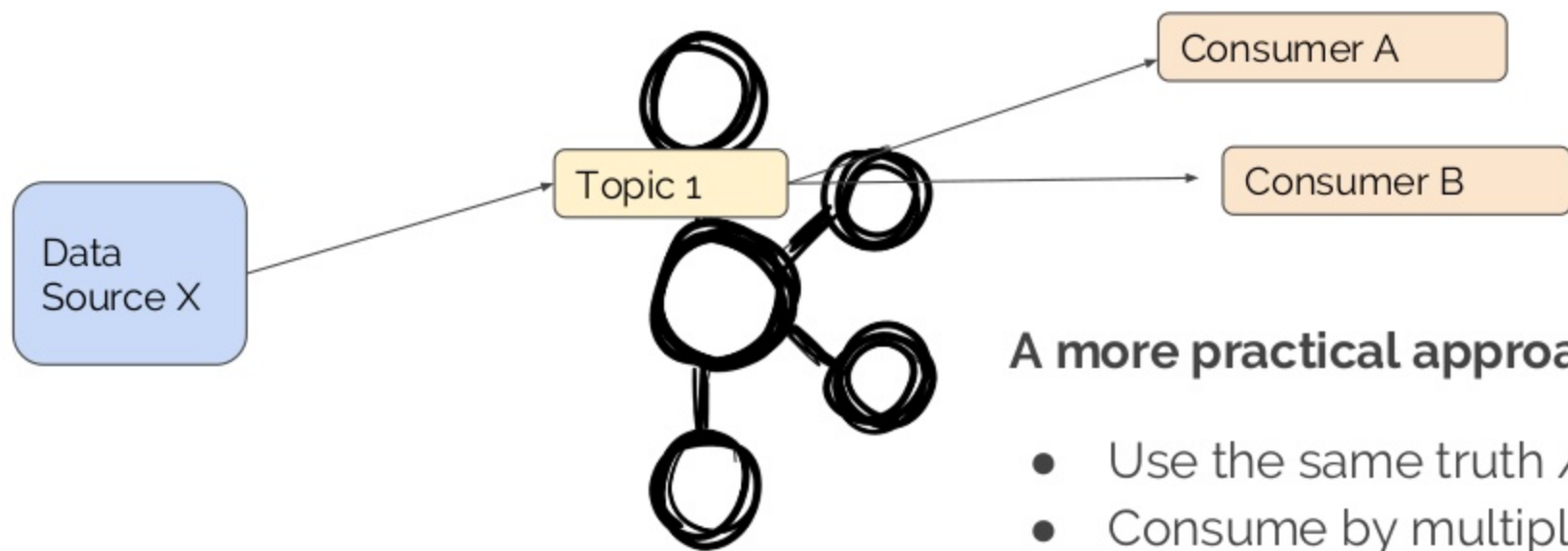
Kafka Connect

Data Topic Model

- One-to-one (most common)
- Many-to-one
- One-to-many (most rare)



Kafka Connect



A more practical approach

- Use the same truth / data
- Consume by multiple guys!

Kafka Connect

Takeaway Messages

- Producers and consumers are actors
 - Push data to or pull data from Kafka
- Connect API automates the above actions
 - Work nicely with databases

Data Pipeline Use Cases

Kafka Internal - consumer's state

Consumer	Topic	Current Topic Position	Your last-read position	Lag behind by
hello_world	foobar	1080	1000	80

Kafka keeps track on consumer's state:

- A consumer can always resume work-in-progress
- New consumer can start fresh!



Kafka
Connect
API

Data
Sink

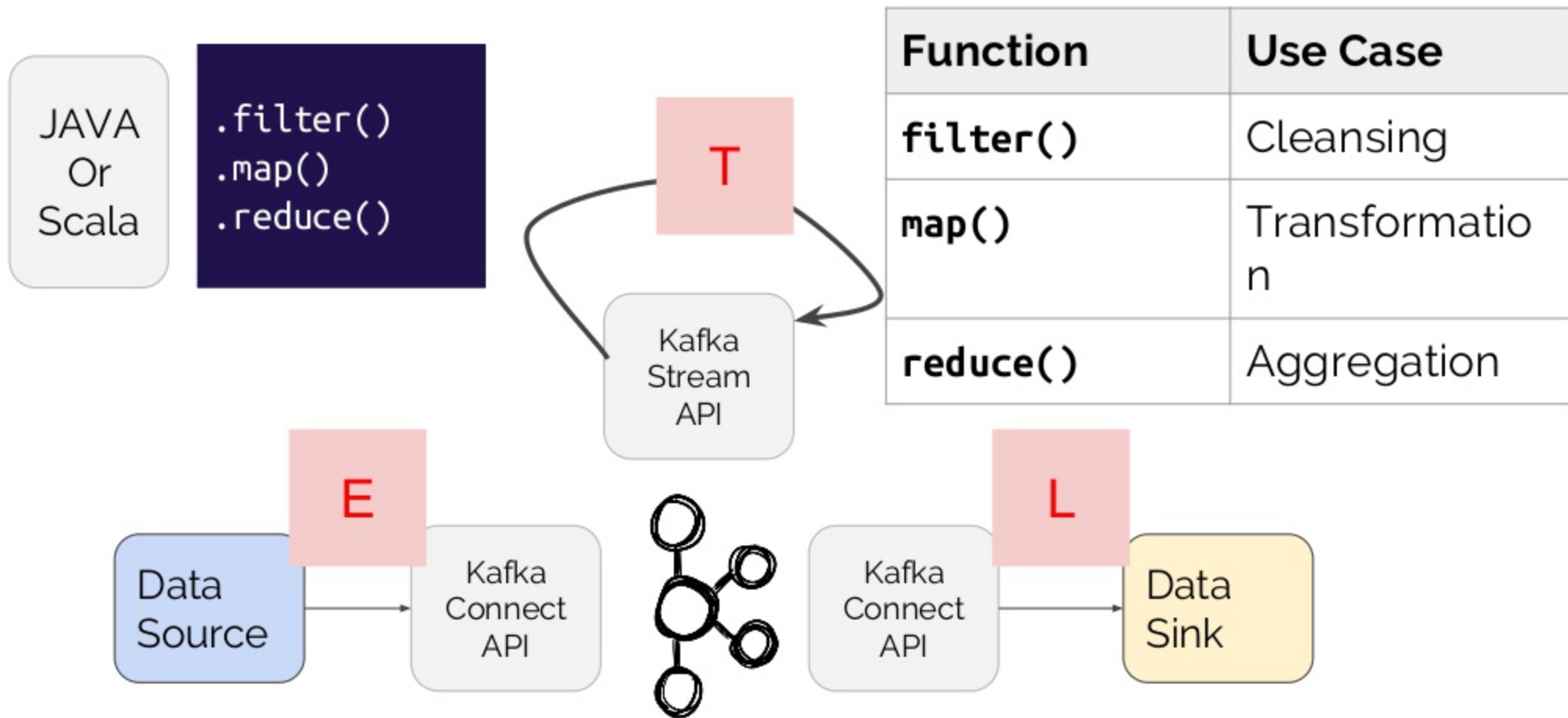
Kafka as a data pipeline - data resiliency

```
$ /usr/bin/kafka-consumer-groups --zookeeper zk01.example.com:2181 --describe --group
```

GROUP	TOPIC	PARTITION	CURRENT-OFFSET	LOG-END-OFFSET	LAG	OWNER
flume	t1	0	1	3	2	test-consumer-group_

Source:

https://www.cloudera.com/documentation/kafka/latest/topics/kafka_command_line.html



Kafka as a data pipeline - Replace ETL

map, filter, and reduce explained with emoji 🤔

```
map([🐮, 🍌, 🐔, 🌽], cook)  
=> [🍔, 🍟, 🍗, 🍿]
```

```
filter([🍔, 🍟, 🍗, 🍿], isVegetarian)  
=> [🍟, 🍿]
```

```
reduce([🍔, 🍟, 🍗, 🍿], eat)  
=> 🤩
```

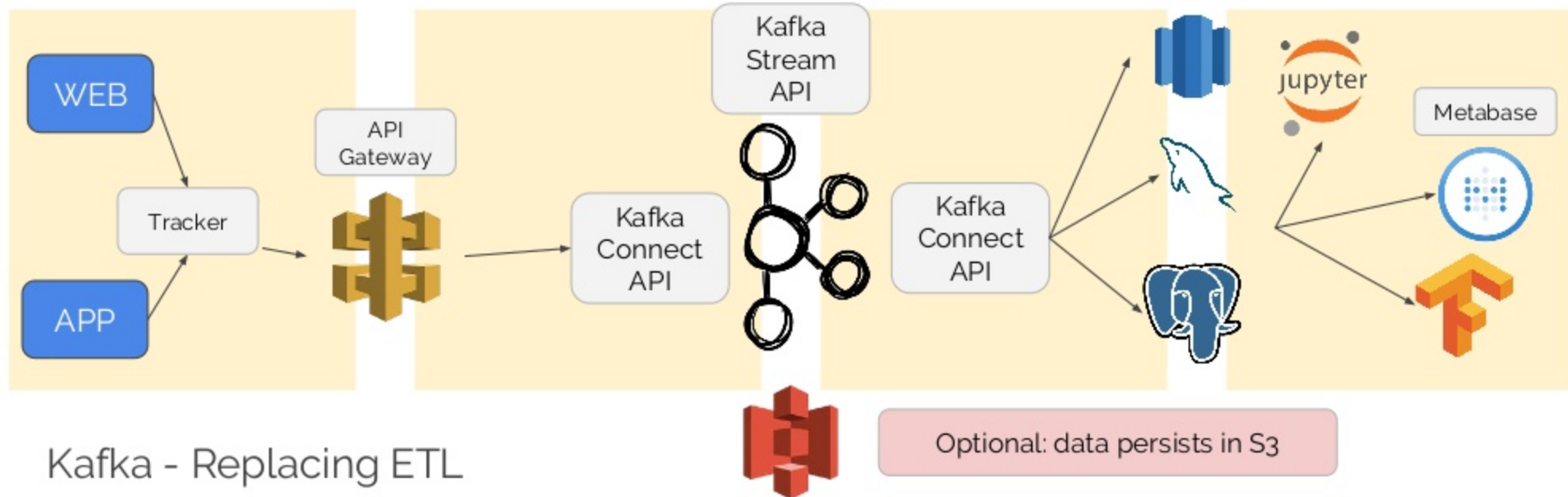
```
KStream<String, String> source = builder.stream("streams-plaintext-input");  
source.flatMapValues(value -> Arrays.asList(value.split("\\W+")))  
    .to("streams-linesplit-output");
```

A New Topic is Created!

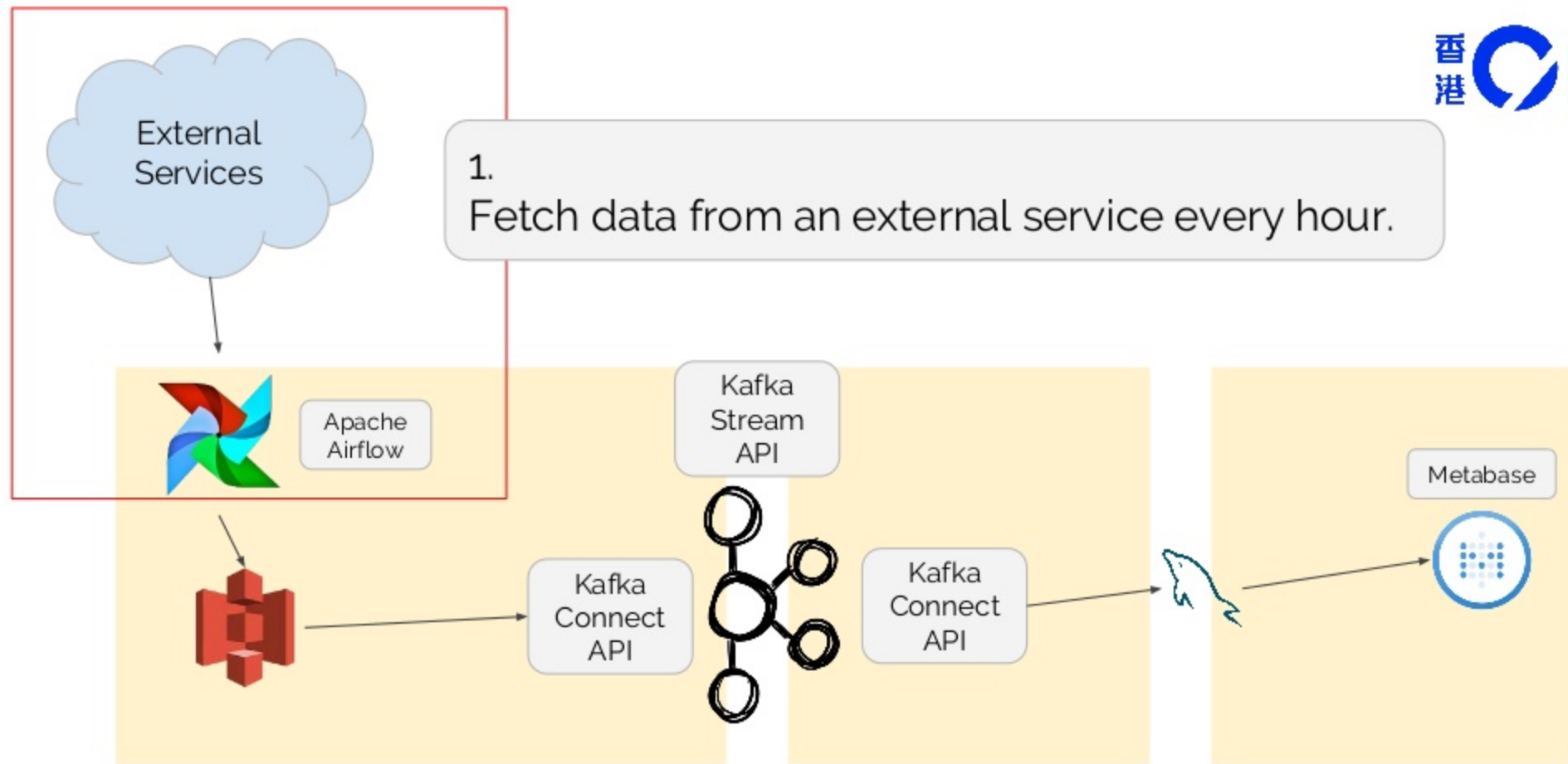
Kafka - Streaming Example Code

Source: <https://kafka.apache.org/11/documentation/streams/tutorial>

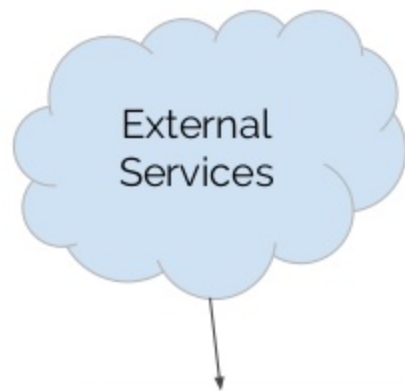
Data Pipeline with Kafka v2



Experimenting Kafka in HKO1

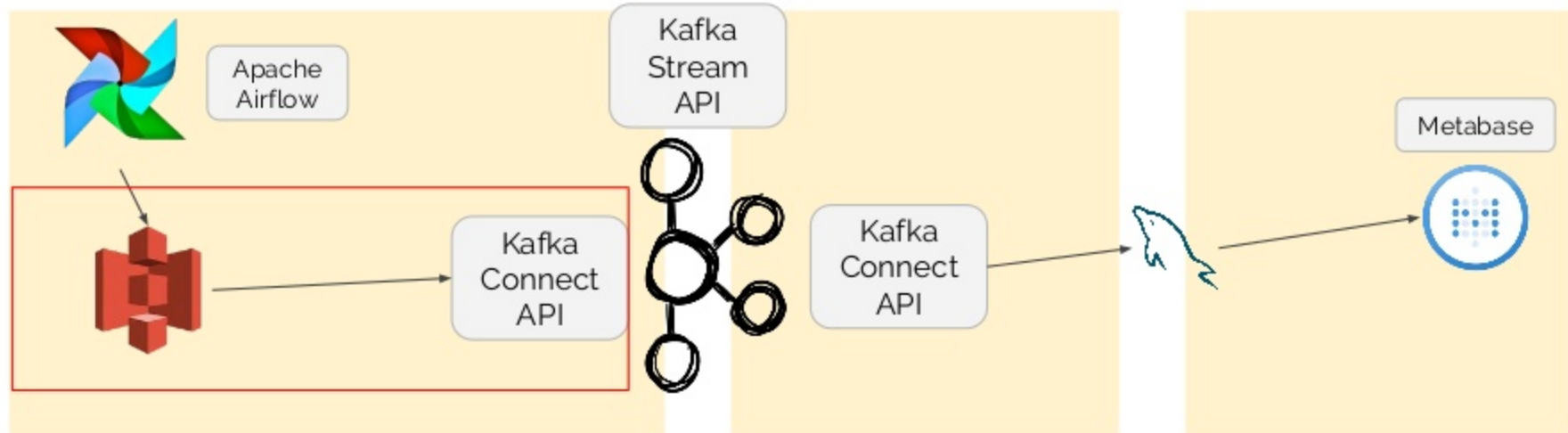


Experimenting Kafka in HK01

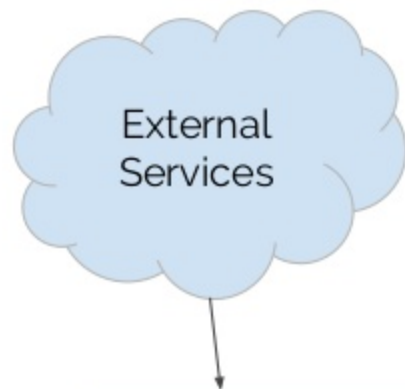


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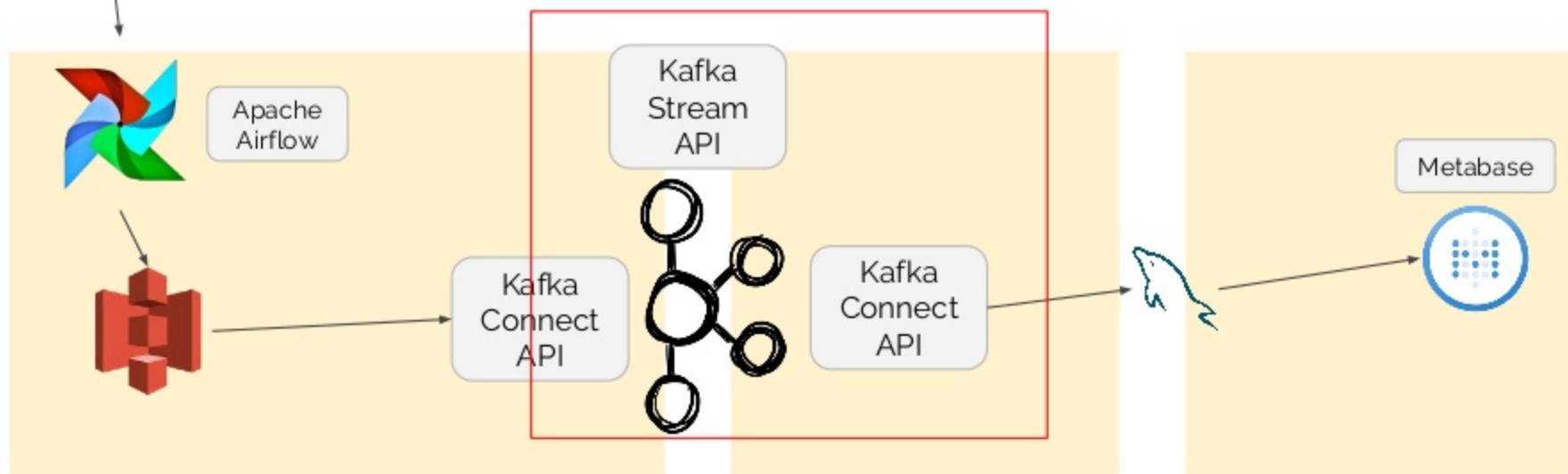
When data arrives at S3, Kafka takes it in.



Experimenting Kafka in HK01



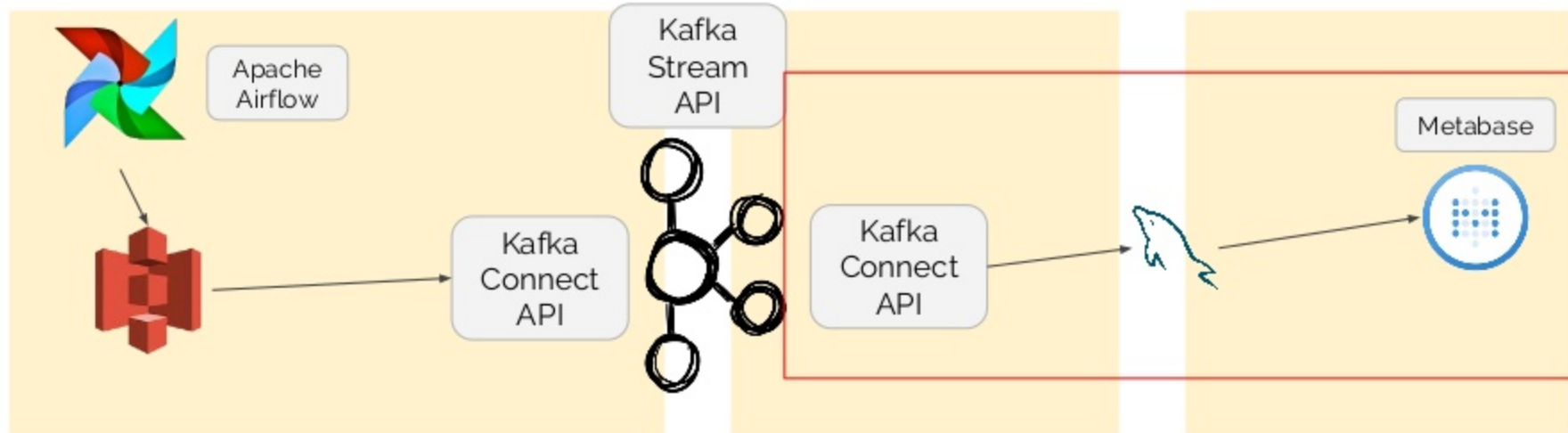
3.
Stream API counts the number of new users using certain services.



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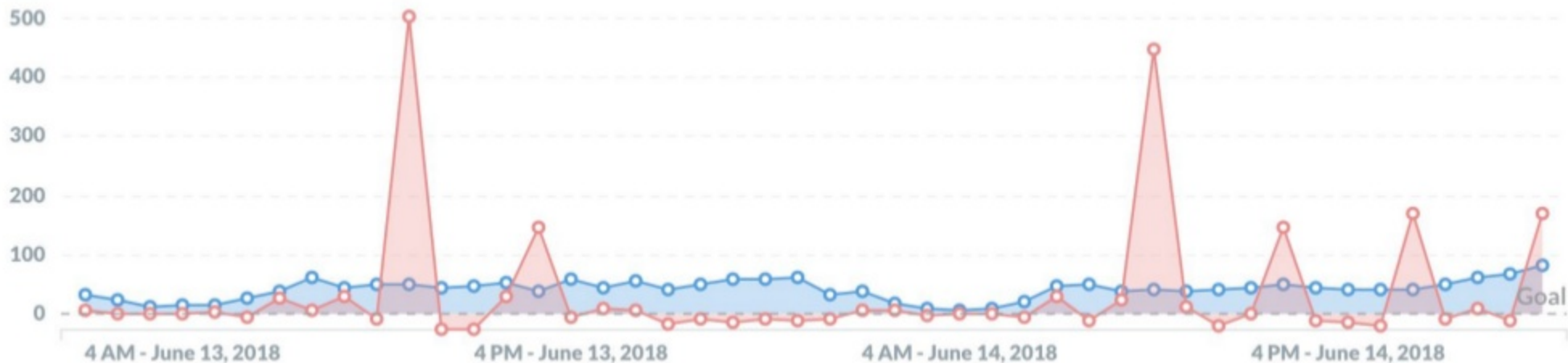
External
Services

4.
Connect API automatically updates the MySQL
table. Metabase can display the updates.



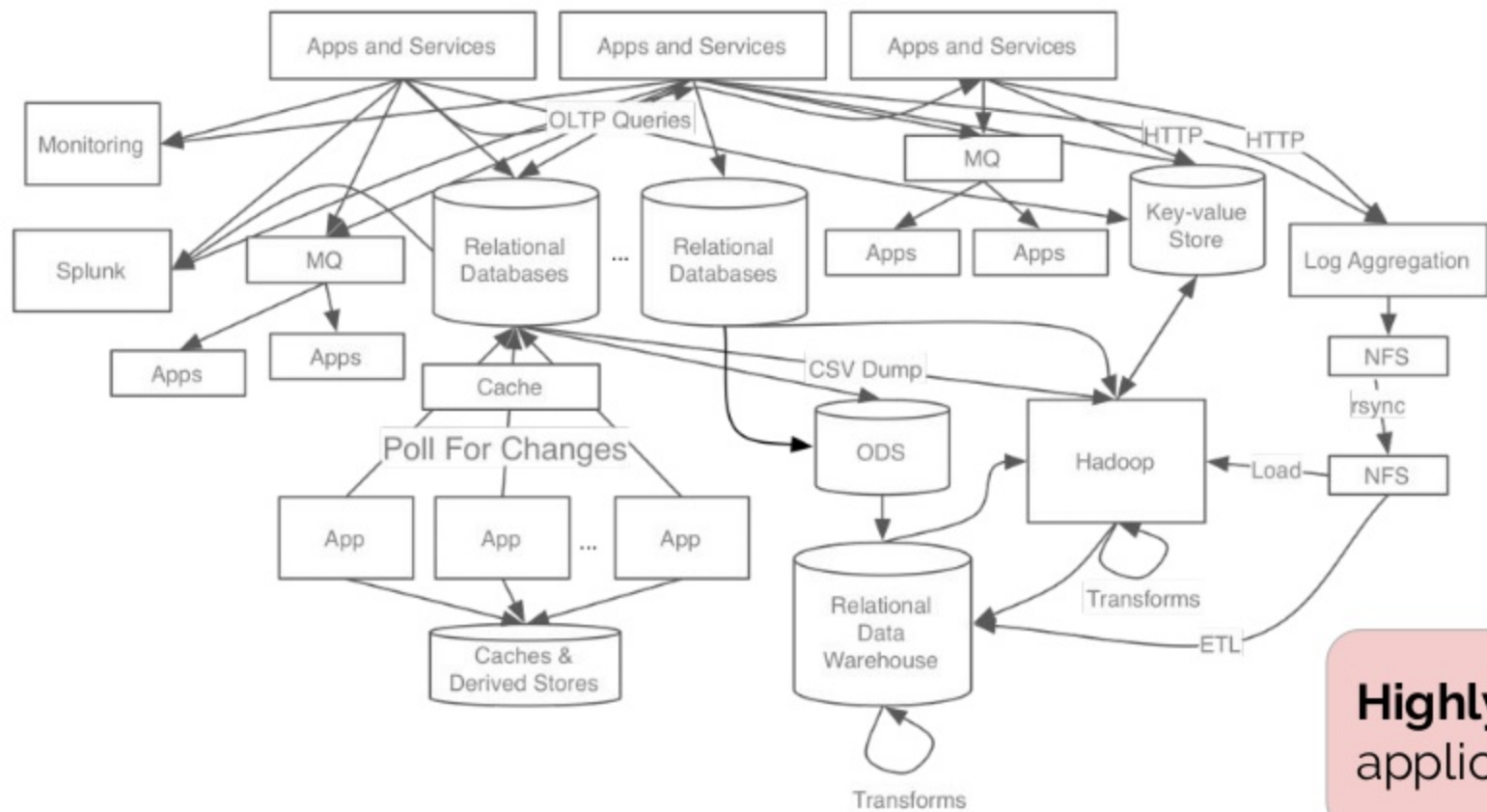
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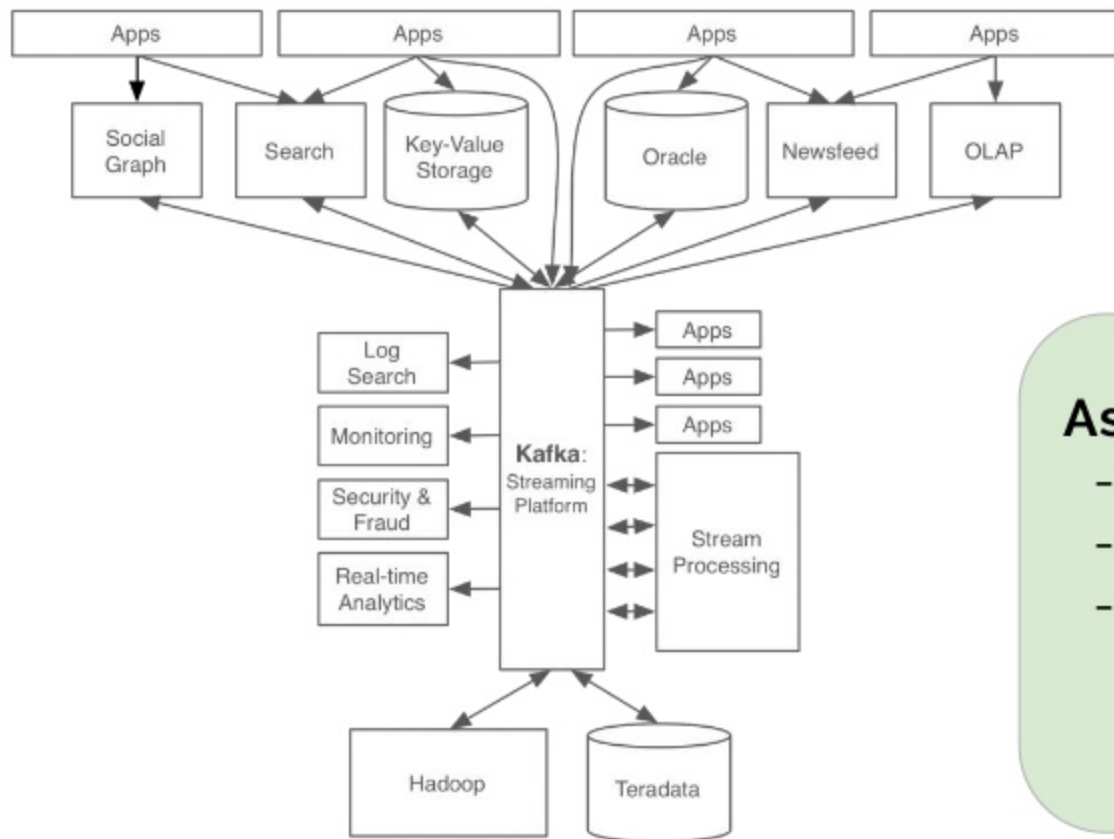


Experimenting Kafka in HK01

Other Use Cases



Highly-coupled:
application & storage



As a message queue (MQ):

- Pub/Sub
- Transformation
- Roles; clear that who are the sources and the sinks, respectively

Things that we didn't explore

- Logs aggregation
- Database log compaction
- Event sourcing

Other Use Cases | Source: <https://kafka.apache.org/uses>

Key Takeaways

Pros

1. Kafka simplifies your ETL tasks.
2. Kafka unifies your data storage.
3. Kafka gives you other possibilities.

Key Takeaways

Cons

1. Ops problems - scalability, HA, Zookeeper, etc.
2. Learning curve is *STEEP*.

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