# Mastering Kafka

#### **1. Introduction to Apache Kafka**

1.1. What is Apache Kafka?

1.2. History and Evolution of Kafka

1.3. Use Cases and Applications

1.4. Key Features and Benefits

1.5. Kafka vs. Traditional Messaging Systems

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2.4. Exploring Kafka Ecosystem Tools

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3.3. Topics, Partitions, and Offsets

3.4. Producers, Consumers, and Consumer Groups

3.5. Replication and Fault Tolerance

3.6. Data Retention and Log Compaction

#### **4. Working with Kafka Producers**

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4.3. Producing Messages Synchronously and Asynchronously

4.4. Partitioning Strategies

4.5. Error Handling and Retries

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5.5. Implementing Exactly-Once Semantics

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9.5. Kafka Raft Metadata Mode (KRaft)

9.6. Zero Downtime Upgrades and Migrations

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10.2. Authorization and ACLs

10.3. Data Encryption in Transit and At Rest

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12.4. Managing Data Growth and Retention

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