

Exercise 1

Agenda: Learn basics of Kafka Broker, Topics, Producer and Consumer through inbuilt console application

1. Go to home directory of kafka installation package
2. Start zookeeper instance if not yet
bin/zookeeper-server-start.sh config/zookeeper.properties &
3. Start a kafka server instance. By the way, Server is same as Broker
bin/kafka-server-start.sh config/server.properties &
4. Create a topic
bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --zookeeper localhost:2181 --replication-factor 1 --partitions 1 --topic test
5. Verify that topic has been created
bin/kafka-topics.sh --list --zookeeper localhost:2181
6. Create Producer
bin/kafka-console-producer.sh --broker-list localhost:9092 --topic test

Here, --broker-list is the list of brokers who would be receiving the published messages in the form of host:port
Try running *bin/kafka-console-producer.sh* without any parameters and you will see a whole bunch of parameters it accepts
7. Create Consumer
bin/kafka-console-consumer.sh --bootstrap-server localhost:9092 --topic test --from-beginning
8. See where is the data being stored by broker
Look at the log.dirs parameter in server.properties file under config folder

Reference:

- <https://kafka.apache.org/documentation/#gettingStarted>