

IBM Apache Kafka Administration by Confluent

Duration: 3 Days **Course Code: ADMINKAFKAG**

Overview:

Gain hands-on expertise in Apache Kafka and the Confluent Platform.

Learn to deploy, secure, and optimize clusters using proven industry standards, and build seamless data pipelines with Kafka Connect through practical, scenario-based exercises.

Throughout the course, hands-on exercises reinforce the topics being discussed. Exercises include: Using Kafka- s command-line tools Exploring configuration Using Kafka- s administrative tools Tuning Producer and Consumer performance Securing the cluster Building data pipelines with Kafka Connect

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Target Audience:

This course is designed for System Administrators and Operations staff responsible for building, managing, monitoring, and tuning Kafka clusters and components of Confluent Platform. Architects and DevOps staff who want a tour on how the Central Services (Kafka, KRaft, Schema Connect, Registry, etc.) work are also welcome.

Objectives:

- During this hands-on course you will learn how:
 - To set up, manage, monitor and tune your cluster
- Kafka and the Confluent platform work, and how their main subsystems interact
 - To use industry best practices developed by the world- s foremost Apache Kafka experts

Prerequisites:

Attendees should have a working knowledge of the Kafka architecture. It is also important to have strong knowledge of Linux/Unix and understand basic TCP/IP networking concepts. Familiarity with Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is helpful. Participants are required to provide a laptop computer with unobstructed internet access to fully participate in the class.

Testing and Certification

- None

Follow-on-Courses:

- None recommended

Content:

Bridging From Fundamentals

- Fundamentals Review
- Replication Review

Replicating Data: A Deeper Dive

- Which messages can be consumed-
- Managing Replica Placement
- Partition Leadership Tracking
- Partition Follower Responsiveness

Producing Messages Reliably

- Message Production Acknowledgement
- Dealing with same-session duplicates in Producers
- Transactional Messages Production

Providing Durability in Other Ways

- How Kafka Organizes Partition Data Files in Local Storage
- Beyond Local Storage (Tiered Storage)
- Persistence of Consumer Offsets

Configuring a Kafka Cluster

- Static Kafka Server Configuration
- Dynamic Server Configuration
- Topic Dynamic Configuration Overrides

Managing a Kafka Cluster

- Notes on Installation and Upgrading
- Kafka Server Roles: Controllers and Brokers (KRaft)
- Basics of Kafka Monitoring
- Message Retention Policies
- Replica Workload Management (Self-Balancing Cluster)
- Elastic Cluster: adding and removing Brokers

Balancing Load with Consumer Groups

- How do Partitions and Consumer Scale
- How does Kafka Manage Consumer Groups

Introduction to Performance Optimization

- Sending Multiple Messages in one Request (Batching)
- Broker Anatomy for Produce and Fetch Requests
- Metrics and Configuration related to Broker Anatomy
- Client Quotas
- Performance Tests

Securing a Kafka Cluster

- Security Concepts applicable to Kafka
- Options to Secure Kafka/Confluent Deployments
- Authorization (Access Control Lists - ACL)

Kafka Connect

- Concepts related to Kafka Connect
- Connect Workers and Connector Configuration
- Finding and Deploying Connectors

Deploying Kafka in Production

- Reference Architecture for Apache Kafka and the Confluent Platform
- Capacity Planning

Additional Information:

Official course book provided to participants

Further Information:

For More information, or to book your course, please call us on 0800/84.009

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