Queue Messaging Systems (QMS)

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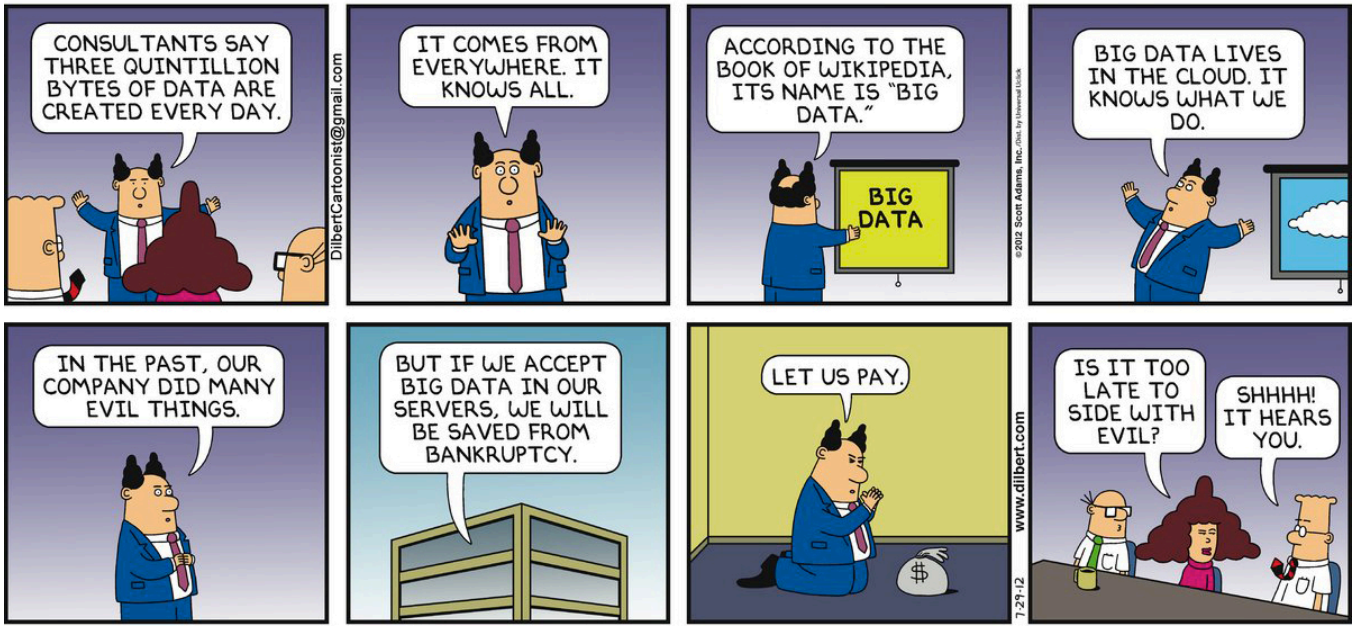

Overview

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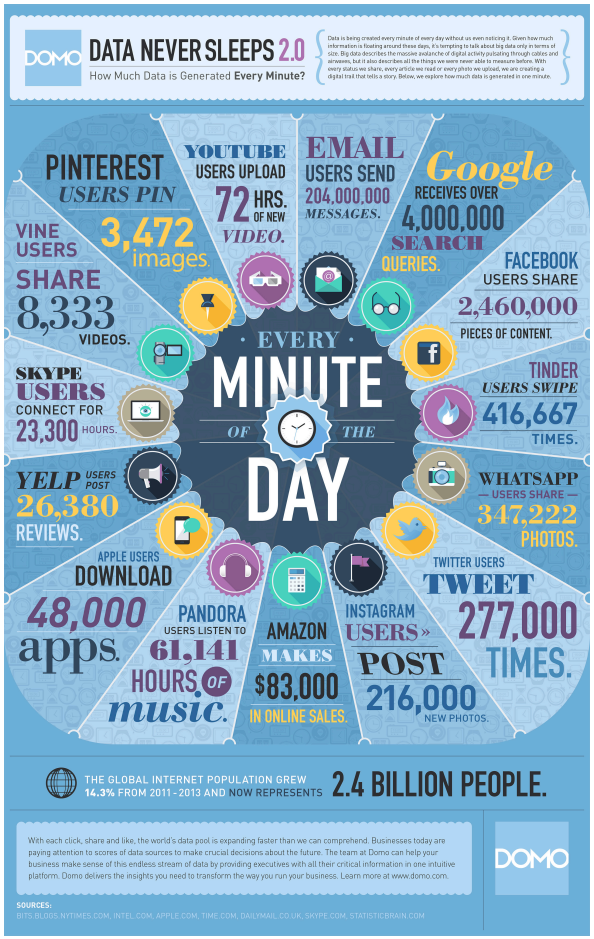
- Initial Use Case
- QMS Architecture Choices
- Deep dive into Kafka

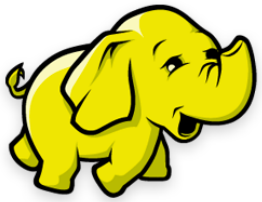
Motivation

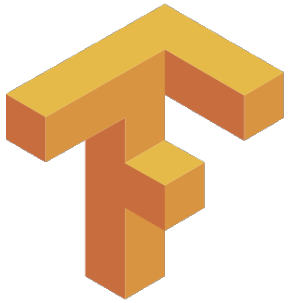
- Data Explosion in the last 10 years due to emergence of IoT



Motivation

- Sheer volume of these datasets lead to the emergence of Big Data systems





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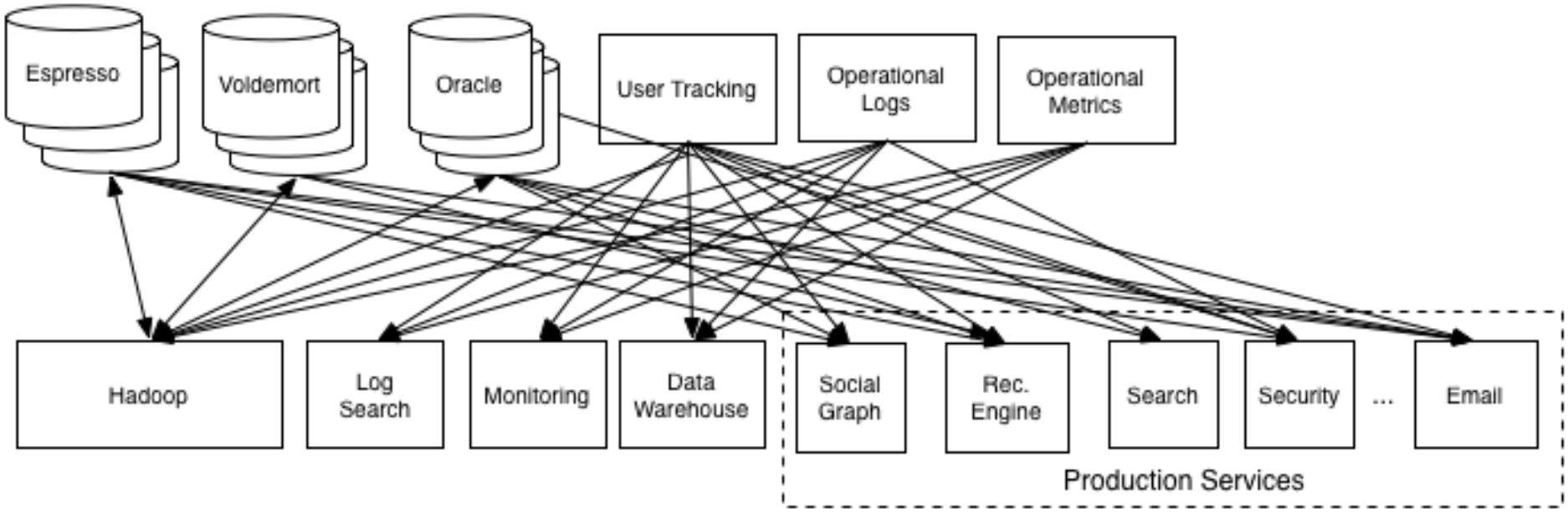
Motivation

- Need an efficient way to deal with this heterogeneous data coming in from different sources
- Need to process the same data in various ways
  - Real-time analytics
  - Batch analytics

Motivation - Pre-QMS Era



- Custom data pipeline for each unique source-destination pair
- Does not scale well

Motivation

- Efficiently aggregate all types of data and provide at –
  - High throughput
  - Low latency
  - Real time
- Lead to emergence of various QMS

QMS Architecture Choices

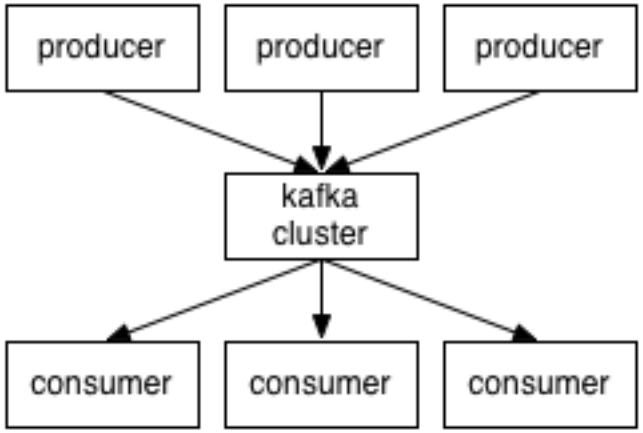
- Message Queues
  - ActiveMQ
  - RabbitMQ

- Publish-Subscribe Systems
  - Kafka
  - Kestrel

Initial Use Case

- Mainly used in the data processing pipelines for data ingestion or aggregation
- Envisioned mainly to be used at the beginning or end of a data processing pipeline
- Example –
  - Incoming data from various sensors
  - Ingest this data into a streaming system for real-time analytics or a distributed file system for batch analytics

Kafka: Introduction



- Producers – Publish data streams to Kafka cluster
- Consumers – Subscribe to one or more data streams
- Kafka Cluster – Distributed log of data over serves known as brokers

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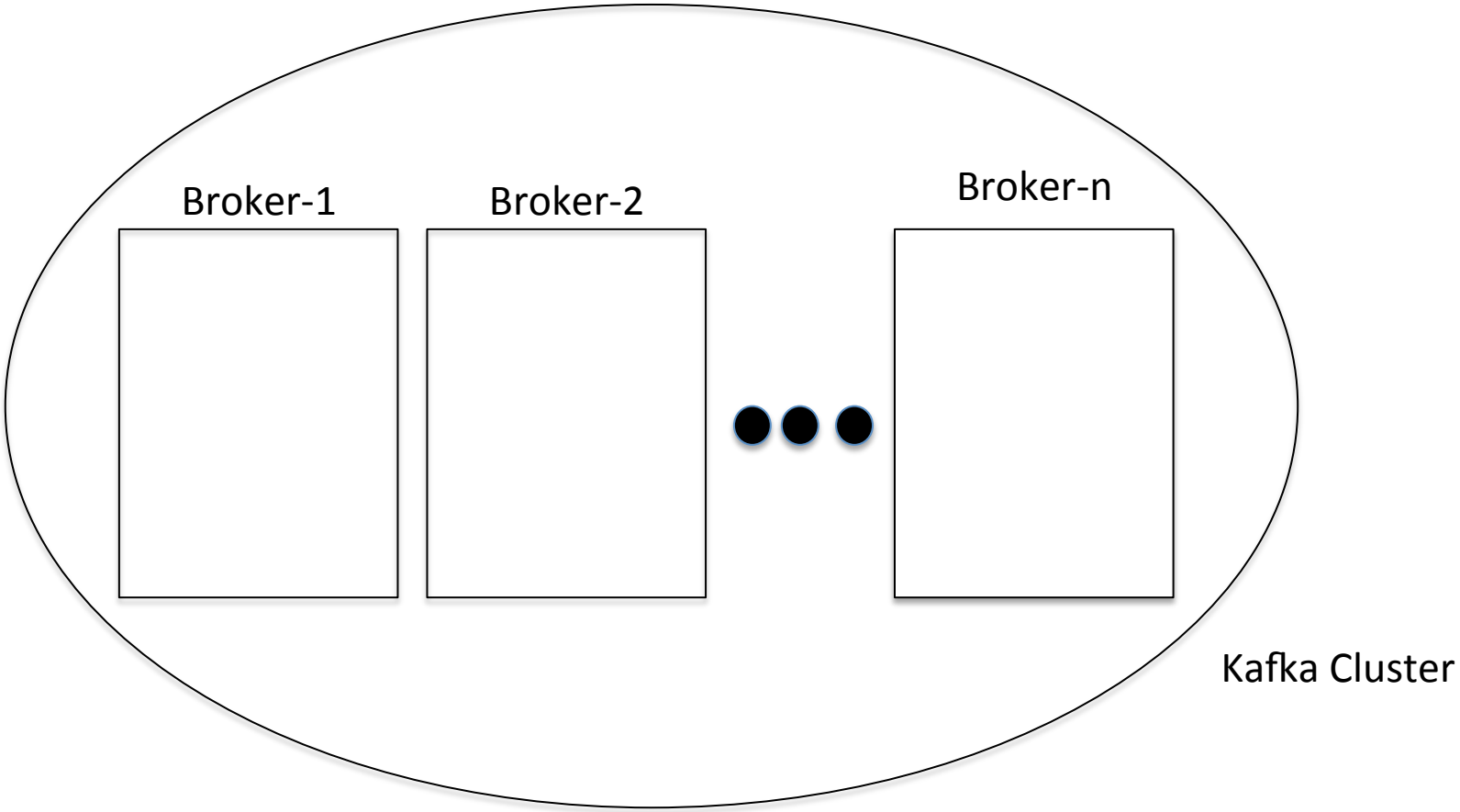
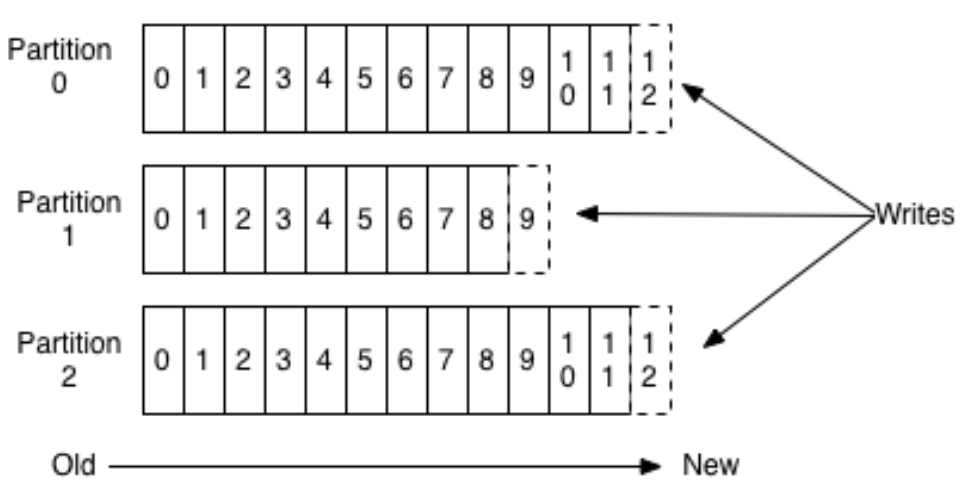
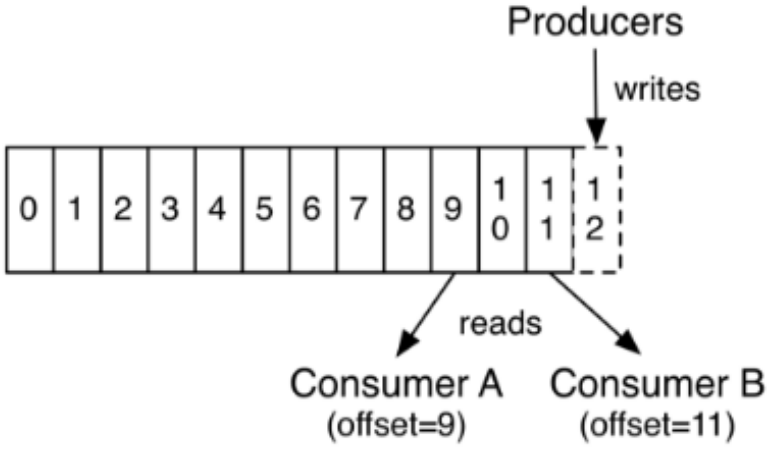


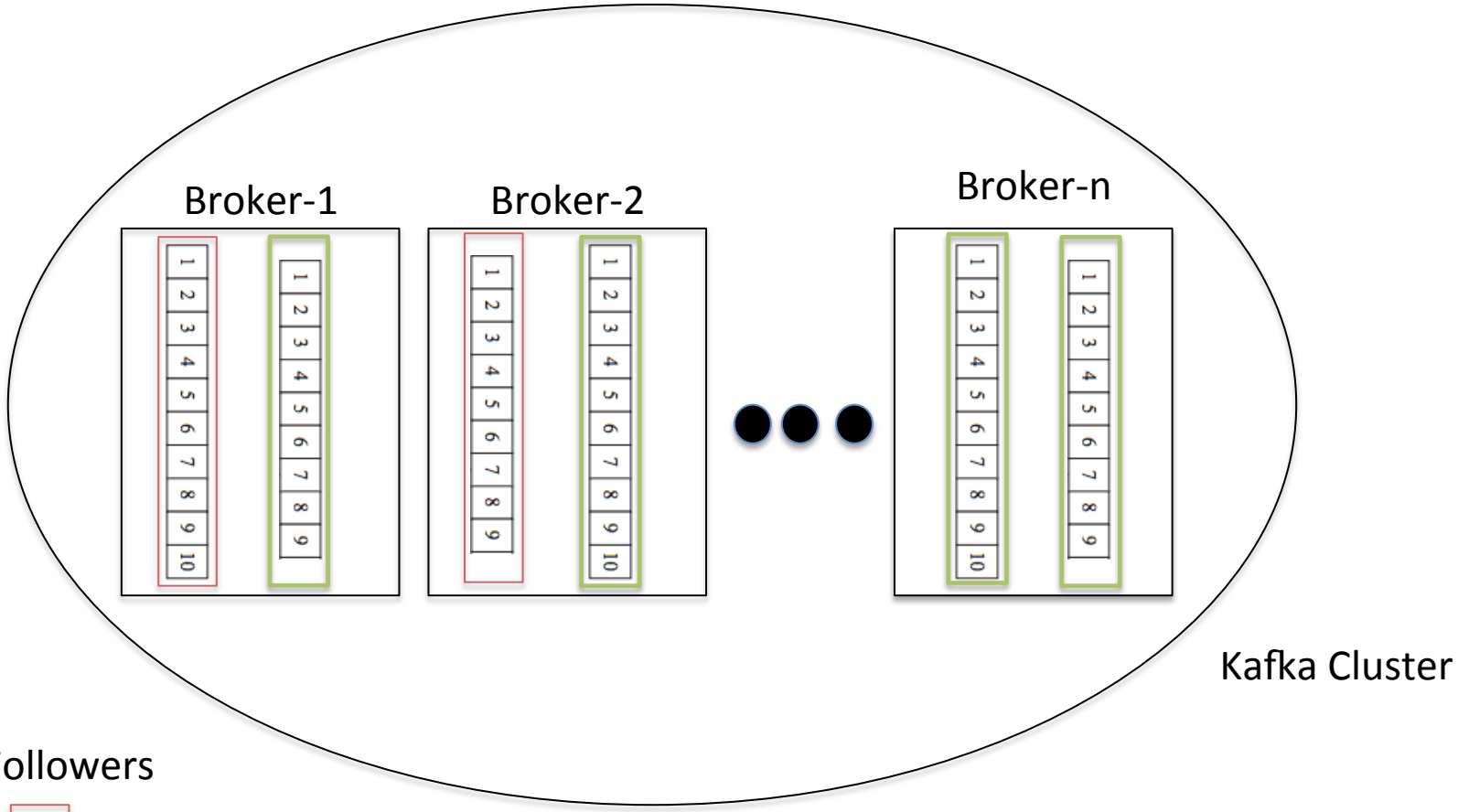
Kafka: Topics

- Category to which the messages are published
- For each topic, the Kafka cluster maintains a partitioned log





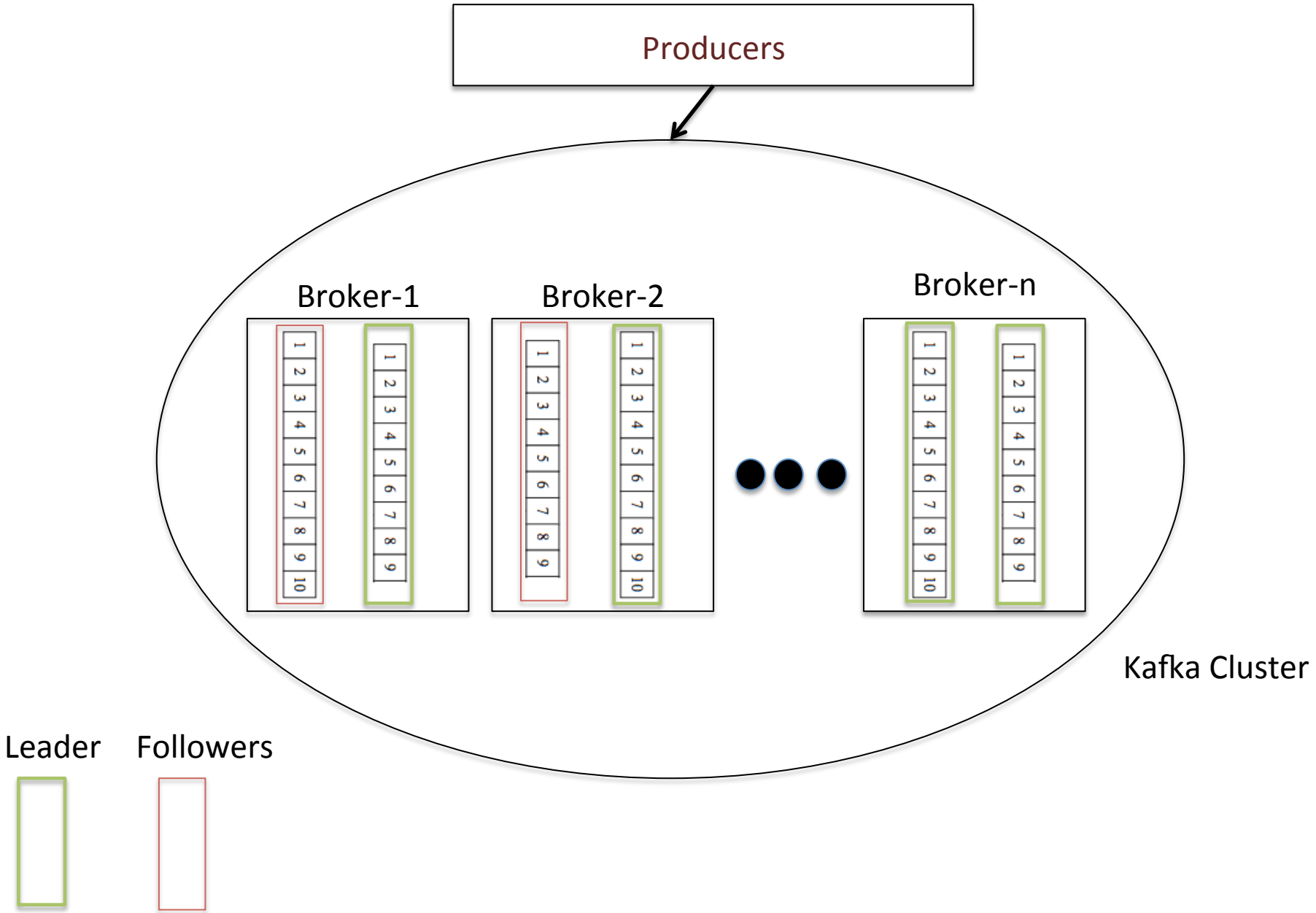
Kafka: Partitions



Kafka: Partitions

- Ordered, immutable sequence of records that is continually appended to
- Each record is associated with a sequential id number called as offset
- Partitions are distributed over the servers in Kafka
- Each partition is replicated for fault tolerance
- Partition and replicas follow the leader-followers pattern

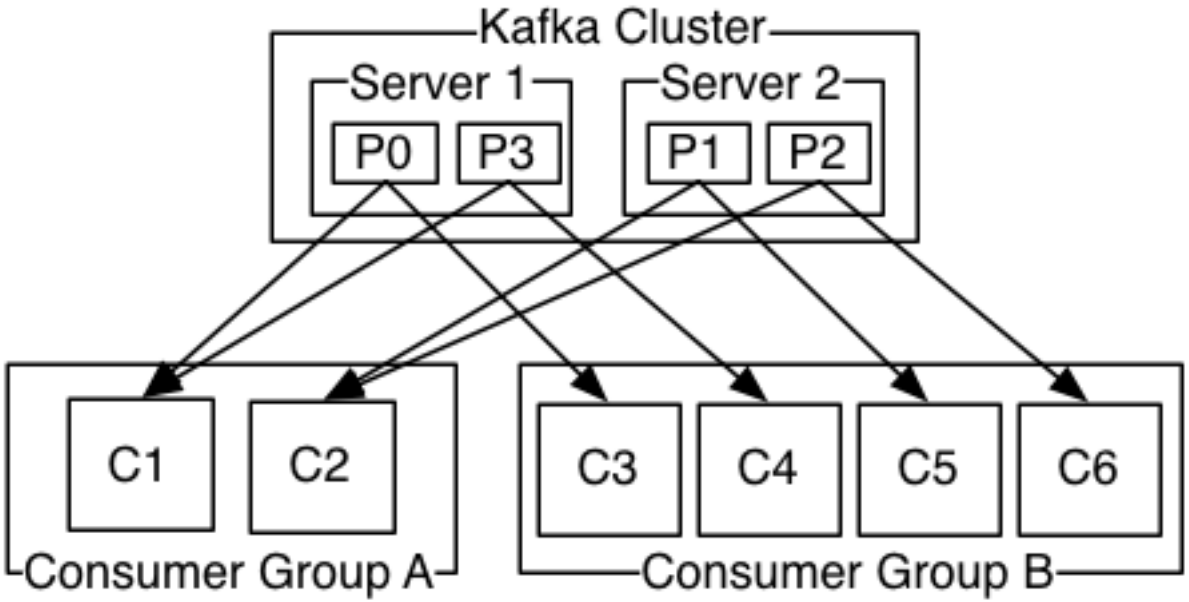
Kafka: Producers



Kafka: Producer

- Publishes data to topics of their choice
- In fact also responsible for choosing which record to assign to which partition within the topic
- Think of publishers as data sources

Kafka: Consumer



- Consumer Group maps to a logical subscriber
- Each group consists of consumer instances for scalability and fault tolerance
- Advantages of both queuing as well as publish-subscribe

Kafka: ZooKeeper

- ZooKeeper is a distributed, open-source coordination service for distributed applications
- Kafka uses it to coordinate between the producers, consumers and brokers
- ZooKeeper stores metadata
  - List of brokers
  - List of consumers and their offsets
  - List of producers
- ZooKeeper runs several algorithms
  - Consumer registration algorithm
  - Consumer rebalancing algorithm

Kafka: Design Choices

- Push vs. Pull model for Consumers
  - Push model
    - Challenging for the broker to deal with diverse consumers as it controls the rate at which data is transferred
    - Need to decide whether to send a message immediately for accumulate more data and send
  - Pull model
    - In case broker has no data, consumer may end up busy-waiting for data to arrive

Kafka: Ordering Guarantees

- Messages sent by a producer to a particular topic partition will be appended in the order they are sent
- Consumer instance sees records in the order they are stored in the log
- Provides a total order over records within a partition, not between different partitions in a topic. Per-partition ordering combined with the ability to partition data by key is sufficient for most applications.

Kafka: Fault Tolerance

- Replicates partitions for fault tolerance
- Kafka makes a message available for consumption only after all the replicas acknowledge to the leader replica a successful write
- Implies that a message may not be immediately available for consumption

Kafka: Producer Batching

Kafka: Limitations

- Kafka follows the pattern of active-backup with the notion of “leader” partition replica and “follower” partition replicas
- Kafka stores a partition on a single disk

DistributedLog from Twitter claims to solve these issues

Kafka: In Real World

- 50+ companies are using Kafka as their primary infrastructure to handle data and make it available in real-time

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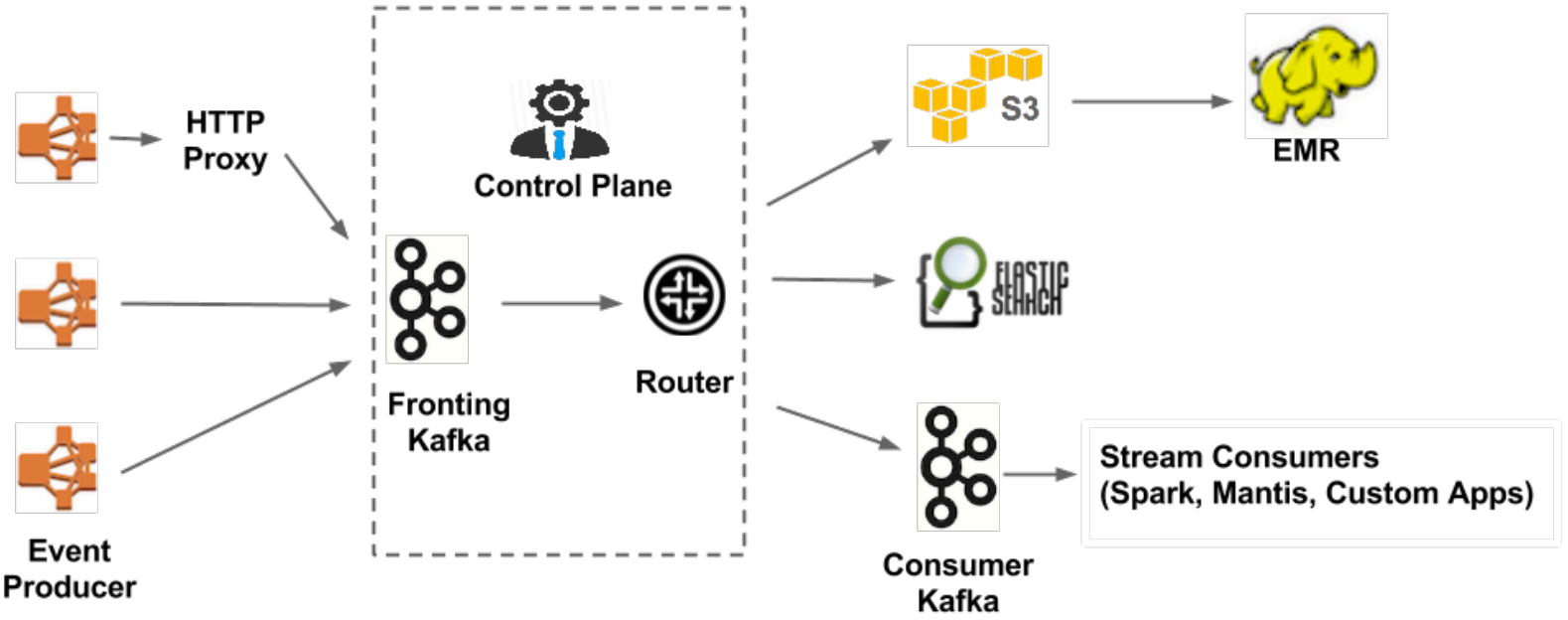
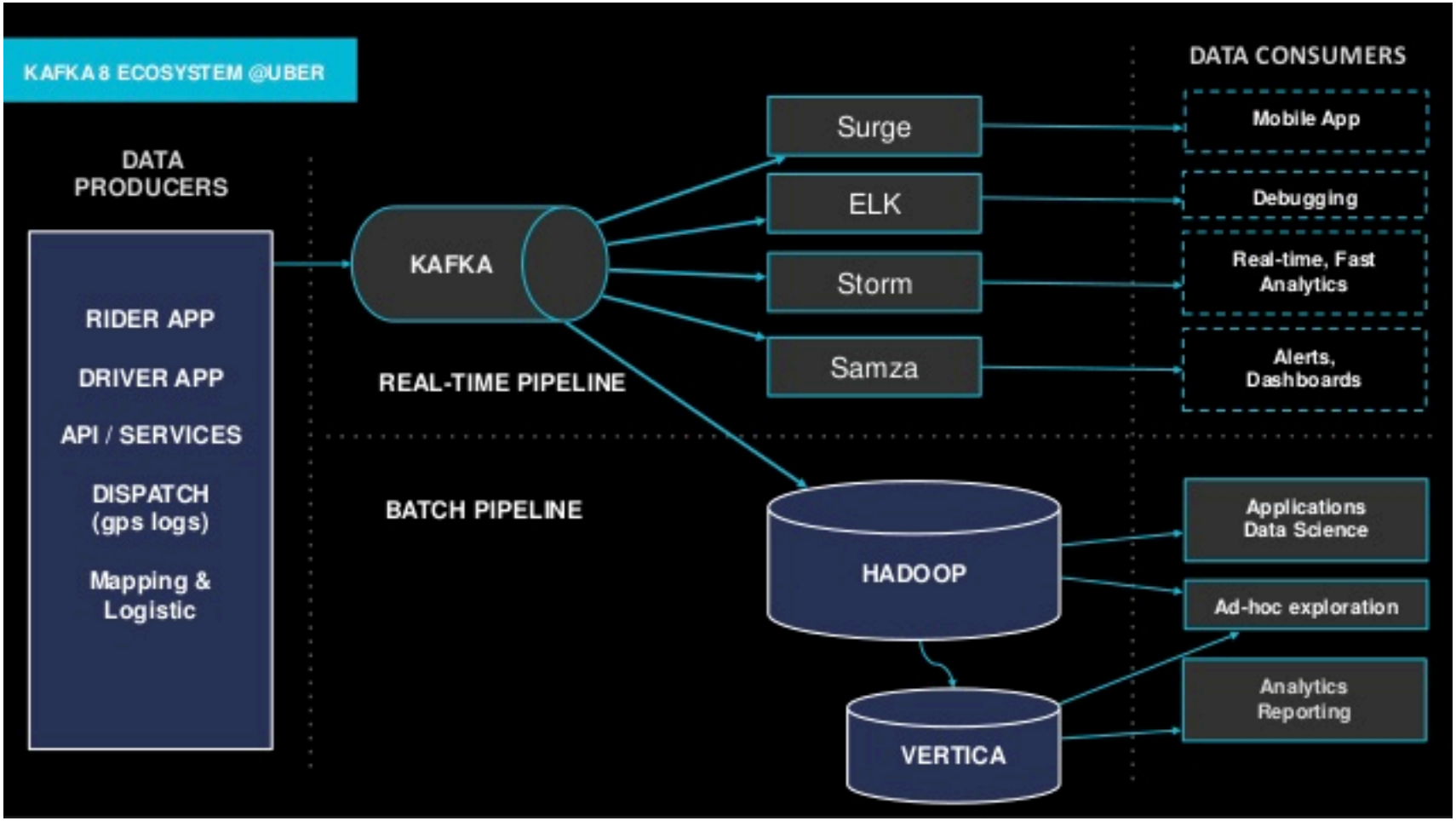
- Netflix uses Kafka for data collection and buffering so that it can be used by downstream systems



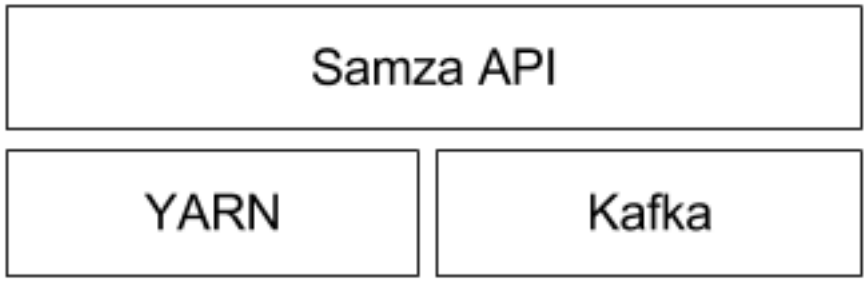
Kafka: In Real World

- Uber uses Kafka for real-time business driven decisions (For example – Surge)



Kafka: Only for data ingestion?

- Samza is a distributed stream processing framework
- It uses Kafka for data management layer for the streaming system
- Kafka being used even within a data processing pipeline



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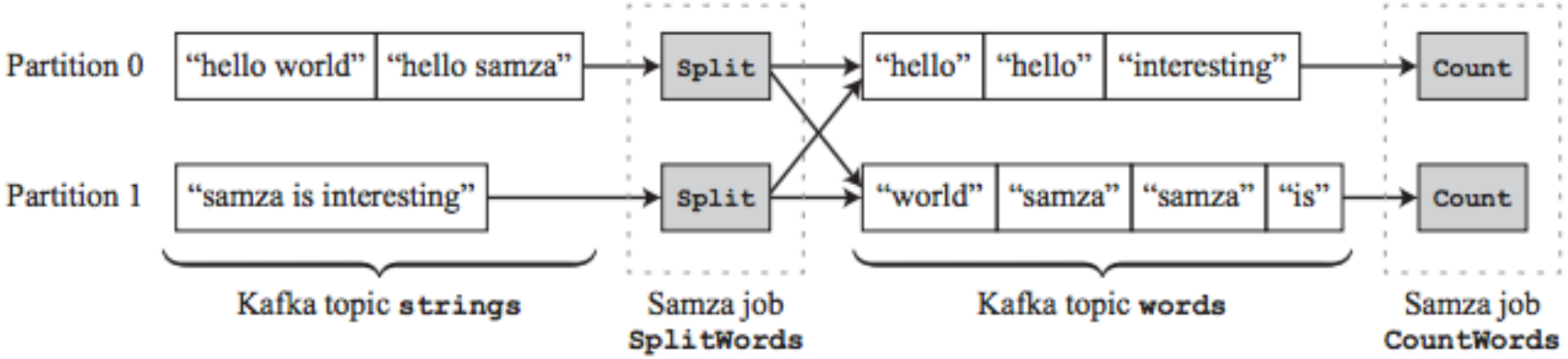

- A Samza job consists of
  - Kafka consumer, an event loop that calls application code to process incoming messages
  - Kafka producer that sends output messages back to Kafka

Summary – QMS Era

- QMS are an essential part of the entire big data processing pipeline
- No longer just used for data ingestion and aggregation