FN1987 – Using Splunk Data Stream Processor as a Streaming Engine for Apache Kafka

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In the beginning it was simple



Then more systems needed data



Then more data was produced

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Creating complexity

- How can we view and monitor the health of the data transfer lifecycle?
- We need to leverage the same data in multiple systems, how do we do this without sending it to all systems?
- How do we scale and guarantee delivery?

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Without a Message Bus

Current behavior

- M data producers
- N data consumers
- Produces M*N data paths

Every producer must be aware of every consumer

- Configuration challenge
- New destinations require configuration management solution

Leads to complex and brittle ingestion architectures

Message bus solves this problem



Why Kafka Specifically?

Established leader in event-processing architectures

Kafka grows well with your needs

- Partitioning
- Authentication
- Role-based access
- Configurable retention
- Scales independent of producers and consumers
- Active community

What kafka doesn't do

- Process messages faster
- Provide free lunch



Why Kafka Specifically?

Topic-based

Group similar data together

Durability

- Producers can assume data persistence after send
- Reduction of producer complexity

Replication

Data received can be replicated before ack

Producer/consumer decoupling

- Scale producers and consumers independently
- Producers aren't concerned with final data destination
- Producers can respond elastically to increase in capacity



Which required a solution

- Gain visibility and control of data while its in motion.
- Send data to any location using a publish/subscribe architecture.
- Scale elastically, vertically or horizontally, based on data needs

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Not all data is created equally

But all sources WILL need to send to many destinations

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE: (SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, IN STANT MESSAGING, ETC.)



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Some Info is Perishable

Sometimes it helps to be proactive rather than reactive





Sometimes we just need a summary

See the forest not the trees





Streaming Architecture



More Data More Problems

Kafka provides higher level abstractions

- Topics and data movement
- Improved data delivery
- Improved tooling

More consumer complexity

- Offset management
- State and configuration storage
- Schema management
- Consumers usually send the data elsewhere
- Not all consumers are created equal



Streaming Architecture



Consumer Logic

Business logic

- Routing
- Aggregation
- Batching
- Transformation
- Enrichment
- Redaction
- Compliance

Business needs vary between orgs and change frequently

Technical challenge to process the stream in a robust manner

Likelihood of data loss



Stateful Stream Processing

Fault Tolerant Processing



Splunk Data Stream Processor

A real-time streaming solution that collects, processes, and delivers data to Splunk and other destinations in milliseconds





DSP for Kafka

Fault Tolerant Processing



DSP Standalone

Fault Tolerant Processing



Get Started Today!

Hardware Requirements

- Minimum Node Requirement
 - CPU: 8 core (16 recommended)
 - Memory: 64GB (128GB recommended)
 - Network: 10GBPS
 - Storage: 1TB
- Minimum 5 Node Cluster

Supported Data Sources

 Kafka, Kinesis, S3, CloudTrail, Event Hubs, REST APIs, Splunk (Universal Forwarder, Heavy Weight Forwarder, Http Event Collector)

Supported Destinations

• Kafka, Kinesis, Splunk







Demo Time



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