

**Introduction to Kafka for C# Developers**

**Course Number:** DVOP-168WA  
**Duration:** 4 days

**Overview**

This Introduction to Kafka for C# Developers training course teaches attendees how to use the Apache Kafka event streaming platform for high-performance data pipelines, streaming analytics, data integration, and mission-critical applications. .NET Core is used as the underlying framework.

**Prerequisites**

* Having a basic understanding of messaging, cloud, development, architecture, and virtualization is beneficial.
* Experience developing .NET applications with C# is required. Prior .NET Core experience is recommended.

**Materials**

All Kafka training students receive comprehensive courseware.

**Software Needed on Each Student PC**

Attendees will not need to install any software on their computer for this class. The class will be conducted in a remote environment that Accelebrate will provide; students will only need a local computer with a web browser and a stable Internet connection. Any recent version of Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, or Google Chrome will be fine.

**Objectives**

* Understand the use of Kafka for high-performance messaging
* Identify the usages for Kafka in Microservices
* Explain the benefits of Kafka patterns
* Differentiate between messaging and message brokers
* Describe Kafka messaging environments
* Develop producers and consumers for Kafka
* Recognize how Kafka enables Cloud-native applications
* Summarize the characteristics and architecture of Kafka
* Demonstrate how to process and consume messages from Kafka using .NET Core Web API, MVC, and Worker (BackgroundService)
* Demonstrate Kafka’s role in the end-to-end project involving .NET MVC frontend, .NET Web API backend, .NET Worker, Azure SQL database, and Redis cache
* Design distributed high throughput systems based on Kafka
* Describe the built-in partitioning, replication, and fault-tolerance of Kafka

**Outline**

* Introduction to Kafka
  + Messaging Architectures
  + What is Kafka?
  + When to Use Kafka?
  + Kafka Architecture
  + Core concepts in Kafka
  + Why Kafka Cluster?
  + Sample Multi-Broker Cluster
  + Overview of ZooKeeper
  + Kafka Cluster & ZooKeeper
  + Schema Registry
  + Who Uses Kafka?
* The Inner Workings of Apache Kafka
  + A Kafka Cluster High-Level Interaction Diagram
  + Topics & Partitions
  + The Terms Event/Message/Record
  + Message Offset
  + Message Retention Settings
  + Deleting Messages
  + The Flush Policies
  + Writing to Partitions
  + Batches
  + Batch Compression
  + Partitions as a Unit of Parallelism
  + Message Ordering
  + Kafka Default Partitioner
  + The Load Balancing Aspect
  + Kafka Message Production Schematics
  + ZooKeeper
  + Reading from a Topic
  + Consumer Lag
  + Consumer Group
  + Consumer Group Diagram
  + The Broker
  + Broker Hardware Consideration
  + OS and File System
  + The Leader and Followers Pattern
  + Partition Replication Diagram
  + Controlled Shutdown
  + Controlling Message Durability with Minimum In-Sync Replicas
  + Log Compaction
  + Frequent Operational Problems
  + Some Kafka Design FAQs
* Using Apache Kafka
  + What is Confluent?
  + Confluent Cloud
  + Confluent Cloud Resource Hierarchy
  + Setting up Confluent Cloud on Azure
  + Setting up Confluent Cloud using Confluent.io
  + Select the Confluent Cloud Cluster Type
  + Choose the Cloud Provider
  + Setting up Confluent Cloud using Azure Marketplace
  + Select Confluent Cloud in Azure Marketplace
  + Purchase Confluent Cloud
  + The Cluster View
  + Exploring the Confluent Cloud Console
  + Topics
  + Topics Advanced Settings
  + Searching for Messages in a Topic
  + The Confluent CLI
  + The confluent CLI Command Examples
  + Kafka Cluster Planning – Producer/Consumer Throughput
  + Managing Topics in Confluent Cloud Console
  + Editing an Existing Topic
  + Delete a Topic
  + Kafka and .NET
  + .NET Kafka Architectures
  + Packages
  + Installing the Packages
  + Navigating .NET Client Documentation
  + Important Classes and Interfaces
  + appsettings.json Kafka Configuration
  + Loading the Configuration from appsettings.json
  + Produce and ProduceAsync Methods
  + Produce vs. ProduceAsync
  + Error Handling
  + Consuming Messages
  + Creating and Deleting Topics
  + Copying Data from Between Environments
  + Mocking Datasets using Datagen Connector
  + Monitoring Confluent Cloud
  + Monitoring Confluent Cloud using cURL
  + Motoring Confluent Cloud using third-party Tools
* Building Data Pipelines
  + Building Data Pipelines
  + What to Consider When Building Data Pipelines
  + Timeliness
  + Reliability
  + High and Varying Throughput
  + Evolving Schema
  + Data Formats
  + Protobuf (Protocol Buffers) Overview
  + Avro Overview
  + Avro Schema Example
  + JSON Schema Example
  + Managing Data Evolution Using Schemas
  + Confluent Schema Registry
  + Confluent Schema Registry in a Nutshell
  + Schema Management on Confluent Cloud
  + Create a Schema using Confluent CLI
  + Create a Schema from the Web UI
  + Schema Change and Backward Compatibility
  + Collaborating over Schema Change
  + Handling Unreadable Messages
  + Deleting Data
  + Segregating Public and Private Topics
  + Transformations
  + Security
  + Failure Handling
  + Agility and Coupling
  + Ad-hoc Pipelines
  + Metadata Loss
  + Extreme Processing
  + Kafka Connect vs. Producer and Consumer
* Integrating Kafka with Other Systems
  + Introduction to Kafka Integration
  + Kafka Connect
  + Running Kafka Connect Operating Modes
  + Key Configurations for Connect workers:
  + Kafka Connect API
  + Kafka Connect Example – File Source
  + Kafka Connect Example – File Sink
* Kafka Security
  + Kafka Security
  + Encryption and Authentication using SSL
  + Configuring Kafka Brokers
  + Authenticating Using SASL
  + Authorization and ACLs
  + Securing a Running Cluster
  + ZooKeeper Authentication
* Monitoring Kafka
  + Metrics Basics
  + JVM Monitoring
  + Garbage collection
  + Java OS monitoring
  + OS Monitoring
  + Kafka Broker Metrics
  + Under-Replicated Partitions
  + Active controller count
  + Request handler idle ratio
  + Intelligent Thread Usage
  + All topics bytes in
  + All topics bytes out
  + All topics messages in
  + Partition count
  + Leader count
  + Offline partitions
  + Request metrics
  + Logging
  + Client Monitoring
  + Producer Metrics
  + Overall producer metrics
  + Per-broker and per-topic metrics
  + Consumer Metrics
  + Fetch Manager Metrics
  + Per-broker and per-topic metrics
  + Consumer coordinator metrics
  + Quotas
  + Lag Monitoring
  + End-to-End Monitoring
* Apache Kafka Best Practices
  + Partitions
  + Consumers
  + Producers
  + Brokers
* Conclusion