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Welcome to the Amazon MSK Developer Guide

Welcome to the *Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka Developer Guide*. The following topics can help you get started using this guide, based on what you're trying to do.

- Create an MSK Provisioned cluster by following the Get started using Amazon MSK tutorial.
- Dive deeper into the functionality of MSK Provisioned in What is MSK Provisioned?.
- Run Apache Kafka without having to manage and scale cluster capacity with MSK Serverless.
- Use MSK Connect to stream data to and from your Apache Kafka cluster.
- Use MSK Replicator to reliably replicate data across MSK Provisioned clusters in different or the same AWS Regions.

For highlights, product details, and pricing, see the service page for Amazon MSK.

What is Amazon MSK?

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) is a fully managed service that enables you to build and run applications that use Apache Kafka to process streaming data. Amazon MSK provides the control-plane operations, such as those for creating, updating, and deleting clusters. It lets you use Apache Kafka data-plane operations, such as those for producing and consuming data. It runs open-source versions of Apache Kafka. This means existing applications, tooling, and plugins from partners and the Apache Kafka community are supported without requiring changes to application code. You can use Amazon MSK to create clusters that use any of the Apache Kafka versions listed under the section called “Supported Apache Kafka versions”.

These components describe the architecture of Amazon MSK:

- **Broker nodes** — When creating an Amazon MSK cluster, you specify how many broker nodes you want Amazon MSK to create in each Availability Zone. The minimum is one broker per Availability Zone. Each Availability Zone has its own virtual private cloud (VPC) subnet.

  Amazon MSK Provisioned offers two broker types: Amazon MSK Standard brokers and Amazon MSK Express brokers. In MSK Serverless, MSK manages the broker nodes used to handle your traffic and you only provision your Kafka server resources at a cluster level.

- **ZooKeeper nodes** — Amazon MSK also creates the Apache ZooKeeper nodes for you. Apache ZooKeeper is an open-source server that enables highly reliable distributed coordination.
- **KRaft controllers** —The Apache Kafka community developed KRaft to replace Apache ZooKeeper for metadata management in Apache Kafka clusters. In KRaft mode, cluster metadata is propagated within a group of Kafka controllers, which are part of the Kafka cluster, instead of across ZooKeeper nodes. KRaft controllers are included at no additional cost to you, and require no additional setup or management from you.
- **Producers, consumers, and topic creators** — Amazon MSK lets you use Apache Kafka data-plane operations to create topics and to produce and consume data.
- **Cluster Operations** You can use the AWS Management Console, the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), or the APIs in the SDK to perform control-plane operations. For example, you can create or delete an Amazon MSK cluster, list all the clusters in an account, view the properties of a cluster, and update the number and type of brokers in a cluster.

Amazon MSK detects and automatically recovers from the most common failure scenarios for clusters so that your producer and consumer applications can continue their write and read operations with minimal impact. When Amazon MSK detects a broker failure, it mitigates the failure or replaces the unhealthy or unreachable broker with a new one. In addition, where possible, it reuses the storage from the older broker to reduce the data that Apache Kafka needs to replicate. Your availability impact is limited to the time required for Amazon MSK to complete the detection and recovery. After a recovery, your producer and consumer apps can continue to communicate with the same broker IP addresses that they used before the failure.

Setting up Amazon MSK

Before you use Amazon MSK for the first time, complete the following tasks.

Tasks

- Sign up for an AWS account
- Download libraries and tools

Sign up for an AWS account

To get started with AWS, you need an AWS account. There are two ways to sign up for AWS. If you want complete control over account configuration and where your content is stored, or if you have regulated workloads such as HIPAA or FedRAMP, use Sign up for AWS (advanced). If you are a new user and want to use a login you already own to sign in to AWS and create an AWS environment with preconfigured defaults in select AWS Regions, use Sign up for AWS.

Download libraries and tools

The following libraries and tools can help you work with Amazon MSK:

- The AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI) supports Amazon MSK. The AWS CLI enables you to control multiple Amazon Web Services from the command line and automate them through scripts. Upgrade your AWS CLI to the latest version to ensure that it has support for the Amazon MSK features that are documented in this user guide. For detailed instructions on how to upgrade the AWS CLI, see Installing the AWS Command Line Interface. After you install the AWS CLI, you must configure it. For information on how to configure the AWS CLI, see aws configure.
- The Amazon Managed Streaming for Kafka API Reference documents the API operations that Amazon MSK supports.
- The Amazon Web Services SDKs for Go, Java, JavaScript, .NET, Node.js, PHP, Python, and Ruby include Amazon MSK support and samples.

What is MSK Provisioned?

Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters offer a wide range of features and capabilities to help you optimize your cluster's performance and meet your streaming needs. The topics below describe the functionality in detail.

MSK Provisioned is an MSK cluster deployment option that allows you to manually configure and scale your Apache Kafka clusters. This provides you with varying levels of control over the infrastructure powering your Apache Kafka environment. With MSK Provisioned, you can choose the instance types, storage volumes (Standard brokers), and number of broker nodes that make up your Kafka clusters. You can also scale your cluster by adding or removing brokers as your data processing needs evolve. This flexibility enables you to optimize the clusters for your specific workload requirements, whether that's maximizing throughput, retention capacity, or other performance characteristics. In addition to the infrastructure configuration options, MSK Provisioned provides enterprise-grade security, monitoring, and operational benefits. This includes features such as Apache Kafka version upgrades, built-in security through encryption and access control, and integration with other AWS services such as Amazon CloudWatch for monitoring. MSK Provisioned offers two main broker types – Standard and Express. You can upgrade existing clusters from Standard brokers to Express brokers in place, without creating a new cluster or migrating your applications. For more information, see Upgrade Standard brokers to Express brokers.

For information about the MSK Provisioned API, see the Amazon MSK API Reference.

Get started using Amazon MSK

This tutorial shows you an example of how you can create an MSK cluster, produce and consume data, and monitor the health of your cluster using metrics. This example doesn't represent all the options you can choose when you create an MSK cluster. In different parts of this tutorial, we choose default options for simplicity. This doesn't mean that they're the only options that work for setting up an MSK cluster or client instances.

Topics

- Step 1: Create an MSK Provisioned cluster
- Step 2: Create an IAM role granting access to create topics on the Amazon MSK cluster
- Step 3: Create a client machine
- Step 4: Create a topic in the Amazon MSK cluster

- Step 5: Produce and consume data
- Step 6: Use Amazon CloudWatch to view Amazon MSK metrics
- Step 7: Delete the AWS resources created for this tutorial

Step 1: Create an MSK Provisioned cluster

In this step of Getting Started Using Amazon MSK, you create an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster. You use the **Quick create** option in the AWS Management Console to create this cluster.

To create an Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose **Create cluster**.
3. For **Creation method**, leave the **Quick create** option selected. The **Quick create** option lets you create a cluster with default settings.
4. For **Cluster name**, enter a descriptive name for your cluster. For example, **`MSKTutorialCluster`**.
5. For **General cluster properties**, do the following:
    a. For **Cluster type**, choose **Provisioned**.
    b. Choose an **Apache Kafka version** to run on the brokers. Choose **View version compatibility** to see a comparison table.
    c. For **Broker type**, choose either Standard or Express brokers.
    d. Choose a **Broker size**.
6. From the table under **All cluster settings**, copy the values of the following settings and save them because you need them later in this tutorial:
    - VPC
    - Subnets
    - Security groups associated with VPC
7. Choose **Create cluster**.
8. Check the cluster **Status** on the **Cluster summary** page. The status changes from **Creating** to **Active** as Amazon MSK provisions the cluster. When the status is **Active**, you can connect to

the cluster. For more information about cluster status, see Understand MSK Provisioned cluster states.

Next Step

Step 2: Create an IAM role granting access to create topics on the Amazon MSK cluster

Step 2: Create an IAM role granting access to create topics on the Amazon MSK cluster

In this step, you perform two tasks. The first task is to create an IAM policy that grants access to create topics on the cluster and to send data to those topics. The second task is to create an IAM role and associate this policy with it. In a later step, you create a client machine that assumes this role and uses it to create a topic on the cluster and to send data to that topic.

To create an IAM policy that makes it possible to create topics and write to them

1. Open the IAM console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/.
2. On the navigation pane, choose **Policies**.
3. Choose **Create policy**.
4. In **Policy editor**, choose **JSON**, and then replace the JSON in the editor window with the following JSON.

   In the following example, replace the following:

   - *region* with the code of the AWS Region where you created your cluster.
   - Example account ID, *123456789012*, with your AWS account ID.
   - *MSKTutorialCluster* and *MSKTutorialCluster*/*7d7131e1-25c5-4e9a-9ac5-ea85bee4da11-14*, with the name of your cluster and its ID.

   JSON

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
```

```
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:Connect",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterCluster",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/MSKTutorialCluster/7d7131e1-25c5-4e9a-9ac5-
ea85bee4da11-14"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:*Topic*",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData"
            ],
            "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/MSKTutorialCluster/*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:AlterGroup",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup"
            ],
            "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:group/MSKTutorialCluster/*"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

For instructions about how to write secure policies, see the section called “IAM access control”.

5. Choose **Next**.
6. On the **Review and create** page, do the following:

   a. For **Policy name**, enter a descriptive name, such as **`msk-tutorial-policy`**.

b. In **Permissions defined in this policy**, review and/or edit the permissions defined in your policy.

c. (Optional) To help identify, organize, or search for the policy, choose **Add new tag** to add tags as key-value pairs. For example, add a tag to your policy with the key-value pair of **`Environment`** and **`Test`**.

For more information about using tags, see Tags for AWS Identity and Access Management resources in the *IAM User Guide*.

7. Choose **Create policy**.

To create an IAM role and attach the policy to it

1. On the navigation pane, choose **Roles**, and then choose **Create role**.
2. On the **Select trusted entity** page, do the following:

a. For **Trusted entity type**, choose **AWS service**.

b. For **Service or use case**, choose **EC2**.

c. Under **Use case**, choose **EC2**.

3. Choose **Next**.
4. On the **Add permissions** page, do the following:

a. In the search box under **Permissions policies**, enter the name of the policy that you previously created for this tutorial. Then, choose the box to the left of the policy name.

b. (Optional) Set a permissions boundary. This is an advanced feature that is available for service roles, but not service-linked roles. For information about setting a permissions boundary, see Creating roles and attaching policies (console) in the *IAM User Guide*.

5. Choose **Next**.
6. On the **Name, review, and create** page, do the following:

a. For **Role name**, enter a descriptive name, such as **`msk-tutorial-role`**.

> **Important**
>
> When you name a role, note the following:

- Role names must be unique within your AWS account, and can't be made unique by case.

  For example, don't create roles named both **`PRODROLE`** and **`prodrole`**. When a role name is used in a policy or as part of an ARN, the role name is case sensitive, however when a role name appears to customers in the console, such as during the sign-in process, the role name is case insensitive.
- You can't edit the name of the role after it's created because other entities might reference the role.

b. (Optional) For **Description**, enter a description for the role.

c. (Optional) To edit the use cases and permissions for the role, in **Step 1: Select trusted entities** or **Step 2: Add permissions** sections, choose **Edit**.

d. (Optional) To help identify, organize, or search for the role, choose **Add new tag** to add tags as key-value pairs. For example, add a tag to your role with the key-value pair of **`ProductManager`** and **`John`**.

   For more information about using tags, see Tags for AWS Identity and Access Management resources in the *IAM User Guide*.

7. Review the role, and then choose **Create role**.

Next Step

Step 3: Create a client machine

Step 3: Create a client machine

In this step of Get Started Using Amazon MSK, you create a client machine. You use this client machine to create a topic that produces and consumes data. For simplicity, you'll create this client machine in the VPC that is associated with the MSK cluster so that the client can easily connect to the cluster.

To create a client machine

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
2. From the Amazon EC2 console dashboard, choose **Launch instance**.

3. Under **Name and tags**, for **Name**, enter a descriptive name for your client machine so that you can easily keep track of it. For example, **`MSKTutorialClient`**.
4. Under **Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image)**, for **Amazon Machine Image (AMI)**, choose **Amazon Linux 2 AMI (HVM) - Kernel 5.10, SSD Volume Type**.
5. For **Instance type**, keep the default selection of **t2.micro**.
6. Under **Key pair (login)**, choose an existing key pair or create a new one. If you don't require a key pair to connect to your instance, you can choose **Proceed without a key pair (not recommended)**.

   To create a new key pair, do the following:

   a. Choose **Create new key pair**.

   b. For **Key pair name**, enter **`MSKKeyPair`**.

   c. For **Key pair type** and **Private key file format**, keep the default selections.

   d. Choose **Create key pair**.

   Alternatively, you can use an existing key pair.
7. Expand the **Advanced details** section, then do the following:

   - For **IAM instance profile**, choose an IAM role that you want the client machine to assume.

     If you don't have an IAM role, do the following:

     i. Choose **Create new IAM profile**.

     ii. Perform the steps mentioned in Step 2: Create an IAM role.
8. Choose **Launch instance**.
9. Choose **View Instances**. Then, in the **Security Groups** column, choose the security group that is associated with your new instance. Copy the ID of the security group, and save it for later.
10. Open the Amazon VPC console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/.
11. In the navigation pane, choose **Security Groups**. Find the security group whose ID you saved in the section called “Create a cluster”.
12. In the **Inbound Rules** tab, choose **Edit inbound rules**.
13. Choose **Add rule**.

14. In the new rule, choose **All traffic** in the **Type** column. In the second field in the **Source** column, select the security group of your client machine. This is the group whose name you saved after you launched the client machine instance.
15. Choose **Save rules**. Now the cluster's security group can accept traffic that comes from the client machine's security group.

Next Step

Step 4: Create a topic in the Amazon MSK cluster

Step 4: Create a topic in the Amazon MSK cluster

In this step of Getting Started Using Amazon MSK, you can create a topic using one of two approaches: using native AWS tools with the CreateTopic API, or using Apache Kafka AdminClient tools on a client machine.

> **Warning**
>
> When using AWS tools with the CreateTopic API, verify that your cluster meets the requirements. For details, see Requirements for using topic APIs.

> **Warning**
>
> When using the AdminClient approach, Apache Kafka version numbers used in this tutorial are examples only. We recommend that you use the same version of the client as your MSK cluster version. An older client version might be missing certain features and critical bug fixes.

Topics

- Creating a topic using AWS tools
- Determining your MSK cluster version
- Creating a topic on the client machine

Creating a topic using AWS tools

You can create topics in your MSK cluster using AWS tools such as the AWS CLI, AWS SDKs, or the AWS Management Console. This approach provides a streamlined way to manage topics without requiring direct access to Kafka client tools.

For detailed information about creating topics using the AWS tools, see the CreateTopic API developer guide.

Determining your MSK cluster version

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. In the navigation bar, choose the Region where you created the MSK cluster.
3. Choose the MSK cluster.
4. Note the version of Apache Kafka used on the cluster.
5. Replace instances of Amazon MSK version numbers in this tutorial with the version obtained in Step 3.

Creating a topic on the client machine

1. **Connect to your client machine.**
   a. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
   b. In the navigation pane, choose **Instances**. Then, select the check box beside the name of the client machine that you created in Step 3: Create a client machine.
   c. Choose **Actions**, and then choose **Connect**. Follow the instructions in the console to connect to your client machine.
2. **Install Java and set up the Kafka version environment variable.**
   a. Install Java on the client machine by running the following command.

```
sudo yum -y install java-11
```

   b. Store the Kafka version of your MSK cluster in the environment variable, `KAFKA_VERSION`, as shown in the following command. You'll need this information throughout the setup.

```
export KAFKA_VERSION={KAFKA VERSION}
```

For example, if you're using version 3.6.0, use the following command.

```
export KAFKA_VERSION=3.6.0
```

3. **Download and extract Apache Kafka.**

   a. Run the following command to download Apache Kafka.

   ```
   wget https://archive.apache.org/dist/kafka/$KAFKA_VERSION/kafka_2.13-$KAFKA_VERSION.tgz
   ```

   > **Note**
   >
   > The following list presents some alternative Kafka download information that you can use, if you encounter any issues.
   >
   > - If you encounter connectivity issues or want to use a mirror site, try using the Apache mirror selector, as shown in the following command.
   >
   >   ```
   >   wget https://www.apache.org/dyn/closer.cgi?path=/kafka/$KAFKA_VERSION/kafka_2.13-$KAFKA_VERSION.tgz
   >   ```
   >
   > - Download an appropriate version directly from the Apache Kafka website.

   b. Run the following command in the directory where you downloaded the TAR file in the previous step.

   ```
   tar -xzf kafka_2.13-$KAFKA_VERSION.tgz
   ```

   c. Store the full path to the newly created directory inside the KAFKA_ROOT environment variable.

   ```
   export KAFKA_ROOT=$(pwd)/kafka_2.13-$KAFKA_VERSION
   ```

4. **Set up authentication for your MSK cluster.**

   a. Find the latest version of the Amazon MSK IAM client library. This library allows your client machine to access the MSK cluster using IAM authentication.

b. Using the following commands, navigate to the $KAFKA_ROOT/libs directory and download the associated Amazon MSK IAM JAR that you found in the previous step. Make sure to replace *{LATEST VERSION}* with the actual version number you're downloading.

```
cd $KAFKA_ROOT/libs
```

```
wget https://github.com/aws/aws-msk-iam-auth/releases/latest/download/aws-msk-iam-auth-{LATEST VERSION}-all.jar
```

> **Note**
>
> Before running any Kafka commands that interact with your MSK cluster, you might need to add the Amazon MSK IAM JAR file to your Java classpath. Set the CLASSPATH environment variable, as shown in the following example.
>
> ```
> export CLASSPATH=$KAFKA_ROOT/libs/aws-msk-iam-auth-{LATEST VERSION}-all.jar
> ```
>
> This sets the CLASSPATH for your entire session, making the JAR available to all subsequent Kafka commands.

c. Go to the $KAFKA_ROOT/config directory to create the client configuration file.

```
cd $KAFKA_ROOT/config
```

d. Copy the following property settings and paste them into a new file. Save the file as **client.properties**.

```
security.protocol=SASL_SSL
sasl.mechanism=AWS_MSK_IAM
sasl.jaas.config=software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMLoginModule required;
sasl.client.callback.handler.class=software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMClientCallbackHandle
```

5. **(Optional) Adjust the Java heap size for Kafka tools.**

If you encounter any memory-related issues or you're working with a large number of topics or partitions, you can adjust the Java heap size. To do this, set the KAFKA_HEAP_OPTS environment variable before running Kafka commands.

The following example sets both the maximum and initial heap size to 512 megabytes. Adjust these values according to your specific requirements and available system resources.

```
export KAFKA_HEAP_OPTS="-Xmx512M -Xms512M"
```

6. **Get your cluster connection information.**

   a. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.

   b. Wait for the status of your cluster to become **Active**. This might take several minutes. After the status becomes **Active**, choose the cluster name. This takes you to a page containing the cluster summary.

   c. Choose **View client information**.

   d. Copy the connection string for the private endpoint.

      You'll get three endpoints for each of the brokers. Store one of these connection strings in the environment variable BOOTSTRAP_SERVER, as shown in the following command. Replace *<bootstrap-server-string>* with the actual value of the connection string.

      ```
      export BOOTSTRAP_SERVER=<bootstrap-server-string>
      ```

7. **Run the following command to create the topic.**

```
$KAFKA_ROOT/bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --bootstrap-server $BOOTSTRAP_SERVER
 --command-config $KAFKA_ROOT/config/client.properties --replication-factor 3 --
partitions 1 --topic MSKTutorialTopic
```

If you get a NoSuchFileException for the `client.properties` file, make sure that this file exists in the current working directory within the Kafka bin directory.

> **Note**
>
> If you prefer not to set the CLASSPATH environment variable for your entire session, you can alternatively prefix each Kafka command with the CLASSPATH variable. This approach applies the classpath only to that specific command.
>
> ```
> CLASSPATH=$KAFKA_ROOT/libs/aws-msk-iam-auth-{LATEST VERSION}-all.jar \
> $KAFKA_ROOT/bin/kafka-topics.sh --create \
> --bootstrap-server $BOOTSTRAP_SERVER \
> ```

```
--command-config $KAFKA_ROOT/config/client.properties \
--replication-factor 3 \
--partitions 1 \
--topic MSKTutorialTopic
```

8. **(Optional) Verify that the topic was created successfully.**

   a. If the command succeeds, you should see the following message: `Created topic MSKTutorialTopic.`

   b. List all topics to confirm your topic exists.

   ```
   $KAFKA_ROOT/bin/kafka-topics.sh --list --bootstrap-server $BOOTSTRAP_SERVER --
   command-config $KAFKA_ROOT/config/client.properties
   ```

   If the command is unsuccessful or you run into an error, see Troubleshoot your Amazon MSK cluster for troubleshooting information.

9. **(Optional) Delete the environment variables you used in this tutorial.**

   If you want to keep your environment variables for the next steps in this tutorial, skip this step. Otherwise, you can unset these variables, as shown in the following example.

   ```
   unset KAFKA_VERSION KAFKA_ROOT BOOTSTRAP_SERVER CLASSPATH KAFKA_HEAP_OPTS
   ```

Next Step

Step 5: Produce and consume data

Step 5: Produce and consume data

In this step of Get Started Using Amazon MSK, you produce and consume data.

To produce and consume messages

1. Run the following command to start a console producer.

   ```
   $KAFKA_ROOT/bin/kafka-console-producer.sh --broker-list $BOOTSTRAP_SERVER --
   producer.config $KAFKA_ROOT/config/client.properties --topic MSKTutorialTopic
   ```

2. Enter any message that you want, and press **Enter**. Repeat this step two or three times. Every time you enter a line and press **Enter**, that line is sent to your Apache Kafka cluster as a separate message.
3. Keep the connection to the client machine open, and then open a second, separate connection to that machine in a new window. Because this is a new session, set the KAFKA_ROOT and BOOTSTRAP_SERVER environment variables again. For information about how to set these environment variables, see Creating a topic on the client machine.
4. Run the following command with your second connection string to the client machine to create a console consumer.

   ```
   $KAFKA_ROOT/bin/kafka-console-consumer.sh --bootstrap-server $BOOTSTRAP_SERVER --
   consumer.config $KAFKA_ROOT/config/client.properties --topic MSKTutorialTopic --
   from-beginning
   ```

   You should start seeing the messages you entered earlier when you used the console producer command.
5. Enter more messages in the producer window, and watch them appear in the consumer window.

Next Step

Step 6: Use Amazon CloudWatch to view Amazon MSK metrics

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In this step of Getting Started Using Amazon MSK, you look at the Amazon MSK metrics in Amazon CloudWatch.

To view Amazon MSK metrics in CloudWatch

1. Open the CloudWatch console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Metrics**.
3. Choose the **All metrics** tab, and then choose **AWS/Kafka**.
4. To view broker-level metrics, choose **Broker ID, Cluster Name**. For cluster-level metrics, choose **Cluster Name**.
5. (Optional) In the graph pane, select a statistic and a time period, and then create a CloudWatch alarm using these settings.

Next Step

Step 7: Delete the AWS resources created for this tutorial

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In the final step of Getting Started Using Amazon MSK, you delete the MSK cluster and the client machine that you created for this tutorial.

To delete the resources using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. Choose the name of your cluster. For example, **MSKTutorialCluster**.
3. Choose **Actions**, then choose **Delete**.
4. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
5. Choose the instance that you created for your client machine, for example, **`MSKTutorialClient`**.
6. Choose **Instance state**, then choose **Terminate instance**.

To delete the IAM policy and role

1. Open the IAM console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/.
2. On the navigation pane, choose **Roles**.
3. In the search box, enter the name of the IAM role that you created for this tutorial.
4. Choose the role. Then choose **Delete role**, and confirm the deletion.
5. On the navigation pane, choose **Policies**.
6. In the search box, enter the name of the policy that you created for this tutorial.
7. Choose the policy to open its summary page. On the policy's **Summary** page, choose **Delete policy**.
8. Choose **Delete**.

Amazon MSK: How it works

Amazon MSK is a fully managed Apache Kafka service that makes it easy to build and run applications that use Apache Kafka to process streaming data. This guide provides information

to help developers understand how Amazon MSK works and how to use it effectively in their applications.

At a high level, Amazon MSK provides a fully managed Apache Kafka cluster that is provisioned and operated by AWS. This means that you don't have to worry about provisioning EC2 instances, configuring network settings, managing Kafka brokers, or performing ongoing maintenance tasks. Instead, you can focus on building your application and let Amazon MSK handle the infrastructure. Amazon MSK automatically provisions the necessary compute, storage, and network resources, and provides features like automatic scaling, high availability, and failover to ensure that your Kafka cluster is reliable and highly available. This guide covers the key components of Amazon MSK and how you can use it to build streaming data applications.

Manage your Provisioned cluster

An Amazon MSK cluster is the primary Amazon MSK resource that you can create in your account. The topics in this section describe how to perform common Amazon MSK operations. For a list of all the operations that you can perform on an MSK cluster, see the following:

- The AWS Management Console
- The Amazon MSK API Reference
- The Amazon MSK CLI Command Reference

Topics

- Create an MSK Provisioned cluster
- List Amazon MSK clusters
- Connect to an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster
- Get the bootstrap brokers for an Amazon MSK cluster
- Monitor an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster
- Update security settings of a Amazon MSK cluster
- Expand the number of brokers in an Amazon MSK cluster
- Remove a broker from an Amazon MSK cluster
- Provision storage throughput for Standard brokers in a Amazon MSK cluster
- Update the Amazon MSK cluster broker size
- Use LinkedIn's Cruise Control for Apache Kafka with Amazon MSK

- Update the configuration of an Amazon MSK cluster
- Reboot a broker for an Amazon MSK cluster
- Tag an Amazon MSK cluster
- Migrate Kafka workloads to an Amazon MSK cluster
- Delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster

Create an MSK Provisioned cluster

> **Important**
>
> You can't change the VPC for an MSK Provisioned cluster after you create the cluster.

Before you can create an MSK Provisioned cluster, you need to have an Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) and set up subnets within that VPC.

For Standard brokers in the US West (N. California) Region, you need two subnets in two different Availability Zones. In all other Regions where Amazon MSK is available, you can specify either two or three subnets. Your subnets must all be in different Availability Zones. For Express brokers, you need three subnets in three different Availability Zones. When you create an MSK Provisioned cluster, Amazon MSK distributes the broker nodes evenly over the subnets that you specify.

Topics

- Create an MSK Provisioned cluster using the AWS Management Console
- Create a provisioned Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS CLI
- Create an MSK Provisioned cluster with a custom Amazon MSK configuration using the AWS CLI
- Create an MSK Provisioned cluster using the Amazon MSK API

Create an MSK Provisioned cluster using the AWS Management Console

The procedures in this topic describe the common task of creating an MSK Provisioned cluster using the **Custom create** option in the AWS Management Console. Using other options available in the AWS Management Console, you can also create the following:

- A serverless cluster
- An MSK Provisioned cluster using the **Quick create** option

Procedures in this topic

- Step 1: Initial cluster setup and configuration
- Step 2: Configure the storage and cluster settings
- Step 3: Configure the network settings
- Step 4: Configure the security settings
- Step 5: Configure monitoring options
- Step 6: Review the cluster configuration

Step 1: Initial cluster setup and configuration

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. Choose **Create cluster**.
3. For **Cluster creation method**, choose **Custom create**.
4. For **Cluster name**, specify a name that is unique and contains no more than 64 characters.
5. For **Cluster type**, choose **Provisioned**.
6. For **Apache Kafka version**, choose a version to run on the brokers. To see a comparison of Amazon MSK features that are supported by each Apache Kafka version, choose **View version compatibility**.
7. In the **Brokers** section, do the following:

    a. For **Broker type**, choose one of the following options:

    - **Express brokers**: High-performance, scalable brokers with fully managed virtual storage. Choose this broker type for demanding, high-throughput applications.
    - **Standard brokers**: Traditional Kafka broker with full configuration control. Choose this broker type for general-purpose workloads with moderate throughput requirements.

    For more information about these broker types, see Amazon MSK broker types.

    b. For **Broker size**, choose a size to use for the cluster based on the cluster's compute, memory, and storage needs.

    c. For **Number of zones**, choose the number of AWS Availability Zones across which brokers are distributed.

    Express brokers require three Availability Zones for higher availability.

d. For **Brokers per zone**, specify the number of brokers you want Amazon MSK to create in each Availability Zone. The minimum is one broker per Availability Zone and the maximum is 30 brokers per cluster for ZooKeeper-based clusters and 60 brokers per cluster for KRaft-based clusters.

Step 2: Configure the storage and cluster settings

This procedure describes how you can configure your data storage needs across all brokers and specify the storage mode. This helps you define your data storage requirements based on your workload needs. Additionally, this procedure describes the cluster configuration settings that control how your brokers operate. These settings include broker configurations, default topic settings, and tiered storage policy.

1. If you selected the broker type as **Standard**, do the following in the **Storage** section:

   a. For **Storage**, choose the initial amount of storage you want your cluster to have. You can't decrease storage capacity after you create the cluster.

   b. (Optional) Depending on the broker size (instance size) you selected, you can also specify **Provisioned storage throughput per broker**. This option allows you to allocate dedicated input and output (I/O) performance for the Amazon EBS volumes of each broker.

      To enable this option, choose broker size (instance size) kafka.m5.4xlarge or larger for x86, and kafka.m7g.2xlarge or larger for Graviton-based instances. Then, choose the **Enable provisioned storage throughput** checkbox. By selecting this checkbox, you can manually set a minimum of 250 MiB per second of throughput. This is helpful for I/O-intensive workloads or applications that require high-speed, predictable storage performance. For more information, see ???.

   c. For **Cluster storage mode**, specify how data is stored and managed within your cluster. This option determines the type and configuration of storage used for your brokers. Choose one of the following options:

      - **EBS storage only**: Stores all topic data locally on Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) volumes attached to each broker. Choose this mode for consistent performance needs and fast access to recent messages.
      - **Tiered storage and EBS storage**: Combines local Amazon EBS data with remote, cost-efficient storage for large datasets in Amazon S3. This mode reduces Amazon EBS storage costs, supports longer data retention, and scales storage automatically without

manual intervention. Choose this mode when you want to retain data for longer periods at lower cost, or expect your storage needs to grow significantly.

> **Note**
>
> You don't need to manage storage for Express brokers.

2. For **Cluster configuration**, specify one of the following options to define your cluster's behavior:

   - **Amazon MSK default configuration**: Contains a predefined set of configurations optimized for general-purpose use cases. Choose this option for quick cluster setup and deployment. For information about Amazon MSK configurations, see Amazon MSK Provisioned configuration.
   - **Custom configuration**: Lets you specify your own broker and topic settings. You can either choose an existing, custom configuration from the list or create a new custom configuration. Choose this option for fine-tuned control for your brokers, such as specific performance tuning, security settings, and more.

3. Choose **Next** to proceed.

Step 3: Configure the network settings

Network configuration defines how your cluster is deployed within your AWS infrastructure. This includes VPC, Availability Zones and subnets, and security groups that control networking, availability, and access.

1. For **Networking**, do the following:

   a. Choose the VPC you want to use for the cluster.

   b. Based on the number of Availability Zones you previously selected, specify the Availability Zones and subnets where brokers will deploy.

      For Standard brokers in the US West (N. California) Region, you need two subnets in two different Availability Zones. In all other Regions where Amazon MSK is available, you can specify either two or three subnets. Your subnets must all be in different Availability Zones.

For Express brokers, you need three subnets in three different Availability Zones.

When you create an MSK Provisioned cluster, MSK distributes the broker nodes evenly over the subnets that you specify.

c. For **Security groups in Amazon EC2**, choose or create one or more security groups that you want to give access to your cluster. These Amazon EC2 security groups control inbound and outbound traffic to your brokers. For example, the security groups of client machines.

If you specify security groups that are shared with you, you must ensure that you have permissions to use them. Specifically, you need the `ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups` permission. For more information, see Connecting to an MSK cluster.

2. Choose **Next** to proceed.

Step 4: Configure the security settings

1. In the **Security settings** section, do the following:

   - Choose one or more of the following authentication and authorization methods to control client access to your Kafka clusters:

     - **Unauthenticated access**: Allows clients to access the cluster without providing any authentication credentials. This method is a security risk and might not comply with security best practices. For more information, see msk-unrestricted-access-check.
     - **IAM role-based authentication**: Enables client authentication and authorization using AWS IAM users/roles. This method provides fine-grained control over cluster access through IAM policies. We recommended this method for applications already running in AWS.
     - **SASL/SCRAM authentication**: Requires clients to provide username and password credentials stored in AWS Secrets Manager for authentication. Amazon MSK retrieves these credentials from Secrets Manager and securely authenticates users.

       To set up sign-in credentials regarding authentication for a cluster, first create a Secret resource in Secrets Manager. Then, associate sign-in credentials with that secret. For more information about this access control method, see Set up SASL/SCRAM authentication for an Amazon MSK cluster.

- **TLS client authentication through AWS Certificate Manager (ACM)**: Enables mutual authentication between clients and brokers using digital certificates. You must configure an AWS Private Certificate Authority (AWS Private CA) either in the same or different AWS account as your cluster.

  We strongly recommend using independent AWS Private CAs for each MSK cluster when implementing mTLS. This ensures that TLS certificates signed by PCAs only authenticate with a single MSK cluster, thereby maintaining strict access control.

2. In **Encryption**, choose the kind of KMS key that you want to use for encrypting data at rest. For more information, see the section called “Amazon MSK encryption at rest”.

   Encrypting data at rest protects stored data integrity, while encrypting in transit protects data confidentiality from network monitoring during transfer.

3. Choose **Next** to proceed.

Step 5: Configure monitoring options

This procedure describes how to set up your broker metrics, and collect and deliver broker logs. With these settings, you can observe and analyze your cluster's health, performance, and troubleshoot issues. For more information, see the section called “Monitor a cluster”.

1. For **Amazon CloudWatch metrics for this cluster**, choose one of the following monitoring levels. The metrics collected at each monitoring level are integrated with CloudWatch for visualization and alerting.

   a. **Basic monitoring**: Provides a set of essential cluster-level metrics at no additional cost. This level is good for for most use cases with general monitoring needs.

   b. **Enhanced broker-level monitoring**: Provides detailed broker metrics at additional cost. This level includes basic monitoring and more granular broker metrics, such as tiered storage metrics bytes in/out of other brokers, total time for read/write operations. You pay for the metrics in this level, whereas the basic level metrics continue to be free.

   c. **Enhanced topic-level monitoring**: Provides metrics for individual topics at additional cost. Choose this level to obtain a more granular view of topic performance across brokers. This level includes enhanced broker-level monitoring and topic-level metrics, such as tiered storage metrics for a specified topic and number of messages received per second.

   d. **Enhanced partition-level monitoring**: Provides the most granular view of metrics per partition at additional cost. Choose this level to obtain the most detailed monitoring by

capturing metrics for each partition within each topic across brokers. This level includes enhanced topic-level monitoring and fine-grained partition-specific metrics, such as offset lag metrics.

For more information about the metrics available for Standard and Express broker types at each of these monitoring levels, see CloudWatch metrics for Standard brokers and CloudWatch metrics for Express brokers.

2. (Optional) If you want to export metrics in Prometheus format using JMX Exporter, Node Exporter, or both, choose **Enable open monitoring with Prometheus**. For more information about this option, see Monitor with Prometheus.
3. (Optional) To configure your MSK cluster to deliver broker logs to various AWS services for troubleshooting and auditing, choose one or more of the following options. Amazon MSK doesn't create these destination resources for you if they don't already exist. For more information, see Broker logs.

   - **Deliver to Amazon CloudWatch Logs**: Sends logs to CloudWatch with clustering, searching, and visualization capabilities. You can query and analyze logs without leaving the AWS Management Console.
   - **Deliver to Amazon S3**: Stores logs as files in Amazon S3 buckets for long-term archiving and batch analysis.
   - **Deliver to Amazon Data Firehose**: Send logs to Firehose for automatic delivery to Amazon OpenSearch Service for real-time troubleshooting.
4. (Optional) To help identify, organize, or search for your cluster, choose **Add new tag** to add tags as key-value pairs. For example, add a tag to your cluster with the key-value pair of **`Load testing`** and **`Test`**.

   For more information about using tags in your clusters, see Tag an Amazon MSK cluster.
5. Choose **Next** to proceed.

Step 6: Review the cluster configuration

1. Review the settings for your cluster.

   Choose **Edit** or **Previous** to change any of the settings you previously specified or go back to the previous console screen.
2. Choose **Create cluster**.

3. Check the status of this cluster in **Cluster summary** section of the Cluster details page. The status changes from **Creating** to **Active** as Amazon MSK provisions the cluster. When the status is **Active**, you can connect to the cluster. For more information about cluster status, see Understand MSK Provisioned cluster states.

Create a provisioned Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS CLI

1. Copy the following JSON and save it to a file. Name the file `brokernodegroupinfo.json`. Replace the subnet IDs in the JSON with the values that correspond to your subnets. These subnets must be in different Availability Zones. Replace *"Security-Group-ID"* with the ID of one or more security groups of the client VPC. Clients associated with these security groups get access to the cluster. If you specify security groups that were shared with you, you must ensure that you have permissions to them. Specifically, you need the `ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups` permission. For an example, see Amazon EC2: Allows Managing Amazon EC2 Security Groups Associated With a Specific VPC, Programmatically and in the Console. Finally, save the updated JSON file on the computer where you have the AWS CLI installed.

```
{
  "InstanceType": "kafka.m5.large",
  "ClientSubnets": [
    "Subnet-1-ID",
    "Subnet-2-ID"
  ],
  "SecurityGroups": [
    "Security-Group-ID"
  ]
}
```

> **Important**
>
> For Express brokers, you need three subnets in three different Availability Zones. You also do not need to define any storage-related properties.
> For Standard brokers in the US West (N. California) Region, you need two subnets in two different Availability Zones. In all other Regions where Amazon MSK is available, you can specify either two or three subnets. Your subnets must all be in different

Availability Zones. When you create a cluster, Amazon MSK distributes the broker nodes evenly over the subnets that you specify.

2. Run the following AWS CLI command in the directory where you saved the `brokernodegroupinfo.json` file, replacing *"Your-Cluster-Name"* with a name of your choice. For *"Monitoring-Level"*, you can specify one of the following three values: DEFAULT, PER_BROKER, or PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER. For information about these three different levels of monitoring, see ???. The `enhanced-monitoring` parameter is optional. If you don't specify it in the `create-cluster` command, you get the DEFAULT level of monitoring.

```
aws kafka create-cluster --cluster-name "Your-Cluster-Name" --broker-node-group-
info file://brokernodegroupinfo.json --kafka-version "2.8.1" --number-of-broker-
nodes 3 --enhanced-monitoring "Monitoring-Level"
```

The output of the command looks like the following JSON:

```
{
    "ClusterArn": "...",
    "ClusterName": "AWSKafkaTutorialCluster",
    "State": "CREATING"
}
```

Note

The `create-cluster` command might return an error stating that one or more subnets belong to unsupported Availability Zones. When this happens, the error indicates which Availability Zones are unsupported. Create subnets that don't use the unsupported Availability Zones and try the `create-cluster` command again.

3. Save the value of the `ClusterArn` key because you need it to perform other actions on your cluster.

4. Run the following command to check your cluster STATE. The STATE value changes from CREATING to ACTIVE as Amazon MSK provisions the cluster. When the state is ACTIVE, you can connect to the cluster. For more information about cluster status, see Understand MSK Provisioned cluster states.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster --cluster-arn <your-cluster-ARN>
```

Create an MSK Provisioned cluster with a custom Amazon MSK configuration using the AWS CLI

For information about custom Amazon MSK configurations and how to create them, see the section called "Broker configuration".

1. Save the following JSON to a file, replacing *configuration-arn* with the ARN of the configuration that you want to use to create the cluster.

```
{
    "Arn": configuration-arn,
    "Revision": 1
}
```

2. Run the `create-cluster` command and use the `configuration-info` option to point to the JSON file you saved in the previous step. The following is an example.

```
aws kafka create-cluster --cluster-name ExampleClusterName --broker-node-group-
info file://brokernodegroupinfo.json --kafka-version "2.8.1" --number-of-broker-
nodes 3 --enhanced-monitoring PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER --configuration-info file://
configuration.json
```

The following is an example of a successful response after running this command.

```
{
    "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/
CustomConfigExampleCluster/abcd1234-abcd-dcba-4321-a1b2abcd9f9f-2",
    "ClusterName": "CustomConfigExampleCluster",
    "State": "CREATING"
}
```

Create an MSK Provisioned cluster using the Amazon MSK API

The Amazon MSK API allows you to programmatically create and manage your MSK Provisioned cluster as part of automated infrastructure provisioning or deployment scripts.

To create an MSK Provisioned cluster using the API, see CreateCluster.

List Amazon MSK clusters

To get a bootstrap broker for an Amazon MSK cluster, you need the cluster Amazon Resource Name (ARN). If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. See the section called “Get the bootstrap brokers”.

Topics

- List clusters using the AWS Management Console
- List clusters using the AWS CLI
- List clusters using the API

List clusters using the AWS Management Console

To get a bootstrap broker for an Amazon MSK cluster, you need the cluster Amazon Resource Name (ARN). If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. See the section called “Get the bootstrap brokers”.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. The table shows all the clusters for the current region under this account. Choose the name of a cluster to view its details.

List clusters using the AWS CLI

To get a bootstrap broker for an Amazon MSK cluster, you need the cluster Amazon Resource Name (ARN). If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. See the section called “Get the bootstrap brokers”.

```
aws kafka list-clusters
```

List clusters using the API

To get a bootstrap broker for an Amazon MSK cluster, you need the cluster Amazon Resource Name (ARN). If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. See the section called “Get the bootstrap brokers”.

To list clusters using the API, see ListClusters.

Connect to an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster

By default, clients can access an MSK Provisioned cluster only if they're in the same VPC as the cluster. All communication between your Kafka clients and your MSK Provisioned cluster are private by default and your streaming data never traverses the internet. To connect to your MSK Provisioned cluster from a client that's in the same VPC as the cluster, make sure the cluster's security group has an inbound rule that accepts traffic from the client's security group. For information about setting up these rules, see Security Group Rules. For an example of how to access a cluster from an Amazon EC2 instance that's in the same VPC as the cluster, see the section called "Get started".

> **Note**
>
> KRaft metadata mode and MSK Express brokers can't have open monitoring and public access both enabled.

To connect to your MSK Provisioned cluster from a client that's outside the cluster's VPC, see Access from within AWS but outside cluster's VPC.

Topics

- Turn on public access to an MSK Provisioned cluster
- Access from within AWS but outside cluster's VPC

Turn on public access to an MSK Provisioned cluster

Amazon MSK gives you the option to turn on public access to the brokers of MSK Provisioned clusters running Apache Kafka 2.6.0 or later versions. For security reasons, you can't turn on public access while creating an MSK cluster. However, you can update an existing cluster to make it publicly accessible. You can also create a new cluster and then update it to make it publicly accessible.

You can turn on public access to an MSK cluster at no additional cost, but standard AWS data transfer costs apply for data transfer in and out of the cluster. For information about pricing, see Amazon EC2 On-Demand Pricing.

Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters with dual-stack network type support both IPv4 and IPv6 connectivity for public access. When public access is enabled on your cluster, the same IPv6 bootstrap strings will automatically work for both default and public access connectivity. Your existing IPv4 bootstrap strings will continue to work for IPv4 connectivity. Note that if public access is not enabled on your cluster, the IPv6 bootstrap strings will not have public access capability. For more information, see Configure dual-stack network type for an Amazon MSK cluster.

> **Note**
>
> If you're using the SASL/SCRAM, or mTLS access-control methods, you must first set Apache Kafka ACLs for your cluster. Then, update the cluster's configuration to set the `allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found` property to false. For information about how to update the configuration of a cluster, see the section called "Broker configuration operations".

To turn on public access to an MSK Provisioned cluster, make sure that the cluster meets all of the following conditions:

- The subnets that are associated with the cluster must be public. Each public subnet has a public IPv4 address associated with it and public IPv4 addresses are priced as shown in Amazon VPC pricing page. This means that the subnets must have an associated route table with an internet gateway attached. For information about how to create and attach an internet gateway, see Enable VPC internet access using internet gateways in the *Amazon VPC User Guide*.
- Unauthenticated access control must be off and at least one of the following access-control methods must be on: SASL/IAM, SASL/SCRAM, mTLS. For information about how to update the access-control method of a cluster, see the section called "Update cluster security".
- Encryption within the cluster must be turned on. The on setting is the default when creating a cluster. It's not possible to turn on encryption within the cluster for a cluster that was created with it turned off. It is therefore not possible to turn on public access for a cluster that was created with encryption within the cluster turned off.
- Plaintext traffic between brokers and clients must be off. For information about how to turn it off if it's on, see the section called "Update cluster security".
- If you're using IAM access control and want to apply authorization policies or update your authorization policies, see the section called "IAM access control". For information about Apache Kafka ACLs, see the section called "Apache Kafka ACLs".

After you ensure that an MSK cluster meets the conditions listed above, you can use the AWS Management Console, the AWS CLI, or the Amazon MSK API to turn on public access. After you turn on public access to a cluster, you can get a public bootstrap-brokers string for it. For information about getting the bootstrap brokers for a cluster, see the section called "Get the bootstrap brokers".

Important

In addition to turning on public access, ensure that the cluster's security groups have inbound TCP rules that allow public access from your IP address. We recommend that you make these rules as restrictive as possible. For information about security groups and inbound rules, see Security groups for your VPC in the Amazon VPC User Guide. For port numbers, see the section called "Port information". For instructions on how to change a cluster's security group, see the section called "Changing security groups".

Note

If you use the following instructions to turn on public access and then still cannot access the cluster, see the section called "Unable to access cluster that has public access turned on".

Turning on public access using the console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the list of clusters, choose the cluster to which you want to turn on public access.
3. Choose the **Properties** tab, then find the **Network settings** section.
4. Choose **Edit public access**.

Turning on public access using the AWS CLI

1. Run the following AWS CLI command, replacing *ClusterArn* and *Current-Cluster-Version* with the ARN and current version of the cluster. To find the current version of the cluster, use the DescribeCluster operation or the describe-cluster AWS CLI command. An example version is KTVPDKIKX0DER.

```
aws kafka update-connectivity --cluster-arn ClusterArn --current-
version Current-Cluster-Version --connectivity-info '{"PublicAccess": {"Type":
 "SERVICE_PROVIDED_EIPS"}}'
```

The output of this `update-connectivity` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/exampleClusterName/
abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef"
}
```

Note

To turn off public access, use a similar AWS CLI command, but with the following connectivity info instead:

```
'{"PublicAccess": {"Type": "DISABLED"}}'
```

2. To get the result of the `update-connectivity` operation, run the following command, replacing *ClusterOperationArn* with the ARN that you obtained in the output of the `update-connectivity` command.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
```

The output of this `describe-cluster-operation` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterOperationInfo": {
        "ClientRequestId": "982168a3-939f-11e9-8a62-538df00285db",
        "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/
exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
        "CreationTime": "2019-06-20T21:08:57.735Z",
```

```
        "OperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef",
        "OperationState": "UPDATE_COMPLETE",
        "OperationType": "UPDATE_CONNECTIVITY",
        "SourceClusterInfo": {
            "ConnectivityInfo": {
                "PublicAccess": {
                    "Type": "DISABLED"
                }
            }
        },
        "TargetClusterInfo": {
            "ConnectivityInfo": {
                "PublicAccess": {
                    "Type": "SERVICE_PROVIDED_EIPS"
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

If `OperationState` has the value `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS`, wait a while, then run the `describe-cluster-operation` command again.

Turning on public access using the Amazon MSK API

- To use the API to turn public access to a cluster on or off, see UpdateConnectivity.

> **Note**
>
> For security reasons, Amazon MSK doesn't allow public access to Apache ZooKeeper or KRaft controller nodes.

Access from within AWS but outside cluster's VPC

To connect to an MSK cluster from inside AWS but outside the cluster's Amazon VPC, the following options exist.

Amazon VPC peering

To connect to your MSK cluster from a VPC that's different from the cluster's VPC, you can create a peering connection between the two VPCs. For information about VPC peering, see the Amazon VPC Peering Guide.

Direct Connect

Direct Connect links your on-premise network to AWS over a standard 1 gigabit or 10 gigabit Ethernet fiber-optic cable. One end of the cable is connected to your router, the other to an Direct Connect router. With this connection in place, you can create virtual interfaces directly to the AWS cloud and Amazon VPC, bypassing Internet service providers in your network path. For more information, see Direct Connect.

AWS Transit Gateway

AWS Transit Gateway is a service that enables you to connect your VPCs and your on-premises networks to a single gateway. For information about how to use AWS Transit Gateway, see AWS Transit Gateway.

VPN connections

You can connect your MSK cluster's VPC to remote networks and users using the VPN connectivity options described in the following topic: VPN Connections.

REST proxies

You can install a REST proxy on an instance running within your cluster's Amazon VPC. REST proxies enable your producers and consumers to communicate with the cluster through HTTP API requests.

Multiple Region multi-VPC connectivity

The following document describes connectivity options for multiple VPCs that reside in different Regions: Multiple Region Multi-VPC Connectivity.

Single Region multi-VPC private connectivity

Multi-VPC private connectivity (powered by AWS PrivateLink) for Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) clusters is a feature that enables you to more quickly connect Kafka clients hosted in different Virtual Private Clouds (VPCs) and AWS accounts to an Amazon MSK cluster.

See Single Region multi-VPC connectivity for cross-account clients.

EC2-Classic networking is retired

Amazon MSK no longer supports Amazon EC2 instances running with Amazon EC2-Classic networking.

See EC2-Classic Networking is Retiring – Here's How to Prepare.

Amazon MSK multi-VPC private connectivity in a single Region

Multi-VPC private connectivity (powered by AWS PrivateLink) for Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) clusters is a feature that enables you to more quickly connect Kafka clients hosted in different Virtual Private Clouds (VPCs) and AWS accounts to an Amazon MSK cluster.

Multi-VPC private connectivity is a managed solution that simplifies the networking infrastructure for multi-VPC and cross-account connectivity. Clients can connect to the Amazon MSK cluster over PrivateLink while keeping all traffic within the AWS network. Multi-VPC private connectivity for Amazon MSK clusters is available in all AWS Regions where Amazon MSK is available.

Topics

- What is multi-VPC private connectivity?
- Benefits of multi-VPC private connectivity
- Requirements and limitations for multi-VPC private connectivity
- Get started using multi-VPC private connectivity
- Update the authorization schemes on a cluster
- Reject a managed VPC connection to an Amazon MSK cluster
- Delete a managed VPC connection to an Amazon MSK cluster
- Permissions for multi-VPC private connectivity

What is multi-VPC private connectivity?

Multi-VPC private connectivity for Amazon MSK is a connectivity option that enables you to connect Apache Kafka clients that are hosted in different Virtual Private Clouds (VPCs) and AWS accounts to a MSK cluster.

Amazon MSK simplifies cross-account access with cluster policies. These policies allow the cluster owner to grant permissions for other AWS accounts to establish private connectivity to the MSK cluster.

Benefits of multi-VPC private connectivity

Multi-VPC private connectivity has several advantages over other connectivity solutions:

- It automates operational management of the AWS PrivateLink connectivity solution.
- It allows overlapping IPs across connecting VPCs, eliminating the need to maintain non-overlapping IPs, complex peering, and routing tables associated with other VPC connectivity solutions.

You use a cluster policy for your MSK cluster to define which AWS accounts have permissions to set up cross-account private connectivity to your MSK cluster. The cross-account admin can delegate permissions to appropriate roles or users. When used with IAM client authentication, you can also use the cluster policy to define Kafka data plane permissions on a granular basis for the connecting clients.

Requirements and limitations for multi-VPC private connectivity

Note these MSK cluster requirements for running multi-VPC private connectivity:

- Multi-VPC private connectivity is supported only on Apache Kafka 2.7.1 or higher. Make sure that any clients that you use with the MSK cluster are running Apache Kafka versions that are compatible with the cluster.
- Multi-VPC private connectivity supports auth types IAM, TLS and SASL/SCRAM. Unauthenticated clusters can't use multi-VPC private connectivity.
- If you are using the SASL/SCRAM or mTLS access-control methods, you must set Apache Kafka ACLs for your cluster. First, set the Apache Kafka ACLs for your cluster. Then, update the cluster's configuration to have the property `allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found` set to false for the cluster. For information about how to update the configuration of a cluster, see the section called “Broker configuration operations”. If you are using IAM access control and want to apply authorization policies or update your authorization policies, see the section called “IAM access control”. For information about Apache Kafka ACLs, see the section called “Apache Kafka ACLs”.
- Multi-VPC private connectivity doesn’t support the t3.small instance type.
- Multi-VPC private connectivity isn’t supported across AWS Regions, only on AWS accounts within the same Region.

- To set up multi-VPC private connectivity, you must have the same number of client subnets as cluster subnets. You must also make sure that Availability Zone IDs are same for the client subnet and cluster subnet.
- Amazon MSK doesn't support multi-VPC private connectivity to Zookeeper nodes.

Get started using multi-VPC private connectivity

Topics

- Step 1: On the MSK cluster in Account A, turn on multi-VPC connectivity for IAM auth scheme on the cluster
- Step 2: Attach a cluster policy to the MSK cluster
- Step 3: Cross-account user actions to configure client-managed VPC connections

This tutorial uses a common use case as an example of how you can use multi-VPC connectivity to privately connect an Apache Kafka client to an MSK cluster from inside AWS, but outside VPC of the cluster. This process requires the cross-account user to create a MSK managed VPC connection and configuration for each client, including required client permissions. The process also requires the MSK cluster owner to enable PrivateLink connectivity on the MSK cluster and select authentication schemes to control access to the cluster.

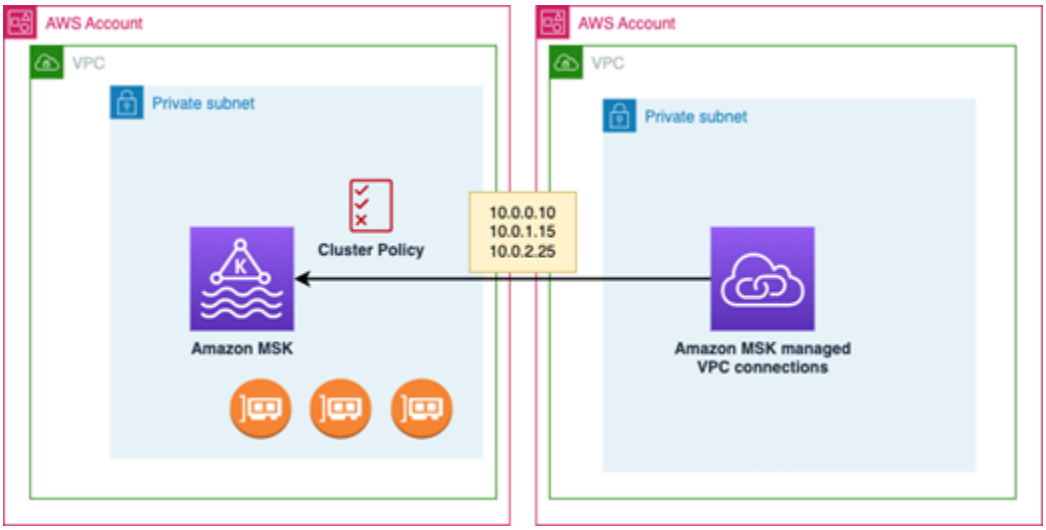
In different parts of this tutorial, we choose options that apply to this example. This doesn't mean that they're the only options that work for setting up an MSK cluster or client instances.

The network configuration for this use case is as follows:

- A cross-account user (Kafka client) and an MSK cluster are in the same AWS network/Region, but in different accounts:
  - MSK cluster in Account A
  - Kafka client in Account B
- The cross-account user will connect privately to the MSK cluster using IAM auth scheme.

This tutorial assumes that there is a provisioned MSK cluster created with Apache Kafka version 2.7.1 or higher. The MSK cluster must be in an ACTIVE state before beginning the configuration process. To avoid potential data loss or downtime, clients that will use multi-VPC private connection to connect to the cluster should use Apache Kafka versions that are compatible with the cluster.

The following diagram illustrates the architecture of Amazon MSK multi-VPC connectivity connected to a client in a different AWS account.



Step 1: On the MSK cluster in Account A, turn on multi-VPC connectivity for IAM auth scheme on the cluster

The MSK cluster owner needs to make configuration settings on the MSK cluster after the cluster is created and in an ACTIVE state.

The cluster owner turns on multi-VPC private connectivity on the ACTIVE cluster for any auth schemes that will be active on the cluster. This can be done using the UpdateSecurity API or MSK console. The IAM, SASL/SCRAM, and TLS auth schemes support multi-VPC private connectivity. Multi-VPC private connectivity can't be enabled for unauthenticated clusters.

For this use case, you'll configure the cluster to use the IAM auth scheme.

> **Note**
>
> If you are configuring your MSK cluster to use SASL/SCRAM auth scheme, the Apache Kafka ACLs property "`allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found=false`" is mandatory. See Apache Kafka ACLs.

When you update multi-VPC private connectivity settings, Amazon MSK starts a rolling reboot of broker nodes that updates the broker configurations. This can take up to 30 minutes or more to complete. You can't make other updates to the cluster while connectivity is being updated.

Turn on multi-VPC for selected auth schemes on the cluster in Account A using the console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/ for the account where the cluster is located.
2. In the navigation pane, under **MSK Clusters**, choose **Clusters** to display the list of clusters in the account.
3. Select the cluster to configure for multi-VPC private connectivity. The cluster must be in an ACTIVE state.
4. Select the cluster **Properties** tab, and then go to **Network** settings.
5. Select the **Edit** drop down menu and select **Turn on multi-VPC connectivity**.
6. Select one or more authentication types you want turned on for this cluster. For this use case, select **IAM role-based authentication**.
7. Select **Save changes**.

Example- UpdateConnectivity API that turns on Multi-VPC private connectivity auth schemes on a cluster

As an alternative to the MSK console, you can use the UpdateConnectivity API to turn on multi-VPC private connectivity and configure auth schemes on an ACTIVE cluster. The following example shows the IAM auth scheme turned on for the cluster.

```
{
  "currentVersion": "K3T4TT2Z381HKD",
  "connectivityInfo": {
    "vpcConnectivity": {
      "clientAuthentication": {
        "sasl": {
          "iam": {
            "enabled": TRUE
            }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Amazon MSK creates the networking infrastructure required for private connectivity. Amazon MSK also creates a new set of bootstrap broker endpoints for each auth type that requires private connectivity. Note that the plaintext auth scheme does not support multi-VPC private connectivity.

Step 2: Attach a cluster policy to the MSK cluster

The cluster owner can attach a cluster policy (also known as a resource-based policy) to the MSK cluster where you will turn on multi-VPC private connectivity. The cluster policy gives the clients permission to access the cluster from another account. Before you can edit the cluster policy, you need the account ID(s) for the accounts that should have permission to access the MSK cluster. See How Amazon MSK works with IAM.

The cluster owner must attach a cluster policy to the MSK cluster that authorizes the cross-account user in Account B to get bootstrap brokers for the cluster and to authorize the following actions on the MSK cluster in Account A:

- CreateVpcConnection
- GetBootstrapBrokers
- DescribeCluster
- DescribeClusterV2

Example

For reference, the following is an example of the JSON for a basic cluster policy, similar to the default policy shown in the MSK console IAM policy editor. The following policy grants permissions for cluster, topic, and group-level access.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "123456789012"
      },
      "Action": [
        "kafka:CreateVpcConnection",
```

```
        "kafka:GetBootstrapBrokers",
        "kafka:DescribeCluster",
        "kafka:DescribeClusterV2",
        "kafka-cluster:*"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:111122223333:cluster/testing/
de8982fa-8222-4e87-8b20-9bf3cdfa1521-2"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "123456789012"
      },
      "Action": "kafka-cluster:*",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:111122223333:topic/testing/*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "123456789012"
      },
      "Action": "kafka-cluster:*",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:111122223333:group/testing/*"
    }
  ]
}
```

Attach a cluster policy to the MSK cluster

1. In the Amazon MSK console, under **MSK Clusters**, choose **Clusters**.
2. Scroll down to **Security settings** and select **Edit cluster** policy.
3. In the console, on the **Edit Cluster Policy** screen, select **Basic policy for multi-VPC connectivity**.
4. In the **Account ID** field, enter the account ID for each account that should have permission to access this cluster. As you type the ID, it is automatically copied over into the displayed policy JSON syntax. In our example cluster policy, the Account ID is *111122223333*.
5. Select **Save changes**.

For information about cluster policy APIs, see Amazon MSK resource-based policies.

Step 3: Cross-account user actions to configure client-managed VPC connections

To set up multi-VPC private connectivity between a client in a different account from the MSK cluster, the cross-account user creates a managed VPC connection for the client. Multiple clients can be connected to the MSK cluster by repeating this procedure. For the purposes of this use case, you'll configure just one client.

Clients can use the supported auth schemes IAM, SASL/SCRAM, or TLS. Each managed VPC connection can have only one auth scheme associated with it. The client auth scheme must be configured on the MSK cluster where the client will connect.

For this use case, configure the client auth scheme so that the client in Account B uses the IAM auth scheme.

Prerequisites

This process requires the following items:

- The previously created cluster policy that grants the client in Account B permission to perform actions on the MSK cluster in Account A.
- An identity policy attached to the client in Account B that grants permissions for `kafka:CreateVpcConnection`, `ec2:CreateTags`, `ec2:CreateVPCEndpoint` and `ec2:DescribeVpcAttribute` action.

Example

For reference, the following is an example of the JSON for a basic client identity policy.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "kafka:CreateVpcConnection",
        "ec2:CreateTags",
        "ec2:CreateVPCEndpoint",
        "ec2:DescribeVpcAttribute"
```

```
      ],
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

To create a managed VPC connection for a client in Account B

1. From the cluster administrator, get the **Cluster ARN** of the MSK cluster in Account A that you want the client in Account B to connect to. Make note of the cluster ARN to use later.
2. In the MSK console for the client Account B, choose **Managed VPC connections**, and then choose **Create connection**.
3. In the **Connection settings** pane, paste the cluster ARN into the cluster ARN text field, and then choose **Verify**.
4. Select the **Authentication type** for the client in Account B. For this use case, choose IAM when creating the client VPC connection.
5. Choose the **VPC** for the client.
6. Choose at least two availability **Zones** and associated **Subnets**. You can get the availability zone IDs from the AWS Management Console cluster details or by using the DescribeCluster API or the describe-cluster AWS CLI command. The zone IDs that you specify for the client subnet must match those of the cluster subnet. If the values for a subnet are missing, first create a subnet with the same zone ID as your MSK cluster.
7. Choose a **Security group** for this VPC connection. You can use the default security group. For more information on configuring a security group, see Control traffic to resources using security groups.
8. Select **Create connection**.
9. To get the list of new bootstrap broker strings from the cross-account user's MSK console (**Cluster** details > **Managed VPC connection**), see the bootstrap broker strings shown under "**Cluster connection string**." From the client Account B, the list of bootstrap brokers can be viewed by calling the GetBootstrapBrokers API or by viewing the list of bootstrap brokers in the console cluster details.
10. Update the security groups associated with the VPC connections as follows:

    a. Set **inbound rules** for the PrivateLink VPC to allow all traffic for the IP range from the Account B network.

b. [Optional] Set **Outbound rules** connectivity to the MSK cluster. Choose the **Security Group** in the VPC console, **Edit Outbound Rules**, and add a rule for **Custom TCP Traffic** for port ranges 14001-14100. The multi-VPC network load balancer is listening on the 14001-14100 port ranges. See Network Load Balancers.

11. Configure the client in Account B to use the new bootstrap brokers for multi-VPC private connectivity to connect to the MSK cluster in Account A. See Produce and consume data.

After authorization is complete, Amazon MSK creates a managed VPC connection for each specified VPC and auth scheme. The chosen security group is associated with each connection. This managed VPC connection is configured by Amazon MSK to connect privately to the brokers. You can use the new set of bootstrap brokers to connect privately to the Amazon MSK cluster.

Update the authorization schemes on a cluster

Multi-VPC private connectivity supports several authorization schemes: SASL/SCRAM, IAM, and TLS. The cluster owner can turn on/off private connectivity for one or more auth schemes. The cluster has to be in ACTIVE state to perform this action.

To turn on an auth scheme using the Amazon MSK console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at AWS Management Console for the cluster that you want to edit.
2. In the navigation pane, under **MSK Clusters**, choose **Clusters** to display the list of clusters in the account.
3. Select the cluster that you want to edit. The cluster must be in an ACTIVE state.
4. Select the cluster **Properties** tab, and then go to **Network settings**.
5. Select the **Edit** dropdown menu and select **Turn on multi-VPC connectivity** to turn on a new auth scheme.
6. Select one or more authentication types that you want turned on for this cluster.
7. Select **Turn on selection**.

When you turn on a new auth scheme, you should also create new managed VPC connections for the new auth scheme and update your clients to use the bootstrap brokers specific to the new auth scheme.

To turn off an auth scheme using the Amazon MSK console

> **Note**
>
> When you turn off multi-VPC private connectivity for auth schemes, all connectivity related infrastructure, including the managed VPC connections, are deleted.

When you turn off multi-VPC private connectivity for auth schemes, existing VPC connections on client side change to INACTIVE, and Privatelink infrastructure on the cluster side, including the managed VPC connections, on the cluster side is removed. The cross-account user can only delete the inactive VPC connection. If private connectivity is turned on again on the cluster, the cross-account user needs to create a new connection to the cluster.

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at AWS Management Console.
2. In the navigation pane, under **MSK Clusters**, choose **Clusters** to display the list of clusters in the account.
3. Select the cluster you want to edit. The cluster must be in an ACTIVE state.
4. Select the cluster **Properties** tab, then go to **Network settings**.
5. Select the **Edit** drop down menu and select **Turn off multi-VPC connectivity** (to turn off an auth scheme).
6. Select one or more authentication types you want turned off for this cluster.
7. Select **Turn off selection**.

Example To turn on/off an auth scheme with the API

As an alternative to the MSK console, you can use the UpdateConnectivity API to turn on multi-VPC private connectivity and configure auth schemes on an ACTIVE cluster. The following example shows SASL/SCRAM and IAM auth schemes turned on for the cluster.

When you turn on a new auth scheme, you should also create new managed VPC connections for the new auth scheme and update your clients to use the bootstrap brokers specific to the new auth scheme.

When you turn off multi-VPC private connectivity for auth schemes, existing VPC connections on client side change to INACTIVE, and Privatelink infrastructure on the cluster side, including the managed VPC connections, is removed. The cross-account user can only delete the inactive VPC

connection. If private connectivity is turned on again on the cluster, the cross-account user needs to create a new connection to the cluster.

```
Request:
{
  "currentVersion": "string",
  "connnectivityInfo": {
    "publicAccess": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "vpcConnectivity": {
      "clientAuthentication": {
        "sasl": {
          "scram": {
            "enabled": TRUE
          },
          "iam": {
            "enabled": TRUE
          }
        },
        "tls": {
          "enabled": FALSE
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

Response:
{
  "clusterArn": "string",
  "clusterOperationArn": "string"
}
```

Reject a managed VPC connection to an Amazon MSK cluster

From the Amazon MSK console on the cluster admin account, you can reject a client VPC connection. The client VPC connection must be in the AVAILABLE state to be rejected. You might want to reject a managed VPC connection from a client that is no longer authorized to connect to your cluster. To prevent new managed VPC connections from a connecting to a client, deny access to the client in the cluster policy. A rejected connection still incurs cost until its deleted by the connection owner. See Delete a managed VPC connection to an Amazon MSK cluster .

To reject a client VPC connection using the MSK console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at AWS Management Console.
2. In the navigation pane, select **Clusters** and scroll to the **Network settings > Client VPC connections** list.
3. Select the connection that you want to reject and select **Reject client VPC connection**.
4. Confirm that you want to reject the selected client VPC connection.

To reject a managed VPC connection using the API, use the `RejectClientVpcConnection` API.

Delete a managed VPC connection to an Amazon MSK cluster

The cross-account user can delete a managed VPC connection for an MSK cluster from the client account console. Because the cluster owner user doesn't own the managed VPC connection, the connection can't be deleted from the cluster admin account. Once a VPC connection is deleted, it no longer incurs cost.

To delete a managed VPC connection using the MSK console

1. From the client account, open the Amazon MSK console at AWS Management Console.
2. In the navigation pane, select **Managed VPC connections**.
3. From the connection list, select the connection that you want to delete.
4. Confirm that you want to delete the VPC connection.

To delete a managed VPC connection using the API, use the `DeleteVpcConnection` API.

Permissions for multi-VPC private connectivity

This section summarizes the permissions needed for clients and clusters using the multi-VPC private connectivity feature. Multi-VPC private connectivity requires the client admin to create permissions on each client that will have a managed VPC connection to the MSK cluster. It also requires the MSK cluster admin to enable PrivateLink connectivity on the MSK cluster and select authentication schemes to control access to the cluster.

Cluster auth type and topic access permissions

Turn on the multi-VPC private connectivity feature for auth schemes that are enabled for your MSK cluster. See Requirements and limitations for multi-VPC private connectivity. If you

are configuring your MSK cluster to use SASL/SCRAM auth scheme, the Apache Kafka ACLs property `allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found=false` is mandatory. After you set the Apache Kafka ACLs for your cluster, update the cluster's configuration to have the property `allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found` set to false for the cluster. For information about how to update the configuration of a cluster, see Broker configuration operations.

Cross-account cluster policy permissions

If a Kafka client is in an AWS account that is different than the MSK cluster, attach a cluster-based policy to the MSK cluster that authorizes the client root user for cross-account connectivity. You can edit the multi-VPC cluster policy using the IAM policy editor in the MSK console (cluster **Security settings** > **Edit cluster policy**), or use the following APIs to manage the cluster policy:

PutClusterPolicy

Attaches the cluster policy to the cluster. You can use this API to create or update the specified MSK cluster policy. If you're updating the policy, the currentVersion field is required in the request payload.

GetClusterPolicy

Retrieves the JSON text of the cluster policy document attached to the cluster.

DeleteClusterPolicy

Deletes the cluster policy.

The following is an example of the JSON for a basic cluster policy, similar to the one shown in the MSK console IAM policy editor. The following policy grants permissions for cluster, topic, and group-level access.

JSON

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [{
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Principal": {
            "AWS": [
                "123456789012"
```

```
            ]
        },
        "Action": [
            "kafka-cluster:*",
            "kafka:CreateVpcConnection",
            "kafka:GetBootstrapBrokers",
            "kafka:DescribeCluster",
            "kafka:DescribeClusterV2"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/testing/
de8982fa-8222-4e87-8b20-9bf3cdfa1521-2",
            "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/testing/*",
            "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:group/testing/*"
        ]
    }]
}
```

Client permissions for multi-VPC private connectivity to an MSK cluster

To set up multi-VPC private connectivity between a Kafka client and an MSK cluster, the client requires an attached identity policy that grants permissions for `kafka:CreateVpcConnection`, `ec2:CreateTags` and `ec2:CreateVPCEndpoint` actions on the client. For reference, the following is an example of the JSON for a basic client identity policy.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "kafka:CreateVpcConnection",
        "ec2:CreateTags",
        "ec2:CreateVPCEndpoint"
      ],
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

Port information

Use the following port numbers so that Amazon MSK can communicate with client machines:

- To communicate with brokers in plaintext, use port 9092.
- To communicate with brokers with TLS encryption, use port 9094 for access from within AWS and port 9194 for public access.
- To communicate with brokers with SASL/SCRAM, use port 9096 for access from within AWS and port 9196 for public access.
- To communicate with brokers in a cluster that is set up to use the section called “IAM access control”, use port 9098 for access from within AWS and port 9198 for public access.
- To communicate with brokers using IPv6 network type in plaintext, use port 20092
- To communicate with brokers in a cluster that is set up to use IAM access control using IPv6, use port 20098.
- To communicate with brokers with SASL/SCRAM using IPv6, use port 20096.
- To communicate with brokers with TLS encryption using IPv6, use port 20094.

Get the bootstrap brokers for an Amazon MSK cluster

The *bootstrap brokers* refer to the list of brokers that an Apache Kafka client can use to connect to an Amazon MSK cluster. This list may not include all the brokers in the cluster. You can get bootstrap brokers using the AWS Management Console, AWS CLI, or Amazon MSK API.

Topics

- Get the bootstrap brokers using the AWS Management Console
- Get the bootstrap brokers using the AWS CLI
- Get the bootstrap brokers using the API

Get the bootstrap brokers using the AWS Management Console

This process describes how to get bootstrap brokers for a cluster using the AWS Management Console. The term *bootstrap brokers* refers to a list of brokers that an Apache Kafka client can use as a starting point to connect to the cluster. This list doesn't necessarily include all of the brokers in a cluster.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. The table shows all the clusters for the current region under this account. Choose the name of a cluster to view its description.
3. On the **Cluster summary** page, choose **View client information**. This shows you the bootstrap brokers, as well as the Apache ZooKeeper connection string.

Get the bootstrap brokers using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) that you obtained when you created your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called "List clusters".

```
aws kafka get-bootstrap-brokers --cluster-arn ClusterArn
```

For an MSK cluster that uses the section called "IAM access control", the output of this command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "BootstrapBrokerStringSaslIam": "b-1.myTestCluster.123z8u.c2.kafka.us-
west-1.amazonaws.com:9098,b-2.myTestCluster.123z8u.c2.kafka.us-
west-1.amazonaws.com:9098"
}
```

The following example shows the bootstrap brokers for a cluster that has public access turned on. Use the `BootstrapBrokerStringPublicSaslIam` for public access, and the `BootstrapBrokerStringSaslIam` string for access from within AWS.

```
{
    "BootstrapBrokerStringPublicSaslIam": "b-2-public.myTestCluster.v4ni96.c2.kafka-
beta.us-east-1.amazonaws.com:9198,b-1-public.myTestCluster.v4ni96.c2.kafka-
beta.us-east-1.amazonaws.com:9198,b-3-public.myTestCluster.v4ni96.c2.kafka-beta.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:9198",
    "BootstrapBrokerStringSaslIam": "b-2.myTestCluster.v4ni96.c2.kafka-
beta.us-east-1.amazonaws.com:9098,b-1.myTestCluster.v4ni96.c2.kafka-beta.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:9098,b-3.myTestCluster.v4ni96.c2.kafka-beta.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:9098"
}
```

The bootstrap brokers string should contain three brokers from across the Availability Zones in which your MSK cluster is deployed (unless only two brokers are available).

Get the bootstrap brokers using the API

To get the bootstrap brokers using the API, see GetBootstrapBrokers.

Monitor an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster

There are several ways that Amazon MSK helps you monitor the status of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster.

- Amazon MSK gathers Apache Kafka metrics and sends them to Amazon CloudWatch where you can view them. For more information about Apache Kafka metrics, including the ones that Amazon MSK surfaces, see Monitoring in the Apache Kafka documentation.
- You can also monitor your MSK cluster with Prometheus, an open-source monitoring application. For information about Prometheus, see Overview in the Prometheus documentation. To learn how to monitor your MSK Provisioned cluster with Prometheus, see the section called "Monitor with Prometheus".
- (Standard brokers only) Amazon MSK helps you monitor your disk storage capacity by automatically sending you storage capacity alerts when a Provisioned cluster is about to reach its storage capacity limit. The alerts also provide recommendations on the best steps to take to address detected issues. This helps you to identify and quickly resolve disk capacity issues before they become critical. Amazon MSK automatically sends these alerts to the Amazon MSK console, Health Dashboard, Amazon EventBridge, and email contacts for your AWS account. For information about storage capacity alerts, see Use Amazon MSK storage capacity alerts.

Topics

- View Amazon MSK metrics using CloudWatch
- Amazon MSK metrics for monitoring Standard brokers with CloudWatch
- Amazon MSK metrics for monitoring Express brokers with CloudWatch
- Monitor an MSK Provisioned cluster with Prometheus
- Monitor consumer lags
- Use Amazon MSK storage capacity alerts

View Amazon MSK metrics using CloudWatch

You can monitor metrics for Amazon MSK using the CloudWatch console, the command line, or the CloudWatch API. The following procedures show you how to access metrics using these different methods.

To access metrics using the CloudWatch console

Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the CloudWatch console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/.

1. In the navigation pane, choose **Metrics**.
2. Choose the **All metrics** tab, and then choose **AWS/Kafka**.
3. To view topic-level metrics, choose **Topic, Broker ID, Cluster Name**; for broker-level metrics, choose **Broker ID, Cluster Name**; and for cluster-level metrics, choose **Cluster Name**.
4. (Optional) In the graph pane, select a statistic and a time period, and then create a CloudWatch alarm using these settings.

To access metrics using the AWS CLI

Use the list-metrics and get-metric-statistics commands.

To access metrics using the CloudWatch CLI

Use the mon-list-metrics and mon-get-stats commands.

To access metrics using the CloudWatch API

Use the ListMetrics and GetMetricStatistics operations.

Amazon MSK metrics for monitoring Standard brokers with CloudWatch

Amazon MSK integrates with Amazon CloudWatch so that you can collect, view, and analyze CloudWatch metrics for your MSK Standard brokers. The metrics that you configure for your MSK Provisioned clusters are automatically collected and pushed to CloudWatch at 1 minute intervals. You can set the monitoring level for an MSK Provisioned cluster to one of the following: `DEFAULT`, `PER_BROKER`, `PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER`, or `PER_TOPIC_PER_PARTITION`. The tables in the following sections show all the metrics that are available starting at each monitoring level.

> **Note**
>
> The names of some Amazon MSK metrics for CloudWatch monitoring have changed in version 3.6.0 and higher. Use the new names for monitoring these metrics. For metrics with changed names, the table below shows the name used in version 3.6.0 and higher, followed by the name in version 2.8.2.tiered.

DEFAULT-level metrics are free. Pricing for other metrics is described in the Amazon CloudWatch pricing page.

DEFAULT Level monitoring

The metrics described in the following table are available at the DEFAULT monitoring level. They are free.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
ActiveControllerCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name	Only one controller per cluster should be active at any given time.
BurstBalance	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name , Broker ID	The remaining balance of input-output burst credits for EBS volumes in the cluster. Use it to investigate latency or decreased throughput. BurstBalance is not reported for EBS volumes when the baseline performance of a volume is higher than the maximum burst performance. For more information, see I/O Credits and burst performance.
BytesInPerSec	After you create a topic.	Cluster Name, Broker	The number of bytes per second received from clients. This metric is available per broker and also per topic.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
		ID, Topic	
BytesOutPerSec	After you create a topic.	Cluster Name, Broker ID, Topic	The number of bytes per second sent to clients. This metric is available per broker and also per topic.
ClientConnectionCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID, Client Authentication	The number of active authenticated client connections.
ConnectionCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of active authenticated, unauthenticated, and inter-broker connections.
CPUCreditBalance	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of earned CPU credits that a broker has accrued since it was launched. Credits are accrued in the credit balance after they are earned, and removed from the credit balance when they are spent. If you run out of the CPU credit balance, it can have a negative impact on your cluster's performance. You can take steps to reduce CPU load. For example, you can reduce the number of client requests or update the broker type to an M5 broker type.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
CpuIdle	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of CPU idle time.
CpuIoWait	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of CPU idle time during a pending disk operation.
CpuSystem	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of CPU in kernel space.
CpuUser	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of CPU in user space.
GlobalPartitionCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name	The number of partitions across all topics in the cluster, excluding replicas. Because GlobalPartitionCount doesn't include replicas, the sum of the PartitionCount values can be higher than GlobalPartitionCount if the replication factor for a topic is greater than 1.
GlobalTopicCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name	Total number of topics across all brokers in the cluster.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
`EstimatedMaxTimeLag*`	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Cluster Name, Consumer Group, Topic	Time estimate (in seconds) to drain `MaxOffsetLag` .
`KafkaAppLogsDiskUsed`	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of disk space used for application logs.
`KafkaDataLogsDiskUsed` (`Cluster Name, Broker ID` dimension)	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of disk space used for data logs.
`LeaderCount`	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The total number of leaders of partitions per broker, not including replicas.
`MaxOffsetLag*`	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Cluster Name, Consumer Group, Topic	The maximum offset lag across all partitions in a topic.
`MemoryBuffered`	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of buffered memory for the broker.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
MemoryCached	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of cached memory for the broker.
MemoryFree	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of memory that is free and available for the broker.
HeapMemoryAfterGC	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of total heap memory in use after garbage collection.
MemoryUsed	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of memory that is in use for the broker.
MessagesInPerSec	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of incoming messages per second for the broker.
NetworkRxDropped	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of dropped receive packages.
NetworkRxErrors	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of network receive errors for the broker.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
NetworkRxPackets	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of packets received by the broker.
NetworkTxDropped	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of dropped transmit packages.
NetworkTxErrors	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of network transmit errors for the broker.
NetworkTxPackets	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of packets transmitted by the broker.
OfflinePartitionsCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name	Total number of partitions that are offline in the cluster.
PartitionCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The total number of topic partitions per broker, including replicas.
ProduceTotalTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The mean produce time in milliseconds.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
RequestBytesMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The mean number of request bytes for the broker.
RequestTime	After request throttling is applied.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The average time in milliseconds spent in broker network and I/O threads to process requests.
RootDiskUsed	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of the root disk used by the broker.
RollingEstimatedTimeLagMax*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Cluster Name, Consume Group, Topic	Rolling maximum time estimate (in seconds) to drain the partition offset lag across all partitions in a topic.
SumOffsetLag*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Cluster Name, Consume Group, Topic	The aggregated offset lag for all the partitions in a topic.
SwapFree	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of swap memory that is available for the broker.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
SwapUsed	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of swap memory that is in use for the broker.
TrafficShaping	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	High-level metrics indicating the number of packets shaped (dropped or queued) due to exceeding network allocations. Finer detail is available with PER_BROKER metrics.
UnderMinIsrPartitionCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of under minIsr partitions for the broker.
UnderReplicatedPartitions	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of under-replicated partitions for the broker.
UserPartitionExists	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	A Boolean metric that indicates the presence of a user-owned partition on a broker. A value of 1 indicates the presence of partitions on the broker.
ZooKeeperRequestLatencyMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	For ZooKeeper-based cluster. The mean latency in milliseconds for Apache ZooKeeper requests from broker.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
ZooKeeperSessionState	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	For ZooKeeper-based cluster. Connection status of broker's ZooKeeper session which may be one of the following: NOT_CONNECTED: '0.0', ASSOCIATING: '0.1', CONNECTING: '0.5', CONNECTEDREADONLY: '0.8', CONNECTED: '1.0', CLOSED: '5.0', AUTH_FAILED: '10.0'.

* Consumer lag metrics require ASCII-only consumer group names and have specific emission requirements. For more information, see the section called “Monitor consumer lags”.

PER_BROKER Level monitoring

When you set the monitoring level to PER_BROKER, you get the metrics described in the following table in addition to all the DEFAULT level metrics. You pay for the metrics in the following table, whereas the DEFAULT level metrics continue to be free. The metrics in this table have the following dimensions: Cluster Name, Broker ID.

Name	When visible	Description
BwInAllowanceExceeded	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of packets shaped because the inbound aggregate bandwidth exceeded the maximum for the broker.
BwOutAllowanceExceeded	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of packets shaped because the outbound aggregate bandwidth exceeded the maximum for the broker.
ConntrackAllowanceExceeded	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of packets shaped because the connection tracking exceeded the maximum for the

Name	When visible	Description
		broker. Connection tracking is related to security groups that track each connection established to ensure that return packets are delivered as expected.
ConnectionCloseRate	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of connections closed per second per listener. This number is aggregated per listener and filtered for the client listeners.
ConnectionCreationRate	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of new connections established per second per listener. This number is aggregated per listener and filtered for the client listeners.
CpuCreditUsage	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of CPU credits spent by the broker. If you run out of the CPU credit balance, it can have a negative impact on your cluter's performan ce. You can take steps to reduce CPU load. For example, you can reduce the number of client requests or update the broker type to an M5 broker type.
FetchConsumerLocalTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the consumer request is processed at the leader.
FetchConsumerRequestQueueTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the consumer request waits in the request queue.

Name	When visible	Description
FetchConsumerResponseQueueTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the consumer request waits in the response queue.
FetchConsumerResponseSendTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds for the consumer to send a response.
FetchConsumerTotalTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean total time in milliseconds that consumers spend on fetching data from the broker.
FetchFollowerLocalTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the follower request is processed at the leader.
FetchFollowerRequestQueueTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the follower request waits in the request queue.
FetchFollowerResponseQueueTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the follower request waits in the response queue.
FetchFollowerResponseSendTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds for the follower to send a response.
FetchFollowerTotalTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean total time in milliseconds that followers spend on fetching data from the broker.
FetchMessageConversionsPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of fetch message conversions per second for the broker.
FetchThrottleByteRate	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The number of throttled bytes per second.

Name	When visible	Description
FetchThrottleQueueSize	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The number of messages in the throttle queue.
FetchThrottleTime	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The average fetch throttle time in milliseconds.
IAMNumberOfConnectionRequests	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of IAM authentication requests per second.
IAMTooManyConnections	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of connections attempted beyond 100. 0 means the number of connections is within the limit. If >0, the throttle limit is being exceeded and you need to reduce number of connections.
KafkaFileDescriptorsUsagePercent	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The percentage of file descriptors in use on the broker. At 100% exhaustion, the Kafka broker might not be able to start. We recommend keeping this metric below 80%. This metric is available for Standard brokers only.
KafkaMemoryMappedFilesUsagePercent	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The percentage of memory-mapped files in use on the broker. At 100% exhaustion, the Kafka broker might not be able to start. We recommend keeping this metric below 80%. This metric is available for Standard brokers only.

Name	When visible	Description
LinklocalAllowanceExceeded	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of packets dropped because the PPS of the traffic to local proxy services exceeded the maximum for the network interface. This impacts traffic to the DNS service, the Instance Metadata Service, and the Amazon Time Sync Service.
NetworkProcessorAvgIdlePercent	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The average percentage of the time the network processors are idle.
PpsAllowanceExceeded	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of packets shaped because the bidirectional PPS exceeded the maximum for the broker.
ProduceLocalTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean time in milliseconds that the request is processed at the leader.
ProduceMessageConversionsPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of produce message conversions per second for the broker.
ProduceMessageConversionsTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean time in milliseconds spent on message format conversions.
ProduceRequestQueueTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean time in milliseconds that request messages spend in the queue.
ProduceResponseQueueTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean time in milliseconds that response messages spend in the queue.
ProduceResponseSendTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean time in milliseconds spent on sending response messages.
ProduceThrottleByteRate	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The number of throttled bytes per second.

Name	When visible	Description
`ProduceThrottleQueueSize`	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The number of messages in the throttle queue.
`ProduceThrottleTime`	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The average produce throttle time in milliseconds.
`ProduceTotalTimeMsMean`	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean produce time in milliseconds.
`RemoteFetchBytesPerSec (RemoteBytesInPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)`	After there's a producer/consumer.	The total number of bytes transferred from tiered storage in response to consumer fetches. This metric includes all topic-partitions that contribute to downstream data transfer traffic. Category: Traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.
`RemoteCopyBytesPerSec (RemoteBytesOutPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)`	After there's a producer/consumer.	The total number of bytes transferred to tiered storage, including data from log segments, indexes, and other auxiliary files. This metric includes all topic-partitions that contribute to upstream data transfer traffic. Category: Traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.
`RemoteLogManagerTasksAvgIdlePercent`	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The average percentage of time the remote log manager spent idle. The remote log manager transfers data from the broker to tiered storage. Category: Internal activity. This is a KIP-405 metric.

Name	When visible	Description
`RemoteLogReaderAvgIdlePercent`	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The average percentage of time the remote log reader spent idle. The remote log reader transfers data from the remote storage to the broker in response to consumer fetches. Category: Internal activity. This is a KIP-405 metric.
`RemoteLogReaderTaskQueueSize`	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of tasks responsible for reads from tiered storage that are waiting to be scheduled. Category: Internal activity. This is a KIP-405 metric.
`RemoteFetchErrorsPerSec (RemoteReadErrorPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)`	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The total rate of errors in response to read requests that the specified broker sent to tiered storage to retrieve data in response to consumer fetches. This metric includes all topic partitions that contribute to downstream data transfer traffic. Category: traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.
`RemoteFetchRequestsPerSec (RemoteReadRequestsPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)`	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The total number of read requests that the specifies broker sent to tiered storage to retrieve data in response to consumer fetches. This metric includes all topic partitions which contribute to downstream data transfer traffic. Category: traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.

Name	When visible	Description
RemoteCopyErrorsPerSec (RemoteWriteErrorPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The total rate of errors in response to write requests that the specified broker sent to tiered storage to transfer data upstream. This metric includes all topic partitions that contribute to upstream data transfer traffic. Category: traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.
RemoteLogSizeBytes	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of bytes stored on the remote tier. This metric is available for tiered storage clusters from Apache Kafka version 3.7.x on Amazon MSK.
ReplicationBytesInPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of bytes per second received from other brokers.
ReplicationBytesOutPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of bytes per second sent to other brokers.
RequestExemptFromThrottleTime	After request throttling is applied.	The average time in milliseconds spent in broker network and I/O threads to process requests that are exempt from throttling.
RequestHandlerAvgIdlePercent	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The average percentage of the time the request handler threads are idle.
RequestThrottleQueueSize	After request throttling is applied.	The number of messages in the throttle queue.
RequestThrottleTime	After request throttling is applied.	The average request throttle time in milliseconds.

Name	When visible	Description
TcpConnections	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Shows number of incoming and outgoing TCP segments with the SYN flag set.
RemoteCopyLagBytes (TotalTierBytesLag in v2.8.2.tiered)	After you create a topic.	The total number of bytes of the data that is eligible for tiering on the broker but has not been transferred to tiered storage yet. This metrics show the efficiency of upstream data transfer. As the lag increases, the amount of data that doesn't persist in tiered storage increases. Category: Archive lag. This is a not a KIP-405 metric.
TrafficBytes	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Shows network traffic in overall bytes between clients (producers and consumers) and brokers. Traffic between brokers isn't reported.
VolumeQueueLength	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of read and write operation requests waiting to be completed in a specified time period.
VolumeReadBytes	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of bytes read in a specified time period.
VolumeReadOps	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of read operations in a specified time period.
VolumeTotalReadTime	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The total number of seconds spent by all read operations that completed in a specified time period.

Name	When visible	Description
VolumeTotalWriteTime	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The total number of seconds spent by all write operations that completed in a specified time period.
VolumeWriteBytes	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of bytes written in a specified time period.
VolumeWriteOps	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of write operations in a specified time period.

PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER Level monitoring

When you set the monitoring level to PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER, you get the metrics described in the following table, in addition to all the metrics from the PER_BROKER and DEFAULT levels. Only the DEFAULT level metrics are free. The metrics in this table have the following dimensions: Cluster Name, Broker ID, Topic.

Important

For an Amazon MSK cluster that uses Apache Kafka 2.4.1 or a newer version, the metrics in the following table appear only after their values become nonzero for the first time. For example, to see BytesInPerSec, one or more producers must first send data to the cluster.

Name	When visible	Description
FetchMessageConversionsPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of fetched messages converted per second.
MessagesInPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of messages received per second.
ProduceMessageConversionsPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of conversions per second for produced messages.

Name	When visible	Description
`RemoteFetchBytesPerSec (RemoteBytesInPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)`	After you create a topic and the topic is producing/consuming.	The number of bytes transferred from tiered storage in response to consumer fetches for the specified topic and broker. This metric includes all partitions from the topic that contribute to downstream data transfer traffic on the specified broker. Category: traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.
`RemoteCopyBytesPerSec (RemoteBytesOutPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)`	After you create a topic and the topic is producing/consuming.	The number of bytes transferred to tiered storage, for the specified topic and broker. This metric includes all partitions from the topic that contribute to upstream data transfer traffic on the specified broker. Category: traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.
`RemoteFetchErrorsPerSec (RemoteReadErrorPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)`	After you create a topic and the topic is producing/consuming.	The rate of errors in response to read requests that the specified broker sends to tiered storage to retrieve data in response to consumer fetches on the specified topic. This metric includes all partitions from the topic that contribute to downstream data transfer traffic on the specified broker. Category: traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.
`RemoteFetchRequestsPerSec (RemoteReadRequestsPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)`	After you create a topic and the topic is producing/consuming.	The number of read requests that the specifies broker sends to tiered storage to retrieve data in response to consumer fetches on the specified topic. This metric includes all partitions from the topic that contribute to downstream data transfer traffic on the specified broker. Category: traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.

Name	When visible	Description
RemoteCopyErrorsPerSec (RemoteWriteErrorPerSec in v2.8.2.tiered)	After you create a topic and the topic is producing/consuming.	The rate of errors in response to write requests that the specified broker sends to tiered storage to transfer data upstream. This metric includes all partitions from the topic that contribute to upstream data transfer traffic on the specified broker. Category: traffic and error rates. This is a KIP-405 metric.
RemoteLogSizeBytes	After you create a topic.	The number of bytes stored on the remote tier. This metric is available for tiered storage clusters from Apache Kafka version 3.7.x on Amazon MSK.

PER_TOPIC_PER_PARTITION Level monitoring

When you set the monitoring level to PER_TOPIC_PER_PARTITION, you get the metrics described in the following table, in addition to all the metrics from the PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER, PER_BROKER, and DEFAULT levels. Only the DEFAULT level metrics are free. The metrics in this table have the following dimensions: Consumer Group, Topic, Partition.

Name	When visible	Description
EstimatedTimeLag*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Time estimate (in seconds) to drain the partition offset lag.
OffsetLag*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Partition-level consumer lag in number of offsets.
RollingEstimatedTimeLag*	After consumer group	Rolling time estimate (in seconds) to drain the partition offset lag.

Name	When visible	Description
	consumes from a topic.	

* Consumer lag metrics require ASCII-only consumer group names and have specific emission requirements. For more information, see the section called “Monitor consumer lags”.

Understand MSK Provisioned cluster states

The following table shows the possible states of a MSK Provisioned cluster and describes what they mean. Unless otherwise specified, MSK Provisioned cluster states apply to both Standard and Express broker types. This table also describes what actions you can and cannot perform when an MSK Provisioned cluster is in one of these states. To find out the state of a cluster, you can visit the AWS Management Console. You can also use the describe-cluster-v2 command or the DescribeClusterV2 operation to describe the Provisioned cluster. The description of a cluster includes its state.

MSK Provisioned cluster state	Meaning and possible actions
ACTIVE	You can produce and consume data. You can also perform Amazon MSK API and AWS CLI operations on the cluster.
CREATING	Amazon MSK is setting up the Provision ed cluster. You must wait for the cluster to reach the ACTIVE state before you can use it to produce or consume data or to perform Amazon MSK API or AWS CLI operations on it.
DELETING	The Provisioned cluster is being deleted. You cannot use it to produce or consume data. You also cannot perform Amazon MSK API or AWS CLI operations on it.
FAILED	The Provisioned cluster creation or deletion process failed. You cannot use the cluster to produce or consume data. You can delete the

MSK Provisioned cluster state	Meaning and possible actions
	cluster but cannot perform Amazon MSK API or AWS CLI update operations on it.
HEALING	Amazon MSK is running an internal operation , like replacing an unhealthy broker. For example, the broker might be unresponsive. You can still use the Provisioned cluster to produce and consume data. However, you cannot perform Amazon MSK API or AWS CLI update operations on the cluster until it returns to the ACTIVE state.
MAINTENANCE	(Standard brokers only) Amazon MSK is performing routine maintenance operations on the cluster. Such maintenance operation s include security patching. You can still use the cluster to produce and consume data. However, you cannot perform Amazon MSK API or AWS CLI update operations on the cluster until it returns to the ACTIVE state. The cluster State remains ACTIVE during maintenance on Express brokers. See Patching on MSK Provisioned clusters.
REBOOTING_BROKER	Amazon MSK is rebooting a broker. You can still use the Provisioned cluster to produce and consume data. However, you cannot perform Amazon MSK API or AWS CLI update operation s on the cluster until it returns to the ACTIVE state.

MSK Provisioned cluster state	Meaning and possible actions
UPDATING	A user-initiated Amazon MSK API or AWS CLI operation is updating the Provisioned cluster. You can still use the Provisioned cluster to produce and consume data. However, you cannot perform any additional Amazon MSK API or AWS CLI update operations on the cluster until it returns to the ACTIVE state.

Amazon MSK metrics for monitoring Express brokers with CloudWatch

Amazon MSK integrates with CloudWatch so that you can collect, view, and analyze CloudWatch metrics for your MSK Express brokers. The metrics that you configure for your MSK Provisioned clusters are automatically collected and pushed to CloudWatch at 1 minute intervals. You can set the monitoring level for an MSK Provisioned cluster to one of the following: `DEFAULT`, `PER_BROKER`, `PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER`, or `PER_TOPIC_PER_PARTITION`. The tables in the following sections show the metrics that are available starting at each monitoring level.

`DEFAULT`-level metrics are free. Pricing for other metrics is described in the Amazon CloudWatch pricing page.

`DEFAULT` Level monitoring for Express brokers

The metrics described in the following table are available free of cost at the `DEFAULT` monitoring level.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
ActiveControllerCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name	Only one controller per cluster should be active at any given time.
BytesInPerSec	After you create a topic.	Cluster Name, Broker ID, Topic	The number of bytes per second received from clients. This metric is available per

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
			broker and also per topic.
BytesOutPerSec	After you create a topic.	Cluster Name, Broker ID, Topic	The number of bytes per second sent to clients. This metric is available per broker and also per topic.
ClientConnectionCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID, Client Authentication	The number of active authenticated client connections.
ConnectionCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of active authenticated, unauthenticated, and inter-broker connections.
CpuIdle	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of CPU idle time.
CpuSystem	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of CPU in kernel space.
CpuUser	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The percentage of CPU in user space.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
GlobalPartitionCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name	The number of partitions across all topics in the cluster, excluding replicas. Because `GlobalPartitionCount` doesn't include replicas, the sum of the `PartitionCount` values can be higher than `GlobalPartitionCount` if the replication factor for a topic is greater than 1.
GlobalTopicCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name	Total number of topics across all brokers in the cluster.
EstimatedMaxTimeLag*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Consumer Group, Topic	Time estimate (in seconds) to drain `MaxOffsetLag` .
LeaderCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The total number of leaders of partitions per broker, not including replicas.
MaxOffsetLag*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Consumer Group, Topic	The maximum offset lag across all partitions in a topic.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
MemoryBuffered	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of buffered memory for the broker.
MemoryCached	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of cached memory for the broker.
MemoryFree	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of memory that is free and available for the broker.
MemoryUsed	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The size in bytes of memory that is in use for the broker.
MessagesInPerSec	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of incoming messages per second for the broker.
NetworkRxDropped	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of dropped receive packages.
NetworkRxErrors	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of network receive errors for the broker.
NetworkRxPackets	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of packets received by the broker.
NetworkTxDropped	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of dropped transmit packages.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
NetworkTxErrors	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of network transmit errors for the broker.
NetworkTxPackets	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The number of packets transmitted by the broker.
PartitionCount	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The total number of topic partitions per broker, including replicas.
ProduceTotalTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The mean produce time in milliseconds.
RequestBytesMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The mean number of request bytes for the broker.
RequestTime	After request throttling is applied.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	The average time in milliseconds spent in broker network and I/O threads to process requests.
RollingEstimatedTimeLagMax*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Consumer Group, Topic	Rolling maximum time estimate (in seconds) to drain the partition offset lag across all partitions in a topic.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
StorageUsed	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name	The total storage used across all partitions in the cluster, excluding replicas.
SumOffsetLag*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Consumer Group, Topic	The aggregated offset lag for all the partitions in a topic.
UserPartitionExists	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Cluster Name, Broker ID	Boolean metric that indicates the presence of a user-owned partition on a broker. A value of 1 indicates the presence of partitions on the broker.

* Consumer lag metrics require ASCII-only consumer group names and have specific emission requirements. For more information, see the section called “Monitor consumer lags”.

PER_BROKER Level monitoring for Express brokers

When you set the monitoring level to PER_BROKER, you get the metrics described in the following table in addition to all the DEFAULT level metrics. You pay for the metrics in the following table, whereas the DEFAULT level metrics continue to be free of charge. The metrics in this table have the following dimensions: Cluster Name, Broker ID.

Name	When visible	Description
ConnectionCloseRate	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of connections closed per second per listener. This number is aggregated

Name	When visible	Description
		per listener and filtered for the client listeners.
ConnectionCreationRate	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of new connections established per second per listener. This number is aggregated per listener and filtered for the client listeners.
FetchConsumerLocalTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the consumer request is processed at the leader.
FetchConsumerRequestQueueTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the consumer request waits in the request queue.
FetchConsumerResponseQueueTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the consumer request waits in the response queue.
FetchConsumerResponseSendTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds for the consumer to send a response.
FetchConsumerTotalTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean total time in milliseconds that consumers spend on fetching data from the broker.
FetchFollowerLocalTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the follower request is processed at the leader.

Name	When visible	Description
FetchFollowerRequestQueueTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the follower request waits in the request queue.
FetchFollowerResponseQueueTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds that the follower request waits in the response queue.
FetchFollowerResponseSendTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean time in milliseconds for the follower to send a response.
FetchFollowerTotalTimeMsMean	After there's a producer/consumer.	The mean total time in milliseconds that followers spend on fetching data from the broker.
FetchThrottleByteRate	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The number of throttled bytes per second.
FetchThrottleQueueSize	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The number of messages in the throttle queue.
FetchThrottleTime	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The average fetch throttle time in milliseconds.
IAMNumberOfConnectionRequests	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of IAM authentication requests per second.

Name	When visible	Description
IAMTooManyConnections	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The number of connections attempted beyond 100. `0` means the number of connections is within the limit. If `>0`, the throttle limit is being exceeded and you need to reduce number of connections.
NetworkProcessorAvgIdlePercent	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The average percentage of the time the network processors are idle.
ProduceLocalTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean time in milliseconds that the request is processed at the leader.
ProduceRequestQueueTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean time in milliseconds that request messages spend in the queue.
ProduceResponseQueueTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean time in milliseconds that response messages spend in the queue.
ProduceResponseSendTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean time in milliseconds spent on sending response messages.
ProduceThrottleByteRate	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The number of throttled bytes per second.
ProduceThrottleQueueSize	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The number of messages in the throttle queue.

Name	When visible	Description
ProduceThrottleTime	After bandwidth throttling is applied.	The average produce throttle time in milliseconds.
ProduceTotalTimeMsMean	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The mean produce time in milliseconds.
ReplicationBytesInPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of bytes per second received from other brokers.
ReplicationBytesOutPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of bytes per second sent to other brokers.
RequestExemptFromThrottleTime	After request throttling is applied.	The average time in milliseconds spent in broker network and I/O threads to process requests that are exempt from throttling.
RequestHandlerAvgIdlePercent	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	The average percentage of the time the request handler threads are idle.
RequestThrottleQueueSize	After request throttling is applied.	The number of messages in the throttle queue.
RequestThrottleTime	After request throttling is applied.	The average request throttle time in milliseconds.
TcpConnections	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Shows number of incoming and outgoing TCP segments with the SYN flag set.

Name	When visible	Description
TrafficBytes	After the cluster gets to the ACTIVE state.	Shows network traffic in overall bytes between clients (producers and consumers) and brokers. Traffic between brokers isn't reported.

`PER_TOPIC_PER_PARTITION` level monitoring for Express brokers

When you set the monitoring level to `PER_TOPIC_PER_PARTITION`, you get the metrics described in the following table, in addition to all the metrics from the `PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER`, `PER_BROKER`, and `DEFAULT` levels. Only the `DEFAULT` level metrics are free of charge. The metrics in this table have the following dimensions: Consumer Group, Topic, Partition.

Name	When visible	Description
EstimatedTimeLag*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Time estimate (in seconds) to drain the partition offset lag.
OffsetLag*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Partition-level consumer lag in number of offsets.
RollingEstimatedTimeLag*	After consumer group consumes from a topic.	Rolling time estimate (in seconds) to drain the partition offset lag.

* Consumer lag metrics require ASCII-only consumer group names and have specific emission requirements. For more information, see the section called “Monitor consumer lags”.

`PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER` level monitoring for Express brokers

When you set the monitoring level to `PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER`, you get the metrics described in the following table, in addition to all the metrics from the `PER_BROKER` and `DEFAULT` levels. Only the `DEFAULT` level metrics are free of charge. The metrics in this table have the following dimensions: Cluster Name, Broker ID, Topic.

Important

The metrics in the following table appear only after their values become nonzero for the first time. For example, to see BytesInPerSec, one or more producers must first send data to the cluster.

Name	When visible	Description
MessagesInPerSec	After you create a topic.	The number of messages received per second.

Monitor an MSK Provisioned cluster with Prometheus

You can monitor your MSK Provisioned cluster with Prometheus, an open-source monitoring system for time-series metric data. You can publish this data to Amazon Managed Service for Prometheus using Prometheus's remote write feature. You can also use tools that are compatible with Prometheus-formatted metrics or tools that integrate with Amazon MSK Open Monitoring, such as Datadog, Lenses, New Relic, and Sumo logic. Open monitoring is available for free but charges apply for the transfer of data across Availability Zones.

For information about Prometheus, see the Prometheus documentation.

For information about using Prometheus, see Enhance operational insights for Amazon MSK using Amazon Managed Service for Prometheus and Amazon Managed Grafana.

Note

KRaft metadata mode and MSK Express brokers can't have open monitoring and public access both enabled.

Enable open monitoring on new MSK Provisioned clusters

This procedure describes how to enable open monitoring on a new MSK cluster using the AWS Management Console, the AWS CLI, or the Amazon MSK API.

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the **Monitoring** section, select the check box next to **Enable open monitoring with Prometheus**.
3. Provide the required information in all the sections of the page, and review all the available options.
4. Choose **Create cluster**.

Using the AWS CLI

- Invoke the create-cluster command and specify its `open-monitoring` option. Enable the `JmxExporter`, the `NodeExporter`, or both. If you specify `open-monitoring`, the two exporters can't be disabled at the same time.

Using the API

- Invoke the CreateCluster operation and specify `OpenMonitoring`. Enable the `jmxExporter`, the `nodeExporter`, or both. If you specify `OpenMonitoring`, the two exporters can't be disabled at the same time.

Enable open monitoring on existing MSK Provisioned cluster

To enable open monitoring, make sure that the MSK Provisioned cluster is in the `ACTIVE` state.

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose the name of the cluster that you want to update. This takes you to a page the contains details for the cluster.
3. On the **Properties** tab, scroll down to find the **Monitoring** section.
4. Choose **Edit**.
5. Select the check box next to **Enable open monitoring with Prometheus**.
6. Choose **Save changes**.

Using the AWS CLI

- Invoke the update-monitoring command and specify its `open-monitoring` option. Enable the `JmxExporter`, the `NodeExporter`, or both. If you specify `open-monitoring`, the two exporters can't be disabled at the same time.

Using the API

- Invoke the UpdateMonitoring operation and specify `OpenMonitoring`. Enable the `jmxExporter`, the `nodeExporter`, or both. If you specify `OpenMonitoring`, the two exporters can't be disabled at the same time.

Set up a Prometheus host on an Amazon EC2 instance

This procedure describes how to set up a Prometheus host using a prometheus.yml file.

1. Download the Prometheus server from https://prometheus.io/download/#prometheus to your Amazon EC2 instance.
2. Extract the downloaded file to a directory and go to that directory.
3. Create a file with the following contents and name it `prometheus.yml`.

```
# file: prometheus.yml
# my global config
global:
  scrape_interval:     60s

# A scrape configuration containing exactly one endpoint to scrape:
# Here it's Prometheus itself.
scrape_configs:
  # The job name is added as a label `job=<job_name>` to any timeseries scraped
 from this config.
  - job_name: 'prometheus'
    static_configs:
    # 9090 is the prometheus server port
    - targets: ['localhost:9090']
  - job_name: 'broker'
    file_sd_configs:
    - files:
      - 'targets.json'
```

4. Use the ListNodes operation to get a list of your cluster's brokers.
5. Create a file named `targets.json` with the following JSON. Replace *broker_dns_1*, *broker_dns_2*, and the rest of the broker DNS names with the DNS names you obtained for your brokers in the previous step. Include all of the brokers you obtained in the previous step. Amazon MSK uses port 11001 for the JMX Exporter and port 11002 for the Node Exporter.

   Brokers only

```
[
  {
    "labels": {
      "job": "jmx"
    },
    "targets": [
      "broker_dns_1:11001",
      "broker_dns_2:11001",
      .
      .
      .
      "broker_dns_N:11001"
    ]
  },
  {
    "labels": {
      "job": "node"
    },
    "targets": [
      "broker_dns_1:11002",
      "broker_dns_2:11002",
      .
      .
      .
      "broker_dns_N:11002"
    ]
  }
]
```

   Brokers and controllers

```
[
  {
    "labels": {
```

```
      "job": "jmx"
    },
    "targets": [
      "broker_dns_1:11001",
      "broker_dns_2:11001",
      .
      .
      .
      "broker_dns_N:11001",
      "controller_dns_1:11001",
      "controller_dns_2:11001",
      "controller_dns_3:11001"
    ]
  },
  {
    "labels": {
      "job": "node"
    },
    "targets": [
      "broker_dns_1:11002",
      "broker_dns_2:11002",
      .
      .
      .
      "broker_dns_N:11002"
    ]
  }
]
```

Note

Use the **Brokers only** targets for clusters in ZooKeeper mode. Also use them for KRaft clusters created on Apache Kafka version 4.1 or later, and for clusters migrated from ZooKeeper mode to KRaft mode. These clusters don't have controller DNS endpoints, and `ListNodes` doesn't return endpoints for their controller nodes.
Only KRaft clusters created on Apache Kafka versions earlier than 4.1 have controller DNS endpoints, and they keep them after a version upgrade. For these clusters, you can optionally add the controller DNS names that `ListNodes` returns as targets. The **Brokers and controllers** tab shows an example.

You don't need controller metrics to monitor the health of your cluster. Amazon MSK monitors and manages the KRaft controllers for you. For cluster-level health, use Amazon MSK CloudWatch metrics such as `ActiveControllerCount`. For more information, see Amazon MSK metrics for monitoring Standard brokers with CloudWatch and Amazon MSK metrics for monitoring Express brokers with CloudWatch.

6. To start the Prometheus server on your Amazon EC2 instance, run the following command in the directory where you extracted the Prometheus files and saved `prometheus.yml` and `targets.json`.

```
./prometheus
```

7. Find the IPv4 public IP address of the Amazon EC2 instance where you ran Prometheus in the previous step. You need this public IP address in the following step.
8. To access the Prometheus web UI, open a browser that can access your Amazon EC2 instance, and go to *`Prometheus-Instance-Public-IP`*`:9090`, where *`Prometheus-Instance-Public-IP`* is the public IP address you got in the previous step.

Use Prometheus metrics

All metrics emitted by Apache Kafka to JMX are accessible using open monitoring with Prometheus. For information about Apache Kafka metrics, see Monitoring in the Apache Kafka documentation. Along with Apache Kafka metrics, consumer-lag metrics are also available at port 11001 under the JMX MBean name `kafka.consumer.group:type=ConsumerLagMetrics`. You can also use the Prometheus Node Exporter to get CPU and disk metrics for your brokers at port 11002.

Store Prometheus metrics in Amazon Managed Service for Prometheus

Amazon Managed Service for Prometheus is a Prometheus-compatible monitoring and alerting service that you can use to monitor Amazon MSK clusters. It is a fully-managed service that automatically scales the ingestion, storage, querying, and alerting of your metrics. It also integrates with AWS security services to give you fast and secure access to your data. You can use the open-source PromQL query language to query your metrics and alert on them.

For more information, see Getting started with Amazon Managed Service for Prometheus.

Monitor consumer lags

Monitoring consumer lag allows you to identify slow or stuck consumers that aren't keeping up with the latest data available in a topic. When necessary, you can then take remedial actions, such as scaling or rebooting those consumers. To monitor consumer lag, you can use Amazon CloudWatch or open monitoring with Prometheus.

Consumer lag metrics quantify the difference between the latest data written to your topics and the data read by your applications. Amazon MSK provides the following consumer-lag metrics, which you can get through Amazon CloudWatch or through open monitoring with Prometheus: `EstimatedMaxTimeLag`, `EstimatedTimeLag`, `MaxOffsetLag`, `OffsetLag`, and `SumOffsetLag`. For information about these metrics, see the section called “CloudWatch metrics for Standard brokers”.

Amazon MSK supports consumer lag metrics for clusters with Apache Kafka 2.2.1 or a later version. Consider the following points when you work with Kafka and CloudWatch metrics:

- Consumer lag metrics are emitted only if a consumer group is in a STABLE or EMPTY state. A consumer group is STABLE after the successful completion of re-balancing, ensuring that partitions are evenly distributed among the consumers.
- Consumer lag metrics are absent in the following scenarios:
  - If the consumer group is unstable.
  - The name of the consumer group contains a colon (:).
  - You haven't set the consumer offset for the consumer group.
- Consumer group names are used as dimensions for consumer lag metrics in CloudWatch. While Kafka supports UTF-8 characters in consumer group names, CloudWatch supports only ASCII characters for dimension values. If you use non-ASCII characters in consumer group names, CloudWatch drops the consumer lag metrics. To make sure that your consumer lag metrics are properly captured in CloudWatch, you must use only ASCII characters in your consumer group names.

Use Amazon MSK storage capacity alerts

On Amazon MSK provisioned clusters, you choose the cluster's primary storage capacity. If you exhaust the storage capacity on a broker in your provisioned cluster, it can affect its ability to produce and consume data, leading to costly downtime. Amazon MSK offers CloudWatch metrics to help you monitor your cluster's storage capacity. However, to make it easier for you to detect

and resolve storage capacity issues, Amazon MSK automatically sends you dynamic cluster storage capacity alerts. The storage capacity alerts include recommendations for short-term and long-term steps to manage your cluster's storage capacity. From the Amazon MSK console, you can use quick links within the alerts to take recommended actions immediately.

There are two types of MSK storage capacity alerts: proactive and remedial.

- Proactive ("Action required") storage capacity alerts warn you about potential storage issues with your cluster. When a broker in an MSK cluster has used over 60% or 80% of its disk storage capacity, you'll receive proactive alerts for the affected broker.
- Remedial ("Critical action required") storage capacity alerts require you to take remedial action to fix a critical cluster issue when one of the brokers in your MSK cluster has run out of disk storage capacity.

Amazon MSK automatically sends these alerts to the Amazon MSK console, AWS Health Dashboard, Amazon EventBridge, and email contacts for your AWS account. You can also configure Amazon EventBridge to deliver these alerts to Slack or to tools such as New Relic, and Datadog.

Storage capacity alerts are enabled by default for all MSK provisioned clusters and can't be turned off. This feature is supported in all regions where MSK is available.

Monitor storage capacity alerts

You can check for storage capacity alerts in several ways:

- Go to the Amazon MSK console. Storage capacity alerts are displayed in the cluster alerts pane for 90 days. The alerts contain recommendations and single-click link actions to address disk storage capacity issues.
- Use ListClusters, ListClustersV2, DescribeCluster, or DescribeClusterV2 APIs to view `CustomerActionStatus` and all the alerts for a cluster.
- Go to the AWS Health Dashboard to view alerts from MSK and other AWS services.
- Set up AWS Health API and Amazon EventBridge to route alert notifications to 3rd party platforms such as Datadog, NewRelic, and Slack.

Disk-full protection for Standard brokers

To keep a broker from running out of storage, Amazon MSK protects Standard brokers when their data disk usage reaches 90%. When a broker reaches this threshold, Amazon MSK does the following:

- Stops accepting new produce requests and replication traffic on the broker.
- Moves partition leadership from the broker to other in-sync replicas, so that producers can continue writing to those partitions through the new leaders. Consumers can continue reading.
- Resumes normal operation on the broker automatically after its data disk usage stays below 90% for 5 minutes.

If all in-sync replicas of a partition are on protected brokers, writes to that partition fail until the broker's disk usage drops below 90%. To avoid this, act on the 60% and 80% storage capacity alerts. You can do any of the following:

- Increase broker storage, or turn on automatic storage scaling. For information about increasing broker storage, see the section called “Scale up broker storage”. For information about automatic storage scaling, see the section called “Automatic scaling for clusters”.
- Reduce the retention period for your topics. For information about retention settings, see the section called “Adjust data retention parameters”.
- Delete topics that you no longer need. For information about deleting topics, see the section called “Delete a topic”.
- If your brokers already use the maximum storage per broker, add brokers to the cluster or use tiered storage. For information about adding brokers, see the section called “Expand a cluster”. For information about tiered storage, see the section called “Tiered storage”.

If a broker is already protected, use the same options to bring its disk usage below 90%. The broker resumes normal operation automatically after its disk usage stays below 90% for 5 minutes.

Disk-full protection is on by default, and you can't turn it off. You get disk-full protection on Standard brokers that run one of the following Apache Kafka versions:

Apache Kafka version	Metadata mode
`3.6.0`	ZooKeeper

Apache Kafka version	Metadata mode
3.8.x	ZooKeeper
3.9.x	ZooKeeper
3.9.x.kraft	KRaft
4.0.x.kraft	KRaft
4.1.x.kraft	KRaft
4.2.x.kraft	KRaft

Express brokers don't need disk-full protection because they don't use provisioned storage.

Update security settings of a Amazon MSK cluster

Use the UpdateSecurity Amazon MSK operation to update the authentication and client-broker encryption settings of your MSK cluster. You can also update the Private Security Authority used to sign certificates for mutual TLS authentication. You can't change the in-cluster (broker-to-broker) encryption setting.

The cluster must be in the ACTIVE state for you to update its security settings.

If you turn on authentication using IAM, SASL, or TLS, you must also turn on encryption between clients and brokers. The following table shows the possible combinations.

Authentication	Client-broker encryption options	Broker-broker encryption
Unauthenticated	TLS, PLAINTEXT, TLS_PLAINTEXT	Can be on or off.
mTLS	TLS, TLS_PLAINTEXT	Must be on.
SASL/SCRAM	TLS	Must be on.
SASL/IAM	TLS	Must be on.

When client-broker encryption is set to TLS_PLAINTEXT and client-authentication is set to mTLS, Amazon MSK creates two types of listeners for clients to connect to: one listener for clients to connect using mTLS authentication with TLS Encryption, and another for clients to connect without authentication or encryption (plaintext).

For more information about security settings, see the section called “Security”.

Update Amazon MSK cluster security settings using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster that you want to update.
3. In the **Security settings** section, choose **Edit**.
4. Choose the authentication and encryption settings that you want for the cluster, then choose **Save changes**.

Updating Amazon MSK cluster security settings using the AWS CLI

1. Create a JSON file that contains the encryption settings that you want the cluster to have. The following is an example.

   > **Note**
   >
   > You can only update the client-broker encryption setting. You can't update the in-cluster (broker-to-broker) encryption setting.

   ```
   {"EncryptionInTransit":{"ClientBroker": "TLS"}}
   ```

2. Create a JSON file that contains the authentication settings that you want the cluster to have. The following is an example.

   ```
   {"Sasl":{"Scram":{"Enabled":true}}}
   ```

3. Run the following AWS CLI command:

```
aws kafka update-security --cluster-arn ClusterArn --current-version Current-
Cluster-Version --client-authentication file://Path-to-Authentication-Settings-
JSON-File --encryption-info file://Path-to-Encryption-Settings-JSON-File
```

The output of this `update-security` operation looks like the following JSON.

```
{

    "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/exampleClusterName/
abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef"
}
```

4. To see the status of the `update-security` operation, run the following command, replacing *ClusterOperationArn* with the ARN that you obtained in the output of the `update-security` command.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
```

The output of this `describe-cluster-operation` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterOperationInfo": {
        "ClientRequestId": "c0b7af47-8591-45b5-9c0c-909a1a2c99ea",
        "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/
exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
        "CreationTime": "2021-09-17T02:35:47.753000+00:00",
        "OperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef",
        "OperationState": "PENDING",
        "OperationType": "UPDATE_SECURITY",
        "SourceClusterInfo": {},
        "TargetClusterInfo": {}
    }
}
```

If `OperationState` has the value `PENDING` or `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS`, wait a while, then run the `describe-cluster-operation` command again.

Note

The AWS CLI and API operations for updating the security settings of a cluster are idempotent. This means that if you invoke the security update operation and specify an authentication or encryption setting that is the same setting that the cluster currently has, that setting won't change.

Updating a cluster's security settings using the API

To update the security settings for a Amazon MSK cluster using the API, see UpdateSecurity.

Note

The AWS CLI and API operations for updating the security settings of a MSK cluster are idempotent. This means that if you invoke the security update operation and specify an authentication or encryption setting that is the same setting that the cluster currently has, that setting won't change.

Expand the number of brokers in an Amazon MSK cluster

Use this Amazon MSK operation when you want to increase the number of brokers in your MSK cluster. To expand a cluster, make sure that it is in the `ACTIVE` state.

Important

If you want to expand an MSK cluster, make sure to use this Amazon MSK operation. Don't try to add brokers to a cluster without using this operation.

For information about how to rebalance partitions after you add brokers to a cluster, see the section called “Reassign partitions”.

Expand a Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS Management Console

This process describes how to increase the number of brokers in an Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS Management Console.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster whose number of brokers you want to increase.
3. From the **Actions** dropdown, choose **Edit number of brokers**.
4. Enter the number of brokers that you want the cluster to have per Availability Zone and then choose **Save changes**.

Expand a Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS CLI

This process describes how to increase the number of brokers in an Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS CLI.

1. Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) that you obtained when you created your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called "List clusters".

   Replace *Current-Cluster-Version* with the current version of the cluster.

   > **Important**
   >
   > Cluster versions aren't simple integers. To find the current version of the cluster, use the DescribeCluster operation or the describe-cluster AWS CLI command. An example version is `KTVPDKIKX0DER`.

   The *Target-Number-of-Brokers* parameter represents the total number of broker nodes that you want the cluster to have when this operation completes successfully. The value you specify for *Target-Number-of-Brokers* must be a whole number that is greater than the current number of brokers in the cluster. It must also be a multiple of the number of Availability Zones.

```
aws kafka update-broker-count --cluster-arn ClusterArn --current-version Current-
Cluster-Version --target-number-of-broker-nodes Target-Number-of-Brokers
```

The output of this `update-broker-count` operation looks like the following JSON.

```
{

    "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/exampleClusterName/
abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef"
}
```

2. To get the result of the `update-broker-count` operation, run the following command, replacing *ClusterOperationArn* with the ARN that you obtained in the output of the `update-broker-count` command.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
```

The output of this `describe-cluster-operation` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterOperationInfo": {
        "ClientRequestId": "c0b7af47-8591-45b5-9c0c-909a1a2c99ea",
        "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/
exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
        "CreationTime": "2019-09-25T23:48:04.794Z",
        "OperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef",
        "OperationState": "UPDATE_COMPLETE",
        "OperationType": "INCREASE_BROKER_COUNT",
        "SourceClusterInfo": {
            "NumberOfBrokerNodes": 9
        },
        "TargetClusterInfo": {
            "NumberOfBrokerNodes": 12
        }
```

```
    }
}
```

In this output, `OperationType` is `INCREASE_BROKER_COUNT`. If `OperationState` has the value `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS`, wait a while, then run the `describe-cluster-operation` command again.

Expand a Amazon MSK cluster using the API

To increase the number of brokers in a cluster using the API, see UpdateBrokerCount.

Remove a broker from an Amazon MSK cluster

Use this Amazon MSK operation when you want to remove brokers from Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (MSK) provisioned clusters. You can reduce your cluster's storage and compute capacity by removing sets of brokers, with no availability impact, data durability risk, or disruption to your data streaming applications. If your clients still use a removed broker's endpoint, they connect to a remaining broker.

You can add more brokers to your cluster to handle increase in traffic, and remove brokers when the traffic subsides. With broker addition and removal capability, you can best utilize your cluster capacity and optimize your MSK infrastructure costs. Broker removal gives you broker-level control over existing cluster capacity to fit your workload needs and avoid migration to another cluster.

Use the AWS Console, Command Line Interface (CLI), SDK, or CloudFormation to reduce broker count of your provisioned cluster. MSK picks the brokers that do not have any partitions on them (except for canary topics) and prevents applications from producing data to those brokers, while safely removing those brokers from the cluster.

You should remove one broker per Availability Zone, if you want to reduce a cluster's storage and compute. For example, you can remove two brokers from a two Availability Zone cluster, or three brokers from a three Availability Zone cluster in a single broker removal operation.

For information about how to rebalance partitions after you remove brokers from a cluster, see the section called "Reassign partitions".

You can remove brokers from all M5 and M7g based MSK provisioned clusters, regardless of the instance size.

Broker removal is supported on Kafka versions 2.8.1 and above, including on KRaft mode clusters.

Topics

- Prepare to remove brokers by removing all partitions
- Remove a broker with the AWS Management Console
- Remove a broker with the AWS CLI
- Remove a broker with the AWS API

Prepare to remove brokers by removing all partitions

Before you start the broker removal process, first move all partitions, except ones for topics `__amazon_msk_canary` and `__amazon_msk_canary_state` from the brokers you plan to remove. These are internal topics that Amazon MSK creates for cluster health and diagnostic metrics.

You can use Kafka admin APIs or Cruise Control to move partitions to other brokers that you intend to retain in the cluster. See Reassign partitions.

Example process to remove partitions

This section is an example of how to remove partitions from the broker you intend to remove. Assume you have a cluster with 6 brokers, 2 brokers in each AZ, and it has four topics:

- `__amazon_msk_canary`
- `__consumer_offsets`
- `__amazon_msk_connect_offsets_my-mskc-connector_12345678-09e7-c657f7e4ff32-2`
- `msk-brk-rmv`

1. Create a client machine as described in Create a client machine.
2. After configuring the client machine, run the following command to list all the available topics in your cluster.

   ```
   ./bin/kafka-topics.sh --bootstrap-server “CLUSTER_BOOTSTRAP_STRING” --list
   ```

   In this example, we see four topic names, `__amazon_msk_canary`, `__consumer_offsets`, `__amazon_msk_connect_offsets_my-mskc-connector_12345678-09e7-c657f7e4ff32-2`, and `msk-brk-rmv`.

3. Create a json file called `topics.json` on the client machine and add all the user topic names as in the following code example. You don't need to include the `__amazon_msk_canary` topic name as this is a service managed topic that will be automatically moved when necessary.

```
{
"topics": [
{"topic": "msk-brk-rmv"},
{"topic": "__consumer_offsets"},
{"topic": "__amazon_msk_connect_offsets_my-mskc-connector_12345678-09e7-
c657f7e4ff32-2"}
],
"version":1
}
```

4. Run the following command to generate a proposal to move partitions to only 3 brokers out of 6 brokers on the cluster.

```
./bin/kafka-reassign-partitions.sh --bootstrap-server “CLUSTER_BOOTSTRAP_STRING” --
topics-to-move-json-file topics.json --broker-list 1,2,3 --generate
```

5. Create a file called `reassignment-file.json` and copy the `proposed partition reassignment configuration` you got from above command.
6. Run the following command to move partitions that you specified in the `reassignment-file.json`.

```
./bin/kafka-reassign-partitions.sh --bootstrap-server “CLUSTER_BOOTSTRAP_STRING” --
reassignment-json-file reassignment-file.json --execute
```

   The output looks similar to the following:

```
Successfully started partition reassignments for morpheus-test-topic-1-0,test-
topic-1-0
```

7. Run the following command to verify all partitions have moved.

```
./bin/kafka-reassign-partitions.sh --bootstrap-server “CLUSTER_BOOTSTRAP_STRING” --
reassignment-json-file reassignment-file.json --verify
```

   The output looks similar to the following. Monitor the status until all partitions in your requested topics have been reassignmed successfully:

```
Status of partition reassignment:
Reassignment of partition msk-brk-rmv-0 is completed.
Reassignment of partition msk-brk-rmv-1 is completed.
Reassignment of partition __consumer_offsets-0 is completed.
Reassignment of partition __consumer_offsets-1 is completed.
```

8. When the status indicates that the partition reassignment for each partition is completed, monitor the `UserPartitionExists` metrics for 5 minutes to ensure it displays `0` for the brokers from which you moved the partitions. After confirming this, you can proceed to remove the broker from the cluster.

Remove a broker with the AWS Management Console

To remove brokers with the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster that contains brokers you want to remove.
3. On the cluster details page, choose the **Actions** button and select the **Edit number of brokers** option.
4. Enter the number of brokers that you want the cluster to have per Availability Zone. The console summarizes the number of brokers across availability zones that will be removed. Make sure this what you want.
5. Choose **Save changes**.

To prevent accidental broker removal, the console asks you to confirm that you want to delete brokers.

Remove a broker with the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing `ClusterArn` with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) that you obtained when you created your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, Listing Amazon MSK clusters. Replace `Current-Cluster-Version` with the current version of the cluster.

> **Important**
>
> Cluster versions aren't simple integers. To find the current version of the cluster, use the DescribeCluster operation or the describe-cluster AWS CLI command. An example version is KTVPDKIKX0DER.

The *Target-Number-of-Brokers* parameter represents the total number of broker nodes that you want the cluster to have when this operation completes successfully. The value you specify for *Target-Number-of-Brokers* must be a whole number that is less than the current number of brokers in the cluster. It must also be a multiple of the number of Availability Zones.

```
aws kafka update-broker-count --cluster-arn ClusterArn --current-version Current-
Cluster-Version --target-number-of-broker-nodes Target-Number-of-Brokers
```

The output of this `update-broker-count` operation looks like the following JSON.

```
{
"ClusterOperationInfo": {
"ClientRequestId": "c0b7af47-8591-45b5-9c0c-909a1a2c99ea",
        "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/exampleClusterName/
abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
        "CreationTime": "2019-09-25T23:48:04.794Z",
        "OperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef",
        "OperationState": "UPDATE_COMPLETE",
        "OperationType": "DECREASE_BROKER_COUNT",
        "SourceClusterInfo": {
"NumberOfBrokerNodes": 12
        },
        "TargetClusterInfo": {
"NumberOfBrokerNodes": 9
        }
    }
}
```

In this output, `OperationType` is `DECREASE_BROKER_COUNT`. If `OperationState` has the value `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS`, wait a while, then run the `describe-cluster-operation` command again.

Remove a broker with the AWS API

To remove brokers in a cluster using the API, see UpdateBrokerCount in the *Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka API Reference*.

Update the Amazon MSK cluster broker size

You can scale your MSK cluster on demand by changing the size of your brokers without reassigning Apache Kafka partitions. Changing the size of your brokers gives you the flexibility to adjust your MSK cluster's compute capacity based on changes in your workloads, without interrupting your cluster I/O. Amazon MSK uses the same broker size for all the brokers in a given cluster.

> **Note**
>
> This page describes how to change the instance size of your brokers (for example, from `kafka.m5.large` to `kafka.m5.2xlarge`). To upgrade your cluster from Standard brokers to Express brokers, see Upgrade Standard brokers to Express brokers.

For Standard brokers, you can update your cluster broker size to the M5, M7g, or M8g family. You can't migrate to a smaller broker size.

> **Note**
>
> You can't migrate from a larger broker size to a smaller broker size. For example, M7g.large to T3.small.

For Express brokers, you can use only M7g or M8g broker sizes.

This topic describes how to update the broker size for your MSK cluster.

Be aware that migrating to a smaller broker size can decrease performance and reduce maxiumum achievable throughput per broker. Migrating to a larger broker size can increase performance but might cost more.

The broker-size update happens in a rolling fashion while the cluster is up and running. This means that Amazon MSK takes down one broker at a time to perform the broker-size update.

For information about how to make a cluster highly available during a broker-size update, see the section called "Build highly available clusters". To further reduce any potential impact on productivity, you can perform the broker-size update during a period of low traffic.

During a broker-size update, you can continue to produce and consume data. However, you must wait until the update is done before you can reboot brokers or invoke any of the update operations listed under Amazon MSK operations.

If you want to update your cluster to a smaller broker size, we recommend that you try the update on a test cluster first to see how it affects your scenario.

Important

You can't update a cluster to a smaller broker size if the number of partitions per broker exceeds the maximum number specified in the section called "Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Standard broker".

Topics

- Update the Amazon MSK cluster broker size using the AWS Management Console
- Update the Amazon MSK cluster broker size using the AWS CLI
- Updating the broker size using the API

Update the Amazon MSK cluster broker size using the AWS Management Console

This process shows how to update the Amazon MSK cluster broker size using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster for which you want to update the broker size.
3. On the details page for the cluster, find the **Brokers summary** section, and choose **Edit broker size**.
4. Choose the broker size you want from the list.
5. Save changes.

Update the Amazon MSK cluster broker size using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) that you obtained when you created your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called “List clusters”.

1. Replace *Current-Cluster-Version* with the current version of the cluster and *TargetType* with the new size that you want the brokers to be. To learn more about broker sizes, see the section called “Broker types”.

   ```
   aws kafka update-broker-type --cluster-arn ClusterArn --current-version Current-Cluster-Version --target-instance-type TargetType
   ```

   The following is an example of how to use this command:

   ```
   aws kafka update-broker-type --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:0123456789012:cluster/exampleName/abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1" --current-version "K1X5R6FKA87" --target-instance-type kafka.m5.large
   ```

   The output of this command looks like the following JSON example.

   ```
   {
       "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:0123456789012:cluster/exampleName/abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1",
       "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef"
   }
   ```

2. To get the result of the `update-broker-type` operation, run the following command, replacing *ClusterOperationArn* with the ARN that you obtained in the output of the `update-broker-type` command.

   ```
   aws kafka describe-cluster-operation --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
   ```

   The output of this `describe-cluster-operation` command looks like the following JSON example.

   ```
   {
   ```

```
  "ClusterOperationInfo": {
    "ClientRequestId": "982168a3-939f-11e9-8a62-538df00285db",
    "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:0123456789012:cluster/exampleName/
abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1",
    "CreationTime": "2021-01-09T02:24:22.198000+00:00",
    "OperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-operation/
exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef",
    "OperationState": "UPDATE_COMPLETE",
    "OperationType": "UPDATE_BROKER_TYPE",
    "SourceClusterInfo": {
      "InstanceType": "t3.small"
    },
    "TargetClusterInfo": {
      "InstanceType": "m5.large"
    }
  }
}
```

If `OperationState` has the value `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS`, wait a while, then run the `describe-cluster-operation` command again.

Updating the broker size using the API

To update the broker size using the API, see UpdateBrokerType.

You can use `UpdateBrokerType` to update your cluster broker size from M5 or T3 to M7g, or from M7g to M5.

Upgrade Standard brokers to Express brokers

You can upgrade an existing Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster from Standard brokers to Express brokers in place, without creating a new cluster or migrating your applications. Express brokers deliver increased stability at higher throughputs, scale up to 20 times faster, and recover up to 90% faster than standard Apache Kafka brokers. The in-place upgrade is the fastest, simplest path to those benefits. In-place upgrade adds Express brokers to your existing cluster and migrates your topics from Standard to Express brokers. Your cluster endpoint is preserved throughout, so no application changes are needed. Your Standard brokers stay in the cluster until you choose to decommission them to complete the upgrade, or to roll back.

> **Note**
>
> In-place upgrade to Express brokers is available for Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters running Standard brokers on Apache Kafka version 3.9 with KRaft, in all AWS Regions where Amazon MSK Express brokers are supported.

Topics

- Benefits
- How in-place upgrade works
- Migration modes
- Getting started
- Upgrade readiness assessment
- Initiate the in-place upgrade
- Manage topic migration during upgrade
- Monitor and validate the upgrade
- Complete or roll back the upgrade

Benefits

- **No application changes**: The cluster ARN and endpoints are preserved, so your producers, consumers, and streaming applications continue to work without any code changes or endpoint updates.
- **High availability throughout**: Applications continue serving traffic from whichever broker currently holds their partitions. Amazon MSK manages data movement so that your workloads remain available during the upgrade.
- **Consumer offsets are preserved**: Amazon MSK reassigns partitions within the same cluster instead of moving data to a new one, so each message keeps its original topic, partition, and offset, and stateful applications such as Apache Flink and Kafka Streams continue without reprocessing or duplicates.
- **Fully reversible**: The upgrade is fully reversible until you decommission Standard brokers from the cluster. You can roll back individual topics or all topics to Standard brokers at any time before completing the upgrade.

- **On-demand readiness assessment**: You can assess your cluster's readiness for Express brokers at any time, independent of an upgrade. The assessment checks your cluster and topic configurations against Express broker requirements and reports what to resolve, so you can plan ahead. For more information, see Upgrade readiness assessment.
- **Express broker performance**: Express brokers deliver increased stability at higher throughputs, 20 times faster scaling, and 90% faster recovery than Standard brokers. For more information, see Amazon MSK Express brokers.

You can upgrade your Standard brokers to Express brokers on M7g or M8g instances. Express brokers on AWS Graviton4-based M8g instances deliver up to 15% lower compute costs, up to 45% lower P99 produce latency, 2 times faster recovery when consumers fall behind, and 25% higher partition count per broker than Express brokers on M7g. You also no longer pay the broker-side cost when moving data across Availability Zones, which reduces total cross-AZ data transfer costs by 50%. For more information, see Amazon MSK broker sizes.

How in-place upgrade works

In-place upgrade uses Apache Kafka's native replication protocol to move topic partitions from Standard brokers to Express brokers within the same cluster. This is the same mechanism Kafka uses when rebalancing partitions across brokers during a scale-out operation. The process works as follows:

1. **Assess readiness (recommended)**: Run an assessment to check your cluster and topic configurations against Express broker requirements. Resolve any blocking findings before you start the upgrade. You can run an assessment at any time, independent of an upgrade. For more information, see Upgrade readiness assessment.
2. **Initiate the upgrade**: Choose a migration mode, Automatic or Controlled, and start the upgrade. Amazon MSK adds Express brokers that match the count and size of your Standard brokers, and your cluster temporarily runs both broker types. For more information, see Migration modes and Initiate the in-place upgrade.
3. **Move topics**: Topics move from Standard to Express brokers based on the migration mode you chose. In both modes, Amazon MSK manages each reassignment and your applications stay available. Because partitions move within the same cluster, each message keeps its original topic, partition, and offset. For more information, see Manage topic migration during upgrade.

4. **Monitor and validate**: Track migration progress, then validate your applications on Express brokers. Your Standard brokers stay in the cluster during this step, so you can move topics back to them if you find an issue. For more information, see Monitor and validate the upgrade.
5. **Complete or roll back**: If you find issues during validation, you can roll back topics to Standard brokers at any point before you complete the upgrade. When your applications are validated on Express brokers, decommission the Standard brokers from the cluster to complete the upgrade. After you decommission the Standard brokers, you can no longer roll back. For more information, see Complete or roll back the upgrade.

Migration modes

When you initiate the upgrade, you choose how topics move from Standard brokers to Express brokers. In both modes, Amazon MSK manages the topic reassignment and keeps your applications available. The only difference is who decides which topics move and when. You can choose between the following two topic migration modes when you initiate the upgrade.

- **Automatic mode**: Amazon MSK moves all your topics to Express brokers. Your Standard brokers stay in the cluster after migration so that you can validate your applications before you complete the upgrade. You can stop the topic reassignment at any time with `StopTopicReassignment`; topics that have already moved stay on Express brokers. In the AWS CLI, set `--topic-reassignment` to `AUTO`.
- **Controlled mode**: You choose which topics move and when, and Amazon MSK manages each reassignment. You can move topics individually or in batches, validate each batch before you continue, and stop and resume at any point. To stop an in-flight reassignment, use `StopTopicReassignment`. In the AWS CLI, set `--topic-reassignment` to `MANUAL`. For more information, see Manage topic migration during upgrade.

In both modes, you can stop an in-flight topic reassignment at any time with `StopTopicReassignment`. Topics that have already moved stay on Express brokers. You can also roll back topics to Standard brokers at any point before you complete the upgrade. For more information, see Manage topic migration during upgrade.

Getting started

To get started, confirm that your cluster meets the prerequisites for in-place upgrade: Apache Kafka version 3.9 with KRaft, three Availability Zones, tiered storage not in use, and a supported Standard broker instance type. We recommend that you then run an upgrade readiness

assessment. For more information, see Upgrade readiness assessment. When your cluster is ready, choose **Upgrade to Express** on the cluster details page in the Amazon MSK console, or call the `UpdateBrokerType` API. For more information, see Initiate the in-place upgrade.

Upgrade readiness assessment

Before upgrading your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster from Standard brokers to Express brokers, we recommend running an upgrade readiness assessment. The assessment validates your cluster and topic configurations against Express broker requirements and identifies any issues that must be resolved before the upgrade can proceed. For more information, see Express broker configurations.

> **Note**
>
> Running the assessment beforehand is recommended but not required. When you initiate the upgrade, Amazon MSK automatically re-validates configurations and proceeds only after all checks pass.

Topics

- Run an upgrade readiness assessment using the AWS Management Console
- Run an upgrade readiness assessment using the AWS CLI
- Assessment findings
- Resolve common findings

Run an upgrade readiness assessment using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster you want to assess.
3. On the cluster details page, choose **Assess cluster configuration for Express Upgrade**.
4. The assessment runs in the background and typically completes in about two minutes. The results appear on the cluster details page under the **Assessments** tab.

Run an upgrade readiness assessment using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing the placeholder values with your cluster information.

```
aws kafka create-assessment \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --assessment-type UPDATE_BROKER_TYPE \
    --assessment-parameters TargetInstanceType=express.m7g.large
```

Specify the Express instance type that you plan to upgrade to, for example `express.m7g.large` or `express.m8g.large`.

The command returns an assessment ARN. To check the status of the assessment, run the following command. Wait until `Status` shows `COMPLETE`.

```
aws kafka describe-assessment \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --assessment-arn AssessmentArn
```

To list detailed findings for a completed assessment, run the following command.

```
aws kafka list-assessment-findings \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --assessment-arn AssessmentArn
```

Assessment findings

The assessment returns findings at three severity levels. `ERROR` findings are blocking findings. `WARNING` and `INFO` findings are informational.

Blocking findings

Blocking (`ERROR`) findings must be resolved before you can start the upgrade. The upgrade doesn't start until all blocking findings are resolved.

Finding	Condition	Required action
Replication factor	Any topic has a replication factor other than 3	Update the topic to a replication factor of 3

Finding	Condition	Required action
`min.insync.replicas`	Any topic has `min.insync.replicas` other than 2	Update the topic to `min.insync.replicas=2`
`segment.ms`	Any topic has `segment.ms` less than 60,000	Increase the value to at least 60,000 ms
`max.compaction.lag.ms`	Any topic has `max.compaction.lag.ms` less than 1 day	Increase the value to at least 1 day
Instance type	The cluster uses `kafka.t3.small`	Upgrade to a supported broker size (M5, M7g, or M8g)
Availability Zones	The cluster is deployed across two Availability Zones	Create a new cluster with Express brokers across three Availability Zones, and migrate to it using MSK Replicator.

Informational findings

Informational (`WARNING` and `INFO`) findings don't block the upgrade. They describe behavior changes on Express brokers to review before you upgrade. For more information, see Express broker configurations.

Finding	What changes on Express	Guidance
`log.segment.bytes`	Express manages segment lifecycle internally	Custom values are ignored
`segment.bytes` (topic-level)	Express manages this internally	Topic-level overrides have no effect
Threading configurations	Express auto-tunes thread pools based on instance type	Custom values are replaced with Express-optimized settings

Finding	What changes on Express	Guidance
Service-managed broker configurations	Express manages some broker configurations for you, such as log cleaner (`log.cleaner.*`), replica fetcher (`replica.fetch.*`), and log roll (`log.roll.ms`) settings	Custom values for these settings no longer take effect. For the full list, see Express broker configurations.
Per-user and per-client quotas	Express adds broker-level limits on top of customer quotas	Review your quota strategy against Express broker-level limits

Resolve common findings

Replication factor and min.insync.replicas

Express brokers require all topics to have a replication factor of 3 and `min.insync.replicas` of 2. For any topic whose replication factor isn't 3, first add a third replica by reassigning the topic's partitions. Set `min.insync.replicas` to 2 only after the reassignment is complete. Run the following steps in order.

```
# 1. Write increase-rf.json. For each partition, list its 2 current replicas plus 1 new
 broker:
{"version":1,"partitions":[{"topic":"TopicName","partition":0,"replicas":[1,2,3]}]}

# 2. Add the third replica:
bin/kafka-reassign-partitions.sh --bootstrap-server $BS --command-config
 client.properties \
    --reassignment-json-file increase-rf.json --execute

# 3. Re-run this until every partition shows completed:
bin/kafka-reassign-partitions.sh --bootstrap-server $BS --command-config
 client.properties \
    --reassignment-json-file increase-rf.json --verify

# 4. Only after step 3 is complete, set min.insync.replicas:
bin/kafka-configs.sh --bootstrap-server $BS --command-config client.properties \
    --entity-type topics --entity-name TopicName --alter --add-config
 min.insync.replicas=2
```

For more information, see Build highly available clusters.

Instance type

If your cluster uses `kafka.t3.small` brokers, upgrade to a supported broker size (M5, M7g, or M8g) before you initiate the in-place upgrade. For more information, see Update the Amazon MSK cluster broker size.

Apache Kafka version and KRaft

In-place upgrade supports only Standard broker clusters on Apache Kafka version 3.9 with KRaft. If your cluster runs a different version or uses ZooKeeper, first move to version 3.9 with KRaft. For more information, see Upgrade the Apache Kafka version.

Initiate the in-place upgrade

This topic describes how to initiate the in-place upgrade from Standard brokers to Express brokers for an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster.

Topics

- Prerequisites
- Choose a migration mode
- Choose a target broker type
- Initiate the upgrade using the AWS Management Console
- Initiate the upgrade using the AWS CLI
- What happens after you initiate

Prerequisites

Before you initiate the upgrade, ensure your cluster meets the following requirements:

- **Apache Kafka version 3.9 with KRaft**: Clusters on other Kafka versions or using ZooKeeper must first move to version 3.9 with KRaft. The upgrade keeps your existing Kafka version and KRaft configuration on the Express brokers.
- **Three Availability Zones**: The cluster must be deployed across three Availability Zones.
- **Tiered storage not in use**: The cluster must not use tiered storage. Clusters that use tiered storage aren't supported for in-place upgrade.

- **A supported Standard broker instance type**: Clusters on M5, M7g, or M8g Standard brokers are eligible for in-place upgrade. Clusters on `kafka.t3.small` must first upgrade to a supported broker size.
- **Express configuration requirements**: All topics must have a replication factor of 3, `min.insync.replicas` of 2, and per-broker partition counts within recommended Express limits.

For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions, Amazon MSK Express broker quota, and Tiered storage for Standard brokers.

> **Note**
>
> We recommend running an upgrade readiness assessment before initiating the upgrade to identify and resolve any configuration issues. For more information, see Upgrade readiness assessment.

Choose a migration mode

	Automatic	Controlled
Best for	If you want all topics to be moved automatically.	If you want to control which topics move and when.
Topic migration	Automatic. Amazon MSK moves all topics from Standard to Express brokers. You can stop the reassignment at any time.	Controlled. You choose which topics move and when, using `StartTopicReassignment`. Amazon MSK manages each reassignment, and you can stop and resume at any point.
AWS CLI parameter	`--topic-reassignment AUTO`	`--topic-reassignment MANUAL`
Rollback	Fully reversible before decommissioning Standard brokers.	Fully reversible. You can roll back individual topics or all topics at any time before decommissioning.

Choose a target broker type

Express brokers are available in the M7g and M8g instance families. When you initiate the upgrade, you choose the Express instance family, and the upgrade keeps your broker size and broker count. For example, a cluster with three `kafka.m5.large` Standard brokers gets three `express.m7g.large` or three `express.m8g.large` Express brokers. Clusters with Standard brokers on M8g instances can also upgrade to Express brokers on M8g instances.

T3 Standard brokers aren't supported, because there's no matching Express broker size. If your cluster uses T3 brokers, upgrade to a supported broker size before you start the in-place upgrade.

After the upgrade completes, you can change your cluster's broker count and broker size to match your workload.

> **Note**
>
> Express brokers on M8g instances are available in the AWS Regions where Express brokers are supported.

Initiate the upgrade using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster you want to upgrade.
3. On the cluster details page, choose **Upgrade to Express**.
4. For **Migration mode**, choose one of the following:
   - **Automatic**: Amazon MSK moves all your topics from Standard to Express brokers.
   - **Controlled**: Amazon MSK adds Express brokers, and you move topics at your own pace. Amazon MSK manages each reassignment.
5. For **Target broker type**, choose the Express instance family: **M7g** or **M8g**.
6. Choose **Initiate upgrade**.

Amazon MSK begins provisioning Express brokers. You can track progress on the **Cluster operations** tab.

Initiate the upgrade using the AWS CLI

Run the following command to initiate the upgrade with automatic topic migration. Replace the placeholder values with your cluster information.

```
aws kafka update-broker-type \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --current-version Current-Cluster-Version \
    --target-instance-type kafka.m7g.large-express.m7g.large \
    --topic-reassignment AUTO
```

Run the following command to initiate the upgrade without automatic topic migration.

```
aws kafka update-broker-type \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --current-version Current-Cluster-Version \
    --target-instance-type kafka.m7g.large-express.m7g.large \
    --topic-reassignment MANUAL
```

To upgrade to Express brokers on M8g instances, specify an M8g Express instance type in `--target-instance-type`. For example:

```
aws kafka update-broker-type \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --current-version Current-Cluster-Version \
    --target-instance-type kafka.m5.large-express.m8g.large \
    --topic-reassignment AUTO
```

The command returns a `ClusterOperationArn`. Use the following command to track the progress of the broker provisioning.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation \
    --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
```

What happens after you initiate

When you initiate the upgrade, Amazon MSK performs the following actions:

1. **Validates** your cluster and topic configurations against Express broker requirements. The upgrade proceeds only after all validation checks pass.
2. **Provisions Express brokers** in the instance family you choose, matching the count and size of your Standard brokers. For example, a cluster with three `kafka.m7g.large` Standard brokers gets three `express.m7g.large` or three `express.m8g.large` Express brokers. The cluster runs both broker types until you complete the upgrade.
3. **Starts moving topics** based on the migration mode you chose. In Automatic mode, Amazon MSK starts moving all topics to Express brokers. In Controlled mode, topics stay on Standard brokers until you start moving them.

> **Important**
>
> During the upgrade, your cluster runs both Standard and Express brokers, and you are charged for both broker types until the upgrade completes and Standard brokers are decommissioned.

To track the upgrade after you initiate it, see Monitor and validate the upgrade.

Manage topic migration during upgrade

This topic describes how to move topics between Standard brokers and Express brokers during the in-place upgrade. You use these operations in Controlled mode to move topics at your own pace. In either mode, you also use them to stop a reassignment or roll back topics before you complete the upgrade.

For more information, see Initiate the in-place upgrade.

Topics

- Migrate topics individually or in batches
- Stop a topic reassignment
- Roll back a topic to Standard brokers
- Full rollback to Standard brokers

Migrate topics individually or in batches

If you initiated the upgrade in Controlled mode (`--topic-reassignment MANUAL`), Amazon MSK adds Express brokers but doesn't move any topics. Wait until the cluster returns to the `ACTIVE` state with both Standard and Express brokers, then use the `StartTopicReassignment` API to move topics individually or in batches.

To migrate a single topic:

```
aws kafka start-topic-reassignment \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --target-instance-type express.m7g.large \
    --topics-to-include "orders"
```

To migrate multiple topics using a regular expression pattern:

```
aws kafka start-topic-reassignment \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --target-instance-type express.m7g.large \
    --topics-to-include "orders.*" "payments.*"
```

To migrate all remaining topics at once:

```
aws kafka start-topic-reassignment \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --target-instance-type express.m7g.large \
    --topics-to-include ".*"
```

Note

`--topics-to-include` accepts up to 100 patterns. Patterns are regular expressions, so a pattern such as `orders.*` can match many topics. To hold specific topics back, use `--topics-to-exclude`. Amazon MSK applies exclude patterns after include patterns, so a topic that matches both stays where it is.

> **Note**
>
> To complete the upgrade, all topics must be on Express brokers, including internal topics. After you finish testing your application topics, also move your internal topics to Express brokers.

We recommend the following approach for topic-by-topic migration:

1. Start with lower-risk topics to validate the migration process and Express broker behavior.
2. Validate application performance on Express for each batch before migrating the next batch.
3. Gradually migrate higher-traffic and business-critical topics.
4. After all application topics are on Express, move your internal topics as well, then perform a final validation before you complete the upgrade.

Stop a topic reassignment

To stop an in-flight reassignment, use the `StopTopicReassignment` API. Only the partitions in the in-flight batch return to Standard brokers. Topics and partitions that have already moved to Express brokers stay on Express, and topics that haven't moved yet stay on Standard.

```
aws kafka stop-topic-reassignment \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --topic-reassignment-operation-arn TopicReassignmentOperationArn
```

Only one reassignment can run on a cluster at a time. After you stop a reassignment, wait until `list-topic-reassignments` shows its status as `STOPPED`. Then start a new reassignment with `StartTopicReassignment`. The new reassignment gets its own operation ARN, so use that ARN if you need to stop it later.

Roll back a topic to Standard brokers

If a topic experiences issues after migrating to Express, you can roll it back to Standard brokers while other topics remain on Express. Use `StartTopicReassignment` with `--target-instance-type` set to your Standard broker instance type.

```
aws kafka start-topic-reassignment \
```

```
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --target-instance-type kafka.m7g.large \
    --topics-to-include "orders\.eu"
```

The affected topic moves back to Standard brokers while the rest remain on Express. After resolving the issue, you can re-migrate the topic to Express when ready.

Full rollback to Standard brokers

To move all topics back to Standard brokers:

```
aws kafka start-topic-reassignment \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --target-instance-type kafka.m7g.large \
    --topics-to-include ".*"
```

Once all topics are back on Standard, decommission the Express brokers by calling `UpdateBrokerType` specifying only the Standard broker instance type.

```
aws kafka update-broker-type \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --current-version Current-Cluster-Version \
    --target-instance-type kafka.m7g.large
```

The cluster returns to its original Standard-only state. You can restart the upgrade later when ready.

Monitor and validate the upgrade

After you initiate the upgrade, monitor its progress as topics move from Standard brokers to Express brokers. When all topics are on Express brokers, validate your applications before you complete the upgrade. Your Standard brokers stay in the cluster until you complete the upgrade, so you can move topics back to them if you find an issue.

Topics

- Monitor upgrade progress
- Validate your applications on Express brokers

Monitor upgrade progress

The upgrade typically takes a few hours, depending on the size of your cluster and the volume of data. You can monitor progress in the following ways:

- **Cluster operations**: Track the overall upgrade on the **Cluster operations** tab in the Amazon MSK console, or use the `DescribeClusterOperation` API with the operation ARN that `UpdateBrokerType` returns. The operation status shows whether the upgrade is in progress, complete, or failed.
- **Amazon CloudWatch metrics**: Graph `PartitionCount`, `BytesInPerSec`, and `BytesOutPerSec` by broker ID to watch partitions and throughput shift from your Standard brokers to your Express brokers.
- **Topic reassignments**: Use the `ListTopicReassignments` API to see each reassignment operation and its status.
- **Broker nodes**: Use the `ListNodes` API to list each broker with its broker node type, so that you can identify which brokers are Standard and which are Express.

```
# Status of the upgrade operation
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation \
    --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn

# Status of topic reassignments
aws kafka list-topic-reassignments \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn

# Broker nodes and their types
aws kafka list-nodes \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn
```

For more information, see Monitor an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster.

Validate your applications on Express brokers

After all topics have moved to Express brokers, validate your workload before you complete the upgrade. First, run `list-topic-reassignments` to confirm that all reassignments are complete, and confirm that `LeaderCount` is 0 on every Standard broker. Then do the following:

- Verify that all topics, partitions, and consumer groups are present.
- Confirm cluster health: `ActiveControllerCount` is 1 and `OfflinePartitionsCount` is 0.

- Confirm that producer and consumer throughput and latency match your pre-upgrade baselines.
- Confirm that stateful applications, such as Apache Flink and Kafka Streams applications, remain healthy and continue processing after partition leadership moves to Express brokers.

Run these checks for at least one full processing cycle of your workload. If a topic has issues, move it back to Standard brokers. For more information, see Manage topic migration during upgrade.

> **Important**
>
> Validate your applications before you complete the upgrade. After you complete the upgrade, you can't move topics back to Standard brokers.

Complete or roll back the upgrade

After you validate your applications on Express brokers, complete the upgrade by decommissioning your Standard brokers. If your validation surfaces issues, you can instead roll back the upgrade before you complete it.

For more information, see Monitor and validate the upgrade.

> **Important**
>
> Completing the upgrade is final. After Amazon MSK decommissions your Standard brokers, you can't move topics back to Standard brokers on this cluster. To return to Standard brokers, you must create a new cluster and migrate to it using Amazon MSK Replicator. Make sure all topics, including internal topics, are on Express brokers and your applications are performing as expected before you complete the upgrade.

Topics

- Complete the upgrade using the AWS Management Console
- Complete the upgrade using the AWS CLI
- Full rollback to Standard brokers
- Optimize your cluster after the upgrade
- Considerations and limitations

Complete the upgrade using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster you are upgrading.
3. On the cluster details page, verify that all topics, including internal topics, have moved to Express brokers.
4. Choose **Complete upgrade**. Amazon MSK decommissions the Standard brokers from the cluster.

When decommissioning finishes, the cluster returns to the `ACTIVE` state as an Express-only cluster.

Complete the upgrade using the AWS CLI

Before completing the upgrade, retrieve the current cluster version. The version changes after the initial upgrade step.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-v2 \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --query 'ClusterInfo.CurrentVersion' \
    --output text
```

Then decommission Standard brokers by calling `UpdateBrokerType` specifying only the Express broker instance type.

```
aws kafka update-broker-type \
    --region Region \
    --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
    --current-version Current-Cluster-Version \
    --target-instance-type express.m7g.large
```

> **Note**
>
> If any topics, including internal topics, remain on Standard brokers, the command fails. Move all topics to Express brokers before you complete the upgrade.

Full rollback to Standard brokers

If you decide not to proceed with Express brokers, you can roll back the entire upgrade. Move all topics back to Standard brokers, and then decommission the Express brokers. The cluster returns to its original Standard-only state, and you can restart the upgrade later. For more information, see Full rollback to Standard brokers.

Optimize your cluster after the upgrade

After the upgrade completes, we recommend the following steps:

- **Turn on intelligent rebalancing**: Intelligent rebalancing isn't turned on for upgraded clusters, unlike new Express clusters, where it's on by default. After the upgrade completes, turn it on so that Amazon MSK keeps partitions evenly distributed across brokers and you can add or remove brokers in a single operation. For more information, see Intelligent rebalancing for clusters.
- **Right-size your cluster**: Because Amazon MSK adds one Express broker for each Standard broker, your cluster might have more capacity than your workload needs. After you turn on intelligent rebalancing, use your post-upgrade metrics to reduce the broker count or change the broker size.
- **Update client bootstrap endpoints (optional)**: Express brokers provide `boot-*` bootstrap endpoints that distribute metadata connections across brokers. Applications that use broker-specific endpoints, such as `b-1.*`, continue to work, but you can switch to the `boot-*` endpoints at any time to improve connection distribution. For more information, see Get the bootstrap brokers for an Amazon MSK cluster.
- **Update monitoring**: Update or retire alarms and dashboards that are specific to your former Standard brokers. For example, replace `KafkaDataLogsDiskUsed` with `StorageUsed`, and retire EBS storage metrics such as `BurstBalance`.

Considerations and limitations

- **Availability during upgrade**: Applications remain available throughout the upgrade. Amazon MSK manages data movement while applications continue serving traffic from whichever broker currently holds their partitions.
- **Billing during upgrade**: The upgrade adds Express brokers in the instance family you choose. You're charged for both your Standard brokers and your Express brokers until the upgrade completes and the Standard brokers are decommissioned. There's no additional charge for the upgrade itself. For pricing for each instance family, see Amazon MSK pricing.

- **Operations during upgrade**: During the upgrade, you can continue to produce and consume data, create and delete topics, and reboot brokers. Amazon MSK pauses topic migration during scaling operations and resumes it automatically afterward. Other cluster modifications are blocked during the upgrade to prevent configuration mismatches between broker types, including Apache Kafka version upgrades, broker configuration changes, and authentication or monitoring changes.
- **Cluster endpoint**: The cluster endpoint is preserved throughout the upgrade. Applications use the same bootstrap string. Kafka's metadata protocol handles leader redirection transparently when topics move between broker types. For more information, see Get the bootstrap brokers for an Amazon MSK cluster.
- **Consumer offsets**: Amazon MSK reassigns partitions within the same cluster, so each message keeps its original topic, partition, and offset. Consumers, including stateful applications such as Apache Flink and Kafka Streams, resume from the same offsets.
- **New topics during upgrade**: In Automatic mode, topics that you create during the upgrade are placed on Express brokers.

Use LinkedIn's Cruise Control for Apache Kafka with Amazon MSK

You can use LinkedIn's Cruise Control to rebalance your Amazon MSK cluster, detect and fix anomalies, and monitor the state and health of the cluster.

> **Note**
>
> If intelligent rebalancing is turned on for your newly created Express-based clusters, you won't be able to use third-party tools, such as Cruise Control, for partition rebalancing. You must first pause intelligent rebalancing to use the partition reassignment API provided by these third-party tools.

To download and build Cruise Control

1. Create an Amazon EC2 instance in the same Amazon VPC as the Amazon MSK cluster.
2. Install Prometheus on the Amazon EC2 instance that you created in the previous step. Note the private IP and the port. The default port number is 9090. For information on how to configure Prometheus to aggregate metrics for your cluster, see the section called "Monitor with Prometheus".

3. Download Cruise Control on the Amazon EC2 instance. (Alternatively, you can use a separate Amazon EC2 instance for Cruise Control if you prefer.) For a cluster that has Apache Kafka version 2.4.*, use the latest 2.4.* Cruise Control release. If your cluster has an Apache Kafka version that is older than 2.4.*, use the latest 2.0.* Cruise Control release.
4. Decompress the Cruise Control file, then go to the decompressed folder.
5. Run the following command to install git.

```
sudo yum -y install git
```

6. Run the following command to initialize the local repo. Replace *Your-Cruise-Control-Folder* with the name of your current folder (the folder that you obtained when you decompressed the Cruise Control download).

```
git init && git add . && git commit -m "Init local repo." && git tag -a Your-Cruise-Control-Folder -m "Init local version."
```

7. Run the following command to build the source code.

```
./gradlew jar copyDependantLibs
```

To configure and run Cruise Control

1. Make the following updates to the `config/cruisecontrol.properties` file. Replace the example bootstrap servers and bootstrap-brokers string with the values for your cluster. To get these strings for your cluster, you can see the cluster details in the console. Alternatively, you can use the GetBootstrapBrokers and DescribeCluster API operations or their CLI equivalents.

```
# If using TLS encryption, use 9094; use 9092 if using plaintext
bootstrap.servers=b-1.test-cluster.2skv42.c1.kafka.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:9094,b-2.test-cluster.2skv42.c1.kafka.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:9094,b-3.test-cluster.2skv42.c1.kafka.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:9094

# SSL properties, needed if cluster is using TLS encryption
security.protocol=SSL
ssl.truststore.location=/home/ec2-user/kafka.client.truststore.jks

# Use the Prometheus Metric Sampler
metric.sampler.class=com.linkedin.kafka.cruisecontrol.monitor.sampling.prometheus.Prometheu
```

```
# Prometheus Metric Sampler specific configuration
prometheus.server.endpoint=1.2.3.4:9090 # Replace with your Prometheus IP and port

# Change the capacity config file and specify its path; details below
capacity.config.file=config/capacityCores.json
```

For express brokers, we recommend that you do not use the `DiskCapacityGoal` in any of the goals configured in your analyzer configurations.

2. Edit the `config/capacityCores.json` file to specify the right disk size and CPU cores and network in/out limits. For Express brokers, the `DISK` capacity entry is only needed for setting up Cruise Control. Since MSK manages all the storage for Express brokers, you should set this value to an extremely high number, such as `Integer.MAX_VALUE (2147483647)`. For Standard brokers, you can use the DescribeCluster API operation (or describe-cluster CLI) to obtain the disk size. For CPU cores and network in/out limits, see Amazon EC2 Instance Types.

   Standard broker config/capacityCores.json

   ```
   {
     "brokerCapacities": [
       {
         "brokerId": "-1",
         "capacity": {
           "DISK": "10000",
           "CPU": {
             "num.cores": "2"
           },
           "NW_IN": "5000000",
           "NW_OUT": "5000000"
         },
         "doc": "This is the default capacity. Capacity unit used for disk is in
    MB, cpu is in number of cores, network throughput is in KB."
       }
     ]
   }
   ```

   Express broker config/capacityCores.json

   ```
   {
     "brokerCapacities":[
       {
   ```

```
      "brokerId": "-1",
      "capacity": {
        "DISK": "2147483647",
        "CPU": {"num.cores": "16"},
        "NW_IN": "1073741824",
        "NW_OUT": "1073741824"
      },
      "doc": "This is the default capacity. Capacity unit used for disk is in
 MB, cpu is in number of cores, network throughput is in KB."
    }
  ]
}
```

3. You can optionally install the Cruise Control UI. To download it, go to Setting Up Cruise Control Frontend.
4. Run the following command to start Cruise Control. Consider using a tool like `screen` or `tmux` to keep a long-running session open.

```
<path-to-your-CRUISE-CONTROL-installation>/bin/kafka-cruise-control-start.sh
 config/cruisecontrol.properties 9091
```

5. Use the Cruise Control APIs or the UI to make sure that Cruise Control has the cluster load data and that it's making rebalancing suggestions. It might take several minutes to get a valid window of metrics.

> **Important**
>
> Only Cruise Control versions 2.5.60 and above are compatible with Express brokers as Express brokers do not expose Zookeeper endpoints.

Use automated deployment template of Cruise Control for Amazon MSK

You can also use this CloudFormation template, to easily deploy Cruise Control and Prometheus to gain deeper insights into your Amazon MSK cluster's performance and optimize resource utilization.

Key features:

- Automated provisioning of an Amazon EC2 instance with Cruise Control and Prometheus pre-configured.

- Support for Amazon MSK provisioned cluster.
- Flexible authentication with PlainText and IAM.
- No Zookeeper dependency for Cruise Control.
- Easily customize Prometheus targets, Cruise Control capacity settings, and other configurations by providing your own configuration files stored in an Amazon S3 bucket.

Partition rebalancing guideline

Guidelines for Kafka partition reassignment

Partition reassignment in Kafka can be resource-intensive, as it involves transferring significant data across brokers, potentially causing network congestion and affecting client operations. The following best practices help you manage partition reassignment effectively by tuning throttle rates, leveraging concurrency controls, and understanding reassignment types to minimize disruption to cluster operations.

> **Note**
>
> If you have a newly created Express-based cluster, use intelligent rebalancing for automatic partition distribution as you scale your clusters up or down.

Managing concurrency in Cruise Control

Cruise Control provides auto-adjustment parameters to control the concurrency of partition and leadership movements. The following parameters help maintain an acceptable load during reassignments:

- **Maximum concurrent partition movements**: Define the `num.concurrent.partition.movements.per.broker` to cap concurrent inter-broker partition movements, avoiding excessive network utilization.

  Example

  ```
  num.concurrent.partition.movements.per.broker = 5
  ```

  This setting limits each broker to move no more than 10 partitions at any given time, balancing the load across brokers.

Use throttling to control bandwidth

- **Throttle Parameter**: When performing partition reassignment with `kafka-reassign-partitions.sh`, use the `--throttle parameter` to set a maximum transfer rate (in bytes per second) for data movement between brokers.

  Example

  ```
  --throttle 5000000
  ```

  This sets a maximum bandwidth of 5 MB/s.
- **Balance Throttle Settings**: Choosing an appropriate throttle rate is crucial:

  If set too low, the reassignment may take significantly longer.

  If set too high, clients may experience latency increases.
- Start with a conservative throttle rate and adjust based on cluster performance monitoring. Test your chosen throttle before applying to a production environment to find the optimal balance.

Test and validate in a staging environment

Prior to implementing reassignments in production, perform load tests in a staging environment with similar configurations. This allows you to fine-tune parameters and minimize unexpected impacts in live production.

Update the configuration of an Amazon MSK cluster

To update the configuration of a cluster, make sure that the cluster is in the `ACTIVE` state. You must also ensure that the number of partitions per broker on your MSK cluster is under the limits described in the section called “Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Standard broker”. You can't update the configuration of a cluster that exceeds these limits.

For information about MSK configuration, including how to create a custom configuration, which properties you can update, and what happens when you update the configuration of an existing cluster, see the section called “Broker configuration”.

Topics

- Broker availability during configuration updates
- Updating the configuration of a cluster using the AWS CLI

- Update the configuration of a Amazon MSK cluster using the API

Broker availability during configuration updates

Amazon MSK maintains high availability during most cluster configuration updates. Amazon MSK performs a rolling update where it updates one broker at a time. During this process, the cluster remains available, though individual brokers will restart as their configurations are updated. However, some configuration changes might require all brokers to be updated simultaneously, which can cause a brief cluster-wide outage. For more information about broker availability impact during updates, see Amazon MSK Provisioned configuration.

Before updating production clusters, we recommend that you test your configuration changes in a non-production environment and schedule updates during your maintenance windows.

If you face any issues while upgrading your MSK cluster, see How do I troubleshoot issues when I upgrade my Amazon MSK cluster?

Updating the configuration of a cluster using the AWS CLI

1. Copy the following JSON and save it to a file. Name the file `configuration-info.json`. Replace *`ConfigurationArn`* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the configuration that you want to use to update the cluster. The ARN string must be in quotes in the following JSON.

   Replace *`Configuration-Revision`* with the revision of the configuration that you want to use. Configuration revisions are integers (whole numbers) that start at 1. This integer mustn't be in quotes in the following JSON.

   ```
   {
        "Arn": ConfigurationArn,
        "Revision": Configuration-Revision
   }
   ```

2. Run the following command, replacing *`ClusterArn`* with the ARN that you obtained when you created your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called “List clusters”.

   Replace *`Path-to-Config-Info-File`* with the path to your configuration info file. If you named the file that you created in the previous step `configuration-info.json` and

saved it in the current directory, then *Path-to-Config-Info-File* is `configuration-info.json`.

Replace *Current-Cluster-Version* with the current version of the cluster.

> **Important**
>
> Cluster versions aren't simple integers. To find the current version of the cluster, use the DescribeCluster operation or the describe-cluster AWS CLI command. An example version is `KTVPDKIKX0DER`.

```
aws kafka update-cluster-configuration --cluster-arn ClusterArn --configuration-info file://Path-to-Config-Info-File --current-version Current-Cluster-Version
```

The following is an example of how to use this command:

```
aws kafka update-cluster-configuration --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:0123456789012:cluster/exampleName/abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1" --configuration-info file://c:\users\tester\msk\configuration-info.json --current-version "K1X5R6FKA87"
```

The output of this `update-cluster-configuration` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef"
}
```

3. To get the result of the `update-cluster-configuration` operation, run the following command, replacing *ClusterOperationArn* with the ARN that you obtained in the output of the `update-cluster-configuration` command.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
```

The output of this `describe-cluster-operation` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterOperationInfo": {
        "ClientRequestId": "982168a3-939f-11e9-8a62-538df00285db",
        "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/
exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
        "CreationTime": "2019-06-20T21:08:57.735Z",
        "OperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef",
        "OperationState": "UPDATE_COMPLETE",
        "OperationType": "UPDATE_CLUSTER_CONFIGURATION",
        "SourceClusterInfo": {},
        "TargetClusterInfo": {
            "ConfigurationInfo": {
                "Arn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:configuration/
ExampleConfigurationName/abcdabcd-abcd-1234-abcd-abcd123e8e8e-1",
                "Revision": 1
            }
        }
    }
}
```

In this output, `OperationType` is `UPDATE_CLUSTER_CONFIGURATION`. If `OperationState` has the value `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS`, wait a while, then run the `describe-cluster-operation` command again.

Update the configuration of a Amazon MSK cluster using the API

To use the API to update the configuration of a Amazon MSK cluster, see UpdateClusterConfiguration.

Configure dual-stack network type for an Amazon MSK cluster

Amazon MSK supports dual-stack network type for existing MSK Provisioned clusters that use Kafka version 3.6.0 or later at no additional cost. With dual-stack networking, your clusters can use both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses. Dual-stack endpoints also support IPv4 thus maintaining backward

compatibility. Amazon MSK provides IPv6 support through dual-stack network type, not as IPv6-only.

By default, clients connect to Amazon MSK clusters using the IPv4 network type. All new clusters that you create also use IPv4 by default. To update a cluster's network type to dual-stack, make sure you've fulfilled the prerequisites described in the following section. Then, use the UpdateConnectivity API to update connectivity to dual-stack.

When you enable dual-stack networking on your cluster, you'll receive two types of bootstrap strings - one for IPv4 and one for IPv6 connectivity. While the cluster itself supports both IPv4 and IPv6 simultaneously (dual-stack), each bootstrap string is protocol-specific - you'll need to use IPv4 bootstrap strings for IPv4 connections and IPv6 bootstrap strings for IPv6 connections. There is no single bootstrap string that supports both protocols. Your existing IPv4 bootstrap strings will continue to work as before, while the new IPv6 bootstrap strings will be identified by the 'bi6-' prefix. Note that IPv6 connectivity is only available for broker nodes - ZooKeeper nodes can only be accessed using IPv4 bootstrap strings. Make sure to configure the appropriate ports for the protocol you plan to use, as IPv4 and IPv6 connections use different ports. For more information on required ports, see Port Information.

All existing MSK Provisioned clusters that support dual-stack network type will use the same IPv6 bootstrap strings for both default and public access connectivity. If you have public access enabled on your cluster, the IPv6 bootstrap strings will automatically have public access capability. Note that if public access is not enabled on your cluster, these IPv6 bootstrap strings will not have public access capability. Your existing IPv4 bootstrap strings will continue to work as before for IPv4 connectivity.

> **Note**
>
> Once you update your cluster to use the dual-stack network type, you can't switch it back to the IPv4 network type.

Topics

- Prerequisites for using dual-stack network type
- IAM permissions to configure dual-stack network type
- Configure dual-stack network type for an existing cluster
- Considerations for using dual-stack network type

Prerequisites for using dual-stack network type

Before you configure dual-stack network type for your clusters, make sure you have the following:

- Kafka version 3.6.0 or later for existing MSK Provisioned clusters.
- All subnets you provide during cluster creation must have both IPv4 and IPv6 CIDR blocks assigned and support dual-stack network type. If even one subnet in your cluster doesn't have IPv6 CIDR blocks assigned, you won't be able to use the dual-stack network type for your cluster.
- Dual-stack connectivity is not supported on kafka.t3.small instance types. If you have a this instance type and want to use dual-stack connectivity, you need to upgrade to another supported instance type first.
- Required ports must be open for IPv6 connectivity. For information about the required ports, see Port information.
- Dual-stack connectivity is not supported for ZooKeeper nodes. You can only connect to ZooKeeper nodes using IPv4.

IAM permissions to configure dual-stack network type

You must have the following IAM permissions:

- `ec2:CreateTags`
- `ec2:DescribeSubnets`
- `kafka:UpdateConnectivity`

For a complete list of permissions required to perform all Amazon MSK actions, see AWS managed policy: AmazonMSKFullAccess.

Configure dual-stack network type for an existing cluster

You can update the network type for an existing MSK Provisioned cluster using the AWS Management Console, AWS CLI, or AWS SDK.

Using AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.

2. Choose the MSK Provisioned cluster for which you want to configure the dual-stack network type.
3. On the Cluster details page, choose **Properties**.
4. In **Network settings**, choose **Edit**. Then, choose **Modify network type**.

> **Note**
>
> If your cluster isn't using Kafka version 3.6.0 or later and its subnets don't support dual-stack configuration, the option to modify network type will be unavailable. To change the network type, upgrade your Kafka version and use subnets that support dual-stack configuration.

5. For **Network type**, choose **Dual stack**.
6. Choose **Save changes**.

Using AWS CLI

You can use the update-connectivity API to update the network type of your existing MSK Provisioned cluster to dual-stack. The following example uses the `update-connectivity` command to set the cluster's network type to dual-stack.

In the following example, replace the sample cluster ARN, arn:aws:kafka:*us-east-1*:*123456789012*:cluster/*myCluster* /*12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012 -1*, with your actual MSK cluster ARN. To get the current cluster version, use the describe-cluster command.

```
aws kafka update-connectivity \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012-1" \
    --current-version "KTVPDKIKX0DER" \
    --connectivity-info '{
        "networkType": "DUAL"
    }
```

Using AWS SDK

The following example uses the UpdateConnectivity API to set the cluster's network type to dual-stack.

In the following example, replace the sample cluster ARN, arn:aws:kafka:*us-east-1*:*123456789012*:cluster/*myCluster* /*12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012 -1*, with your actual MSK cluster ARN. To get the current cluster version use the DescribeCluster API.

```
import boto3

client = boto3.client("kafka")

response = client.update_connectivity(
    ClusterArn="arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012-1",
    CurrentVersion="KTVPDKIKX0DER",
    ConnectivityInfo={
        "NetworkType": "DUAL"
    }
)

print("Connectivity update initiated:", response)
```

Considerations for using dual-stack network type

- IPv6 support is currently available only in dual-stack mode (IPv4 + IPv6), not as IPv6-only.
- To use dual-stack network type for your Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters, Kafka version 3.6.0 or later is required.
- Dual-stack network type is unavailable for multi-VPC private connectivity.
- IPv6 connectivity for Zookeeper nodes is unavailable. You can only connect to ZooKeeper nodes using IPv4.
- You can change the network type from IPv4 to dual-stack for an existing cluster only if all its subnets support the dual-stack network type.
- You can't revert to the IPv4 network type after enabling dual-stack. To switch back, you must delete and recreate the cluster.
- You must have the following IAM permissions:
  - `ec2:CreateTags`, `ec2:DescribeSubnets` and `kafka:UpdateConnectivity`

Reboot a broker for an Amazon MSK cluster

Use this Amazon MSK operation when you want to reboot a broker for your MSK cluster. To reboot a broker for a cluster, make sure that the cluster in the `ACTIVE` state.

The Amazon MSK service may reboot the brokers for your MSK cluster during system maintenance, such as patching or version upgrades. Rebooting a broker manually lets you test resilience of your Kafka clients to determine how they respond to system maintenance.

Reboot a broker for an Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS Management Console

This process describes how to reboot a broker for a Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS Management Console.

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster whose broker you want to reboot.
3. Scroll down to the **Broker details** section, and choose the broker you want to reboot.
4. Choose the **Reboot broker** button.

Reboot a broker for an Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS CLI

This process describes how to reboot a broker for a Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS CLI.

1. Run the following command, replacing *`ClusterArn`* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) that you obtained when you created your cluster, and the *`BrokerId`* with the ID of the broker that you want to reboot.

   > **Note**
   >
   > The `reboot-broker` operation only supports rebooting one broker at a time.

   If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called “List clusters”.

   If you don't have the broker IDs for your cluster, you can find them by listing the broker nodes. For more information, see list-nodes.

```
aws kafka reboot-broker --cluster-arn ClusterArn --broker-ids BrokerId
```

The output of this `reboot-broker` operation looks like the following JSON.

```
{

    "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/exampleClusterName/
abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef"
}
```

2. To get the result of the `reboot-broker` operation, run the following command, replacing *`ClusterOperationArn`* with the ARN that you obtained in the output of the `reboot-broker` command.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
```

The output of this `describe-cluster-operation` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterOperationInfo": {
        "ClientRequestId": "c0b7af47-8591-45b5-9c0c-909a1a2c99ea",
        "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/
exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
        "CreationTime": "2019-09-25T23:48:04.794Z",
        "OperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef",
        "OperationState": "REBOOT_IN_PROGRESS",
        "OperationType": "REBOOT_NODE",
        "SourceClusterInfo": {},
        "TargetClusterInfo": {}
    }
}
```

When the reboot operation is complete, the `OperationState` is `REBOOT_COMPLETE`.

Reboot a broker for an Amazon MSK cluster using the using the API

To reboot a broker in a cluster using the API, see RebootBroker.

Tag an Amazon MSK cluster

You can assign your own metadata in the form of *tags* to an Amazon MSK resource, such as an MSK cluster. A tag is a key-value pair that you define for the resource. Using tags is a simple yet powerful way to manage AWS resources and organize data, including billing data.

Topics

- Tag basics for Amazon MSK clusters
- Track Amazon MSK cluster costs using tagging
- Tag restrictions
- Tag resources using the Amazon MSK API

Tag basics for Amazon MSK clusters

You can use the Amazon MSK API to complete the following tasks:

- Add tags to an Amazon MSK resource.
- List the tags for an Amazon MSK resource.
- Remove tags from an Amazon MSK resource.

You can use tags to categorize your Amazon MSK resources. For example, you can categorize your Amazon MSK clusters by purpose, owner, or environment. Because you define the key and value for each tag, you can create a custom set of categories to meet your specific needs. For example, you might define a set of tags that help you track clusters by owner and associated application.

The following are several examples of tags:

- `Project: Project name`
- `Owner: Name`
- `Purpose: Load testing`
- `Environment: Production`

Track Amazon MSK cluster costs using tagging

You can use tags to categorize and track your AWS costs. When you apply tags to your AWS resources, including Amazon MSK clusters, your AWS cost allocation report includes usage and costs aggregated by tags. You can organize your costs across multiple services by applying tags that represent business categories (such as cost centers, application names, or owners). For more information, see Use Cost Allocation Tags for Custom Billing Reports in the *AWS Billing User Guide*.

Tag restrictions

The following restrictions apply to tags in Amazon MSK.

Basic restrictions

- The maximum number of tags per resource is 50.
- Tag keys and values are case-sensitive.
- You can't change or edit tags for a deleted resource.

Tag key restrictions

- Each tag key must be unique. If you add a tag with a key that's already in use, your new tag overwrites the existing key-value pair.
- You can't start a tag key with `aws:` because this prefix is reserved for use by AWS. AWS creates tags that begin with this prefix on your behalf, but you can't edit or delete them.
- Tag keys must be between 1 and 128 Unicode characters in length.
- Tag keys must consist of the following characters: Unicode letters, digits, white space, and the following special characters: `_ . / = + - @`.

Tag value restrictions

- Tag values must be between 0 and 255 Unicode characters in length.
- Tag values can be blank. Otherwise, they must consist of the following characters: Unicode letters, digits, white space, and any of the following special characters: `_ . / = + - @`.

Tag resources using the Amazon MSK API

You can use the following operations to tag or untag an Amazon MSK resource or to list the current set of tags for a resource:

- ListTagsForResource
- TagResource
- UntagResource

Migrate Kafka workloads to an Amazon MSK cluster

Amazon MSK Replicator supports replication between Amazon MSK clusters in the same AWS account. It also supports migrations between non-MSK Apache Kafka clusters and Amazon MSK clusters using SASL/SCRAM or mutual TLS (mTLS) authentication. For cross-account replication between Amazon MSK clusters, you must use Apache MirrorMaker 2.0.

MSK Replicator is a fully managed, serverless solution that automates data migration to Amazon MSK. MSK Replicator handles scaling, monitoring, and maintenance tasks without requiring infrastructure management. It also maintains topic configurations and consumer group offsets during migration, and integrates with other AWS services.

Apache MirrorMaker 2.0 is an open-source tool that requires manual setup and management, but provides detailed control over the migration process. You can define custom replication rules and migrate between any Apache Kafka clusters regardless of the hosting platform or across different AWS accounts. For information about using MirrorMaker to migrate your clusters, see Geo-Replication (Cross-Cluster Data Mirroring). We recommend setting up MirrorMaker in a highly available configuration.

For more information about migrating to Amazon MSK with MSK Replicator, see Migrate third-party and self-managed Apache Kafka clusters to Amazon MSK Express brokers with Amazon MSK Replicator.

Delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster

> **Note**
>
> If your provisioned Amazon MSK cluster has an auto-scaling policy, we recommend that you remove the policy before you delete the cluster. For more information, see Automatic scaling for Amazon MSK clusters.

Topics

- Delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster using the AWS Management Console
- Delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster using the AWS CLI
- Delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster using the API

Delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster using the AWS Management Console

This process describes how to delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster using the AWS Management Console. Before you delete a MSK cluster, ensure that you have a backup of any important data stored in the cluster and that there aren't any scheduled tasks dependant on the cluster. You can't undo a MSK cluster deletion.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster that you want to delete by selecting the check box next to it.
3. Choose **Delete**, and then confirm deletion.

Delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster using the AWS CLI

This process describes how to delete an MSK Provisioned cluster using the AWS CLI. Before you delete a MSK cluster, ensure that you have a backup of any important data stored in the cluster and that there aren't any scheduled tasks dependant on the cluster. You can't undo a MSK cluster deletion.

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) that you obtained when you created your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called “List clusters”.

```
aws kafka delete-cluster --cluster-arn ClusterArn
```

Delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster using the API

The Amazon MSK API allows you to programmatically create and manage your MSK Provisioned cluster as part of automated infrastructure provisioning or deployment scripts. This process describes how to delete an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster using the Amazon MSK API. Before you delete a Amazon MSK cluster, ensure that you have a backup of any important data stored in the cluster and that there aren't any scheduled tasks dependant on the cluster. You can't undo a MSK cluster deletion.

To delete a cluster using the API, see DeleteCluster.

Amazon MSK key features and concepts

Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters offer a wide range of features and capabilities to help you optimize your cluster's performance and meet your streaming needs. The topics below describe these functionalities in detail.

- The AWS Management Console
- The Amazon MSK API Reference
- The Amazon MSK CLI Command Reference

Topics

- Amazon MSK broker types
- Amazon MSK broker sizes
- Storage management for Standard brokers
- Amazon MSK Provisioned configuration
- Configure custom domain names for your Amazon MSK cluster
- Intelligent rebalancing for clusters
- Share groups (queues) on Amazon MSK
- Patching on MSK Provisioned clusters
- Broker offline and client failover
- Security in Amazon MSK
- Amazon MSK logging

- Metadata management
- Topic Operations
- Amazon MSK resources
- Apache Kafka versions
- Troubleshoot your Amazon MSK cluster

Amazon MSK broker types

MSK Provisioned offers two broker types - Standard and Express. Standard brokers give you the most flexibility to configure your clusters, while Express brokers offer more elasticity, throughput, resilience, and ease-of-use for running high performance streaming applications.

See the following topics for more details about each offering. The following table also highlights the key feature comparison between Standard and Express brokers.

Feature	Standard broker	Express broker
Storage Management	Customer managed (Features include EBS storage, Tiered storage, Provisioned storage throughput, Auto-scaling, Storage capacity alerts)	Fully MSK managed
Supported instances	T3, M5, M7g, M8g	M7g, M8g
Sizing and scaling considerations	Throughput, connections, partitions, storage	Throughput, connections, partitions
Broker scaling	Vertical and horizontal scaling	Vertical and horizontal scaling
Kafka versions	See Apache Kafka versions	Starts at version 3.6
Apache Kafka Configuration	More configurable	Mostly MSK managed for higher resilience
Security	Encryption, Private/Public access, Authentication & Authorization - IAM, SASL/	Encryption, Private/Public access, Authentication & Authorization - IAM, SASL/

Feature	Standard broker	Express broker
	SCRAM, mTLS, plaintext, Kafka ACLs	SCRAM, mTLS, plaintext, Kafka ACLs
Monitoring	CloudWatch, Open Monitoring	CloudWatch, Open Monitoring

Note

You can't change an MSK Provisioned cluster from a Standard broker type to an Express broker type by switching the broker type using the MSK API. You have to create a new cluster with the desired broker type (Standard or Express).

Topics

- Amazon MSK Standard brokers
- Amazon MSK Express brokers

Amazon MSK Standard brokers

Standard brokers for MSK Provisioned offer the most flexibility to configure your cluster's performance. You can choose from a wide range cluster configurations to achieve the availability, durability, throughput, and latency characteristics required for your applications. You can also provision storage capacity and increase it as needed. Amazon MSK handles the hardware maintenance of Standard brokers and attached storage resources, automatically repairing hardware issues that may arise. You can find more details in this document about various topics related to Standard brokers, including topics on storage management, configurations, and maintenance.

Amazon MSK Express brokers

Express brokers for MSK Provisioned make Apache Kafka simpler to manage, more cost-effective to run at scale, and more elastic with the low latency you expect. Brokers include pay-as-you-go storage that scales automatically and requires no sizing, provisioning, or proactive monitoring. Depending on the instance size selected, each broker node can provide up to 3x more throughput per broker, scale up to 20x faster, and recover 90% quicker compared to standard Apache Kafka

brokers. Express brokers come pre-configured with Amazon MSK's best practice defaults and enforce client throughput quotas to minimize resource contention between clients and Kafka's background operations.

Here are some key factors and capabilities to consider when using Express brokers.

- **No storage management**: Express brokers eliminate the need to provision or manage any storage resources. You get elastic, virtually unlimited, pay-as-you-go, and fully managed storage. For high throughput use cases, you do not need to reason about the interactions between compute instances and storage volumes, and the associated throughput bottlenecks. These capabilities simplify cluster management and eliminate storage management operational overhead.
- **Faster scaling**: Express brokers allow you to scale your cluster and move partitions up to 20x faster than on Standard brokers. This capability is crucial when you need to scale out your cluster to handle upcoming load spikes or scale in your cluster to reduce cost. See the sections on expanding your cluster, removing brokers, reassigning partitions, and setting up LinkedIn's Cruise Control for rebalancing for more details on scaling your cluster.
- **Higher throughput**: Express brokers offer up to 3x more throughput per broker than Standard brokers. For example, you can safely write data at up to 500 MBps with each m7g.16xlarge sized Express broker compared to 153.8 MBps on the equivalent Standard broker (both numbers assume sufficient bandwidth allocation towards background operations, such as replication and rebalancing).
- **Configured for high resilience**: Express brokers automatically offer various best practices to improve your cluster's resilience. These include guardrails on critical Apache Kafka configurations, throughput quotas, and capacity reservations for background operations and unplanned repairs. These capabilities make it safer and easier to run large scale Apache Kafka applications. See the sections on Express broker configurations and Amazon MSK Express broker quota for more details.
- **No Maintenance windows**: There are no maintenance windows for Express brokers. Amazon MSK automatically updates your cluster hardware on an ongoing basis. See Patching for Express brokers for more details.
- **In-place upgrade from Standard brokers**: You can upgrade existing MSK Provisioned clusters from Standard brokers to Express brokers on M7g or M8g instances in place, without creating a new cluster or migrating your applications. The upgrade preserves your cluster ARN and endpoints, maintains application availability, and keeps each message's topic, partition, and offset. For more information, see Upgrade Standard brokers to Express brokers.

Additional information about Express brokers

- Express brokers work with Apache Kafka APIs, but don't yet fully support KStreams API.
- Express brokers are only available in a 3AZs configuration.
- Express brokers are only available on select instance sizes. See Amazon MSK pricing for the updated list.
- Express brokers are supported on the following Apache Kafka versions: 3.6, 3.8, 3.9, and 4.2.
- Express brokers can be created with KRaft mode from Apache Kafka version 3.9 onwards.
- KIP-932: Queues for Kafka is not yet supported on Express brokers.
- Existing MSK Provisioned clusters running Standard brokers on Apache Kafka version 3.9 with KRaft, deployed across three Availability Zones, can be upgraded to Express brokers in place. For more information, see Upgrade Standard brokers to Express brokers.

See these blogs

For more information about MSK Express brokers and to see a real-world example of Express brokers in use, read the following blogs:

- Introducing Express brokers for Amazon MSK to deliver high throughput and faster scaling for your Kafka clusters
- Express brokers for Amazon MSK: Turbo-charged Kafka scaling with up to 20 times faster performance

  This blog demonstrates how Express brokers:
  - Provide faster throughput, rapid scaling, and improved recovery time from failures
  - Eliminate storage management complexities

Amazon MSK broker sizes

When you create an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster you specify the size of brokers that you want it to have. Depending on the broker type, Amazon MSK supports the following broker sizes.

Standard broker sizes

- kafka.t3.small

- kafka.m5.large, kafka.m5.xlarge, kafka.m5.2xlarge, kafka.m5.4xlarge, kafka.m5.8xlarge, kafka.m5.12xlarge, kafka.m5.16xlarge, kafka.m5.24xlarge
- kafka.m7g.large, kafka.m7g.xlarge, kafka.m7g.2xlarge, kafka.m7g.4xlarge, kafka.m7g.8xlarge, kafka.m7g.12xlarge, kafka.m7g.16xlarge
- kafka.m8g.large, kafka.m8g.xlarge, kafka.m8g.2xlarge, kafka.m8g.4xlarge, kafka.m8g.8xlarge, kafka.m8g.12xlarge, kafka.m8g.16xlarge, kafka.m8g.24xlarge

Express broker sizes

- express.m7g.large, express.m7g.xlarge, express.m7g.2xlarge, express.m7g.4xlarge, express.m7g.8xlarge, express.m7g.12xlarge, express.m7g.16xlarge
- express.m8g.large, express.m8g.xlarge, express.m8g.2xlarge, express.m8g.4xlarge, express.m8g.8xlarge, express.m8g.12xlarge, express.m8g.16xlarge, express.m8g.24xlarge

> **Note**
>
> Some broker sizes may not be available in certian AWS Regions. See the updated Broker Instance Pricing Tables on the Amazon MSK pricing page for the latest list of available instances by Region.

Other notes on broker sizes

- M7g brokers use AWS Graviton processors (custom Arm-based processors built by Amazon Web Services). M7g brokers offer improved price performance relative to comparable M5 instances. M7g brokers consume less power than comparable M5 instances.
- M8g brokers use AWS Graviton4 processors (custom Arm-based processors built by Amazon Web Services). M8g brokers offer improved price performance relative to comparable M7g instances.
- M7g and M5 brokers have higher baseline throughput performance than T3 brokers and are recommended for production workloads. M7g and M5 brokers can also have more partitions per broker than T3 brokers. Use M7g or M5 brokers if you are running larger production-grade workloads or require a greater number of partitions. To learn more about M7g and M5 instance sizes, see Amazon EC2 General Purpose Instances.
- T3 brokers have the ability to use CPU credits to temporarily burst performance. Use T3 brokers for low-cost development, if you are testing small to medium streaming workloads, or if you

have low-throughput streaming workloads that experience temporary spikes in throughput. We recommend that you run a proof-of-concept test to determine if T3 brokers are sufficient for production or critical workload. To learn more about T3 broker sizes, see Amazon EC2 T3 Instances.

For more information on how to choose broker sizes, see Best practices for Standard and Express brokers.

Storage management for Standard brokers

Amazon MSK provides features to help you with storage management on your MSK clusters.

> **Note**
>
> With Express brokers, you don't need to provision or manage any storage resoures used for your data. This simplifies cluster management and eliminates one of the common causes of operational issues with Apache Kafka clusters. You also spend less as you don't have to provision idle storage capacity and you only pay for what you use.

Standard broker type

With Standard brokers you can choose from a variety of storage options and capabilities. Amazon MSK provides features to help you with storage management on your MSK clusters.

For information about managing throughput, see ???.

Topics

- Tiered storage for Standard brokers
- Scale up Amazon MSK Standard broker storage
- Manage storage throughput for Standard brokers in a Amazon MSK cluster

Tiered storage for Standard brokers

Tiered storage is a low-cost storage tier for Amazon MSK that scales to virtually unlimited storage, making it cost-effective to build streaming data applications.

You can create an Amazon MSK cluster configured with tiered storage that balances performance and cost. Amazon MSK stores streaming data in a performance-optimized primary storage tier until it reaches the Apache Kafka topic retention limits. Then, Amazon MSK automatically moves data into the new low-cost storage tier.

When your application starts reading data from the tiered storage, you can expect an increase in read latency for the first few bytes. As you start reading the remaining data sequentially from the low-cost tier, you can expect latencies that are similar to the primary storage tier. You don't need to provision any storage for the low-cost tiered storage or manage the infrastructure. You can store any amount of data and pay only for what you use. This feature is compatible with the APIs introduced in KIP-405: Kafka Tiered Storage.

For information about sizing, monitoring, and optimizing your MSK tiered storage cluster, see Best practices for running production workloads using Amazon MSK tiered storage.

Here are some of the features of tiered storage:

- You can scale to virtually unlimited storage. You don't have to guess how to scale your Apache Kafka infrastructure.
- You can retain data longer in your Apache Kafka topics, or increase your topic storage, without the need to increase the number of brokers.
- It provides a longer duration safety buffer to handle unexpected delays in processing.
- You can reprocess old data in its exact production order with your existing stream processing code and Kafka APIs.
- Partitions rebalance faster because data on secondary storage doesn't require replication across broker disks.
- Data between brokers and the tiered storage moves within the VPC and doesn't travel through the internet.
- A client machine can use the same process to connect to new clusters with tiered storage enabled as it does to connect to a cluster without tiered storage enabled. See Create a client machine.

Tiered storage requirements for Amazon MSK clusters

- You must use Apache Kafka client version 3.0.0 or higher to create a new topic with tiered storage enabled. To transition an existing topic to tiered storage, you can reconfigure a client machine that uses a Kafka client version lower than 3.0.0 (minimum supported Apache Kafka

version is 2.8.2.tiered) to enable tiered storage. See Step 4: Create a topic in the Amazon MSK cluster.

- The Amazon MSK cluster with tiered storage enabled must use version 3.6.0 or higher, or 2.8.2.tiered.

Tiered storage constraints and limitations for Amazon MSK clusters

Tiered storage has the following constraints and limitations:

- Make sure clients are not configured to `read_committed` when reading from the remote_tier in Amazon MSK, unless the application is actively using the transactions feature.
- Tiered storage isn't available in AWS GovCloud (US) regions.
- Tiered storage applies only to provisioned mode clusters.
- Tiered storage doesn’t support broker size t3.small.
- The minimum retention period in low-cost storage is 3 days. There is no minimum retention period for primary storage.
- Tiered storage doesn’t support Multiple Log directories on a broker (JBOD related features).
- Tiered storage doesn't support compacted topics. Make sure that all topics that have tiered storage turned on have their cleanup.policy configured to 'DELETE' only.
- Tiered storage cluster doesn’t support altering the log.cleanup.policy policy for a topic after it’s created.
- Tiered storage can be disabled for individual topics but not for the entire cluster. Once disabled, tiered storage cannot be re-enabled for a topic.
- If you use Amazon MSK version 2.8.2.tiered, you can migrate only to another tiered storage-supported Apache Kafka version. If you don't want to continue using a tiered storage-supported version, create a new MSK cluster and migrate your data to it.
- The kafka-log-dirs tool can't report tiered storage data size. The tool only reports the size of the log segments in primary storage.

For information about default settings and constraints you must be mindful of when you configure tiered storage at the topic level, see Guidelines for Amazon MSK tiered storage topic-level configuration.

How log segments are copied to tiered storage for a Amazon MSK topic

When you enable tiered storage for a new or existing topic, Apache Kafka copies closed log segments from primary storage to tiered storage.

- Apache Kafka only copies closed log segments. It copies all messages within the log segment to tiered storage.
- Active segments are not eligible for tiering. The log segment size (segment.bytes) or the segment roll time (segment.ms) controls the rate of segment closure, and the rate Apache Kafka then copies them to tiered storage.

Retention settings for a topic with tiered storage enabled are different from settings for a topic without tiered storage enabled. The following rules control the retention of messages in topics with tiered storage enabled:

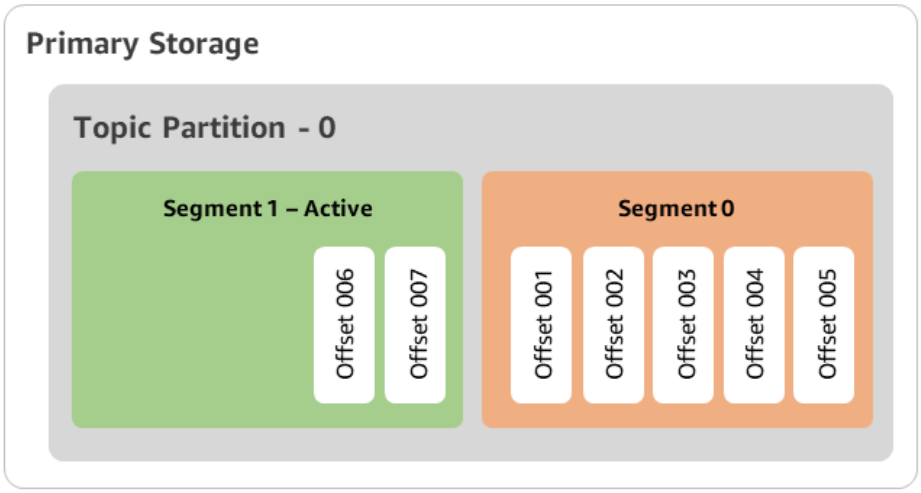
- You define retention in Apache Kafka with two settings: log.retention.ms (time) and log.retention.bytes (size). These settings determine the total duration and size of the data that Apache Kafka retains in the cluster. Whether or not you enable tiered storage mode, you set these configurations at the cluster level. You can override the settings at the topic level with topic configurations.
- When you enable tiered storage, you can additionally specify how long the primary high-performance storage tier stores data. For example, if a topic has overall retention (log.retention.ms) setting of 7 days and local retention (local.retention.ms) of 12 hours, then the cluster primary storage retains data for only the first 12 hours. The low-cost storage tier retains the data for the full 7 days.
- The usual retention settings apply to the full log. This includes its tiered and primary parts.
- The local.retention.ms or local.retention.bytes settings control the retention of messages in primary storage. Apache Kafka copies closed log segments to tiered storage as soon as they close (based on segment.bytes or segment.ms), independent of local retention settings. After segments are copied to tiered storage, they remain in primary storage until the local.retention.ms or local.retention.bytes thresholds are reached. At that point, the data is deleted from primary storage but remains available in tiered storage. This allows you to keep recent data on high-performance primary storage for fast access while older data is served from the low-cost tiered storage.
- When Apache Kafka copies a message in a log segment to tiered storage, it removes the message from the cluster based on retention.ms or retention.bytes settings.

Example Amazon MSK tiered storage scenario

This scenario illustrates how an existing topic that has messages in primary storage behaves when tiered storage is enabled. You enable tiered storage on this topic by when you set remote.storage.enable to `true`. In this example, retention.ms is set to 5 days and local.retention.ms is set to 2 days. The following is the sequence of events when a segment expires.

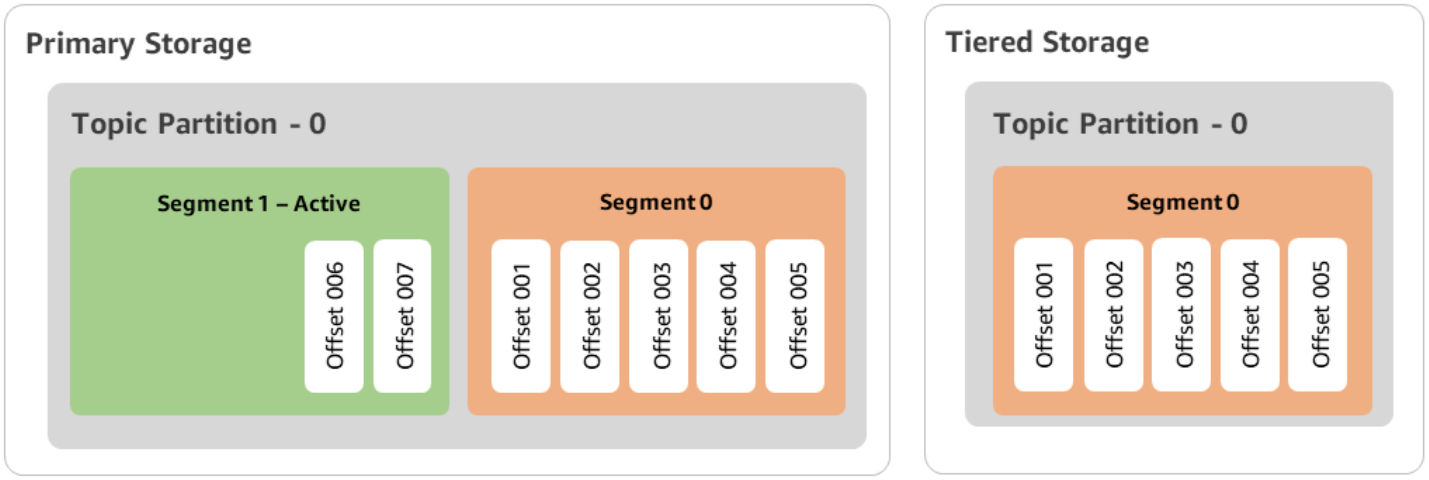
Time T0 - Before you enable tiered storage.

Before you enable tiered storage for this topic, there are two log segments. One of the segments is active for an existing topic partition 0.



Time T1 (< 2 days) - Tiered storage enabled. Segment 0 copied to tiered storage.

After you enable tiered storage for this topic, Apache Kafka copies closed log segment 0 to tiered storage as soon as it closes. The segment closes based on segment.bytes or segment.ms settings, not based on retention settings. Apache Kafka retains a copy in primary storage as well. The active segment 1 is not eligible to copy to tiered storage yet because it is still active and hasn't closed. In this timeline, Amazon MSK doesn't apply any of the retention settings yet for any of the messages in segment 0 and segment 1. (local.retention.bytes/ms, retention.ms/bytes)



Time T2 - Local retention in effect.

After 2 days, the local retention threshold is reached for segment 0. The setting of local.retention.ms as 2 days determines this. Segment 0 is now deleted from primary storage, but it remains available in tiered storage. Note that segment 0 was already copied to tiered storage at Time T1 when it closed, not at Time T2 when local retention expired. Active segment 1 is neither eligible for deletion nor eligible to copy to tiered storage yet because it is still active.

Time T3 - Overall retention in effect.

After 5 days, retention settings take effect, and Kafka clears log segment 0 and associated messages from tiered storage. Segment 1 is neither eligible for expiration nor eligible to copy over to tiered storage yet because it is active. Segment 1 is not yet closed, so it is ineligible for segment roll.

Create a Amazon MSK cluster with tiered storage with the AWS Management Console

This process describes how to create a tiered storage Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS Management Console.

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. Choose **Create cluster**.
3. Choose **Custom create** for tiered storage.
4. Specify a name for the cluster.
5. In the **Cluster type**, select **Provisioned**.
6. Choose an Amazon Kafka version that supports tiered storage for Amazon MSK to use to create the cluster.
7. Specify a size of broker other than **kafka.t3.small**.
8. Select the number of brokers that you want Amazon MSK to create in each Availability Zone. The minimum is one broker per Availability Zone, and the maximum is 30 brokers per cluster.
9. Specify the number of zones that brokers are distributed across.
10. Specify the number of Apache Kafka brokers that are deployed per zone.
11. Select **Storage options**. This includes **Tiered storage and EBS storage** to enable tiered storage mode.
12. Follow the remaining steps in the cluster creation wizard. When complete, **Tiered storage and EBS storage** appears as the cluster storage mode in the **Review and create** view.
13. Select **Create cluster**.

Create an Amazon MSK cluster with tiered storage with the AWS CLI

To enable tiered storage on a cluster, create the cluster with the correct Apache Kafka version and attribute for tiered storage. Follow the code example below. Also, complete the steps in the next section to Create a Kafka topic with tiered storage enabled with the AWS CLI.

See create-cluster for a complete list of supported attributes for cluster creation.

```
aws kafka create-cluster \
 –cluster-name "MessagingCluster" \
 –broker-node-group-info file://brokernodegroupinfo.json \
 –number-of-broker-nodes 3 \
--kafka-version "3.6.0" \
--storage-mode "TIERED"
```

Create a Kafka topic with tiered storage enabled with the AWS CLI

To complete the process that you started when you created a cluster with the tiered storage enabled, also create a topic with tiered storage enabled with the attributes in the later code example. The attributes specifically for tiered storage are the following:

- `local.retention.ms` (for example, 10 mins) for time-based retention settings or `local.retention.bytes` for log segment size limits.
- `remote.storage.enable` set to `true` to enable tiered storage.

The following configuration uses local.retention.ms, but you can replace this attribute with local.retention.bytes. This attribute controls the amount of time that can pass or number of bytes that Apache Kafka can copy before Apache Kafka copies the data from primary to tiered storage. See Topic-level configuration for more details on supported configuration attributes.

> **Note**
>
> You must use the Apache Kafka client version 3.0.0 and above. These versions support a setting called `remote.storage.enable` only in those client versions of `kafka-topics.sh`. To enable tiered storage on an existing topic that uses an earlier version of Apache Kafka, see the section Enabling tiered storage on an existing Amazon MSK topic.

```
bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --bootstrap-server $bs --replication-factor 2
 --partitions 6 --topic MSKTutorialTopic --config remote.storage.enable=true
 --config local.retention.ms=100000 --config retention.ms=604800000 --config
 segment.bytes=134217728
```

Enable and disable tiered storage on an existing Amazon MSK topic

These sections cover how to enable and disable tiered storage on a topic that you've already created. To create a new cluster and topic with tiered storage enabled, see Creating a cluster with tiered storage using the AWS Management Console.

Enabling tiered storage on an existing Amazon MSK topic

To enable tiered storage on an existing topic, use the `alter` command syntax in the following example. When you enable tiered storage on an already existing topic, you aren't restricted to a certain Apache Kafka client version.

```
bin/kafka-configs.sh --bootstrap-server $bsrv --alter --entity-type topics
 --entity-name msk-ts-topic --add-config 'remote.storage.enable=true,
 local.retention.ms=604800000, retention.ms=15550000000'
```

Disable tiered storage on an existing Amazon MSK topic

To disable tiered storage on an existing topic, use the `alter` command syntax in the same order as when you enable tiered storage.

```
bin/kafka-configs.sh --bootstrap-server $bs --alter --entity-type topics --
entity-name MSKTutorialTopic --add-config 'remote.log.msk.disable.policy=Delete,
 remote.storage.enable=false'
```

> **Note**
>
> When you disable tiered storage, you completely delete the topic data in tiered storage. Apache Kafka retains primary storage data , but it still applies the primary retention rules based on `local.retention.ms`. After you disable tiered storage on a topic, you can't re-enable it. If you want to disable tiered storage on an existing topic, you aren't restricted to a certain Apache Kafka client version.

Enable tiered storage on an existing Amazon MSK cluster using AWS CLI

> **Note**
>
> You can enable tiered storage only if your cluster's log.cleanup.policy is set to `delete`, as compacted topics are not supported on tiered storage. Later, you can configure an individual topic's log.cleanup.policy to `compact` if tiered storage is not enabled on that particular topic. See Topic-level configuration for more details on supported configuration attributes.

1. **Update the Kafka version** – Cluster versions aren't simple integers. To find the current version of the cluster, use the `DescribeCluster` operation or the `describe-cluster` AWS CLI command. An example version is `KTVPDKIKX0DER`.

```
aws kafka update-cluster-kafka-version --cluster-arn ClusterArn --current-version
 Current-Cluster-Version --target-kafka-version 3.6.0
```

2. Edit cluster storage mode. The following code example shows editing the cluster storage mode to `TIERED` using the `update-storage` API.

```
aws kafka update-storage --current-version Current-Cluster-Version --cluster-arn
 Cluster-arn --storage-mode TIERED
```

Update tiered storage on an existing Amazon MSK cluster using the console

This process describes how to updated a tiered storage Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS Management Console.

Make sure the current Apache Kafka version of your MSK cluster is 2.8.2.tiered. Refer to updating the Apache Kafka version if you need to upgrade your MSK cluster to 2.8.2.tiered version.

> **Note**
>
> You can enable tiered storage only if your cluster's log.cleanup.policy is set to `delete`, as compacted topics are not supported on tiered storage. Later, you can configure an individual topic's log.cleanup.policy to `compact` if tiered storage is not enabled on that

particular topic. See Topic-level configuration for more details on supported configuration attributes.

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. Go to the cluster summary page and choose **Properties**.
3. Go to the **Storage** section and choose **Edit cluster storage mode**.
4. Choose **Tiered storage and EBS storage** and **Save changes**.

Scale up Amazon MSK Standard broker storage

You can increase the amount of EBS storage per broker. You can't decrease the storage.

Storage volumes remain available during this scaling-up operation.

Important

When storage is scaled for an MSK cluster, the additional storage is made available right away. However, the cluster requires a cool-down period after every storage scaling event. Amazon MSK uses this cool-down period to optimize the cluster before it can be scaled again. This period can range from a minimum of 6 hours to over 24 hours, depending on the cluster's storage size and utilization and on traffic. This is applicable for both auto scaling events and manual scaling using the UpdateBrokerStorage operation. For information about right-sizing your storage, see the section called "Best practices for Standard brokers".

You can use tiered storage to scale up to unlimited amounts of storage for your broker. See, Tiered storage for Standard brokers.

Topics

- Automatic scaling for Amazon MSK clusters
- Manual scaling for Standard brokers

Automatic scaling for Amazon MSK clusters

To automatically expand your cluster's storage in response to increased usage, you can configure an Application Auto-Scaling policy for Amazon MSK. In an auto-scaling policy, you set the target disk utilization and the maximum scaling capacity.

Before you use automatic scaling for Amazon MSK, you should consider the following:

- **Important**

  A storage scaling action can occur only once every six hours.

  We recommend that you start with a right-sized storage volume for your storage demands. For guidance on right-sizing your cluster, see Right-size your cluster: Number of Standard brokers per cluster.
- Amazon MSK does not reduce cluster storage in response to reduced usage. Amazon MSK does not support decreasing the size of storage volumes. If you need to reduce the size of your cluster storage, you must migrate your existing cluster to a cluster with smaller storage. For information about migrating a cluster, see Migrate to MSK cluster.
- Amazon MSK doesn't support automatic scaling in the Asia Pacific (Osaka), Africa (Cape Town), and Asia Pacific (Malaysia) Regions.
- When you associate an auto-scaling policy with your cluster, Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling automatically creates an Amazon CloudWatch alarm for target tracking. If you delete a cluster with an auto-scaling policy, this CloudWatch alarm persists. To delete the CloudWatch alarm, you should remove an auto-scaling policy from a cluster before you delete the cluster. To learn more about target tracking, see Target tracking scaling policies for Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling in the *Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling User Guide*.

Topics

- Auto-scaling policy details for Amazon MSK
- Set up automatic scaling for your Amazon MSK cluster

Auto-scaling policy details for Amazon MSK

An auto-scaling policy defines the following parameters for your cluster:

- **Storage Utilization Target**: The storage utilization threshold that Amazon MSK uses to trigger an auto-scaling operation. You can set the utilization target between 10% and 80% of the current storage capacity. We recommend that you set the Storage Utilization Target between 50% and 60%.
- **Maximum Storage Capacity**: The maximum scaling limit that Amazon MSK can set for your broker storage. You can set the maximum storage capacity up to 16 TiB per broker. For more information, see Amazon MSK quota.

When Amazon MSK detects that your `Maximum Disk Utilization` metric is equal to or greater than the `Storage Utilization Target` setting, it increases your storage capacity by an amount equal to the larger of two numbers: 10 GiB or 10% of current storage. For example, if you have 1000 GiB, that amount is 100 GiB. The service checks your storage utilization every minute. Further scaling operations continue to increase storage by an amount equal to the larger of two numbers: 10 GiB or 10% of current storage.

To determine if auto-scaling operations have occurred, use the ListClusterOperations operation.

Set up automatic scaling for your Amazon MSK cluster

You can use the Amazon MSK console, the Amazon MSK API, or CloudFormation to implement automatic scaling for storage. CloudFormation support is available through Application Auto Scaling.

> **Note**
>
> You can't implement automatic scaling when you create a cluster. You must first create the cluster, and then create and enable an auto-scaling policy for it. However, you can create the policy while Amazon MSK service creates your cluster.

Topics

- Set up automatic scaling using the Amazon MSK AWS Management Console
- Set up automatic scaling using the CLI
- Set up automatic-scaling for Amazon MSK using the API

Set up automatic scaling using the Amazon MSK AWS Management Console

This process describes how to use the Amazon MSK console to implement automatic scaling for storage.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the list of clusters, choose your cluster. This takes you to a page that lists details about the cluster.
3. In the **Auto scaling for storage** section, choose **Configure**.
4. Create and name an auto-scaling policy. Specify the storage utilization target, the maximum storage capacity, and the target metric.
5. Choose `Save changes`.

When you save and enable the new policy, the policy becomes active for the cluster. Amazon MSK then expands the cluster's storage when the storage utilization target is reached.

Set up automatic scaling using the CLI

This process describes how to use the Amazon MSK CLI to implement automatic scaling for storage.

1. Use the RegisterScalableTarget command to register a storage utilization target.
2. Use the PutScalingPolicy command to create an auto-expansion policy.

Set up automatic-scaling for Amazon MSK using the API

This process describes how to use the Amazon MSK API to implement automatic scaling for storage.

1. Use the RegisterScalableTarget API to register a storage utilization target.
2. Use the PutScalingPolicy API to create an auto-expansion policy.

Manual scaling for Standard brokers

To increase storage, wait for the cluster to be in the `ACTIVE` state. Storage scaling has a cool-down period of at least six hours between events. Even though the operation makes additional storage

available right away, the service performs optimizations on your cluster that can take up to 24 hours or more. The duration of these optimizations is proportional to your storage size.

Scaling up broker storage using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. Choose the MSK cluster for which you want to update broker storage.
3. In the **Storage** section, choose **Edit**.
4. Specify the storage volume you want. You can only increase the amount of storage, you can't decrease it.
5. Choose **Save changes**.

Scaling up broker storage using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) that you obtained when you created your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called "List clusters".

Replace *Current-Cluster-Version* with the current version of the cluster.

> **Important**
>
> Cluster versions aren't simple integers. To find the current version of the cluster, use the DescribeCluster operation or the describe-cluster AWS CLI command. An example version is KTVPDKIKX0DER.

The *Target-Volume-in-GiB* parameter represents the amount of storage that you want each broker to have. It is only possible to update the storage for all the brokers. You can't specify individual brokers for which to update storage. The value you specify for *Target-Volume-in-GiB* must be a whole number that is greater than 100 GiB. The storage per broker after the update operation can't exceed 16384 GiB.

```
aws kafka update-broker-storage --cluster-arn ClusterArn --current-version Current-
Cluster-Version --target-broker-ebs-volume-info '{"KafkaBrokerNodeId": "All",
 "VolumeSizeGB": Target-Volume-in-GiB}'
```

Scaling up broker storage using the API

To update a broker storage using the API, see UpdateBrokerStorage.

Manage storage throughput for Standard brokers in a Amazon MSK cluster

For information on how to provision throughput using the Amazon MSK console, CLI, and API, see ???.

Topics

- Amazon MSK broker throughput bottlenecks and maximum throughput settings
- Measure storage throughput of a Amazon MSK cluster
- Configuration update values for provisioned storage in a Amazon MSK cluster
- Provision storage throughput for Standard brokers in a Amazon MSK cluster

Amazon MSK broker throughput bottlenecks and maximum throughput settings

There are multiple causes of bottlenecks in broker throughput: volume throughput, Amazon EC2 to Amazon EBS network throughput, and Amazon EC2 egress throughput. You can enable provisioned storage throughput to adjust volume throughput. However, broker throughput limitations can be caused by Amazon EC2 to Amazon EBS network throughput and Amazon EC2 egress throughput.

Amazon EC2 egress throughput is impacted by the number of consumer groups and consumers per consumer groups. Also, both Amazon EC2 to Amazon EBS network throughput and Amazon EC2 egress throughput are higher for larger broker sizes.

For volume sizes of 10 GiB or larger, you can provision storage throughput of 250 MiB per second or greater. 250 MiB per second is the default. To provision storage throughput, you must choose broker size kafka.m5.4xlarge or larger (or kafka.m7g.2xlarge or larger), and you can specify maximum throughput as shown in the following table.

broker size	Maximum storage throughput (MiB/second)
kafka.m5.4xlarge	593
kafka.m5.8xlarge	850
kafka.m5.12xlarge	1000

broker size	Maximum storage throughput (MiB/second)
kafka.m5.16xlarge	1000
kafka.m5.24xlarge	1000
kafka.m7g.2xlarge	312.5
kafka.m7g.4xlarge	625
kafka.m7g.8xlarge	1000
kafka.m7g.12xlarge	1000
kafka.m7g.16xlarge	1000

Measure storage throughput of a Amazon MSK cluster

You can use the `VolumeReadBytes` and `VolumeWriteBytes` metrics to measure the average storage throughput of a cluster. The sum of these two metrics gives the average storage throughput in bytes. To get the average storage throughput for a cluster, set these two metrics to SUM and the period to 1 minute, then use the following formula.

```
Average storage throughput in MiB/s = (Sum(VolumeReadBytes) + Sum(VolumeWriteBytes)) /
 (60 * 1024 * 1024)
```

For information about the `VolumeReadBytes` and `VolumeWriteBytes` metrics, see the section called “PER_BROKER Level monitoring”.

Configuration update values for provisioned storage in a Amazon MSK cluster

You can update your Amazon MSK configuration either before or after you turn on provisioned throughput. However, you won't see the desired throughput until you perform both actions: update the `num.replica.fetchers` configuration parameter and turn on provisioned throughput.

In the default Amazon MSK configuration, `num.replica.fetchers` has a value of 2. To update your `num.replica.fetchers`, you can use the suggested values from the following table. These values are for guidance purposes. We recommend that you adjust these values based on your use case.

broker size	num.replica.fetchers
kafka.m5.4xlarge	4
kafka.m5.8xlarge	8
kafka.m5.12xlarge	14
kafka.m5.16xlarge	16
kafka.m5.24xlarge	16

Your updated configuration may not take effect for up to 24 hours, and may take longer when a source volume is not fully utilized. However, transitional volume performance at least equals the performance of source storage volumes during the migration period. A fully-utilized 1 TiB volume typically takes about six hours to migrate to an updated configuration.

Provision storage throughput for Standard brokers in a Amazon MSK cluster

Amazon MSK brokers persist data on storage volumes. Storage I/O is consumed when producers write to the cluster, when data is replicated between brokers, and when consumers read data that isn't in memory. The volume storage throughput is the rate at which data can be written into and read from a storage volume. Provisioned storage throughput is the ability to specify that rate for the brokers in your cluster.

You can specify the provisioned throughput rate in MiB per second for clusters whose brokers are of size `kafka.m5.4xlarge` or larger and if the storage volume is 10 GiB or greater. It is possible to specify provisioned throughput during cluster creation. You can also enable or disable provisioned throughput for a cluster that is in the `ACTIVE` state.

For information about managing throughput, see ???.

Topics

- Provision Amazon MSK cluster storage throughput using the AWS Management Console
- Provision Amazon MSK cluster storage throughput using the AWS CLI
- Provision storage throughput when creating a Amazon MSK cluster using the API

Provision Amazon MSK cluster storage throughput using the AWS Management Console

This process shows an example of how you can use the AWS Management Console to create a Amazon MSK cluster with provisioned throughput enabled.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose **Create cluster**.
3. Choose **Custom create**.
4. Specify a name for the cluster.
5. In the **Storage** section, choose **Enable**.
6. Choose a value for storage throughput per broker.
7. Choose a VPC, zones and subnets, and a security group.
8. Choose **Next**.
9. On the **Security** step, choose **Next**.
10. On the **Monitoring and tags** step, choose **Next**.
11. Review the cluster settings, then choose **Create cluster**.

Provision Amazon MSK cluster storage throughput using the AWS CLI

This process shows an example of how you can use the AWS CLI to create a cluster with provisioned throughput enabled.

1. Copy the following JSON and paste it into a file. Replace the subnet IDs and security group ID placeholders with values from your account. Name the file `cluster-creation.json` and save it.

```
{
    "Provisioned": {
        "BrokerNodeGroupInfo":{
            "InstanceType":"kafka.m5.4xlarge",
            "ClientSubnets":[
                "Subnet-1-ID",
                "Subnet-2-ID"
            ],
            "SecurityGroups":[
                "Security-Group-ID"
            ],
```

```
            "StorageInfo": {
                "EbsStorageInfo": {
                    "VolumeSize": 10,
                    "ProvisionedThroughput": {
                        "Enabled": true,
                        "VolumeThroughput": 250
                    }
                }
            }
        },
        "EncryptionInfo": {
            "EncryptionInTransit": {
                "InCluster": false,
                "ClientBroker": "PLAINTEXT"
            }
        },
        "KafkaVersion":"2.8.1",
        "NumberOfBrokerNodes": 2
    },
    "ClusterName": "provisioned-throughput-example"
}
```

2. Run the following AWS CLI command from the directory where you saved the JSON file in the previous step.

```
aws kafka create-cluster-v2 --cli-input-json file://cluster-creation.json
```

Provision storage throughput when creating a Amazon MSK cluster using the API

To configure provisioned storage throughput while creating a cluster, use CreateClusterV2.

Amazon MSK Provisioned configuration

Amazon MSK provides default configurations for brokers, topics, and metadata nodes. You can also create custom configurations and use them to create new MSK clusters or to update existing clusters. An MSK configuration consists of a set of properties and their corresponding values. Depending on the broker type you use in your cluster, there are a different set of configuration defaults and a different set of configurations you can modify. See the sections below for more details on how to configure your Standard and Express brokers.

Topics

- Standard broker configurations
- Express broker configurations
- Broker configuration operations

Standard broker configurations

This section describes configuration properties for Standard brokers.

Topics

- Custom Amazon MSK configurations
- Default Amazon MSK configuration
- Guidelines for Amazon MSK tiered storage topic-level configuration

Custom Amazon MSK configurations

You can use Amazon MSK to create a custom MSK configuration where you set the following Apache Kafka configuration properties. Properties that you don't set explicitly get the values they have in the section called “Default Amazon MSK configuration”. For more information about configuration properties, see Apache Kafka Configuration.

Name	Description
allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found	If you want to set this property to `false`, first make sure you define Apache Kafka ACLs for your cluster. If you set this property to `false` and you don't first define Apache Kafka ACLs, you lose access to the cluster. If that happens, you can update the configuration again and set this property to `true` to regain access to the cluster.
auto.create.topics.enable	Enables topic auto-creation on the server.
compression.type	The final compression type for a given topic. You can set this property to the standard compression codecs (`gzip`, `snappy`, `lz4`, and

Name	Description
	`zstd`). It additionally accepts `uncompressed` . This value is equivalent to no compression. If you set the value to `producer`, it means retain the original compression codec that the producer sets.
connections.max.idle.ms	Idle connections timeout in milliseconds. The server socket processor threads close the connections that are idle for more than the value that you set for this property.
custom.advertised.listeners	Configures custom domain names for client-facing listeners on your Amazon MSK cluster. Amazon MSK automatically applies the configuration to every broker, including new brokers added during scaling or replacement. Works on both ZooKeeper and KRaft clusters. Format example: `LISTENER_NAME://b-{broker_id}.kafka.mycompany.com:9000+{broker_id}` . The allowed listener names are `CLIENT`, `CLIENT_SECURE` , `CLIENT_SECURE_PUBLIC` , `CLIENT_SASL_SCRAM` , `CLIENT_SASL_SCRAM_PUBLIC` , `CLIENT_IAM` , and `CLIENT_IAM_PUBLIC` . For more information, see Configure custom domain names for your Amazon MSK cluster.
default.replication.factor	The default replication factor for automatically created topics.
delete.topic.enable	Enables the delete topic operation. If you turn off this setting, you can't delete a topic through the admin tool.

Name	Description
group.initial.rebalance.delay.ms	Amount of time the group coordinator waits for more data consumers to join a new group before the group coordinator performs the first rebalance. A longer delay means potentially fewer rebalances, but this increases the time until processing begins.
group.max.session.timeout.ms	Maximum session timeout for registered consumers. Longer timeouts give consumers more time to process messages between heartbeats at the cost of a longer time to detect failures.
group.min.session.timeout.ms	Minimum session timeout for registered consumers. Shorter timeouts result in quicker failure detection at the cost of more frequent consumer heartbeats. This can overwhelm broker resources.
group.share.max.size	Maximum number of consumers in a single share group. Default: 200.
group.share.max.partition.max.record.locks	Broker-level configuration for the maximum number of in-flight records that can be locked for consumption per partition per share group at any time. Default: 4000.
group.share.delivery.count.limit	Maximum number of delivery attempts for a record before it is considered undeliverable. Dynamic configuration for MSK but not for Apache Kafka. Default: 5.

Name	Description
share.partition.max.record.locks	Per-group configuration for the maximum number of concurrent acquired (in-flight) record locks allowed per topic-partition for a share group. Dynamic configuration for MSK but not for Apache Kafka. Default: 2000.
leader.imbalance.per.broker.percentage	The ratio of leader imbalance allowed per broker. The controller triggers a leader balance if it exceeds this value per broker. This value is specified in percentage.
log.cleaner.delete.retention.ms	Amount of time that you want Apache Kafka to retain deleted records. The minimum value is 0.
log.cleaner.min.cleanable.ratio	This configuration property can have values between 0 and 1. This value determines how frequently the log compactor attempts to clean the log (if log compaction is enabled). By default, Apache Kafka avoids cleaning a log if more than 50% of the log has been compacted. This ratio bounds the maximum space that the log wastes with duplicates (at 50%, this means at most 50% of the log could be duplicates). A higher ratio means fewer, more efficient cleanings, but more wasted space in the log.
log.cleanup.policy	The default cleanup policy for segments beyond the retention window. A comma-sep arated list of valid policies. Valid policies are `delete` and `compact`. For Tiered Storage enabled clusters, valid policy is `delete` only.
log.flush.interval.messages	Number of messages that accumulate on a log partition before messages are flushed to disk.

Name	Description
log.flush.interval.ms	Maximum time in milliseconds that a message in any topic remains in memory before flushed to disk. If you don't set this value, the value in log.flush.scheduler.interval.ms is used. The minimum value is 0.
log.message.timestamp.difference.max.ms	This configuration is deprecated in Kafka 3.6.0. Two configurations, `log.message.timestamp.before.max.ms` and `log.message.timestamp.after.max.ms`, have been added. The maximum time difference between the timestamp when a broker receives a message and the timestamp specified in the message. If log.message.timestamp.type=CreateTime, a message is rejected if the difference in timestamp exceeds this threshold. This configuration is ignored if log.message.timestamp.type=LogAppendTime.
log.message.timestamp.type	Specifies if the timestamp in the message is the message creation time or the log append time. The allowed values are `CreateTime` and `LogAppendTime`.
log.retention.bytes	Maximum size of the log before deleting it.
log.retention.hours	Number of hours to keep a log file before deleting it, tertiary to the log.retention.ms property.
log.retention.minutes	Number of minutes to keep a log file before deleting it, secondary to log.retention.ms property. If you don't set this value, the value in log.retention.hours is used.

Name	Description
log.retention.ms	Number of milliseconds to keep a log file before deleting it (in milliseconds), If not set, the value in log.retention.minutes is used.
log.roll.ms	Maximum time before a new log segment is rolled out (in milliseconds). If you don't set this property, the value in log.roll.hours is used. The minimum possible value for this property is 1.
log.segment.bytes	Maximum size of a single log file.
max.incremental.fetch.session.cache.slots	Maximum number of incremental fetch sessions that are maintained.
message.max.bytes	Largest record batch size that Kafka allows. If you increase this value and there are consumers older than 0.10.2, you must also increase the fetch size of the consumers so that they can fetch record batches this large. The latest message format version always groups messages into batches for efficiency. Previous message format versions don't group uncompressed records into batches, and in such a case, this limit only applies to a single record. You can set this value per topic with the topic level max.message.bytes config.

Name	Description
min.insync.replicas	When a producer sets acks to "all" (or "-1"), the value in min.insync.replicas specifies the minimum number of replicas that must acknowledge a write for the write to be considered successful. If this minimum cannot be met, the producer raises an exception (either NotEnoughReplicas or NotEnough ReplicasAfterAppend). You can use values in min.insync.replicas and acks to enforce greater durability guarantees. For example, you might create a topic with a replication factor of 3, set min.insync.replica s to 2, and produce with acks of "all". This ensures that the producer raises an exception if a majority of replicas don't receive a write.
num.io.threads	The number of threads that the server uses for processing requests, which may include disk I/O.
num.network.threads	The number of threads that the server uses to receive requests from the network and send responses to it.
num.partitions	Default number of log partitions per topic.
num.recovery.threads.per.data.dir	The number of threads per data directory to be used to recover logs at startup and and to flush them at shutdown.
num.replica.fetchers	The number of fetcher threads used to replicate messages from a source broker. If you increase this value, you can increase the degree of I/O parallelism in the follower broker.

Name	Description
offsets.retention.minutes	After a consumer group loses all its consumers (that is, it becomes empty) its offsets are kept for this retention period before getting discarded. For standalone consumers (that is,those that use manual assignment), offsets expire after the time of the last commit plus this retention period.
offsets.topic.replication.factor	The replication factor for the offsets topic. Set this value higher to ensure availability. Internal topic creation fails until the cluster size meets this replication factor requirement.
replica.fetch.max.bytes	Number of bytes of messages to attempt to fetch for each partition. This is not an absolute maximum. If the first record batch in the first non-empty partition of the fetch is larger than this value, the record batch is returned to ensure progress. The message.max.bytes (broker config) or max.message.bytes (topic config) defines the maximum record batch size that the broker accepts.
replica.fetch.response.max.bytes	The maximum number of bytes expected for the entire fetch response. Records are fetched in batches, and if the first record batch in the first non-empty partition of the fetch is larger than this value, the record batch will still be returned to ensure progress. This isn't an absolute maximum. The message.max.bytes (broker config) or max.message.bytes (topic config) properties specify the maximum record batch size that the broker accepts.

Name	Description
replica.lag.time.max.ms	If a follower hasn't sent any fetch requests or hasn't consumed up to the leader's log end offset for at least this number of milliseconds, the leader removes the follower from the ISR. MinValue: 10000 MaxValue = 30000
replica.selector.class	The fully-qualified class name that implements ReplicaSelector. The broker uses this value to find the preferred read replica. If you use Apache Kafka version 2.4.1 or higher, and want to allow consumers to fetch from the closest replica, set this property to `org.apache.kafka.common.replica.RackAwareReplicaSelector`. For more information, see the section called "Apache Kafka version 2.4.1 (use 2.4.1.1 instead)".
replica.socket.receive.buffer.bytes	The socket receive buffer for network requests.
socket.receive.buffer.bytes	The SO_RCVBUF buffer of the socket server sockets. The minimum value that you can set for this property is -1. If the value is -1, Amazon MSK uses the OS default.
socket.request.max.bytes	The maximum number of bytes in a socket request.
socket.send.buffer.bytes	The SO_SNDBUF buffer of the socket server sockets. The minimum value that you can set for this property is -1. If the value is -1, Amazon MSK uses the OS default.

Name	Description
tls.security.policy	The TLS security policy that determines the TLS protocol versions and cipher suites that the cluster accepts. Valid values are `MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026` , `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026` , and `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` . Requires Apache Kafka version 3.6 or later. For more information, see TLS security policies for Amazon MSK.
transaction.max.timeout.ms	Maximum timeout for transactions. If the requested transaction time of a client exceeds this value, the broker returns an error in InitProducerIdRequest. This prevents a client from too large of a timeout, and this can stall consumers that read from topics included in the transaction.
transaction.state.log.min.isr	Overridden min.insync.replicas configuration for the transaction topic.
transaction.state.log.replication.factor	The replication factor for the transaction topic. Set this property to a higher value to increase availability. Internal topic creation fails until the cluster size meets this replicati on factor requirement.

Name	Description
transactional.id.expiration.ms	The time in milliseconds that the transacti on coordinator waits to receive any transacti on status updates for the current transaction before the coordinator expires its transacti onal ID. This setting also influences producer ID expiration because it causes producer IDs expire when this time elapses after the last write with the given producer ID. Producer IDs might expire sooner if the last write from the producer ID is deleted because of the retention settings for the topic. The minimum value for this property is 1 millisecond.
unclean.leader.election.enable	Indicates if replicas not in the ISR set should serve as leader as a last resort, even though this might result in data loss.
zookeeper.connection.timeout.ms	ZooKeeper mode clusters. Maximum time that the client waits to establish a connection to ZooKeeper. If you don't set this value, the value in zookeeper.session.timeout.ms is used. MinValue = 6000 MaxValue (inclusive) = 18000 We recommend that you set this value to 10,000 on T3.small to avoid cluster downtime.
zookeeper.session.timeout.ms	ZooKeeper mode clusters. The Apache ZooKeeper session timeout in milliseconds. MinValue = 6000 MaxValue (inclusive) = 18000

To learn how you can create a custom MSK configuration, list all configurations, or describe them, see the section called "Broker configuration operations". To create an MSK cluster with a custom MSK configuration, or to update a cluster with a new custom configuration, see the section called "Key features and concepts".

When you update your existing MSK cluster with a custom MSK configuration, Amazon MSK does rolling restarts when necessary, and uses best practices to minimize customer downtime. For example, after Amazon MSK restarts each broker, Amazon MSK tries to let the broker catch up on data that the broker might have missed during the configuration update before it moves to the next broker.

Dynamic Amazon MSK configuration

In addition to the configuration properties that Amazon MSK provides, you can dynamically set cluster-level and broker-level configuration properties that don't require a broker restart. You can dynamically set some configuration properties. These are the properties not marked as read-only in the table under Broker Configs in the Apache Kafka documentation. For information on dynamic configuration and example commands, see Updating Broker Configs in the Apache Kafka documentation.

> **Note**
>
> You can set custom listeners to override the default Amazon MSK listeners using the `custom.advertised.listeners` configuration property, which works on both ZooKeeper and KRaft clusters. For more information, see Configure custom domain names for your Amazon MSK cluster.

Topic-level Amazon MSK configuration

You can use Apache Kafka commands to set or modify topic-level configuration properties for new and existing topics. For more information on topic-level configuration properties and examples on how to set them, see Topic-Level Configs in the Apache Kafka documentation.

Default Amazon MSK configuration

When you create an MSK cluster and don't specify a custom MSK configuration, Amazon MSK creates and uses a default configuration with the values shown in the following table. For properties that aren't in this table, Amazon MSK uses the defaults associated with your version of Apache Kafka. For a list of these default values, see Apache Kafka Configuration.

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found	If no resource patterns match a specific resource, the resource has no associated ACLs. In this case, if you set this property to `true`, all users can access the resource, not just the super users.	`true`	`true`
auto.create.topics.enable	Enables autocreation of a topic on the server.	`false`	`false`
auto.leader.rebalance.enable	Enables auto leader balancing. A background thread checks and initiates leader balance at regular intervals, if necessary.	`true`	`true`
default.replication.factor	Default replication factors for automatically created topics.	3 for clusters in 3 Availability Zones, and 2 for clusters in 2 Availability Zones.	3 for clusters in 3 Availability Zones, and 2 for clusters in 2 Availability Zones.
local.retention.bytes	The maximum size of local log segments for a partition before it deletes the old	-2 for unlimited	-2 for unlimited

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
	segments. If you don't set this value, the value in log.retention.bytes is used. The effective value should always be less than or equal to the log.retention.bytes value. The default value of -2 indicates that there is no limit on local retention. This corresponds to the retention.ms/bytes setting of -1. The properties local.retention.ms and local.retention.bytes are similar to log.retention as they are used to determine how long the log segments should remain in local storage. Existing log.retention.* configurations are retention configurations for the topic partition. This includes both local and remote storage.		

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
	Valid values: integers in [-2; +Inf]		

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
local.retention.ms	The number of milliseconds to retain the local log segment before deletion. If you don't set this value, Amazon MSK uses the value in log.retention.ms. The effective value should always be less than or equal to the log.retention.bytes value. The default value of -2 indicates that there is no limit on local retention. This corresponds to the retention.ms/bytes setting of -1. The values local.retention.ms and local.retention.bytes are similar to log.retention. MSK uses this configuration to determine how long the log segments should remain in local storage. Existing log.retention.* configurations are	-2 for unlimited	-2 for unlimited

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
	retention configurations for the topic partition. This includes both local and remote storage. Valid values are integers greater than 0.		

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
log.message.timestamp.difference.max.ms	This configuration is deprecated in Kafka 3.6.0. Two configurations, `log.message.timestamp.before.max.ms` and `log.message.timestamp.after.max.ms`, have been added. The maximum difference allowed between the timestamp when a broker receives a message and the timestamp specified in the message. If log.message.timestamp.type=CreateTime, a message will be rejected if the difference in timestamp exceeds this threshold. This configuration is ignored if log.message.timestamp.type=LogAppendTime. The maximum timestamp difference allowed	9223372036854775807	86400000 for Kafka 2.8.2.tiered and Kafka 3.7.x tiered.

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
	should be no greater than log.retention.ms to avoid unnecessarily frequent log rolling.		
log.segment.bytes	The maximum size of a single log file.	1073741824	134217728

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
min.insync.replicas	When a producer sets the value of acks (acknowledgement producer gets from Kafka broker) to `"all"` (or `"-1"`), the value in min.insync.replicas specifies the minimum number of replicas that must acknowledge a write for the write to be considered successful. If this value doesn't meet this minimum, the producer raises an exception (either NotEnoughReplicas or NotEnoughReplicasAfterAppend). When you use the values in min.insync.replicas and acks together, you can enforce greater durability guarantees. For example, you might create a topic with a replication factor of 3, set min.insync.replica	2 for clusters in 3 Availability Zones, and 1 for clusters in 2 Availability Zones.	2 for clusters in 3 Availability Zones, and 1 for clusters in 2 Availability Zones.

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
	s to 2, and produce with acks of "all". This ensures that the producer raises an exception if a majority of replicas don't receive a write.		
num.io.threads	Number of threads that the server uses to produce requests, which may include disk I/O.	8	max(8, vCPUs) where vCPUs depends on the instance size of broker
num.network.threads	Number of threads that the server uses to receive requests from the network and send responses to the network.	5	max(5, vCPUs / 2) where vCPUs depends on the instance size of broker
num.partitions	Default number of log partitions per topic.	1	1
num.replica.fetchers	Number of fetcher threads used to replicate messages from a source broker.If you increase this value, you can increase the degree of I/O parallelism in the follower broker.	2	max(2, vCPUs / 4) where vCPUs depends on the instance size of broker

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
remote.log.msk.disable.policy	Used with remote.storage.enable to disable tiered storage. Set this policy to Delete, to indicate that data in tiered storage is deleted when you set remote.storage.enable to false.	N/A	None
remote.log.reader.threads	Remote log reader thread pool size, which is used in scheduling tasks to fetch data from remote storage.	N/A	max(10, vCPUs * 0.67) where vCPUs depends on the instance size of broker

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
remote.storage.enable	Enables tiered (remote) storage for a topic if set to true. Disables topic level tiered storage if set to false and remote.log.msk.disable.policy is set to Delete. When you disable tiered storage, you delete data from remote storage. When you disable tiered storage for a topic, you can't enable it again.	false	false
replica.lag.time.max.ms	If a follower hasn't sent any fetch requests or hasn't consumed up to the leader's log end offset for at least this number of milliseconds, the leader removes the follower from the ISR.	30000	30000

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
retention.ms	Mandatory field. Minimum time is 3 days. There is no default because the setting is mandatory. Amazon MSK uses the retention.ms value with local.retention.ms to determine when data moves from local to tiered storage. The local.retention.ms value specifies when to move data from local to tiered storage. The retention.ms value specifies when to remove data from tiered storage (that is, removed from the cluster). Valid values: integers in [-1; +Inf]	Minimum 259,200,000 milliseconds (3 days). -1 for infinite retention.	Minimum 259,200,000 milliseconds (3 days). -1 for infinite retention.
socket.receive.buffer.bytes	The SO_RCVBUF buffer of the socket sever sockets. If the value is -1, the OS default is used.	102400	102400

Name	Description	Default value for non-tiered storage cluster	Default value for tiered storage-enabled cluster
socket.request.max.bytes	Maximum number of bytes in a socket request.	104857600	104857600
socket.send.buffer.bytes	The SO_SNDBUF buffer of the socket sever sockets. If the value is -1, the OS default is used.	102400	102400
unclean.leader.election.enable	Indicates if you want replicas not in the ISR set to serve as leader as a last resort, even though this might result in data loss.	true	false
zookeeper.session.timeout.ms	The Apache ZooKeeper session timeout in milliseconds.	18000	18000
zookeeper.set.acl	The set client to use secure ACLs.	false	false

For information about how to specify custom configuration values, see the section called “Custom Amazon MSK configurations”.

Guidelines for Amazon MSK tiered storage topic-level configuration

The following are default settings and limitations when you configure tiered storage at the topic level.

- Amazon MSK doesn't support smaller log segment sizes for topics with tiered storage activated. If you want to create a segment, there is a minimum log segment size of 48 MiB, or a minimum segment roll time of 10 minutes. These values map to the segment.bytes and segment.ms properties.
- The value of local.retention.ms/bytes can't equal or exceed the retention.ms/bytes. This is the tiered storage retention setting.
- The default value for for local.retention.ms/bytes is -2. This means that the retention.ms value is used for local.retention.ms/bytes. In this case, data remains in both local storage and tiered storage (one copy in each), and they expire together. For this option, a copy of the local data is persisted to the remote storage. In this case, the data read from consume traffic comes from the local storage.
- The default value for retention.ms is 7 days. There is no default size limit for retention.bytes.
- The minimum value for retention.ms/bytes is -1. This means infinite retention.
- The minimum value for local.retention.ms/bytes is -2. This means infinite retention for local storage. It matches with the retention.ms/bytes setting as -1.
- The topic-level configuration retention.ms is mandatory for topics with tiered storage activated. The minimum retention.ms is 3 days.

For more information about tiered storage contraints, see Tiered storage constraints and limitations for Amazon MSK clusters.

Express broker configurations

Apache Kafka has hundreds of broker configurations that you can use to tune the performance of your MSK Provisioned cluster. Setting erroneous or sub-optimal values can affect cluster reliability and performance. Express brokers improve the availability and durability of your MSK Provisioned clusters by setting optimal values for critical configurations and protecting them from common misconfiguration. There are three categories of configurations based on read and write access: read/write (editable), read only, and non-read/write configurations. Some configurations still use Apache Kafka's default value for the Apache Kafka version the cluster is running. We mark those as Apache Kafka Default.

Topics

- Custom MSK Express broker configurations (Read/Write access)
- Express brokers read-only configurations

Custom MSK Express broker configurations (Read/Write access)

You can update read/write broker configurations either by using Amazon MSK's update configuration feature or using Apache Kafka's AlterConfig API. Apache Kafka broker configurations are either static or dynamic. Static configurations require a broker restart for the configuration to be applied, while dynamic configurations do not need a broker restart. For more information about configuration properties and update modes, see Updating broker configs.

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Static configurations on MSK Express brokers

You can use Amazon MSK to create a custom MSK configuration file to set the following static properties. Amazon MSK sets and manages all other properties that you do not set. You can create and update static configuration files from the MSK console or using the configurations command.

Property	Description	Default Value
allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found	If you want to set this property to false, first make sure you define Apache Kafka ACLs for your cluster. If you set this property to false and you don't first define Apache Kafka ACLs, you lose access to the cluster. If that happens, you can update the configuration again and set this property to true to regain access to the cluster.	true
auto.create.topics.enable	Enables autocreation of a topic on the server.	false

Property	Description	Default Value
compression.type	Specify the final compressi on type for a given topic. This configuration accepts the standard compression codecs: gzip, snappy, lz4, zstd. This configuration additiona lly accepts `uncompressed` , which is equivalent to no compression; and `producer`, which means retain the original compression codec set by the producer.	Apache Kafka Default
connections.max.idle.ms	Idle connections timeout in milliseconds. The server socket processor threads close the connections that are idle for more than the value that you set for this property.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default Value
custom.advertised.listeners	Configures custom domain names for client-facing listeners on your Amazon MSK cluster. Amazon MSK automatically applies the configuration to every broker, including new brokers added during scaling or replacement. Works on both ZooKeeper and KRaft clusters. Format example: `LISTENER_NAME://b-{broker_id}.kafka.mycompany.com:9000+{broker_id}` . The allowed listener names are `CLIENT`, `CLIENT_SECURE` , `CLIENT_SECURE_PUBLIC` , `CLIENT_SASL_SCRAM` , `CLIENT_SASL_SCRAM_PUBLIC` , `CLIENT_IAM` , and `CLIENT_IAM_PUBLIC` . For more information, see Configure custom domain names for your Amazon MSK cluster.	None (disabled)
delete.topic.enable	Enables the delete topic operation. If you turn off this setting, you can't delete a topic through the admin tool.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default Value
group.initial.rebalance.delay.ms	Amount of time the group coordinator waits for more data consumers to join a new group before the group coordinator performs the first rebalance. A longer delay means potentially fewer rebalances, but this increases the time until processing begins.	Apache Kafka Default
group.max.session.timeout.ms	Maximum session timeout for registered consumers . Longer timeouts give consumers more time to process messages between heartbeats at the cost of a longer time to detect failures.	Apache Kafka Default
leader.imbalance.per.broker.percentage	The ratio of leader imbalance allowed per broker. The controller triggers a leader balance if it exceeds this value per broker. This value is specified in percentage.	Apache Kafka Default
log.cleanup.policy	The default cleanup policy for segments beyond the retention window. A comma-separated list of valid policies. Valid policies are `delete` and `compact`. For tiered storage-enabled clusters, valid policy is `delete` only.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default Value
log.message.timestamp.after.max.ms	The allowable timestamp difference between the message timestamp and the broker's timestamp. The message timestamp can be later than or equal to the broker's timestamp, with the maximum allowable difference determined by the value set in this configuration. If `log.message.timestamp.type=CreateTime`, the message will be rejected if the difference in timestamps exceeds this specified threshold. This configuration is ignored if `log.message.timestamp.type=LogAppendTime`.	86400000 (24 * 60 * 60 * 1000 ms, that is, 1 day)

Property	Description	Default Value
log.message.timestamp.before.max.ms	The allowable timestamp difference between the broker's timestamp and the message timestamp. The message timestamp can be earlier than or equal to the broker's timestamp, with the maximum allowable difference determined by the value set in this configuration. If `log.message.timestamp.type=CreateTime`, the message will be rejected if the difference in timestamps exceeds this specified threshold. This configuration is ignored if `log.message.timestamp.type=LogAppendTime`.	86400000 (24 * 60 * 60 * 1000 ms, that is, 1 day)
log.message.timestamp.type	Specifies if the timestamp in the message is the message creation time or the log append time. The allowed values are `CreateTime` and `LogAppendTime`.	Apache Kafka Default
log.retention.bytes	Maximum size of the log before deleting it.	Apache Kafka Default
log.retention.ms	Number of milliseconds to keep a log file before deleting it.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default Value
max.connections.per.ip	The maximum number of connections allowed from each IP address. This can be set to `0` if there are overrides configured using the `max.connections.per.ip.overrides` property. New connections from the IP address are dropped if the limit is reached.	Apache Kafka Default
max.incremental.fetch.session.cache.slots	Maximum number of incremental fetch sessions that are maintained.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default Value
message.max.bytes	Largest record batch size that Kafka allows. If you increase this value and there are consumers older than 0.10.2, you must also increase the fetch size of the consumers so that they can fetch record batches this large. The latest message format version always groups messages into batches for efficiency. Previous message format versions don't group uncompressed records into batches, and in such a case, this limit only applies to a single record. You can set this value per topic with the topic level `max.message.bytes` config.	Apache Kafka Default
num.partitions	Default number of partitions per topic.	1

Property	Description	Default Value
offsets.retention.minutes	After a consumer group loses all its consumers (that is, it becomes empty) its offsets are kept for this retention period before getting discarded. For standalone consumers (that is, those that use manual assignment), offsets expire after the time of the last commit plus this retention period.	Apache Kafka Default
replica.fetch.max.bytes	Number of bytes of messages to attempt to fetch for each partition. This is not an absolute maximum. If the first record batch in the first non-empty partition of the fetch is larger than this value, the record batch is returned to ensure progress. The message.max.bytes (broker config) or max.message.bytes (topic config) defines the maximum record batch size that the broker accepts.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default Value
replica.selector.class	The fully-qualified class name that implements ReplicaSelector. The broker uses this value to find the preferred read replica. If you want to allow consumers to fetch from the closest replica, set this property to `org.apache.kafka.common.replica.RackAwareReplicaSelector` .	Apache Kafka Default
socket.receive.buffer.bytes	The SO_RCVBUF buffer of the socket sever sockets. If the value is -1, the OS default is used.	102400
socket.request.max.bytes	Maximum number of bytes in a socket request.	104857600
socket.send.buffer.bytes	The SO_SNDBUF buffer of the socket sever sockets. If the value is -1, the OS default is used.	102400

Property	Description	Default Value
transaction.max.timeout.ms	Maximum timeout for transactions. If the requested transaction time of a client exceeds this value, the broker returns an error in InitProducerIdRequest. This prevents a client from too large of a timeout, and this can stall consumers that read from topics included in the transaction.	Apache Kafka Default
transactional.id.expiration.ms	The time in milliseconds that the transaction coordinator waits to receive any transaction status updates for the current transaction before the coordinator expires its transactional ID. This setting also influences producer ID expiration because it causes producer IDs to expire when this time elapses after the last write with the given producer ID. Producer IDs might expire sooner if the last write from the producer ID is deleted because of the retention settings for the topic. The minimum value for this property is 1 millisecond.	Apache Kafka Default

Dynamic configurations on Express Brokers

You can use Apache Kafka AlterConfig API or the Kafka-configs.sh tool to edit the following dynamic configurations. Amazon MSK sets and manages all other properties that you do not set. You can dynamically set cluster-level and broker-level configuration properties that don't require a broker restart.

Property	Description	Default value
advertised.listeners	Listeners to publish for clients to use, if different than the `listeners` config property. In IaaS environments, this may need to be different from the interface to which the broker binds. If this is not set, the value for listeners will be used. Unlike listeners, it is not valid to advertise the 0.0.0.0 meta-address. Also unlike `listeners`, there can	null

Property	Description	Default value
	be duplicated ports in this property, so that one listener can be configured to advertise another listener's address. This can be useful in some cases where external load balancers are used. This property is set at a per-broker level.	

Property	Description	Default value
compression.type	The final compression type for a given topic. You can set this property to the standard compression codecs (`gzip`, `snappy`, `lz4`, and `zstd`). It additionally accepts `uncompressed`. This value is equivalent to no compression. If you set the value to `producer`, it means retain the original compression codec that the producer sets.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
log.cleaner.delete.retention.ms	The amount of time to retain delete tombstone markers for log compacted topics. This setting also gives a bound on the time in which a consumer must complete a read if they begin from offset 0 to ensure that they get a valid snapshot of the final stage. Else, delete tombstones might be collected before they complete their scan.	86400000 (24 * 60 * 60 * 1000 ms, that is, 1 day), Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
log.cleaner.min.compaction.lag.ms	The minimum time a message will remain uncompacted in the log. This setting is only applicable for logs that are being compacted.	0, Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
log.cleaner.max.compaction.lag.ms	The maximum time that a message stays ineligible for compaction in the log. This setting applies only to logs that are being compacted. Express brokers accept values from 86400000 (1 day) up to 9223372036854775807, the largest possible value. If you don't set a value, the default of 9223372036854775807 applies, which means there's no compaction lag limit.	9223372036854775807, Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
log.cleanup.policy	The default cleanup policy for segments beyond the retention window. A comma-separated list of valid policies. Valid policies are `delete` and `compact`. For tiered storage-enabled clusters, valid policy is `delete` only.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
log.message.timestamp.after.max.ms	The allowable timestamp difference between the message timestamp and the broker's timestamp. The message timestamp can be later than or equal to the broker's timestamp, with the maximum allowable difference determined by the value set in this configuration. If `log.message.timestamp.type=CreateTime`, the message will be rejected if the difference in timestamps exceeds this specified threshold. This	86400000 (24 * 60 * 60 * 1000 ms, that is, 1 day)

Property	Description	Default value
	configuration is ignored if `log.message.timestamp.type=LogAppendTime .`	

Property	Description	Default value
log.message.timestamp.before.max.ms	The allowable timestamp difference between the broker's timestamp and the message timestamp. The message timestamp can be earlier than or equal to the broker's timestamp, with the maximum allowable difference determined by the value set in this configuration. If `log.message.timestamp.type=CreateTime`, the message will be rejected if the difference in timestamps exceeds this specified threshold. This	86400000 (24 * 60 * 60 * 1000 ms, that is, 1 day)

Property	Description	Default value
	configuration is ignored if `log.message.timestamp.type=LogAppendTime .`	
log.message.timestamp.type	Specifies if the timestamp in the message is the message creation time or the log append time. The allowed values are `CreateTime` and `LogAppendTime .`	Apache Kafka Default
log.retention.bytes	Maximum size of the log before deleting it.	Apache Kafka Default
log.retention.ms	Number of milliseconds to keep a log file before deleting it.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
max.connection.creation.rate	The maximum connection creation rate allowed in the broker at any time.	Apache Kafka Default
max.connections	The maximum number of connections allowed in the broker at any time. This limit is applied in addition to any per-ip limits configured using `max.connections.per.ip` .	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
max.connections.per.ip	The maximum number of connections allowed from each ip address. This can be set to `0` if there are overrides configured using max.connections.per.ip.overrides property. New connections from the ip address are dropped if the limit is reached.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
max.connections.per.ip.overrides	A comma-separated list of per-ip or hostname overrides to the default maximum number of connections. An example value is `hostName:100,127.0.0.1:200`	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
message.max.bytes	Largest record batch size that Kafka allows. If you increase this value and there are consumers older than 0.10.2, you must also increase the fetch size of the consumers so that they can fetch record batches this large. The latest message format version always groups messages into batches for efficiency. Previous message format versions don't group uncompressed records into batches, and in such a case, this limit only applies to a	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
	single record. You can set this value per topic with the topic level `max.message.bytes` config.	

Property	Description	Default value
producer.id.expiration.ms	The time in ms that a topic partition leader will wait before expiring producer IDs. Producer IDs will not expire while a transaction associated to them is still ongoing. Note that producer IDs may expire sooner if the last write from the producer ID is deleted due to the topic's retention settings. Setting this value the same or higher than `delivery.timeout.ms` can help prevent expiration during retries and protect against message	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Default value
	duplication, but the default should be reasonable for most use cases.	

> **Note**
>
> On KRaft-based clusters (including all Express broker clusters), dynamic per-broker `advertised.listeners` overrides are not supported. To configure custom domain names on KRaft-based clusters, use the static `custom.advertised.listeners` property. For more information, see Configure custom domain names for your Amazon MSK cluster.

Topic-level configurations on Express Brokers

You can use Apache Kafka commands to set or modify topic-level configuration properties for new and existing topics. If you can't give any topic-level, configuration, Amazon MSK uses the broker default. As with broker-level configurations, Amazon MSK protects some of the topic-level configuration properties from change. Examples include replication factor, `min.insync.replicas` and `unclean.leader.election.enable`. If you try to create a topic with a replication factor value other than 3, Amazon MSK will create the topic with a replication factor of 3 by default. For more information on topic-level configuration properties and examples on how to set them, see Topic-Level Configs in the Apache Kafka documentation.

Property	Description
cleanup.policy	This config designates the retention policy to use on log segments. The "delete" policy (which is the default) will discard old segments when their retention time or size limit has been reached. The "compact" policy will enable log compaction, which retains the latest value for each key. It is also possible to specify both policies in a comma-separated

Property	Description
	list (for example, "delete,compact"). In this case, old segments will be discarded per the retention time and size configuration, while retained segments will be compacted . Compaction on Express brokers is triggered after the data in a partition reaches 256 MB.
compression.type	Specify the final compression type for a given topic. This configuration accepts the standard compression codecs (`gzip`, `snappy`, `lz4`, `zstd`). It additionally accepts `uncompressed` which is equivalent to no compression; and `producer` which means retain the original compression codec set by the producer.
delete.retention.ms	The amount of time to retain delete tombstone markers for log compacted topics. This setting also gives a bound on the time in which a consumer must complete a read if they begin from offset 0 to ensure that they get a valid snapshot of the final stage. Else, delete tombstones might be collected before they complete their scan. The default value for this setting is 86400000 (24 * 60 * 60 * 1000 ms, that is, 1 day), Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description
max.message.bytes	The largest record batch size allowed by Kafka (after compression, if compression is enabled). If this is increased and there are consumers older than `0.10.2`, the consumers ' fetch size must also be increased so that they can fetch record batches this large. In the latest message format version, records are always grouped into batches for efficiency. In previous message format versions, uncompressed records are not grouped into batches and this limit only applies to a single record in that case. This can be set per topic with the topic level `max.message.bytes config` .
message.timestamp.after.max.ms	This configuration sets the allowable timestamp difference between the message timestamp and the broker's timestamp. The message timestamp can be later than or equal to the broker's timestamp, with the maximum allowable difference determined by the value set in this configuration. If `message.timestamp.type=CreateTime` , the message will be rejected if the difference in timestamps exceeds this specified threshold . This configuration is ignored if `message.timestamp.type=LogAppendTime` .

Property	Description
message.timestamp.before.max.ms	This configuration sets the allowable timestamp difference between the broker's timestamp and the message timestamp. The message timestamp can be earlier than or equal to the broker's timestamp, with the maximum allowable difference determined by the value set in this configuration. If `message.timestamp.type=CreateTime`, the message will be rejected if the difference in timestamps exceeds this specified threshold. This configuration is ignored if `message.timestamp.type=LogAppendTime`.
message.timestamp.type	Define whether the timestamp in the message is message create time or log append time. The value should be either `CreateTime` or `LogAppendTime`
min.compaction.lag.ms	The minimum time a message will remain uncompacted in the log. This setting is only applicable for logs that are being compacted. The default value for this setting is 0, Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description
max.compaction.lag.ms	The maximum time that a message stays ineligible for compaction in the log. This setting applies only to topics that are being compacted. Express brokers accept values from 86400000 (1 day) up to 9223372036854775807, the largest possible value. If you don't set this value on the topic, the topic uses the broker's `log.cleaner.max.compaction.lag.ms` value. That value defaults to 9223372036854775807 (Apache Kafka default), which means there's no compaction lag limit.
retention.bytes	This configuration controls the maximum size a partition (which consists of log segments) can grow to before we will discard old log segments to free up space if we are using the "delete" retention policy. By default there is no size limit only a time limit. Since this limit is enforced at the partition level, multiply it by the number of partitions to compute the topic retention in bytes. Additionally, `retention.bytes configuration` operates independently of `segment.ms` and `segment.bytes` configurations. Retention applies only to closed segments. Express brokers don't roll the active segment when the retention limit is reached, including when `retention.bytes` is set to zero, so records in the active segment remain until that segment closes. To remove those records sooner, use the `DeleteRecords` API, for example with `kafka-delete-records.sh` .

Property	Description
retention.ms	This configuration controls the maximum time we will retain a log before we will discard old log segments to free up space if we are using the "delete" retention policy. This represent s an SLA on how soon consumers must read their data. If set to `-1`, no time limit is applied. Additionally, `retention.ms` configuration operates independently of `segment.ms` and `segment.bytes` configurations. Retention applies only to closed segments. Express brokers don't roll the active segment when the `retention.ms` time is reached, so records in the active segment remain until that segment closes. To remove those records sooner, use the `DeleteRecords` API, for example with `kafka-delete-records.sh` .

Express brokers read-only configurations

Amazon MSK sets the values for these configurations and protects them from change that may affect the availability of your cluster. These values may change depending on the Apache Kafka version running on the cluster, so remember to check the values from your specific cluster.

The following table lists the read-only configurations for Express brokers.

Property	Description	Express Broker Value
broker.id	The broker id for this server.	1,2,3...
broker.rack	Rack of the broker. This will be used in rack aware replication assignment for fault tolerance. Examples: `RACK1`, `us-east-1d`	AZ ID or Subnet ID

Property	Description	Express Broker Value
default.replication.factor	Default replication factors for all topics.	3
fetch.max.bytes	The maximum number of bytes we will return for a fetch request.	Apache Kafka Default
group.max.size	The maximum number of consumers that a single consumer group can accommodate.	Apache Kafka Default
inter.broker.listener.name	Name of listener used for communication between brokers.	REPLICATION_SECURE or REPLICATION
inter.broker.protocol.version	Specifies which version of the inter-broker protocol is used.	Apache Kafka Default
listeners	Listener List - Comma-separated list of URIs we will listen on and the listener names. You can set the `advertised.listeners property` , but not the `listeners` property.	MSK-generated
log.message.format.version	Specify the message format version the broker will use to append messages to the logs.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Express Broker Value
min.insync.replicas	When a producer sets acks to `all` (or `-1`), the value in `min.insync.replicas` specifies the minimum number of replicas that must acknowledge a write for the write to be considered successful. If this minimum cannot be met, the producer raises an exception (either `NotEnoughReplicas` or `NotEnoughReplicasAfterAppend`). You can use value of acks from your producer to enforce greater durability guarantees. By setting acks to "all". This ensures that the producer raises an exception if a majority of replicas don't receive a write.	2
num.io.threads	Number of threads that the server uses to produce requests, which may include disk I/O. (m7g.large, 8), (m7g.xlarge, 8), (m7g.2xlarge, 16), (m7g.4xlarge, 32), (m7g.8xlarge, 64), (m7g.12xlarge, 96), (m7g.16xlarge, 128)	Based on instance type. =Math.max(8, 2 * vCPUs)

Property	Description	Express Broker Value
num.network.threads	Number of threads that the server uses to receive requests from the network and send responses to the network. (m7g.large, 8), (m7g.xlarge, 8), (m7g.2xlarge, 8), (m7g.4xlarge, 16), (m7g.8xlarge, 32), (m7g.12xlarge, 48), (m7g.16xlarge, 64)	Based on instance type. =Math.max(8, vCPUs)
replica.fetch.response.max.bytes	The maximum number of bytes expected for the entire fetch response. Records are fetched in batches, and if the first record batch in the first non-empty partition of the fetch is larger than this value, the record batch will still be returned to ensure progress. This isn't an absolute maximum. The `message.max.bytes` (broker config) or `max.message.bytes` (topic config) properties specify the maximum record batch size that the broker accepts.	Apache Kafka Default

Property	Description	Express Broker Value
request.timeout.ms	The configuration controls the maximum amount of time the client will wait for the response of a request. If the response is not received before the timeout elapses, the client will resend the request if necessary or fail the request if retries are exhausted.	Apache Kafka Default
transaction.state.log.min.isr	Overridden `min.insync.replicas` configuration for the transaction topic.	2
transaction.state.log.replication.factor	The replication factor for the transaction topic.	Apache Kafka Default
unclean.leader.election.enable	Allows replicas not in the ISR set to serve as leader as a last resort, even though this might result in data loss.	FALSE

Broker configuration operations

Apache Kafka broker configurations are either static or dynamic. Static configurations require a broker restart for the configuration to be applied. Dynamic configurations do not need a broker restart for the configuration to be updated. For more information about configuration properties and update modes, see Apache Kafka Configuration.

This topic describes how to create custom MSK configurations and how to perform operations on them. For information about how to use MSK configurations to create or update clusters, see the section called “Key features and concepts”.

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Create a configuration

This process describes how to create a custom Amazon MSK configuration and how to perform operations on it.

1. Create a file where you specify the configuration properties that you want to set and the values that you want to assign to them. The following are the contents of an example configuration file.

```
auto.create.topics.enable = true

log.roll.ms = 604800000
```

2. Run the following AWS CLI command, and replace *config-file-path* with the path to the file where you saved your configuration in the previous step.

> **Note**
>
> The name that you choose for your configuration must match the following regex: "^[0-9A-Za-z][0-9A-Za-z-]{0,}$".

```
aws kafka create-configuration --name "ExampleConfigurationName" --description
 "Example configuration description." --kafka-versions "1.1.1" --server-properties
 fileb://config-file-path
```

The following is an example of a successful response after you run this command.

```
{
```

```
    "Arn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:configuration/SomeTest/
abcdabcd-1234-abcd-1234-abcd123e8e8e-1",
    "CreationTime": "2019-05-21T19:37:40.626Z",
    "LatestRevision": {
        "CreationTime": "2019-05-21T19:37:40.626Z",
        "Description": "Example configuration description.",
        "Revision": 1
    },
    "Name": "ExampleConfigurationName"
}
```

3. The previous command returns an Amazon Resource Name (ARN) for your new configuration. Save this ARN because you need it to refer to this configuration in other commands. If you lose your configuration ARN, you can list all the configurations in your account to find it again.

Update configuration

This process describes how to update a custom Amazon MSK configuration.

1. Create a file where you specify the configuration properties that you want to update and the values that you want to assign to them. The following are the contents of an example configuration file.

```
auto.create.topics.enable = true

min.insync.replicas = 2
```

2. Run the following AWS CLI command, and replace *config-file-path* with the path to the file where you saved your configuration in the previous step.

   Replace *configuration-arn* with the ARN that you obtained when you created the configuration. If you didn't save the ARN when you created the configuration, you can use the `list-configurations` command to list all configuration in your account. The configuration that you want in the list appears in the response. The ARN of the configuration also appears in that list.

```
aws kafka update-configuration --arn configuration-arn --description "Example
 configuration revision description." --server-properties fileb://config-file-path
```

3. The following is an example of a successful response after you run this command.

```
{
    "Arn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:configuration/SomeTest/
abcdabcd-1234-abcd-1234-abcd123e8e8e-1",
    "LatestRevision": {
        "CreationTime": "2020-08-27T19:37:40.626Z",
        "Description": "Example configuration revision description.",
        "Revision": 2
    }
}
```

Delete configuration

The following procedure shows how to delete a configuration that isn't attached to a cluster. You can't delete a configuration that's attached to a cluster.

1. To run this example, replace *configuration-arn* with the ARN that you obtained when you created the configuration. If you didn't save the ARN when you created the configuration, you can use the `list-configurations` command to list all configuration in your account. The configuration that you want in the list appears in the response. The ARN of the configuration also appears in that list.

   ```
   aws kafka delete-configuration --arn configuration-arn
   ```

2. The following is an example of a successful response after you run this command.

   ```
   {
       "arn": " arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:configuration/SomeTest/
   abcdabcd-1234-abcd-1234-abcd123e8e8e-1",
       "state": "DELETING"
   }
   ```

Get configuration metadata

The following procedure shows how to describe an Amazon MSK configuration to get metadata about the configuration.

1. The following command returns metadata about the configuration. To get a detailed description of the configuration, run the `describe-configuration-revision`.

To run this example, replace *configuration-arn* with the ARN that you obtained when you created the configuration. If you didn't save the ARN when you created the configuration, you can use the `list-configurations` command to list all configuration in your account. The configuration that you want in the list appears in the response. The ARN of the configuration also appears in that list.

```
aws kafka describe-configuration --arn configuration-arn
```

2. The following is an example of a successful response after you run this command.

```
{
    "Arn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:configuration/SomeTest/abcdabcd-
abcd-1234-abcd-abcd123e8e8e-1",
    "CreationTime": "2019-05-21T00:54:23.591Z",
    "Description": "Example configuration description.",
    "KafkaVersions": [
        "1.1.1"
    ],
    "LatestRevision": {
        "CreationTime": "2019-05-21T00:54:23.591Z",
        "Description": "Example configuration description.",
        "Revision": 1
    },
    "Name": "SomeTest"
}
```

Get details about configuration revision

This process gets you a detailed description of the Amazon MSK configuration revision.

If you use the `describe-configuration` command to describe an MSK configuration, you see the metadata of the configuration. To get a description of the configuration, use the command, `describe-configuration-revision`.

- Run the following command and replace *configuration-arn* with the ARN that you obtained when you created the configuration. If you didn't save the ARN when you created the configuration, you can use the `list-configurations` command to list all configuration in your account. The configuration that you want in the list that appears in the response. The ARN of the configuration also appears in that list.

```
aws kafka describe-configuration-revision --arn configuration-arn --revision 1
```

The following is an example of a successful response after you run this command.

```
{
    "Arn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:configuration/SomeTest/abcdabcd-
abcd-1234-abcd-abcd123e8e8e-1",
    "CreationTime": "2019-05-21T00:54:23.591Z",
    "Description": "Example configuration description.",
    "Revision": 1,
    "ServerProperties":
 "YXV0by5jcmVhdGUudG9waWNzLmVuYWJsZSA9IHRydWUKCgp6b29rZWVwZXIuY29ubmVjdGlvbi50aW1lb3V0Lm1zI
}
```

The value of `ServerProperties` is encoded with base64. If you use a base64 decoder (for example, https://www.base64decode.org/) to decode it manually, you get the contents of the original configuration file that you used to create the custom configuration. In this case, you get the following:

```
auto.create.topics.enable = true

log.roll.ms = 604800000
```

List configurations in your account for the current Region

This process describes how to list all Amazon MSK configurations in your account for the current AWS Region.

- Run the following command.

```
aws kafka list-configurations
```

The following is an example of a successful response after you run this command.

```
{
    "Configurations": [
        {
```

```
            "Arn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:configuration/SomeTest/
abcdabcd-abcd-1234-abcd-abcd123e8e8e-1",
            "CreationTime": "2019-05-21T00:54:23.591Z",
            "Description": "Example configuration description.",
            "KafkaVersions": [
                "1.1.1"
            ],
            "LatestRevision": {
                "CreationTime": "2019-05-21T00:54:23.591Z",
                "Description": "Example configuration description.",
                "Revision": 1
            },
            "Name": "SomeTest"
        },
        {
            "Arn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:configuration/SomeTest/
abcdabcd-1234-abcd-1234-abcd123e8e8e-1",
            "CreationTime": "2019-05-03T23:08:29.446Z",
            "Description": "Example configuration description.",
            "KafkaVersions": [
                "1.1.1"
            ],
            "LatestRevision": {
                "CreationTime": "2019-05-03T23:08:29.446Z",
                "Description": "Example configuration description.",
                "Revision": 1
            },
            "Name": "ExampleConfigurationName"
        }
    ]
}
```

Amazon MSK configuration states

An Amazon MSK configuration can be in one of the following states. To perform an operation on a configuration, the configuration must be in the `ACTIVE` or `DELETE_FAILED` state:

- `ACTIVE`
- `DELETING`
- `DELETE_FAILED`

Configure custom domain names for your Amazon MSK cluster

You can configure your MSK Provisioned cluster to advertise custom domain names instead of the default AWS-generated broker addresses. Custom domain names are defined once in your Amazon MSK configuration and applied automatically to every broker in the cluster, including new brokers added during scaling operations. This works in both ZooKeeper and KRaft metadata management mode.

Topics

- How custom domain names work
- Prerequisites
- Migrate from ZooKeeper to KRaft mode
- Set up a custom domain name end to end

How custom domain names work

When you add the `custom.advertised.listeners` property to your Amazon MSK configuration, Amazon MSK does the following:

1. Validates the configuration (listener name, format, and uniqueness).
2. Resolves the `{broker_id}` template for each broker.
3. Applies the configuration through a rolling restart, one broker at a time.

The property takes the following format.

```
custom.advertised.listeners=LISTENER_NAME://hostname-pattern:port+{broker_id}
```

For example, on an IAM cluster with three brokers:

```
custom.advertised.listeners=CLIENT_IAM://b-{broker_id}.example.com:9000+{broker_id}
```

This resolves to the following addresses:

- Broker 1: `b-1.example.com:9001`
- Broker 2: `b-2.example.com:9002`
- Broker 3: `b-3.example.com:9003`

The `{broker_id}` template variable is required and must appear in the port so that each broker resolves to a unique address. The + operator adds the broker ID to the base port (9000 + 1 = 9001, 9000 + 2 = 9002, 9000 + 10 = 9010).

If your cluster has multiple client-facing listeners, you can assign a different domain to each one by separating them with commas.

```
custom.advertised.listeners=CLIENT_IAM://b-
{broker_id}.iam.example.com:9000+{broker_id},CLIENT_SASL_SCRAM://b-
{broker_id}.scram.example.com:19000+{broker_id}
```

Each listener maps to one custom domain. You can't assign multiple domains to the same listener. However, listeners can share the same domain name as long as each one resolves to a unique `host:port` combination per broker. For example, two listeners can share `b-{broker_id}.example.com` and differ only by port.

```
custom.advertised.listeners=CLIENT_IAM://b-
{broker_id}.example.com:9000+{broker_id},CLIENT_SASL_SCRAM://b-
{broker_id}.example.com:19000+{broker_id}
```

This behavior is identical in ZooKeeper and KRaft metadata management mode.

Verify networking before you apply the configuration

When you apply `custom.advertised.listeners`, your custom domain name replaces the default addresses for the overridden listener. Therefore, your networking layer must be in place and verified before you apply the configuration. If the networking and trust layer isn't in place, resolvable, reachable, and trusted from the client, the client can't reconnect. This is true even if the client was connected moments earlier. If clients can't resolve the custom domain, they lose connectivity.

Prerequisites

Before you configure custom domain names on your cluster, make sure that the following is true:

- Your cluster is an MSK Provisioned cluster (Standard or Express brokers) in the `ACTIVE` state.
- Each listener corresponds to an authentication type on your cluster. You can set custom advertised endpoints only for client listeners: `CLIENT`, `CLIENT_SECURE`,

`CLIENT_SECURE_PUBLIC`, `CLIENT_SASL_SCRAM`, `CLIENT_SASL_SCRAM_PUBLIC`, `CLIENT_IAM`, and `CLIENT_IAM_PUBLIC`. Internal listeners (`REPLICATION` and `CONTROLLER`) aren't supported and are rejected at validation. The listener that you specify must also be bound (active) on your cluster. For example, if your cluster uses only IAM authentication, specifying `CLIENT_SECURE` is rejected, and the error message lists the valid client listeners for your cluster.

- Your networking layer is in place and verified before you apply the configuration. After you apply it, all clients that refresh metadata receive the custom domain address. If clients can't resolve the custom domain, they lose connectivity. Make sure that your networking layer is set up and reachable from all clients before you apply the configuration. For a complete, diagrammed walkthrough of the Network Load Balancer, Route 53, and AWS Certificate Manager setup, see Configure a custom domain name for your Amazon MSK cluster on the AWS Big Data Blog.

Migrate from ZooKeeper to KRaft mode

If you currently use `kafka-configs.sh` to set `advertised.listeners` dynamically in ZooKeeper mode, you must set up `custom.advertised.listeners` in your Amazon MSK configuration before you initiate your migration from ZooKeeper to KRaft mode. The in-place upgrade checks for existing dynamic advertised listener overrides. If it detects any, the upgrade doesn't proceed, and you receive an error that asks you to remove them first. For a seamless experience, do the following:

1. Add `custom.advertised.listeners` to your Amazon MSK configuration with the same domain pattern that you use today. For the steps, see Set up a custom domain name end to end.
2. Remove the dynamic override by running `kafka-configs.sh --alter --delete-config advertised.listeners` on each broker. This removes only the advertised listeners override and doesn't affect other dynamic configurations.
3. Initiate the migration.

For more information about migrating a cluster to KRaft mode, see Migrate from ZooKeeper to KRaft mode.

Set up a custom domain name end to end

This topic walks through the cluster-side configuration for custom domain names. The networking layer (Network Load Balancer, DNS, and TLS certificate) is a prerequisite that you own, and is covered in detail in Configure a custom domain name for your Amazon MSK cluster on the AWS Big Data Blog. With the networking in place, the following steps cover the cluster-side setup.

⚠ Verify networking before you apply the configuration

When you apply `custom.advertised.listeners`, your custom domain name replaces the default addresses for the overridden listener. Your networking layer must be in place and verified before you apply the configuration. If clients can't resolve the custom domain, they lose connectivity.

Step 1: Add the custom domain to your Amazon MSK configuration

Create or update an Amazon MSK configuration that includes the `custom.advertised.listeners` property, matching the hostnames and ports that you provisioned on the Network Load Balancer. For a three-broker IAM cluster fronted by a Network Load Balancer with ports 9001–9003, put the property in a file.

```
custom.advertised.listeners=CLIENT_IAM://b-{broker_id}.example.com:9000+{broker_id}
```

Then create the configuration, passing the file as the server properties.

```
aws kafka create-configuration \
    --name "custom-domain-iam" \
    --description "Custom advertised listeners for CLIENT_IAM" \
    --server-properties fileb://custom-domain-config.txt
```

Use `fileb://` (not `file://`) so that the AWS CLI reads the file as bytes and base64-encodes it. Passing the value inline is fragile because of the `{broker_id}` braces. Leave `{broker_id}` literal in the file, because Amazon MSK resolves it per broker at apply time. The response returns the configuration `Arn` and `LatestRevision.Revision`, which you use in the next step.

Step 2: Apply the configuration

Apply the configuration to your cluster with `UpdateClusterConfiguration`, using the console, AWS CLI, AWS CloudFormation, AWS CDK, or Terraform. This is the same workflow that you already use for broker configuration changes.

```
aws kafka update-cluster-configuration \
    --cluster-arn your-cluster-arn \
    --configuration-info arn=configuration-arn,revision=revision \
```

```
    --current-version current-cluster-version
```

Use the `DescribeCluster` operation to find the current version of your cluster. Cluster versions aren't simple integers.

Amazon MSK validates the configuration synchronously before anything is applied, so a malformed value never reaches your brokers. Amazon MSK rejects an invalid configuration with an HTTP 400 error. For example errors, see Custom domain name configuration errors. Fix the reported problem and reapply.

Step 3: Track the rollout

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation-v2 \
    --cluster-operation-arn operation-arn
```

After the configuration is accepted, Amazon MSK applies it through a rolling restart. Wait until the operation reports `UPDATE_COMPLETE`. If it reports `UPDATE_FAILED`, a broker couldn't apply the change. The rollout halts at that broker, the remaining brokers keep their previous configuration, and you can fix the configuration and reapply it to recover.

Step 4: Verify

Confirm that clients can connect through the custom domain by listing topics from a client that uses the authentication settings for your listener.

If you can list topics through the custom domain endpoint, clients are successfully connecting through your custom domain. If the operation reported `UPDATE_COMPLETE` but clients can't connect, the cluster-side configuration is correct but your networking layer likely needs attention. Check the following:

- **Networking path**: Confirm that the Network Load Balancer listener, target group, and security group rule exist for the broker and port that the client is using, and that the Network Load Balancer is reachable from the client's network.
- **DNS resolution**: Confirm that the custom domain resolves to your Network Load Balancer from every network where your Apache Kafka clients run.
- **Certificate**: Confirm that the Network Load Balancer's TLS certificate covers the resolved broker hostname (through the common name or a subject alternative name), and that the client trusts the CA (root and intermediate for a private CA).

Best practices

After you set up custom domain names using the preceding steps, we recommend that you remove any dynamic `advertised.listeners` override by running `kafka-configs.sh --alter --delete-config advertised.listeners` on each broker. This removes only the advertised listeners override and doesn't affect other dynamic configurations.

Scaling and broker replacement

When you scale the cluster or a broker is replaced during automated healing, Amazon MSK automatically applies the configuration to the new broker. Amazon MSK resolves `{broker_id}` for the broker's ID, with no manual steps required on the cluster side.

> **Note**
>
> Add the corresponding Network Load Balancer listener, target group, and DNS record for any new broker. The networking layer doesn't scale automatically.

Remove a custom domain

To revert to the default Amazon MSK-generated addresses, remove the `custom.advertised.listeners` property from your Amazon MSK configuration and apply the updated configuration using `UpdateClusterConfiguration`. Amazon MSK performs a rolling restart and brokers revert to advertising their original addresses. Make sure that your clients can reach the original Amazon MSK-generated addresses before you remove the custom domain configuration.

Intelligent rebalancing for clusters

Amazon MSK provides intelligent rebalancing for all new MSK Provisioned clusters with Express brokers. This feature automatically manages partition distribution and cluster scaling operations, eliminating the need for third-party tools. Intelligent rebalancing automatically rebalances partitions when you scale clusters out or in. It also continuously monitors your cluster's health for resource imbalance or overload and redistributes workload.

With intelligent rebalancing, you get fast scaling operations that complete within 30 minutes without impacting cluster availability during scaling. It's turned on by default for all new Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters with Express brokers and works within the recommended partition limits per broker. For the recommended limits per instance type, see Express broker partition quota.

Effective 20th Nov 2025, intelligent rebalancing is available in all AWS Regions where Amazon MSK Express brokers are supported.

Effective June 18, 2026, intelligent rebalancing is available for all MSK Provisioned clusters with Express brokers. This includes Express clusters created prior to the launch of the intelligent rebalancing feature in November 2025. For clusters created before November 20, 2025, intelligent rebalancing is available with **Rebalancing Status** set to **Paused**. To enable this feature for your existing clusters, set **Rebalancing Status** to **Active** using the Amazon MSK console, AWS CLI, or SDK. For instructions, see Steady state rebalancing.

Topics

- How intelligent rebalancing works
- Monitoring intelligent rebalancing metrics
- Considerations to use intelligent rebalancing
- Scaling Amazon MSK clusters out and in with a single operation
- Steady state rebalancing for Amazon MSK clusters

How intelligent rebalancing works

Intelligent rebalancing is turned on by default for all new MSK Provisioned clusters with Express brokers. It includes support for the following situations:

- **Scaling out and in**: Once brokers are added or removed, intelligent rebalancing automatically redistributes partitions across the new cluster setup based on internal AWS best practices.
- **Steady state rebalancing**: At steady state, this feature monitors your cluster's health continuously and automatically rebalances partitions.

> **Note**
>
> If intelligent rebalancing is turned on, you won't be able to use third-party tools, such as Cruise Control, for partition rebalancing. You must first pause intelligent rebalancing to use partition reassignment APIs, such as Kafka's `alterPartitionReassignments` API or the APIs provided by these third-party tools. For information about pausing, see Steady state rebalancing.

You can use this feature in the Amazon MSK console. You can also use this feature using the AWS CLI, Amazon MSK APIs or AWS SDK, and AWS CloudFormation. For more information, see Scaling Amazon MSK clusters and Steady state rebalancing.

Monitoring intelligent rebalancing metrics

You can monitor the status of ongoing and historical intelligent rebalancing operations using the following Amazon CloudWatch metrics:

- `RebalanceInProgress`: This metric is published every minute with a value of 1 when rebalancing is ongoing and 0 otherwise.
- `UnderProvisioned`: This metric is published every minute with a value of 1 when the cluster is under provisioned and 0 otherwise. When a cluster is under provisioned, partition rebalancing can't be performed. You either need to add more brokers or scale up your cluster's instance type.

For information about monitoring an MSK Provisioned cluster, see Monitor an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster and View Amazon MSK metrics using CloudWatch.

Considerations to use intelligent rebalancing

- Effective June 18, 2026, Intelligent Rebalancing is available for all MSK Provisioned clusters with Express brokers. This includes Express clusters created prior to the launch of intelligent rebalancing feature in November 2025. For clusters created before November 20, 2025, Intelligent Rebalancing is available with **Rebalancing Status** set to **Paused**. To enable this feature for your existing clusters, set **Rebalancing Status** to **Active** using the Amazon MSK console, AWS CLI, or SDK. For instructions, see Steady state rebalancing.
- For automatic partition reassignment, the maximum number of partitions that might be supported per broker depends on the broker instance type. For more information, see Express broker partition quota.
- You can't use partition reassignment APIs or third-party rebalancing tools when intelligent rebalancing is enabled. To use such APIs or third-party tools, you must first pause intelligent rebalancing for your MSK Express cluster.
- Intelligent rebalancing does not rebalance internal topics. To rebalance internal topics after you scale out your cluster, pause intelligent rebalancing, manually rebalance the internal topics, and then resume intelligent rebalancing. For information about pausing and resuming intelligent rebalancing, see Steady state rebalancing.

Scaling Amazon MSK clusters out and in with a single operation

With intelligent rebalancing, you can scale your clusters up or down by editing the broker count in your clusters in a single action. You can do this in the Amazon MSK console, or by using the AWS CLI, Amazon MSK APIs or AWS SDK, and AWS CloudFormation. When you change the broker count, Amazon MSK does the following:

- Automatically distributes partitions to new brokers.
- Moves partitions from brokers being removed.

As you scale your clusters up and down, cluster availability for clients to produce and consume data remains unaffected.

Scaling clusters using AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. On the **Clusters** page, choose a newly created Express-based cluster. For information about creating a provisioned Express-based cluster, see Step 1: Create an MSK Provisioned cluster.
3. On the **Actions** dropdown list, choose **Edit number of brokers**.
4. On the **Edit number of brokers per zone** page, do one of the following:
   - To add more brokers in your cluster, choose **Add brokers to each Availability Zone**, and then enter the number of brokers you want to add.
   - To remove brokers from your cluster, choose **Remove one broker from each Availability Zone**.
5. Choose **Save changes**.

Scaling clusters using AWS CLI

You can scale your clusters up or down by editing their broker count. To do this in the AWS CLI, use the update-broker-count command, as shown in the following example. In this command, specify the number of brokers you want in your cluster in the `target-broker-count` parameter.

```
aws msk update-broker-count --cluster-arn arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/abcd1234-5678-90ef-ghij-klmnopqrstuv-1 --
current-version ABCDEF1GHIJK0L --target-broker-count 6
```

Scaling clusters using AWS SDK

You can scale your clusters up or down by programmatically editing the broker count. To do this using the AWS SDK, use the UpdateBrokerCount API, as shown in the following example. For the `TargetNumberOfBrokerNodes` parameter, specify the number of brokers you want in your cluster.

```
update_broker_count_response = client.update_broker_count(
    ClusterArn='arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/abcd1234-5678-90ef-ghij-klmnopqrstuv-1',
    CurrentVersion='ABCDEF1GHIJK0L',
    TargetNumberOfBrokerNodes=6
)
```

Steady state rebalancing for Amazon MSK clusters

Note

Effective June 18, 2026, Intelligent Rebalancing is available for all MSK Provisioned clusters with Express brokers. This includes Express clusters created prior to the launch of intelligent rebalancing feature in November 2025. For clusters created before November 20, 2025, Intelligent Rebalancing is available with **Rebalancing Status** set to **Paused**. To enable this feature for your existing clusters, set **Rebalancing Status** to **Active** using the Amazon MSK console, AWS CLI, or SDK. For instructions, see Steady state rebalancing.

Steady state rebalancing is a part of the intelligent rebalancing feature, which is turned on by default for all new MSK Provisioned clusters with Express brokers. As you scale your clusters up or down, Amazon MSK automatically handles partition management by distributing partitions to new brokers and moving partitions from brokers due for removal. To ensure optimal distribution of workload across brokers, intelligent rebalancing uses Amazon MSK best practices to determine thresholds for automatically initiating rebalancing for your brokers.

You can pause and resume steady state rebalancing when needed. Steady state rebalancing continuously monitors your cluster and does the following:

- Tracks broker resource usage (CPU and network).
- Adjusts partition placement automatically without any impact on data availability. Internal topics aren't rebalanced after scaling out.
- Completes rebalancing operations up to 180x faster for Express brokers as compared to Standard brokers.
- Maintains cluster performance.
- If the number of partitions is above the recommended limit, the cluster is marked `UnderProvisioned`. Monitor the `UnderProvisioned` metric. For more information, see Monitoring intelligent rebalancing metrics.

Pause and resume steady state rebalancing in AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. On the **Clusters** page, choose an Express-based cluster. For information about creating a provisioned Express-based cluster, see Step 1: Create an MSK Provisioned cluster.
3. On the Cluster detail page, verify the **Intelligent rebalancing** status. If the status is **Paused**, follow steps 4–5 to enable it.
4. On the **Actions** dropdown list, choose **Edit intelligent rebalancing**.
5. On the **Edit intelligent rebalancing** page, do the following:
   a. Choose **Active**.
   b. Choose **Save changes**.

Pause and resume steady state rebalancing using AWS CLI

To set the rebalancing status of a cluster to **`ACTIVE`** using the AWS CLI, use the update-rebalancing command, as shown in the following example. In this command, specify the status with the `rebalancing` parameter.

```
aws msk update-rebalancing --cluster-arn arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/abcd1234-5678-90ef-ghij-klmnopqrstuv-1
```

```
 --current-version ABCDEF1GHIJK0L --rebalancing "{\"Rebalancing\":{\"Status\":
\"ACTIVE\"}}"
```

Pause and resume steady state rebalancing using AWS SDK

You can also set the rebalancing status of a cluster using the UpdateRebalancingRequest API to programmatically modify the broker count. The following examples show how to set the rebalancing status to **ACTIVE** and **PAUSED**.

```
final UpdateRebalancingRequest updateRebalancingRequest = new
 UpdateRebalancingRequest()
    .withClusterArn(arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/abcd1234-5678-90ef-ghij-klmnopqrstuv-1)
    .withCurrentVersion(ABCDEF1GHIJK0L)
    .withRebalancing(new Rebalancing().withStatus("ACTIVE"));
```

```
final UpdateRebalancingRequest updateRebalancingRequest = new
 UpdateRebalancingRequest()
    .withClusterArn(arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/abcd1234-5678-90ef-ghij-klmnopqrstuv-1)
    .withCurrentVersion(ABCDEF1GHIJK0L)
    .withRebalancing(new Rebalancing().withStatus("PAUSED"));
```

Share groups (queues) on Amazon MSK

Share groups enable point-to-point messaging on your Amazon MSK cluster. Multiple consumers in a share group can process records from the same partition concurrently, without partition-to-consumer assignment. Each record is delivered to one consumer in the group, acquired under a time-limited lock, and individually acknowledged.

Share groups are an alternative to consumer groups for workloads that need work-queue semantics, such as job distribution, task fan-out, and request-response patterns. They decouple consumer parallelism from partition count and remove the need to build custom routing logic for parallel processing. Share groups are available on MSK Provisioned Standard brokers running Apache Kafka 4.2 or later. Follow the best practices in Best practices for Standard brokers.

When to use share groups

If your workload is already well served by consumer groups and doesn't need work-queue semantics, or if your workload requires per-partition ordering, continue to use consumer groups.

Use share groups when:

- You need per-message acknowledgement.
- You want more consumers than partitions for parallel processing.
- You need work-queue semantics without deploying a separate messaging system.
- Your workload doesn't require strict per-partition ordering.

Limitations of share groups

- Share groups don't preserve per-partition ordering. Records from the same partition might be delivered to different consumers in the group and processed in any order. If your workload needs ordering, use consumer groups.
- On average, share groups use 1.5 times more broker CPU than consumer groups, and up to 2 times more on `large` through `4xlarge` instance sizes.
- With default configurations, you might observe consumer lag on instance sizes `4xlarge` and above. To mitigate this, tune the `max.poll.records` and `fetch.max.bytes` client configurations, the `group.share.max.partition.max.record.locks` broker configuration, and the `share.partition.max.record.locks` and `share.renew.acknowledge.enable` group configurations.

Patching on MSK Provisioned clusters

Periodically, Amazon MSK updates software on the brokers in your cluster. Maintenance includes planned updates or unplanned repairs. Planned maintenance includes operating system updates, security updates, and other software updates required to maintain the health, security, and performance of your cluster. We perform unplanned maintenance to resolve sudden infrastructure degradation. We perform maintenance on Standard and Express brokers, but the experiences are different.

Patching for Standard brokers

Updates to your Standard brokers have no impact on your applications' writes and reads if you follow best practices.

Amazon MSK uses rolling updates for software to maintain high availability of your clusters. During this process, brokers are rebooted one at a time, and Kafka automatically moves leadership

to another online broker. When you view cluster operations in the AWS Management Console or through the `DescribeClusterOperation` and `ListClusterOperations` APIs, these maintenance operations appear with an operation type of `SECURITY_PATCHING`. Kafka clients have built-in mechanisms to automatically detect the change in leadership for the partitions and continue to write and read data into a MSK cluster. Follow Best practices for Apache Kafka clients for smooth operation of your cluster at all times, including during patching.

Following a broker going offline, it is normal to see transient disconnect errors on your clients. You will also observe for a brief window (up to 2 mins, typically less) some spikes in p99 read and write latency (typically high milliseconds, up to ~2 seconds). These spikes are expected and are caused by the client re-reconnecting to a new leader broker; it does not impact your produce or consume and will resolve following the re-connect. For more information, see Broker offline and client failover.

You will also observe an increase in the metric `UnderReplicatedPartitions`, which is expected as the partitions on the broker that was shut down are no longer replicating data. This has no impact on applications' writes and reads as replicas for these partitions that are hosted on other brokers are now serving the requests.

After the software update, when the broker comes back online, it needs to "catch up" on the messages produced while it was offline. During catch up, you may also observe an increase in usage of the volume throughput and CPU. These should have no impact on writes and reads into the cluster if you have enough CPU, memory, network, and volume resources on your brokers.

Patching for Express brokers

There are no maintenance windows for Express brokers. Amazon MSK automatically updates your cluster on an ongoing basis in a time distributed manner, meaning you can expect occasional and singular broker reboots across the month. This ensures you do not need to make any plans or accommodations around one-time cluster-wide maintenance windows. As always, traffic will remain uninterrupted during a broker reboot as leadership will change to other brokers that will continue serving requests. When you view cluster operations in the AWS Management Console or through the `DescribeClusterOperation` and `ListClusterOperations` APIs, these maintenance operations appear with an operation type of `BROKER_UPDATE`.

Express brokers come configured with best practice settings and guardrails that make your cluster resilient to load changes that may occur during maintenance. Amazon MSK sets throughput quotas on your Express brokers to mitigate the impact of overloading your cluster which can lead to issues during broker restarts. These improvements eliminate the need for advance notifications, planning, and maintenance windows when you use Express brokers.

Express brokers always replicate your data three ways so your clients automatically failover during reboots. You don't need to worry about topics becoming unavailable because of replication factor set to 1 or 2. Also, catch up for a restarted Express broker is faster than on Standard brokers. The faster patching speed on Express brokers means that there will be minimal planning disruption to any control plane activities you may have scheduled for your cluster.

As with all Apache Kafka applications, there is still a shared client-server contract for clients connecting to Express brokers. It's still critical to configure your clients to handle leadership failover between brokers. Follow the Best practices for Apache Kafka clients for a smooth operation of your cluster at all times, including during patching. Following a broker restart, it is normal to see transient disconnect errors on your clients. This will not affect your produce and consume as follower brokers will take over partition leadership. Your Apache Kafka clients will automatically fail-over and start sending requests to the new leader brokers.

Broker offline and client failover

Kafka allows for an offline broker; a single offline broker in a healthy and balanced cluster following best practices will not see impact or cause failure to produce or consume. This is because another broker will take over partition leadership and because the Kafka client lib will automatically fail-over and start sending requests to the new leader brokers.

Client server contract

This results in a shared contract between the client library and server-side behavior; the server must successfully assign one or more new leaders and the client must change brokers to send requests to the new leaders in a timely manner.

Kafka uses exceptions to control this flow:

An example procedure

1. Broker A enters an offline state.
2. Kafka client receives an exception (typically network disconnect or not_leader_for_partition).
3. These exceptions trigger the Kafka client to update its metadata so that it knows about the latest leaders.
4. Kafka client resumes sending requests to the new partition leaders on other brokers.

This process typically takes less than 2 seconds with the vended Java client and default configurations. The client side errors are verbose and repetitive but not cause for concern, as denoted by the “WARN” level.

Example: Exception 1

```
10:05:25.306 [kafka-producer-network-thread | producer-1] WARN
o.a.k.c.producer.internals.Sender - [Producer clientId=producer-1] Got
error produce response with correlation id 864845 on topic-partition
msk-test-topic-1-0, retrying (2147483646 attempts left). Error:
NETWORK_EXCEPTION. Error Message: Disconnected from node 2
```

Example: Exception 2

```
10:05:25.306 [kafka-producer-network-thread | producer-1] WARN
o.a.k.c.producer.internals.Sender - [Producer clientId=producer-1] Received
invalid metadata error in produce request on partition msk-test-topic-1-41
due to org.apache.kafka.common.errors.NotLeaderOrFollowerException: For
requests intended only for the leader, this error indicates that the broker
is not the current leader. For requests intended for any replica, this
error indicates that the broker is not a replica of the topic partition..
Going to request metadata update now"
```

Kafka clients will automatically resolve these errors typically within 1 second and at most 3 seconds. This presents as produce/consume latency at p99 in client side metrics (typically high milliseconds in the 100’s). Any longer than this typically indicates an issue with client configuration or server-side controller load. Please see the troubleshooting section.

A successful fail-over can be verified by checking the `BytesInPerSec` and `LeaderCount` metrics increase on other brokers which proves that the traffic and leadership moved as expected. You will also observe an increase in the `UnderReplicatedPartitions` metric, which is expected when replicas are offline with the shutdown broker.

Troubleshooting

The above flow can be disrupted by breaking the client-server contract. The most common reasons for issue include:

- Misconfiguration or incorrect usage of Kafka client libs.

- Unexpected default behaviours and bugs with 3rd party client libs.
- Overloaded controller resulting in slower partition leader assignment.
- New controller is being elected resulting in slower partition leader assignment.

In order to ensure correct behaviour to handle leadership fail-over, we recommend:

- Server side best practices must be followed to ensure that the controller broker is scaled appropriately to avoid slow leadership assignment.
- Client libraries must have retries enabled to ensure that client handles the failover.
- Client libraries must have retry.backoff.ms configured (default 100) to avoid connection/request storms.
- Client libraries must set request.timeout.ms and delivery.timeout.ms to values inline with the applications' SLA. Higher values will result in slower fail-over for certain failure types.
- Client libraries must ensure that bootstrap.servers contains at least 3 random brokers to avoid an availability impact on initial discovery.
- Some client libraries are lower level than others and expect the application developer to implement retry logic and exception handling themselves. Please refer to client lib specific documentation for example usage, and ensure that correct reconnect/retry logic is followed.
- We recommend monitoring client side latency for produces, successful request count, and error count for non-retryable errors.
- We have observed that older 3rd party golang and ruby libraries remain verbose during an entire broker offline time period despite produces and consume requests being unaffected. We recommend you always monitor your business level metrics besides request metrics for success and errors to determine if there is real impact vs noise in your logs.
- Customers should not alarm on transient exceptions for network/not_leader as they are normal, non-impacting, and expected as part of the kafka protocol.
- Customers should not alarm on UnderReplicatedPartitions as they are normal, non-impacting, and expected during a single offline broker.

Security in Amazon MSK

Cloud security at AWS is the highest priority. As an AWS customer, you benefit from a data center and network architecture that is built to meet the requirements of the most security-sensitive organizations.

Security is a shared responsibility between AWS and you. The shared responsibility model describes this as security *of* the cloud and security *in* the cloud:

- **Security of the cloud** – AWS is responsible for protecting the infrastructure that runs AWS services in the AWS Cloud. AWS also provides you with services that you can use securely. Third-party auditors regularly test and verify the effectiveness of our security as part of the AWS Compliance Programs. To learn about the compliance programs that apply to Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka, see Amazon Web Services in Scope by Compliance Program.
- **Security in the cloud** – Your responsibility is determined by the AWS service that you use. You are also responsible for other factors including the sensitivity of your data, your company's requirements, and applicable laws and regulations.

This documentation helps you understand how to apply the shared responsibility model when using Amazon MSK. The following topics show you how to configure Amazon MSK to meet your security and compliance objectives. You also learn how to use other Amazon Web Services that help you to monitor and secure your Amazon MSK resources.

Topics

- Data protection in Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka
- Authentication and authorization for Amazon MSK APIs
- Authentication and authorization for Apache Kafka APIs
- Changing an Amazon MSK cluster's security group
- Control access to Apache ZooKeeper nodes in your Amazon MSK cluster
- Compliance validation for Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka
- Resilience in Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka
- Infrastructure security in Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka

Data protection in Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka

The AWS shared responsibility model applies to data protection in Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka. As described in this model, AWS is responsible for protecting the global infrastructure that runs all of the AWS Cloud. You are responsible for maintaining control over your content that is hosted on this infrastructure. You are also responsible for the security configuration and management tasks for the AWS services that you use. For more information about data

privacy, see Data Privacy FAQ. For information about data protection in Europe, see the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Center.

For data protection purposes, we recommend that you protect AWS account credentials and set up individual users with AWS IAM Identity Center or AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM). That way, each user is given only the permissions necessary to fulfill their job duties. We also recommend that you secure your data in the following ways:

- Use multi-factor authentication (MFA) with each account.
- Use SSL/TLS to communicate with AWS resources. We require TLS 1.2 and recommend TLS 1.3.
- Set up API and user activity logging with AWS CloudTrail. For information about using CloudTrail trails to capture AWS activities, see Working with CloudTrail trails in the *AWS CloudTrail User Guide*.
- Use AWS encryption solutions, along with all default security controls within AWS services.
- Use advanced managed security services such as Amazon Macie, which assists in discovering and securing sensitive data that is stored in Amazon S3.
- If you require FIPS 140-3 validated cryptographic modules when accessing AWS through a command line interface or an API, use a FIPS endpoint. For more information about the available FIPS endpoints, see Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-3.

We strongly recommend that you never put confidential or sensitive information, such as your customers' email addresses, into tags or free-form text fields such as a **Name** field. This includes when you work with Amazon MSK or other AWS services using the console, API, AWS CLI, or AWS SDKs. Any data that you enter into tags or free-form text fields used for names may be used for billing or diagnostic logs. If you provide a URL to an external server, we strongly recommend that you do not include credentials information in the URL to validate your request to that server.

Topics

- Amazon MSK encryption
- TLS security policies for Amazon MSK
- Get started with Amazon MSK encryption
- Use Amazon MSK APIs with Interface VPC Endpoints

Amazon MSK encryption

Amazon MSK provides data encryption options that you can use to meet strict data management requirements. The certificates that Amazon MSK uses for encryption must be renewed every 13 months. Amazon MSK automatically renews these certificates for all clusters. Express broker clusters remain in `ACTIVE` state when Amazon MSK starts the certificate-update operation. For standard brokers clusters, Amazon MSK sets the state of the cluster to `MAINTENANCE` when it starts the certificate-update operation. MSK sets it back to `ACTIVE` when the update is done. While a cluster is in the certificate-update operation, you can continue to produce and consume data, but you can't perform any update operations on it.

Amazon MSK encryption at rest

Amazon MSK integrates with AWS Key Management Service (KMS) to offer transparent server-side encryption. Amazon MSK always encrypts your data at rest. When you create an MSK cluster, you can specify the AWS KMS key that you want Amazon MSK to use to encrypt your data at rest. If you don't specify a KMS key, Amazon MSK creates an AWS managed key for you and uses it on your behalf. For more information about KMS keys, see AWS KMS keys in the *AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide*.

Amazon MSK encryption in transit

Amazon MSK uses TLS 1.2 by default. TLS 1.3 is available on Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters through a TLS security policy. For more information, see TLS security policies for Amazon MSK.

By default, Amazon MSK encrypts data in transit between the brokers of your MSK cluster. You can override this default at the time you create the cluster.

For communication between clients and brokers, you must specify one of the following three settings:

- Only allow TLS encrypted data. This is the default setting.
- Allow both plaintext, as well as TLS encrypted data.
- Only allow plaintext data.

Amazon MSK brokers use public AWS Certificate Manager certificates. Therefore, any truststore that trusts Amazon Trust Services also trusts the certificates of Amazon MSK brokers.

While we highly recommend enabling in-transit encryption, it can add additional CPU overhead and a few milliseconds of latency. Most use cases aren't sensitive to these differences, however, and the magnitude of impact depends on the configuration of your cluster, clients, and usage profile.

TLS security policies for Amazon MSK

Amazon MSK encrypts data in transit using TLS. By default, Amazon MSK clusters use TLS 1.2. To use TLS 1.3, you select a TLS security policy. The policy determines the following for your cluster:

- The TLS protocol versions that Amazon MSK accepts.
- The cipher suites that Amazon MSK can use to encrypt the connection.

A policy applies to every encrypted link that Amazon MSK manages, not only client connections. On clusters in KRaft mode, this covers client-to-broker, broker-to-broker replication, broker-to-controller, and the controller quorum. On clusters in ZooKeeper mode, it covers client-to-broker, broker-to-broker replication, broker-to-ZooKeeper, and the ZooKeeper quorum.

> **Note**
>
> Selecting a security policy is optional. A cluster with no policy set keeps its current TLS configuration, which is referred to as `MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026`. Nothing changes until you apply a policy.

Topics

- Prerequisites
- Available security policies
- Moving between policies
- Before you apply a policy
- Apply a security policy
- View the current policy
- Roll back a security policy
- Troubleshooting

Prerequisites

Before you apply a TLS security policy, confirm the following:

- Your cluster is an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster. TLS security policies aren't available on Amazon MSK Serverless.
- Your cluster runs Apache Kafka version 3.6 or later.
- Your cluster is in the `ACTIVE` state, with no other operation in progress. Amazon MSK runs one cluster operation at a time.
- You have permission to create or update an Amazon MSK configuration and to update the configuration of your cluster. You apply a policy through a configuration revision, and nothing else about the cluster needs to change.
- If you're updating an existing cluster, the policy that you want is next to the current policy of your cluster in the policy order. You can't move from `MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026` to `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` in a single step. For more information, see Moving between policies.

Available security policies

The following table describes the TLS security policies that Amazon MSK offers.

Policy	Description
`MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026`	The default. Accepts TLS 1.2 only. Every Amazon MSK cluster uses this configuration unless you select another policy.
`MSK-TLSv1.3-2026`	Accepts TLS 1.2 and TLS 1.3. This policy is additive. It adds TLS 1.3 and removes no TLS 1.2 cipher suite. Each connection negotiates the highest version that the client supports. If a client negotiates TLS 1.3 and the handshake fails, the connection does not fall back to TLS 1.2.
`MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026`	Accepts TLS 1.3 only. Amazon MSK rejects connections that can't negotiate TLS 1.3.

Policy names are case sensitive and must match exactly.

Supported protocols

The following table shows which TLS protocol versions each policy supports.

Protocol	MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026	MSK-TLSv1.3-2026	MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026
TLS 1.3	No	Yes	Yes
TLS 1.2	Yes	Yes	No

Supported TLS 1.3 cipher suites

The following table shows which TLS 1.3 cipher suites each policy supports.

Cipher suite	MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026	MSK-TLSv1.3-2026	MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026
TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	No	Yes	Yes
TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	No	Yes	Yes

Important

Amazon MSK does not support TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256. A client that offers only this suite for TLS 1.3 can't complete a TLS 1.3 handshake with Amazon MSK. Most Apache Kafka clients offer the AES-GCM suites in the preceding table by default.

Supported TLS 1.2 cipher suites

The following table shows which TLS 1.2 cipher families each policy supports. The number in parentheses is how many cipher suites Amazon MSK supports in that family.

Cipher family (TLS 1.2)	MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026	MSK-TLSv1.3-2026	MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026
ECDHE (ECDSA/RSA) AES-GCM (4)	Yes	Yes	No

Cipher family (TLS 1.2)	MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026	MSK-TLSv1.3-2026	MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026
ECDH static (ECDSA/RSA) AES-GCM (4)	Yes	Yes	No
RSA AES-GCM (2)	Yes	Yes	No
DHE_DSS AES-GCM (2)	Yes	Yes	No
ECDHE (ECDSA/RSA) AES-CBC (8)	Yes	Yes	No
ECDH static (ECDSA/RSA) AES-CBC (8)	Yes	Yes	No
RSA AES-CBC (4)	Yes	Yes	No
DHE_DSS AES-CBC (4)	Yes	Yes	No

Moving between policies

Existing clusters

For updating an existing cluster's policy, you can move only one rung at a time, in either direction, using `UpdateClusterConfiguration` or `UpdateClusterKafkaVersion`:

```
MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026  <->  MSK-TLSv1.3-2026  <->  MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026
```

To go from the default to TLS 1.3 only, apply `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026` first, wait for the update to complete, then apply `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026`. This restriction exists so that every node in your cluster shares a protocol version with every other node at every point during the rolling restart, which is what keeps the cluster serving throughout the change.

> **Important**
>
> Clearing the property is not a way to leave TLS 1.3 enforcement. On a cluster running `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026`, removing the property requests a move to TLS 1.2 only, which is two rungs, and the request is rejected. Apply `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026` first.

New clusters

For new clusters, you are able to select `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` directly. Make sure that your clients are configured to support TLS 1.3.

Before you apply a policy

> **Warning**
>
> Both TLS 1.3 policies can break client connections, and a failed TLS 1.3 handshake does not fall back to TLS 1.2. Under `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026`, clients that do not support TLS 1.3 can't connect. Under `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026`, clients that support only TLS 1.2 still connect, but clients with a faulty TLS 1.3 implementation fail. Make sure that your clients support the policy that you select before you apply it.

Under `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026`, each connection negotiates the highest version that both sides support. A client that advertises TLS 1.3 but does not implement it correctly negotiates TLS 1.3 and then fails the handshake. Check the following:

- The TLS libraries that your clients use support TLS 1.3.
- Those clients implement TLS 1.3 as specified in RFC 8446. Some older implementations abort the handshake instead of negotiating a version that both sides support.
- Any firewall, proxy, load balancer, or traffic inspection appliance between your clients and your brokers handles TLS 1.3.

Under `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026`, any client that can't negotiate TLS 1.3 fails to connect.

Confirm that every client, tool, and intermediary that connects to your cluster supports TLS 1.3 correctly before you apply either policy. We recommend that you apply `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026` to a non-production cluster first and confirm that your clients connect.

Apply a security policy

You set `tls.security.policy` in an Amazon MSK configuration and apply that configuration to your cluster. There is no separate API.

> **Important**
>
> The new configuration revision replaces the existing configuration. Keep any other properties that your configuration contains.

To apply a security policy

1. Add the property to a `server.properties` file.

   ```
   tls.security.policy=MSK-TLSv1.3-2026
   ```

   For the other properties that a configuration can contain, see Custom Amazon MSK configurations.

2. Create or update an Amazon MSK configuration.

   ```
   aws kafka create-configuration \
       --name tls13-additive \
       --kafka-versions kafka-version \
       --server-properties fileb://server.properties
   ```

3. Apply the configuration revision to your cluster with either `UpdateClusterConfiguration` or `UpdateClusterKafkaVersion`.

   ```
   aws kafka update-cluster-configuration \
       --cluster-arn cluster-arn \
       --current-version current-cluster-version \
       --configuration-info '{"Arn":"configuration-arn","Revision":1}'
   ```

   Replace the placeholders as follows:

   - *cluster-arn* – The ARN of your cluster.
   - *current-cluster-version* – The current version of your cluster, from the `CurrentVersion` field that `DescribeCluster` returns.

- *configuration-arn* – The ARN that `create-configuration` returned in the previous step.

Amazon MSK performs a rolling restart to apply the policy. Each broker restarts once. Clients reconnect and negotiate TLS under the new policy as the broker that they are connected to restarts. The cluster continues to serve traffic during the restart if your topics have a replication factor of 3 or more, `min.insync.replicas` is at most the replication factor minus 1, and your clients retry. For more information, see Build highly available clusters.

You can also set `tls.security.policy` in the `ServerProperties` of an `AWS::MSK::Configuration` resource in AWS CloudFormation, or in a configuration that you create in the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.

View the current policy

Get the configuration ARN and revision applied to your cluster, and then read the revision.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster --cluster-arn cluster-arn
```

```
aws kafka describe-configuration-revision \
    --arn configuration-arn \
    --revision revision
```

If `tls.security.policy` is absent, the cluster uses the default policy, `MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026`.

Roll back a security policy

If clients fail to connect after you apply a TLS 1.3 policy, you can roll back by applying the previous policy in the order. Rolling back uses the same steps as applying a policy, and you can still move only one policy at a time. The following table shows the updates that each rollback takes.

Current policy	Target policy	Steps
`MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026`	`MSK-TLSv1.3-2026`	One update. Clients that support only TLS 1.2 can connect again.
`MSK-TLSv1.3-2026`	`MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026`	One update. The cluster accepts TLS 1.2 only.

Current policy	Target policy	Steps
`MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026`	`MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026`	Two updates. Apply `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026` , wait for the update to complete, and then apply `MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026` .

Important

To restore access for clients that support only TLS 1.2, roll back from `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` to `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026`. You do not need to return to the default policy, because `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026` accepts both TLS 1.2 and TLS 1.3. This is the quickest way to restore access while you upgrade your clients. Under `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026`, each connection still negotiates the highest version that both sides support, so a client that advertises TLS 1.3 but does not implement it correctly still fails the handshake. For more information, see Before you apply a policy.

When you roll back to `MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026`, the cluster no longer accepts TLS 1.3. Any client that you configured to use only TLS 1.3 fails to connect. Before you roll back to the default policy, confirm that every client can negotiate TLS 1.2.

Before you roll back, confirm the current policy and the cluster state. The cluster must be `ACTIVE`. If an update is in progress, wait for it to complete.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster --cluster-arn cluster-arn \
    --query "ClusterInfo.
{State:State,CurrentVersion:CurrentVersion,Configuration:CurrentBrokerSoftwareInfo}"
```

To roll back a security policy

1. Set the target policy, the one before the current policy in the order, in a `server.properties` file. Keep any other properties that your configuration contains.

   ```
   tls.security.policy=MSK-TLSv1.3-2026
   ```

   To roll back from `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026` to the default policy, you can set `tls.security.policy=MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026` or remove the property. Setting the value explicitly makes the intent of the configuration clear.

2. Create a new revision of your configuration.

```
aws kafka update-configuration \
    --arn configuration-arn \
    --server-properties fileb://server.properties
```

   Note the revision number in the response.

3. Apply the new revision to your cluster.

```
aws kafka update-cluster-configuration \
    --cluster-arn cluster-arn \
    --current-version current-cluster-version \
    --configuration-info '{"Arn":"configuration-arn","Revision":revision}'
```

4. Wait for the update to complete. Amazon MSK performs a rolling restart. As each broker restarts with the new policy, it accepts the connections that the new policy allows. When the operation state is `UPDATE_COMPLETE`, every broker uses the new policy.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation \
    --cluster-operation-arn operation-arn \
    --query "ClusterOperationInfo.OperationState"
```

   If you're rolling back from `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` to the default policy, repeat steps 1 through 4 with `MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026`.

5. Confirm the rollback. Check the applied policy, and then confirm that a client limited to TLS 1.2 can connect.

```
openssl s_client -connect broker-endpoint:port -tls1_2
```

   A successful handshake prints a line such as `New, TLSv1.2, Cipher is cipher-suite`. A rejected handshake prints `New, (NONE), Cipher is (NONE)` and a `protocol version` alert. To confirm that the cluster rejects TLS 1.3 after you roll back to the default policy, repeat the command with `-tls1_3` and check that the handshake fails.

If you manage the configuration with AWS CloudFormation, set `tls.security.policy` in the `ServerProperties` of your `AWS::MSK::Configuration` resource to the previous policy in the

order, and update the stack. To roll back from `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` to the default policy, update the stack twice, and wait for the cluster update to complete between the two updates.

Troubleshooting

The following table lists errors that Amazon MSK returns when it rejects a `tls.security.policy` value, and how to resolve each one.

Error	What to do
`Invalid value 'value' for tls.security.policy`	Valid values are `MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026` , `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026` , and `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` , and they are case sensitive. Update the value in your configuration to one of these names and apply the revision again.
`Cannot change tls.security.policy from current-policy to target-policy in one step`	For example, you can't move from `MSK-TLS1.2-Default-2026` to `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` in one step. Apply `MSK-TLSv1.3-2026` first and wait for the update to complete. Then apply `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` .
`Unsupported config tls.security.policy for Apache Kafka version kafka-version`	Upgrade the cluster to Apache Kafka version 3.6 or later, and then apply the policy. If you can't upgrade, remove the property from your configuration to keep the current TLS settings.
`Setting tls.security.policy is not supported for this account`	Remove the property from your configuration. To request access, contact your AWS account team or AWS Support.

Warning

Do not set TLS properties directly on individual brokers using the Apache Kafka admin API, for example `kafka-configs.sh --alter --entity-type brokers --add-config ssl.enabled.protocols=...`. Amazon MSK rejects raw `ssl.*` keys in a configuration

revision, but the Kafka admin API does not, and a per-broker setting takes precedence over the configuration that Amazon MSK applies. Instead, select a named security policy using the steps in this topic, and let Amazon MSK apply it across your cluster.
If a protocol that you set directly has no cipher suite in common with your security policy, the broker can fail to start, or can lose replication with other brokers. For example, pinning `ssl.enabled.protocols=TLSv1.2` on a broker running `MSK-TLSv1.3-Only-2026` leaves no usable cipher suite. The broker reads this setting only when it starts, so the failure appears at the next restart. That restart might be an Amazon MSK operation such as patching, long after you made the change. If every broker is affected, the cluster becomes unavailable. Recovery then requires AWS Support, because removing a per-broker setting requires a reachable broker.

Get started with Amazon MSK encryption

When creating an MSK cluster, you can specify encryption settings in JSON format. The following is an example.

```
{
   "EncryptionAtRest": {
       "DataVolumeKMSKeyId": "arn:aws:kms:us-east-1:123456789012:key/abcdabcd-1234-
abcd-1234-abcd123e8e8e"
    },
   "EncryptionInTransit": {
        "InCluster": true,
        "ClientBroker": "TLS"
    }
}
```

For `DataVolumeKMSKeyId`, you can specify a customer managed key or the AWS managed key for MSK in your account (`alias/aws/kafka`). If you don't specify `EncryptionAtRest`, Amazon MSK still encrypts your data at rest under the AWS managed key. To determine which key your cluster is using, send a `GET` request or invoke the `DescribeCluster` API operation.

For `EncryptionInTransit`, the default value of `InCluster` is true, but you can set it to false if you don't want Amazon MSK to encrypt your data as it passes between brokers.

To specify the encryption mode for data in transit between clients and brokers, set `ClientBroker` to one of three values: `TLS`, `TLS_PLAINTEXT`, or `PLAINTEXT`.

Topics

- Specify encryption settings when creating a Amazon MSK cluster
- Test Amazon MSK TLS encryption

Specify encryption settings when creating a Amazon MSK cluster

This process describes how to specify encryption settings when creating a Amazon MSK cluster.

Specify encryption settings when creating a cluster

1. Save the contents of the previous example in a file and give the file any name that you want. For example, call it `encryption-settings.json`.
2. Run the `create-cluster` command and use the `encryption-info` option to point to the file where you saved your configuration JSON. The following is an example. Replace *{YOUR MSK VERSION}* with a version that matches the Apache Kafka client version. For information on how to find your MSK cluster version, see Determining your MSK cluster version. Be aware that using an Apache Kafka client version that is not the same as your MSK cluster version may lead to Apache Kafka data corruption, loss and down time.

   ```
   aws kafka create-cluster --cluster-name "ExampleClusterName" --broker-node-group-
   info file://brokernodegroupinfo.json --encryption-info file://encryptioninfo.json
    --kafka-version "{YOUR MSK VERSION}" --number-of-broker-nodes 3
   ```

   The following is an example of a successful response after running this command.

   ```
   {
       "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/SecondTLSTest/
   abcdabcd-1234-abcd-1234-abcd123e8e8e",
       "ClusterName": "ExampleClusterName",
       "State": "CREATING"
   }
   ```

Test Amazon MSK TLS encryption

This process describes how to test TLS encryption on Amazon MSK.

To test TLS encryption

1. Create a client machine following the guidance in the section called "Create a client machine".
2. Install Apache Kafka on the client machine.
3. In this example we use the JVM truststore to talk to the MSK cluster. To do this, first create a folder named `/tmp` on the client machine. Then, go to the `bin` folder of the Apache Kafka installation, and run the following command. (Your JVM path might be different.)

   ```
   cp /usr/lib/jvm/java-1.8.0-openjdk-1.8.0.201.b09-0.amzn2.x86_64/jre/lib/security/
   cacerts /tmp/kafka.client.truststore.jks
   ```

4. While still in the `bin` folder of the Apache Kafka installation on the client machine, create a text file named `client.properties` with the following contents.

   ```
   security.protocol=SSL
   ssl.truststore.location=/tmp/kafka.client.truststore.jks
   ```

5. Run the following command on a machine that has the AWS CLI installed, replacing *`clusterARN`* with the ARN of your cluster.

   ```
   aws kafka get-bootstrap-brokers --cluster-arn clusterARN
   ```

   A successful result looks like the following. Save this result because you need it for the next step.

   ```
   {
       "BootstrapBrokerStringTls": "a-1.example.g7oein.c2.kafka.us-
   east-1.amazonaws.com:0123,a-3.example.g7oein.c2.kafka.us-
   east-1.amazonaws.com:0123,a-2.example.g7oein.c2.kafka.us-east-1.amazonaws.com:0123"
   }
   ```

6. Run the following command, replacing *`BootstrapBrokerStringTls`* with one of the broker endpoints that you obtained in the previous step.

   ```
   <path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-producer.sh --broker-
   list BootstrapBrokerStringTls --producer.config client.properties --topic
    TLSTestTopic
   ```

7. Open a new command window and connect to the same client machine. Then, run the following command to create a console consumer.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-consumer.sh --bootstrap-
server BootstrapBrokerStringTls --consumer.config client.properties --topic
 TLSTestTopic
```

8. In the producer window, type a text message followed by a return, and look for the same message in the consumer window. Amazon MSK encrypted this message in transit.

For more information about configuring Apache Kafka clients to work with encrypted data, see Configuring Kafka Clients.

Use Amazon MSK APIs with Interface VPC Endpoints

You can use an Interface VPC Endpoint, powered by AWS PrivateLink, to prevent traffic between your Amazon VPC and Amazon MSK APIs from leaving the Amazon network. Interface VPC Endpoints don't require an internet gateway, NAT device, VPN connection, or AWS Direct Connect connection. AWS PrivateLink is an AWS technology that enables private communication between AWS services using an elastic network interface with private IPs in your Amazon VPC. For more information, see Amazon Virtual Private Cloud and Interface VPC Endpoints (AWS PrivateLink).

Your applications can connect with Amazon MSK Provisioned and MSK Connect APIs using AWS PrivateLink. To get started, create an Interface VPC Endpoint for your Amazon MSK API to start traffic flowing from and to your Amazon VPC resources through the Interface VPC Endpoint. FIPS-enabled Interface VPC endpoints are available for US Commercial and Canada Regions. For more information, see Create an Interface Endpoint.

Using this feature, your Apache Kafka clients can dynamically fetch the connection strings to connect with MSK Provisioned or MSK Connect resources without traversing the internet to retrieve the connection strings.

When creating an Interface VPC Endpoint, choose one of the following service name endpoints:

For MSK Provisioned:

- The following service name endpoints are no longer supported for new connections:
  - com.amazonaws.region.kafka
  - com.amazonaws.region.kafka-fips (FIPS-enabled)
- Dualstack endpoint service supporting both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic are:
  - aws.api.region.kafka-api

- aws.api.region.kafka-api-fips (FIPS-enabled)

To set up the dualstack endpoints you must follow Dual-stack and FIPS endpoints guidelines.

Where region is your region name. Choose this service name to work with MSK Provisioned-compatible APIs. For more information, see Operations in the *https://docs.aws.amazon.com/msk/1.0/apireference/*.

For MSK Connect:

- com.amazonaws.region.kafkaconnect
- com.amazonaws.region.kafkaconnect-fips (FIPS-enabled)

Where region is your region name. Choose this service name to work with MSK Connect-compatible APIs. For more information, see Actions in the *Amazon MSK Connect API Reference*.

For more information, including step-by-step instructions to create an interface VPC endpoint, see Creating an interface endpoint in the *AWS PrivateLink Guide*.

Control access to VPC endpoints for Amazon MSK Provisioned or MSK Connect APIs

VPC endpoint policies let you control access by either attaching a policy to a VPC endpoint or by using additional fields in a policy that is attached to an IAM user, group, or role to restrict access to occur only through the specified VPC endpoint. Use the appropriate example policy to define access permissions for either MSK Provisioned or MSK Connect service.

If you don't attach a policy when you create an endpoint, Amazon VPC attaches a default policy for you that allows full access to the service. An endpoint policy doesn't override or replace IAM identity-based policies or service-specific policies. It's a separate policy for controlling access from the endpoint to the specified service.

For more information, see Controlling Access to Services with VPC Endpoints in the *AWS PrivateLink Guide*.

MSK Provisioned — VPC policy example

Read-only access

This sample policy can be attached to a VPC endpoint. (For more information, see Controlling Access to Amazon VPC Resources). It restricts actions to only listing and describing operations through the VPC endpoint to which it is attached.

```
{
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "MSKReadOnly",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": [
        "kafka:List*",
        "kafka:Describe*"
      ],
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

MSK Provisioned — VPC endpoint policy example

Restrict access to a specific MSK cluster

This sample policy can be attached to a VPC endpoint. It restricts access to a specific Kafka cluster through the VPC endpoint to which it is attached.

```
{
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "AccessToSpecificCluster",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "kafka:*",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/MyCluster"
    }
  ]
}
```

MSK Connect — VPC endpoint policy example

List connectors and create a new connector

The following is an example of an endpoint policy for MSK Connect. This policy allows the specified role to list connectors and create a new connector.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "MSKConnectPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafkaconnect:ListConnectors",
                "kafkaconnect:CreateConnector"
            ],
            "Resource": "*",
            "Principal": {
                "AWS": [
                    "arn:aws:iam::111122223333:role/MyMSKConnectExecutionRole"
                ]
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

MSK Connect — VPC endpoint policy example

Allows only requests from a specific IP address in the specified VPC

The following example shows a policy that only allows requests coming from a specified IP address in the specified VPC to succeed. Requests from other IP addresses will fail.

```
{
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Action": "kafkaconnect:*",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Principal": "*",
            "Resource": "*",
            "Condition": {
                "IpAddress": {
                    "aws:VpcSourceIp": "192.0.2.123"
                },
        "StringEquals": {
                    "aws:SourceVpc": "vpc-555555555555"
```

```
                }
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

Authentication and authorization for Amazon MSK APIs

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) is an AWS service that helps an administrator securely control access to AWS resources. IAM administrators control who can be *authenticated* (signed in) and *authorized* (have permissions) to use Amazon MSK resources. IAM is an AWS service that you can use with no additional charge.

Topics

- How Amazon MSK works with IAM
- Amazon MSK identity-based policy examples
- Service-linked roles for Amazon MSK
- AWS managed policies for Amazon MSK
- Troubleshoot Amazon MSK identity and access

How Amazon MSK works with IAM

Before you use IAM to manage access to Amazon MSK, you should understand what IAM features are available to use with Amazon MSK. To get a high-level view of how Amazon MSK and other AWS services work with IAM, see AWS Services That Work with IAM in the *IAM User Guide*.

Topics

- Amazon MSK identity-based policies
- Amazon MSK resource-based policies
- Authorization based on Amazon MSK tags
- Amazon MSK IAM roles

Amazon MSK identity-based policies

With IAM identity-based policies, you can specify allowed or denied actions and resources as well as the conditions under which actions are allowed or denied. Amazon MSK supports specific

actions, resources, and condition keys. To learn about all of the elements that you use in a JSON policy, see IAM JSON Policy Elements Reference in the *IAM User Guide*.

Actions for Amazon MSK identity-based policies

Administrators can use AWS JSON policies to specify who has access to what. That is, which **principal** can perform **actions** on what **resources**, and under what **conditions**.

The `Action` element of a JSON policy describes the actions that you can use to allow or deny access in a policy. Include actions in a policy to grant permissions to perform the associated operation.

Policy actions in Amazon MSK use the following prefix before the action: `kafka:`. For example, to grant someone permission to describe an MSK cluster with the Amazon MSK `DescribeCluster` API operation, you include the `kafka:DescribeCluster` action in their policy. Policy statements must include either an `Action` or `NotAction` element. Amazon MSK defines its own set of actions that describe tasks that you can perform with this service.

Please note, policy actions for MSK topic APIs use the `kafka-cluster` prefix before the action, refer to the Semantics of IAM authorization policy actions and resources.

To specify multiple actions in a single statement, separate them with commas as follows:

```
"Action": ["kafka:action1", "kafka:action2"]
```

You can specify multiple actions using wildcards (*). For example, to specify all actions that begin with the word `Describe`, include the following action:

```
"Action": "kafka:Describe*"
```

To see a list of Amazon MSK actions, see Actions, resources, and condition keys for Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka in the *IAM User Guide*.

Resources for Amazon MSK identity-based policies

Administrators can use AWS JSON policies to specify who has access to what. That is, which **principal** can perform **actions** on what **resources**, and under what **conditions**.

The `Resource` JSON policy element specifies the object or objects to which the action applies. As a best practice, specify a resource using its Amazon Resource Name (ARN). For actions that don't

support resource-level permissions, use a wildcard (*) to indicate that the statement applies to all resources.

```
"Resource": "*"
```

The Amazon MSK instance resource has the following ARN:

```
arn:${Partition}:kafka:${Region}:${Account}:cluster/${ClusterName}/${UUID}
```

For more information about the format of ARNs, see Amazon Resource Names (ARNs) and AWS Service Namespaces.

For example, to specify the `CustomerMessages` instance in your statement, use the following ARN:

```
"Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/CustomerMessages/abcd1234-abcd-dcba-4321-a1b2abcd9f9f-2"
```

To specify all instances that belong to a specific account, use the wildcard (*):

```
"Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/*"
```

Some Amazon MSK actions, such as those for creating resources, cannot be performed on a specific resource. In those cases, you must use the wildcard (*).

```
"Resource": "*"
```

Important

When you create a cluster with a custom configuration (the `ConfigurationInfo` parameter), Amazon MSK evaluates `kafka:CreateCluster` and `kafka:CreateClusterV2` against both the cluster resource and the configuration resource. A policy that grants these actions on a cluster ARN alone returns an `AccessDeniedException` that names the configuration ARN.

To avoid this, grant the cluster creation actions in a separate statement that uses the wildcard (*):

```
{
    "Sid": "AllowClusterCreation",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "kafka:CreateCluster",
        "kafka:CreateClusterV2"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
}
```

Alternatively, grant `kafka:CreateCluster` and `kafka:CreateClusterV2` on the configuration resource in addition to the cluster resource. Other Amazon MSK actions, such as `kafka:DescribeCluster` and `kafka:DeleteCluster`, can still be scoped to specific cluster ARNs.

To specify multiple resources in a single statement, separate the ARNs with commas.

```
"Resource": ["resource1", "resource2"]
```

To see a list of Amazon MSK resource types and their ARNs, see Resources Defined by Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka in the *IAM User Guide*. To learn with which actions you can specify the ARN of each resource, see Actions Defined by Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka.

Condition keys for Amazon MSK identity-based policies

Administrators can use AWS JSON policies to specify who has access to what. That is, which **principal** can perform **actions** on what **resources**, and under what **conditions**.

The `Condition` element specifies when statements execute based on defined criteria. You can create conditional expressions that use condition operators, such as equals or less than, to match the condition in the policy with values in the request. To see all AWS global condition keys, see AWS global condition context keys in the *IAM User Guide*.

Amazon MSK defines its own set of condition keys and also supports using some global condition keys. To see all AWS global condition keys, see AWS Global Condition Context Keys in the *IAM User Guide*.

To see a list of Amazon MSK condition keys, see Condition Keys for Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka in the *IAM User Guide*. To learn with which actions and resources you can use a condition key, see Actions Defined by Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka.

Examples for Amazon MSK identity-based policies

To view examples of Amazon MSK identity-based policies, see Amazon MSK identity-based policy examples.

Amazon MSK resource-based policies

Amazon MSK supports a cluster policy (also known as a resource-based policy) for use with Amazon MSK clusters. You can use a cluster policy to define which IAM principals have cross-account permissions to set up private connectivity to your Amazon MSK cluster. When used with IAM client authentication, you can also use the cluster policy to granularly define Kafka data plane permissions for the connecting clients.

The maximum size supported for a cluster policy is 20 KB.

To view an example of how to configure a cluster policy, refer to Step 2: Attach a cluster policy to the MSK cluster.

Authorization based on Amazon MSK tags

You can attach tags to Amazon MSK clusters. To control access based on tags, you provide tag information in the condition element of a policy using the `kafka:ResourceTag/`*`key-name`*, `aws:RequestTag/`*`key-name`*, or `aws:TagKeys` condition keys. For information about tagging Amazon MSK resources, see the section called “Tag a cluster”.

You can only control cluster access with the help of tags. To tag topics and consumer groups, you need to add a separate statement in your policies without tags.

To view example of an identity-based policy for limiting access to a cluster based on the tags on that cluster, see Accessing Amazon MSK clusters based on tags.

You can use conditions in your identity-based policy to control access to Amazon MSK resources based on tags. The following example shows a policy that allows a user to describe the cluster, get its bootstrap brokers, list its broker nodes, update it, and delete it. However, this policy grants permission only if the cluster tag `Owner` has the value of that user's `username`. The second statement in the following policy allows access to the topics on the cluster. The first statement in this policy doesn't authorize any topic access.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "AccessClusterIfOwner",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "kafka:Describe*",
        "kafka:Get*",
        "kafka:List*",
        "kafka:Update*",
        "kafka:Delete*"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:ResourceTag/Owner": "${aws:username}"
        }
      }
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "kafka-cluster:*Topic*",
        "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
        "kafka-cluster:ReadData"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/*"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Amazon MSK IAM roles

An IAM role is an entity within your Amazon Web Services account that has specific permissions.

Using temporary credentials with Amazon MSK

You can use temporary credentials to sign in with federation, assume an IAM role, or to assume a cross-account role. You obtain temporary security credentials by calling AWS STS API operations such as AssumeRole or GetFederationToken.

Amazon MSK supports using temporary credentials.

Service-linked roles

Service-linked roles allow Amazon Web Services to access resources in other services to complete an action on your behalf. Service-linked roles appear in your IAM account and are owned by the service. An administrator can view but not edit the permissions for service-linked roles.

Amazon MSK supports service-linked roles. For details about creating or managing Amazon MSK service-linked roles, the section called “Service-linked roles”.

Amazon MSK identity-based policy examples

By default, IAM users and roles don't have permission to execute Amazon MSK API actions. An administrator must create IAM policies that grant users and roles permission to perform specific API operations on the specified resources they need. The administrator must then attach those policies to the IAM users or groups that require those permissions.

To learn how to create an IAM identity-based policy using these example JSON policy documents, see Creating Policies on the JSON Tab in the *IAM User Guide*.

Topics

- Policy best practices
- Allow users to view their own permissions
- Accessing one Amazon MSK cluster
- Accessing Amazon MSK clusters based on tags

Policy best practices

Identity-based policies determine whether someone can create, access, or delete Amazon MSK resources in your account. These actions can incur costs for your AWS account. When you create or edit identity-based policies, follow these guidelines and recommendations:

- **Get started with AWS managed policies and move toward least-privilege permissions** – To get started granting permissions to your users and workloads, use the *AWS managed policies* that grant permissions for many common use cases. They are available in your AWS account. We recommend that you reduce permissions further by defining AWS customer managed policies that are specific to your use cases. For more information, see AWS managed policies or AWS managed policies for job functions in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Apply least-privilege permissions** – When you set permissions with IAM policies, grant only the permissions required to perform a task. You do this by defining the actions that can be taken on specific resources under specific conditions, also known as *least-privilege permissions*. For more information about using IAM to apply permissions, see Policies and permissions in IAM in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Use conditions in IAM policies to further restrict access** – You can add a condition to your policies to limit access to actions and resources. For example, you can write a policy condition to specify that all requests must be sent using SSL. You can also use conditions to grant access to service actions if they are used through a specific AWS service, such as CloudFormation. For more information, see IAM JSON policy elements: Condition in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Use IAM Access Analyzer to validate your IAM policies to ensure secure and functional permissions** – IAM Access Analyzer validates new and existing policies so that the policies adhere to the IAM policy language (JSON) and IAM best practices. IAM Access Analyzer provides more than 100 policy checks and actionable recommendations to help you author secure and functional policies. For more information, see Validate policies with IAM Access Analyzer in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Require multi-factor authentication (MFA)** – If you have a scenario that requires IAM users or a root user in your AWS account, turn on MFA for additional security. To require MFA when API operations are called, add MFA conditions to your policies. For more information, see Secure API access with MFA in the *IAM User Guide*.

For more information about best practices in IAM, see Security best practices in IAM in the *IAM User Guide*.

Allow users to view their own permissions

This example shows how you might create a policy that allows IAM users to view the inline and managed policies that are attached to their user identity. This policy includes permissions to complete this action on the console or programmatically using the AWS CLI or AWS API.

```
{
```

```
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "ViewOwnUserInfo",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "iam:GetUserPolicy",
                "iam:ListGroupsForUser",
                "iam:ListAttachedUserPolicies",
                "iam:ListUserPolicies",
                "iam:GetUser"
            ],
            "Resource": ["arn:aws:iam::*:user/${aws:username}"]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "NavigateInConsole",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "iam:GetGroupPolicy",
                "iam:GetPolicyVersion",
                "iam:GetPolicy",
                "iam:ListAttachedGroupPolicies",
                "iam:ListGroupPolicies",
                "iam:ListPolicyVersions",
                "iam:ListPolicies",
                "iam:ListUsers"
            ],
            "Resource": "*"
        }
    ]
}
```

Accessing one Amazon MSK cluster

In this example, you want to grant an IAM user in your Amazon Web Services account access to one of your clusters, `purchaseQueriesCluster`. This policy allows the user to describe the cluster, get its bootstrap brokers, list its broker nodes, and update it.

JSON

```
{
   "Version":"2012-10-17",
```

```
   "Statement":[
      {
         "Sid":"UpdateCluster",
         "Effect":"Allow",
         "Action":[
            "kafka:Describe*",
            "kafka:Get*",
            "kafka:List*",
            "kafka:Update*"
         ],
         "Resource":"arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/
purchaseQueriesCluster/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2"
      }
   ]
}
```

Accessing Amazon MSK clusters based on tags

You can use conditions in your identity-based policy to control access to Amazon MSK resources based on tags. This example shows how you might create a policy that allows the user to describe the cluster, get its bootstrap brokers, list its broker nodes, update it, and delete it. However, permission is granted only if the cluster tag `Owner` has the value of that user's user name.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "AccessClusterIfOwner",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "kafka:Describe*",
        "kafka:Get*",
        "kafka:List*",
        "kafka:Update*",
        "kafka:Delete*"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
```

```
          "aws:ResourceTag/Owner": "${aws:username}"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

You can attach this policy to the IAM users in your account. If a user named `richard-roe` attempts to update an MSK cluster, the cluster must be tagged `Owner=richard-roe` or `owner=richard-roe`. Otherwise, he is denied access. The condition tag key `Owner` matches both `Owner` and `owner` because condition key names are not case-sensitive. For more information, see IAM JSON Policy Elements: Condition in the *IAM User Guide*.

Service-linked roles for Amazon MSK

Amazon MSK uses AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) service-linked roles. A service-linked role is a unique type of IAM role that is linked directly to Amazon MSK. Service-linked roles are predefined by Amazon MSK and include all the permissions that the service requires to call other AWS services on your behalf.

A service-linked role makes setting up Amazon MSK easier because you do not have to manually add the necessary permissions. Amazon MSK defines the permissions of its service-linked roles. Unless defined otherwise, only Amazon MSK can assume its roles. The defined permissions include the trust policy and the permissions policy, and that permissions policy cannot be attached to any other IAM entity.

For information about other services that support service-linked roles, see Amazon Web Services That Work with IAM, and look for the services that have **Yes** in the **Service-Linked Role** column. Choose a **Yes** with a link to view the service-linked role documentation for that service.

Topics

- Service-linked role permissions for Amazon MSK
- Create a service-linked role for Amazon MSK
- Edit a service-linked role for Amazon MSK
- Supported Regions for Amazon MSK service-linked roles

Service-linked role permissions for Amazon MSK

Amazon MSK uses the service-linked role named **AWSServiceRoleForKafka**. Amazon MSK uses this role to access your resources and perform operations such as:

- `*NetworkInterface` – create and manage network interfaces in the customer account that make cluster brokers accessible to clients in the customer VPC.
- `*VpcEndpoints` – manage VPC endpoints in the customer account that make cluster brokers accessible to clients in the customer VPC using AWS PrivateLink. Amazon MSK uses permissions to `DescribeVpcEndpoints`, `ModifyVpcEndpoint` and `DeleteVpcEndpoints`.
- `secretsmanager` – manage client credentials with AWS Secrets Manager.
- `GetCertificateAuthorityCertificate` – retrieve the certificate for your private certificate authority.
- `*Ipv6Addresses` – assign and unassign IPv6 addresses to network interfaces in customer account to enable IPv6 connectivity for MSK clusters.
- `ModifyNetworkInterfaceAttribute` – modify network interface attributes in customer account to configure IPv6 settings for MSK cluster connectivity.

This service-linked role is attached to the following managed policy: `KafkaServiceRolePolicy`. For updates to this policy, see KafkaServiceRolePolicy.

The AWSServiceRoleForKafka service-linked role trusts the following services to assume the role:

- `kafka.amazonaws.com`

The role permissions policy allows Amazon MSK to complete the following actions on resources.

You must configure permissions to allow an IAM entity (such as a user, group, or role) to create, edit, or delete a service-linked role. For more information, see Service-Linked Role Permissions in the *IAM User Guide*.

Create a service-linked role for Amazon MSK

You don't need to create a service-linked role manually. When you create an Amazon MSK cluster in the AWS Management Console, the AWS CLI, or the AWS API, Amazon MSK creates the service-linked role for you.

If you delete this service-linked role, and then need to create it again, you can use the same process to recreate the role in your account. When you create an Amazon MSK cluster, Amazon MSK creates the service-linked role for you again.

Edit a service-linked role for Amazon MSK

Amazon MSK does not allow you to edit the AWSServiceRoleForKafka service-linked role. After you create a service-linked role, you cannot change the name of the role because various entities might reference the role. However, you can edit the description of the role using IAM. For more information, see Editing a Service-Linked Role in the *IAM User Guide*.

Supported Regions for Amazon MSK service-linked roles

Amazon MSK supports using service-linked roles in all of the Regions where the service is available. For more information, see AWS Regions and Endpoints.

AWS managed policies for Amazon MSK

An AWS managed policy is a standalone policy that is created and administered by AWS. AWS managed policies are designed to provide permissions for many common use cases so that you can start assigning permissions to users, groups, and roles.

Keep in mind that AWS managed policies might not grant least-privilege permissions for your specific use cases because they're available for all AWS customers to use. We recommend that you reduce permissions further by defining customer managed policies that are specific to your use cases.

You cannot change the permissions defined in AWS managed policies. If AWS updates the permissions defined in an AWS managed policy, the update affects all principal identities (users, groups, and roles) that the policy is attached to. AWS is most likely to update an AWS managed policy when a new AWS service is launched or new API operations become available for existing services.

For more information, see AWS managed policies in the *IAM User Guide*.

AWS managed policy: AmazonMSKFullAccess

This policy grants administrative permissions that allow a principal full access to all Amazon MSK actions. The permissions in this policy are grouped as follows:

- The Amazon MSK permissions allow all Amazon MSK actions.

- **Amazon EC2 permissions** – in this policy are required to validate the passed resources in an API request. This is to make sure Amazon MSK is able to successfully use the resources with a cluster. The rest of the Amazon EC2 permissions in this policy allow Amazon MSK to create AWS resources that are needed to make it possible for you to connect to your clusters.
- **AWS KMS permissions** – are used during API calls to validate the passed resources in a request. They are required for Amazon MSK to be able to use the passed key with the Amazon MSK cluster.
- **CloudWatch Logs, Amazon S3, and Amazon Data Firehose permissions** – are required for Amazon MSK to be able to ensure that the log delivery destinations are reachable, and that they are valid for broker log use.
- **IAM permissions** – are required for Amazon MSK to be able to a create service-linked role in your account and to allow you to pass a service execution role to Amazon MSK.

JSON

```
{
 "Version":"2012-10-17",
 "Statement": [{
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": [
    "kafka:*",
    "ec2:DescribeSubnets",
    "ec2:DescribeVpcs",
    "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups",
    "ec2:DescribeRouteTables",
    "ec2:DescribeVpcEndpoints",
    "ec2:DescribeVpcAttribute",
    "kms:DescribeKey",
    "kms:CreateGrant",
    "logs:CreateLogDelivery",
    "logs:GetLogDelivery",
    "logs:UpdateLogDelivery",
    "logs:DeleteLogDelivery",
    "logs:ListLogDeliveries",
    "logs:PutResourcePolicy",
    "logs:DescribeResourcePolicies",
    "logs:DescribeLogGroups",
    "S3:GetBucketPolicy",
    "firehose:TagDeliveryStream"
```

```
        ],
        "Resource": "*"
       },
       {
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
         "ec2:CreateVpcEndpoint"
        ],
        "Resource": [
         "arn:*:ec2:*:*:vpc/*",
         "arn:*:ec2:*:*:subnet/*",
         "arn:*:ec2:*:*:security-group/*"
        ]
       },
       {
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
         "ec2:CreateVpcEndpoint"
        ],
        "Resource": [
         "arn:*:ec2:*:*:vpc-endpoint/*"
        ],
        "Condition": {
         "StringEquals": {
          "aws:RequestTag/AWSMSKManaged": "true"
         },
         "StringLike": {
          "aws:RequestTag/ClusterArn": "*"
         }
        }
       },
       {
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
         "ec2:CreateTags"
        ],
        "Resource": "arn:*:ec2:*:*:vpc-endpoint/*",
        "Condition": {
         "StringEquals": {
          "ec2:CreateAction": "CreateVpcEndpoint"
         }
        }
       },
       {
```

```
       "Effect": "Allow",
       "Action": [
        "ec2:DeleteVpcEndpoints"
       ],
       "Resource": "arn:*:ec2:*:*:vpc-endpoint/*",
       "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
         "ec2:ResourceTag/AWSMSKManaged": "true"
        },
        "StringLike": {
         "ec2:ResourceTag/ClusterArn": "*"
        }
       }
      },
      {
       "Effect": "Allow",
       "Action": "iam:PassRole",
       "Resource": "*",
       "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
         "iam:PassedToService": "kafka.amazonaws.com"
        }
       }
      },
      {
       "Effect": "Allow",
       "Action": "iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole",
       "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::*:role/aws-service-role/kafka.amazonaws.com/
AWSServiceRoleForKafka*",
       "Condition": {
        "StringLike": {
         "iam:AWSServiceName": "kafka.amazonaws.com"
        }
       }
      },
      {
       "Effect": "Allow",
       "Action": [
        "iam:AttachRolePolicy",
        "iam:PutRolePolicy"
       ],
       "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::*:role/aws-service-role/kafka.amazonaws.com/
AWSServiceRoleForKafka*"
      },
```

```
      {
       "Effect": "Allow",
       "Action": "iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole",
       "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::*:role/aws-service-role/
delivery.logs.amazonaws.com/AWSServiceRoleForLogDelivery*",
       "Condition": {
        "StringLike": {
         "iam:AWSServiceName": "delivery.logs.amazonaws.com"
        }
       }
      }

     ]
    }
```

AWS managed policy: AmazonMSKReadOnlyAccess

This policy grants read-only permissions that allow users to view information in Amazon MSK. Principals with this policy attached can't make any updates or delete exiting resources, nor can they create new Amazon MSK resources. For example, principals with these permissions can view the list of clusters and configurations associated with their account, but cannot change the configuration or settings of any clusters. The permissions in this policy are grouped as follows:

- **Amazon MSK permissions** – allow you to list Amazon MSK resources, describe them, and get information about them.
- **Amazon EC2 permissions** – are used to describe the Amazon VPC, subnets, security groups, and ENIs that are associated with a cluster.
- **AWS KMS permission** – is used to describe the key that is associated with the cluster.

JSON

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Action": [
                "kafka:Describe*",
                "kafka:List*",
                "kafka:Get*",
```

```
                "ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaces",
                "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups",
                "ec2:DescribeSubnets",
                "ec2:DescribeVpcs",
                "kms:DescribeKey"
            ],
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Resource": "*"
        }
    ]
}
```

AWS managed policy: KafkaServiceRolePolicy

You can't attach KafkaServiceRolePolicy to your IAM entities. This policy is attached to a service-linked role that allows Amazon MSK to perform actions such as managing VPC endpoints (connectors) on MSK clusters, managing network interfaces, and managing cluster credentials with AWS Secrets Manager. For more information, see the section called “Service-linked roles”.

The following table describes updates to the KafkaServiceRolePolicy managed policy since Amazon MSK started tracking changes.

Change	Description	Date
IPv6 connectivity support added to KafkaServiceRolePolicy – Update to an existing policy	Amazon MSK added permissions to KafkaServiceRolePolicy to enable IPv6 connectivity for MSK clusters. These permissions allow Amazon MSK to assign and unassign IPv6 addresses to network interfaces and modify network interface attributes in customer account.	November 17, 2025
KafkaServiceRolePolicy – Update to an existing policy	Amazon MSK added permissions to support multi-VPC private connectivity.	March 8, 2023

Change	Description	Date
Amazon MSK started tracking changes	Amazon MSK started tracking changes for KafkaServ iceRolePolicy managed policy.	March 8, 2023

AWS managed policy: AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole

The `AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole` policy grants permissions to the Amazon MSK replicator to replicate data between MSK clusters. The permissions in this policy are grouped as follows:

- **`cluster`** – Grants the Amazon MSK Replicator permissions to connect to the cluster using IAM authentication. Also grants permissions to describe and alter the cluster.
- **`topic`** – Grants the Amazon MSK Replicator permissions to describe, create, and alter a topic, and to alter the topic's dynamic configuration.
- **`consumer group`** – Grants the Amazon MSK Replicator permissions to describe and alter consumer groups, to read and write date from an MSK cluster, and to delete internal topics created by the replicator.

JSON

```
{
 "Version":"2012-10-17",
 "Statement": [
  {
   "Sid": "ClusterPermissions",
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": [
    "kafka-cluster:Connect",
    "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster",
    "kafka-cluster:AlterCluster",
    "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
    "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
    "kafka-cluster:AlterTopic",
    "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
    "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
    "kafka-cluster:AlterGroup",
    "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup",
```

```
    "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration",
    "kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration",
    "kafka-cluster:WriteDataIdempotently"
   ],
   "Resource": [
    "arn:aws:kafka:*:*:cluster/*"
   ]
  },
  {
   "Sid": "TopicPermissions",
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": [
    "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
    "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
    "kafka-cluster:AlterTopic",
    "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
    "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
    "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration",
    "kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration",
    "kafka-cluster:AlterCluster"
   ],
   "Resource": [
    "arn:aws:kafka:*:*:topic/*/*"
   ]
  },
  {
   "Sid": "GroupPermissions",
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": [
    "kafka-cluster:AlterGroup",
    "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup"
   ],
   "Resource": [
    "arn:aws:kafka:*:*:group/*/*"
   ]
  }
 ]
}
```

Amazon MSK updates to AWS managed policies

View details about updates to AWS managed policies for Amazon MSK since this service began tracking these changes.

Change	Description	Date
WriteDataIdempotently permission added to AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole – Update to an existing policy	Amazon MSK added WriteDataIdempotently permission to AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole policy to support data replication between MSK clusters.	March 12, 2024
AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole – New policy	Amazon MSK added AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole policy to support Amazon MSK Replicator.	December 4, 2023
AmazonMSKFullAccess – Update to an existing policy	Amazon MSK added permissions to support Amazon MSK Replicator.	September 28, 2023
KafkaServiceRolePolicy – Update to an existing policy	Amazon MSK added permissions to support multi-VPC private connectivity.	March 8, 2023
AmazonMSKFullAccess – Update to an existing policy	Amazon MSK added new Amazon EC2 permissions to make it possible to connect to a cluster.	November 30, 2021
AmazonMSKFullAccess – Update to an existing policy	Amazon MSK added a new permission to allow it to describe Amazon EC2 route tables.	November 19, 2021

Change	Description	Date
Amazon MSK started tracking changes	Amazon MSK started tracking changes for its AWS managed policies.	November 19, 2021

Troubleshoot Amazon MSK identity and access

Use the following information to help you diagnose and fix common issues that you might encounter when working with Amazon MSK and IAM.

Topics

- I Am not authorized to perform an action in Amazon MSK

I Am not authorized to perform an action in Amazon MSK

If the AWS Management Console tells you that you're not authorized to perform an action, then you must contact your administrator for assistance. Your administrator is the person that provided you with your sign-in credentials.

The following example error occurs when the `mateojackson` IAM user tries to use the console to delete a cluster but does not have `kafka:DeleteCluster` permissions.

```
User: arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/mateojackson is not authorized to perform:
 kafka:DeleteCluster on resource: purchaseQueriesCluster
```

In this case, Mateo asks his administrator to update his policies to allow him to access the `purchaseQueriesCluster` resource using the `kafka:DeleteCluster` action.

Authentication and authorization for Apache Kafka APIs

You can use IAM to authenticate clients and to allow or deny Apache Kafka actions. Alternatively, you can use TLS or SASL/SCRAM to authenticate clients, and Apache Kafka ACLs to allow or deny actions.

For information on how to control who can perform Amazon MSK operations on your cluster, see the section called “Authentication and authorization for Amazon MSK APIs”.

Topics

- IAM access control
- Mutual TLS client authentication for Amazon MSK
- Sign-in credentials authentication with AWS Secrets Manager
- Apache Kafka ACLs

IAM access control

IAM access control for Amazon MSK enables you to handle both authentication and authorization for your MSK cluster. This eliminates the need to use one mechanism for authentication and another for authorization. For example, when a client tries to write to your cluster, Amazon MSK uses IAM to check whether that client is an authenticated identity and also whether it is authorized to produce to your cluster.

IAM access control works for Java and non-Java clients, including Kafka clients written in Python, Go, JavaScript, and .NET. IAM access control for non-Java clients is available for MSK clusters with Kafka version 2.7.1 or above.

To make IAM access control possible, Amazon MSK makes minor modifications to Apache Kafka source code. These modifications won't cause a noticeable difference in your Apache Kafka experience. Amazon MSK logs access events so you can audit them.

You can invoke Apache Kafka ACL APIs for an MSK cluster that uses IAM access control. However, Apache Kafka ACLs have no effect on authorization for IAM identities. You must use IAM policies to control access for IAM identities.

Important considerations

When you use IAM access control with your MSK cluster, keep in mind the following important considerations:

- IAM access control doesn't apply to Apache ZooKeeper nodes. For information about how you can control access to those nodes, see Control access to Apache ZooKeeper nodes in your Amazon MSK cluster.
- The `allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found` Apache Kafka setting has no effect if your cluster uses IAM access control.

- You can invoke Apache Kafka ACL APIs for an MSK cluster that uses IAM access control. However, Apache Kafka ACLs have no effect on authorization for IAM identities. You must use IAM policies to control access for IAM identities.

How IAM access control for Amazon MSK works

To use IAM access control for Amazon MSK, perform the following steps, which are described in detail in these topics:

- Create a Amazon MSK cluster that uses IAM access control
- Configure clients for IAM access control
- Create authorization policies for the IAM role
- Get the bootstrap brokers for IAM access control

Create a Amazon MSK cluster that uses IAM access control

This section explains how you can use the AWS Management Console, the API, or the AWS CLI to create a Amazon MSK cluster that uses IAM access control. For information about how to turn on IAM access control for an existing cluster, see Update security settings of a Amazon MSK cluster.

Use the AWS Management Console to create a cluster that uses IAM access control

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. Choose **Create cluster**.
3. Choose **Create cluster with custom settings**.
4. In the **Authentication** section, choose **IAM access control**.
5. Complete the rest of the workflow for creating a cluster.

Use the API or the AWS CLI to create a cluster that uses IAM access control

- To create a cluster with IAM access control enabled, use the CreateCluster API or the create-cluster CLI command, and pass the following JSON for the `ClientAuthentication` parameter: `"ClientAuthentication": { "Sasl": { "Iam": { "Enabled": true } } }`.

Configure clients for IAM access control

To enable clients to communicate with an MSK cluster that uses IAM access control, you can use either of these mechanisms:

- Non-Java client configuration using SASL_OAUTHBEARER mechanism
- Java client configuration using SASL_OAUTHBEARER mechanism or AWS_MSK_IAM mechanism

Use the SASL_OAUTHBEARER mechanism to configure IAM

1. Edit your client.properties configuration file using the following Python Kafka client example. Configuration changes are similar in other languages.

```
from kafka import KafkaProducer
from kafka.errors import KafkaError
from kafka.sasl.oauth import AbstractTokenProvider
import socket
import time
from aws_msk_iam_sasl_signer import MSKAuthTokenProvider

class MSKTokenProvider():
    def token(self):
        token, _ = MSKAuthTokenProvider.generate_auth_token('<my AWS Region>')
        return token

tp = MSKTokenProvider()

producer = KafkaProducer(
    bootstrap_servers='<myBootstrapString>',
    security_protocol='SASL_SSL',
    sasl_mechanism='OAUTHBEARER',
    sasl_oauth_token_provider=tp,
    client_id=socket.gethostname(),
)

topic = "<my-topic>"
while True:
    try:
        inp=input(">")
        producer.send(topic, inp.encode())
        producer.flush()
        print("Produced!")
```

```
    except Exception:
        print("Failed to send message:", e)

producer.close()
```

2. Download the helper library for your chosen configuration language and follow the instructions in the *Getting started* section of that language library's homepage.

   - JavaScript: https://github.com/aws/aws-msk-iam-sasl-signer-js#getting-started
   - Python: https://github.com/aws/aws-msk-iam-sasl-signer-python#get-started
   - Go: https://github.com/aws/aws-msk-iam-sasl-signer-go#getting-started
   - .NET: https://github.com/aws/aws-msk-iam-sasl-signer-net#getting-started
   - JAVA: SASL_OAUTHBEARER support for Java is available through the `aws-msk-iam-auth` jar file

Use the MSK custom AWS_MSK_IAM mechanism to configure IAM

1. Add the following to the `client.properties` file. Replace *<PATH_TO_TRUST_STORE_FILE>* with the fully-qualified path to the trust store file on the client.

   > **Note**
   >
   > If you don't want to use a specific certificate, you can remove `ssl.truststore.location=`*<PATH_TO_TRUST_STORE_FILE>* from your `client.properties` file. When you don't specify a value for `ssl.truststore.location`, the Java process uses the default certificate.

   ```
   ssl.truststore.location=<PATH_TO_TRUST_STORE_FILE>
   security.protocol=SASL_SSL
   sasl.mechanism=AWS_MSK_IAM
   sasl.jaas.config=software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMLoginModule required;
   sasl.client.callback.handler.class=software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMClientCallbackHandler
   ```

   To use a named profile that you created for AWS credentials, include `awsProfileName="`*your profile name*`";` in your client configuration file. For information about named profiles, see Named profiles in the AWS CLI documentation.

2. Download the latest stable aws-msk-iam-auth JAR file, and place it in the class path. If you use Maven, add the following dependency, adjusting the version number as needed:

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>software.amazon.msk</groupId>
    <artifactId>aws-msk-iam-auth</artifactId>
    <version>1.0.0</version>
</dependency>
```

The Amazon MSK client plugin is open-sourced under the Apache 2.0 license.

Create authorization policies for the IAM role

Attach an authorization policy to the IAM role that corresponds to the client. In an authorization policy, you specify which actions to allow or deny for the role. If your client is on an Amazon EC2 instance, associate the authorization policy with the IAM role for that Amazon EC2 instance. Alternatively, you can configure your client to use a named profile, and then you associate the authorization policy with the role for that named profile. Configure clients for IAM access control describes how to configure a client to use a named profile.

For information about how to create an IAM policy, see Creating IAM policies.

The following is an example authorization policy for a cluster named MyTestCluster. To understand the semantics of the `Action` and `Resource` elements, see Semantics of IAM authorization policy actions and resources.

> **Important**
>
> Changes that you make to an IAM policy are reflected in the IAM APIs and the AWS CLI immediately. However, it can take noticeable time for the policy change to take effect. In most cases, policy changes take effect in less than a minute. Network conditions may sometimes increase the delay.

JSON

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
```

```
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:Connect",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterCluster",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:111122223333:cluster/MyTestCluster/
abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:*Topic*",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/MyTestCluster/*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:AlterGroup",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:group/MyTestCluster/*"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

To learn how to create a policy with action elements that correspond to common Apache Kafka use cases, like producing and consuming data, see Common use cases for client authorization policy.

For Kafka versions 2.8.0 and above, the **WriteDataIdempotently** permission is deprecated (KIP-679). By default,`enable.idempotence = true` is set. Therefore, for Kafka versions 2.8.0 and above, IAM doesn't offer the same functionality as Kafka ACLs. It isn't possible

to `WriteDataIdempotently` to a topic by only providing `WriteData` access to that topic. This doesn't affect the case when `WriteData` is provided to **ALL** topics. In that case, `WriteDataIdempotently` is allowed. This is due to differences in implementation of IAM logic and how the Kafka ACLs are implemented. Additonally, writing to a topic idempotently also requires access to `transactional-ids`.

To work around this, we recommend using a policy similar to the following policy.

JSON

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:Connect",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterCluster",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteDataIdempotently"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/MyTestCluster/
abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:*Topic*",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/MyTestCluster/
abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1/TestTopic",
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:transactional-id/
MyTestCluster/abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1/*"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

In this case, `WriteData` allows writes to `TestTopic`, while `WriteDataIdempotently` allows idempotent writes to the cluster. This policy also adds access to the `transactional-id` resources that will be needed.

Because `WriteDataIdempotently` is a cluster level permission, you can't use it at the topic level. If `WriteDataIdempotently` is restricted to the topic level, this policy won't work.

Get the bootstrap brokers for IAM access control

See Get the bootstrap brokers for an Amazon MSK cluster.

Semantics of IAM authorization policy actions and resources

> **Note**
>
> For clusters running Apache Kafka version 3.8 or later, IAM access control supports the WriteTxnMarkers API for terminating transactions. For clusters running Kafka versions earlier than 3.8, IAM access control doesn't support internal cluster actions including WriteTxnMarkers. For these earlier versions, to terminate transactions, use SCRAM or mTLS authentication with appropriate ACLs instead of IAM authentication.

This section explains the semantics of the action and resource elements that you can use in an IAM authorization policy. For an example policy, see Create authorization policies for the IAM role.

Authorization policy actions

The following table lists the actions that you can include in an authorization policy when you use IAM access control for Amazon MSK. When you include in your authorization policy an action from the *Action* column of the table, you must also include the corresponding actions from the *Required actions* column.

Action	Description	Required actions	Required resources	Applicable to serverless clusters
`kafka-cluster:Connect`	Grants permission to connect and authenticate to the cluster.	None	cluster	Yes

Action	Description	Required actions	Required resources	Applicable to serverless clusters
`kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster`	Grants permission to describe various aspects of the cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's DESCRIBE CLUSTER ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`	cluster	Yes
`kafka-cluster:AlterCluster`	Grants permission to alter various aspects of the cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's ALTER CLUSTER ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster`	cluster	No
`kafka-cluster:DescribeClusterDynamicConfiguration`	Grants permission to describe the dynamic configuration of a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's DESCRIBE_CONFIGS CLUSTER ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`	cluster	No

Action	Description	Required actions	Required resources	Applicable to serverless clusters

`kafka-cluster:AlterClusterDynamicConfiguration`	Grants permission to alter the dynamic configuration of a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's ALTER_CONFIGS CLUSTER ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
		
		`kafka-cluster:DescribeClusterDynamicConfiguration`
			cluster	No

`kafka-cluster:WriteDataIdempotently`	Grants permission to write data idempotently on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's IDEMPOTENT_WRITE CLUSTER ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
		
		`kafka-cluster:WriteData`
			cluster	Yes

`kafka-cluster:CreateTopic`	Grants permission to create topics on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's CREATE CLUSTER/TOPIC ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`	topic	Yes

Action	Description	Required actions	Required resources	Applicable to serverless clusters
`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`	Grants permission to describe topics on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's DESCRIBE TOPIC ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`	topic	Yes
`kafka-cluster:AlterTopic`	Grants permission to alter topics on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's ALTER TOPIC ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`	topic	Yes
`kafka-cluster:DeleteTopic`	Grants permission to delete topics on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's DELETE TOPIC ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`	topic	Yes

Action	Description	Required actions	Required resources	Applicable to serverless clusters
`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration`	Grants permission to describe the dynamic configuration of topics on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's DESCRIBE_CONFIGS TOPIC ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`	topic	Yes

`kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration`	Grants permission to alter the dynamic configuration of topics on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's ALTER_CONFIGS TOPIC ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
		
		`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration`
			topic	Yes

Action	Description	Required actions	Required resources	Applicable to serverless clusters

`kafka-cluster:ReadData`	Grants permission to read data from topics on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's READ TOPIC ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
		`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`
		`kafka-cluster:AlterGroup`
			topic	Yes

`kafka-cluster:WriteData`	Grants permission to write data to topics on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's WRITE TOPIC ACL	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`	topic	Yes
`kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup`	Grants permission to describe groups on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's DESCRIBE GROUP ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`	group	Yes

Action	Description	Required actions	Required resources	Applicable to serverless clusters
`kafka-cluster:AlterGroup`	Grants permission to join groups on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's READ GROUP ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup`	group	Yes
`kafka-cluster:DeleteGroup`	Grants permission to delete groups on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's DELETE GROUP ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup`	group	Yes
`kafka-cluster:DescribeGroupDynamicConfiguration`	Grants permission to describe the dynamic configuration of groups on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's DESCRIBE_CONFIGS GROUP ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`	group	No

Action	Description	Required actions	Required resources	Applicable to serverless clusters
`kafka-cluster:AlterGroupDynamicConfiguration`	Grants permission to alter the dynamic configuration of groups on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's ALTER_CONFIGS GROUP ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:DescribeGroupDynamicConfiguration`	group	No
`kafka-cluster:DescribeTransactionalId`	Grants permission to describe transactional IDs on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's DESCRIBE TRANSACTIONAL_ID ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`	transactional-id	Yes

`kafka-cluster:AlterTransactionalId`	Grants permission to alter transactional IDs on a cluster, equivalent to Apache Kafka's WRITE TRANSACTIONAL_ID ACL.	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
		`kafka-cluster:DescribeTransactionalId`
		`kafka-cluster:WriteData`
			transactional-id	Yes

You can use the asterisk (*) wildcard any number of times in an action after the colon. The following are examples.

- `kafka-cluster:*Topic` stands for `kafka-cluster:CreateTopic`, `kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`, `kafka-cluster:AlterTopic`, and `kafka-cluster:DeleteTopic`. It doesn't include `kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration` or `kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration`.
- `kafka-cluster:*` stands for all permissions.

Authorization policy resources

The following table shows the four types of resources that you can use in an authorization policy when you use IAM access control for Amazon MSK. You can get the cluster Amazon Resource Name (ARN) from the AWS Management Console or by using the DescribeCluster API or the describe-cluster AWS CLI command. You can then use the cluster ARN to construct topic, group, and transactional ID ARNs. To specify a resource in an authorization policy, use that resource's ARN.

Resource	ARN format
Cluster	arn:aws:kafka:*region*:*account-id* :cluster/*cluster-name* /*cluster-uuid*
Topic	arn:aws:kafka:*region*:*account-id* :topic/*cluster-name* /*cluster-uuid* /*topic-name*
Group	arn:aws:kafka:*region*:*account-id* :group/*cluster-name* /*cluster-uuid* /*group-name*
Transactional ID	arn:aws:kafka:*region*:*account-id* :transactional-id/*cluster-name* /*cluster-uuid* /*transactional-id*

You can use the asterisk (*) wildcard any number of times anywhere in the part of the ARN that comes after `:cluster/`, `:topic/`, `:group/`, and `:transactional-id/`. The following are some examples of how you can use the asterisk (*) wildcard to refer to multiple resources:

- `arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:0123456789012:topic/MyTestCluster/*`: all the topics in any cluster named MyTestCluster, regardless of the cluster's UUID.
- `arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:0123456789012:topic/MyTestCluster/abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1/*_test`: all topics whose name ends with "_test" in the cluster whose name is MyTestCluster and whose UUID is abcd1234-0123-abcd-5678-1234abcd-1.
- `arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:0123456789012:transactional-id/MyTestCluster/*/5555abcd-1111-abcd-1234-abcd1234-1`: all transactions whose transactional ID is 5555abcd-1111-abcd-1234-abcd1234-1, across all incarnations of a cluster named MyTestCluster in your account. This means that if you create a cluster named MyTestCluster, then delete it, and then create another cluster by the same name, you can use this resource ARN to represent the same transactions ID on both clusters. However, the deleted cluster isn't accessible.

Common use cases for client authorization policy

The first column in the following table shows some common use cases. To authorize a client to carry out a given use case, include the required actions for that use case in the client's authorization policy, and set `Effect` to `Allow`.

For information about all the actions that are part of IAM access control for Amazon MSK, see Semantics of IAM authorization policy actions and resources.

> **Note**
>
> Actions are denied by default. You must explicitly allow every action that you want to authorize the client to perform.

Use case	Required actions
Admin	`kafka-cluster:*`
Create a topic	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:CreateTopic`
Produce data	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`

Use case	Required actions
	kafka-cluster:WriteData
Consume data	kafka-cluster:Connect kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup kafka-cluster:AlterGroup kafka-cluster:ReadData
Produce data idempotently	kafka-cluster:Connect kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic kafka-cluster:WriteData kafka-cluster:WriteDataIdempotently
Produce data transactionally	kafka-cluster:Connect kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic kafka-cluster:WriteData kafka-cluster:DescribeTransactionalId kafka-cluster:AlterTransactionalId
Describe the configuration of a cluster	kafka-cluster:Connect kafka-cluster:DescribeClusterDynamicConfiguration

Use case	Required actions

Update the configuration of a cluster	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
	
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeClusterDynamicConfiguration`
	
	`kafka-cluster:AlterClusterDynamicConfiguration`

Describe the configuration of a topic	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
	
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration`

Update the configuration of a topic	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
	
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration`
	
	`kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration`

Alter a topic	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
	
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`
	
	`kafka-cluster:AlterTopic`

Mutual TLS client authentication for Amazon MSK

You can enable client authentication with TLS for connections from your applications to your Amazon MSK brokers. To use client authentication, you need an AWS Private CA. The AWS Private CA can be either in the same AWS account as your cluster, or in a different account. For information about AWS Private CAs, see Creating and Managing a AWS Private CA.

Amazon MSK doesn't support certificate revocation lists (CRLs). To control access to your cluster topics or block compromised certificates, use Apache Kafka ACLs and AWS security groups. For information about using Apache Kafka ACLs, see the section called “Apache Kafka ACLs”.

This topic contains the following sections:

- Create a Amazon MSK cluster that supports client authentication
- Set up a client to use authentication
- Produce and consume messages using authentication

Create a Amazon MSK cluster that supports client authentication

This procedure shows you how to enable client authentication using a AWS Private CA.

> **Note**
>
> We highly recommend using independent AWS Private CA for each MSK cluster when you use mutual TLS to control access. Doing so will ensure that TLS certificates signed by PCAs only authenticate with a single MSK cluster.

1. Create a file named `clientauthinfo.json` with the following contents. Replace *`Private-CA-ARN`* with the ARN of your PCA.

```
{
   "Tls": {
       "CertificateAuthorityArnList": ["Private-CA-ARN"]
    }
}
```

2. Create a file named `brokernodegroupinfo.json` as described in the section called "Create a provisioned Amazon MSK cluster using the AWS CLI".
3. Client authentication requires that you also enable encryption in transit between clients and brokers. Create a file named `encryptioninfo.json` with the following contents. Replace *`KMS-Key-ARN`* with the ARN of your KMS key. You can set `ClientBroker` to `TLS` or `TLS_PLAINTEXT`.

```
{
   "EncryptionAtRest": {
       "DataVolumeKMSKeyId": "KMS-Key-ARN"
    },
   "EncryptionInTransit": {
        "InCluster": true,
```

```
        "ClientBroker": "TLS"
    }
}
```

For more information about encryption, see the section called "Amazon MSK encryption".

4. On a machine where you have the AWS CLI installed, run the following command to create a cluster with authentication and in-transit encryption enabled. Save the cluster ARN provided in the response.

```
aws kafka create-cluster --cluster-name "AuthenticationTest" --broker-node-group-
info file://brokernodegroupinfo.json --encryption-info file://encryptioninfo.json
 --client-authentication file://clientauthinfo.json --kafka-version "{YOUR KAFKA
 VERSION}" --number-of-broker-nodes 3
```

Set up a client to use authentication

This process describes how to set up an Amazon EC2 instance to use as a client to use authentication.

This process describes how to produce and consume messages using authentication by creating a client machine, creating a topic, and configuring the required security settings.

1. Create an Amazon EC2 instance to use as a client machine. For simplicity, create this instance in the same VPC you used for the cluster. See the section called "Create a client machine" for an example of how to create such a client machine.
2. Create a topic. For an example, see the instructions under the section called "Create a topic".
3. On a machine where you have the AWS CLI installed, run the following command to get the bootstrap brokers of the cluster. Replace *Cluster-ARN* with the ARN of your cluster.

```
aws kafka get-bootstrap-brokers --cluster-arn Cluster-ARN
```

Save the string associated with `BootstrapBrokerStringTls` in the response.

4. On your client machine, run the following command to use the JVM trust store to create your client trust store. If your JVM path is different, adjust the command accordingly.

```
cp /usr/lib/jvm/java-1.8.0-openjdk-1.8.0.201.b09-0.amzn2.x86_64/jre/lib/security/
cacerts kafka.client.truststore.jks
```

5. On your client machine, run the following command to create a private key for your client. Replace *Distinguished-Name*, *Example-Alias*, *Your-Store-Pass*, and *Your-Key-Pass* with strings of your choice.

```
keytool -genkey -keystore kafka.client.keystore.jks -validity 300 -storepass Your-Store-Pass -keypass Your-Key-Pass -dname "CN=Distinguished-Name" -alias Example-Alias -storetype pkcs12 -keyalg rsa
```

6. On your client machine, run the following command to create a certificate request with the private key you created in the previous step.

```
keytool -keystore kafka.client.keystore.jks -certreq -file client-cert-sign-request
 -alias Example-Alias -storepass Your-Store-Pass -keypass Your-Key-Pass
```

7. Open the `client-cert-sign-request` file and ensure that it starts with `-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----` and ends with `-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----`. If it starts with `-----BEGIN NEW CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----`, delete the word `NEW` (and the single space that follows it) from the beginning and the end of the file.

8. On a machine where you have the AWS CLI installed, run the following command to sign your certificate request. Replace *Private-CA-ARN* with the ARN of your PCA. You can change the validity value if you want. Here we use 300 as an example.

```
aws acm-pca issue-certificate --certificate-authority-arn Private-CA-ARN --csr
 fileb://client-cert-sign-request --signing-algorithm "SHA256WITHRSA" --validity
 Value=300,Type="DAYS"
```

   Save the certificate ARN provided in the response.

> **Note**
>
> To retrieve your client certificate, use the `acm-pca get-certificate` command and specify your certificate ARN. For more information, see get-certificate in the *AWS CLI Command Reference*.

9. Run the following command to get the certificate that AWS Private CA signed for you. Replace *Certificate-ARN* with the ARN you obtained from the response to the previous command.

```
aws acm-pca get-certificate --certificate-authority-arn Private-CA-ARN --
certificate-arn Certificate-ARN
```

10. From the JSON result of running the previous command, copy the strings associated with `Certificate` and `CertificateChain`. Paste these two strings in a new file named signed-certificate-from-acm. Paste the string associated with `Certificate` first, followed by the string associated with `CertificateChain`. Replace the \n characters with new lines. The following is the structure of the file after you paste the certificate and certificate chain in it.

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
...
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
...
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
...
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

11. Run the following command on the client machine to add this certificate to your keystore so you can present it when you talk to the MSK brokers.

```
keytool -keystore kafka.client.keystore.jks -import -file signed-certificate-from-
acm -alias Example-Alias -storepass Your-Store-Pass -keypass Your-Key-Pass
```

12. Create a file named `client.properties` with the following contents. Adjust the truststore and keystore locations to the paths where you saved `kafka.client.truststore.jks`. Substitute your Kafka client version for the *{YOUR KAFKA VERSION}* placeholders.

```
security.protocol=SSL
ssl.truststore.location=/tmp/kafka_2.12-{YOUR KAFKA VERSION}/
kafka.client.truststore.jks
ssl.keystore.location=/tmp/kafka_2.12-{YOUR KAFKA VERSION}/
kafka.client.keystore.jks
ssl.keystore.password=Your-Store-Pass
ssl.key.password=Your-Key-Pass
```

Produce and consume messages using authentication

This process describes how to produce and consume messages using authentication.

1. Run the following command to create a topic. The file named `client.properties` is the one you created in the previous procedure.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --bootstrap-
server BootstrapBroker-String --replication-factor 3 --partitions 1 --topic
 ExampleTopic --command-config client.properties
```

2. Run the following command to start a console producer. The file named `client.properties` is the one you created in the previous procedure.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-producer.sh --bootstrap-
server BootstrapBroker-String --topic ExampleTopic --producer.config
 client.properties
```

3. In a new command window on your client machine, run the following command to start a console consumer.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-consumer.sh --bootstrap-
server BootstrapBroker-String --topic ExampleTopic --consumer.config
 client.properties
```

4. Type messages in the producer window and watch them appear in the consumer window.

Sign-in credentials authentication with AWS Secrets Manager

You can control access to your Amazon MSK clusters using sign-in credentials that are stored and secured using AWS Secrets Manager. Storing user credentials in Secrets Manager reduces the overhead of cluster authentication such as auditing, updating, and rotating credentials. Secrets Manager also lets you share user credentials across clusters.

After you associate a secret with an MSK cluster, MSK syncs the credential data periodically.

This topic contains the following sections:

- How sign-in credentials authentication works
- Set up SASL/SCRAM authentication for an Amazon MSK cluster
- Working with users

- Rotating sign-in credentials
- Limitations when using SCRAM secrets

How sign-in credentials authentication works

Sign-in credentials authentication for Amazon MSK uses SASL/SCRAM (Simple Authentication and Security Layer/ Salted Challenge Response Mechanism) authentication. To set up sign-in credentials authentication for a cluster, you create a Secret resource in AWS Secrets Manager, and associate sign-in credentials with that secret.

SASL/SCRAM is defined in RFC 5802. SCRAM uses secured hashing algorithms, and does not transmit plaintext sign-in credentials between client and server.

> **Note**
>
> When you set up SASL/SCRAM authentication for your cluster, Amazon MSK turns on TLS encryption for all traffic between clients and brokers.

Set up SASL/SCRAM authentication for an Amazon MSK cluster

To set up a secret in AWS Secrets Manager, follow the Creating and Retrieving a Secret tutorial in the AWS Secrets Manager User Guide.

Note the following requirements when creating a secret for an Amazon MSK cluster:

- Choose **Other type of secrets (e.g. API key)** for the secret type.
- Your secret name must begin with the prefix **AmazonMSK_**.
- You must either use an existing custom AWS KMS key or create a new custom AWS KMS key for your secret. Secrets Manager uses the default AWS KMS key for a secret by default.

  > **Important**
  >
  > A secret created with the default AWS KMS key cannot be used with an Amazon MSK cluster.

- Your sign-in credential data must be in the following format to enter key-value pairs using the **Plaintext** option.

```
{
  "username": "alice",
  "password": "alice-secret"
}
```

- Record the ARN (Amazon Resource Name) value for your secret.
- **Important**

  You can't associate a Secrets Manager secret with a cluster that exceeds the limits described in the section called "Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Standard broker".
- If you use the AWS CLI to create the secret, specify a key ID or ARN for the `kms-key-id` parameter. Don't specify an alias.
- To associate the secret with your cluster, use either the Amazon MSK console, or the BatchAssociateScramSecret operation.

Important

When you associate a secret with a cluster, Amazon MSK attaches a resource policy to the secret that allows your cluster to access and read the secret values that you defined. You should not modify this resource policy. Doing so can prevent your cluster from accessing your secret. If you make any changes to the Secrets resource policy and/ or the KMS key used for secret encryption, make sure you re-associate the secrets to your MSK cluster. This will make sure that your cluster can continue accessing your secret.

The following example JSON input for the `BatchAssociateScramSecret` operation associates a secret with a cluster:

```
{
  "clusterArn" : "arn:aws:kafka:us-west-2:0123456789019:cluster/SalesCluster/
abcd1234-abcd-cafe-abab-9876543210ab-4",
  "secretArnList": [
    "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-west-2:0123456789019:secret:AmazonMSK_MyClusterSecret"
  ]
}
```

Connecting to your cluster with sign-in credentials

After you create a secret and associate it with your cluster, you can connect your client to the cluster. The following procedure demonstrates how to connect a client to a cluster that uses SASL/SCRAM authentication. It also shows how to produce to and consume from an example topic.

Topics

- Connecting a client to cluster using SASL/SCRAM authentication
- Troubleshooting connection issues

Connecting a client to cluster using SASL/SCRAM authentication

1. Run the following command on a machine that has AWS CLI installed. Replace *clusterARN* with the ARN of your cluster.

   ```
   aws kafka get-bootstrap-brokers --cluster-arn clusterARN
   ```

   From the JSON result of this command, save the value associated with the string named `BootstrapBrokerStringSaslScram`. You'll use this value in later steps.

2. On your client machine, create a JAAS configuration file that contains the user credentials stored in your secret. For example, for the user **alice**, create a file called `users_jaas.conf` with the following content.

   ```
   KafkaClient {
      org.apache.kafka.common.security.scram.ScramLoginModule required
      username="alice"
      password="alice-secret";
   };
   ```

3. Use the following command to export your JAAS config file as a `KAFKA_OPTS` environment parameter.

   ```
   export KAFKA_OPTS=-Djava.security.auth.login.config=<path-to-jaas-file>/
   users_jaas.conf
   ```

4. Create a file named `kafka.client.truststore.jks` in a `/tmp` directory.

5. (Optional) Use the following command to copy the JDK key store file from your JVM `cacerts` folder into the `kafka.client.truststore.jks` file that you created in the previous step.

Replace *JDKFolder* with the name of the JDK folder on your instance. For example, your JDK folder might be named `java-1.8.0-openjdk-1.8.0.201.b09-0.amzn2.x86_64`.

```
cp /usr/lib/jvm/JDKFolder/lib/security/cacerts /tmp/kafka.client.truststore.jks
```

6. In the `bin` directory of your Apache Kafka installation, create a client properties file called `client_sasl.properties` with the following contents. This file defines the SASL mechanism and protocol.

```
security.protocol=SASL_SSL
sasl.mechanism=SCRAM-SHA-512
```

7. To create an example topic, run the following command. Replace *BootstrapBrokerStringSaslScram* with the bootstrap broker string that you obtained in step 1 of this topic.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --bootstrap-
server BootstrapBrokerStringSaslScram --command-config <path-to-client-
properties>/client_sasl.properties --replication-factor 3 --partitions 1 --topic
 ExampleTopicName
```

8. To produce to the example topic that you created, run the following command on your client machine. Replace *BootstrapBrokerStringSaslScram* with the bootstrap broker string that you retrieved in step 1 of this topic.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-producer.sh --broker-
list BootstrapBrokerStringSaslScram --topic ExampleTopicName --producer.config
 client_sasl.properties
```

9. To consume from the topic you created, run the following command on your client machine. Replace *BootstrapBrokerStringSaslScram* with the bootstrap broker string that you obtained in step 1 of this topic.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-consumer.sh --bootstrap-
server BootstrapBrokerStringSaslScram --topic ExampleTopicName --from-beginning --
consumer.config client_sasl.properties
```

Troubleshooting connection issues

When running Kafka client commands, you might encounter Java heap memory errors, especially when working with large topics or datasets. These errors occur because Kafka tools run as Java applications with default memory settings that might be insufficient for your workload.

To resolve `Out of Memory Java Heap` errors, you can increase the Java heap size by modifying the `KAFKA_OPTS` environment variable to include memory settings.

The following example sets the maximum heap size to 1GB (`-Xmx1G`). You can adjust this value based on your available system memory and requirements.

```
export KAFKA_OPTS="-Djava.security.auth.login.config=<path-to-jaas-file>/
users_jaas.conf -Xmx1G"
```

For consuming large topics, consider using time-based or offset-based parameters instead of `--from-beginning` to limit memory usage:

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-consumer.sh --bootstrap-
server BootstrapBrokerStringSaslScram --topic ExampleTopicName --max-messages 1000 --
consumer.config client_sasl.properties
```

Working with users

Creating users: You create users in your secret as key-value pairs. When you use the **Plaintext** option in the Secrets Manager console, you should specify sign-in credential data in the following format.

```
{
  "username": "alice",
  "password": "alice-secret"
}
```

For information about supported credential-rotation patterns, see Rotating sign-in credentials.

Revoking user access: To revoke a user's credentials to access a cluster, we recommend that you first remove or enforce an ACL on the cluster, and then disassociate the secret. This is because of the following:

- Removing a user does not close existing connections.

- Changes to your secret take up to 10 minutes to propagate.

For information about using an ACL with Amazon MSK, see Apache Kafka ACLs.

For clusters using ZooKeeper mode, we recommend that you restrict access to your ZooKeeper nodes to prevent users from modifying ACLs. For more information, see Control access to Apache ZooKeeper nodes in your Amazon MSK cluster.

Rotating sign-in credentials

Amazon MSK supports password-only rotation, where an associated secret keeps a single username and rotation changes only the password. This corresponds to the Secrets Manager single-user rotation strategy. After the updated password propagates to the brokers, new authentication attempts require the new password, and the previous password stops authenticating.

Changing a username in an associated secret

If the username is changed in a secret that is already associated with a cluster, Amazon MSK loads the new credentials while previously cached credentials might remain available on the brokers. This continued availability is not a supported or guaranteed overlap period for credential rotation.

Amazon MSK does not provide a defined retention period for these cached credentials, so their availability throughout a client transition cannot be relied on. Amazon MSK reads only the `AWSCURRENT` version of an associated secret and does not use `AWSPREVIOUS` as a second active credential. Once a previous credential is removed from the brokers, it cannot be reloaded from Secrets Manager.

Replacing a username

To replace a username without the authentication gap caused by disassociating and re-associating the same secret, create a separate secret containing the new username and associate it with the cluster using the BatchAssociateScramSecret operation.

Configure the required Kafka ACLs, wait for the new credential to propagate, verify that it works, and migrate your clients. After completing the migration, revoke the previous user's access and disassociate the old secret using the BatchDisassociateScramSecret operation.

This approach keeps both credentials intentionally associated during the transition instead of depending on a previously loaded credential remaining on the brokers.

Removing retained credentials

You can use the same staged approach to remove credentials retained after a username was changed in a secret that was already associated with a cluster. Associate replacement secrets and migrate your clients before disassociating the affected secrets.

Disassociation will then remove the current and previously retained credentials associated with each old secret without interrupting clients that have migrated to the replacement credentials.

Limitations when using SCRAM secrets

Note the following limitations when using SCRAM secrets:

- Amazon MSK only supports SCRAM-SHA-512 authentication.
- An Amazon MSK cluster can have up to 1000 users.
- You must use an AWS KMS key with your Secret. You cannot use a Secret that uses the default Secrets Manager encryption key with Amazon MSK. For information about creating a KMS key, see Creating symmetric encryption KMS keys.
- You can't use an asymmetric KMS key with Secrets Manager.
- You can associate up to 10 secrets with a cluster at a time using the BatchAssociateScramSecret operation.
- The name of secrets associated with an Amazon MSK cluster must have the prefix **AmazonMSK_**.
- Secrets associated with an Amazon MSK cluster must be in the same Amazon Web Services account and AWS region as the cluster.

Apache Kafka ACLs

Apache Kafka has a pluggable authorizer and ships with an out-of-box authorizer implementation. Amazon MSK enables this authorizer in the `server.properties` file on the brokers.

Apache Kafka ACLs have the format "Principal P is [Allowed/Denied] Operation O From Host H on any Resource R matching ResourcePattern RP". If RP doesn't match a specific resource R, then R has no associated ACLs, and therefore no one other than super users is allowed to access R. To change this Apache Kafka behavior, you set the property `allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found` to true. Amazon MSK sets it to true by default. This means that with Amazon MSK clusters, if you don't explicitly set ACLs on a resource, all principals can access this resource. If you enable ACLs on a resource, only the authorized principals can access it. If you want to restrict access to a topic and

authorize a client using TLS mutual authentication, add ACLs using the Apache Kafka authorizer CLI. For more information about adding, removing, and listing ACLs, see Kafka Authorization Command Line Interface.

Because Amazon MSK configures brokers as super users, they can access all topics. This helps the brokers to replicate messages from the primary partition whether or not the `allow.everyone.if.no.acl.found` property is defined for the cluster's configuration.

To add or remove read and write access to a topic

1. Add your brokers to the ACL table to allow them to read from all topics that have ACLs in place. To grant your brokers read access to a topic, run the following command on a client machine that can communicate with the MSK cluster.

   Replace *Distinguished-Name* with the DNS of any of your cluster's bootstrap brokers, then replace the string before the first period in this distinguished name by an asterisk (*). For example, if one of your cluster's bootstrap brokers has the DNS `b-6.mytestcluster.67281x.c4.kafka.us-east-1.amazonaws.com`, replace *Distinguished-Name* in the following command with `*.mytestcluster.67281x.c4.kafka.us-east-1.amazonaws.com`. For information on how to get the bootstrap brokers, see the section called "Get the bootstrap brokers".

   ```
   <path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-acls.sh --bootstrap-server
    BootstrapServerString --add --allow-principal "User:CN=Distinguished-Name" --
   operation Read --group=* --topic Topic-Name
   ```

2. To grant a client application read access to a topic, run the following command on your client machine. If you use mutual TLS authentication, use the same *Distinguished-Name* you used when you created the private key.

   ```
   <path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-acls.sh --bootstrap-server
    BootstrapServerString --add --allow-principal "User:CN=Distinguished-Name" --
   operation Read --group=* --topic Topic-Name
   ```

   To remove read access, you can run the same command, replacing `--add` with `--remove`.

3. To grant write access to a topic, run the following command on your client machine. If you use mutual TLS authentication, use the same *Distinguished-Name* you used when you created the private key.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-acls.sh --bootstrap-server
 BootstrapServerString --add --allow-principal "User:CN=Distinguished-Name" --
operation Write --topic Topic-Name
```

To remove write access, you can run the same command, replacing `--add` with `--remove`.

Changing an Amazon MSK cluster's security group

This page explains how to change the security group of an existing MSK cluster. You might need to change a cluster's security group in order to provide access to a certain set of users or to limit access to the cluster. For information about security groups, see Security groups for your VPC in the Amazon VPC user guide.

1. Use the ListNodes API or the list-nodes command in the AWS CLI to get a list of the brokers in your cluster. The results of this operation include the IDs of the elastic network interfaces (ENIs) that are associated with the brokers.
2. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
3. From the **Region** selector, select the Region in which the cluster is deployed.
4. In the left pane, under **Network & Security**, choose **Network Interfaces**.
5. Select the first ENI that you obtained in the first step. From the **Actions** menu, choose **Change Security Groups**. Assign the new security group to this ENI. Repeat this step for each of the ENIs that you obtained in the first step.

   > **Note**
   >
   > Changes that you make to a cluster's security group using the Amazon EC2 console aren't reflected in the MSK console under **Network settings**.

6. Configure the new security group's rules to ensure that your clients have access to the brokers. For information about setting security group rules, see Adding, Removing, and Updating Rules in the Amazon VPC user guide.

Important

If you change the security group that is associated with the brokers of a cluster, and then add new brokers to that cluster, Amazon MSK associates the new brokers with the original security group that was associated with the cluster when the cluster was created. However, for a cluster to work correctly, all of its brokers must be associated with the same security group. Therefore, if you add new brokers after changing the security group, you must follow the previous procedure again and update the ENIs of the new brokers.

Control access to Apache ZooKeeper nodes in your Amazon MSK cluster

For security reasons you can limit access to the Apache ZooKeeper nodes that are part of your Amazon MSK cluster. To limit access to the nodes, you can assign a separate security group to them. You can then decide who gets access to that security group.

Important

This section does not apply for clusters running in KRaft mode. See the section called "KRaft mode ".

This topic contains the following sections:

- Disable or enable direct Apache ZooKeeper client access
- To place your Apache ZooKeeper nodes in a separate security group
- Using TLS security with Apache ZooKeeper

Disable or enable direct Apache ZooKeeper client access

You can disable direct Apache ZooKeeper client access on your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster to verify that your applications do not rely on direct ZooKeeper connections. When ZooKeeper access is disabled, clients can no longer connect to the Apache ZooKeeper nodes on ports 2181 (plaintext) and 2182 (TLS). You can re-enable ZooKeeper access at any time.

Note

This feature is only available for Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters that use ZooKeeper metadata mode with Standard brokers. It is not available for the following cluster types:

- Clusters running in KRaft metadata mode
- Clusters using Express brokers. ZooKeeper access is managed automatically in Express clusters and cannot be configured manually.
- Amazon MSK Serverless clusters

Disabling ZooKeeper access using the console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the list of clusters, choose the cluster on which you want to disable ZooKeeper access.
3. Choose the **Properties** tab, then find the **Network settings** section.
4. Choose **Disable ZooKeeper access**.

Disabling ZooKeeper access using the AWS CLI

1. Run the following AWS CLI command, replacing *ClusterArn* and *Current-Cluster-Version* with the ARN and current version of the cluster. To find the current version of the cluster, use the DescribeCluster operation or the describe-cluster AWS CLI command. An example version is KTVPDKIKX0DER.

```
aws kafka update-connectivity --cluster-arn ClusterArn --current-version Current-Cluster-Version --zookeeper-access '{"Enabled": false}'
```

The output of this update-connectivity command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef"
}
```

> **Note**
>
> To re-enable ZooKeeper access, use a similar AWS CLI command with the following value for `--zookeeper-access` instead:
>
> ```
> '{"Enabled": true}'
> ```

2. To get the result of the `update-connectivity` operation, run the following command, replacing *`ClusterOperationArn`* with the ARN that you obtained in the output of the `update-connectivity` command.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
```

The output of this `describe-cluster-operation` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterOperationInfo": {
        "ClientRequestId": "982168a3-939f-11e9-8a62-538df00285db",
        "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/
exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
        "CreationTime": "2026-01-15T21:08:57.735Z",
        "OperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef",
        "OperationState": "UPDATE_COMPLETE",
        "OperationType": "UPDATE_CONNECTIVITY",
        "SourceClusterInfo": {
            "ZookeeperAccess": {
                "Enabled": true
            }
        },
        "TargetClusterInfo": {
            "ZookeeperAccess": {
                "Enabled": false
            }
        }
    }
}
```

If `OperationState` has the value `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS`, wait a while, then run the `describe-cluster-operation` command again.

Disabling ZooKeeper access using the Amazon MSK API

- To use the API to disable or enable ZooKeeper access on a cluster, see UpdateConnectivity.

To place your Apache ZooKeeper nodes in a separate security group

To limit access to Apache ZooKeeper nodes, you can assign a separate security group to them. You can choose who has access to this new security group by setting security group rules.

1. Get the Apache ZooKeeper connection string for your cluster. To learn how, see the section called "ZooKeeper mode". The connection string contains the DNS names of your Apache ZooKeeper nodes.
2. Use a tool like `host` or `ping` to convert the DNS names you obtained in the previous step to IP addresses. Save these IP addresses because you need them later in this procedure.
3. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
4. In the left pane, under **NETWORK & SECURITY**, choose **Network Interfaces**.
5. In the search field above the table of network interfaces, type the name of your cluster, then type return. This limits the number of network interfaces that appear in the table to those interfaces that are associated with your cluster.
6. Select the check box at the beginning of the row that corresponds to the first network interface in the list.
7. In the details pane, look for the **Primary private IPv4 IP**. If this IP address matches one of the IP addresses you obtained in the first step of this procedure, this means that this network interface is assigned to an Apache ZooKeeper node that is part of your cluster. Otherwise, deselect the check box next to this network interface, and select the next network interface in the list. The order in which you select the network interfaces doesn't matter. In the next steps, you will perform the same operations on all network interfaces that are assigned to Apache ZooKeeper nodes, one by one.
8. When you select a network interface that corresponds to an Apache ZooKeeper node, from the **Actions** menu, choose **Change Security Groups**. Assign a new security group to this network

interface. For information about creating security groups, see Creating a Security Group in the Amazon VPC documentation.

9. Repeat the previous step to assign the same new security group to all the network interfaces that are associated with the Apache ZooKeeper nodes of your cluster.
10. You can now choose who has access to this new security group. For information about setting security group rules, see Adding, Removing, and Updating Rules in the Amazon VPC documentation.

Using TLS security with Apache ZooKeeper

You can use TLS security for encryption in transit between your clients and your Apache ZooKeeper nodes. To implement TLS security with your Apache ZooKeeper nodes, do the following:

- Clusters must use Apache Kafka version 2.5.1 or later to use TLS security with Apache ZooKeeper.
- Enable TLS security when you create or configure your cluster. Clusters created with Apache Kafka version 2.5.1 or later with TLS enabled automatically use TLS security with Apache ZooKeeper endpoints. For information about setting up TLS security, see Get started with Amazon MSK encryption.
- Retrieve the TLS Apache ZooKeeper endpoints using the DescribeCluster operation.
- Create an Apache ZooKeeper configuration file for use with the `kafka-configs.sh` and `kafka-acls.sh` tools, or with the ZooKeeper shell. With each tool, you use the `--zk-tls-config-file` parameter to specify your Apache ZooKeeper config.

  The following example shows a typical Apache ZooKeeper configuration file:

  ```
  zookeeper.ssl.client.enable=true
  zookeeper.clientCnxnSocket=org.apache.zookeeper.ClientCnxnSocketNetty
  zookeeper.ssl.keystore.location=kafka.jks
  zookeeper.ssl.keystore.password=test1234
  zookeeper.ssl.truststore.location=truststore.jks
  zookeeper.ssl.truststore.password=test1234
  ```

- For other commands (such as `kafka-topics`), you must use the KAFKA_OPTS environment variable to configure Apache ZooKeeper parameters. The following example shows how to configure the KAFKA_OPTS environment variable to pass Apache ZooKeeper parameters into other commands:

  ```
  export KAFKA_OPTS="
  ```

```
-Dzookeeper.clientCnxnSocket=org.apache.zookeeper.ClientCnxnSocketNetty
-Dzookeeper.client.secure=true
-Dzookeeper.ssl.trustStore.location=/home/ec2-user/kafka.client.truststore.jks
-Dzookeeper.ssl.trustStore.password=changeit"
```

After you configure the KAFKA_OPTS environment variable, you can use CLI commands normally. The following example creates an Apache Kafka topic using the Apache ZooKeeper configuration from the KAFKA_OPTS environment variable:

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --
zookeeper ZooKeeperTLSConnectString --replication-factor 3 --partitions 1 --topic
 AWSKafkaTutorialTopic
```

Note

The names of the parameters you use in your Apache ZooKeeper configuration file and those you use in your KAFKA_OPTS environment variable are not consistent. Pay attention to which names you use with which parameters in your configuration file and KAFKA_OPTS environment variable.

For more information about accessing your Apache ZooKeeper nodes with TLS, see KIP-515: Enable ZK client to use the new TLS supported authentication.

Compliance validation for Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka

Third-party auditors assess the security and compliance of Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka as part of AWS compliance programs. These include PCI and HIPAA BAA.

For a list of AWS services in scope of specific compliance programs, see Amazon Services in Scope by Compliance Program. For general information, see AWS Compliance Programs.

You can download third-party audit reports using AWS Artifact. For more information, see Downloading Reports in AWS Artifact.

Your compliance responsibility when using Amazon MSK is determined by the sensitivity of your data, your company's compliance objectives, and applicable laws and regulations. AWS provides the following resources to help with compliance:

- Security and Compliance Quick Start Guides – These deployment guides discuss architectural considerations and provide steps for deploying security- and compliance-focused baseline environments on AWS.
- Architecting for HIPAA Security and Compliance Whitepaper – This whitepaper describes how companies can use AWS to create HIPAA-compliant applications.
- AWS Compliance Resources – This collection of workbooks and guides might apply to your industry and location.
- Evaluating Resources with Rules in the *AWS Config Developer Guide* – The AWS Config service assesses how well your resource configurations comply with internal practices, industry guidelines, and regulations.
- AWS Security Hub CSPM – This AWS service provides a comprehensive view of your security state within AWS that helps you check your compliance with security industry standards and best practices.

Resilience in Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka

The AWS global infrastructure is built around AWS Regions and Availability Zones. AWS Regions provide multiple physically separated and isolated Availability Zones, which are connected with low-latency, high-throughput, and highly redundant networking. With Availability Zones, you can design and operate applications and databases that automatically fail over between zones without interruption. Availability Zones are more highly available, fault tolerant, and scalable than traditional single or multiple data center infrastructures.

For more information about AWS Regions and Availability Zones, see AWS Global Infrastructure.

Infrastructure security in Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka

As a managed service, Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka is protected by the AWS global network security procedures that are described in the Amazon Web Services: Overview of Security Processes whitepaper.

You use AWS published API calls to access Amazon MSK through the network. Clients must support Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.0 or later. We recommend TLS 1.2 or later. Clients must also support cipher suites with perfect forward secrecy (PFS) such as Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman (DHE) or Elliptic Curve Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman (ECDHE). Most modern systems such as Java 7 and later support these modes.

Additionally, requests must be signed by using an access key ID and a secret access key that is associated with an IAM principal. Or you can use the AWS Security Token Service (AWS STS) to generate temporary security credentials to sign requests.

Amazon MSK logging

Amazon MSK supports broker and authorizer logs on Standard and Express brokers. You can deliver these logs to one or more of the following destination types: Amazon CloudWatch Logs, Amazon S3, Amazon Data Firehose. You can also log Amazon MSK API calls with AWS CloudTrail.

You must create a destination resource before you configure your cluster to deliver logs to it. Amazon MSK doesn't create these destination resources for you if they don't already exist. For information about these three types of destination resources and how to create them, see the following documentation:

- Amazon CloudWatch Logs
- Amazon S3
- Amazon Data Firehose

Broker logs

Broker logs enable you to troubleshoot your Apache Kafka applications and to analyze their communications with your MSK cluster. You can configure your new or existing MSK cluster to deliver INFO-level broker logs to one or more of the following types of destination resources: a CloudWatch log group, an S3 bucket, a Firehose delivery stream. Through Firehose you can then deliver the log data from your delivery stream to OpenSearch Service.

Configure broker logs using the AWS CLI

When you use the `create-cluster` or the `update-monitoring` commands, you can optionally specify the `logging-info` parameter and pass to it a JSON structure like the following example. In this JSON, all three destination types are optional.

> **Note**
>
> You must set the `LogDeliveryEnabled` tag to `true`on Firehose streams to set up log delivery. The service-linked role that AWS creates for CloudWatch logs uses this tag to grant permission for all Firehose delivery streams. If you remove this tag, the service-linked role won't be able to deliver logs to the Firehose stream. To see an example of an IAM

policy that shows the permissions that the service-linked role includes, see IAM roles used for resource permissions in the *Amazon CloudWatch User Guide*.

```
{
  "BrokerLogs": {
    "S3": {
      "Bucket": "amzn-s3-demo-bucket",
      "Prefix": "ExamplePrefix",
      "Enabled": true
    },
    "Firehose": {
      "DeliveryStream": "ExampleDeliveryStreamName",
      "Enabled": true
    },
    "CloudWatchLogs": {
      "Enabled": true,
      "LogGroup": "ExampleLogGroupName"
    }
  }
}
```

Configure broker logs using the API

You can specify the optional `loggingInfo` structure in the JSON that you pass to the CreateCluster or UpdateMonitoring operations.

Note

By default, when broker logging is enabled, Amazon MSK logs `INFO` level logs to the specified destinations. However for Standard and Express brokers, users of Apache Kafka 2.4.X and later can dynamically set the broker log level to any of the log4j log levels. For information about dynamically setting the broker log level, see KIP-412: Extend Admin API to support dynamic application log levels. If you dynamically set the log level to `DEBUG` or `TRACE`, we recommend using Amazon S3 or Firehose as the log destination. If you use CloudWatch Logs as a log destination and you dynamically enable `DEBUG` or `TRACE` level logging, Amazon MSK may continuously deliver a sample of logs. This can significantly impact broker performance and should only be used when the `INFO` log level is not verbose enough to determine the root cause of an issue.

Authorizer logs

Authorizer logs capture authorization decisions made by your MSK cluster. You can use these logs to monitor client access patterns and troubleshoot authorization issues. You can configure your MSK cluster to deliver authorizer logs to one or more of the following types of destination resources: a CloudWatch log group, an S3 bucket, a Firehose delivery stream.

Configure authorizer logs using the AWS CLI

When you use the `create-cluster` or the `update-monitoring` commands, you can optionally specify the `logging-info` parameter and pass to it a JSON structure like the following example. In this JSON, all three destination types are optional.

```
{
  "AuthorizerLogs": {
    "S3": {
      "Bucket": "amzn-s3-demo-bucket",
      "Prefix": "ExamplePrefix",
      "Enabled": true
    },
    "Firehose": {
      "DeliveryStream": "ExampleDeliveryStreamName",
      "Enabled": true
    },
    "CloudWatchLogs": {
      "Enabled": true,
      "LogGroup": "ExampleLogGroupName"
    }
  }
}
```

Configure authorizer logs using the API

You can specify the optional `loggingInfo` structure in the JSON that you pass to the CreateCluster or UpdateMonitoring operations.

Required permissions

To configure a destination for Amazon MSK logs, the IAM identity that you use for Amazon MSK actions must have the permissions described in the AWS managed policy: AmazonMSKFullAccess policy.

To stream logs to an S3 bucket, you also need the `s3:PutBucketPolicy` permission. For information about S3 bucket policies, see How Do I Add an S3 Bucket Policy? in the Amazon S3 User Guide. For information about IAM policies in general, see Access Management in the IAM User Guide.

Required KMS key policy for use with SSE-KMS buckets

If you enabled server-side encryption for your S3 bucket using AWS KMS-managed keys (SSE-KMS) with a customer managed key, add the following to the key policy for your KMS key so that Amazon MSK can write logs to the bucket.

```
{
  "Sid": "Allow Amazon MSK to use the key.",
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Principal": {
    "Service": [
      "delivery.logs.amazonaws.com"
    ]
  },
  "Action": [
    "kms:Encrypt",
    "kms:Decrypt",
    "kms:ReEncrypt*",
    "kms:GenerateDataKey*",
    "kms:DescribeKey"
  ],
  "Resource": "*"
}
```

Configure logs using the AWS Management Console

If you are creating a new cluster, look for the **Broker log delivery** or **Authorizer log delivery** heading in the **Monitoring** section. You can specify the destinations to which you want Amazon MSK to deliver your logs.

For an existing cluster, choose the cluster from your list of clusters, then choose the **Properties** tab. Scroll down to the **Log delivery** section and then choose its **Edit** button. You can specify the destinations to which you want Amazon MSK to deliver your logs.

Log API calls with AWS CloudTrail

> **Note**
>
> AWS CloudTrail logs are available for Amazon MSK only when you use IAM access control.

Amazon MSK is integrated with AWS CloudTrail, a service that provides a record of actions taken by a user, role, or an AWS service in Amazon MSK. CloudTrail captures API calls for as events. The calls captured include calls from the Amazon MSK console and code calls to the Amazon MSK API operations. It also captures Apache Kafka actions such as creating and altering topics and groups.

If you create a trail, you can enable continuous delivery of CloudTrail events to an Amazon S3 bucket, including events for Amazon MSK. If you don't configure a trail, you can still view the most recent events in the CloudTrail console in **Event history**. Using the information collected by CloudTrail, you can determine the request that was made to Amazon MSK or the Apache Kafka action, the IP address from which the request was made, who made the request, when it was made, and additional details.

To learn more about CloudTrail, including how to configure and enable it, see the AWS CloudTrail User Guide.

Amazon MSK information in CloudTrail

CloudTrail is enabled on your Amazon Web Services account when you create the account. When supported event activity occurs in an MSK cluster, that activity is recorded in a CloudTrail event along with other AWS service events in **Event history**. You can view, search, and download recent events in your Amazon Web Services account. For more information, see Viewing Events with CloudTrail Event History.

For an ongoing record of events in your Amazon Web Services account, including events for Amazon MSK, create a trail. A *trail* enables CloudTrail to deliver log files to an Amazon S3 bucket. By default, when you create a trail in the console, the trail applies to all Regions. The trail logs events from all Regions in the AWS partition and delivers the log files to the Amazon S3 bucket that you specify. Additionally, you can configure other Amazon services to further analyze and act upon the event data collected in CloudTrail logs. For more information, see the following:

- Overview for Creating a Trail
- CloudTrail Supported Services and Integrations
- Configuring Amazon SNS Notifications for CloudTrail

- Receiving CloudTrail Log Files from Multiple Regions and Receiving CloudTrail Log Files from Multiple Accounts

Amazon MSK logs all Amazon MSK operations as events in CloudTrail log files. In addition, it logs the following Apache Kafka actions.

- kafka-cluster:DescribeClusterDynamicConfiguration
- kafka-cluster:AlterClusterDynamicConfiguration
- kafka-cluster:CreateTopic
- kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration
- kafka-cluster:AlterTopic
- kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration
- kafka-cluster:DeleteTopic

Every event or log entry contains information about who generated the request. The identity information helps you determine the following:

- Whether the request was made with root user or AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) user credentials.
- Whether the request was made with temporary security credentials for a role or federated user.
- Whether the request was made by another AWS service.

For more information, see the CloudTrail userIdentity Element.

Example: Amazon MSK log file entries

A trail is a configuration that enables delivery of events as log files to an Amazon S3 bucket that you specify. CloudTrail log files contain one or more log entries. An event represents a single request from any source and includes information about the requested action, the date and time of the action, request parameters, and so on. CloudTrail log files aren't an ordered stack trace of the public API calls and Apache Kafka actions, so they don't appear in any specific order.

The following example shows CloudTrail log entries that demonstrate the `DescribeCluster` and `DeleteCluster` Amazon MSK actions.

```
{
```

```
  "Records": [
    {
      "eventVersion": "1.05",
      "userIdentity": {
        "type": "IAMUser",
        "principalId": "ABCDEF0123456789ABCDE",
        "arn": "arn:aws:iam::012345678901:user/Joe",
        "accountId": "012345678901",
        "accessKeyId": "AIDACKCEVSQ6C2EXAMPLE",
        "userName": "Joe"
      },
      "eventTime": "2018-12-12T02:29:24Z",
      "eventSource": "kafka.amazonaws.com",
      "eventName": "DescribeCluster",
      "awsRegion": "us-east-1",
      "sourceIPAddress": "192.0.2.0",
      "userAgent": "aws-cli/1.14.67 Python/3.6.0 Windows/10 botocore/1.9.20",
      "requestParameters": {
        "clusterArn": "arn%3Aaws%3Akafka%3Aus-east-1%3A012345678901%3Acluster
%2Fexamplecluster%2F01234567-abcd-0123-abcd-abcd0123efa-2"
      },
      "responseElements": null,
      "requestID": "bd83f636-fdb5-abcd-0123-157e2fbf2bde",
      "eventID": "60052aba-0123-4511-bcde-3e18dbd42aa4",
      "readOnly": true,
      "eventType": "AwsApiCall",
      "recipientAccountId": "012345678901"
    },
    {
      "eventVersion": "1.05",
      "userIdentity": {
        "type": "IAMUser",
        "principalId": "ABCDEF0123456789ABCDE",
        "arn": "arn:aws:iam::012345678901:user/Joe",
        "accountId": "012345678901",
        "accessKeyId": "AIDACKCEVSQ6C2EXAMPLE",
        "userName": "Joe"
      },
      "eventTime": "2018-12-12T02:29:40Z",
      "eventSource": "kafka.amazonaws.com",
      "eventName": "DeleteCluster",
      "awsRegion": "us-east-1",
      "sourceIPAddress": "192.0.2.0",
      "userAgent": "aws-cli/1.14.67 Python/3.6.0 Windows/10 botocore/1.9.20",
```

```
      "requestParameters": {
        "clusterArn": "arn%3Aaws%3Akafka%3Aus-east-1%3A012345678901%3Acluster
%2Fexamplecluster%2F01234567-abcd-0123-abcd-abcd0123efa-2"
      },
      "responseElements": {
        "clusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678901:cluster/
examplecluster/01234567-abcd-0123-abcd-abcd0123efa-2",
        "state": "DELETING"
      },
      "requestID": "c6bfb3f7-abcd-0123-afa5-293519897703",
      "eventID": "8a7f1fcf-0123-abcd-9bdb-1ebf0663a75c",
      "readOnly": false,
      "eventType": "AwsApiCall",
      "recipientAccountId": "012345678901"
    }
  ]
}
```

The following example shows a CloudTrail log entry that demonstrates the `kafka-cluster:CreateTopic` action.

```
{
  "eventVersion": "1.08",
  "userIdentity": {
    "type": "IAMUser",
    "principalId": "ABCDEFGH1IJKLMN2P34Q5",
    "arn": "arn:aws:iam::111122223333:user/Admin",
    "accountId": "111122223333",
    "accessKeyId": "CDEFAB1C2UUUUU3AB4TT",
    "userName": "Admin"
  },
  "eventTime": "2021-03-01T12:51:19Z",
  "eventSource": "kafka-cluster.amazonaws.com",
  "eventName": "CreateTopic",
  "awsRegion": "us-east-1",
  "sourceIPAddress": "198.51.100.0/24",
  "userAgent": "aws-msk-iam-auth/unknown-version/aws-internal/3 aws-sdk-java/1.11.970
 Linux/4.14.214-160.339.amzn2.x86_64 OpenJDK_64-Bit_Server_VM/25.272-b10 java/1.8.0_272
 scala/2.12.8 vendor/Red_Hat,_Inc.",
  "requestParameters": {
    "kafkaAPI": "CreateTopics",
    "resourceARN": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:111122223333:topic/IamAuthCluster/3ebafd8e-
dae9-440d-85db-4ef52679674d-1/Topic9"
```

```
  },
  "responseElements": null,
  "requestID": "e7c5e49f-6aac-4c9a-a1d1-c2c46599f5e4",
  "eventID": "be1f93fd-4f14-4634-ab02-b5a79cb833d2",
  "readOnly": false,
  "eventType": "AwsApiCall",
  "managementEvent": true,
  "eventCategory": "Management",
  "recipientAccountId": "111122223333"
}
```


Metadata management

Amazon MSK supports Apache ZooKeeper or KRaft metadata management modes.

From Apache Kafka version 3.7.x on Amazon MSK, you can create clusters that use KRaft mode instead of ZooKeeper mode. KRaft-based clusters rely on controllers within Kafka to manage metadata.

Topics

- ZooKeeper mode
- KRaft mode
- Kafka cluster ID for KRaft clusters
- Migrate from ZooKeeper to KRaft mode

ZooKeeper mode

Apache ZooKeeper is "a centralized service for maintaining configuration information, naming, providing distributed synchronization, and providing group services. All of these kinds of services are used in some form or another by distributed applications," including Apache Kafka.

If your cluster is using ZooKeeper mode, you can use the steps below to get the Apache ZooKeeper connection string. However, we recommend that you use the `BootstrapServerString` to connect to your cluster and perfom admin operations as the `--zookeeper` flag has been deprecated in Kafka 2.5 and is removed from Kafka 3.0.

Getting the Apache ZooKeeper connection string using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.

2. The table shows all the clusters for the current region under this account. Choose the name of a cluster to view its description.
3. On the **Cluster summary** page, choose **View client information**. This shows you the bootstrap brokers, as well as the Apache ZooKeeper connection string.

Getting the Apache ZooKeeper connection string using the AWS CLI

1. If you don't know the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of your cluster, you can find it by listing all the clusters in your account. For more information, see the section called “List clusters”.
2. To get the Apache ZooKeeper connection string, along with other information about your cluster, run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the ARN of your cluster.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster --cluster-arn ClusterArn
```

The output of this `describe-cluster` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterInfo": {
        "BrokerNodeGroupInfo": {
            "BrokerAZDistribution": "DEFAULT",
            "ClientSubnets": [
                "subnet-0123456789abcdef0",
                "subnet-2468013579abcdef1",
                "subnet-1357902468abcdef2"
            ],
            "InstanceType": "kafka.m5.large",
            "StorageInfo": {
                "EbsStorageInfo": {
                    "VolumeSize": 1000
                }
            }
        },
        "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:111122223333:cluster/
testcluster/12345678-abcd-4567-2345-abcdef123456-2",
        "ClusterName": "testcluster",
        "CreationTime": "2018-12-02T17:38:36.75Z",
        "CurrentBrokerSoftwareInfo": {
            "KafkaVersion": "2.2.1"
        },
        "CurrentVersion": "K13V1IB3VIYZZH",
```

```
        "EncryptionInfo": {
            "EncryptionAtRest": {
                "DataVolumeKMSKeyId": "arn:aws:kms:us-
east-1:555555555555:key/12345678-abcd-2345-ef01-abcdef123456"
            }
        },
        "EnhancedMonitoring": "DEFAULT",
        "NumberOfBrokerNodes": 3,
        "State": "ACTIVE",
        "ZookeeperConnectString": "10.0.1.101:2018,10.0.2.101:2018,10.0.3.101:2018"
    }
}
```

The previous JSON example shows the `ZookeeperConnectString` key in the output of the `describe-cluster` command. Copy the value corresponding to this key and save it for when you need to create a topic on your cluster.

> **Important**
>
> Your Amazon MSK cluster must be in the `ACTIVE` state for you to be able to obtain the Apache ZooKeeper connection string. When a cluster is still in the `CREATING` state, the output of the `describe-cluster` command doesn't include `ZookeeperConnectString`. If this is the case, wait a few minutes and then run the `describe-cluster` again after your cluster reaches the `ACTIVE` state.

Getting the Apache ZooKeeper connection string using the API

To get the Apache ZooKeeper connection string using the API, see DescribeCluster.

KRaft mode

Amazon MSK introduced support for KRaft (Apache Kafka Raft) in Kafka version 3.7.x. The Apache Kafka community developed KRaft to replace Apache ZooKeeper for metadata management in Apache Kafka clusters. In KRaft mode, cluster metadata is propagated within a group of Kafka controllers, which are part of the Kafka cluster, instead of across ZooKeeper nodes. KRaft controllers are included at no additional cost to you, and require no additional setup or management from you. See KIP-500 for more information about KRaft.

Here are some points to note about KRaft mode on MSK:

- You can migrate existing ZooKeeper-based clusters to KRaft mode using the `UpdateClusterKafkaVersion` API. For more information, see Migrate from ZooKeeper to KRaft mode.
- On the MSK console, you can create a Kraft-based cluster by choosing Kafka version 3.7.x and selecting the KRaft checkbox in the cluster creation window.
- To create a cluster in KRaft mode using the MSK API `CreateCluster` or `CreateClusterV2` operations, you should use `3.7.x.kraft` as the version. Use `3.7.x` as the version to create a cluster in ZooKeeper mode.
- The number of partitions per broker is the same on KRaft and ZooKeeper based clusters. However, KRaft allows you to host more partitions per cluster by provisioning more brokers in a cluster.
- There are no API changes required to use KRaft mode on Amazon MSK. However, if your clients still use the `--zookeeper` connection string today, you should update your clients to use the `--bootstrap-server` connection string to connect to your cluster. The `--zookeeper` flag is deprecated in Apache Kafka version 2.5 and is removed starting with Kafka version 3.0. We therefore recommend you use recent Apache Kafka client versions and the `--bootstrap-server` connection string for all connections to your cluster.
- ZooKeeper mode continues to be available for all released versions where zookeeper is also supported by Apache Kafka. See Supported Apache Kafka versions for details on the end of support for Apache Kafka versions and future updates.
- You should check that any tools you use are capable of using Kafka Admin APIs without ZooKeeper connections. Refer to Use LinkedIn's Cruise Control for Apache Kafka with Amazon MSK for updated steps to connect your cluster to Cruise Control. Cruise Control also has instructions for running Cruise Control without ZooKeeper.
- You don't need to access your cluster's KRaft controllers directly for any administrative or monitoring actions. Amazon MSK monitors and manages the controllers for you, and you don't need controller metrics to monitor the health of your cluster. Whether your cluster has controller DNS endpoints depends on how it was created:
  - KRaft clusters created on Apache Kafka versions earlier than 4.1 have controller DNS endpoints. These endpoints are retained when you upgrade the cluster to a later Apache Kafka version.
  - KRaft clusters created on Apache Kafka version 4.1 or later don't have controller DNS endpoints. Clusters migrated from ZooKeeper mode to KRaft mode also don't have them.

For clusters without controller DNS endpoints, the ListNodes API operation doesn't return endpoints for controller nodes. As a result, you can't collect controller JMX metrics with open monitoring. For open monitoring, scrape your broker endpoints and use Amazon MSK CloudWatch metrics, such as `ActiveControllerCount`, for cluster-level health. For more information, see Monitor an MSK Provisioned cluster with Prometheus.

- There are no additional CloudWatch metrics you need to monitor for KRaft mode clusters over ZooKeeper mode clusters. MSK manages the KRaft controllers used in your clusters.
- You can continue managing ACLs using in KRaft mode clusters using the `--bootstrap-server` connection string. You should not use the `--zookeeper` connection string to manage ACLs. See Apache Kafka ACLs.
- In KRaft mode, your cluster's metadata is stored on KRaft controllers within Kafka and not external ZooKeeper nodes. Therefore, you don't need to control access to controller nodes separately as you do with ZooKeeper nodes.

Kafka cluster ID for KRaft clusters

Each Apache Kafka cluster has a cluster ID that identifies it to Kafka clients and tools. Amazon MSK KRaft clusters created on or after August 4, 2026, are automatically assigned a unique cluster ID. Some KRaft clusters created before that date may share the cluster ID `3Db5QLSqSZieL3rJBUUegA`.

1. Run the following command to view the cluster ID for your cluster:

   ```
   kafka-cluster.sh cluster-id --bootstrap-server bootstrap-brokers
   ```

   In the command, replace *`bootstrap-brokers`* with the bootstrap broker connection string for your cluster.

2. If your cluster reports the ID `3Db5QLSqSZieL3rJBUUegA` and you want a unique cluster ID, open the AWS Support Center console and create a support case. Include the cluster ARN in your case.

Migrate from ZooKeeper to KRaft mode

You can migrate an existing ZooKeeper-based MSK cluster to KRaft mode using the `UpdateClusterKafkaVersion` API. The migration is performed in-place — your cluster remains

available throughout the process and no data is moved. Amazon MSK provisions KRaft controllers, migrates cluster metadata from ZooKeeper to the KRaft quorum, and decommissions ZooKeeper nodes automatically.

Prerequisites

Before migrating your cluster from ZooKeeper to KRaft mode, ensure the following:

- For Standard brokers, the cluster must be deployed across 3 Availability Zones. Express brokers provide this by default.
- Your cluster is running Apache Kafka version `3.9.x` in ZooKeeper mode. If your cluster is on an older version, upgrade to `3.9.x` first using the standard version upgrade process.
- Your cluster is in the `ACTIVE` state with no pending operations.
- If you use tools that rely on direct ZooKeeper access (such as older versions of Cruise Control or custom admin tools), update them to use Kafka Admin APIs instead of direct ZooKeeper connections.
- For Standard (provisioned) clusters: ZooKeeper client access must be disabled. Use the `UpdateConnectivity` API to set `ZookeeperAccess.Enabled=false` before initiating migration. Express clusters do not require this step.
- All client applications use the `--bootstrap-server` connection string, not the `--zookeeper` connection string. The ZooKeeper connection string is not available after migration.
- Your cluster does not have both Public Access and Open Monitoring enabled simultaneously.
- Your cluster does not use `kafka.t3.small` broker instances.
- Your cluster does not use dynamic advertised listeners. To check whether the `advertised.listeners` property has been set dynamically on your brokers, run the following command, where *`$bs`* is your cluster's bootstrap server connection string, and ensure the output doesn't include `advertised.listeners`:

  ```
  bin/kafka-configs.sh --bootstrap-server $bs --entity-type brokers --describe
  ```

  For more information about dynamically set properties, see Dynamic Amazon MSK configuration.

What happens during migration

When you initiate a ZooKeeper-to-KRaft migration, Amazon MSK performs the following steps automatically:

1. Amazon MSK provisions KRaft controller nodes in your cluster. These controllers are included at no additional cost.
2. The data plane migration runs: brokers are reconfigured to use the KRaft quorum for metadata while continuing to serve client traffic.
3. After all brokers are registered with the KRaft quorum, Amazon MSK decommissions the ZooKeeper nodes.
4. The cluster management mode is updated to KRaft.

The migration is a long-running operation that can take several hours depending on cluster size. You can monitor the operation status using the `DescribeClusterOperation` API.

> **Important**
>
> Migration cannot be reversed. Once the cluster is migrated to KRaft mode, you cannot switch it back to ZooKeeper mode.

Migrate using the AWS CLI

1. Verify available target versions for your cluster:

   ```
   aws kafka get-compatible-kafka-versions --cluster-arn ClusterArn
   ```

   The output includes KRaft target versions (with a `.kraft` suffix) if your cluster is eligible for migration.

2. Start the migration by specifying the KRaft target version:

   ```
   aws kafka update-cluster-kafka-version \
       --cluster-arn ClusterArn \
       --current-version Current-Cluster-Version \
       --target-kafka-version "3.9.x.kraft"
   ```

   > **Important**
   >
   > Cluster versions aren't simple integers. Use the `DescribeCluster` operation to find the current version of your cluster.

3. Monitor the migration progress:

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
```

The operation state transitions through `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS` and completes with `UPDATE_COMPLETE`.

After migration

After the migration completes:

- Your cluster operates in KRaft mode. All metadata is managed by KRaft controllers.
- ZooKeeper nodes are removed. The ZooKeeper connection string is no longer available.
- Client applications continue to work without any changes if they use the `--bootstrap-server` connection string.
- Amazon MSK doesn't create DNS endpoints for the KRaft controllers of a migrated cluster, so controller JMX metrics aren't available through open monitoring.

If you use open monitoring, scrape only your broker endpoints. You don't need controller metrics to monitor the health of your cluster. For more information, see Monitor an MSK Provisioned cluster with Prometheus.

Topic Operations

You can use Amazon MSK APIs to manage topics in your MSK Provisioned cluster without the need to set up and maintain Kafka admin clients. With these APIs, you can define or read topic properties such as replication factor and partition count, along with configuration settings like retention and cleanup policies. You can programmatically manage Kafka topics using your familiar interfaces including AWS CLI, AWS SDKs, and AWS CloudFormation. These APIs are also integrated into the Amazon MSK console, bringing all topic operations to one place. You can now create or update topics with just a few clicks using guided defaults while gaining comprehensive visibility into topic configurations, partition-level information, and metrics.

> **Important**
>
> These topic API responses reflect data that updates approximately every minute. For the most current topic state after making changes, allow approximately one minute before querying.

Requirements for using topic APIs

- Your cluster must be an MSK Provisioned cluster. These APIs are not available for MSK Serverless clusters.
- Your cluster must be running Apache Kafka version 3.6.0 or later. For more information about supported versions, see the section called "Supported Apache Kafka versions".
- Your cluster must be in the `ACTIVE` state. For more information about cluster states, see Understand MSK Provisioned cluster states.
- You must have the appropriate IAM permissions. For more information, see the section called "IAM permissions".

IAM permissions for topic operations APIs

To call these APIs, you must have the appropriate IAM permissions. The following table lists the required permissions for each API.

Required permissions for topic operations APIs

API	Required Permissions	Resource

ListTopics	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
	
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`
		Cluster ARN, Topic ARN

DescribeTopic	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
	
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`
	
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic DynamicConfiguration`
		Cluster ARN, Topic ARN

API	Required Permissions	Resource

DescribeTopicPartitions	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration`
		Cluster ARN, Topic ARN

CreateTopic	`kafka-cluster:Connect` `kafka-cluster:CreateTopic`	Cluster ARN, Topic ARN

DeleteTopic	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`
	`kafka-cluster:DeleteTopic`
		Cluster ARN, Topic ARN

UpdateTopic	`kafka-cluster:Connect`
	`kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic`
	`kafka-cluster:AlterTopic`
	`kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration`
		Cluster ARN, Topic ARN

Note

For `kafka-cluster:Connect`, specify the cluster ARN in your IAM policy. For all other actions, specify the topic ARN in your IAM policy.

Note

For `ListTopics`, you can use a wildcard (*) to match all topics on a cluster. For example: `arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/my-cluster/abcd1234-abcd-dcba-4321-a1b2abcd9f9f-2/*`.

For more information about IAM access control for Amazon MSK, see the section called "IAM access control".

Topics

- List topics in an Amazon MSK cluster
- Get detailed information about a topic
- View partition information for a topic
- Create topics in an Amazon MSK cluster
- Update a topic in an Amazon MSK cluster
- Delete a topic in an Amazon MSK cluster

List topics in an Amazon MSK cluster

You can list all topics in your MSK Provisioned cluster to view basic metadata such as partition counts and replication factors. This is useful for monitoring your cluster's topics, performing inventory checks, or identifying topics for further investigation.

> **Note**
>
> The `ListTopics` API provides basic topic metadata. To get detailed information about a specific topic, including its current status and configuration, use the `DescribeTopic` API. For more information, see Get detailed information about a topic.

> **Note**
>
> This API response reflects data that updates approximately every minute. For the most current topic state after making changes, allow approximately one minute before querying.

Topics

- List topics using the AWS Management Console
- List topics using the AWS CLI
- List topics using the API

List topics using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the list of clusters, choose the name of the cluster for which you want to list topics.
3. On the cluster details page, choose the **Topics** tab.
4. The table shows all topics in the cluster, including the topic name, number of partitions, replication factor, and out-of-sync replica count.

List topics using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called “List clusters”.

```
aws kafka list-topics --cluster-arn ClusterArn
```

The output of this command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "topics": [
        {
            "topicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/MyCluster/abcd1234-
abcd-dcba-4321-a1b2abcd9f9f-2/MyTopic",
            "topicName": "MyTopic",
            "partitionCount": 3,
            "replicationFactor": 3,
            "outOfSyncReplicaCount": 0
        },
        {
            "topicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/MyCluster/abcd1234-
abcd-dcba-4321-a1b2abcd9f9f-2/AnotherTopic",
            "topicName": "AnotherTopic",
            "partitionCount": 6,
            "replicationFactor": 3,
            "outOfSyncReplicaCount": 1
        }
    ]
}
```

Paginating results

If your cluster has many topics, you can use pagination to retrieve results in smaller batches. Use the `--max-results` parameter to specify the maximum number of topics to return, and use the `--next-token` parameter to retrieve the next page of results.

```
aws kafka list-topics --cluster-arn ClusterArn --max-results 10
```

If there are more results available, the response includes a `nextToken` value. Use this token to retrieve the next page of results.

```
aws kafka list-topics --cluster-arn ClusterArn --max-results 10 --next-token NextToken
```

Filtering topics by name

You can filter the list of topics by specifying a prefix using the `--topic-name-filter` parameter. This returns only topics whose names start with the specified prefix.

```
aws kafka list-topics --cluster-arn ClusterArn --topic-name-filter "prod-"
```

This command returns only topics whose names start with `prod-`, such as `prod-orders` or `prod-inventory`.

List topics using the API

To list topics using the API, see ListTopics.

Get detailed information about a topic

You can retrieve detailed information about a specific topic in your MSK Provisioned cluster, including its current status, partition count, replication factor, and configuration. This is useful for troubleshooting, validating topic settings, or monitoring topic status during operations.

> **Note**
>
> This API response reflects data that updates approximately every minute. For the most current topic state after making changes, allow approximately one minute before querying.

Topics

- Describe a topic using the AWS Management Console
- Describe a topic using the AWS CLI
- Describe a topic using the API

Describe a topic using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the list of clusters, choose the name of the cluster that contains the topic you want to describe.
3. On the cluster details page, choose the **Topics** tab.
4. In the list of topics, choose the name of the topic you want to view.
5. The topic details page shows information about the topic, including its status, partition count, replication factor, and configuration settings.

Describe a topic using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of your cluster and *TopicName* with the name of the topic you want to describe.

```
aws kafka describe-topic --cluster-arn ClusterArn --topic-name TopicName
```

The output of this command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "topicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/MyCluster/abcd1234-abcd-
dcba-4321-a1b2abcd9f9f-2/MyTopic",
    "topicName": "MyTopic",
    "partitionCount": 3,
    "replicationFactor": 3,
    "configs": "Y29tcHJlc3Npb24udHlwZT1wcm9kdWNlcgpyZXRlbnRpb24ubXM9NjA0ODAwMDAw",
    "status": "ACTIVE"
}
```

Understanding topic status

The `status` field indicates the current state of the topic. The following table describes the possible status values.

Topic status values

Status	Description
CREATING	The topic is being created.
ACTIVE	The topic is active and ready for use.
UPDATING	The topic configuration is being updated.
DELETING	The topic is being deleted.

Understanding topic configurations

The `configs` field contains the topic's Kafka configuration properties, encoded in Base64 format. To view the configuration in a readable format, you need to decode the Base64 string.

The following example shows how to decode the configuration using the `base64` command on Linux or macOS.

```
echo "Y29tcHJlc3Npb24udHlwZT1wcm9kdWNlcgpyZXRlbnRpb24ubXM9NjA0ODAwMDAw" | base64 --
decode
```

The decoded output shows the topic configuration properties in key-value format.

```
compression.type=producer
retention.ms=604800000
```

For more information about topic-level configuration properties, see the section called “Topic-level Amazon MSK configuration”.

Describe a topic using the API

To describe a topic using the API, see DescribeTopic.

View partition information for a topic

You can retrieve detailed information about the partitions of a specific topic in your MSK Provisioned cluster. This information includes the partition number, leader broker, replica brokers, and in-sync replicas (ISR). This is useful for monitoring partition distribution, identifying under-replicated partitions, or troubleshooting replication issues.

> **Note**
>
> This API response reflects data that updates approximately every minute. For the most current topic state after making changes, allow approximately one minute before querying.

Topics

- View partition information using the AWS Management Console
- View partition information using the AWS CLI
- View partition information using the API

View partition information using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the list of clusters, choose the name of the cluster that contains the topic.
3. On the cluster details page, choose the **Topics** tab.
4. In the list of topics, choose the name of the topic for which you want to view partition information.
5. On the topic details page, the partition information is displayed, showing the partition number, leader broker, replicas, and in-sync replicas for each partition.

View partition information using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of your cluster and *TopicName* with the name of the topic.

```
aws kafka describe-topic-partitions --cluster-arn ClusterArn --topic-name TopicName
```

The output of this command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "partitions": [
        {
            "partition": 0,
```

```
            "leader": 1,
            "replicas": [1, 2, 3],
            "isr": [1, 2, 3]
        },
        {
            "partition": 1,
            "leader": 2,
            "replicas": [2, 3, 1],
            "isr": [2, 3, 1]
        },
        {
            "partition": 2,
            "leader": 3,
            "replicas": [3, 1, 2],
            "isr": [3, 1]
        }
    ]
}
```

Understanding partition information

The response includes the following information for each partition:

- **partition** — The partition number. Partitions are numbered starting from 0.
- **leader** — The broker ID of the leader for this partition. The leader handles all read and write requests for the partition.
- **replicas** — The list of broker IDs that have replicas of this partition. This includes both in-sync and out-of-sync replicas.
- **isr** — The list of broker IDs that are in-sync replicas. These replicas are fully caught up with the leader and can take over as leader if needed.

In the example above, partition 2 has an out-of-sync replica. The `replicas` list includes broker 2, but the `isr` list does not. This indicates that broker 2 is not fully caught up with the leader for this partition.

Paginating results

If your topic has many partitions, you can use pagination to retrieve results in smaller batches. Use the `--max-results` parameter to specify the maximum number of partitions to return, and use the `--next-token` parameter to retrieve the next page of results.

```
aws kafka describe-topic-partitions --cluster-arn ClusterArn --topic-name TopicName --
max-results 10
```

If there are more results available, the response includes a `nextToken` value. Use this token to retrieve the next page of results.

```
aws kafka describe-topic-partitions --cluster-arn ClusterArn --topic-name TopicName --
max-results 10 --next-token NextToken
```

Common use cases

Viewing partition information is useful for several scenarios:

- **Identifying under-replicated partitions** — Compare the `replicas` and `isr` lists to identify partitions where some replicas are not in sync. This can indicate performance issues or broker problems.
- **Monitoring partition distribution** — Check that partition leaders are evenly distributed across brokers to ensure balanced load.
- **Troubleshooting replication issues** — Identify which brokers are having trouble keeping up with replication by examining the ISR list.
- **Planning partition rebalancing** — Use this information to understand the current partition layout before performing rebalancing operations.

View partition information using the API

To view partition information using the API, see DescribeTopicPartitions.

Create topics in an Amazon MSK cluster

You can create topics in your MSK Provisioned cluster using this API directly without setting up any custom Kafka AdminClient. When creating a topic, you specify the topic name, partition count, replication factor, and optionally topic configurations.

Topics

- Create topics using the AWS Management Console
- Create a topic using the AWS CLI
- Create a topic using the API

Create topics using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the list of clusters, choose the name of the cluster where you want to create the topics.
3. On the cluster details page, choose the **Topics** tab.
4. Choose **Create topic**.
5. Enter the topic name, partition count, and replication factor. Optionally, add configurations. You can create multiple topics at once.
6. Choose **Create topic**.

Create a topic using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called “List clusters”.

```
aws kafka create-topic --cluster-arn ClusterArn --topic-name MyTopic --partition-count
 3 --replication-factor 3
```

The output of this command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "topicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/MyCluster/abcd1234-abcd-
dcba-4321-a1b2abcd9f9f-2/MyTopic",
    "topicName": "MyTopic",
    "status": "CREATING"
}
```

Create a topic using the API

To create a topic using the API, see CreateTopic.

Update a topic in an Amazon MSK cluster

Update the partition count or topic-level configurations for an existing topic. This operation modifies the topic without requiring recreation.

> **Note**
>
> You can update either the partition count or the topic configurations in a single API call, but not both simultaneously. To update both, make separate API calls.

Topics

- Update a topic using the AWS Management Console
- Update a topic using the AWS CLI
- Update a topic using the API

Update a topic using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the list of clusters, choose the name of the cluster containing the topic you want to update.
3. On the cluster details page, choose the **Topics** tab.
4. Select the topic you want to update, then choose either **Edit partition settings** or **Edit configurations** from **Actions**.
5. Update the partition count or configurations as needed.
6. Choose **Save**.

Update a topic using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of your cluster and *TopicName* with the name of the topic you want to update.

```
aws kafka update-topic --cluster-arn ClusterArn --topic-name TopicName --partition-
count 6
```

The output of this command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "topicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/MyCluster/abcd1234-abcd-
dcba-4321-a1b2abcd9f9f-2/MyTopic",
    "topicName": "MyTopic",
```

```
    "status": "UPDATING"
}
```

Update a topic using the API

To update a topic using the API, see UpdateTopic.

Delete a topic in an Amazon MSK cluster

Deleting a topic permanently removes all its data, metadata, and partition information. This operation cannot be undone.

Topics

- Delete a topic using the AWS Management Console
- Delete a topic using the AWS CLI
- Delete a topic using the API

Delete a topic using the AWS Management Console

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the list of clusters, choose the name of the cluster containing the topic you want to delete.
3. On the cluster details page, choose the **Topics** tab.
4. Select the topics you want to delete, then choose **Delete** from **Actions**.
5. Confirm the deletion, then choose **Delete**.

Delete a topic using the AWS CLI

Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of your cluster and *TopicName* with the name of the topic you want to delete.

```
aws kafka delete-topic --cluster-arn ClusterArn --topic-name TopicName
```

The output of this command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "topicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/MyCluster/abcd1234-abcd-
dcba-4321-a1b2abcd9f9f-2/MyTopic",
```

```
    "topicName": "MyTopic",
    "status": "DELETING"
}
```

Delete a topic using the API

To delete a topic using the API, see DeleteTopic.

Amazon MSK resources

The term *resources* has two meanings in Amazon MSK, depending on the context. In the context of APIs a resource is a structure on which you can invoke an operation. For a list of these resources and the operations that you can invoke on them, see Resources in the Amazon MSK API Reference. In the context of the section called "IAM access control", a resource is an entity to which you can allow or deny access, as defined in the the section called "Authorization policy resources" section.

Apache Kafka versions

When you create an Amazon MSK cluster, you specify which Apache Kafka version you want to have on it. You can also update the Apache Kafka version of an existing cluster. The topics in the chapter help you understand timelines for Kafka version support and suggestions for best practices.

Topics

- Supported Apache Kafka versions
- Amazon MSK version support

Supported Apache Kafka versions

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) supports the following Apache Kafka and Amazon MSK versions. The Apache Kafka community provides approximately 12 months of support for a version after its release date. For more details, see Apache Kafka EOL (end of life) policy.

The following table lists the Apache Kafka versions that Amazon MSK supports.

Apache Kafka version	MSK release date	End of support date
1.1.1	--	2024-06-05

Apache Kafka version	MSK release date	End of support date
2.1.0	--	2024-06-05
2.2.1	2019-07-31	2024-06-08
2.3.1	2019-12-19	2024-06-08
2.4.1	2020-04-02	2024-06-08
2.4.1.1	2020-09-09	2024-06-08
2.5.1	2020-09-30	2024-06-08
2.6.0	2020-10-21	2024-09-11
2.6.1	2021-01-19	2024-09-11
2.6.2	2021-04-29	2024-09-11
2.6.3	2021-12-21	2024-09-11
2.7.0	2020-12-29	2024-09-11
2.7.1	2021-05-25	2024-09-11
2.7.2	2021-12-21	2024-09-11
2.8.0	2021-05-19	2024-09-11
2.8.1	2022-10-28	2024-09-11
2.8.2-tiered	2022-10-28	2025-01-14
3.1.1	2022-06-22	2024-09-11
3.2.0	2022-06-22	2024-09-11
3.3.1	2022-10-26	2024-09-11
3.3.2	2023-03-02	2024-09-11

Apache Kafka version	MSK release date	End of support date
3.4.0	2023-05-04	2025-08-04
3.5.1	2023-09-26	2025-10-23
3.6.0	2023-11-16	2026-06-01
3.7.x	2024-05-29	2026-09-01
3.8.x	2025-02-20	--
3.9.x (Recommended)	2025-04-21	--
4.0.x	2025-05-16	--
4.1.x	2025-10-15	--
4.2.x	2026-07-15	--

For more information about Amazon MSK version support policy, see Amazon MSK version support policy.

Amazon MSK version 4.2.x

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 4.2. This release includes Eligible Leader Replicas (ELR) enhancements that strengthen availability with improved leader election correctness. It also introduces a new consumer rebalance protocol that helps ensure smoother and faster group rebalances, and a new Streams Rebalance Protocol that extends broker coordination capabilities to Kafka Streams for optimized task assignments.

For more details and a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for version 4.2.

To start using Apache Kafka 4.2 on Amazon MSK, choose version 4.2.x when creating a new cluster with Standard or Express brokers through the AWS Management Console, AWS CLI, or AWS SDKs. You can also upgrade existing Standard or Express clusters with an in-place rolling update. Amazon MSK orchestrates broker restarts to maintain availability and protect your data during the upgrade. Kafka version 4.2 support is available on MSK Standard and Express brokers across all AWS Regions where Amazon MSK is offered.

> **Note**
>
> KIP-932: Queues for Kafka is not yet supported on MSK Express brokers.

Amazon MSK version 4.1.x

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 4.1, which introduces Queues as a preview feature, a new Streams Rebalance Protocol in early access, and Eligible Leader Replicas (ELR). Along with these features, Apache Kafka version 4.1 includes various bug fixes and improvements.

A key highlight of Kafka 4.1 is the introduction of Queues as a preview feature. You can use multiple consumers to process messages from the same topic partitions, improving parallelism and throughput for workloads that need point-to-point message delivery. The new Streams Rebalance Protocol builds upon Kafka 4.0's consumer rebalance protocol, extending broker coordination capabilities to Kafka Streams for optimized task assignments and rebalancing. Additionally, ELR is now enabled by default to strengthen availability.

For more details and a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for version 4.1.

To start using Apache Kafka 4.1 on Amazon MSK, choose version 4.1.x when creating a new cluster through the AWS Management Console, AWS CLI, or AWS SDKs. You can also upgrade existing MSK provisioned clusters with an in-place rolling update. Amazon MSK orchestrates broker restarts to maintain availability and protect your data during the upgrade. Kafka version 4.1 support is available across all AWS Regions where Amazon MSK is offered.

Amazon MSK version 4.0.x

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 4.0. This version brings the latest advancements in cluster management and performance to MSK Provisioned. Kafka 4.0 introduces a new consumer rebalance protocol, now generally available, that helps ensure smoother and faster group rebalances. In addition, Kafka 4.0 requires brokers and tools to use Java 17, providing improved security and performance, includes various bug fixes and improvements, and deprecates metadata management via Apache ZooKeeper.

For more details and a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for version 4.0.

Amazon MSK version 3.9.x (Recommended)

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 3.9. This version enhances tiered storage functionality by letting you retain tiered data when you disable tiered storage at the topic level. Your consumer applications can read historical data from the remote log start offset (Rx) while maintaining continuous log offsets across local and remote storage.

Version 3.9 is the last version to support both ZooKeeper and KRaft metadata management systems. Amazon MSK will provide extended support for version 3.9 for a minimum of two years from its release date.

For more details and a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for version 3.9.x.

Amazon MSK version 3.8.x

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 3.8. You can now create new clusters using version 3.8 with either KRAFT or ZooKeeper mode for metadata management or upgrade your existing ZooKeeper based clusters to use version 3.8. Apache Kafka version 3.8 includes several bug fixes and new features that improve performance. Key new features include support for compression level configuration. This allows you to further optimize your performance when using compression types such as lz4, zstd and gzip, by allowing you to change the default compression level.

For more details and a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for version 3.8.x.

Apache Kafka version 3.7.x (with production-ready tiered storage)

Apache Kafka version 3.7.x on MSK includes support for Apache Kafka version 3.7.0. You can create clusters or upgrade existing clusters to use the new 3.7.x version. With this change in version naming, you no longer have to adopt newer patch fix versions such as 3.7.1 when they are released by the Apache Kafka community. Amazon MSK will automatically update 3.7.x to support future patch versions once they become available. This allows you to benefit from the security and bug fixes available through patch fix versions without triggering a version upgrade. These patch fix versions released by Apache Kafka don't break version compatibility and you can benefit from the new patch fix versions without worrying about read or write errors for your client applications. Please make sure your infrastructure automation tools, such as CloudFormation, are updated to account for this change in version naming.

Amazon MSK now supports KRaft mode (Apache Kafka Raft) in Apache Kafka version 3.7.x. On Amazon MSK, like with ZooKeeper nodes, KRaft controllers are included at no additional cost to you, and require no additional setup or management from you. You can now create clusters in either KRaft mode or ZooKeeper mode on Apache Kafka version 3.7.x. In Kraft mode, you can add up to 60 brokers to host more partitions per-cluster, without requesting a limit increase, compared to the 30-broker quota on Zookeeper-based clusters. To learn more about KRaft on MSK, see KRaft mode.

Apache Kafka version 3.7.x also includes several bug fixes and new features that improve performance. Key improvements include leader discovery optimizations for clients and log segment flush optimization options. For a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for 3.7.0.

Apache Kafka version 3.6.0 (with production-ready tiered storage)

For information about Apache Kafka version 3.6.0 (with production-ready tiered storage), see its release notes on the Apache Kafka downloads site.

Amazon MSK will continue to use and manage Zookeeper for quorum management in this release for stability.

Amazon MSK version 3.5.1

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 3.5.1 for new and existing clusters. Apache Kafka 3.5.1 includes several bug fixes and new features that improve performance. Key features include the introduction of new rack-aware partition assignment for consumers. Amazon MSK will continue to use and manage Zookeeper for quorum management in this release. For a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for 3.5.1.

For information about Apache Kafka version 3.5.1, see its release notes on the Apache Kafka downloads site.

Amazon MSK version 3.4.0

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 3.4.0 for new and existing clusters. Apache Kafka 3.4.0 includes several bug fixes and new features that improve performance. Key features include a fix to improve stability to fetch from the closest replica. Amazon MSK will continue to use and manage Zookeeper for quorum management in this

release. For a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for 3.4.0.

For information about Apache Kafka version 3.4.0, see its release notes on the Apache Kafka downloads site.

Amazon MSK version 3.3.2

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 3.3.2 for new and existing clusters. Apache Kafka 3.3.2 includes several bug fixes and new features that improve performance. Key features include a fix to improve stability to fetch from the closest replica. Amazon MSK will continue to use and manage Zookeeper for quorum management in this release. For a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for 3.3.2.

For information about Apache Kafka version 3.3.2, see its release notes on the Apache Kafka downloads site.

Amazon MSK version 3.3.1

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 3.3.1 for new and existing clusters. Apache Kafka 3.3.1 includes several bug fixes and new features that improve performance. Some of the key features include enhancements to metrics and partitioner. Amazon MSK will continue to use and manage Zookeeper for quorum management in this release for stability. For a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for 3.3.1.

For information about Apache Kafka version 3.3.1, see its release notes on the Apache Kafka downloads site.

Amazon MSK version 3.1.1

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) now supports Apache Kafka version 3.1.1 and 3.2.0 for new and existing clusters. Apache Kafka 3.1.1 and Apache Kafka 3.2.0 includes several bug fixes and new features that improve performance. Some of the key features include enhancements to metrics and the use of topic IDs. MSK will continue to use and manage Zookeeper for quorum management in this release for stability. For a complete list of improvements and bug fixes, see the Apache Kafka release notes for 3.1.1 and 3.2.0.

For information about Apache Kafka version 3.1.1 and 3.2.0, see its 3.2.0 release notes and 3.1.1 release notes on the Apache Kafka downloads site.

Amazon MSK tiered storage version 2.8.2.tiered

This release is an Amazon MSK-only version of Apache Kafka version 2.8.2, and is compatible with open source Apache Kafka clients.

The 2.8.2.tiered release contains tiered storage functionality that is compatible with APIs introduced in KIP-405 for Apache Kafka. For more information about the Amazon MSK tiered storage feature, see Tiered storage for Standard brokers.

Apache Kafka version 2.5.1

Apache Kafka version 2.5.1 includes several bug fixes and new features, including encryption in-transit for Apache ZooKeeper and administration clients. Amazon MSK provides TLS ZooKeeper endpoints, which you can query with the DescribeCluster operation.

The output of the DescribeCluster operation includes the `ZookeeperConnectStringTls` node, which lists the TLS zookeeper endpoints.

The following example shows the `ZookeeperConnectStringTls` node of the response for the `DescribeCluster` operation:

```
"ZookeeperConnectStringTls": "z-3.awskafkatutorialc.abcd123.c3.kafka.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:2182,z-2.awskafkatutorialc.abcd123.c3.kafka.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:2182,z-1.awskafkatutorialc.abcd123.c3.kafka.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:2182"
```

For information about using TLS encryption with zookeeper, see Using TLS security with Apache ZooKeeper.

For more information about Apache Kafka version 2.5.1, see its release notes on the Apache Kafka downloads site.

Amazon MSK bug-fix version 2.4.1.1

This release is an Amazon MSK-only bug-fix version of Apache Kafka version 2.4.1. This bug-fix release contains a fix for KAFKA-9752, a rare issue that causes consumer groups to continuously rebalance and remain in the `PreparingRebalance` state. This issue affects clusters running Apache Kafka versions 2.3.1 and 2.4.1. This release contains a community-produced fix that is available in Apache Kafka version 2.5.0.

> **Note**
>
> Amazon MSK clusters running version 2.4.1.1 are compatible with any Apache Kafka client that is compatible with Apache Kafka version 2.4.1.

We recommend that you use MSK bug-fix version 2.4.1.1 for new Amazon MSK clusters if you prefer to use Apache Kafka 2.4.1. You can update existing clusters running Apache Kafka version 2.4.1 to this version to incorporate this fix. For information about upgrading an existing cluster, see Upgrade the Apache Kafka version.

To work around this issue without upgrading the cluster to version 2.4.1.1, see the Consumer group stuck in `PreparingRebalance` state section of the Troubleshoot your Amazon MSK cluster guide.

Apache Kafka version 2.4.1 (use 2.4.1.1 instead)

> **Note**
>
> You can no longer create an MSK cluster with Apache Kafka version 2.4.1. Instead, you can use Amazon MSK bug-fix version 2.4.1.1 with clients compatible with Apache Kafka version 2.4.1. And if you already have an MSK cluster with Apache Kafka version 2.4.1, we recommend you update it to use Apache Kafka version 2.4.1.1 instead.

KIP-392 is one of the key Kafka Improvement Proposals that are included in the 2.4.1 release of Apache Kafka. This improvement allows consumers to fetch from the closest replica. To use this feature, set `client.rack` in the consumer properties to the ID of the consumer's Availability Zone. An example AZ ID is `use1-az1`. Amazon MSK sets `broker.rack` to the IDs of the Availability Zones of the brokers. You must also set the `replica.selector.class` configuration property to `org.apache.kafka.common.replica.RackAwareReplicaSelector`, which is an implementation of rack awareness provided by Apache Kafka.

When you use this version of Apache Kafka, the metrics in the `PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER` monitoring level appear only after their values become nonzero for the first time. For more information about this, see the section called “`PER_TOPIC_PER_BROKER` Level monitoring”.

For information about how to find Availability Zone IDs, see AZ IDs for Your Resource in the AWS Resource Access Manager user guide.

For information about setting configuration properties, see the section called "Broker configuration".

For more information about KIP-392, see Allow Consumers to Fetch from Closest Replica in the Confluence pages.

For more information about Apache Kafka version 2.4.1, see its release notes on the Apache Kafka downloads site.

Amazon MSK version support

This topic describes the Amazon MSK version support policy and the procedure for Upgrade the Apache Kafka version. If you're upgrading your Kafka version, follow the best practices outlined in Best practices for version upgrades.

Topics

- Amazon MSK version support policy
- Upgrade the Apache Kafka version
- Best practices for version upgrades

Amazon MSK version support policy

This section describes the support policy for Amazon MSK supported Kafka versions.

- All Kafka versions are supported until they reach their end of support date. For details on end of support dates, see Supported Apache Kafka versions. Upgrade your MSK cluster to the recommended Kafka version or higher version before the end of support date. For details about upgrading your Apache Kafka version, see Upgrade the Apache Kafka version. A cluster using a Kafka version after its end of support date is auto-upgraded to the recommended Kafka version. Automatic upgrades can happen at any time after the end of support date. You will not receive any notification before the upgrade.
- MSK will phase out support for newly created clusters that use Kafka versions with published end of support dates.

Upgrade the Apache Kafka version

You can upgrade an existing MSK cluster to a newer version of Apache Kafka. Before upgrading your cluster's Kafka version, verify that your client-side software's version supports the features in the new Kafka version.

For information about how to make a cluster highly available during an upgrade, see the section called “Build highly available clusters”.

Upgrade the Apache Kafka version using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. In the navigation bar, choose the Region where you created the MSK cluster.
3. Choose the MSK cluster which you want to upgrade.
4. On the **Properties** tab, choose **Upgrade** in the **Apache Kafka version** section.
5. In the **Apache Kafka version** section, do the following:

   a. In the *Choose Apache Kafka version* dropdown list, choose the target version to which you want to upgrade. For example, choose **`3.9.x`**.

   b. (Optional) Choose **View version compatibility** to verify compatibility between your cluster's current version and the available upgrade versions. Then, select **Choose** to proceed.

   > **Note**
   >
   > You can migrate a ZooKeeper-based cluster to KRaft mode by selecting a KRaft-based target version (with a `.kraft` suffix). This performs an in-place migration of your cluster's metadata management from ZooKeeper to KRaft. For more information, see Migrate from ZooKeeper to KRaft mode.

   c. (Optional) Choose the **Update cluster configuration** checkbox to apply configuration updates compatible with the new version. This enables the new version’s features and improvements.

   You can skip this step if you need to maintain your existing custom configurations.

> **Note**
>
> - Server-side upgrades don't automatically update client applications.
> - To maintain cluster stability, version downgrades aren't supported.

d. Choose **Upgrade** to start the process.

Upgrade the Apache Kafka version using the AWS CLI

1. Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) that you obtained when you created your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called “List clusters”.

```
aws kafka get-compatible-kafka-versions --cluster-arn ClusterArn
```

The output of this command includes a list of the Apache Kafka versions to which you can upgrade the cluster. It looks like the following example.

```
{
    "CompatibleKafkaVersions": [
        {
            "SourceVersion": "2.2.1",
            "TargetVersions": [
                "2.3.1",
                "2.4.1",
                "2.4.1.1",
                "2.5.1"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

2. Run the following command, replacing *ClusterArn* with the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) that you obtained when you created your cluster. If you don't have the ARN for your cluster, you can find it by listing all clusters. For more information, see the section called “List clusters”.

Replace *Current-Cluster-Version* with the current version of the cluster. For *TargetVersion* you can specify any of the target versions from the output of the previous command.

> **Important**
>
> Cluster versions aren't simple integers. To find the current version of the cluster, use the DescribeCluster operation or the describe-cluster AWS CLI command. An example version is KTVPDKIKX0DER.

```
aws kafka update-cluster-kafka-version --cluster-arn ClusterArn --current-
version Current-Cluster-Version --target-kafka-version TargetVersion
```

The output of the previous command looks like the following JSON.

```
{

    "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/exampleClusterName/
abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef"
}
```

3. To get the result of the `update-cluster-kafka-version` operation, run the following command, replacing *ClusterOperationArn* with the ARN that you obtained in the output of the `update-cluster-kafka-version` command.

```
aws kafka describe-cluster-operation --cluster-operation-arn ClusterOperationArn
```

The output of this `describe-cluster-operation` command looks like the following JSON example.

```
{
    "ClusterOperationInfo": {
        "ClientRequestId": "62cd41d2-1206-4ebf-85a8-dbb2ba0fe259",
```

```
        "ClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster/
exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2",
        "CreationTime": "2021-03-11T20:34:59.648000+00:00",
        "OperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:012345678012:cluster-
operation/exampleClusterName/abcdefab-1234-abcd-5678-cdef0123ab01-2/0123abcd-
abcd-4f7f-1234-9876543210ef",
        "OperationState": "UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS",
        "OperationSteps": [
            {
                "StepInfo": {
                    "StepStatus": "IN_PROGRESS"
                },
                "StepName": "INITIALIZE_UPDATE"
            },
            {
                "StepInfo": {
                    "StepStatus": "PENDING"
                },
                "StepName": "UPDATE_APACHE_KAFKA_BINARIES"
            },
            {
                "StepInfo": {
                    "StepStatus": "PENDING"
                },
                "StepName": "FINALIZE_UPDATE"
            }
        ],
        "OperationType": "UPDATE_CLUSTER_KAFKA_VERSION",
        "SourceClusterInfo": {
            "KafkaVersion": "2.4.1"
        },
        "TargetClusterInfo": {
            "KafkaVersion": "2.6.1"
        }
    }
}
```

If `OperationState` has the value `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS`, wait a while, then run the `describe-cluster-operation` command again. When the operation is complete, the value of `OperationState` becomes `UPDATE_COMPLETE`. Because the time required for Amazon MSK to complete the operation varies, you might need to check repeatedly until the operation is complete.

Upgrade the Apache Kafka version using the API

1. Invoke the GetCompatibleKafkaVersions operation to get a list of the Apache Kafka versions to which you can upgrade the cluster.
2. Invoke the UpdateClusterKafkaVersion operation to upgrade the cluster to one of the compatible Apache Kafka versions.

Best practices for version upgrades

To ensure client continuity during the rolling update that is performed as part of the Kafka version upgrade process, review the configuration of your clients and your Apache Kafka topics as follows:

- Set the topic replication factor (RF) to a minimum value of 2 for two-AZ clusters and a minimum value of 3 for three-AZ clusters. An RF value of 2 can lead to offline partitions during patching.
- Set minimum in-sync replicas (minISR) to a maximum value of 1 less than your Replication Factor (RF), which is `miniISR = (RF) - 1`. This makes sure that the partition replica set can tolerate one replica being offline or under-replicated.
- Configure clients to use multiple broker connection strings. Having multiple brokers in a client's connection string allows for failover if a specific broker supporting client I/O begins to be patched. For information about how to get a connection string with multiple brokers, see Getting the bootstrap brokers for an Amazon MSK cluster.
- We recommend that you upgrade connecting clients to the recommended version or above to benefit from the features available in the new version. Client upgrades are not subject to the end of life (EOL) dates of your MSK cluster's Kafka version, and do not need to be completed by the EOL date. Apache Kafka provides a bi-directional client compatibility policy that allows older clients to work with newer clusters and vice versa.
- Kafka clients using versions 3.x.x are likely to come with the following defaults: `acks=all` and `enable.idempotence=true`. `acks=all` is different from the previous default of `acks=1` and provides extra durability by ensuring that all in-sync replicas acknowledge the produce request. Similarly, the default for `enable.idempotence` was previously `false`. The change to `enable.idempotence=true` as the default lowers the likelihood of duplicate messages. These changes are considered best practice settings and may introduce a small amount of additional latency that's within normal performance parameters.
- Use the recommended Kafka version when creating new MSK clusters. Using the recommended Kafka version allows you to benefit from the latest Kafka and MSK features.

Troubleshoot your Amazon MSK cluster

The following information can help you troubleshoot problems that you might have with your Amazon MSK cluster. You can also post your issue to AWS re:Post. For troubleshooting Amazon MSK Replicator, see Troubleshoot Amazon MSK Replicator.

Topics

- Volume replacement causes disk saturation due to replication overload
- Consumer group stuck in PreparingRebalance state
- Error delivering broker logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs
- No default security group
- Cluster appears stuck in the CREATING state
- Cluster state goes from CREATING to FAILED
- Cluster state is ACTIVE but producers cannot send data or consumers cannot receive data
- AWS CLI doesn't recognize Amazon MSK
- Partitions go offline or replicas are out of sync
- Disk space is running low
- Memory running low
- Producer gets NotLeaderForPartitionException
- Under-replicated partitions (URP) greater than zero
- Cluster has topics called __amazon_msk_canary and __amazon_msk_canary_state
- Partition replication fails
- Unable to access cluster that has public access turned on
- Unable to access cluster through IPv6 bootstrap
- Unable to access cluster from within AWS: Networking issues
- Failed authentication: Too many connects
- Failed authentication: Session too short
- MSK Serverless: Cluster creation fails
- Can’t update KafkaVersionsList in MSK configuration
- Custom domain name configuration errors

Volume replacement causes disk saturation due to replication overload

During unplanned volume hardware failure, Amazon MSK may replace the volume with a new instance. Kafka repopulates the new volume by replicating partitions from other brokers in the cluster. Once partitions are replicated and caught up, they are eligible for leadership and in-sync replica (ISR) membership.

Problem

In a broker recovering from volume replacement, some partitions of varying sizes may come back online before others. This can be problematic as those partitions can be serving traffic from the same broker that is still catching up (replicating) other partitions. This replication traffic can sometimes saturate the underlying volume throughput limits, which is 250 MiB per second in the default case. When this saturation occurs, any partitions that are already caught up will be impacted, resulting in latency across the cluster for any brokers sharing ISR with those caught up partitions (not just leader partitions due to remote acks `acks=all`). This problem is more common with larger clusters that have larger numbers of partitions that vary in size.

Recommendation

- To improve replication I/O posture, ensure that best practice thread settings are in place.
- To reduce the likelihood of underlying volume saturation, enable provisioned storage with a higher throughput. A min throughput value of 500 MiB/s is recommended for high throughput replication cases, but the actual value needed will vary with throughput and use case. Provision storage throughput for Standard brokers in a Amazon MSK cluster.
- To minimize replication pressure, lower `num.replica.fetchers` to the default value of 2.

Consumer group stuck in `PreparingRebalance` state

If one or more of your consumer groups is stuck in a perpetual rebalancing state, the cause might be Apache Kafka issue KAFKA-9752, which affects Apache Kafka versions 2.3.1 and 2.4.1.

To resolve this issue, we recommend that you upgrade your cluster to Amazon MSK bug-fix version 2.4.1.1, which contains a fix for this issue. For information about updating an existing cluster to Amazon MSK bug-fix version 2.4.1.1, see Upgrade the Apache Kafka version.

The workarounds for solving this issue without upgrading the cluster to Amazon MSK bug-fix version 2.4.1.1 are to either set the Kafka clients to use Static membership protocol , or to Identify and reboot the coordinating broker node of the stuck consumer group.

Implementing static membership protocol

To implement Static Membership Protocol in your clients, do the following:

1. Set the `group.instance.id` property of your Kafka Consumers configuration to a static string that identifies the consumer in the group.
2. Ensure that other instances of the configuration are updated to use the static string.
3. Deploy the changes to your Kafka Consumers.

Using Static Membership Protocol is more effective if the session timeout in the client configuration is set to a duration that allows the consumer to recover without prematurely triggering a consumer group rebalance. For example, if your consumer application can tolerate 5 minutes of unavailability, a reasonable value for the session timeout would be 4 minutes instead of the default value of 10 seconds.

> **Note**
>
> Using Static Membership Protocol only reduces the probability of encountering this issue. You may still encounter this issue even when using Static Membership Protocol.

Rebooting the coordinating broker node

To reboot the coordinating broker node, do the following:

1. Identify the group coordinator using the `kafka-consumer-groups.sh` command.
2. Restart the group coordinator of the stuck consumer group using the RebootBroker API action.

Error delivering broker logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs

When you try to set up your cluster to send broker logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs, you might get one of two exceptions.

If you get an `InvalidInput.LengthOfCloudWatchResourcePolicyLimitExceeded` exception, try again but use log groups that start with `/aws/vendedlogs/`. For more information, see Enabling Logging from Certain Amazon Web Services.

If you get an `InvalidInput.NumberOfCloudWatchResourcePoliciesLimitExceeded` exception, choose an existing Amazon CloudWatch Logs policy in your account, and append the following JSON to it.

```
{"Sid":"AWSLogDeliveryWrite","Effect":"Allow","Principal":
{"Service":"delivery.logs.amazonaws.com"},"Action":
["logs:CreateLogStream","logs:PutLogEvents"],"Resource":["*"]}
```

If you try to append the JSON above to an existing policy but get an error that says you've reached the maximum length for the policy you picked, try to append the JSON to another one of your Amazon CloudWatch Logs policies. After you append the JSON to an existing policy, try once again to set up broker-log delivery to Amazon CloudWatch Logs.

No default security group

If you try to create a cluster and get an error indicating that there's no default security group, it might be because you are using a VPC that was shared with you. Ask your administrator to grant you permission to describe the security groups on this VPC and try again. For an example of a policy that allows this action, see Amazon EC2: Allows Managing EC2 Security Groups Associated With a Specific VPC, Programmatically and in the Console .

Cluster appears stuck in the CREATING state

Sometimes cluster creation can take up to 30 minutes. Wait for 30 minutes and check the state of the cluster again.

Cluster state goes from CREATING to FAILED

Try creating the cluster again.

Cluster state is ACTIVE but producers cannot send data or consumers cannot receive data

- If the cluster creation succeeds (the cluster state is `ACTIVE`), but you can't send or receive data, ensure that your producer and consumer applications have access to the cluster. For more information, see the guidance in the section called “Create a client machine”.

- If your producers and consumers have access to the cluster but still experience problems producing and consuming data, the cause might be KAFKA-7697, which affects Apache Kafka

version 2.1.0 and can lead to a deadlock in one or more brokers. Consider migrating to Apache Kafka 2.2.1, which is not affected by this bug. For information about how to migrate, see the section called "Migrate to MSK cluster".

AWS CLI doesn't recognize Amazon MSK

If you have the AWS CLI installed, but it doesn't recognize the Amazon MSK commands, upgrade your AWS CLI to the latest version. For detailed instructions on how to upgrade the AWS CLI, see Installing the AWS Command Line Interface. For information about how to use the AWS CLI to run Amazon MSK commands, see the section called "Key features and concepts".

Partitions go offline or replicas are out of sync

These can be symptoms of low disk space. See the section called "Disk space is running low".

Disk space is running low

See the following best practices for managing disk space: the section called "Monitor disk space" and the section called "Adjust data retention parameters".

Memory running low

If you see the `MemoryUsed` metric running high or `MemoryFree` running low, that doesn't mean there's a problem. Apache Kafka is designed to use as much memory as possible, and it manages it optimally.

Producer gets NotLeaderForPartitionException

This is often a transient error. Set the producer's `retries` configuration parameter to a value that's higher than its current value.

Under-replicated partitions (URP) greater than zero

The `UnderReplicatedPartitions` metric is an important one to monitor. In a healthy MSK cluster, this metric has the value 0. If it's greater than zero, that might be for one of the following reasons.

- If `UnderReplicatedPartitions` is spiky, the issue might be that the cluster isn't provisioned at the right size to handle incoming and outgoing traffic. See the section called "Best practices for Standard brokers".

- If `UnderReplicatedPartitions` is consistently greater than 0 including during low-traffic periods, the issue might be that you've set restrictive ACLs that don't grant topic access to brokers. To replicate partitions, brokers must be authorized to both READ and DESCRIBE topics. DESCRIBE is granted by default with the READ authorization. For information about setting ACLs, see Authorization and ACLs in the Apache Kafka documentation.

Cluster has topics called __amazon_msk_canary and __amazon_msk_canary_state

You might see that your MSK cluster has a topic with the name `__amazon_msk_canary` and another with the name `__amazon_msk_canary_state`. These are internal topics that Amazon MSK creates and uses for cluster health and diagnostic metrics. These topics are negligible in size and can't be deleted.

Partition replication fails

Ensure that you haven't set ACLs on CLUSTER_ACTIONS.

Unable to access cluster that has public access turned on

If your cluster has public access turned on, but you still cannot access it from the internet, follow these steps:

1. Ensure that the cluster's security group's inbound rules allow your IP address and the cluster's port. For a list of cluster port numbers, see the section called “Port information”. Also ensure that the security group's outbound rules allow outbound communications. For more information about security groups and their inbound and outbound rules, see Security groups for your VPC in the Amazon VPC User Guide.
2. Make sure that your IP address and the cluster's port are allowed in the inbound rules of the cluster's VPC network ACL. Unlike security groups, network ACLs are stateless. This means that you must configure both inbound and outbound rules. In the outbound rules, allow all traffic (port range: 0-65535) to your IP address. For more information, see Add and delete rules in the Amazon VPC User Guide.
3. Make sure that you are using the public-access bootstrap-brokers string to access the cluster. An MSK cluster that has public access turned on has two different bootstrap-brokers strings, one for public access, and one for access from within AWS. For more information, see the section called “Get the bootstrap brokers using the AWS Management Console”.

Unable to access cluster through IPv6 bootstrap

If you're having trouble connecting to a cluster using the provided IPv6 bootstrap strings, follow these steps:

1. Ensure your client has both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses assigned. Your client application must be running in a subnet that has both IPv4 and IPv6 addressing enabled and properly configured. Check if your VPC has both IPv4 CIDR block and an associated IPv6 CIDR block, confirm your subnet has both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses enabled, and verify your EC2 instance or client environment has both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses assigned. For more information, see IP addressing for your VPCs and subnets in the Amazon VPC User Guide.
2. Ensure relevant IPv6 ports are present in the security group inbound and outbound rules. Add inbound rules to allow traffic on the cluster's ports from your IPv6 addresses and configure outbound rules to allow IPv6 traffic. For specific port numbers, see Port information in the MSK documentation. Remember to update both IPv4 and IPv6 rules if running in dual-stack mode. For more information about security groups and their inbound and outbound rules, see Security groups for your VPC in the Amazon VPC User Guide.
3. Ensure JVM property configuration is correct for IPv6 support. In your client application, set `java.net.preferIPv6Addresses` to `true` and `java.net.preferIPv4Stack` to `false`. These settings can be configured either as system properties or JVM arguments. Restart your application after making these changes for them to take effect.

Unable to access cluster from within AWS: Networking issues

If you have an Apache Kafka application that is unable to communicate successfully with an MSK cluster, start by performing the following connectivity test.

1. Use any of the methods described in the section called “Get the bootstrap brokers” to get the addresses of the bootstrap brokers.
2. In the following command replace *`bootstrap-broker`* with one of the broker addresses that you obtained in the previous step. Replace *`port-number`* with 9094 if the cluster is set up to use TLS authentication. If the cluster doesn't use TLS authentication, replace *`port-number`* with 9092. Run the command from the client machine.

   ```
   telnet bootstrap-broker port-number
   ```

   Where port-number is:

- 9094 if the cluster is set up to use TLS authentication.
- 9092 If the cluster doesn't use TLS authentication.
- A different port-number is required if public access is enabled.

Run the command from the client machine.

3. Repeat the previous command for all the bootstrap brokers.

If the client machine is able to access the brokers, this means there are no connectivity issues. In this case, run the following command to check whether your Apache Kafka client is set up correctly. To get *bootstrap-brokers*, use any of the methods described in the section called "Get the bootstrap brokers". Replace *topic* with the name of your topic.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-producer.sh --broker-
list bootstrap-brokers --producer.config client.properties --topic topic
```

If the previous command succeeds, this means that your client is set up correctly. If you're still unable to produce and consume from an application, debug the problem at the application level.

If the client machine is unable to access the brokers, see the following subsections for guidance that is based on your client-machine setup.

Amazon EC2 client and MSK cluster in the same VPC

If the client machine is in the same VPC as the MSK cluster, make sure the cluster's security group has an inbound rule that accepts traffic from the client machine's security group. For information about setting up these rules, see Security Group Rules. For an example of how to access a cluster from an Amazon EC2 instance that's in the same VPC as the cluster, see the section called "Get started".

Amazon EC2 client and MSK cluster in different VPCs

If the client machine and the cluster are in two different VPCs, ensure the following:

- The two VPCs are peered.
- The status of the peering connection is active.
- The route tables of the two VPCs are set up correctly.

For information about VPC peering, see Working with VPC Peering Connections.

On-premises client

In the case of an on-premises client that is set up to connect to the MSK cluster using Site-to-Site VPN, ensure the following:

- The VPN connection status is UP. For information about how to check the VPN connection status, see How do I check the current status of my VPN tunnel?.
- The route table of the cluster's VPC contains the route for an on-premises CIDR whose target has the format `Virtual private gateway(vgw-xxxxxxxx)`.
- The MSK cluster's security group allows traffic on port 2181, port 9092 (if your cluster accepts plaintext traffic), and port 9094 (if your cluster accepts TLS-encrypted traffic).

For more Site-to-Site VPN troubleshooting guidance, see Troubleshooting Client VPN.

Direct Connect

If the client uses Direct Connect, see Troubleshooting Direct Connect.

If the previous troubleshooting guidance doesn't resolve the issue, ensure that no firewall is blocking network traffic. For further debugging, use tools like `tcpdump` and `Wireshark` to analyze traffic and to make sure that it is reaching the MSK cluster.

Failed authentication: Too many connects

The `Failed authentication ... Too many connects` error indicates that a broker is protecting itself because one or more IAM clients are trying to connect to it at an aggressive rate. To help brokers accept a higher rate of new IAM connections, you can increase the `reconnect.backoff.ms` configuration parameter.

To learn more about the rate limits for new connections per broker, see the Amazon MSK quota page.

Failed authentication: Session too short

The `Failed authentication ... Session too short` error occurs when your client tries to connect to a cluster using IAM credentials that are about to expire. Make sure that you check how

your IAM credentials are being refreshed. Most likely, the credentials are being replaced too close to session expiry which leads to issues on the server side, and authentication failures.

MSK Serverless: Cluster creation fails

If you try to create an MSK Serverless cluster and the workflow fails, you may not have permission to create a VPC endpoint. Verify that your administrator has granted you permission to create a VPC endpoint by allowing the `ec2:CreateVpcEndpoint` action.

For a complete list of permissions required to perform all Amazon MSK actions, see AWS managed policy: AmazonMSKFullAccess.

Can't update KafkaVersionsList in MSK configuration

When you update the KafkaVersionsList property in the AWS::MSK::Configuration resource, the update fails with the following error.

```
Resource of type 'AWS::MSK::Configuration' with identifier '<identifierName>' already
 exists.
```

When you update the `KafkaVersionsList` property, AWS CloudFormation recreates a new configuration with the updated property before deleting the old configuration. The CloudFormation stack update fails because the new configuration uses the same name as the existing configuration. Such an update requires a resource replacement. To successfully update `KafkaVersionsList`, you must also update the Name property in the same operation.

In addition, if your configuration is attached with any clusters created using the AWS Management Console or AWS CLI, add the following to your configuration resource to prevent failed resource deletion attempts.

```
UpdateReplacePolicy: Retain
```

After the update succeeds, go to the Amazon MSK console and delete the old configuration. For information about MSK configurations, see Amazon MSK Provisioned configuration.

Custom domain name configuration errors

When you create or apply a configuration that includes `custom.advertised.listeners`, you might encounter the following errors. For more information about configuring custom domain names, see Configure custom domain names for your Amazon MSK cluster.

Invalid format

The API returns an HTTP 400 error with `invalidParameter=serverproperties` and the following message.

```
Invalid custom.advertised.listeners format. Expected: LISTENER_NAME://host:port
+{broker_id} (comma-separated for multiple).
```

The value that you provided for `custom.advertised.listeners` doesn't follow the required format. Correct it so that it uses the pattern `LISTENER_NAME://hostname:port+{broker_id}`, make sure that the `{broker_id}` template variable appears in the port so each broker resolves to a unique address, and separate multiple listeners with a comma. Then resubmit the corrected configuration using UpdateClusterConfiguration.

Listener not bound on cluster

The API returns an HTTP 400 error with `invalidParameter=configurationInfo` and the following message.

```
Custom advertised listener(s) [CLIENT_SECURE] are not bound on this cluster. Valid
 client listeners: [CLIENT_IAM]. A broker cannot advertise a listener it does not bind.
```

The listener that you specified isn't active on your cluster. This error occurs during `UpdateClusterConfiguration`, not during `CreateConfiguration`. A broker can only advertise a listener that it actually binds. Update your `custom.advertised.listeners` value to reference one of the valid client listeners that the error message lists for your cluster (for example, `CLIENT_IAM`). If the listener isn't yet enabled on the cluster (for example, `CLIENT_SECURE`), enable that authentication or listener type first. Then reapply the configuration using `UpdateClusterConfiguration`.

Update process fails

Review your `custom.advertised.listeners` value for issues such as port conflicts or unresolvable hostnames, fix the configuration, and reapply it using `UpdateClusterConfiguration`.

If the failure followed a scaling operation, add the corresponding Network Load Balancer listener, target group, and DNS record for any new broker. Confirm that all clients can resolve the custom

domain name. You can also roll back to the previous working configuration by applying the old configuration.

Best practices for Standard and Express brokers

This section describes best practices to follow for Standard brokers and Express brokers. For information about Amazon MSK Replicator best practices, see Best practices.

Topics

- Best practices for Standard brokers
- Recommended CloudWatch alarms for Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters
- Best practices for Express brokers
- Best practices for Apache Kafka clients
- Analyze best practices with the managing-amazon-msk skill

Best practices for Standard brokers

This topic outlines some best practices to follow when using Amazon MSK. For information about Amazon MSK Replicator best practices, see Best practices.

Client-side considerations

Your application's availability and performance depends not only on server-side settings but on client settings as well.

- Configure your clients for high availability. In a distributed system like Apache Kafka, ensuring high availability is crucial for maintaining a reliable and fault-tolerant messaging infrastructure. Brokers will go offline for both planned and unplanned events, for example upgrades, patching, hardware failure, and network issues. A Kafka cluster is tolerant of an offline broker, therefore Kafka clients must also handle broker fail-over gracefully. See the full details on Best practices for Apache Kafka clients.
- Ensure client connection strings include at least one broker from each availability zone. Having multiple brokers in a client's connection string allows for failover when a specific broker is offline for an update. For information about how to get a connection string with multiple brokers, see Get the bootstrap brokers for an Amazon MSK cluster.

- Run performance tests to verify that your client configurations allow you to meet your performance objectives.

Server-side considerations

Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Standard broker

The following table shows the recommended number of partitions (including leader and follower replicas) per Standard broker. The recommended number of partitions are not enforced and are a best practice for scenarios where you are sending traffic across all provisioned topic partitions.

Broker size	Recommended number of partitions (including leader and follower replicas) per broker	Maximum number of partitions that support update operations
`kafka.t3.small`	300	300
`kafka.m5.large` or `kafka.m5.xlarge`	1000	1500
`kafka.m5.2xlarge`	2000	3000
`kafka.m5.4xlarge`, `kafka.m5.8xlarge`, `kafka.m5.12xlarge`, `kafka.m5.16xlarge`, or `kafka.m5.24xlarge`	4000	6000
`kafka.m7g.large` or `kafka.m7g.xlarge`	1000	1500
`kafka.m7g.2xlarge`	2000	3000
`kafka.m7g.4xlarge`, `kafka.m7g.8xlarge`, `kafka.m7g.12xlarge`, or `kafka.m7g.16xlarge`	4000	6000

Broker size	Recommended number of partitions (including leader and follower replicas) per broker	Maximum number of partitions that support update operations
kafka.m8g.large or kafka.m8g.xlarge	1000	1500
kafka.m8g.2xlarge	2000	3000
kafka.m8g.4xlarge , kafka.m8g.8xlarge , kafka.m8g.12xlarge , kafka.m8g.16xlarge , or kafka.m8g.24xlarge	4000	6000

If you have high partition, low throughput use cases where you have higher partition counts, but you are not sending traffic across all partitions, you can pack more partitions per broker, as long as you have performed sufficient testing and performance testing to validate that your cluster remains healthy with the higher partition count. If the number of partitions per broker exceeds the maximum allowed value and your cluster becomes overloaded, you will be prevented from performing the following operations:

- Update the cluster configuration
- Update the cluster to a smaller broker size
- Associate an AWS Secrets Manager secret with a cluster that has SASL/SCRAM authentication

A high number of partitions can also result in missing Kafka metrics on CloudWatch and on Prometheus scraping. This effect is compounded by a high number of consumer groups because each combination of consumer group, topic, and partition results in a tracked offset entry. Empty consumer groups (groups with no active consumers) also contribute to this overhead. Apache Kafka retains the offsets for these groups until the retention period defined by `offsets.retention.minutes` expires, or until you explicitly delete the group. To mitigate this, monitor your total consumer group count and delete unused consumer groups.

For guidance on choosing the number of partitions, see Apache Kafka Supports 200K Partitions Per Cluster. We also recommend that you perform your own testing to determine the right size for your brokers. For more information about the different broker sizes, see the section called "Broker types".

Right-size your cluster: Number of Standard brokers per cluster

To determine the right number of Standard brokers for your MSK Provisioned cluster and understand costs, see the MSK Sizing and Pricing spreadsheet. This spreadsheet provides an estimate for sizing an MSK Provisioned cluster and the associated costs of Amazon MSK compared to a similar, self-managed, EC2-based Apache Kafka cluster. For more information about the input parameters in the spreadsheet, hover over the parameter descriptions. Estimates provided by this sheet are conservative and provide a starting point for a new MSK Provisioned cluster. Cluster performance, size, and costs are dependent on your use case and we recommend that you verify them with actual testing.

To understand how the underlying infrastructure affects Apache Kafka performance, see Best practices for right-sizing your Apache Kafka clusters to optimize performance and cost in the AWS Big Data Blog. The blog post provides information about how to size your clusters to meet your throughput, availability, and latency requirements. It also provides answers to questions, such as when you should scale *up* versus scale *out*, and guidance about how to continuously verify the size of your production clusters. For information about tiered storage based clusters, see Best practices for running production workloads using Amazon MSK tiered storage.

Optimize cluster throughput for m5.4xl, m7g.4xl, m8g.4xl, or larger instances

When using m5.4xl, m7g.4xl, m8g.4xl, or larger instances, you can optimize the MSK Provisioned cluster throughput by tuning the num.io.threads and num.network.threads configurations.

Num.io.threads is the number of threads that a Standard broker uses for processing requests. Adding more threads, up to the number of CPU cores supported for the instance size, can help improve cluster throughput.

Num.network.threads is the number of threads the Standard broker uses for receiving all incoming requests and returning responses. Network threads place incoming requests on a request queue for processing by io.threads. Setting num.network.threads to half the number of CPU cores supported for the instance size allows for full usage of the new instance size.

Important

Do not increase num.network.threads without first increasing num.io.threads as this can lead to congestion related to queue saturation.

The following table describes the recommended settings for each instance size.

Instance size	Recommended value for num.io.threads	Recommended value for num.network.threads
m5.4xl	16	8
m5.8xl	32	16
m5.12xl	48	24
m5.16xl	64	32
m5.24xl	96	48
m7g.4xlarge	16	8
m7g.8xlarge	32	16
m7g.12xlarge	48	24
m7g.16xlarge	64	32
m8g.4xlarge	16	8
m8g.8xlarge	32	16
m8g.12xlarge	48	24
m8g.16xlarge	64	32
m8g.24xlarge	96	48

Use latest Kafka AdminClient to avoid topic ID mismatch issue

The ID of a topic is lost (Error: does not match the topic Id for partition) when you use a Kafka AdminClient version lower than 2.8.0 with the flag `--zookeeper` to increase or reassign topic partitions for an MSK Provisioned cluster using Kafka version 2.8.0 or higher. Note that the `--zookeeper` flag is deprecated in Kafka 2.5 and is removed starting with Kafka 3.0. See Upgrading to 2.5.0 from any version 0.8.x through 2.4.x.

To prevent topic ID mismatch, use a Kafka client version 2.8.0 or higher for Kafka admin operations. Alternatively, clients 2.5 and higher can use the `--bootstrap-servers` flag instead of the `--zookeeper` flag.

Build highly available clusters

Use the following recommendations so that your MSK Provisioned clusters can be highly available during an update (such as when you're updating the broker size or Apache Kafka version, for example) or when Amazon MSK is replacing a broker.

- Set up a three-AZ cluster.
- Ensure that the replication factor (RF) is at least 3. Note that a RF of 1 can lead to offline partitions during a rolling update; and a RF of 2 may lead to data loss.
- Set minimum in-sync replicas (minISR) to at most RF - 1. A minISR that is equal to the RF can prevent producing to the cluster during a rolling update. A minISR of 2 allows three-way replicated topics to be available when one replica is offline.

Monitor CPU usage

Amazon MSK strongly recommends that you maintain the CPU utilization for your brokers (defined as `CPU User + CPU System`) under 60%. This ensures that your cluster retains sufficient CPU headroom to handle operational events, such as broker failures, patching, and rolling upgrades.

Apache Kafka can redistribute CPU load across brokers in the cluster when necessary. For example, when Amazon MSK detects and recovers from a broker fault, it performs automatic maintenance, such as patching. Similarly, when a user requests a broker-size change or version upgrade, Amazon MSK initiates rolling workflows that take one broker offline at a time. When brokers with lead partitions go offline, Apache Kafka reassigns partition leadership to redistribute work to other brokers in the cluster. By following this best practice, you ensure sufficient CPU headroom to tolerate these operational events.

Note

While monitoring CPU utilization, be aware that total CPU usage includes more than `CPU User` and `CPU System`. Other categories, such as `iowait`, `irq`, `softirq`, and `steal`, also contribute to overall CPU activity. Consequently, CPU Idle *isn't always equal* to `100% - CPU User - CPU System`.

You can use Amazon CloudWatch metric math to create a composite metric (`CPU User + CPU System`), and set an alarm to trigger when the average usage exceeds 60%. When triggered, consider scaling the cluster using one of the following options:

- Option 1 (recommended): Update your broker size to the next larger size. For example, if the current size is `kafka.m5.large`, update the cluster to use `kafka.m5.xlarge`. Keep in mind that when you update the broker size in the cluster, Amazon MSK takes brokers offline in a rolling fashion and temporarily reassigns partition leadership to other brokers. A size update typically takes 10-15 minutes per broker.
- Option 2: If there are topics with all messages ingested from producers that use round-robin writes (in other words, messages aren't keyed and ordering isn't important to consumers), expand your cluster by adding brokers. Also add partitions to existing topics with the highest throughput. Next, use `kafka-topics.sh --describe` to ensure that newly added partitions are assigned to the new brokers. The main benefit of this option compared to the previous one is that you can manage resources and costs more granularly. Additionally, you can use this option if CPU load significantly exceeds 60% because this form of scaling doesn't typically result in increased load on existing brokers.
- Option 3: Expand your MSK Provisioned cluster by adding brokers, then reassign existing partitions by using the partition reassignment tool named `kafka-reassign-partitions.sh`. However, if you use this option, the cluster will need to spend resources to replicate data from broker to broker after partitions are reassigned. Compared to the two previous options, this can significantly increase the load on the cluster at first. As a result, Amazon MSK doesn't recommend using this option when CPU utilization is above 70% because replication causes additional CPU load and network traffic. Amazon MSK only recommends using this option if the two previous options aren't feasible.

Other recommendations:

- Monitor total CPU utilization per broker as a proxy for load distribution. If brokers have consistently uneven CPU utilization it might be a sign that load isn't evenly distributed within the cluster. We recommend using Cruise Control to continuously manage load distribution via partition assignment.
- Monitor produce and consume latency. Produce and consume latency can increase linearly with CPU utilization.
- **JMX scrape interval**: If you enable open monitoring with the Prometheus feature, it is recommended that you use a 60 second or higher scrape interval (scrape_interval: 60s) for your Prometheus host configuration (prometheus.yml). Lowering the scrape interval can lead to high CPU usage on your cluster.

Share groups (queues)

Share groups use more broker resources than consumer groups. For more information about share groups, see Share groups (queues) on Amazon MSK.

CPU guidance for share groups

On average, share groups use 1.5 times more broker CPU than consumer groups, and up to 2 times more on `large` through `4xlarge` instance sizes. The overhead varies by instance size. If your broker's CPU utilization reaches the recommended limit, you can tune client fetch settings. Set `fetch.min.bytes` to reduce the number of fetch requests per byte delivered, or set `fetch.max.wait.ms` to allow the broker to batch more records per fetch response. However, this might increase end-to-end latency, so test for your workload. Alternatively, you can add brokers to your cluster.

Throughput guidance for share groups

If you observe consumer lag when using share groups, tune the following settings. On your consumers, tune the `max.poll.records` and `fetch.max.bytes` client configurations. On your brokers, tune the `group.share.max.partition.max.record.locks` broker configuration. For each share group, tune the `share.partition.max.record.locks` and `share.renew.acknowledge.enable` group configurations. Alternatively, consider adding brokers to your cluster.

Monitor disk space

To avoid running out of disk space for messages, create a CloudWatch alarm that watches the `KafkaDataLogsDiskUsed` metric. When the value of this metric reaches or exceeds 85%, perform one or more of the following actions:

- Use the section called "Automatic scaling for clusters". You can also manually increase broker storage as described in the section called "Manual scaling".
- Reduce the message retention period or log size. For information on how to do that, see the section called "Adjust data retention parameters".
- Delete unused topics.

For information on how to set up and use alarms, see Using Amazon CloudWatch Alarms. For a full list of Amazon MSK metrics, see the section called "Monitor a cluster".

Adjust data retention parameters

Consuming messages doesn't remove them from the log. To free up disk space regularly, you can explicitly specify a retention time period, which is how long messages stay in the log. You can also specify a retention log size. When either the retention time period or the retention log size are reached, Apache Kafka starts removing inactive segments from the log.

To specify a retention policy at the cluster level, set one or more of the following parameters: `log.retention.hours`, `log.retention.minutes`, `log.retention.ms`, or `log.retention.bytes`. For more information, see the section called "Custom Amazon MSK configurations".

You can also specify retention parameters at the topic level:

- To specify a retention time period per topic, use the following command.

```
kafka-configs.sh --bootstrap-server $bs --alter --entity-type topics --entity-
name TopicName --add-config retention.ms=DesiredRetentionTimePeriod
```

- To specify a retention log size per topic, use the following command.

```
kafka-configs.sh --bootstrap-server $bs --alter --entity-type topics --entity-
name TopicName --add-config retention.bytes=DesiredRetentionLogSize
```

The retention parameters that you specify at the topic level take precedence over cluster-level parameters.

Speeding up log recovery after unclean shutdown

After an unclean shutdown, a broker can take a while to restart as it does log recovery. By default, Kafka only uses a single thread per log directory to perform this recovery. For example, if you have thousands of partitions, log recovery can take hours to complete. To speed up log recovery, it's recommended to increase the number of threads using configuration property `num.recovery.threads.per.data.dir`. You can set it to the number of CPU cores.

Monitor Apache Kafka memory

We recommend that you monitor the memory that Apache Kafka uses. Otherwise, the cluster may become unavailable.

To determine how much memory Apache Kafka uses, you can monitor the `HeapMemoryAfterGC` metric. `HeapMemoryAfterGC` is the percentage of total heap memory that is in use after garbage collection. We recommend that you create a CloudWatch alarm that takes action when `HeapMemoryAfterGC` increases above 60%.

The steps that you can take to decrease memory usage vary. They depend on the way that you configure Apache Kafka. For example, if you use transactional message delivery, you can decrease the `transactional.id.expiration.ms` value in your Apache Kafka configuration from `604800000` ms to `86400000` ms (from 7 days to 1 day). This decreases the memory footprint of each transaction.

Don't add non-MSK brokers

For ZooKeeper-based MSK Provisioned clusters, if you use Apache ZooKeeper commands to add brokers, these brokers don't get added to your MSK Provisioned cluster, and your Apache ZooKeeper will contain incorrect information about the cluster. This might result in data loss. For supported MSK Provisioned cluster operations, see the section called “Key features and concepts”.

Enable in-transit encryption

For information about encryption in transit and how to enable it, see the section called “Amazon MSK encryption in transit”.

Reassign partitions

To move partitions to different brokers on the same MSK Provisioned cluster, you can use the partition reassignment tool named `kafka-reassign-partitions.sh`. We recommend that you don't reassign more than 10 partitions in a single `kafka-reassign-partitions` call for safe operations. For example, after you add new brokers to expand a cluster or to move partitions in order to removing brokers, you can rebalance that cluster by reassigning partitions to the new brokers. For information about how to add brokers to an MSK Provisioned cluster, see the section called "Expand a cluster". For information about how to remove brokers from an MSK Provisioned cluster, see the section called "Remove a broker". For information about the partition reassignment tool, see Expanding your cluster in the Apache Kafka documentation.

Upgrading to Express brokers

Express brokers deliver up to 3 times more throughput, 20 times faster scaling, and 90% faster recovery compared to Standard brokers. If you are running Standard brokers and want to take advantage of Express broker performance, you can use the in-place upgrade to migrate your cluster without creating a new cluster or changing your applications.

Before upgrading, consider the following best practices:

- **Run an upgrade readiness assessment**: Use the `CreateAssessment` API or the Amazon MSK console to identify and resolve configuration issues before initiating the upgrade. Common blockers include topics with replication factors other than 3 or `min.insync.replicas` other than 2.
- **Use Controlled mode for large or complex clusters**: If you have a large number of topics or want to validate incrementally, use Controlled mode to move topics in batches. This lets you validate application behavior on Express for each batch before proceeding.
- **Validate application behavior**: While Express brokers are fully client-compatible with Apache Kafka, applications that rely on custom broker configurations (such as `log.segment.bytes` and threading configurations) might behave differently on Express because Express manages these settings internally. Review the informational findings from the upgrade readiness assessment.
- **Right-size after upgrading**: Because the upgrade adds one Express broker for each Standard broker, your cluster might have more capacity than your workload needs. After the upgrade, turn on intelligent rebalancing, which isn't on by default for upgraded clusters, and then use your metrics to adjust the broker count or broker size. For more information, see Intelligent rebalancing for clusters.

For more information, see Upgrade Standard brokers to Express brokers.

Recommended CloudWatch alarms for Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters

Monitor your Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters to detect issues before they affect your applications. CloudWatch alarms perform an action when a CloudWatch metric exceeds a specified value for some amount of time. For example, you might want to get an email notification if your partition count exceeds the recommended value for your broker instance size for longer than 15 minutes. The critical alarms in the following table are recommended, but they are not an exhaustive list of alarms you can create to monitor your cluster.

For more information about configuring alarms, see Creating Amazon CloudWatch alarms in the *Amazon CloudWatch User Guide*.

The following table lists alarms that apply to both Standard and Express brokers.

Alarm	Issue
`CPUUser` + `CPUSystem` Average >= 60 for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	One or more brokers have average CPUUser+CPUSystem over the recommended 60%. To learn more, see Monitor CPU usage. When you use share groups, expect broker CPU to be 1.5 times higher than with consumer groups on average, and up to 2 times higher on `large` through `4xlarge` instance sizes. To learn more, see Share groups (queues) on Amazon MSK.
`PartitionCount` Average >= *X* for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times (*X* = Recommended partition count for broker instance size) Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	One or more brokers have partitions higher than the recommended partition count limit. To learn more, see Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Standard broker and Express broker partition quota.
`SumOffsetLag` Average >= *X* for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times (*X* is set for a consumer	The aggregated offset lag for all the partitions in a topic is over *X*. For more information about the lag, you can use the partition-level `Offset` metric, which represents the lag for

Alarm	Issue
group and topic combination based on use case) Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Consumer Group`, `Topic`	each partition, or use the Kafka command line tool to describe the consumer group. Review the processing speed of your consumer application relative to the producers to understan d if the consumers are unable to keep up, and check if any consumer rebalances are slowing down the consumers.

The following table lists alarms that apply to Standard brokers only.

Alarm	Issue
`OfflinePartitionsC ount` Average >= 1 for 1 minute, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`	One or more topic partitions are unavailable. When partition s are unavailable, produce and consume operations to those partitions fail. Offline partitions should not occur on a well-balanced, correctly sized, and correctly configured cluster. To learn more, see Build highly available clusters.
`UnderMinIsrPartiti onCount` Average >= 1 for 1 minute, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	One or more topics have partitions under the minimum configured in-sync replica set (ISR). When partitions fall below the minimum ISR, produce operations fail (with producer `acks=all`). To learn more, see Build highly available clusters.
`KafkaDataLogsDiskU sed` Average >= 80 for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	One or more brokers have data disk usage of 80% or more. To learn more, see Monitor disk space.
`HeapMemoryAfterGC` Average >= 60 for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	One or more brokers have 60% or more of total heap memory in use after garbage collection. To learn more, see Monitor Apache Kafka memory.

Alarm	Issue
(Sum(`VolumeReadBytes`) + Sum(`VolumeWriteBytes`)) / (5 * 60 * 1024 * 1024) >= *X* MiB for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times (*X* = 80% of available volume throughput) Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	One or more brokers have underlying volume read and write activity using up 80% of its available volume throughput. To learn more, see Provisioned storage throughput.
`CPUCreditBalance` Average <= 100 for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	This is only relevant to the t3.small broker type. One or more brokers have depleted their CPU credit balance from a maximum of 576 to less than 100. When the balance reaches 0, the broker cannot exceed the 20% CPU baseline. To avoid CPU credit depletion, upgrade from a t3 broker instance type to an m7g instance type, which doesn't use CPU credits.
`RequestHandlerAvgIdlePercent` Average <= 0.3 for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	One or more brokers are seeing activity congestion on the threadpool responsible for serving requests (threadpool is less than 30% idle). Saturation here indicates slow requests, which can cause client-side timeouts. Also, review whether your clients are generating excessive requests. For example, unauthorized clients might be aggressively retrying requests that the brokers are denying. To learn more about optimizing cluster throughput, see Optimize cluster throughput for m5.4xl, m7g.4xl, m8g.4xl, or larger instances.

Alarm	Issue
`NetworkProcessorAvgIdlePercent` Average <= 0.3 for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	One or more brokers are seeing activity congestion on the network connection threadpool (threadpool is less than 30% idle). Saturation here can cause timeouts. Also, review whether your clients are generating excessive requests. For example, unauthorized clients might be aggressively retrying requests that the brokers are denying. To learn more about optimizing cluster throughput, see Optimize cluster throughput for m5.4xl, m7g.4xl, m8g.4xl, or larger instances.
`KafkaFileDescriptorsUsagePercent` > 80% for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	The percentage of file descriptors in use on the broker. At 100% exhaustion, the Kafka broker might not be able to start. The file descriptors count increases with the number of partitions, number of log segments in each partition, and number of client connections. Review whether you have topics with low `segment.ms` values resulting in frequent log rolls, and consider reducing the number of client connections.
`KafkaMemoryMappedFilesUsagePercent` > 80% for 5 minutes, 3 consecutive times Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	The percentage of memory-mapped files in use on the broker. At 100% exhaustion, the Kafka broker might not be able to start. The memory-mapped files usage count increases with the number of partitions and number of log segments in each partition. Review whether you have topics with low `segment.ms` values resulting in frequent log rolls.

IAM access control alarms

In addition to the preceding alarms, we recommend creating alarms for the following metrics specific to IAM access control. These alarms apply to both Standard and Express brokers with IAM authentication enabled. Amazon MSK places logical limits on IAM connections to protect the broker from IAM connection request overload. Breaching any of these limits results in client connection timeouts, which will impact your workload.

Alarm	Issue
`ClientConnectionCount` Sum >= *X* for 1 minute, 3 consecutive times (*X* = 80% of Maximum TCP connections per broker) Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`, `Client Authentication`	One or more brokers have connection count equal to 80% of the connection limit. The default Maximum TCP connections per broker for IAM access control is 3000. This value can be changed. For more information, see Amazon MSK Express broker quota for Express brokers and Amazon MSK Standard broker quota for Standard brokers.
`ConnectionCreationRate` Sum >= *X* for 1 minute, 3 consecutive times (*X* = 80% of the connection creation rate limit for your instance size) Dimensions: `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`	One or more brokers have clients creating IAM connections at a rate equal to 80% of its connection creation rate limit. The Maximum TCP connections rate per broker for IAM access control depends on instance size. For more information, see Amazon MSK Express broker quota for Express brokers and Amazon MSK Standard broker quota for Standard brokers.

Best practices for Express brokers

This topic outlines some best practices to follow when using Express brokers. Express brokers come pre-configured for high availability and durability. Your data is distributed across three availability zones by default, replication is always set to 3 and the minimum in-sync replica is always set to 2. However, there are still a few factors to consider in order to optimize your cluster's reliability and performance.

Client-side considerations

Your application's availability and performance depeneds not only on server-side settings but on client settings as well.

- Configure your clients for high availability. In a distributed system like Apache Kafka, ensuring high availability is crucial for maintaining a reliable and fault-tolerant messaging infrastructure. Brokers will go offline for both planned and unplanned events, for example upgrades, patching,

hardware failure, and network issues. A Kafka cluster is tolerant of an offline broker, therefore Kafka clients must also handle broker fail-over gracefully. See the full details in best practice recommendations for Apache Kafka clients.

- Run performance tests to verify that your client configurations allow you to meet your performance objectives even when we restart brokers under peak load. You can reboot brokers in your cluster from the MSK console or using the MSK APIs.

Server-side considerations

Topics

- Right-size your cluster: Number of brokers per cluster
- Monitor CPU usage
- Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Express broker
- Monitor connection count
- Reassign partitions

Right-size your cluster: Number of brokers per cluster

Choosing the number of brokers for your Express-based cluster is easy. Each Express broker comes with a defined throughput capacity for ingress and egress. You should use this throughput capacity as the primary means for sizing your cluster (and then consider other factors such as partition and connection count, discussed below).

For example, if your streaming application needs 45 MBps of data ingress (write) and 90 MBps data egress (read) capacity, you can simply use 3 express.m7g.large brokers to meet your throughput needs. Each express.m7g.large broker will handle 15 MBps of of ingress and 30 MBps egress. See the following table for our recommended throughput limits for each Express broker size. If your throughput exceeds the recommended limits, you may experience degraded performance and you should reduce your traffic or scale your cluster. If your throughput exceeds the recommended limits and reaches the per broker quota, MSK will throttle your client traffic to prevent futher overload.

You can also use our see the MSK Sizing and Pricing spreadsheet to evaluate multiple scenarios and consider other factors, such as partition count.

The following table lists the recommended maximum throughput per broker for each instance size.

Instance size	Ingress (MBps)	Egress (MBps)
express.m7g.large	15.6	31.2
express.m7g.xlarge	31.2	62.5
express.m7g.2xlarge	62.5	125.0
express.m7g.4xlarge	124.9	249.8
express.m7g.8xlarge	250.0	500.0
express.m7g.12xlarge	375.0	750.0
express.m7g.16xlarge	500.0	1000.0
express.m8g.large	15.6	31.2
express.m8g.xlarge	31.2	62.5
express.m8g.2xlarge	62.5	125.0
express.m8g.4xlarge	124.9	249.8
express.m8g.8xlarge	250.0	500.0
express.m8g.12xlarge	375.0	750.0
express.m8g.16xlarge	500.0	1000.0
express.m8g.24xlarge	667.0	1334.0

Monitor CPU usage

We recommend that you maintain the total CPU utilization for your brokers (defined as CPU User + CPU System) under 60%. When you have at least 40% of your cluster's total CPU available, Apache Kafka can redistribute CPU load across brokers in the cluster when necessary. This may be required due to planned or unplanned events. An example of a planned event is a cluster version upgrade during which MSK updates brokers in a cluster by restarting them one at a time. An example of an unplanned event is a hardware failure in a broker or, in the worst case, an AZ failure where all

brokers in an AZ are affected. When brokers with partition lead replicas go offline, Apache Kafka reassigns partition leadership to redistribute work to other brokers in the cluster. By following this best practice, you can ensure you have enough CPU headroom in your cluster to tolerate operational events like these.

You can use Using math expressions with CloudWatch metrics in the *Amazon CloudWatch User Guide* to create a composite metric that is CPU User + CPU System. Set an alarm that gets triggered when the composite metric reaches an average CPU utilization of 60%. When this alarm is triggered, scale the cluster using one of the following options:

- Option 1: Update your broker size to the next larger size. Keep in mind that when you update the broker size in the cluster, Amazon MSK takes brokers offline in a rolling fashion and temporarily reassigns partition leadership to other brokers.
- Option 2: Expand your cluster by adding brokers, then reassigning existing partitions using the partition reassignment tool named `kafka-reassign-partitions.sh`.

Other recommendations

- Monitor total CPU utilization per broker as a proxy for load distribution. If brokers have consistently uneven CPU utilization, it might be a sign that load isn't evenly distributed within the cluster. We recommend using Cruise Control to continuously manage load distribution via partition assignment.
- Monitor produce and consume latency. Produce and consume latency can increase linearly with CPU utilization.
- JMX scrape interval: If you enable open monitoring with the Prometheus feature, it is recommended that you use a 60 second or higher scrape interval (`scrape_interval: 60s`) for your Prometheus host configuration (`prometheus.yml`). Lowering the scrape interval can lead to high CPU usage on your cluster.

Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Express broker

If you have high partition, low throughput use cases where you have higher partition counts, but you aren't sending traffic across all partitions, you can pack more partitions per broker, as long as you have performed sufficient testing and performance testing to validate that your cluster remains healthy with the higher partition count. If the number of partitions per broker exceeds the maxiumum allowed value and your cluster becomes overloaded, you'll be prevented from performing the following operations:

- Update the cluster configuration
- Update the cluster to a smaller broker size
- Associate an AWS Secrets Manager secret with a cluster that has SASL/SCRAM authentication

A cluster overloaded with a high number of partitions can also result in missing Kafka metrics on CloudWatch and on Prometheus scraping. This effect is compounded by a high number of consumer groups because each combination of consumer group, topic, and partition results in a tracked offset entry. Empty consumer groups (groups with no active consumers) also contribute to this overhead. Apache Kafka retains the offsets for these groups until the retention period defined by `offsets.retention.minutes` expires, or until you explicitly delete the group. To mitigate this, monitor your total consumer group count and delete unused consumer groups.

For guidance on choosing the number of partitions, see Apache Kafka Supports 200K Partitions Per Cluster. We also recommend that you perform your own testing to determine the right size for your brokers. For more information about the different broker sizes, see Amazon MSK broker sizes.

For information about the recommended number of partitions (including leader and follower replicas) for each Express broker, see Express broker partition quota. The recommended number of partitions aren't enforced and are a best practice for scenarios where you're sending traffic across all provisioned topic partitions.

Monitor connection count

The client connections to your brokers consume system resources such as memory and CPU. Depending on your authentication mechanism, you should monitor to ensure you are within the applicable limits. To handle retries on failed connections, you can set the `reconnect.backoff.ms` configuration parameter on the client side. For example, if you want a client to retry connections after 1 second, set `reconnect.backoff.ms` to `1000`. For more information about configuring retries, see Apache Kafka documentation.

Dimension	Quota
Maximum TCP connections per broker (IAM Access control)	3000
Maximum TCP connections per broker (IAM)	100 per second

Dimension	Quota
Maximum TCP connections per broker (non-IAM)	MSK does not enforce connection limits for non-IAM auth. You should however monitor other metrics such as CPU and memory usage to ensure you do not overload your cluster because of excessive connections.

Reassign partitions

To move partitions to different brokers on the same MSK Provisioned cluster, you can use the partition reassignment tool named `kafka-reassign-partitions.sh`. We recommend that you don't reassign more than 20 partitions in a single `kafka-reassign-partitions` call for safe operations. For example, after you add new brokers to expand a cluster or to move partitions in order to removing brokers, you can rebalance that cluster by reassigning partitions to the new brokers. For information about how to add brokers to an MSK Provisioned cluster, see the section called "Expand a cluster". For information about how to remove brokers from an MSK Provisioned cluster, see the section called "Remove a broker". For information about the partition reassignment tool, see Expanding your cluster in the Apache Kafka documentation.

Best practices for Apache Kafka clients

When working with Apache Kafka and Amazon MSK, it's important to correctly configure both the client and server for optimal performance and reliability. This guide provides recommendations of best-practice client-side configuration for Amazon MSK.

For information about Amazon MSK Replicator best practices, see Best practices. For Standard and Express broker best practices, see Best practices for Standard and Express brokers.

Topics

- Apache Kafka client availability
- Apache Kafka client performance
- Kafka client monitoring

Apache Kafka client availability

In a distributed system like Apache Kafka, ensuring high availability is crucial for maintaining a reliable and fault-tolerant messaging infrastructure. Brokers will go offline for both planned and unplanned events, such as upgrades, patching, hardware failure, and network issues. A Kafka cluster is tolerant of an offline broker, therefore Kafka clients must also handle broker fail-over gracefully. To ensure high availability of Kafka clients, we recommend these best practices.

Producer availability

- Set `retries` to instruct the producer to retry sending failed messages during broker fail over. We recommend a value of integer max or similar high value for most use cases. Failure to do so will break Kafka's high availability.
- Set `delivery.timeout.ms` to specify the upper bound for the total time between sending a message and receiving an acknowledgement from the broker. This should reflect the business requirements of how long a message is valid. Set the time limit high enough to allow for enough retries to complete the failover operation. We recommend a value of 60 seconds or higher for most use cases.
- Set `request.timeout.ms` to the maximum a single request should wait before a resend is attempted. We recommend a value of 10 seconds or higher for most use cases.
- Set `retry.backoff.ms` to configure the delay between retries to avoid retry storms and availability impact. We recommend a minimum value of 200ms for most use cases.
- Set `acks=all` to configure high durability; this should be in line with a server-side config of `RF=3` and `min.isr=2` to ensure all partitions in ISR acknowledge the write. During a single broker offline, this is the `min.isr`, that is 2.

Consumer availability

- Set `auto.offset.reset` to `latest` initially for new or recreated consumer groups. This avoids the risk of adding cluster load by consuming the entire topic.
- Set `auto.commit.interval.ms` when using `enable.auto.commit`. We recommend a minimum value of 5 seconds for most use cases to avoid the risk of additional load.
- Implement exception handling within the consumer's message processing code to handle transient errors, for example, circuit breaker or a sleep with exponential back-off. Failure to do so can result in application crashes, which can cause excessive rebalancing.
- Set `isolation.level` to control how to read transactional messages:

We recommend always setting `read_uncommitted` implictly by default. This is missing from some client implementations.

We recommend a value of `read_uncommitted` when using tiered storage.

- Set `client.rack` to use a nearest replica read. We recommend setting to the `az id` to minimize network traffic costs and latency. See Reduce network traffic costs of your Amazon MSK consumers with rack awareness.

Consumer rebalances

- Set `session.timeout.ms` to a value larger than the startup time for an application, including any startup jitter implemented. We recommend a value of 60 seconds for most use cases.
- Set `heartbeat.interval.ms` to fine-tune how the group coordinator views a consumer as healthy. We recommend a value of 10 seconds for most use cases.
- Set a shutdown hook in your application to cleanly close the consumer on SIGTERM, rather than relying on session timeouts to identify when a consumer leaves a group. Kstream applications can set `internal.leave.group.on.close` to a value of `true`.
- Set `group.instance.id` to a distinct value within the consumer group. Ideally a host name, task-id, or pod-id. We recommend always setting this for more deterministic behaviors and better client/server log correlation during troubleshooting.
- Set `group.initial.rebalance.delay.ms` to a value in line with an average deployment time. This stops continual rebalances during deployment.
- Set `partition.assignment.strategy` to use sticky assignors. We recommend either `StickyAssignor` or `CooperativeStickyAssignor`.

Apache Kafka client performance

To ensure high performance of Kafka clients, we recommend these best practices.

Producer performance

- Set `linger.ms` to control the amount of time a producer waits for a batch to fill. Smaller batches are computationally expensive for Kafka as they translate to more threads and I/O operations at once. We recommend the following values.

  A minimum value of 5ms for all use cases inc low latency.

We recommend a higher value of 25ms, for most use cases.

We recommend against ever using a value of zero in low latency use cases. (A value of zero typically causes latency irrespective because of the IO overhead).

- Set `batch.size` to control the batch size sent to the cluster. We recommend increasing this to a value of 64KB or 128KB.
- Set `buffer.memory` when using larger batch sizes. We recommend a value of 64MB for most use cases.
- Set `send.buffer.bytes` to control the TCP buffer used to receive bytes. We recommend a value of -1 to let the OS manage this buffer when running a producer on a high latency network.
- Set compression.type to control the compression of batches. We recommend either lz4 or zstd running a producer on a high latency network.

Consumer performance

- Set `fetch.min.bytes` to control the minimum fetch size to be valid to reduce the number of fetches and cluster load.

  We recommend a minimum value of 32 bytes for all use cases.

  We recommend a higher value of 128 bytes for most use cases.
- Set fetch.max.wait.ms to determine how long your consumer will wait before fetch.min.bytes is ignored. We recommend a value of 1000ms for most use cases.
- We recommend the number of consumers be at least equal to the number of partitions for better parallelism and resiliency. In some situations, you may choose to have fewer consumers than the number of partitions for low throughput topics.
- Set `receive.buffer.bytes` to control the TCP buffer used to receive bytes. We recommend a value of -1 to let the OS manage this buffer when running a consumer on a high latency network.

Client connections

Connections lifecycle has a computational and memory cost on a Kafka cluster. Too many connections created at once causes load that may impact the availability of a Kafka cluster. This availability impact can often lead to applications creating even more connections, thus causing a

cascading failure, resulting in a full outage. A high number of connections can be achieved when created at a reasonable rate.

We recommend the following mitigations to manage high connection creation rates:

- Ensure your application deployment mechanism does not restart all producers/consumers at once, but preferably in smaller batches.
- At the application layer the developer should ensure that a random jitter (random sleep) is performed before creating an admin client, producer client, or consumer client.
- At SIGTERM, when closing the connection, a random sleep should be executed to ensure not all Kafka clients are closed at the same time. The random sleep should be within the timeout before SIGKILL occurs.

  Example A (Java)

  ```
  sleepInSeconds(randomNumberBetweenOneAndX);
                          this.kafkaProducer = new KafkaProducer<>(this.props);
  ```

  Example B (Java)

  ```
  Runtime.getRuntime().addShutdownHook(new Thread(() -> {
      sleepInSeconds(randomNumberBetweenOneAndTwentyFive);
      kafkaProducer.close(Duration.ofSeconds(5));
  });
  ```

- At the application layer, the developer should ensure that clients are created only once per application in a singleton pattern. For example, when using lambda, the client should be created in global scope, and not in the method handler.
- We recommend connection count is monitored with a goal of being stable. Connection creation/close/shift is normal during deployments and broker failover.

Kafka client monitoring

Monitoring Kafka clients is crucial for maintaining the health and efficiency of your Kafka ecosystem. Whether you're a Kafka administrator, developer, or operations team member, enabling client-side metrics is critical for understanding business impact during planned and unplanned events.

We recommend monitoring the following client-side metrics using your preferred metric capture mechanism.

When raising support tickets with AWS, include any abnormal values observed during the incident. Also include a sample of the client application logs detailing errors (not warnings).

Producer metrics

- byte-rate
- record-send-rate
- records-per-request-avg
- acks-latency-avg
- request-latency-avg
- request-latency-max
- record-error-rate
- record-retry-rate
- error-rate

> **Note**
>
> Transient errors with retries are not a cause for concern, as this is part of Kafka's protocol for handling transient issues such as leader fail-over or network retransmits. `record-send-rate` will confirm whether producers are still proceeding with retries.

Consumer metrics

- records-consumed-rate
- bytes-consumed-rate
- fetch-rate
- records-lag-max
- record-error-rate
- fetch-error-rate
- poll-rate
- rebalance-latency-avg

- commit-rate

> **Note**
>
> High fetch rates and commit-rates will cause unnecessary load on the cluster. It is optimal to perform requests in larger batches.

Common metrics

- connection-close-rate
- connection-creation-rate
- connection-count

> **Note**
>
> High connection creation/termination will cause unnecessary load on the cluster.

Analyze best practices with the `managing-amazon-msk` skill

The `managing-amazon-msk` skill is an open-source Agent Skill on the Agent Skills website from the AWS Agent Toolkit on GitHub that provides domain expertise for operating Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters. After you install the skill in an MCP-compatible AI coding agent (such as Kiro, Cursor, Claude Code, and others), the skill enables the AI agent to help you assess your cluster and clients against best practices, diagnose operational issues, and implement recommended configurations for Standard and Express brokers and Kafka clients. The skill encodes MSK-specific operational knowledge that general-purpose AI models frequently misapply or omit.

Capabilities

The skill covers the following areas, each of which maps to best practices documented in this guide.

	Best practice area	What the skill helps you do
1	Best practices for Standard brokers (Standard)	Assess partition counts per broker, recommend instance sizes, evaluate `num.io.threads` and `num.netwo`

	Best practice area	What the skill helps you do
		`rk.threads` tuning for m5.4xl+ and m7g.4xl+ instances
2	Best practices for Express brokers (Express)	Calculate required broker count based on per-broker throughput limits, recommend Express instance types for target ingress/egress, evaluate partition counts against Express quotas
3	Monitor CPU usage	Diagnose broker resource saturation, differentiate between broker-side and client-side root causes and misconfig urations, and determine when scaling is needed
4	Monitor disk space	Assess storage usage for Standard brokers, identify high-growth topics, recommend EBS expansion or retention adjustments. For Express, monitor storage utilization (storage is fully managed) for cost optimization
5	the section called “Connect to an MSK Provisioned cluster”	Audit producer/consumer settings, configure authentic ation, tune for high availability and fault tolerance
6	Build highly available clusters	Verify high availability configurations and multi-AZ deployment for Standard brokers, and client failover configuration
7	the section called “Monitor a cluster”	Create CloudWatch dashboards and alarms for key metrics critical to Amazon MSK observability and operations
8	the section called “Key features and concepts”	Assess cluster readiness for updates, understand patching behavior between Standard and Express, understand broker restart impact on clients

How it works

When you ask your AI coding agent a question about Amazon MSK — such as "Why is my MSK cluster CPU high?" or "Help me set up monitoring for my Express cluster" — the skill activates and provides the agent with:

- **Diagnostic workflows** — Structured troubleshooting steps that check the most likely root causes first (for example, verifying `linger.ms` before recommending broker scaling for CPU issues).
- **Broker-type-aware guidance** — The skill determines whether your cluster uses Standard or Express brokers and applies the correct metrics, thresholds, and recommendations for that broker type.
- **AWS CLI commands** — Ready-to-run commands for describing clusters, expanding storage, creating configurations, and querying CloudWatch metrics.
- **Best practice validation** — Checks your cluster configuration against documented recommendations and flags deviations.

Installation

Option 1: AWS CLI

Requires AWS CLI version 2.35.0 or later.

```
# Interactive setup (installs default skills + configures AWS MCP Server)
aws configure agent-toolkit

# Or install the skill individually
aws agent-toolkit add-skill --skill-name managing-amazon-msk
```

For full CLI documentation, see Managing skills with the AWS CLI.

Option 2: AWS MCP Server

Connect your AI coding agent to the AWS MCP Server, which provides the skill along with sandboxed AWS API execution capabilities.

```
{
  "mcpServers": {
    "aws-mcp": {
      "command": "uvx",
      "args": [
        "mcp-proxy-for-aws==1.6.2",
        "https://aws-mcp.us-east-1.api.aws/mcp",
        "--metadata", "AWS_REGION=us-east-1"
      ]
    }
```

```
  }
}
```

For full setup instructions, see Setting up the AWS MCP Server.

Use cases and examples

Assess Standard broker best practices

Prompt: "I have an MSK Standard cluster using kafka.m5.2xlarge brokers with 2,500 partitions per broker. Am I following best practices?"

The skill:

- Check your partition count against the recommended limit of 2,000 partitions per broker for m5.2xlarge.
- Warn that you exceed the recommended count and are approaching the 3,000 maximum that supports update operations.
- Recommend either reducing partitions or upgrading to m5.4xlarge (which supports 4,000 partitions per broker).
- Check your `num.io.threads` and `num.network.threads` settings and recommend tuning if undersized.

Diagnose Express broker performance

Prompt: "My Express cluster has 3 express.m7g.large brokers and I'm seeing throttling. What's wrong?"

The skill:

- Identify that `express.m7g.large` supports 15.6 MBps ingress and 31.2 MBps egress per broker.
- Ask about your current throughput or run a CloudWatch query to check `BytesInPerSec` and `BytesOutPerSec`.
- If throughput exceeds per-broker limits, recommend scaling to `express.m7g.xlarge` or adding brokers.
- Check `ProduceThrottleTime` and `FetchThrottleTime` metrics.

Audit client configuration

Prompt: "Review my Kafka producer configuration for best practices on MSK"

The skill:

- Check critical configurations such as `linger.ms`, `acks`, `batch.size`, `buffer.memory`, and more for performance and durability considerations.
- Provide recommendations for your scenario to tune configurations, improve performance, and ensure high availability.

Set up monitoring and alarms

Prompt: "Help me set up CloudWatch monitoring for my MSK cluster following best practices"

The skill:

- Create alarms for critical metrics like CPU utilization (`CpuUser + CpuSystem`), `RequestHandlerAvgIdlePercent`, and others to monitor broker saturation.
- For Standard: add `KafkaDataLogsDiskUsed > 85%` alarm and `UnderReplicatedPartitions > 0` alarm.
- For Express: add `StorageUsed` monitoring for cost optimization.
- Set up per-broker, per-topic, and per-consumer-group dashboards.

Source code and contributions

The `managing-amazon-msk` skill is open source. You can review the source code, suggest improvements, or contribute new features.

- **GitHub:** aws/agent-toolkit-for-aws on GitHub

Feedback on additional best practice scenarios, new use cases, or corrections is welcome via GitHub issues or pull requests.

What is MSK Serverless?

> **Note**
>
> MSK Serverless is available in the US East (Ohio), US East (N. Virginia), US West (Oregon), Canada (Central), Asia Pacific (Mumbai), Asia Pacific (Singapore), Asia Pacific (Sydney), Asia Pacific (Tokyo), Asia Pacific (Seoul), Europe (Frankfurt), Europe (Stockholm), Europe (Ireland), Europe (Paris), and Europe (London) Regions.

MSK Serverless is a cluster type for Amazon MSK that makes it possible for you to run Apache Kafka without having to manage and scale cluster capacity. It automatically provisions and scales capacity while managing the partitions in your topic, so you can stream data without thinking about right-sizing or scaling clusters. MSK Serverless offers a throughput-based pricing model, so you pay only for what you use. Consider using a serverless cluster if your applications need on-demand streaming capacity that scales up and down automatically.

MSK Serverless is fully compatible with Apache Kafka, so you can use any compatible client applications to produce and consume data. It also integrates with the following services:

- AWS PrivateLink to provide private connectivity
- AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) for authentication and authorization using Java and non-Java languages. For instruction on configuring clients for IAM, see Configure clients for IAM access control.
- AWS Glue Schema Registry for schema management
- Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink for Apache Flink-based stream processing
- AWS Lambda for event processing

> **Note**
>
> MSK Serverless requires IAM access control for all clusters. Apache Kafka access control lists (ACLs) are not supported. For more information, see the section called “IAM access control”. For information about the service quota that apply to MSK Serverless, see the section called “Quota for serverless clusters”.

To help you get started with serverless clusters, and to learn more about configuration and monitoring options for serverless clusters, see the following.

Topics

- Use MSK Serverless clusters
- Configuration properties for MSK Serverless clusters
- Configure dual-stack network type
- Monitor MSK Serverless clusters

Use MSK Serverless clusters

This tutorial shows you an example of how you can create an MSK Serverless cluster, create a client machine that can access it, and use the client to create topics on the cluster and to write data to those topics. This exercise doesn't represent all the options that you can choose when you create a serverless cluster. In different parts of this exercise, we choose default options for simplicity. This doesn't mean that they're the only options that work for setting up a serverless cluster. You can also use the AWS CLI or the Amazon MSK API. For more information, see the Amazon MSK API Reference 2.0.

Topics

- Create an MSK Serverless cluster
- Create an IAM role for topics on MSK Serverless cluster
- Create a client machine to access MSK Serverless cluster
- Create an Apache Kafka topic
- Produce and consume data in MSK Serverless
- Delete resources that you created for MSK Serverless

Create an MSK Serverless cluster

In this step, you perform two tasks. First, you create an MSK Serverless cluster with default settings. Second, you gather information about the cluster. This is information that you need in later steps when you create a client that can send data to the cluster.

To create a serverless cluster

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home.
2. Choose **Create cluster**.
3. For **Creation method**, leave the **Quick create** option selected. The **Quick create** option lets you create a serverless cluster with default settings.
4. For **Cluster name**, enter a descriptive name, such as **`msk-serverless-tutorial-cluster`**.
5. For **General cluster properties**, choose **Serverless** as the **Cluster type**. Use the default values for the remaining **General cluster** properties.
6. Note the table under **All cluster settings**. This table lists the default values for important settings such as networking and availability, and indicates whether you can change each setting after you create the cluster. To change a setting before you create the cluster, you should choose the **Custom create** option under **Creation method**.

   > **Note**
   >
   > You can connect clients from up to five different VPCs with MSK Serverless clusters. To help client applications switch over to another Availability Zone in the event of an outage, you must specify at least two subnets in each VPC.

7. Choose **Create cluster**.

To gather information about the cluster

1. In the **Cluster summary** section, choose **View client information**. This button remains grayed out until Amazon MSK finishes creating the cluster. You might need to wait a few minutes until the button becomes active so you can use it.
2. Copy the string under the label **Endpoint**. This is your bootstrap server string.
3. Choose the **Properties** tab.
4. Under the **Networking settings** section, copy the IDs of the subnets and the security group and save them because you need this information later to create a client machine.
5. Choose any of the subnets. This opens the Amazon VPC Console. Find the ID of the Amazon VPC that is associated with the subnet. Save this Amazon VPC ID for later use.

Next Step

Create an IAM role for topics on MSK Serverless cluster

Create an IAM role for topics on MSK Serverless cluster

In this step, you perform two tasks. The first task is to create an IAM policy that grants access to create topics on the cluster and to send data to those topics. The second task is to create an IAM role and associate this policy with it. In a later step, we create a client machine that assumes this role and uses it to create a topic on the cluster and to send data to that topic.

To create an IAM policy that makes it possible to create topics and write to them

1. Open the IAM console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/.
2. On the navigation pane, choose **Policies**.
3. Choose **Create Policy**.
4. Choose the **JSON** tab, then replace the JSON in the editor window with the following JSON.

   In the following example, replace the following:

   - *region* with the code of the AWS Region where you created your cluster.
   - Example account ID, *123456789012*, with your AWS account ID.
   - *msk-serverless-tutorial-cluster*/*c07c74ea-5146-4a03-add1-9baa787a5b14-s3* and *msk-serverless-tutorial-cluster* with your serverless cluster ID and topic name.

   JSON

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:Connect",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster"
            ],
            "Resource": [
```

```
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-serverless-
tutorial-cluster/c07c74ea-5146-4a03-add1-9baa787a5b14-s3"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic"
            ],
            "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/msk-serverless-
tutorial-cluster/*"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

For instructions about how to write secure policies, see the section called "IAM access control".

5. Choose **Next: Tags**.
6. Choose **Next: Review**.
7. For the policy name, enter a descriptive name, such as **`msk-serverless-tutorial-policy`**.
8. Choose **Create policy**.

To create an IAM role and attach the policy to it

1. On the navigation pane, choose **Roles**.
2. Choose **Create role**.
3. Under **Common use cases**, choose **EC2**, then choose **Next: Permissions**.
4. In the search box, enter the name of the policy that you previously created for this tutorial. Then select the box to the left of the policy.
5. Choose **Next: Tags**.
6. Choose **Next: Review**.
7. For the role name, enter a descriptive name, such as **`msk-serverless-tutorial-role`**.
8. Choose **Create role**.

Next Step

Create a client machine to access MSK Serverless cluster

Create a client machine to access MSK Serverless cluster

In the step, you perform two tasks. The first task is to create an Amazon EC2 instance to use as an Apache Kafka client machine. The second task is to install Java and Apache Kafka tools on the machine.

To create a client machine

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
2. Choose **Launch instance**.
3. Enter a descriptive **Name** for your client machine, such as **`msk-serverless-tutorial-client`**.
4. Leave the **Amazon Linux 2 AMI (HVM) - Kernel 5.10, SSD Volume Type** selected for **Amazon Machine Image (AMI) type**.
5. Leave the **t2.micro** instance type selected.
6. Under **Key pair (login)**, choose **Create a new key pair**. Enter **`MSKServerlessKeyPair`** for **Key pair name**. Then choose **Download Key Pair**. Alternatively, you can use an existing key pair.
7. For **Network settings**, choose **Edit**.
8. Under **VPC**, enter the ID of the virtual private cloud (VPC) for your serverless cluster . This is the VPC based on the Amazon VPC service whose ID you saved after you created the cluster.
9. For **Subnet**, choose the subnet whose ID you saved after you created the cluster.
10. For **Firewall (security groups)**, select the security group associated with the cluster. This value works if that security group has an inbound rule that allows traffic from the security group to itself. With such a rule, members of the same security group can communicate with each other. For more information, see Security group rules in the Amazon VPC Developer Guide.
11. Expand the **Advanced details** section and choose the IAM role that you created in Create an IAM role for topics on MSK Serverless cluster.
12. Choose **Launch**.
13. In the left navigation pane, choose **Instances**. Then choose the check box in the row that represents your newly created Amazon EC2 instance. From this point forward, we call this instance the *client machine*.

14. Choose **Connect** and follow the instructions to connect to the client machine.

To set up Apache Kafka client tools on the client machine

1. To install Java, run the following command on the client machine:

```
sudo yum -y install java-11
```

2. To get the Apache Kafka tools that we need to create topics and send data, run the following commands:

```
wget https://archive.apache.org/dist/kafka/2.8.1/kafka_2.12-2.8.1.tgz
```

```
tar -xzf kafka_2.12-2.8.1.tgz
```

> **Note**
>
> After extracting the Kafka archive, make sure that the scripts in the `bin` directory have proper execute permissions. To do this, run the following command.
>
> ```
> chmod +x kafka_2.12-2.8.1/bin/*.sh
> ```

3. Go to the `kafka_2.12-2.8.1/libs` directory, then run the following command to download the Amazon MSK IAM JAR file. The Amazon MSK IAM JAR makes it possible for the client machine to access the cluster.

```
wget https://github.com/aws/aws-msk-iam-auth/releases/download/v2.3.0/aws-msk-iam-auth-2.3.0-all.jar
```

   Using this command, you can also download other or newer versions of Amazon MSK IAM JAR file.

4. Go to the `kafka_2.12-2.8.1/bin` directory. Copy the following property settings and paste them into a new file. Name the file `client.properties` and save it.

```
security.protocol=SASL_SSL
sasl.mechanism=AWS_MSK_IAM
sasl.jaas.config=software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMLoginModule required;
```

```
sasl.client.callback.handler.class=software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMClientCallbackHandler
```

Next Step

Create an Apache Kafka topic

Create an Apache Kafka topic

In this step, you use the previously created client machine to create a topic on the serverless cluster.

Topics

- Setting up your environment for creating topics
- Creating a topic and writing data to it

Setting up your environment for creating topics

- Before creating a topic, make sure that you've downloaded the AWS MSK IAM JAR file to your Kafka installation's `libs/` directory. If you haven't done this yet, run the following command in your Kafka's `libs/` directory.

  ```
  wget https://github.com/aws/aws-msk-iam-auth/releases/download/v2.3.0/aws-msk-iam-auth-2.3.0-all.jar
  ```

  This JAR file is required for IAM authentication with your MSK Serverless cluster.
- When running Kafka commands, you might need to make sure the `classpath` includes the AWS MSK IAM JAR file. To do this, do one of the following:
  - Set the `CLASSPATH` environment variable to include your Kafka libraries as shown in the following example.

    ```
    export CLASSPATH=<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/libs/*:<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/libs/aws-msk-iam-auth-2.3.0-all.jar
    ```
  - Run Kafka commands using the full Java command with explicit `classpath`, as shown in the following example.

```
java -cp "<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/libs/*:<path-to-
your-kafka-installation>/libs/aws-msk-iam-auth-2.3.0-all.jar"
 org.apache.kafka.tools.TopicCommand --bootstrap-server $BS --command-config
 client.properties --create --topic msk-serverless-tutorial --partitions 6
```

Creating a topic and writing data to it

1. In the following `export` command, replace *my-endpoint* with the bootstrap-server string you that you saved after you created the cluster. Then, go to the `kafka_2.12-2.8.1/bin` directory on the client machine and run the `export` command.

   ```
   export BS=my-endpoint
   ```

2. Run the following command to create a topic called `msk-serverless-tutorial`.

   ```
   <path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-topics.sh --bootstrap-server $BS
    --command-config client.properties --create --topic msk-serverless-tutorial --
   partitions 6
   ```

Next Step

Produce and consume data in MSK Serverless

Produce and consume data in MSK Serverless

In this step, you produce and consume data using the topic that you created in the previous step.

To produce and consume messages

1. Run the following command to create a console producer.

   ```
   <path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-producer.sh --broker-list $BS
    --producer.config client.properties --topic msk-serverless-tutorial
   ```

2. Enter any message that you want, and press **Enter**. Repeat this step two or three times. Every time you enter a line and press **Enter**, that line is sent to your cluster as a separate message.
3. Keep the connection to the client machine open, and then open a second, separate connection to that machine in a new window.

4. Use your second connection to the client machine to create a console consumer with the following command. Replace *my-endpoint* with the bootstrap server string that you saved after you created the cluster.

   ```
   <path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-consumer.sh --bootstrap-
   server my-endpoint --consumer.config client.properties --topic msk-serverless-
   tutorial --from-beginning
   ```

   You start seeing the messages you entered earlier when you used the console producer command.

5. Enter more messages in the producer window, and watch them appear in the consumer window.

If you encounter `classpath` issues while running these commands, make sure that you're running them from the correct directory. Also, make sure that the AWS MSK IAM JAR is in the `libs` directory. Alternatively, you can run Kafka commands using the full Java command with explicit `classpath`, as shown in the following example.

```
java -cp "kafka_2.12-2.8.1/libs/*:kafka_2.12-2.8.1/libs/aws-msk-iam-auth-2.3.0-
all.jar" org.apache.kafka.tools.ConsoleProducer –broker-list $BS –producer.config
 client.properties –topic msk-serverless-tutorial
```

Next Step

Delete resources that you created for MSK Serverless

Delete resources that you created for MSK Serverless

In this step, you delete the resources that you created in this tutorial.

To delete the cluster

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home.
2. In the list of clusters, choose the cluster that you created for this tutorial.
3. For **Actions**, choose **Delete cluster**.
4. Enter `delete` in the field, then choose **Delete**.

To stop the client machine

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
2. In the list of Amazon EC2 instances, choose the client machine that you created for this tutorial.
3. Choose **Instance state**, then choose **Terminate instance**.
4. Choose **Terminate**.

To delete the IAM policy and role

1. Open the IAM console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/.
2. On the navigation pane, choose **Roles**.
3. In the search box, enter the name of the IAM role that you created for this tutorial.
4. Choose the role. Then choose **Delete role**, and confirm the deletion.
5. On the navigation pane, choose **Policies**.
6. In the search box, enter the name of the policy that you created for this tutorial.
7. Choose the policy to open its summary page. On the policy's **Summary** page, choose **Delete policy**.
8. Choose **Delete**.

Configuration properties for MSK Serverless clusters

Amazon MSK sets broker configuration properties for serverless clusters. You can't change these broker configuration property settings. However, you can set or modify the following topic-level configuration properties. All other topic-level configuration properties are not configurable.

Configuration property	Default	Editable	Maximum allowed value
cleanup.policy	Delete	Yes, but only at topic creation time	
compression.type	Producer	Yes	
max.message.bytes	1048588	Yes	8388608 (8MiB)

Configuration property	Default	Editable	Maximum allowed value
message.timestamp.difference.max.ms	long.max	Yes	
message.timestamp.type	CreateTime	Yes	
retention.bytes	250 GiB	Yes	Unlimited; set it to -1 for unlimited retention
retention.ms	7 days	Yes	Unlimited; set it to -1 for unlimited retention

To set or modify these topic-level configuration properties, you can use Apache Kafka command line tools. See 3.2 Topic-level Configs in the official Apache Kafka documentation for more information and examples of how to set them.

Note

You can't modify the segment.bytes configuration for topics in MSK Serverless. However, a Kafka Streams application might attempt to create an internal topic with a segment.bytes configuration value, which is different from what MSK Serverless will allow. For information about configuring Kafka Streams with MSK Serverless, see Using Kafka Streams with MSK Serverless.

When using the Apache Kafka command line tools with Amazon MSK Serverless, make sure you completed steps 1-4 in the *To set up Apache Kafka client tools on the client machine* section of the Amazon MSK Serverless Getting Started documentation. Additionally, you must include the `--command-config client.properties` parameter in your commands.

For example, the following command can be used to modify the retention.bytes topic configuration property to set unlimited retention:

```
<path-to-your-kafka-client-installation>/bin/kafka-configs.sh –bootstrap-
server <bootstrap_server_string> –command-config client.properties --entity-type topics
 --entity-name <topic_name> --alter --add-config retention.bytes=-1
```

In this example, replace *<bootstrap server string>* with the bootstrap server endpoint for your Amazon MSK Serverless cluster, and *<topic_name>* with the name of the topic you want to modify.

The `--command-config client.properties` parameter ensures that the Kafka command line tool uses the appropriate configuration settings to communicate with your Amazon MSK Serverless cluster.

Configure dual-stack network type

Amazon MSK supports dual-stack network type for existing MSK Serverless clusters that use Kafka version 3.6.0 or later at no additional cost. With dual-stack networking, your clusters can use both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses. Dual-stack endpoints also support IPv4 thus maintaining backward compatibility. Amazon MSK provides IPv6 support through dual-stack network type, not as IPv6-only.

By default, clients connect to Amazon MSK clusters using the IPv4 network type. All new clusters that you create also use IPv4 by default. To update a cluster's network type to dual-stack, make sure you've fulfilled the prerequisites described in the following section. Then, use the UpdateConnectivity API to update connectivity to dual-stack.

> **Note**
>
> Once you update your cluster to use the dual-stack network type, you can't switch it back to the IPv4 network type.

Topics

- Prerequisites for using dual-stack network type
- IAM permissions for MSK Serverless
- Use dual-stack network type for a cluster
- Considerations for using dual-stack network type

Prerequisites for using dual-stack network type

Before you configure dual-stack network type for your clusters, make sure you that all subnets you provide during cluster creation must support dual-stack network type. If even one subnet in your cluster doesn't support dual-stack, you won't be able to update the network type for your cluster to dual-stack.

IAM permissions for MSK Serverless

You must have the following IAM permissions:

- `ec2:DescribeSubnets`
- `ec2:ModifyVpcEndpoint`

For a complete list of permissions required to perform all Amazon MSK actions, see AWS managed policy: AmazonMSKFullAccess.

Use dual-stack network type for a cluster

You can update the network type for an MSK Serverless cluster using the AWS Management Console, AWS CLI, or AWS SDK.

Using AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose the MSK Serverless cluster for which you want to configure the dual-stack network type.
3. On the Cluster details page, choose **Properties**.
4. In **Network settings**, choose **Edit network type**.
5. For **Network type**, choose **Dual stack**.
6. Choose **Save changes**.

Using AWS CLI

You can use the update-connectivity API to update the network type of your existing MSK Serverless cluster to dual-stack. The following example uses the `update-connectivity` command to set the cluster's network type to dual-stack.

In the following example, replace the sample cluster ARN, arn:aws:kafka:*us-east-1*:*123456789012*:cluster/*myCluster* /*12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012 -1*, with your actual MSK cluster ARN. To get the current cluster version, use the describe-cluster command.

```
aws kafka update-connectivity \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012-1" \
    --current-version "KTVPDKIKX0DER" \
    --connectivity-info '{
        "networkType": "DUAL"
    }
```

Using AWS SDK

The following example uses the UpdateConnectivity API to set the cluster's network type to dual-stack.

In the following example, replace the sample cluster ARN, arn:aws:kafka:*us-east-1*:*123456789012*:cluster/*myCluster*/*12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012-1*, with your actual MSK cluster ARN. To get the current cluster version use the DescribeCluster API.

```
import boto3

client = boto3.client("kafka")

response = client.update_connectivity(
    ClusterArn="arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012-1",
    CurrentVersion="KTVPDKIKX0DER",
    ConnectivityInfo={
        "NetworkType": "DUAL"
    }
)
```

```
print("Connectivity update initiated:", response)
```

Considerations for using dual-stack network type

- IPv6 support is currently available only in dual-stack mode (IPv4 + IPv6), not as IPv6-only.
- Dual-stack network type is unavailable for multi-VPC private connectivity.
- You can change the network type from IPv4 to dual-stack for an existing cluster only if all its subnets support the dual-stack network type.
- You can't revert to the IPv4 network type after enabling dual-stack. To switch back, you must delete and recreate the cluster.
- You must have the following IAM permissions:
  - `ec2:DescribeSubnets` and `ec2:ModifyVpcEndpoint`

Monitor MSK Serverless clusters

Amazon MSK integrates with Amazon CloudWatch so that you can collect, view, and analyze metrics for your MSK Serverless cluster. The metrics shown in the following table are available for all serverless clusters. As these metrics are published as individual data points for each partition in the topic, we recommend viewing them as a 'SUM' statistic to get the topic-level view.

Amazon MSK publishes `PerSec` metrics to CloudWatch at a frequency of once per minute. This means that the 'SUM' statistic for a one-minute period accurately represents per-second data for `PerSec` metrics. To collect per-second data for a period of longer than one minute, use the following CloudWatch math expression: `m1 * 60/PERIOD(m1)`.

Metrics available at the DEFAULT monitoring level

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
`BytesInPerSec`	After a producer writes to a topic	Cluster Name, Topic	The number of bytes per second received from clients. This metric is available for each topic.
`BytesOutPerSec`	After a consumer group	Cluster Name, Topic	The number of bytes per second sent to clients. This metric is available for each topic.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
	consumes from a topic		
ClientConnectionCount	After a client successfully connects to the cluster	Cluster Name	The number of active authenticated client connections.
FetchMessageConversionsPerSec	After a consumer group consumes from a topic	Cluster Name, Topic	The number of fetch message conversions per second for the topic.
EstimatedMaxTimeLag	After a consumer group consumes from a topic	Cluster Name, Consumer Group, Topic	A time estimate of the MaxOffsetLag metric.
MaxOffsetLag	After a consumer group consumes from a topic	Cluster Name, Consumer Group, Topic	The maximum offset lag across all partitions in a topic.
MessagesInPerSec	After a producer writes to a topic	Cluster Name, Topic	The number of incoming messages per second for the topic.
ProduceMessageConversionsPerSec	After a producer writes to a topic	Cluster Name, Topic	The number of produce message conversions per second for the topic.

Name	When visible	Dimensions	Description
SumOffsetLag	After a consumer group consumes from a topic	Cluster Name, Consumer Group, Topic	The aggregated offset lag for all the partitions in a topic.

To view MSK Serverless metrics

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the CloudWatch console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/.
2. In the navigation pane, under **Metrics**, choose **All metrics**.
3. In the metrics search for the term **kafka**.
4. Choose **AWS/Kafka / Cluster Name**, **AWS/Kafka / Cluster Name, Topic**, or **AWS/Kafka / Cluster Name, Consumer Group, Topic** to see different metrics.

Understand MSK Connect

MSK Connect is a feature of Amazon MSK that makes it easy for developers to stream data to and from their Apache Kafka clusters. MSK Connect uses Kafka Connect versions 2.7.1, 3.7.x or 3.9.x, which are open-source frameworks for connecting Apache Kafka clusters with external systems such as databases, search indexes, and file systems. With MSK Connect, you can deploy fully managed connectors built for Kafka Connect that move data into or pull data from popular data stores like Amazon S3 and Amazon OpenSearch Service. You can deploy connectors developed by 3rd parties like Debezium for streaming change logs from databases into an Apache Kafka cluster, or deploy an existing connector with no code changes. Connectors automatically scale to adjust for changes in load and you pay only for the resources that you use.

Use source connectors to import data from external systems into your topics. With sink connectors, you can export data from your topics to external systems.

MSK Connect supports connectors for any Apache Kafka cluster with connectivity to an Amazon VPC, whether it is an MSK cluster or an independently hosted Apache Kafka cluster.

MSK Connect continuously monitors connector health and delivery state, patches and manages the underlying hardware, and autoscales the connectors to match changes in throughput.

To get started using MSK Connect, see the section called “Getting started”.

To learn about the AWS resources that you can create with MSK Connect, see the section called “Understand connectors”, the section called “Create custom plugins”, and the section called “Understand MSK Connect workers”.

For information about the MSK Connect API, see the Amazon MSK Connect API Reference.

Benefits of using Amazon MSK Connect

Apache Kafka is one of the most widely adopted open source streaming platforms for ingesting and processing real-time data streams. With Apache Kafka, you can decouple and independently scale your data-producing and data-consuming applications.

Kafka Connect is an important component of building and running streaming applications with Apache Kafka. Kafka Connect provides a standardized way of moving data between Kafka and

external systems. Kafka Connect is highly scalable and can handle large volumes of data Kafka Connect provides a powerful set of API operations and tools for configuring, deploying, and monitoring connectors that move data between Kafka topics and external systems. You can use these tools to customize and extend the functionality of Kafka Connect to meet the specific needs of your streaming application.

You might encounter challenges when you're operating Apache Kafka Connect clusters on their own, or when you're trying to migrate open source Apache Kafka Connect applications to AWS. These challenges include time required to setup infrastructure and deploying applications, engineering obstacles when setting up self-managed Apache Kafka Connect clusters, and administrative operational overhead.

To address these challenges, we recommend using Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka Connect (Amazon MSK Connect) to migrate your open source Apache Kafka Connect applications to AWS. Amazon MSK Connect simplifies using Kafka Connect to stream data to and from between Apache Kafka clusters and external systems, such as databases, search indexes, and file systems.

Here are some of the benefits to migrating to Amazon MSK Connect:

- **Elimination of operational overhead** — Amazon MSK Connect takes away the operational burden associated with patching, provisioning, and scaling of Apache Kafka Connect clusters. Amazon MSK Connect continuously monitors the health of your Connect clusters and automates patching and version upgrades without causing any disruptions to your workloads.
- **Automatic restarting of Connect tasks** — Amazon MSK Connect can automatically recover failed tasks to reduce production disruptions. Task failures can be caused by temporary errors, such as breaching the TCP connection limit for Kafka, and task rebalancing when new workers join the consumer group for sink connectors.
- **Automatic horizontal and vertical scaling** — Amazon MSK Connect enables the connector application to automatically scale to support higher throughputs. Amazon MSK Connect manages scaling for you. You only need to specifying the number of workers in the auto scaling group and the utilization thresholds. You can use the Amazon MSK Connect `UpdateConnector` API operation to vertically scale up or scale down the vCPUs between 1 and 8 vCPUs for supporting variable throughput.
- **Private network connectivity** — Amazon MSK Connect privately connects to source and sink systems by using AWS PrivateLink and private DNS names.

Getting started with MSK Connect

This is a step-by-step tutorial that uses the AWS Management Console to create an MSK cluster and a sink connector that sends data from the cluster to an S3 bucket.

Topics

- Set up resources required for MSK Connect
- Create custom plugin
- Create client machine and Apache Kafka topic
- Create connector
- Send data to the MSK cluster

Set up resources required for MSK Connect

In this step you create the following resources that you need for this getting-started scenario:

- An Amazon S3 bucket to serve as the destination that receives data from the connector.
- An MSK cluster to which you will send data. The connector will then read the data from this cluster and send it to the destination S3 bucket.
- An IAM policy that contains the permissions to write to the destination S3 bucket.
- An IAM role that allows the connector to write to the destination S3 bucket. You'll add the IAM policy that you create to this role.
- An Amazon VPC endpoint to make it possible to send data from the Amazon VPC that has the cluster and the connector to Amazon S3.

To create the S3 bucket

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon S3 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/s3/.
2. Choose **Create bucket**.
3. For the name of the bucket, enter a descriptive name such as `amzn-s3-demo-bucket-mkc-tutorial`.
4. Choose **Create bucket**.
5. In the list of buckets, choose the newly created bucket.

6. Choose **Create folder**.
7. Enter `tutorial` for the name of the folder, then scroll down and choose **Create folder**.

To create the cluster

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the left pane, under **MSK Clusters**, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose **Create cluster**.
4. In **Creation method**, choose **Custom create**.
5. For the cluster name enter **`mkc-tutorial-cluster`**.
6. In **Cluster type**, choose **Provisioned**.
7. Choose **Next**.
8. Under **Networking**, choose an Amazon VPC. Then select the Availability Zones and subnets that you want to use. Remember the IDs of the Amazon VPC and subnets that you selected because you need them later in this tutorial.
9. Choose **Next**.
10. Under **Access control methods** ensure that only **Unauthenticated access** is selected.
11. Under **Encryption** ensure that only **Plaintext** is selected.
12. Continue through the wizard and then choose **Create cluster**. This takes you to the details page for the cluster. On that page, under **Security groups applied**, find the security group ID. Remember that ID because you need it later in this tutorial.

To create an IAM policy with permissions to write to the S3 bucket

1. Open the IAM console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/.
2. On the navigation pane, choose **Policies**.
3. Choose **Create policy**.
4. In **Policy editor**, choose **JSON**, and then replace the JSON in the editor window with the following JSON.

   In the following example, replace *`<amzn-s3-demo-bucket-my-tutorial>`* with the name of your S3 bucket.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "AllowListBucket",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:ListBucket",
        "s3:GetBucketLocation"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::<amzn-s3-demo-bucket-my-tutorial>"
    },
    {
      "Sid": "AllowObjectActions",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:PutObject",
        "s3:GetObject",
        "s3:DeleteObject",
        "s3:AbortMultipartUpload",
        "s3:ListMultipartUploadParts",
        "s3:ListBucketMultipartUploads"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::<amzn-s3-demo-bucket-my-tutorial>/*"
    }
  ]
}
```

For instructions about how to write secure policies, see the section called “IAM access control”.

5. Choose **Next**.
6. On the **Review and create** page, do the following:
   a. For **Policy name**, enter a descriptive name, such as **`mkc-tutorial-policy`**.
   b. In **Permissions defined in this policy**, review and/or edit the permissions defined in your policy.

c. (Optional) To help identify, organize, or search for the policy, choose **Add new tag** to add tags as key-value pairs. For example, add a tag to your policy with the key-value pair of **`Environment`** and **`Test`**.

   For more information about using tags, see Tags for AWS Identity and Access Management resources in the *IAM User Guide*.

7. Choose **Create policy**.

To create the IAM role that can write to the destination bucket

1. On the navigation pane of the IAM console, choose **Roles**, and then choose **Create role**.
2. On the **Select trusted entity** page, do the following:
   a. For **Trusted entity type**, choose **AWS service**.
   b. For **Service or use case**, choose **S3**.
   c. Under **Use case**, choose **S3**.
3. Choose **Next**.
4. On the **Add permissions** page, do the following:
   a. In the search box under **Permissions policies**, enter the name of the policy that you previously created for this tutorial. For example, **mkc-tutorial-policy**. Then, choose the box to the left of the policy name.
   b. (Optional) Set a permissions boundary. This is an advanced feature that is available for service roles, but not service-linked roles. For information about setting a permissions boundary, see Creating roles and attaching policies (console) in the *IAM User Guide*.
5. Choose **Next**.
6. On the **Name, review, and create** page, do the following:
   a. For **Role name**, enter a descriptive name, such as **`mkc-tutorial-role`**.

> **Important**
>
> When you name a role, note the following:
>
> - Role names must be unique within your AWS account, and can't be made unique by case.

For example, don't create roles named both **`PRODROLE`** and **`prodrole`**. When a role name is used in a policy or as part of an ARN, the role name is case sensitive, however when a role name appears to customers in the console, such as during the sign-in process, the role name is case insensitive.

- You can't edit the name of the role after it's created because other entities might reference the role.

b. (Optional) For **Description**, enter a description for the role.

c. (Optional) To edit the use cases and permissions for the role, in **Step 1: Select trusted entities** or **Step 2: Add permissions** sections, choose **Edit**.

d. (Optional) To help identify, organize, or search for the role, choose **Add new tag** to add tags as key-value pairs. For example, add a tag to your role with the key-value pair of **`ProductManager`** and **`John`**.

For more information about using tags, see Tags for AWS Identity and Access Management resources in the *IAM User Guide*.

7. Review the role, and then choose **Create role**.

To allow MSK Connect to assume the role

1. In the IAM console, in the left pane, under **Access management**, choose **Roles**.
2. Find the `mkc-tutorial-role` and choose it.
3. Under the role's **Summary**, choose the **Trust relationships** tab.
4. Choose **Edit trust relationship**.
5. Replace the existing trust policy with the following JSON.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "kafkaconnect.amazonaws.com"
      },
```

```
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
    }
  ]
}
```

6. Choose **Update Trust Policy**.

To create an Amazon VPC endpoint from the cluster's VPC to Amazon S3

1. Open the Amazon VPC console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/.
2. In the left pane, choose **Endpoints**.
3. Choose **Create endpoint**.
4. Under **Service Name** choose the **com.amazonaws.us-east-1.s3** service and the **Gateway** type.
5. Choose the cluster's VPC and then select the box to the left of the route table that is associated with the cluster's subnets.
6. Choose **Create endpoint**.

Next Step

Create custom plugin

Create custom plugin

A plugin contains the code that defines the logic of the connector. In this step you create a custom plugin that has the code for the Lenses Amazon S3 Sink Connector. In a later step, when you create the MSK connector, you specify that its code is in this custom plugin. You can use the same plugin to create multiple MSK connectors with different configurations.

To create the custom plugin

1. Download the S3 connector.
2. Upload the ZIP file to an S3 bucket to which you have access. For information on how to upload files to Amazon S3, see Uploading objects in the Amazon S3 user guide.
3. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
4. In the left pane expand **MSK Connect**, then choose **Custom plugins**.
5. Choose **Create custom plugin**.

6. Choose **Browse S3**.
7. In the list of buckets find the bucket where you uploaded the ZIP file, and choose that bucket.
8. In the list of objects in the bucket, select the radio button to the left of the ZIP file, then choose the button labeled **Choose**.
9. Enter `mkc-tutorial-plugin` for the custom plugin name, then choose **Create custom plugin**.

It might take AWS a few minutes to finish creating the custom plugin. When the creation process is complete, you see the following message in a banner.

```
Custom plugin mkc-tutorial-plugin was successfully created
The custom plugin was created. You can now create a connector using this custom plugin.
```

Next Step

Create client machine and Apache Kafka topic

Create client machine and Apache Kafka topic

In this step you create an Amazon EC2 instance to use as an Apache Kafka client instance. You then use this instance to create a topic on the cluster.

To create a client machine

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
2. Choose **Launch instances**.
3. Enter a **Name** for your client machine, such as **`mkc-tutorial-client`**.
4. Leave **Amazon Linux 2 AMI (HVM) - Kernel 5.10, SSD Volume Type** selected for **Amazon Machine Image (AMI) type**.
5. Choose the **t2.xlarge** instance type.
6. Under **Key pair (login)**, choose **Create a new key pair**. Enter **`mkc-tutorial-key-pair`** for **Key pair name**, and then choose **Download Key Pair**. Alternatively, you can use an existing key pair.
7. Choose **Launch instance**.
8. Choose **View Instances**. Then, in the **Security Groups** column, choose the security group that is associated with your new instance. Copy the ID of the security group, and save it for later.

To allow the newly created client to send data to the cluster

1. Open the Amazon VPC console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/.
2. In the left pane, under **SECURITY**, choose **Security Groups**. In the **Security group ID** column, find the security group of the cluster. You saved the ID of this security group when you created the cluster in the section called "Set up resources required for MSK Connect". Choose this security group by selecting the box to the left of its row. Make sure no other security groups are simultaneously selected.
3. In the bottom half of the screen, choose the **Inbound rules** tab.
4. Choose **Edit inbound rules**.
5. Choose **Add rule**.
6. In the new rule, choose **All traffic** in the **Type** column. In the field to the right of the **Source** column, enter the ID of the security group of the client machine. This is the security group ID that you saved after you created the client machine.
7. Choose **Save rules**. Your MSK cluster will now accept all traffic from the client you created in the previous procedure.

To create a topic

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
2. In the table of instances choose `mkc-tutorial-client`.
3. Choose **Connect**, then follow the instructions to connect to the instance.
4. Install Java on the client instance by running the following command:

```
sudo yum install java-1.8.0
```

5. Run the following command to download Apache Kafka.

```
wget https://archive.apache.org/dist/kafka/2.2.1/kafka_2.12-2.2.1.tgz
```

> **Note**
>
> If you want to use a mirror site other than the one used in this command, you can choose a different one on the Apache website.

6. Run the following command in the directory where you downloaded the TAR file in the previous step.

```
tar -xzf kafka_2.12-2.2.1.tgz
```

7. Go to the **kafka_2.12-2.2.1** directory.
8. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
9. In the left pane choose **Clusters**, then choose the name `mkc-tutorial-cluster`.
10. Choose **View client information**.
11. Copy the **Plaintext** connection string.
12. Choose **Done**.
13. Run the following command on the client instance (`mkc-tutorial-client`), replacing *`bootstrapServerString`* with the value that you saved when you viewed the cluster's client information.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --bootstrap-
server bootstrapServerString --replication-factor 2 --partitions 1 --topic mkc-
tutorial-topic
```

If the command succeeds, you see the following message: `Created topic mkc-tutorial-topic.`

Next Step

Create connector

Create connector

This procedure describes how to create a connector using the AWS Management Console.

To create the connector

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the left pane, expand **MSK Connect**, then choose **Connectors**.
3. Choose **Create connector**.

4. In the list of plugins, choose `mkc-tutorial-plugin`, then choose **Next**.
5. For the connector name enter `mkc-tutorial-connector`.
6. In the list of clusters, choose `mkc-tutorial-cluster`.
7. In the **Connector network settings** section, choose one of the following for network type:
   - **IPv4** (default) - For connectivity to destinations over IPv4 only
   - **Dual-stack** - For connectivity to destinations over both IPv4 and IPv6 (only available if your subnets have IPv4 and IPv6 CIDR blocks associated with them)
8. Copy the following configuration and paste it into the connector configuration field.

   Make sure that you replace region with the code of the AWS Region where you're creating the connector. Also, replace the Amazon S3 bucket name *<amzn-s3-demo-bucket-my-tutorial>* with the name of your bucket in the following example.

```
connector.class=io.confluent.connect.s3.S3SinkConnector
s3.region=us-east-1
format.class=io.confluent.connect.s3.format.json.JsonFormat
flush.size=1
schema.compatibility=NONE
tasks.max=2
topics=mkc-tutorial-topic
partitioner.class=io.confluent.connect.storage.partitioner.DefaultPartitioner
storage.class=io.confluent.connect.s3.storage.S3Storage
s3.bucket.name=<amzn-s3-demo-bucket-my-tutorial>
topics.dir=tutorial
```

9. Under **Access permissions** choose `mkc-tutorial-role`.
10. Choose **Next**. On the **Security** page, choose **Next** again.
11. On the **Logs** page choose **Next**.
12. On the **Review and create** page, review your connector configuration and choose **Create connector**.

Next Step

Send data to the MSK cluster

Send data to the MSK cluster

In this step you send data to the Apache Kafka topic that you created earlier, and then look for that same data in the destination S3 bucket.

To send data to the MSK cluster

1. In the `bin` folder of the Apache Kafka installation on the client instance, create a text file named `client.properties` with the following contents.

   ```
   security.protocol=SASL_SSL
   sasl.mechanism=AWS_MSK_IAM
   ```

2. Run the following command to create a console producer. Replace *`BootstrapBrokerString`* with the value that you obtained when you ran the previous command.

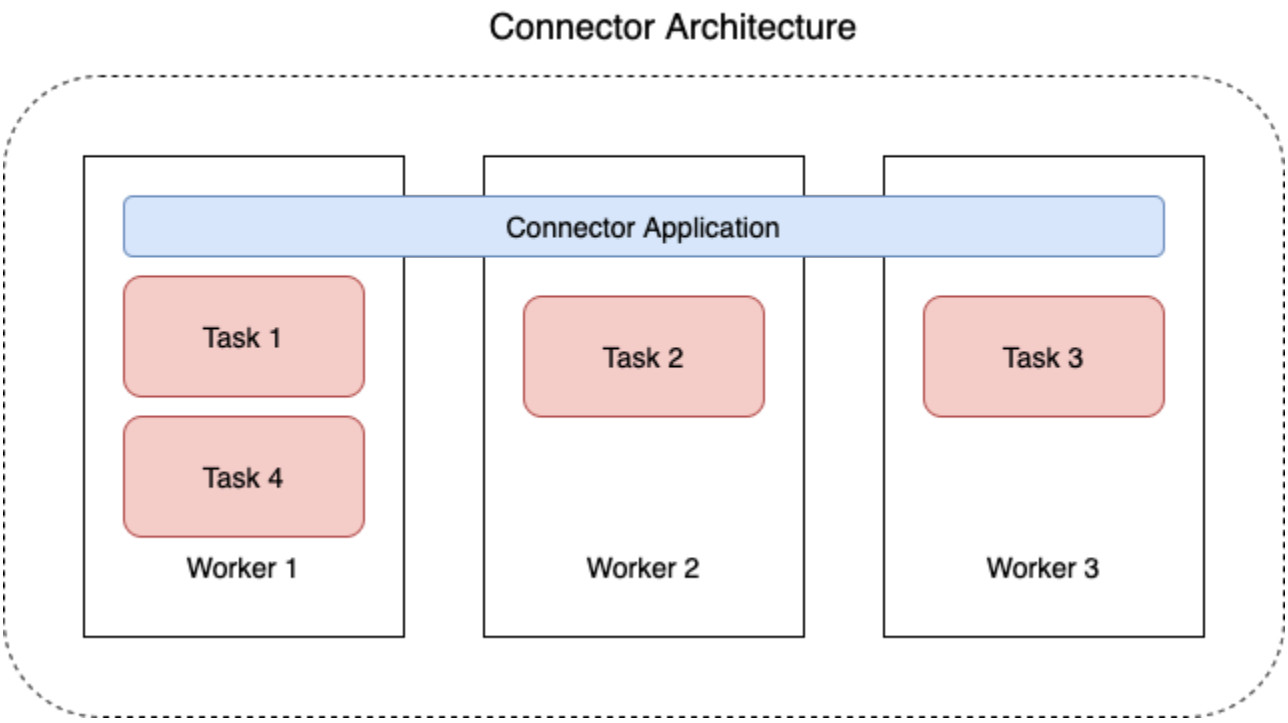
   ```
   <path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-console-producer.sh --broker-
   list BootstrapBrokerString --producer.config client.properties --topic mkc-
   tutorial-topic
   ```

3. Enter any message that you want, and press **Enter**. Repeat this step two or three times. Every time you enter a line and press **Enter**, that line is sent to your Apache Kafka cluster as a separate message.
4. Look in the destination Amazon S3 bucket to find the messages that you sent in the previous step.

Understand connectors

A connector integrates external systems and Amazon services with Apache Kafka by continuously copying streaming data from a data source into your Apache Kafka cluster, or continuously copying data from your cluster into a data sink. A connector can also perform lightweight logic such as transformation, format conversion, or filtering data before delivering the data to a destination. Source connectors pull data from a data source and push this data into the cluster, while sink connectors pull data from the cluster and push this data into a data sink.

The following diagram shows the architecture of a connector. A worker is a Java virtual machine (JVM) process that runs the connector logic. Each worker creates a set of tasks that run in parallel threads and do the work of copying the data. Tasks don't store state, and can therefore be started, stopped, or restarted at any time in order to provide a resilient and scalable data pipeline.



Understand connector capacity

The total capacity of a connector depends on the number of workers that the connector has, as well as on the number of MSK Connect Units (MCUs) per worker. Each MCU represents 1 vCPU of compute and 4 GiB of memory. The MCU memory pertains to the total memory of a worker instance and not the heap memory in use.

MSK Connect workers consume IP addresses in the customer-provided subnets. Each worker uses one IP address from one of the customer-provided subnets. You should ensure that you have enough available IP addresses in the subnets provided to a CreateConnector request to account for their specified capacity, especially when autoscaling connectors where the number of workers can fluctuate.

To create a connector, you must choose between one of the following two capacity modes.

- *Provisioned* - Choose this mode if you know the capacity requirements for your connector. You specify two values:
  - The number of workers.
  - The number of MCUs per worker.

- *Autoscaled* - Choose this mode if the capacity requirements for your connector are variable or if you don't know them in advance. When you use autoscaled mode, Amazon MSK Connect overrides your connector's `tasks.max` property with a value that is proportional to the number of workers running in the connector and the number of MCUs per worker.

  You specify three sets of values:

  - The minimum and maximum number of workers.
  - The scale-in and scale-out percentages for CPU utilization, which is determined by the `CpuUtilization` metric. When the `CpuUtilization` metric for the connector exceeds the scale-out percentage, MSK Connect increases the number of workers that are running in the connector. When the `CpuUtilization` metric goes below the scale-in percentage, MSK Connect decreases the number of workers. The number of workers always remains within the minimum and maximum numbers that you specify when you create the connector.
  - The number of MCUs per worker.
  - (Optional) *Maximum autoscaling task count* - The maximum number of tasks allocated to the connector during autoscaling operations. This parameter allows you to set an upper limit on task creation, providing greater control over resource utilization and parallelism in relation to your Kafka topic partitions.

For more information about workers, see the section called “Understand MSK Connect workers”, and for more information about maximum autoscaling task count, see the section called “Understand maximum autoscaling task count”. To learn about MSK Connect metrics, see the section called “Monitoring MSK Connect”.

Understand maximum autoscaling task count

The `maxAutoscalingTaskCount` parameter is an optional capacity field available for autoscaling connectors in Amazon MSK Connect. This parameter allows you to set an upper limit on the maximum number of tasks that can be created during connector autoscaling operations, providing greater control over resource utilization and performance.

When you use autoscaled capacity mode, Amazon MSK Connect automatically overrides your connector's `tasks.max` property with a value proportional to the number of workers and MCUs per worker. The `maxAutoscalingTaskCount` parameter provides an additional configurable option to limit the maximum number of tasks created for your connector.

This capability is particularly useful when you want to control the level of parallelism in relation to the number of topic partitions in your Kafka cluster. By setting this limit, you can optimize performance and prevent inefficient task distribution that might occur when the automatically calculated task count exceeds your workload requirements.

Configuration requirements

The `maxAutoscalingTaskCount` parameter must meet the following requirement:

```
maxAutoscalingTaskCount ≥ maxWorkerCount
```

This requirement ensures efficient resource utilization by maintaining at least one task per worker. The system enforces this minimum to optimize connector functionality.

When you specify `maxAutoscalingTaskCount`, the limit is applied immediately upon connector creation and during all subsequent scaling events. As the number of workers increases or decreases during autoscaling operations, the system continues to honor this limit. The `tasks.max` value adjusts proportionally to the number of workers and MCUs per worker but never exceeds the configured `maxAutoscalingTaskCount` value.

If you don't specify this parameter, the connector uses the standard calculation without any limit: `tasks.max = workerCount × mcuCount × tasksPerMcu` (where tasksPerMcu is 2).

When to use maxAutoscalingTaskCount

Consider using `maxAutoscalingTaskCount` in the following scenarios:

- *Limited partition count*: When your Kafka topics have a fixed number of partitions that is lower than the automatically calculated task count, setting a limit prevents the creation of idle tasks with no work to perform.
- *Performance optimization*: When you've identified that a specific task count provides optimal throughput for your workload, you can cap the maximum tasks to maintain consistent performance.
- *Resource management*: When you want to control the maximum parallelism and resource consumption of your connector regardless of how many workers are running.

Example

For a connector with the following configuration:

```
minWorkerCount: 1
maxWorkerCount: 4
mcuCount: 8
maxAutoscalingTaskCount: 15
```

Without `maxAutoscalingTaskCount`, when scaled to 4 workers, the connector would create 64 tasks (4 workers × 8 MCUs × 2 tasks per MCU). With `maxAutoscalingTaskCount` set to 15, the connector creates only 15 tasks, which may be more appropriate if your Kafka topic has 15 or fewer partitions.

Configure dual-stack network type

Amazon MSK Connect supports dual-stack network type for new connectors. With dual-stack networking, your connectors can connect to destinations over both IPv4 and IPv6. Note that IPv6 connectivity is only available in dual-stack mode (IPv4 + IPv6) - IPv6-only networking is not supported.

By default, new connectors use IPv4 network type. To create a connector with dual-stack network type, make sure you've fulfilled the prerequisites described in the following section. Note that, once you create a connector using dual-stack network type, you cannot modify its network type. To change network types, you must delete and recreate the connector.

Amazon MSK Connect also supports service API endpoint connectivity over both IPv6 and IPv4. To use IPv6 connectivity for API calls, you need to use the dual-stack endpoints. For more information about MSK Connect service endpoints, see Amazon MSK Connect endpoints and quotas.

Prerequisites for using dual-stack network type

Before you configure dual-stack network type for your connectors, make sure that all subnets you provide during connector creation have both IPv6 and IPv4 CIDR blocks assigned.

Considerations for using dual-stack network type

- IPv6 support is currently available only in dual-stack mode (IPv4 + IPv6), not as IPv6-only
- Connectors with dual-stack enabled can connect over both IPv4 and IPv6 to both MSK and Sink or Source data systems
- Network type cannot be modified after connector creation - you must delete and recreate the connector to change network types

- All subnets specified during the connector creation must support dual-stack for the connector creation to succeed with dual-stack network type
- If using dual-stack subnets but no network type is specified, the connector will default to IPv4-only for backwards compatibility
- For existing connectors, you cannot update network type - you must delete and recreate the connector to change network types
- Using dual-stack networking doesn't incur additional costs

Create a connector

This procedure describes how to create a connector using the AWS Management Console.

Creating a connector using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. In the left pane, under **MSK Connect**, choose **Connectors**.
3. Choose **Create connector**.
4. You can choose between using an existing custom plugin to create the connector, or creating a new custom plugin first. For information on custom plugins and how to create them, see the section called “Create custom plugins”. In this procedure, let's assume you have a custom plugin that you want to use. In the list of custom plugins, find the one that you want to use, and select the box to its left, then choose **Next**.
5. Enter a name and, optionally, a description.
6. Choose the cluster that you want to connect to.
7. In the **Connector network settings** section, choose one of the following for network type:
   - **IPv4** (default) - For connectivity to destinations over IPv4 only
   - **Dual-stack** - For connectivity to destinations over both IPv4 and IPv6 (only available if your subnets have IPv4 and IPv6 CIDR blocks associated with them)
8. Specify the connector configuration. The configuration parameters that you need to specify depend on the type of connector that you want to create. However, some parameters are common to all connectors, for example, the `connector.class` and `tasks.max` parameters. The following is an example configuration for the Confluent Amazon S3 Sink Connector.

```
connector.class=io.confluent.connect.s3.S3SinkConnector
```

```
tasks.max=2
topics=my-example-topic
s3.region=us-east-1
s3.bucket.name=amzn-s3-demo-bucket
flush.size=1
storage.class=io.confluent.connect.s3.storage.S3Storage
format.class=io.confluent.connect.s3.format.json.JsonFormat
partitioner.class=io.confluent.connect.storage.partitioner.DefaultPartitioner
key.converter=org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter
value.converter=org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter
schema.compatibility=NONE
```

9. Next, you configure your connector capacity. You can choose between two capacity modes: provisioned and auto scaled. For information about these two options, see the section called "Understand connector capacity".
10. (Optional) In the **Maximum Autoscaling Task Count** section, use the Maximum Autoscaling Task Count field to enter the maximum number of tasks you want to allocate to the connector during autoscaling operations. The value must be at least equal to your maximum worker count. If you don't specify a value, the connector uses the standard calculation without any limit. For more information, see the section called "Understand maximum autoscaling task count".
11. Choose either the default worker configuration or a custom worker configuration. For information about creating custom worker configurations, see the section called "Understand MSK Connect workers".
12. Next, you specify the service execution role. This must be an IAM role that MSK Connect can assume, and that grants the connector all the permissions that it needs to access the necessary AWS resources. Those permissions depend on the logic of the connector. For information about how to create this role, see the section called "Understand service execution role".
13. Choose **Next**, review the security information, then choose **Next** again.
14. Specify the logging options that you want, then choose **Next**. For information about logging, see the section called "Logging".
15. On the **Review and create** page, review your connector configuration and choose **Create connector**.

To use the MSK Connect API to create a connector, see CreateConnector.

You can use `UpdateConnector` API to modify the connector's configuration. For more information, see the section called "Update a connector".

Update a connector

Update connector configuration

This procedure describes how to update the configuration of an existing MSK Connect connector using the AWS Management Console.

Updating connector configuration using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. In the left pane, under **MSK Connect**, choose **Connectors**.
3. Select an existing connector.
4. Choose **Edit connector configuration**.
5. Update the connector configuration. You can't override `connector.class` using UpdateConnector. The following example shows an example configuration for the Confluent Amazon S3 Sink connector.

```
connector.class=io.confluent.connect.s3.S3SinkConnector
tasks.max=2
topics=my-example-topic
s3.region=us-east-1
s3.bucket.name=amzn-s3-demo-bucket
flush.size=1
storage.class=io.confluent.connect.s3.storage.S3Storage
format.class=io.confluent.connect.s3.format.json.JsonFormat
partitioner.class=io.confluent.connect.storage.partitioner.DefaultPartitioner
key.converter=org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter
value.converter=org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter
schema.compatibility=NONE
```

6. Choose **Submit**.
7. You can then monitor the current state of the operation in the **Operations** tab of the connector.

Use the `skipHealthValidation` parameter to control whether Amazon MSK Connect runs connector-level and task-level health checks after it applies your update. If you set it to `true`, Amazon MSK Connect skips those checks. If you set it to `false` or omit it, the checks run.

Every update to a connector that is in the PAUSED state requires `skipHealthValidation` to be `true`, because Amazon MSK Connect cannot validate the health of a connector that is not processing records. For more information, see Pause and resume a connector.

To use the MSK Connect API to update the configuration of a connector, see UpdateConnector.

Update worker settings

You can update a connector's custom plugin and worker configuration without deleting and recreating the connector. For example, you can move the connector to a new version of your plugin code, or change how its workers are configured. To do this, update the connector's worker settings. The worker settings comprise the connector's custom plugin, its worker configuration, and its capacity. You can change one or more of them in a single update:

- Update the custom plugin. For example, to run a new version of your connector code, create a custom plugin that contains the new code, and then update the connector to use that plugin. The plugin must be in the `ACTIVE` state and in the same AWS account and Region as the connector. A connector uses exactly one plugin.
- Update the worker configuration. Switch the connector to a different custom worker configuration, or return it to the default worker configuration that Amazon MSK Connect provides. For example, to change a worker property, create a worker configuration that contains the new value, and then update the connector to use that worker configuration. The worker configuration must be in the same AWS account and Region as the connector. For more information about worker configurations, see Understand MSK Connect workers.
- Update the capacity. Choose new provisioned or autoscaled capacity for the connector. For more information about capacity, see Understand connector capacity.

When you change the plugin or the worker configuration, Amazon MSK Connect starts a new set of workers with the new settings, moves the connector's tasks to the new workers, and then removes the previous workers.

Update the connector configuration and the worker settings in separate requests. In a worker settings update, specify at least one value that differs from the connector's current worker settings.

Before you update worker settings, make sure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The connector is in the `RUNNING` or `PAUSED` state.

- An update to a connector that is in the PAUSED state requires you to skip health validation, because Amazon MSK Connect cannot validate the health of a connector that is not processing records. We recommend that you resume a paused connector before updating it, so that health validation and automatic rollback apply to the update. For more information about health validation, see Health validation and rollback.
- No other lifecycle operation is running on the connector.
- You have the connector's current version if you use the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI) or the MSK Connect API. `DescribeConnector` returns it in `currentVersion`. Each update changes the version, so get it again before you submit another update.

Updating worker settings using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. In the left pane, under **MSK Connect**, choose **Connectors**.
3. In the list of connectors, select the connector that you want to update, choose **Actions**, and then choose **Edit worker settings**.
4. Change the settings that you want to update:
   - To change the plugin, under **Choose custom plugin**, choose a custom plugin.
   - To return to the default worker configuration, under **Worker configuration**, choose **MSK default configuration**.
   - To use a custom worker configuration, under **Worker configuration**, choose **Custom configuration**, and then choose a worker configuration.
   - To change the capacity, edit the capacity settings.
5. (Optional) Select **Skip health validation and rollback**. An update to a connector that is in the PAUSED state requires this option.
6. Choose **Save changes**.

Updating worker settings using the AWS CLI

Run the following AWS CLI command to get the connector's current version. In this command and the commands that follow, replace the placeholder values, such as *`connector_arn`*, with your own values.

```
aws kafkaconnect describe-connector \
```

```
    --connector-arn connector_arn \
    --query currentVersion \
    --output text
```

To switch the connector to a different custom plugin, run the following AWS CLI command. Specify exactly one plugin:

```
aws kafkaconnect update-connector \
    --connector-arn connector_arn \
    --current-version current_version \
    --plugins customPlugin={customPluginArn=custom_plugin_arn,revision=1}
```

To switch the connector to a different custom worker configuration, run the following AWS CLI command:

```
aws kafkaconnect update-connector \
    --connector-arn connector_arn \
    --current-version current_version \
    --worker-configuration workerConfigurationArn=worker_configuration_arn,revision=1
```

To return the connector to the default worker configuration, run the following AWS CLI command. Use the `--use-default-worker-configuration` option without `--worker-configuration`:

```
aws kafkaconnect update-connector \
    --connector-arn connector_arn \
    --current-version current_version \
    --use-default-worker-configuration
```

You can combine the `--capacity` option, the `--plugins` option, and one of the worker configuration options in the same command. To skip health validation, add the `--skip-health-validation` option.

Tracking the update

The update is asynchronous. When you submit it, you receive a connector operation Amazon Resource Name (ARN). While the update runs, the connector is in the `UPDATING` state. In the console, you can monitor the operation in the **Operations** tab of the connector.

To track the update with the AWS CLI, run the following command with the `connectorOperationArn` that the `update-connector` command returned. The response

reports the operation state. Its `originWorkerSetting` and `targetWorkerSetting` fields show the worker settings before and after the update:

```
aws kafkaconnect describe-connector-operation \
   --connector-operation-arn operation_arn
```

A worker settings update has the operation type `UPDATE_WORKER_SETTING`. The following states describe its progress:

`UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS`

Amazon MSK Connect accepted the update and is applying it. The connector is in the `UPDATING` state.

`UPDATE_COMPLETE`

The connector runs with the new worker settings. It has returned to the state that it was in before the update, `RUNNING` or `PAUSED`.

`UPDATE_FAILED`

The update did not take effect. The connector keeps its previous worker settings and returns to the state that it was in before the update. Depending on where the update failed, Amazon MSK Connect either did not start it or rolled it back. The `errorInfo` field reports the cause. For more information about why an update fails, see Worker settings update reaches `UPDATE_FAILED` state.

Health validation and rollback

After the tasks move, Amazon MSK Connect validates the connector's health on the new workers. The update fails if the connector does not become healthy, for example if tasks are failing that were not failing before the update, or if fewer tasks are running than before the update. When this validation fails, Amazon MSK Connect automatically rolls the update back. It restores the previous workers and removes the new workers, and the connector keeps its previous worker settings. The operation reaches the `UPDATE_FAILED` state.

If you skip health validation, Amazon MSK Connect does not validate the connector's health on the new workers and does not roll the update back. The update stays in effect even when the connector or its tasks are unhealthy on the new workers.

Considerations

Consider the following when you update worker settings:

- During a plugin or worker configuration update, the previous workers and the new workers exist at the same time. Each worker uses one IP address from your subnets. Make sure that the subnets have enough free IP addresses for the new workers.
- During a plugin or worker configuration update, tasks stop processing records while they move to the new workers. The connector's committed offsets are stored in Kafka topics on your cluster, and the update does not affect them. After the update, the tasks continue from the offsets that they last committed.
- Make sure that the new plugin contains the connector class that your connector configuration specifies. Also make sure that the new worker configuration is compatible with your connector. If the connector can't start on the new workers, health validation fails and Amazon MSK Connect rolls back the update.
- A connector uses exactly one plugin. To use more than one plugin, create a single custom plugin from a ZIP file that bundles the plugins together.
- In a request, specify either a custom worker configuration or the default worker configuration, not both.
- Wait for an update to complete before you perform other lifecycle operations on the connector, such as restart, pause, resume, or delete.
- Use `DescribeConnectorOperation` with the returned `connectorOperationArn` to track whether the operation is in progress, complete, or failed.

Restart a connector

You can restart a connector and all of its tasks, or selectively restart only the failed tasks, while preserving configuration and committed offsets. This is useful when a connector has failed because of problems such as misconfigured parameters or temporary network connectivity issues. You can also restart connectors that have no failed tasks to recover from transient issues or to pick up changes in external systems or dependencies.

The restart operation is asynchronous. When you submit a restart request, the service returns a connector operation ARN that you can use to track the operation's progress.

Before you restart a connector, make sure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The connector must be in the `RUNNING` state.
- No other lifecycle operation can be in progress on the connector.

Restarting a connector using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. In the left pane, under **MSK Connect**, choose **Connectors**.
3. Select the connector that you want to restart.
4. Choose **Actions**, then choose **Restart connector**.
5. (Optional) Select **Restart only failed tasks** to restart only the tasks that are in a `FAILED` state. This option is available only for connectors using Apache Kafka Connect version 3.7 or later.
6. Choose **Restart**.
7. You can then monitor the current state of the operation in the **Operations** tab of the connector.

Restarting a connector using the AWS CLI

To restart a connector and all of its tasks, run the `restart-connector` command with the connector's ARN:

```
aws kafkaconnect restart-connector \
   --connector-arn <connector_arn>
```

To restart only the tasks that are in a `FAILED` state and leave healthy tasks running, add the `--only-failed-tasks` option:

```
aws kafkaconnect restart-connector \
   --connector-arn <connector_arn> \
   --only-failed-tasks
```

The preceding commands return the connector ARN and a connector operation ARN. To track the restart operation, use the returned `connectorOperationArn` with the `describe-connector-operation` command to check the operation status:

```
aws kafkaconnect describe-connector-operation \
```

```
  --connector-operation-arn <operation_arn>
```

A restart operation can be in one of the following states.

State	Description
RESTART_IN_PROGRESS	The restart operation has been accepted and is executing.
RESTART_COMPLETE	All affected tasks have been successfully restarted.
RESTART_FAILED	The operation was terminated before completion.

Note

A restart operation can complete successfully (RESTART_COMPLETE) even if a task transitions to a FAILED state after restarting. The operation state reflects whether the restart was executed, not whether the task is healthy after the restart. Use the connector's state and the following CloudWatch metrics to monitor post-restart task health: RunningTaskCount, ErroredTaskCount, TaskStartupSuccessPercentage, SinkRecordReadRate (sink) or SourceRecordPollRate (source), and RebalanceTimeSinceLast.

Considerations

- Restart behavior depends on the connector's Apache Kafka Connect version. On Apache Kafka Connect 3.7 and later, restart operations apply to the connector and its tasks by default. To restart only the tasks that are in a FAILED state, use the --only-failed-tasks option. You cannot select specific individual tasks to restart. On Apache Kafka Connect 2.7.1, restart operations only restart the connector instance and not its tasks. If you specify --only-failed-tasks, the request is rejected with a 400 error.
- The restart preserves all connector configuration and committed offsets.
- While a restart is in progress, you cannot perform other lifecycle operations (update, delete) on the connector.

- Use `DescribeConnectorOperation` with the returned `connectorOperationArn` to track whether the operation is in progress, complete, or failed.

To use the MSK Connect API to restart a connector, see RestartConnector.

Pause and resume a connector

You can pause a running connector to stop it from processing records, and resume it later. A paused connector keeps its configuration, its capacity settings, and its committed offsets. When you resume the connector, its tasks continue processing from the offsets that they last committed.

Pausing a connector is useful when you want to stop data flow temporarily without deleting the connector. For example, you can pause a connector while you perform maintenance on a source database or on a sink target.

Both Pause and Resume operations are asynchronous. When you submit a pause or resume request for a specific connector, you receive a connector operation ARN that you can use to track the operation's progress.

Before you pause or resume a connector, make sure that the following prerequisites are met:

- To pause a connector, the connector must be in the `RUNNING` state.
- To resume a connector, the connector must be in the `PAUSED` state.
- No other lifecycle operation can be in progress on the connector.

Pausing or resuming a connector using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. In the left pane, under **MSK Connect**, choose **Connectors**.
3. Select the connector that you want to pause or resume.
4. Choose **Actions**, then choose **Pause** or **Resume**. The console enables only the action that the connector's current state allows. For example, a connector in the `RUNNING` state offers **Pause**, and a connector in the `PAUSED` state offers **Resume**. Neither action is available while another operation is in progress.
5. You can then monitor the current state of the operation in the **Operations** tab of the connector.

Pausing or resuming a connector using the AWS CLI

To pause a connector and all of its tasks, run the `pause-connector` command with the connector's ARN:

```
aws kafkaconnect pause-connector \
   --connector-arn <connector_arn>
```

To resume a paused connector, run the `resume-connector` command with the connector's ARN:

```
aws kafkaconnect resume-connector \
   --connector-arn <connector_arn>
```

Both commands return the connector ARN and a connector operation ARN. To track the operation, use the returned `connectorOperationArn` with the `describe-connector-operation` command:

```
aws kafkaconnect describe-connector-operation \
   --connector-operation-arn <operation_arn>
```

A connector reports its own state separately from the operation state. While a pause operation runs, the connector is in the `PAUSING` state, and it moves to `PAUSED` when the operation completes. While a resume operation runs, the connector is in the `RESUMING` state, and it moves to `RUNNING` when the operation completes.

A pause operation can be in one of the following states.

`PAUSE_IN_PROGRESS`

The pause operation has been accepted and is executing.

`PAUSE_COMPLETE`

The connector and all of its running tasks are paused, and have stopped processing records. Tasks that were already in a failed state stay failed. They are not paused, and they do not prevent the operation from completing.

`PAUSE_FAILED`

The pause operation did not complete, and the connector might be left in an intermediate state. To determine the connector's current state and the steps to recover, see If a pause or resume operation fails.

A resume operation can be in one of the following states.

`RESUME_IN_PROGRESS`

The resume operation has been accepted and is executing.

`RESUME_COMPLETE`

The connector and all of its paused tasks have resumed processing records. Tasks that were already in a failed state stay failed. They are not resumed, and they do not prevent the operation from completing.

`RESUME_FAILED`

The resume operation did not complete, and the connector might be left in an intermediate state. To determine the connector's current state and the steps to recover, see If a pause or resume operation fails.

> **Note**
>
> A resume operation can take longer than a pause operation. If the connector uses autoscaled capacity, the resume operation scales the workers back up from the minimum worker count before the tasks start processing records.

If a pause or resume operation fails

The state of the connector depends on how far the operation got before it failed.
Check the connector's state with `DescribeConnector`, and the `errorInfo` field with `DescribeConnectorOperation`, before you retry.

The connector is in the state that it started in

The change never reached the connector, so the connector is still `RUNNING` after a failed pause, or `PAUSED` after a failed resume. You can retry the operation.

The connector is in the state that you asked for

The connector accepted the change, but some of its tasks did not reach the target state in time. The connector is `PAUSED` after a failed pause, or `RUNNING` after a failed resume, and `errorInfo` reports `KafkaConnect.ConnectorNotReachedTargetState`. Review your connector logs to find out why the tasks did not reach the target state.

The connector is still `PAUSING` or `RESUMING`

Amazon MSK Connect could not confirm whether the connector accepted the change. Because the connector is not in the state that the operation requires, you cannot retry the operation. Contact AWS Support to recover the connector.

Considerations

- When you pause a connector, Amazon MSK Connect does not delete any connector resources. The connector keeps its configuration, its capacity settings, and its committed offsets.
- You continue to incur charges for a paused connector. A connector that uses provisioned capacity is billed at its full capacity. A connector that uses autoscaled capacity scales toward its minimum worker count, and is billed for the workers that remain.
- A paused connector stops processing records. For a sink connector, records that producers write to the source topics while the connector is paused are processed after you resume it. Records that fall outside the retention period of those topics are not processed.
- While a pause or resume operation is in progress, you cannot perform other lifecycle operations on the connector, such as update or delete.
- To update a paused connector with the `UpdateConnector` API, you must set `skipHealthValidation` to `true` in the update request, because Amazon MSK Connect cannot validate the health of a connector that is not processing records.
- You can restart a paused connector with the `RestartConnector` API. The connector returns to the `PAUSED` state after the restart completes.
- Use `DescribeConnectorOperation` with the returned `connectorOperationArn` to track whether the operation is in progress, complete, or failed.

For more information about using the MSK Connect API to pause or resume a connector, see PauseConnector and ResumeConnector.

Connecting from connectors

The following best practices can improve the performance of your connectivity to Amazon MSK Connect.

Do not overlap IPs for Amazon VPC peering or Transit Gateway

If you are using Amazon VPC peering or Transit Gateway with Amazon MSK Connect, do not configure your connector for reaching the peered VPC resources with IPs in the CIDR ranges:

- "10.99.0.0/16"
- "192.168.0.0/16"
- "172.21.0.0/16"

Create custom plugins

A plugin is an AWS resource that contains the code that defines your connector logic. You upload a JAR file (or a ZIP file that contains one or more JAR files) to an S3 bucket, and specify the location of the bucket when you create the plugin. When the plugin is created, MSK Connect copies the contents of the S3 object at that point in time. It does not maintain a link to the S3 object, so any subsequent modifications to the object will not affect the plugin or its connectors. When you create a connector, you specify the plugin that you want MSK Connect to use for it. The relationship of plugins to connectors is one-to-many: you can create one or more connectors from the same plugin.

Note

Custom plugins cannot be updated in place. To use a new version of your plugin code, create a new custom plugin that contains the new code, and then update your connectors to use it. For more information about updating worker settings, see Update worker settings.

Dependency packaging for custom plugins

We recommend that you include all required JAR files and dependencies for your plugin. Package your connector as one of the following:

- A ZIP file that contains all required JAR files and dependencies for the plugin.
- A single uber JAR that contains all the class files for the plugin and its dependencies.

Not bundling your plugin dependencies may impact availability or compatibility in the runtime environment and cause unexpected errors.

The following table shows the Java runtime version used for each supported Apache Kafka Connect version. Ensure that your custom plugin is compatible with the Java runtime version for your selected Kafka Connect version.

Java runtime versions for Apache Kafka Connect

Apache Kafka Connect version	Java runtime
2.7.1	Java 11
3.7.x	Java 17
3.9.x	Java 17

For information on how to develop the code for a connector, see the Connector Development Guidein the Apache Kafka documentation.

Creating a custom plugin using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. In the left pane, under **MSK Connect**, choose **Custom plugins**.
3. Choose **Create custom plugin**.
4. Choose **Browse S3**.
5. In the list of S3 buckets, choose the bucket that has the JAR or ZIP file for the plugin.
6. In the list of object, select the box to the left of the JAR or ZIP file for the plugin, then choose **Choose**.
7. Choose **Create custom plugin**.

To use the MSK Connect API to create a custom plugin, see CreateCustomPlugin.

Understand MSK Connect workers

A worker is a Java virtual machine (JVM) process that runs the connector logic. Each worker creates a set of tasks that run in parallel threads and do the work of copying the data. Tasks don't store state, and can therefore be started, stopped, or restarted at any time in order to provide a resilient and scalable data pipeline. Changes to the number of workers, whether due to a scaling event or due to unexpected failures, are automatically detected by the remaining workers. They coordinate to rebalance tasks across the set of remaining workers. Connect workers use Apache Kafka's consumer groups to coordinate and rebalance.

If your connector's capacity requirements are variable or difficult to estimate, you can let MSK Connect scale the number of workers as needed between a lower limit and an upper limit that you specify. Alternatively, you can specify the exact number of workers that you want to run your connector logic. For more information, see the section called “Understand connector capacity”.

MSK Connect workers consume IP addresses

MSK Connect workers consume IP addresses in the customer-provided subnets. Each worker uses one IP address from one of the customer-provided subnets. You should ensure that you have enough available IP addresses in the subnets provided to a CreateConnector request to account for their specified capacity, especially when autoscaling connectors where the number of workers can fluctuate.

Default worker configuration

MSK Connect provides the following default worker configuration:

```
key.converter=org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter
value.converter=org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter
```

Supported worker configuration properties

MSK Connect provides a default worker configuration. You also have the option to create a custom worker configuration to use with your connectors. The following list includes information about the worker configuration properties that Amazon MSK Connect does or does not support.

- The `key.converter` and `value.converter` properties are required.
- MSK Connect supports the following `producer.` configuration properties.

```
producer.acks
producer.batch.size
producer.buffer.memory
producer.compression.type
producer.enable.idempotence
producer.key.serializer
producer.linger.ms
producer.max.request.size
producer.metadata.max.age.ms
producer.metadata.max.idle.ms
producer.partitioner.class
producer.reconnect.backoff.max.ms
producer.reconnect.backoff.ms
producer.request.timeout.ms
producer.retry.backoff.ms
producer.value.serializer
```

- MSK Connect supports the following `consumer.` configuration properties.

```
consumer.allow.auto.create.topics
consumer.auto.offset.reset
consumer.check.crcs
consumer.fetch.max.bytes
consumer.fetch.max.wait.ms
consumer.fetch.min.bytes
consumer.heartbeat.interval.ms
consumer.key.deserializer
consumer.max.partition.fetch.bytes
consumer.max.poll.interval.ms
consumer.max.poll.records
consumer.metadata.max.age.ms
consumer.partition.assignment.strategy
consumer.reconnect.backoff.max.ms
consumer.reconnect.backoff.ms
consumer.request.timeout.ms
consumer.retry.backoff.ms
consumer.session.timeout.ms
consumer.value.deserializer
```

- All other configuration properties that don't start with the `producer.` or `consumer.` prefixes are supported *except* for the following properties.

```
access.control.
admin.
admin.listeners.https.
client.
connect.
inter.worker.
internal.
listeners.https.
metrics.
metrics.context.
rest.
sasl.
security.
socket.
ssl.
topic.tracking.
worker.
bootstrap.servers
config.storage.topic
connections.max.idle.ms
connector.client.config.override.policy
group.id
listeners
metric.reporters
plugin.path
receive.buffer.bytes
response.http.headers.config
scheduled.rebalance.max.delay.ms
send.buffer.bytes
status.storage.topic
```

Note

Worker configuration properties apply only to Kafka Connect worker-level settings. JVM and logging framework properties (such as `log4j.*` or `log4j2.*`) are not supported and have no effect when specified in a custom worker configuration.

For more information about worker configuration properties and what they represent, see Kafka Connect Configs in the Apache Kafka documentation.

Create a custom worker configuration

This procedure describes how to create a custom worker configuration using the AWS Management Console.

Creating a custom worker configuration using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
2. In the left pane, under **MSK Connect**, choose **Worker configurations**.
3. Choose **Create worker configuration**.
4. Enter a name and an optional description, then add the properties and values that you want to set them to.
5. Choose **Create worker configuration**.

To use the MSK Connect API to create a worker configuration, see CreateWorkerConfiguration.

To change the worker configuration that an existing connector uses, or to return a connector to the default worker configuration, update the connector's worker settings. For more information about updating worker settings, see Update worker settings.

Manage source connector offsets using `offset.storage.topic`

This section provides information to help you manage source connector offsets using the *offset storage topic*. The offset storage topic is an internal topic that Kafka Connect uses to store connector and task configuration offsets.

Considerations

Consider the following when you manage source connector offsets.

- To specify an offset storage topic, provide the name of the Kafka topic where connector offsets are stored as the value for `offset.storage.topic` in your worker configuration.
- Use caution when you make changes to a connector configuration. Changing configuration values may result in unintended connector behavior if a source connector uses values from the configuration to key offset records. We recommend that you refer to your plugin's documentation for guidance.

- **Customize default number of partitions** – In addition to customizing the worker configuration by adding `offset.storage.topic`, you can customize the number of partitions for the offset and status storage topics. Default partitions for internal topics are as follows.
  - `config.storage.topic`: 1, not configurable, must be single partition topic
  - `offset.storage.topic`: 25, configurable by providing `offset.storage.partitions`
  - `status.storage.topic`: 5, configurable by providing `status.storage.partitions`
- **Manually deleting topics** – Amazon MSK Connect creates new Kafka connect internal topics (topic name starts with `__amazon_msk_connect`) on every deployment of connectors. Old topics that are attached to deleted connectors are not automatically removed because internal topics, such as `offset.storage.topic`, can be reused among connectors. However, you can manually delete unused internal topics created by MSK Connect. The internal topics are named following the format `__amazon_msk_connect_<offsets|status|configs>_`*`connector_name`*`_`*`connector_id`*.

  The regular expression `__amazon_msk_connect_<offsets|status|configs>_`*`connector_name`*`_`*`connector_id`* can be used to delete the internal topics. You should not delete an internal topic that is currently in use by a running connector.
- **Using the same name for the internal topics created by MSK Connect** – If you want to reuse the offset storage topic to consume offsets from a previously created connector, you must give the new connector the same name as the old connector. The `offset.storage.topic` property can be set using the worker configuration to assign the same name to the `offset.storage.topic` and reused between different connectors. This configuration is described in Managing connector offsets. MSK Connect does not allow different connectors to share `config.storage.topic` and `status.storage.topic`. Those topics are created each time you create a new connector in MSKC. They are automatically named following the format `__amazon_msk_connect_<status|configs>_`*`connector_name`*`_`*`connector_id`*, and so are different across the different connectors that you create.

Use the default offset storage topic

By default, Amazon MSK Connect generates a new offset storage topic on your Kafka cluster for each connector that you create. MSK constructs the default topic name using parts of the connector ARN. For example, `__amazon_msk_connect_offsets_my-mskc-connector_12345678-09e7-4abc-8be8-c657f7e4ff32-2`.

Use custom offset storage topic

To provide offset continuity between source connectors, you can use an offset storage topic of your choice instead of the default topic. Specifying an offset storage topic helps you accomplish tasks like creating a source connector that resumes reading from the last offset of a previous connector.

To specify an offset storage topic, you supply a value for the `offset.storage.topic` property in your worker configuration before you create a connector. If you want to reuse the offset storage topic to consume offsets from a previously created connector, you must give the new connector the same name as the old connector. If you create a custom offset storage topic, you must set `cleanup.policy` to `compact` in your topic configuration.

Note

If you specify an offset storage topic when you create a *sink* connector, MSK Connect creates the topic if it does not already exist. However, the topic will not be used to store connector offsets.
Sink connector offsets are instead managed using the Kafka consumer group protocol. Each sink connector creates a group named `connect-{CONNECTOR_NAME}`. As long as the consumer group exists, any successive sink connectors that you create with the same `CONNECTOR_NAME` value will continue from the last committed offset.

Important

If you want to update an existing connector configuration while maintaining offset continuity, use the UpdateConnector API. For more information, see Update a connector.

Example: Specifying an offset storage topic when recreating a source connector

If you need to delete and recreate a connector while maintaining offset continuity, you can specify an offset storage topic in your worker configuration. For example, suppose you have a change data capture (CDC) connector and you want to recreate it without losing your place in the CDC stream. The following steps demonstrate how to accomplish this task.

1. On your client machine, run the following command to find the name of your connector's offset storage topic. Replace *<bootstrapBrokerString>* with your cluster's bootstrap

broker string. For instructions on getting your bootstrap broker string, see Get the bootstrap brokers for an Amazon MSK cluster.

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/kafka-topics.sh --list --bootstrap-
server <bootstrapBrokerString>
```

The following output shows a list of all cluster topics, including any default internal connector topics. In this example, the existing CDC connector uses the default offset storage topic created by MSK Connect. This is why the offset storage topic is called `__amazon_msk_connect_offsets_my-mskc-connector_12345678-09e7-4abc-8be8-c657f7e4ff32-2`.

```
__consumer_offsets
__amazon_msk_canary
__amazon_msk_connect_configs_my-mskc-connector_12345678-09e7-4abc-8be8-
c657f7e4ff32-2
__amazon_msk_connect_offsets_my-mskc-connector_12345678-09e7-4abc-8be8-
c657f7e4ff32-2
__amazon_msk_connect_status_my-mskc-connector_12345678-09e7-4abc-8be8-
c657f7e4ff32-2
my-msk-topic-1
my-msk-topic-2
```

2. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/.
3. Choose your connector from the **Connectors** list. Copy and save the contents of the **Connector configuration** field so that you can modify it and use it to create the new connector.
4. Choose **Delete** to delete the connector. Then enter the connector name in the text input field to confirm deletion.
5. Create a custom worker configuration with values that fit your scenario. For instructions, see Create a custom worker configuration.

   In your worker configuration, you must specify the name of the offset storage topic that you previously retrieved as the value for `offset.storage.topic` like in the following configuration.

```
config.providers.secretManager.param.aws.region=eu-west-3
key.converter=<org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter>
value.converter=<org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter>
config.providers.secretManager.class=com.github.jcustenborder.kafka.config.aws.SecretsManag
```

```
config.providers=secretManager
offset.storage.topic=__amazon_msk_connect_offsets_my-mskc-
connector_12345678-09e7-4abc-8be8-c657f7e4ff32-2
```

6. **Important**

   You must give your new connector the same name as the old connector.

   Create a new connector using the worker configuration that you set up in the previous step. For instructions, see Create a connector.

Tutorial: Externalizing sensitive information using config providers

This example shows how to externalize sensitive information for Amazon MSK Connect using an open source configuration provider. A configuration providers lets you specify variables instead of plaintext in a connector or worker configuration, and workers running in your connector resolve these variables at runtime. This prevents credentials and other secrets from being stored in plaintext. The configuration provider in the example supports retrieving configuration parameters from AWS Secrets Manager, Amazon S3 and Systems Manager (SSM). In Step 2, you can see how to set up storage and retrieval of sensitive information for the service that you want to configure.

Considerations

Consider the following while using the MSK config provider with Amazon MSK Connect:

- Assign appropriate permissions when using the config providers to the IAM Service Execution Role.
- Define the config providers in worker configurations and their implementation in the connector configuration.
- Sensitive configuration values can appear in connector logs if a plugin does not define those values as secret. Kafka Connect treats undefined configuration values the same as any other plaintext value. To learn more, see Preventing secrets from appearing in connector logs.
- By default, MSK Connect frequently restarts a connector when the connector uses a configuration provider. To turn off this restart behavior, you can set the `config.action.reload` value to none in your connector configuration.

Create a custom plugin and upload to S3

To create a custom-plugin, create a zip file that contains the connector and the msk-config-provider by running the following commands on your local machine.

To create a custom plugin using a terminal window and Debezium as the connector

Use the AWS CLI to run commands as a superuser with credentials that allow you to access your AWS S3 bucket. For information on installing and setting up the AWS CLI, see Getting started with the AWS CLI in the *AWS Command Line Interface User Guide*. For information on using the AWS CLI with Amazon S3, see Using Amazon S3 with the AWS CLI in the *AWS Command Line Interface User Guide*.

1. In a terminal window, create a folder named `custom-plugin` in your workspace using the following command.

   ```
   mkdir custom-plugin && cd custom-plugin
   ```

2. Download the latest stable release of the **MySQL Connector Plug-in** from the Debezium site using the following command.

   ```
   wget https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/io/debezium/debezium-connectormysql/
   2.2.0.Final/debezium-connector-mysql-2.2.0.Final-plugin.tar.gz
   ```

   Extract the downloaded gzip file in the `custom-plugin` folder using the following command.

   ```
   tar xzf debezium-connector-mysql-2.2.0.Final-plugin.tar.gz
   ```

3. Download the MSK config provider zip file using the following command.

   ```
   wget https://github.com/aws-samples/msk-config-providers/releases/download/r0.4.0/
   msk-config-providers-0.4.0-with-dependencies.zip
   ```

   Extract the downloaded zip file in the `custom-plugin` folder using the follwoing command.

   ```
   unzip msk-config-providers-0.4.0-with-dependencies.zip
   ```

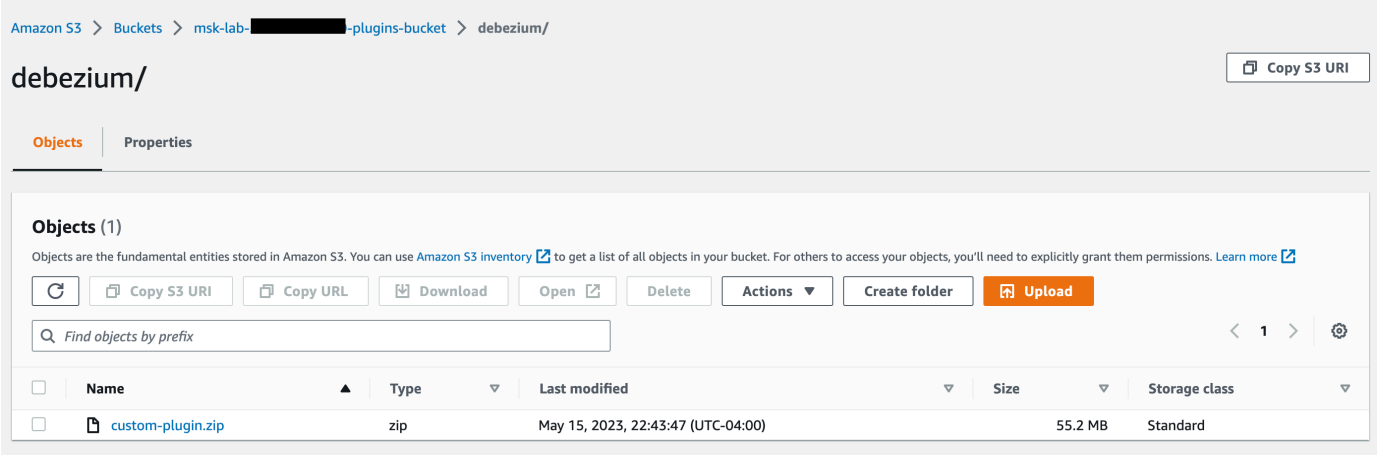
4. Zip the contents of the MSK config provider from the above step and the custom connector into a single file named `custom-plugin.zip`.

```
zip -r ../custom-plugin.zip *
```

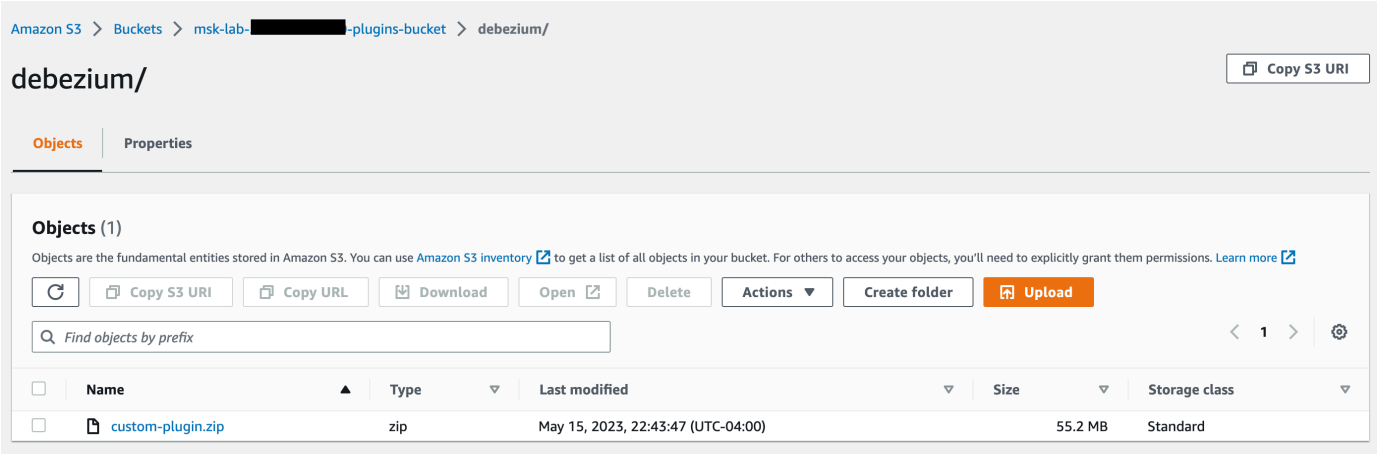
5. Upload the file to S3 to be referenced later.

```
aws s3 cp ../custom-plugin.zip s3:<S3_URI_BUCKET_LOCATION>
```

6. On the Amazon MSK console, under the **MSK Connect** section, choose **Custom Plugin**, then choose **Create custom plugin** and browse the **s3:<*S3_URI_BUCKET_LOCATION*>** S3 bucket to select the custom plugin ZIP file you just uploaded.



7. Enter **`debezium-custom-plugin`** for the plugin name. Optionally, enter a description and choose **Create Custom Plugin**.



Configure parameters and permissions for different providers

You can configure parameter values in these three services:

- Secrets Manager
- Systems Manager Parameter Store
- S3 - Simple Storage Service

Choose one of the tabs below for instructions on setting up parameters and relevant permissions for that service.

Configure in Secrets Manager

To configure parameter values in Secrets Manager

1. Open the Secrets Manager console.
2. Create a new secret to store your credentials or secrets. For instructions, see Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret in the *AWS Secrets Manager User Guide*.
3. Copy your secret's ARN.
4. Add the Secrets Manager permissions from the following example policy to your Service execution role. Replace the example ARN, `arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:123456789012:secret:MySecret-1234`, with the ARN of your secret.
5. Add worker configuration and connector instructions.

```
{
        "Version":"2012-10-17",
        "Statement": [
            {
                "Effect": "Allow",
                "Action": [
                    "secretsmanager:GetResourcePolicy",
                    "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
                    "secretsmanager:DescribeSecret",
                    "secretsmanager:ListSecretVersionIds"
                ],
                "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:MySecret-1234"
                ]
            }
        ]
    }
```

6. For using the Secrets Manager configuration provider, copy the following lines of code to the worker configuration textbox in Step 3:

```
# define name of config provider:

config.providers = secretsmanager

# provide implementation classes for secrets manager:

config.providers.secretsmanager.class =
 com.amazonaws.kafka.config.providers.SecretsManagerConfigProvider

# configure a config provider (if it needs additional initialization), for
 example you can provide a region where the secrets or parameters are located:

config.providers.secretsmanager.param.region = us-east-1
```

7. For the secrets manager configuration provider, copy the following lines of code in the connector configuration in Step 4.

```
#Example implementation for secrets manager variable
database.user=${secretsmanager:MSKAuroraDBCredentials:username}
database.password=${secretsmanager:MSKAuroraDBCredentials:password}
```

You may also use the above step with more configuration providers.

Configure in Systems Manager Parameter Store

To configure parameter values in Systems Manager Parameter Store

1. Open the Systems Manager console.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Parameter Store**.
3. Create a new parameter to store in the Systems Manager. For instructions, see Create a Systems Manager parameter (console) in the AWS Systems Manager User Guide.
4. Copy your parameter's ARN.
5. Add the Systems Manager permissions from the following example policy to your Service execution role. Replace *<arn:aws:ssm:us-east-1:123456789000:parameter/MyParameterName>* with the ARN of your parameter.

```
{
        "Version":"2012-10-17",
        "Statement": [
            {
                "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
                "Effect": "Allow",
                "Action": [
                    "ssm:GetParameterHistory",
                    "ssm:GetParametersByPath",
                    "ssm:GetParameters",
                    "ssm:GetParameter"
                ],
                "Resource": "arn:aws:ssm:us-east-1:123456789000:parameter/
MyParameterName"
            }
        ]
    }
```

6. For using the parameter store configuration provider, copy the following lines of code to the worker configuration textbox in Step 3:

```
# define name of config provider:

config.providers = ssm

# provide implementation classes for parameter store:

config.providers.ssm.class =
 com.amazonaws.kafka.config.providers.SsmParamStoreConfigProvider

# configure a config provider (if it needs additional initialization), for
 example you can provide a region where the secrets or parameters are located:

config.providers.ssm.param.region = us-east-1
```

7. For the parameter store configuration provider copy the following lines of code in the connector configuration in Step 5.

```
#Example implementation for parameter store variable
```

```
schema.history.internal.kafka.bootstrap.servers=
${ssm::MSKBootstrapServerAddress}
```

You may also bundle the above two steps with more configuration providers.

Configure in Amazon S3

To configure objects/files in Amazon S3

1. Open the Amazon S3 console.
2. Upload your object to a bucket in S3. For instructions, see Uploading objects.
3. Copy your object's ARN.
4. Add the Amazon S3 Object Read permissions from the following example policy to your Service execution role. Replace the example ARN, `arn:aws:s3:::<MY_S3_BUCKET/path/to/custom-plugin.zip>`, with the ARN of your object.

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
            {
                "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
                "Effect": "Allow",
                "Action": "s3:GetObject",
                "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::<MY_S3_BUCKET/path/to/custom-
plugin.zip>"
            }
        ]
    }
```

5. For using the Amazon S3 configuration provider, copy the following lines of code to the worker configuration text-box in Step 3:

```
# define name of config provider:

config.providers = s3import
# provide implementation classes for S3:

config.providers.s3import.class =
 com.amazonaws.kafka.config.providers.S3ImportConfigProvider
```

6. For the Amazon S3 configuration provider, copy the following lines of code to the connector configuration in Step 4.

```
#Example implementation for S3 object

database.ssl.truststore.location = ${s3import:us-west-2:my_cert_bucket/path/to/
trustore_unique_filename.jks}
```

You may also bundle the above two steps with more configuration providers.

Create a custom worker configuration with information about your configuration provider

1. Select **Worker configurations** under the **Amazon MSK Connect** section.
2. Select **Create worker configuration**.
3. Enter `SourceDebeziumCustomConfig` in the Worker Configuration Name textbox. The Description is optional.
4. Copy the relevant configuration code based on the providers desired, and paste it in the **Worker configuration** textbox.
5. This is an example of the worker configuration for all the three providers:

```
key.converter=org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter
key.converter.schemas.enable=false
value.converter=org.apache.kafka.connect.json.JsonConverter
value.converter.schemas.enable=false
offset.storage.topic=offsets_my_debezium_source_connector

# define names of config providers:

config.providers=secretsmanager,ssm,s3import

# provide implementation classes for each provider:

config.providers.secretsmanager.class    =
 com.amazonaws.kafka.config.providers.SecretsManagerConfigProvider
config.providers.ssm.class               =
 com.amazonaws.kafka.config.providers.SsmParamStoreConfigProvider
```

```
config.providers.s3import.class          =
 com.amazonaws.kafka.config.providers.S3ImportConfigProvider

# configure a config provider (if it needs additional initialization), for example
 you can provide a region where the secrets or parameters are located:


config.providers.secretsmanager.param.region = us-east-1
config.providers.ssm.param.region = us-east-1
```

6. Click on Create worker configuration.

Create the connector

1. Create a new connector using the instructions in Create a new connector.
2. Choose the `custom-plugin.zip` file that you uploaded to your S3 bucket in ??? as the source for the custom plugin.
3. Copy the relevant configuration code based on the providers desired, and paste them in the Connector configuration field.
4. This is an example for the connector configuration for all the three providers:

```
#Example implementation for parameter store variable
schema.history.internal.kafka.bootstrap.servers=${ssm::MSKBootstrapServerAddress}

#Example implementation for secrets manager variable
database.user=${secretsmanager:MSKAuroraDBCredentials:username}
database.password=${secretsmanager:MSKAuroraDBCredentials:password}

#Example implementation for Amazon S3 file/object
database.ssl.truststore.location = ${s3import:us-west-2:my_cert_bucket/path/to/
trustore_unique_filename.jks}
```

5. Select **Use a custom configuration** and choose **SourceDebeziumCustomConfig** from the **Worker Configuration** dropdown.
6. Follow the remaining steps from instructions in Create connector.

IAM roles and policies for MSK Connect

This section helps you set up the appropriate IAM policies and roles to securely deploy and manage Amazon MSK Connect within your AWS environment. The following sections explain the service execution role that must be used with MSK Connect, including the required trust policy and additional permissions needed when connecting to an IAM-authenticated MSK cluster. The page also provides examples of comprehensive IAM policies to grant full access to MSK Connect functionality, as well as details on AWS managed policies available for the service.

Topics

- Understand service execution role
- Example of IAM policy for MSK Connect
- Prevent cross-service confused deputy problem
- AWS managed policies for MSK Connect
- Use service-linked roles for MSK Connect

Understand service execution role

> **Note**
>
> Amazon MSK Connect does not support using the Service-linked role as the service execution role. You must create a separate service execution role. For instructions on how to create a custom IAM role, see Creating a role to delegate permissions to an AWS service in the *IAM User Guide*.

When you create a connector with MSK Connect, you're required to specify an AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) role to use with it. Your service execution role must have the following trust policy so that MSK Connect can assume it. For information about the condition context keys in this policy, see the section called “Prevent cross-service confused deputy problem”.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
```

```
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "kafkaconnect.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:SourceAccount": "123456789012"
        },
        "ArnLike": {
          "aws:SourceArn": "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:us-
east-1:123456789012:connector/myConnector/abc12345-abcd-4444-a8b9-123456f513ed-2"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

If the Amazon MSK cluster that you want to use with your connector is a cluster that uses IAM authentication, then you must add the following permissions policy to the connector's service execution role. For information about how to find your cluster's UUID and how to construct topic ARNs, see the section called “Authorization policy resources”.

JSON

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:Connect",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:000000000001:cluster/
testClusterName/300d0000-0000-0005-000f-00000000000b-1"
            ]
        },
        {
```

```
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/
myCluster/300a0000-0000-0003-000a-00000000000b-6/__amazon_msk_connect_read"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/
testCluster/300f0000-0000-0008-000d-00000000000m-7/__amazon_msk_connect_write"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:topic/testCluster/300f0000-0000-0008-000d-00000000000m-7/
__amazon_msk_connect_*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:AlterGroup",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup"
            ],
            "Resource": [
```

```
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:group/testCluster/300d0000-0000-0005-000f-00000000000b-1/
__amazon_msk_connect_*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:group/testCluster/300d0000-0000-0005-000f-00000000000b-1/
connect-*"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Depending on the kind of connector, you might also need to attach to the service execution role a permissions policy that allows it to access AWS resources. For example, if your connector needs to send data to an S3 bucket, then the service execution role must have a permissions policy that grants permission to write to that bucket. For testing purposes, you can use one of the pre-built IAM policies that give full access, like `arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AmazonS3FullAccess`. However, for security purposes, we recommend that you use the most restrictive policy that allows your connector to read from the AWS source or write to the AWS sink.

Example of IAM policy for MSK Connect

To give a non-admin user full access to all MSK Connect functionality, attach a policy like the following one to the user's IAM role.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "MSKConnectFullAccess",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "kafkaconnect:CreateConnector",
        "kafkaconnect:DeleteConnector",
        "kafkaconnect:DescribeConnector",
        "kafkaconnect:ListConnectors",
        "kafkaconnect:UpdateConnector",
        "kafkaconnect:RestartConnector",
        "kafkaconnect:CreateCustomPlugin",
```

```
        "kafkaconnect:DeleteCustomPlugin",
        "kafkaconnect:DescribeCustomPlugin",
        "kafkaconnect:ListCustomPlugins",
        "kafkaconnect:CreateWorkerConfiguration",
        "kafkaconnect:DeleteWorkerConfiguration",
        "kafkaconnect:DescribeWorkerConfiguration",
        "kafkaconnect:ListWorkerConfigurations"
      ],
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Sid": "IAMPassRole",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "iam:PassRole",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKConnectServiceRole",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "iam:PassedToService": "kafkaconnect.amazonaws.com"
        }
      }
    },
    {
      "Sid": "EC2NetworkAccess",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "ec2:CreateNetworkInterface",
        "ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaces",
        "ec2:DeleteNetworkInterface",
        "ec2:DescribeVpcs",
        "ec2:DescribeSubnets",
        "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups"
      ],
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Sid": "MSKClusterAccess",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "kafka:DescribeCluster",
        "kafka:DescribeClusterV2",
        "kafka:GetBootstrapBrokers"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/"
    },
```

```
    {
      "Sid": "MSKLogGroupAccess",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "logs:CreateLogGroup",
        "logs:CreateLogStream",
        "logs:PutLogEvents",
        "logs:DescribeLogStreams",
        "logs:DescribeLogGroups"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:logs:us-east-1:123456789012:log-group:/aws/msk-connect/*"
      ]
    },
    {
      "Sid": "S3PluginAccess",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:GetObject",
        "s3:ListBucket",
        "s3:PutObject"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::amzn-s3-demo-bucket1-custom-plugins",
        "arn:aws:s3:::amzn-s3-demo-bucket1-custom-plugins/*"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Prevent cross-service confused deputy problem

The confused deputy problem is a security issue where an entity that doesn't have permission to perform an action can coerce a more-privileged entity to perform the action. In AWS, cross-service impersonation can result in the confused deputy problem. Cross-service impersonation can occur when one service (the *calling service*) calls another service (the *called service*). The calling service can be manipulated to use its permissions to act on another customer's resources in a way it should not otherwise have permission to access. To prevent this, AWS provides tools that help you protect your data for all services with service principals that have been given access to resources in your account.

We recommend using the aws:SourceArn and aws:SourceAccount global condition context keys in resource policies to limit the permissions that MSK Connect gives another service to the resource. If the aws:SourceArn value does not contain the account ID (for example, an Amazon S3 bucket ARN doesn't contain the account ID), you must use both global condition context keys to limit permissions. If you use both global condition context keys and the aws:SourceArn value contains the account ID, the aws:SourceAccount value and the account in the aws:SourceArn value must use the same account ID when used in the same policy statement. Use aws:SourceArn if you want only one resource to be associated with the cross-service access. Use aws:SourceAccount if you want to allow any resource in that account to be associated with the cross-service use.

In the case of MSK Connect, the value of aws:SourceArn must be an MSK connector.

The most effective way to protect against the confused deputy problem is to use the aws:SourceArn global condition context key with the full ARN of the resource. If you don't know the full ARN of the resource or if you are specifying multiple resources, use the aws:SourceArn global context condition key with wildcards (*) for the unknown portions of the ARN. For example, *arn:aws:kafkaconnect:us-east-1:123456789012:connector/** represents all connectors that belong to the account with ID 123456789012 in the US East (N. Virginia) Region.

The following example shows how you can use the aws:SourceArn and aws:SourceAccount global condition context keys in MSK Connect to prevent the confused deputy problem. Replace *123456789012* and arn:aws:kafkaconnect:*us-east-1*:*123456789012*:connector/*my-S3-Sink-Connector*/*abcd1234-5678-90ab-cdef-1234567890ab* with your AWS account and connector information.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": " kafkaconnect.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
```

```
          "aws:SourceAccount": "123456789012"
        },
        "ArnLike": {
        "aws:SourceArn": "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:us-
east-1:123456789012:connector/my-S3-Sink-Connector/abcd1234-5678-90ab-
cdef-1234567890ab"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

AWS managed policies for MSK Connect

An AWS managed policy is a standalone policy that is created and administered by AWS. AWS managed policies are designed to provide permissions for many common use cases so that you can start assigning permissions to users, groups, and roles.

Keep in mind that AWS managed policies might not grant least-privilege permissions for your specific use cases because they're available for all AWS customers to use. We recommend that you reduce permissions further by defining customer managed policies that are specific to your use cases.

You cannot change the permissions defined in AWS managed policies. If AWS updates the permissions defined in an AWS managed policy, the update affects all principal identities (users, groups, and roles) that the policy is attached to. AWS is most likely to update an AWS managed policy when a new AWS service is launched or new API operations become available for existing services.

For more information, see AWS managed policies in the *IAM User Guide*.

AWS managed policy: AmazonMSKConnectReadOnlyAccess

This policy grants the user the permissions that are needed to list and describe MSK Connect resources.

You can attach the `AmazonMSKConnectReadOnlyAccess` policy to your IAM identities.

JSON

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafkaconnect:ListConnectors",
                "kafkaconnect:ListCustomPlugins",
                "kafkaconnect:ListWorkerConfigurations"
            ],
            "Resource": "*"
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafkaconnect:DescribeConnector"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:*:*:connector/*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafkaconnect:DescribeCustomPlugin"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:*:*:custom-plugin/*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafkaconnect:DescribeWorkerConfiguration"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:*:*:worker-configuration/*"
            ]
        }
    ]
```

```
}
```

AWS managed policy: KafkaConnectServiceRolePolicy

This policy grants the MSK Connect service the permissions that are needed to create and manage network interfaces that have the tag `AmazonMSKConnectManaged:true`. These network interfaces give MSK Connect network access to resources in your Amazon VPC, such as an Apache Kafka cluster or a source or a sink.

You can't attach KafkaConnectServiceRolePolicy to your IAM entities. This policy is attached to a service-linked role that allows MSK Connect to perform actions on your behalf.

JSON

```
{
 "Version":"2012-10-17",
 "Statement": [
  {
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": [
    "ec2:CreateNetworkInterface"
   ],
   "Resource": "arn:aws:ec2:*:*:network-interface/*",
   "Condition": {
    "StringEquals": {
     "aws:RequestTag/AmazonMSKConnectManaged": "true"
    },
    "ForAllValues:StringEquals": {
     "aws:TagKeys": "AmazonMSKConnectManaged"
    }
   }
  },
  {
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": [
    "ec2:CreateNetworkInterface"
   ],
   "Resource": [
    "arn:aws:ec2:*:*:subnet/*",
    "arn:aws:ec2:*:*:security-group/*"
   ]
```

```
  },
  {
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": [
    "ec2:CreateTags"
   ],
   "Resource": "arn:aws:ec2:*:*:network-interface/*",
   "Condition": {
    "StringEquals": {
     "ec2:CreateAction": "CreateNetworkInterface"
    }
   }
  },
  {
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": [
    "ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaces",
    "ec2:CreateNetworkInterfacePermission",
    "ec2:AttachNetworkInterface",
    "ec2:DetachNetworkInterface",
    "ec2:DeleteNetworkInterface"
   ],
   "Resource": "arn:aws:ec2:*:*:network-interface/*",
   "Condition": {
    "StringEquals": {
     "ec2:ResourceTag/AmazonMSKConnectManaged": "true"
    }
   }
  }
 ]
}
```

MSK Connect updates to AWS managed policies

View details about updates to AWS managed policies for MSK Connect since this service began tracking these changes.

Change	Description	Date
		October 13, 2021

Change	Description	Date
MSK Connect updated read-only policy	MSK Connect updated the AmazonMSKConnectReadOnlyAccess policy to remove the restrictions on listing operations.	
MSK Connect started tracking changes	MSK Connect started tracking changes for its AWS managed policies.	September 14, 2021

Use service-linked roles for MSK Connect

Amazon MSK Connect uses AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) service-linked roles. A service-linked role is a unique type of IAM role that is linked directly to MSK Connect. Service-linked roles are predefined by MSK Connect and include all the permissions that the service requires to call other AWS services on your behalf.

A service-linked role makes setting up MSK Connect easier because you don't have to manually add the necessary permissions. MSK Connect defines the permissions of its service-linked roles, and unless defined otherwise, only MSK Connect can assume its roles. The defined permissions include the trust policy and the permissions policy, and that permissions policy cannot be attached to any other IAM entity.

For information about other services that support service-linked roles, see AWS Services That Work with IAM and look for the services that have **Yes** in the **Service-Linked Role** column. Choose a **Yes** with a link to view the service-linked role documentation for that service.

Service-linked role permissions for MSK Connect

MSK Connect uses the service-linked role named **AWSServiceRoleForKafkaConnect** – Allows Amazon MSK Connect to access Amazon resources on your behalf.

The AWSServiceRoleForKafkaConnect service-linked role trusts the `kafkaconnect.amazonaws.com` service to assume the role.

For information about the permissions policy that the role uses, see the section called "KafkaConnectServiceRolePolicy".

You must configure permissions to allow an IAM entity (such as a user, group, or role) to create, edit, or delete a service-linked role. For more information, see Service-Linked Role Permissions in the *IAM User Guide*.

Creating a service-linked role for MSK Connect

You don't need to manually create a service-linked role. When you create a connector in the AWS Management Console, the AWS CLI, or the AWS API, MSK Connect creates the service-linked role for you.

If you delete this service-linked role, and then need to create it again, you can use the same process to recreate the role in your account. When you create a connector, MSK Connect creates the service-linked role for you again.

Editing a service-linked role for MSK Connect

MSK Connect does not allow you to edit the AWSServiceRoleForKafkaConnect service-linked role. After you create a service-linked role, you can't change the name of the role because various entities might reference the role. However, you can edit the description of the role using IAM. For more information, see Editing a Service-Linked Role in the *IAM User Guide*.

Deleting a service-linked role for MSK Connect

You can use the IAM console, the AWS CLI or the AWS API to manually delete the service-linked role. To do this, you must first manually delete all of your MSK Connect connectors, and then you can manually delete the role. For more information, see Deleting a Service-Linked Role in the *IAM User Guide*.

Supported Regions for MSK Connect service-linked roles

MSK Connect supports using service-linked roles in all of the regions where the service is available. For more information, see AWS Regions and Endpoints.

Enable internet access for Amazon MSK Connect

If your connector for Amazon MSK Connect needs access to the internet, we recommend that you use the following Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) settings to enable that access.

- Configure your connector with private subnets.
- Create a public NAT gateway or NAT instance for your VPC in a public subnet. For more information, see the Connect subnets to the internet or other VPCs using NAT devices page in the *Amazon Virtual Private Cloud User Guide*.
- Allow outbound traffic from your private subnets to your NAT gateway or instance.

Set up a NAT gateway for Amazon MSK Connect

The following steps show you how to set up a NAT gateway to enable internet access for a connector. You must complete these steps before you create a connector in a private subnet.

Complete prerequisites for setting up a NAT gateway

Make sure you have the following items.

- The ID of the Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) associated with your cluster. For example, *vpc-123456ab*.
- The IDs of the private subnets in your VPC. For example, *subnet-a1b2c3de*, *subnet-f4g5h6ij*, etc. You must configure your connector with private subnets.

Steps to enable internet access for your connector

To enable internet access for your connector

1. Open the Amazon Virtual Private Cloud console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/.
2. Create a public subnet for your NAT gateway with a descriptive name, and note the subnet ID. For detailed instructions, see Create a subnet in your VPC.
3. Create an internet gateway so that your VPC can communicate with the internet, and note the gateway ID. Attach the internet gateway to your VPC. For instructions, see Create and attach an internet gateway.
4. Provision a public NAT gateway so that hosts in your private subnets can reach your public subnet. When you create the NAT gateway, select the public subnet that you created earlier. For instructions, see Create a NAT gateway.
5. Configure your route tables. You must have two route tables in total to complete this setup. You should already have a main route table that was automatically created at the same time as your VPC. In this step you create an additional route table for your public subnet.

a. Use the following settings to modify your VPC's main route table so that your private subnets route traffic to your NAT gateway. For instructions, see Work with route tables in the *Amazon Virtual Private Cloud User Guide*.

Private MSKC route table

Property	Value
Name tag	We recommend that you give this route table a descriptive name tag to help you identify it. For example, **Private MSKC**.
Associated subnets	Your private subnets
A route to enable internet access for MSK Connect	• **Destination**: 0.0.0.0/0 • **Target**: Your NAT gateway ID. For example, *nat-12a345bc6789efg1h*.
A local route for internal traffic	• **Destination**: 10.0.0.0/16. This value may differ depending on your VPC's CIDR block. • **Target**: Local

b. Follow the instructions in Create a custom route table to create a route table for your public subnet. When you create the table, enter a descriptive name in the **Name tag** field to help you identify which subnet the table is associated with. For example, **Public MSKC**.

c. Configure your **Public MSKC** route table using the following settings.

Property	Value
Name tag	**Public MSKC** or a different descriptive name that you choose
Associated subnets	Your public subnet with NAT gateway

Property	Value
A route to enable internet access for MSK Connect	• **Destination**: 0.0.0.0/0 • **Target**: Your internet gateway ID. For example, *igw-1a234bc5*.
A local route for internal traffic	• **Destination**: 10.0.0.0/16. This value may differ depending on your VPC's CIDR block. • **Target**: Local

Understand private DNS hostnames

With Private DNS hostname support in MSK Connect, you can configure connectors to reference public or private domain names. Support depends on the DNS servers specified in the VPC *DHCP option set*.

A DHCP option set is a group of network configurations that EC2 instances use in a VPC to communicate over the VPC network. Each VPC has a default DHCP option set, but you can create a custom DHCP option set if you want instances in a VPC to use a different DNS server for domain name resolution, instead of the Amazon-provided DNS server. See DHCP option sets in Amazon VPC.

Before the Private DNS resolution capability/feature was included with MSK Connect, connectors used the service VPC DNS resolvers for DNS queries from a customer connector. Connectors did not use the DNS servers defined in the customer VPC DHCP option sets for DNS resolution.

Connectors could only reference hostnames in customer connector configurations or plugins that were publicly resolvable. They couldn't resolve private hostnames defined in a privately-hosted zone or use DNS servers in another customer network.

Without Private DNS, customers who chose to make their databases, data warehouses, and systems like the Secrets Manager in their own VPC inaccessible to the internet, couldn't work with MSK connectors. Customers often use private DNS hostnames to comply with corporate security posture.

Configure a VPC DHCP option set for your connector

Connectors automatically use the DNS servers defined in their VPC DHCP option set when the connector is created. Before you create a connector, make sure that you configure the VPC DHCP option set for your connector's DNS hostname resolution requirements.

Connectors that you created before the Private DNS hostname feature was available in MSK Connect continue to use the previous DNS resolution configuration with no modification required.

If you need only publicly resolvable DNS hostname resolution in your connector, for easier setup we recommend using the default VPC of your account when you create the connector. See Amazon DNS Server in the *Amazon VPC User Guide* for more information on the Amazon-provided DNS server or Amazon Route 53 Resolver.

If you need to resolve private DNS hostnames, make sure the VPC that is passed during connector creation has its DHCP options set correctly configured. For more information, see Work with DHCP option sets in the *Amazon VPC User Guide*.

When you configure a DHCP option set for private DNS hostname resolution, ensure that the connector can reach the custom DNS servers that you configure in the DHCP option set. Otherwise, your connector creation will fail.

After you customize the VPC DHCP option set, connectors subsequently created in that VPC use the DNS servers that you specified in the option set. If you change the option set after you create a connector, the connector adopts the settings in the new option set within a couple of minutes.

Configure DNS attributes for your VPC

Make sure you have the VPC DNS attributes correctly configured as described in DNS attributes in your VPC and DNS hostnames in the *Amazon VPC User Guide*.

See Resolving DNS queries between VPCs and your network in the *Amazon Route 53 Developer Guide* for information on using inbound and outbound resolver endpoints to connect other networks to your VPC to work with your connector.

Handle connector creation failures

This section describes possible connector creation failures associated with DNS resolution and suggested actions to resolve the issues.

Failure	Suggested action
Connector creation fails if a DNS resolution query fails, or if DNS servers are unreachable from the connector.	You can see connector creation failures due to unsuccessful DNS resolution queries in your CloudWatch logs, if you've configured these logs for your connector. Check the DNS server configurations and ensure network connectivity to the DNS servers from the connector.
If you change the DNS servers configuration in your VPC DHCP option set while a connector is running, DNS resolution queries from the connector can fail. If the DNS resolution fails, some of the connector tasks can enter a failed state.	You can see connector creation failures due to unsuccessful DNS resolution queries in your CloudWatch logs, if you've configured these logs for your connector. The failed tasks should automatically restart to recover the connector. If that does not happen, you can use the RestartConnector API to restart the connector and its tasks, or you can recreate the connector.

Security for MSK Connect

You can use an Interface VPC Endpoint, powered by AWS PrivateLink, to prevent traffic between your Amazon VPC and Amazon MSK-Connect compatible APIs from leaving the Amazon network. Interface VPC endpoints don't require an internet gateway, NAT device, VPN connection, or AWS Direct Connect connection. For more information, see Use Amazon MSK APIs with Interface VPC Endpoints.

Logging for MSK Connect

MSK Connect can write log events that you can use to debug your connector. When you create a connector, you can specify zero or more of the following log destinations:

- Amazon CloudWatch Logs: You specify the log group to which you want MSK Connect to send your connector's log events. For information on how to create a log group, see Create a log group in the *CloudWatch Logs User Guide*.
- Amazon S3: You specify the S3 bucket to which you want MSK Connect to send your connector's log events. For information on how to create an S3 bucket, see Creating a bucket in the *Amazon S3 User Guide*.
- Amazon Data Firehose: You specify the delivery stream to which you want MSK Connect to send your connector's log events. For information on how to create a delivery stream, see Creating an Amazon Data Firehose delivery stream in the *Firehose User Guide*.

Important

MSK Connect applies internal rate limiting to connector log output. If a connector produces a high volume of log lines in a short period, some log lines may be dropped before delivery to any configured destination. This rate limiting applies equally to CloudWatch Logs, Amazon S3, and Amazon Data Firehose destinations. To avoid log loss, design your connector plugins to minimize excessive logging during burst periods.

To learn more about setting up logging, see Enabling logging from certain AWS services in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide*.

MSK Connect emits the following types of log events:

Level	Description
`INFO`	Runtime events of interest at startup and shutdown.
`WARN`	Runtime situations that aren't errors but are undesirable or unexpected.
`FATAL`	Severe errors that cause premature terminati on.
`ERROR`	Unexpected conditions and runtime errors that aren't fatal.

The following is an example of a log event sent to CloudWatch Logs:

```
[Worker-0bb8afa0b01391c41] [2021-09-06 16:02:54,151] WARN [Producer
 clientId=producer-1] Connection to node 1 (b-1.my-test-cluster.twwhtj.c2.kafka.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com/INTERNAL_IP) could not be established. Broker may not be
 available. (org.apache.kafka.clients.NetworkClient:782)
```

Preventing secrets from appearing in connector logs

> **Note**
>
> Sensitive configuration values can appear in connector logs if a plugin does not define those values as secret. Kafka Connect treats undefined configuration values the same as any other plaintext value.

If your plugin defines a property as secret, Kafka Connect redacts the property's value from connector logs. For example, the following connector logs demonstrate that if a plugin defines `aws.secret.key` as a PASSWORD type, then its value is replaced with **`[hidden]`**.

```
   2022-01-11T15:18:55.000+00:00    [Worker-05e6586a48b5f331b] [2022-01-11
15:18:55,150] INFO SecretsManagerConfigProviderConfig values:
   2022-01-11T15:18:55.000+00:00    [Worker-05e6586a48b5f331b] aws.access.key =
my_access_key
   2022-01-11T15:18:55.000+00:00    [Worker-05e6586a48b5f331b] aws.region = us-east-1
   2022-01-11T15:18:55.000+00:00    [Worker-05e6586a48b5f331b] aws.secret.key
= [hidden]
   2022-01-11T15:18:55.000+00:00    [Worker-05e6586a48b5f331b] secret.prefix =
   2022-01-11T15:18:55.000+00:00    [Worker-05e6586a48b5f331b] secret.ttl.ms = 300000
   2022-01-11T15:18:55.000+00:00    [Worker-05e6586a48b5f331b]
(com.github.jcustenborder.kafka.config.aws.SecretsManagerConfigProviderConfig:361)
```

To prevent secrets from appearing in connector log files, a plugin developer must use the Kafka Connect enum constant `ConfigDef.Type.PASSWORD` to define sensitive properties. When a property is type `ConfigDef.Type.PASSWORD`, Kafka Connect excludes its value from connector logs even if the value is sent as plaintext.

Monitoring Amazon MSK Connect

Monitoring is an important part of maintaining the reliability, availability, and performance of MSK Connect and your other AWS solutions. Amazon CloudWatch monitors your AWS resources and the applications that you run on AWS in real-time. You can collect and track metrics, create customized dashboards, and set alarms that notify you or take actions when a specified metric reaches a threshold that you specify. For example, you can have CloudWatch track CPU usage or other metrics of your connector, so that you can increase its capacity if needed. For more information, see the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.

You can use the following API operations:

- `DescribeConnectorOperation`: Monitor the status of connector update operations.
- `ListConnectorOperations`: Track previous updates run on your connector.

The following table shows the metrics that MSK Connect sends to CloudWatch under the `ConnectorName` dimension. MSK Connect delivers these metrics by default and at no additional cost. CloudWatch keeps these metrics for 15 months, so that you can access historical information and gain a better perspective on how your connectors are performing. You can also set alarms that watch for certain thresholds, and send notifications or take actions when those thresholds are met. For more information, see the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.

Metric name	Description
`CpuUtilization`	The percentage of CPU consumption by system and user.
`ErroredTaskCount`	The number of tasks that have errored out.
`MemoryUtilization`	The percentage of the total memory on a worker instance, not just the Java virtual machine (JVM) heap memory currently in use. JVM doesn't typically release memory back to the operational system. So, JVM heap size (MemoryUtilization) usually starts with a minimum heap size that increment ally increases to a stable maximum of about

Metric name	Description
	80-90%. JVM heap usage might increase or decrease as the connector's actual memory usage changes.
PausedTaskCount	The number of tasks that are paused in the connector.
RebalanceCompletedTotal	The total number of rebalances completed by this connector.
RebalanceTimeAvg	The average time in milliseconds spent by the connector on rebalancing.
RebalanceTimeMax	The maximum time in milliseconds spent by the connector on rebalancing.
RebalanceTimeSinceLast	The time in milliseconds since this connector completed the most recent rebalance.
RunningTaskCount	The running number of tasks in the connector.
SinkConsumerByteRate	The average number of bytes consumed per second by the Kafka Connect framework's Sink consumer before any transformations are applied to data.
SinkRecordReadRate	The average per-second number of records read from the Apache Kafka or Amazon MSK cluster.
SinkRecordSendRate	The average per-second number of records that are output from the transformations and sent to the destination. This number doesn't include filtered records.
SourceRecordPollRate	The average per-second number of records produced or polled.

Metric name	Description
SourceProducerByteRate	The average number of bytes produced per second by the Kafka Connect framework's Source producer after any transformations are applied to data.
SourceRecordWriteRate	The average per-second number of records output from the transformations and written to the Apache Kafka or Amazon MSK cluster.
TaskStartupAttemptsTotal	The total number of task startups that the connector has attempted. You can use this metric to identify anomalies in task startup attempts.
TaskStartupSuccessPercentage	The average percentage of successful task starts for the connector. You can use this metric to identify anomalies in task startup attempts.
WorkerCount	The number of workers that are running in the connector.
BytesInPerSec	Metadata bytes transferred to Kafka Connect framework for communication between workers.
BytesOutPerSec	Metadata bytes transferred from Kafka Connect framework for communication between workers.

Examples to set up Amazon MSK Connect resources

This section includes examples to help you set up Amazon MSK Connect resources such as common third-party connectors and configuration providers.

Topics

- Set up Amazon S3 sink connector
- Set up EventBridge Kafka sink connector for MSK Connect
- Use Debezium source connector with configuration provider

Set up Amazon S3 sink connector

This example shows how to use the Confluent Amazon S3 sink connector and the AWS CLI to create an Amazon S3 sink connector in MSK Connect.

1. Copy the following JSON and paste it in a new file. Replace the placeholder strings with values that correspond to your Amazon MSK cluster's bootstrap servers connection string and the cluster's subnet and security group IDs. For information about how to set up a service execution role, see the section called "IAM roles and policies".

```
{
    "connectorConfiguration": {
        "connector.class": "io.confluent.connect.s3.S3SinkConnector",
        "s3.region": "us-east-1",
        "format.class": "io.confluent.connect.s3.format.json.JsonFormat",
        "flush.size": "1",
        "schema.compatibility": "NONE",
        "topics": "my-test-topic",
        "tasks.max": "2",
        "partitioner.class":
 "io.confluent.connect.storage.partitioner.DefaultPartitioner",
        "storage.class": "io.confluent.connect.s3.storage.S3Storage",
        "s3.bucket.name": "amzn-s3-demo-bucket"
    },
    "connectorName": "example-S3-sink-connector",
    "kafkaCluster": {
        "apacheKafkaCluster": {
            "bootstrapServers": "<cluster-bootstrap-servers-string>",
            "vpc": {
                "subnets": [
                    "<cluster-subnet-1>",
                    "<cluster-subnet-2>",
                    "<cluster-subnet-3>"
                ],
                "securityGroups": ["<cluster-security-group-id>"]
            }
        }
```

```
    },
    "capacity": {
        "provisionedCapacity": {
            "mcuCount": 2,
            "workerCount": 4
        }
    },
    "kafkaConnectVersion": "2.7.1",
    "serviceExecutionRoleArn": "<arn-of-a-role-that-msk-connect-can-assume>",
    "plugins": [
        {
            "customPlugin": {
                "customPluginArn": "<arn-of-custom-plugin-that-contains-connector-
code>",
                "revision": 1
            }
        }
    ],
    "kafkaClusterEncryptionInTransit": {"encryptionType": "PLAINTEXT"},
    "kafkaClusterClientAuthentication": {"authenticationType": "NONE"}
}
```

2. Run the following AWS CLI command in the folder where you saved the JSON file in the previous step.

```
aws kafkaconnect create-connector --cli-input-json file://connector-info.json
```

The following is an example of the output that you get when you run the command successfully.

```
{
    "ConnectorArn": "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:us-east-1:123450006789:connector/example-
S3-sink-connector/abc12345-abcd-4444-a8b9-123456f513ed-2",
    "ConnectorState": "CREATING",
    "ConnectorName": "example-S3-sink-connector"
}
```

Set up EventBridge Kafka sink connector for MSK Connect

This topic shows you how to set up the EventBridge Kafka sink connector for MSK Connect. This connector lets you send events from your MSK cluster to EventBridge event buses. This topic

describes the process for creating the required resources and configuring the connector to enable seamless data flow between Kafka and EventBridge.

Topics

- Prerequisites
- Set up the resources required for MSK Connect
- Create the connector
- Send messages to Kafka

Prerequisites

Before deploying the connector, make sure that you have the following resources:

- **Amazon MSK cluster**: An active MSK cluster to produce and consume Kafka messages.
- **Amazon EventBridge event bus**: An EventBridge event bus to receive events from the Kafka topics.
- **IAM roles**: Create IAM roles with the necessary permissions for MSK Connect and the EventBridge connector.
- Access to the public internet from MSK Connect or a VPC interface endpoint for EventBridge created in the VPC and subnet of your MSK cluster. This helps you avoid traversing the public internet and without requiring NAT gateways.
- A client machine, such as an Amazon EC2 instance or AWS CloudShell, to create topics and send records to Kafka.

Set up the resources required for MSK Connect

You create an IAM role for the connector, and then you create the connector. You also create an EventBridge rule to filter Kafka events sent to the EventBridge event bus.

Topics

- IAM role for the connector
- An EventBridge rule for incoming events

IAM role for the connector

The IAM role that you associate with the connector must have the PutEvents permission to allow sending events to EventBridge. The following IAM policy example grants you the permissin to send events to an event bus named `example-event-bus`. Make sure that you replace the resource ARN in the following example with the ARN of your event bus.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "events:PutEvents"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:events:us-east-1:123456789012:event-bus/example-event-bus"
    }
  ]
}
```

In addition, you must make sure that your IAM role for the connector contains the following trust policy.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "kafkaconnect.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
    }
  ]
```

```
}
```

An EventBridge rule for incoming events

You create rules that match incoming events with event data criteria, known as *event pattern*. With an event pattern, you can define the criteria to filter incoming events, and determine which events should trigger a particular rule and subsequently be routed to a designated target. The following example of an event pattern matches Kafka events sent to the EventBridge event bus.

```
{
  "detail": {
    "topic": ["msk-eventbridge-tutorial"]
  }
}
```

The following is an example of an event sent from Kafka to EventBridge using the Kafka sink connector.

```
{
  "version": "0",
  "id": "dbc1c73a-c51d-0c0e-ca61-ab9278974c57",
  "account": "123456789012",
  "time": "2025-03-26T10:15:00Z",
  "region": "us-east-1",
  "detail-type": "msk-eventbridge-tutorial",
  "source": "kafka-connect.msk-eventbridge-tutorial",
  "resources": [],
  "detail": {
    "topic": "msk-eventbridge-tutorial",
    "partition": 0,
    "offset": 0,
    "timestamp": 1742984100000,
    "timestampType": "CreateTime",
    "headers": [],
    "key": "order-1",
    "value": {
      "orderItems": [
        "item-1",
        "item-2"
      ],
      "orderCreatedTime": "Wed Mar 26 10:15:00 UTC 2025"
```

```
    }
  }
}
```

In the EventBridge console, create a rule on the event bus using this example pattern and specify a target, such as a CloudWatch Logs group. The EventBridge console will automatically configure the necessary access policy for the CloudWatch Logs group.

Create the connector

In the following section, you create and deploy the EventBridge Kafka sink connector using the AWS Management Console.

Topics

- Step 1: Download the connector
- Step 2: Create an Amazon S3 bucket
- Step 3: Create a plugin in MSK Connect
- Step 4: Create the connector

Step 1: Download the connector

Download the latest EventBridge connector sink JAR from the GitHub releases page for the EventBridge Kafka connector. For example, to download the version v1.4.1, choose the JAR file link, `kafka-eventbridge-sink-with-dependencies.jar`, to download the connector. Then, save the file to a preferred location on your machine.

Step 2: Create an Amazon S3 bucket

1. To store the JAR file in Amazon S3 for use with MSK Connect, open the AWS Management Console, and then choose Amazon S3.
2. In the Amazon S3 console, choose **Create bucket**, and enter a unique bucket name. For example, **`amzn-s3-demo-bucket1-eb-connector`**.
3. Choose an appropriate Region for your Amazon S3 bucket. Make sure that it matches the Region where your MSK cluster is deployed.
4. For **Bucket settings**, keep the default selections or adjust as needed.
5. Choose **Create bucket**
6. Upload the JAR file to the Amazon S3 bucket.

Step 3: Create a plugin in MSK Connect

1. Open the AWS Management Console, and then navigate to **MSK Connect**.
2. In the left navigation pane, choose **Custom plugins**.
3. Choose **Create plugin**, and then enter a **Plugin name**. For example, **`eventbridge-sink-plugin`**.
4. For **Custom plugin location**, paste the **S3 object URL**.
5. Add an optional description for the plugin.
6. Choose **Create plugin**.

After the plugin is created, you can use it to configure and deploy the EventBridge Kafka connector in MSK Connect.

Step 4: Create the connector

Before creating the connector, we recommend to create the required Kafka topic to avoid connector errors. To create the topic, use your client machine.

1. In the left pane of the MSK console, choose **Connectors**, and then choose **Create connector**.
2. In the list of plugins, choose **eventbridge-sink-plugin**, then choose **Next**.
3. For the connector name, enter **`EventBridgeSink`**.
4. In the list of clusters, choose your MSK cluster.
5. Copy the following configuration for the connector and paste it into the **Connector configuration** field

   Replace the placeholders in the following configuration, as required.

   - Remove `aws.eventbridge.endpoint.uri` if your MSK cluster has public internet accesss.
   - If you use PrivateLink to securely connect from MSK to EventBridge, replace the DNS part after `https://` with the correct private DNS name of the (optional) VPC interface endpoint for EventBridge that you created earlier.
   - Replace the EventBridge event bus ARN in the following configuration with the ARN of your event bus.
   - Update any Region-specific values.

```
{
  "connector.class":
 "software.amazon.event.kafkaconnector.EventBridgeSinkConnector",
  "aws.eventbridge.connector.id": "msk-eventbridge-tutorial",
  "topics": "msk-eventbridge-tutorial",
  "tasks.max": "1",
  "aws.eventbridge.endpoint.uri": "https://events.us-east-1.amazonaws.com",
  "aws.eventbridge.eventbus.arn": "arn:aws:events:us-east-1:123456789012:event-bus/
example-event-bus",
  "value.converter.schemas.enable": "false",
  "value.converter": "org.apache.kafka.connect.json.JsonConverter",
  "aws.eventbridge.region": "us-east-1",
  "auto.offset.reset": "earliest",
  "key.converter": "org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter"
}
```

For more information about connector configuration, see eventbridge-kafka-connector.

If needed, change the settings for workers and autoscaling. We also recommend to use the latest available (recommended) Apache Kafka Connect version from the dropdown. Under **Access permissions**, use the role created earlier. We also recommend to enable logging to CloudWatch for observability and troubleshooting. Adjust the other optional settings, such as tags, based on your needs. Then, deploy the connector and wait for the status to enter Running state.

Send messages to Kafka

You can configure message encodings, such as Apache Avro and JSON, by specifying different converters using the `value.converter` and, optionally, `key.converter` settings available in Kafka Connect.

The connector example in this topic is configured to work with JSON-encoded messages, as indicated by the use of `org.apache.kafka.connect.json.JsonConverter` for `value converter`. When the connector is in Running state, send records to the `msk-eventbridge-tutorial` Kafka topic from your client machine.

Use Debezium source connector with configuration provider

This example shows how to use the Debezium MySQL connector plugin with a MySQL-compatible Amazon Aurora database as the source. In this example, we also set up the open-source AWS Secrets Manager Config Provider to externalize database credentials in AWS Secrets Manager. To learn more about configuration providers, see Tutorial: Externalizing sensitive information using config providers.

> **Important**
>
> The Debezium MySQL connector plugin supports only one task and does not work with autoscaled capacity mode for Amazon MSK Connect. You should instead use provisioned capacity mode and set `workerCount` equal to one in your connector configuration. To learn more about the capacity modes for MSK Connect, see Understand connector capacity.

Complete prerequisites to use Debezium source connector

Your connector must be able to access the internet so that it can interact with services such as AWS Secrets Manager that are outside of your Amazon Virtual Private Cloud. The steps in this section help you complete the following tasks to enable internet access.

- Set up a public subnet that hosts a NAT gateway and routes traffic to an internet gateway in your VPC.
- Create a default route that directs your private subnet traffic to your NAT gateway.

For more information, see Enable internet access for Amazon MSK Connect.

Prerequisites

Before you can enable internet access, you need the following items:

- The ID of the Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) associated with your cluster. For example, *vpc-123456ab*.
- The IDs of the private subnets in your VPC. For example, *subnet-a1b2c3de*, *subnet-f4g5h6ij*, etc. You must configure your connector with private subnets.

To enable internet access for your connector

1. Open the Amazon Virtual Private Cloud console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/.
2. Create a public subnet for your NAT gateway with a descriptive name, and note the subnet ID. For detailed instructions, see Create a subnet in your VPC.
3. Create an internet gateway so that your VPC can communicate with the internet, and note the gateway ID. Attach the internet gateway to your VPC. For instructions, see Create and attach an internet gateway.
4. Provision a public NAT gateway so that hosts in your private subnets can reach your public subnet. When you create the NAT gateway, select the public subnet that you created earlier. For instructions, see Create a NAT gateway.
5. Configure your route tables. You must have two route tables in total to complete this setup. You should already have a main route table that was automatically created at the same time as your VPC. In this step you create an additional route table for your public subnet.

   a. Use the following settings to modify your VPC's main route table so that your private subnets route traffic to your NAT gateway. For instructions, see Work with route tables in the *Amazon Virtual Private Cloud User Guide*.

      Private MSKC route table

Property	Value
Name tag	We recommend that you give this route table a descriptive name tag to help you identify it. For example, **Private MSKC**.
Associated subnets	Your private subnets
A route to enable internet access for MSK Connect	• **Destination**: 0.0.0.0/0 • **Target**: Your NAT gateway ID. For example, *nat-12a345bc6789efg1h*.
A local route for internal traffic	• **Destination**: 10.0.0.0/16. This value may differ depending on your VPC's CIDR block. • **Target**: Local

b. Follow the instructions in Create a custom route table to create a route table for your public subnet. When you create the table, enter a descriptive name in the **Name tag** field to help you identify which subnet the table is associated with. For example, **Public MSKC**.

c. Configure your **Public MSKC** route table using the following settings.

Property	Value
Name tag	**Public MSKC** or a different descriptive name that you choose
Associated subnets	Your public subnet with NAT gateway
A route to enable internet access for MSK Connect	• **Destination**: 0.0.0.0/0 • **Target**: Your internet gateway ID. For example, *igw-1a234bc5*.
A local route for internal traffic	• **Destination**: 10.0.0.0/16. This value may differ depending on your VPC's CIDR block. • **Target**: Local

Now that you have enabled internet access for Amazon MSK Connect you are ready to create a connector.

Create a Debezium source connector

This procedure describes how to create a Debezium source connector.

1. **Create a custom plugin**

   a. Download the MySQL connector plugin for the latest stable release from the Debezium site. Make a note of the Debezium release version you download (version 2.x, or the older series 1.x). Later in this procedure, you'll create a connector based on your Debezium version.

   b. Download and extract the AWS Secrets Manager Config Provider.

   c. Place the following archives into the same directory:

- The `debezium-connector-mysql` folder
- The `jcusten-border-kafka-config-provider-aws-0.1.1` folder

d. Compress the directory that you created in the previous step into a ZIP file and then upload the ZIP file to an S3 bucket. For instructions, see Uploading objects in the *Amazon S3 User Guide.*

e. Copy the following JSON and paste it in a file. For example, `debezium-source-custom-plugin.json`. Replace *<example-custom-plugin-name>* with the name that you want the plugin to have, *<amzn-s3-demo-bucket-arn>* with the ARN of the Amazon S3 bucket where you uploaded the ZIP file, and *<file-key-of-ZIP-object>* with the file key of the ZIP object that you uploaded to S3.

```
{
    "name": "<example-custom-plugin-name>",
    "contentType": "ZIP",
    "location": {
        "s3Location": {
            "bucketArn": "<amzn-s3-demo-bucket-arn>",
            "fileKey": "<file-key-of-ZIP-object>"
        }
    }
}
```

f. Run the following AWS CLI command from the folder where you saved the JSON file to create a plugin.

```
aws kafkaconnect create-custom-plugin --cli-input-json file://<debezium-source-custom-plugin.json>
```

You should see output similar to the following example.

```
{
    "CustomPluginArn": "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:us-east-1:012345678901:custom-plugin/example-custom-plugin-name/abcd1234-a0b0-1234-c1-12345678abcd-1",
    "CustomPluginState": "CREATING",
    "Name": "example-custom-plugin-name",
    "Revision": 1
}
```

g. Run the following command to check the plugin state. The state should change from `CREATING` to `ACTIVE`. Replace the ARN placeholder with the ARN that you got in the output of the previous command.

```
aws kafkaconnect describe-custom-plugin --custom-plugin-arn "<arn-of-your-custom-plugin>"
```

2. **Configure AWS Secrets Manager and create a secret for your database credentials**

a. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.

b. Create a new secret to store your database sign-in credentials. For instructions, see Create a secret in the *AWS Secrets Manager* User Guide.

c. Copy your secret's ARN.

d. Add the Secrets Manager permissions from the following example policy to your Understand service execution role. Replace *<arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:123456789000:secret:MySecret-1234>* with the ARN of your secret.

JSON

```
{
  "Version":"2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "secretsmanager:GetResourcePolicy",
        "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
        "secretsmanager:DescribeSecret",
        "secretsmanager:ListSecretVersionIds"
      ],
      "Resource": [
      "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:123456789012:secret:MySecret-1234"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

For instructions on how to add IAM permissions, see Adding and removing IAM identity permissions in the *IAM User Guide*.

3. **Create a custom worker configuration with information about your configuration provider**

   a. Copy the following worker configuration properties into a file, replacing the placeholder strings with values that correspond to your scenario. To learn more about the configuration properties for the AWS Secrets Manager Config Provider, see SecretsManagerConfigProvider in the plugin's documentation.

```
key.converter=<org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter>
value.converter=<org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter>
config.providers.secretManager.class=com.github.jcustenborder.kafka.config.aws.SecretsM
config.providers=secretManager
config.providers.secretManager.param.aws.region=<us-east-1>
```

   b. Run the following AWS CLI command to create your custom worker configuration.

      Replace the following values:

      - *<my-worker-config-name>* - a descriptive name for your custom worker configuration
      - *<encoded-properties-file-content-string>* - a base64-encoded version of the plaintext properties that you copied in the previous step

```
aws kafkaconnect create-worker-configuration --name <my-worker-config-name> --
properties-file-content <encoded-properties-file-content-string>
```

4. **Create a connector**

   a. Copy the following JSON that corresponds to your Debezium version (2.x or 1.x) and paste it in a new file. Replace the *<placeholder>* strings with values that correspond to your scenario. For information about how to set up a service execution role, see the section called “IAM roles and policies”.

      Note that the configuration uses variables like `${secretManager:MySecret-1234:dbusername}` instead of plaintext to specify database credentials. Replace *MySecret-1234* with the name of your secret and then

include the name of the key that you want to retrieve. You must also replace *<arn-of-config-provider-worker-configuration>* with the ARN of your custom worker configuration.

Debezium 2.x

For Debezium 2.x versions, copy the following JSON and paste it in a new file. Replace the *<placeholder>* strings with values that correspond to your scenario.

```
{
 "connectorConfiguration": {
  "connector.class": "io.debezium.connector.mysql.MySqlConnector",
  "tasks.max": "1",
  "database.hostname": "<aurora-database-writer-instance-endpoint>",
  "database.port": "3306",
  "database.user": "<${secretManager:MySecret-1234:dbusername}>",
  "database.password": "<${secretManager:MySecret-1234:dbpassword}>",
  "database.server.id": "123456",
  "database.include.list": "<list-of-databases-hosted-by-specified-server>",
  "topic.prefix": "<logical-name-of-database-server>",
  "schema.history.internal.kafka.topic": "<kafka-topic-used-by-debezium-to-track-schema-changes>",
  "schema.history.internal.kafka.bootstrap.servers": "<cluster-bootstrap-servers-string>",
  "schema.history.internal.consumer.security.protocol": "SASL_SSL",
  "schema.history.internal.consumer.sasl.mechanism": "AWS_MSK_IAM",
  "schema.history.internal.consumer.sasl.jaas.config":
 "software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMLoginModule required;",
  "schema.history.internal.consumer.sasl.client.callback.handler.class":
 "software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMClientCallbackHandler",
  "schema.history.internal.producer.security.protocol": "SASL_SSL",
  "schema.history.internal.producer.sasl.mechanism": "AWS_MSK_IAM",
  "schema.history.internal.producer.sasl.jaas.config":
 "software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMLoginModule required;",
  "schema.history.internal.producer.sasl.client.callback.handler.class":
 "software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMClientCallbackHandler",
  "include.schema.changes": "true"
 },
 "connectorName": "example-Debezium-source-connector",
 "kafkaCluster": {
  "apacheKafkaCluster": {
   "bootstrapServers": "<cluster-bootstrap-servers-string>",
   "vpc": {
```

```
    "subnets": [
     "<cluster-subnet-1>",
     "<cluster-subnet-2>",
     "<cluster-subnet-3>"
    ],
    "securityGroups": ["<id-of-cluster-security-group>"]
   }
  }
 },
 "capacity": {
  "provisionedCapacity": {
   "mcuCount": 2,
   "workerCount": 1
  }
 },
 "kafkaConnectVersion": "2.7.1",
 "serviceExecutionRoleArn": "<arn-of-service-execution-role-that-msk-
connect-can-assume>",
 "plugins": [{
  "customPlugin": {
   "customPluginArn": "<arn-of-msk-connect-plugin-that-contains-connector-
code>",
   "revision": 1
  }
 }],
 "kafkaClusterEncryptionInTransit": {
  "encryptionType": "TLS"
 },
 "kafkaClusterClientAuthentication": {
  "authenticationType": "IAM"
 },
 "workerConfiguration": {
  "workerConfigurationArn": "<arn-of-config-provider-worker-configuration>",
  "revision": 1
 }
}
```

Debezium 1.x

For Debezium 1.x versions, copy the following JSON and paste it in a new file. Replace the *<placeholder>* strings with values that correspond to your scenario.

```
{
```

```
 "connectorConfiguration": {
  "connector.class": "io.debezium.connector.mysql.MySqlConnector",
  "tasks.max": "1",
  "database.hostname": "<aurora-database-writer-instance-endpoint>",
  "database.port": "3306",
  "database.user": "<${secretManager:MySecret-1234:dbusername}>",
  "database.password": "<${secretManager:MySecret-1234:dbpassword}>",
  "database.server.id": "123456",
  "database.server.name": "<logical-name-of-database-server>",
  "database.include.list": "<list-of-databases-hosted-by-specified-server>",
  "database.history.kafka.topic": "<kafka-topic-used-by-debezium-to-track-
schema-changes>",
  "database.history.kafka.bootstrap.servers": "<cluster-bootstrap-servers-
string>",
  "database.history.consumer.security.protocol": "SASL_SSL",
  "database.history.consumer.sasl.mechanism": "AWS_MSK_IAM",
  "database.history.consumer.sasl.jaas.config":
 "software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMLoginModule required;",
  "database.history.consumer.sasl.client.callback.handler.class":
 "software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMClientCallbackHandler",
  "database.history.producer.security.protocol": "SASL_SSL",
  "database.history.producer.sasl.mechanism": "AWS_MSK_IAM",
  "database.history.producer.sasl.jaas.config":
 "software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMLoginModule required;",
  "database.history.producer.sasl.client.callback.handler.class":
 "software.amazon.msk.auth.iam.IAMClientCallbackHandler",
  "include.schema.changes": "true"
 },
 "connectorName": "example-Debezium-source-connector",
 "kafkaCluster": {
  "apacheKafkaCluster": {
   "bootstrapServers": "<cluster-bootstrap-servers-string>",
   "vpc": {
    "subnets": [
     "<cluster-subnet-1>",
     "<cluster-subnet-2>",
     "<cluster-subnet-3>"
    ],
    "securityGroups": ["<id-of-cluster-security-group>"]
   }
  }
 },
 "capacity": {
  "provisionedCapacity": {
```

```
    "mcuCount": 2,
    "workerCount": 1
   }
  },
  "kafkaConnectVersion": "2.7.1",
  "serviceExecutionRoleArn": "<arn-of-service-execution-role-that-msk-
connect-can-assume>",
  "plugins": [{
   "customPlugin": {
    "customPluginArn": "<arn-of-msk-connect-plugin-that-contains-connector-
code>",
    "revision": 1
   }
  }],
  "kafkaClusterEncryptionInTransit": {
   "encryptionType": "TLS"
  },
  "kafkaClusterClientAuthentication": {
   "authenticationType": "IAM"
  },
  "workerConfiguration": {
   "workerConfigurationArn": "<arn-of-config-provider-worker-configuration>",
   "revision": 1
  }
}
```

b. Run the following AWS CLI command in the folder where you saved the JSON file in the previous step.

```
aws kafkaconnect create-connector --cli-input-json file://connector-info.json
```

The following is an example of the output that you get when you run the command successfully.

```
{
    "ConnectorArn": "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:us-east-1:123450006789:connector/
example-Debezium-source-connector/abc12345-abcd-4444-a8b9-123456f513ed-2",
    "ConnectorState": "CREATING",
    "ConnectorName": "example-Debezium-source-connector"
}
```

Update a Debezium connector configuration

To update the configuration of the Debezium connector, follow these steps:

1. Copy the following JSON and paste it to a new file. Replace the `<placeholder>` strings with values that correspond to your scenario.

```
{
   "connectorArn": <connector_arn>,
   "connectorConfiguration": <new_configuration_in_json>,
   "currentVersion": <current_version>
}
```

2. Run the following AWS CLI command in the folder where you saved the JSON file in the previous step.

```
aws kafkaconnect update-connector --cli-input-json file://connector-info.json
```

   The following is an example of the output when you run the command successfully.

```
{
    "connectorArn": "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:us-east-1:123450006789:connector/example-
Debezium-source-connector/abc12345-abcd-4444-a8b9-123456f513ed-2",
    "connectorOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafkaconnect:us-
east-1:123450006789:connector-operation/example-Debezium-source-connector/abc12345-
abcd-4444-a8b9-123456f513ed-2/41b6ad56-3184-479b-850a-a8bedd5a02f3",
    "connectorState": "UPDATING"
}
```

3. You can now run the following command to monitor the current state of the operation:

```
aws kafkaconnect describe-connector-operation --connector-operation-arn
 <operation_arn>
```

For a Debezium connector example with detailed steps, see Introducing Amazon MSK Connect - Stream Data to and from Your Apache Kafka Clusters Using Managed Connectors.

Migrate to Amazon MSK Connect

This section describes how to migrate your Apache Kafka connector application to Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka Connect (Amazon MSK Connect). To know more about the benefits of migrating to Amazon MSK Connect, see ???.

This section also describes the state management topics used by Kafka Connect and Amazon MSK Connect and covers procedures for migrating source and sink connectors.

Understand internal topics used by Kafka Connect

An Apache Kafka Connect application that's running in distributed mode stores its state by using internal topics in the Kafka cluster and group membership. The following are the configuration values that correspond to the internal topics that are used for Kafka Connect applications:

- Configuration topic, specified through `config.storage.topic`

  In the configuration topic, Kafka Connect stores the configuration of all the connectors and tasks that have been started by users. Each time users update the configuration of a connector or when a connector requests a reconfiguration (for example, the connector detects that it can start more tasks), a record is emitted to this topic. This topic is compaction enabled, so it always keeps the last state for each entity.
- Offsets topic, specified through `offset.storage.topic`

  In the offsets topic, Kafka Connect stores the offsets of the source connectors. Like the configuration topic, the offsets topic is compaction enabled. This topic is used to write the source positions only for source connectors that produce data to Kafka from external systems. Sink connectors, which read data from Kafka and send to external systems, store their consumer offsets by using regular Kafka consumer groups.
- Status topic, specified through `status.storage.topic`

  In the status topic, Kafka Connect stores the current state of connectors and tasks. This topic is used as the central place for the data that is queried by users of the REST API. This topic allows users to query any worker and still get the status of all running plugins. Like the configuration and offsets topics, the status topic is also compaction enabled.

In addition to these topics, Kafka Connect makes extensive use of Kafka's group membership API. The groups are named after the connector name. For example, for a connector named file-sink,

the group is named connect-file-sink. Each consumer in the group provides records to a single task. These groups and their offsets can be retrieved by using regular consumer groups tools, such as `Kafka-consumer-group.sh`. For each sink connector, the Connect runtime runs a regular consumer group that extracts records from Kafka.

State management of Amazon MSK Connect applications

By default, Amazon MSK Connect creates three separate topics in the Kafka cluster for each Amazon MSK Connector to store the connector's configuration, offset, and status. The default topic names are structured as follows:

- __msk_connect_configs_*connector-name_connector-id*
- __msk_connect_status_*connector-name_connector-id*
- __msk_connect_offsets_*connector-name_connector-id*

> **Note**
>
> To provide the offset continuity between source connectors, you can use an offset storage topic of your choice, instead of the default topic. Specifying an offset storage topic helps you accomplish tasks like creating a source connector that resumes reading from the last offset of a previous connector. To specify an offset storage topic, supply a value for the offset.storage.topic property in the Amazon MSK Connect worker configuration before creating the connector.

Migrate source connectors to Amazon MSK Connect

Source connectors are Apache Kafka Connect applications that import records from external systems into Kafka. This section describes the process for migrating Apache Kafka Connect source connector applications that are running on-premises or self-managed Kafka Connect clusters that are running on AWS to Amazon MSK Connect.

The Kafka Connect source connector application stores offsets in a topic that's named with the value that's set for the config property `offset.storage.topic`. The following are the sample offset messages for a JDBC connector that's running two tasks that import data from two different tables named `movies` and `shows`. The most recent row imported from the table movies has a primary ID of 18343. The most recent row imported from the shows table has a primary ID of 732.

```
["jdbcsource",{"protocol":"1","table":"sample.movies"}] {"incrementing":18343}
["jdbcsource",{"protocol":"1","table":"sample.shows"}] {"incrementing":732}
```

To migrate source connectors to Amazon MSK Connect, do the following:

1. Create an Amazon MSK Connect custom plugin by pulling connector libraries from your on-premises or self-managed Kafka Connect cluster.
2. Create Amazon MSK Connect worker properties and set the properties `key.converter`, `value.converter`, and `offset.storage.topic` to the same values that are set for the Kafka connector that's running in your existing Kafka Connect cluster.
3. Pause the connector application on the existing cluster by making a `PUT /connectors/connector-name/pause` request on the existing Kafka Connect cluster.
4. Make sure that all of the connector application's tasks are completely stopped. You can stop the tasks either by making a `GET /connectors/connector-name/status` request on the existing Kafka Connect cluster or by consuming the messages from the topic name that's set for the property `status.storage.topic`.
5. Get the connector configuration from the existing cluster. You can get the connector configuration either by making a `GET /connectors/connector-name/config/` request on the existing cluster or by consuming the messages from the topic name that's set for the property `config.storage.topic`.
6. Create a new Amazon MSK Connector with the same name as an existing cluster. Create this connector by using the connector custom plugin that you created in step 1, the worker properties that you created in step 2, and the connector configuration that you extracted in step 5.
7. When the Amazon MSK Connector status is `active`, view the logs to verify that the connector has started importing data from the source system.
8. Delete the connector in the existing cluster by making a `DELETE /connectors/connector-name` request.

Migrate sink connectors to Amazon MSK Connect

Sink connectors are Apache Kafka Connect applications that export data from Kafka to external systems. This section describes the process for migrating Apache Kafka Connect sink connector applications that are running on-premises or self-managed Kafka Connect clusters that are running on AWS to Amazon MSK Connect.

Kafka Connect sink connectors use the Kafka group membership API and store offsets in the same `__consumer_offset` topics as a typical consumer application. This behavior simplifies migration of the sink connector from a self-managed cluster to Amazon MSK Connect.

To migrate sink connectors to Amazon MSK Connect, do the following:

1. Create an Amazon MSK Connect custom plugin by pulling connector libraries from your on-premises or self-managed Kafka Connect cluster.
2. Create Amazon MSK Connect worker properties and set the properties `key.converter` and `value.converter` to the same values that are set for the Kafka connector that's running in your existing Kafka Connect cluster.
3. Pause the connector application on your existing cluster by making a `PUT /connectors/`*`connector-name`*`/pause` request on the existing Kafka Connect cluster.
4. Make sure that all of the connector application's tasks are completely stopped. You can stop the tasks either by making a `GET /connectors/`*`connector-name`*`/status` request on the existing Kafka Connect cluster, or by consuming the messages from the topic name that's set for the property `status.storage.topic`.
5. Get the connector configuration from the existing cluster. You can get the connector configuration either by making a `GET /connectors/`*`connector-name`*`/config` request on the existing cluster, or by consuming the messages from the topic name that's set for the property `config.storage.topic`.
6. Create a new Amazon MSK Connector with same name as the existing cluster. Create this connector by using the connector custom plugin that you created in step 1, the worker properties that you created in step 2, and the connector configuration that you extracted in step 5.
7. When the Amazon MSK Connector status is `active`, view the logs to verify that the connector has started importing data from the source system.
8. Delete the connector in the existing cluster by making a `DELETE /connectors/`*`connector-name`* request.

Troubleshoot issues in Amazon MSK Connect

The following information can help you troubleshoot problems that you might have while using MSK Connect. You can also post your issue to the AWS re:Post.

Connector is unable to access resources hosted on the public internet

See Enabling internet access for Amazon MSK Connect.

Connector's number of running tasks is not equal to the number of tasks specified in tasks.max

Here are some reasons a connector may use fewer tasks than the specified tasks.max configuration:

- Some connector implementations limit the number of tasks the can be used. For example, the Debezium connector for MySQL is limited to using a single task.
- When using autoscaled capacity mode, Amazon MSK Connect overrides a connector's tasks.max property with a value that is proportional to the number of workers running in the connector and the number of MCUs per worker. If you have configured the optional `maxAutoscalingTaskCount` parameter, the `tasks.max` value will not exceed this limit. For more information, see Understand maximum autoscaling task count.
- For sink connectors, the level of parallelism (number of tasks) cannot be more than the number of topic partitions. While you can set the tasks.max larger than that, a single partition is never processed by more than a single task at a time.
- In Kafka Connect 2.7.x, the default consumer partition assignor is `RangeAssignor`. The behavior of this assignor is to give the first partition of every topic to a single consumer, the second partition of every topic to a single consumer, etc. This means that the maximum number of active tasks for a sink connector using `RangeAssignor` is equal to the maximum number of partitions in any single topic being consumed. If this doesn't work for your use case, you should create a Worker Configuration in which the `consumer.partition.assignment.strategy` property is set to a more suitable consumer partition assignor. See Kafka 2.7 Interface ConsumerPartitionAssignor: *All Known Implementing Classes*.

Connector restart operation reaches RESTART_FAILED state

If a restart operation reaches the `RESTART_FAILED` state, try the following to resolve the issue:

- Check the `errorInfo` field in the `DescribeConnectorOperation` response for details.
- Review connector logs from CloudWatch, Amazon S3, or Firehose for error messages indicating why tasks cannot complete startup.
- Check whether the connector's tasks are blocked by external dependencies (databases, network endpoints, or other systems that the connector interacts with).
- Verify that the connector's Kafka cluster is reachable and healthy.

Cannot restart connector — 400 BadRequestException

Here are some reasons why you might not be able to restart a connector:

- The connector is not in the `RUNNING` state (for example, it is `CREATING`, `UPDATING`, or `DELETING`).
- Another lifecycle operation is already in progress on the connector.
- You specified `--only-failed-tasks` on a connector using Amazon MSK version earlier than 3.7 (this feature requires version 3.7 or later).

Connector pause or resume operation reaches a failed state

A pause operation that reaches the `PAUSE_FAILED` state, or a resume operation that reaches the `RESUME_FAILED` state, does not always leave your connector unusable, and only some failures can be retried. Diagnose the failure as follows:

1. Call `DescribeConnectorOperation` with the `connectorOperationArn` that your pause or resume request returned, and read the `errorInfo` field to find out why the operation failed.
2. Call `DescribeConnector` and note the connector's current state. The state determines what you can do next.
3. Review your connector logs in CloudWatch, Amazon S3, or Firehose for the period when the operation ran. Look for errors that stop the connector from applying the change, such as an unreachable Kafka cluster, a failed broker authentication, or a task that is blocked on an external dependency such as a source database or a sink target.

Then take the action for the state that your connector is in.

`RUNNING` after a failed pause, or `PAUSED` after a failed resume

The change never reached your connector, so the connector is still in the state that it started in, and the operation is safe to retry. Fix the cause that `errorInfo` and your connector logs point to. For example, update the connector to correct a configuration value, or restore network access to your Kafka cluster. Then call `PauseConnector` or `ResumeConnector` again.

`PAUSED` after a failed pause, or `RUNNING` after a failed resume

Your connector reached the state that you asked for, but some of its tasks did not, and `errorInfo` reports `KafkaConnect.ConnectorNotReachedTargetState`. Do not retry the operation. The connector is already in the target state, so the request is rejected with a 400 `BadRequestException`. Instead, compare the `PausedTaskCount`, `RunningTaskCount`,

and `ErroredTaskCount` metrics against the number of tasks that you expect, and use your connector logs to find why the remaining tasks did not converge.

To bring the remaining tasks into the state that you asked for, first fix the cause that your connector logs report. Then update the connector with `skipHealthValidation` set to `true`. The update restarts the connector's tasks, and they then apply the pause or resume.

After a failed resume, you can also restart the connector to restart the tasks that did not start, because the connector is in the `RUNNING` state that a restart requires.

`PAUSING` or `RESUMING`

First confirm that the operation has actually failed: call `DescribeConnectorOperation` and check the operation state, because a connector stays in `PAUSING` or `RESUMING` while the operation is still in progress too. If the operation state is `PAUSE_FAILED` or `RESUME_FAILED` and the connector is still `PAUSING` or `RESUMING`, Amazon MSK Connect could not confirm whether your connector accepted the change. You cannot retry the operation, and you cannot run any other lifecycle operation, because the connector is not in a state that any of them accept. Contact AWS Support to recover the connector.

For what each Kafka Connect error code means, see Kafka Connect error codes.

For more information about where a failed operation leaves your connector, see If a pause or resume operation fails.

Connector pause or resume operation stays in progress

An operation can stay in the `PAUSE_IN_PROGRESS` or `RESUME_IN_PROGRESS` state for a long time. If Amazon MSK Connect cannot reach your connector's Kafka Connect API, or cannot confirm that your connector applied the change, it retries the operation, so an operation that is still in progress can still reach `PAUSE_COMPLETE` or `RESUME_COMPLETE` on a later attempt. An operation that has not reached a terminal state has not failed.

A connector is left in the `PAUSING` or `RESUMING` state both by an operation that is still in progress and by one that failed, so call `DescribeConnectorOperation` to tell the two apart before you act. While the operation state is `PAUSE_IN_PROGRESS` or `RESUME_IN_PROGRESS`, the operation is still running, and:

- Your connector stays in the `PAUSING` or `RESUMING` state.

- You cannot perform other lifecycle operations on your connector, such as update or delete.
- You cannot retry the pause or resume request, because your connector is not in the state that the operation requires.

Because you cannot retry, remove whatever is stopping your connector from applying the change so that the next retry succeeds. Check your connector logs in CloudWatch, Amazon S3, or Firehose for an unreachable Kafka cluster, a failed broker authentication, or a task that is blocked on an external dependency, and fix what you find. Keep polling `DescribeConnectorOperation`. If the operation does not reach a terminal state, contact AWS Support to recover the connector.

Cannot pause or resume a connector: 400 BadRequestException

Here are some reasons why you might not be able to pause or resume a connector:

- You called `PauseConnector` on a connector that is not in the `RUNNING` state. A connector that is already `PAUSED` or `PAUSING` cannot be paused again. Call `DescribeConnector` to confirm the connector's state, and pause it only from `RUNNING`.
- You called `ResumeConnector` on a connector that is not in the `PAUSED` state. A connector that is already `RESUMING` is being resumed, so wait for that operation to complete instead of calling `ResumeConnector` again.
- Another lifecycle operation is already in progress on your connector. Track that operation with `DescribeConnectorOperation`, wait for it to reach a terminal state, and then submit your request.

Cannot update a paused connector

To update a connector that is in the `PAUSED` state, set `skipHealthValidation` to `true` in the update request, because Amazon MSK Connect cannot validate the health of a connector that is not processing records.

Worker settings update reaches UPDATE_FAILED state

A worker settings update that reaches the `UPDATE_FAILED` state did not take effect. The connector keeps its previous capacity, plugin, and worker configuration, and Amazon MSK Connect either did not start the update or rolled it back. Call `DescribeConnectorOperation` with the `connectorOperationArn` that your update request returned, and read the `errorInfo` field. Here are some common causes:

- The connector or its tasks did not become healthy on the new workers. For example, the new plugin does not contain the connector class that your connector configuration specifies, or the new worker configuration is not compatible with the connector. Review your connector logs in CloudWatch, Amazon S3, or Firehose for the period when the update ran. Fix the plugin or worker configuration, and then submit the update again. An update that skips health validation stays in effect even when the connector is unhealthy on the new workers. For more information about health validation, see Health validation and rollback.
- `errorInfo` reports `KafkaConnect.NotFound`, `KafkaConnect.BrokerUnreachable`, or `KafkaConnect.BrokerAuthenticationFailure`. Amazon MSK Connect checks that the connector is registered on its workers and that it can reach your Kafka cluster before it starts a plugin or worker configuration update, so it did not start this update. For what each code means and how to resolve it, see Kafka Connect error codes. Then retry the update.
- `errorInfo` reports `KafkaConnect.BrokerNamesUnresolvable`. The connector cannot resolve the names of your Kafka cluster's brokers, so Amazon MSK Connect did not start the update. Verify that the bootstrap servers in your connector's configuration are correct, and that the connector's subnets can resolve them. Then retry the update.
- `errorInfo` reports `InvalidInput.InsufficientFreeAddressesInSubnet`. Your subnets do not have enough free IP addresses for the new workers. During a plugin or worker configuration update, the previous workers and the new workers exist at the same time, and each worker uses one IP address. Free up IP addresses in the connector's subnets, and then retry the update.

Worker settings update stays in UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS state

An update takes time while Amazon MSK Connect applies the new worker settings. For a plugin or worker configuration change, that includes starting the new workers and moving the connector's tasks to them. While the operation is in the `UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS` state, the connector is `UPDATING`, and you cannot retry the update or run other lifecycle operations on the connector. If the operation does not reach the `UPDATE_COMPLETE` or `UPDATE_FAILED` state and the connector stays `UPDATING`, contact AWS Support to recover the connector.

Cannot update worker settings: 400 BadRequestException

Here are some reasons why you might not be able to update a connector's worker settings:

- The connector is not in the `RUNNING` or `PAUSED` state (for example, another lifecycle operation is in progress and the connector is `UPDATING`).

- The request specifies `connectorConfiguration` together with a worker setting field (`capacity`, `plugins`, `workerConfiguration`, or `useDefaultWorkerConfiguration`). These two kinds of update require separate requests.
- The request specifies both `workerConfiguration` and `useDefaultWorkerConfiguration`.
- The request specifies more than one plugin. A connector uses exactly one plugin.
- The values in the request are the same as the connector's current worker settings.
- The `currentVersion` in the request is not the connector's current version. `DescribeConnector` returns the current version.
- The custom plugin is not in the `ACTIVE` state, belongs to a different account or Region, or the revision that you specified does not exist.
- The worker configuration belongs to a different account or Region, or the revision that you specified does not exist.

Kafka Connect error codes

When a connector lifecycle operation fails, the `errorInfo` field in the `DescribeConnectorOperation` response can report one of the following Kafka Connect error codes.

`KafkaConnect.ConnectorNotReachedTargetState`

Your connector accepted the change, but some of its tasks did not reach the target state in time. The connector is in the state that you asked for, so work through the task counts and the connector logs rather than retrying the operation.

`KafkaConnect.NotFound`

Your connector is no longer registered on its Kafka Connect workers. This can happen for several reasons, for example if the Kafka Connect internal topics that store connector configurations are deleted. To recreate the connector, update its configuration. Updating the connector does not always bring it back in the state that you wanted, so check the connector's state and its task-count metrics before you run another operation on it.

`KafkaConnect.BrokerAuthenticationFailure`

Amazon MSK Connect could not authenticate to your Kafka cluster. Verify the authentication type that your connector uses, and verify that the permissions that this type requires are still in place. Then retry the operation.

`KafkaConnect.BrokerUnreachable`

Amazon MSK Connect could not reach your Kafka cluster. Verify that the cluster is healthy, that its bootstrap servers match your connector's configuration, and that the subnets and security groups that your connector uses still allow traffic to the cluster. Then retry the operation.

Amazon MSK Replicator

Amazon MSK Replicator is a fully managed feature of Amazon MSK that enables you to reliably replicate data across Amazon MSK clusters in different or the same AWS Region. MSK Replicator also supports data replication from self-managed Apache Kafka clusters (including on-premises, self-hosted on AWS, or other cloud providers) to Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters. Both the source and target clusters must be in the same AWS account when replicating between MSK clusters. With MSK Replicator, you can build regionally resilient streaming applications for increased availability and business continuity, and migrate Apache Kafka workloads from self-managed environments to Amazon MSK. MSK Replicator provides automatic asynchronous replication of data and consumer group offsets between MSK clusters, eliminating the need to write custom code, manage infrastructure, or setting up cross-region networking.

MSK Replicator automatically scales the underlying resources so that you can replicate data on-demand without having to monitor or scale capacity. MSK Replicator also replicates the necessary Kafka metadata including topic configurations, Access Control Lists (ACLs), and consumer group offsets. If an unexpected event occurs in a Region, you can failover to the other AWS Region and seamlessly resume processing.

MSK Replicator supports both cross-region replication (CRR) and same-region replication (SRR). In cross-region replication, the source and target MSK clusters are in different AWS Regions. In same-region replication, both the source and target MSK clusters are in the same AWS Region. You need to create source and target MSK clusters before using them with MSK Replicator.

Note

MSK Replicator supports the following AWS Regions: US East (us-east-1, N. Virginia); US East (us-east-2, Ohio); US West (us-west-2, Oregon); Europe (eu-west-1, Ireland); Europe (eu-central-1, Frankfurt); Asia Pacific (ap-southeast-1, Singapore); Asia Pacific (ap-southeast-2, Sydney); Europe (eu-north-1, Stockholm); Asia Pacific (ap-south-1, Mumbai); Europe (eu-west-3, Paris); South America (sa-east-1, São Paulo); Asia Pacific (ap-northeast-2, Seoul); Europe (eu-west-2, London); Asia Pacific (ap-northeast-1, Tokyo); US West (us-west-1, N. California); Canada (ca-central-1, Central); China (Beijing) (cn-north-1); China (Ningxia) (cn-northwest-1); AWS GovCloud (US-East) (us-gov-east-1); AWS GovCloud (US-West) (us-gov-west-1) and 20+ additional regions.

Common uses for Amazon MSK Replicator:

- Build multi-region streaming applications: Build highly available and fault-tolerant streaming applications for increased resiliency without setting up custom solutions.
- Lower latency data access: Provide lower latency data access to consumers in different geographic regions.
- Distribute data to your partners: Copy data from one Apache Kafka cluster to many Apache Kafka clusters, so that different teams/partners have their own copies of data.
- Aggregate data for analytics: Copy data from multiple Apache Kafka clusters into one cluster for easily generating insights on aggregated real-time data.
- Write locally, access your data globally: Set up multi-active replication to automatically propagate writes performed in one AWS Region to other Regions for providing data at lower latency and cost.
- Migrate from self-managed Kafka clusters: Migrate Apache Kafka workloads from on-premises, self-hosted, or third-party managed Kafka deployments to Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters with consumer group offset synchronization for seamless application cutover.
- For more information about replicator, see the section called “Key concepts” and the section called “Replication patterns”.

Get started with Amazon MSK Replicator

This section introduces Amazon MSK Replicator, describes the supported configurations and prerequisites, and walks you through setting up your first replicator.

Topics

- Supported configurations
- Prerequisites
- Prepare source and target clusters
- Create your first replicator

Supported configurations

The following are requirements for cluster types, Kafka versions, instance types, and network configurations when using MSK Replicator.

Supported cluster types and versions

- MSK Replicator supports MSK Provisioned and MSK Serverless clusters in any combination, when both the source and target are Amazon MSK clusters.
- MSK Replicator also supports self-managed Apache Kafka clusters (Kafka version 2.8.1 or later) with SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, or SASL/OAUTHBEARER (OAuth) authentication as source clusters when replicating to Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters. For more information, see Migrate from non-MSK Apache Kafka clusters to Amazon MSK Provisioned.
- MSK Replicator is supported only on MSK clusters running Apache Kafka 2.7.0 or higher.
  - Identical topic name replication requires an MSK cluster running Kafka version 2.8.1 or higher.
  - Self-managed Apache Kafka clusters require Kafka version 2.8.1 or later.
- MSK Replicator supports clusters using instance types of m5.large or larger. t3.small clusters are not supported.
- If you are using MSK Replicator with an MSK Provisioned cluster, you need a minimum of three brokers in both source and target clusters. You can replicate data across clusters in two Availability Zones, but you need a minimum of four brokers in those clusters.
- Both your source and target MSK clusters must be in the same AWS account. Replication across clusters in different accounts is not supported.

Authentication requirements

- If you are using MSK Replicator with an MSK cluster, the cluster must have IAM access control turned on.
- If you are using MSK Replicator with a self-managed Apache Kafka cluster as the source, the self-managed cluster must have SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, or SASL/OAUTHBEARER authentication enabled.
- For cross-region replication, the source cluster must have multi-VPC private connectivity turned on for its IAM access control method.
- For same-region replication, multi-VPC private connectivity is not required. The source cluster can still be accessed by other clients using the unauthenticated auth type.
- MSK Serverless clusters require IAM access control and do not support Apache Kafka ACL replication.

MSK Serverless cluster configuration

- MSK Serverless supports replication of these topic configurations for target clusters during topic creation: `cleanup.policy`, `compression.type`, `max.message.bytes`, `retention.bytes`, `retention.ms`.
- MSK Serverless supports only these topic configurations during topic configuration sync: `compression.type`, `max.message.bytes`, `retention.bytes`, `retention.ms`.
- Replicator uses 83 compacted partitions on target MSK Serverless clusters. Make sure that target MSK Serverless clusters have a sufficient number of compacted partitions. See MSK Serverless quota.

Prerequisites

Before you create an MSK Replicator, ensure that you have the following prerequisites in place.

IAM permissions required to create an MSK Replicator

Before creating an MSK Replicator, ensure your IAM role has the required permissions. For the full policy examples, see IAM permissions required to create an MSK Replicator.

Networking prerequisites

Depending on whether you are setting up cross-region or same-region replication, the networking requirements differ.

- **Cross-region replication (CRR)** – The source cluster must have multi-VPC private connectivity turned on for IAM access control. You must also attach a resource-based permissions policy to the source cluster. See Prepare source and target clusters.
- **Same-region replication (SRR)** – Multi-VPC private connectivity is not required. However, you must configure security groups so that the Replicator can reach both the source and target clusters on port 9098 (the IAM access control port).

For both CRR and SRR, ensure that your network ACLs are not blocking the connection between the MSK Replicator and your source and target clusters.

Prepare source and target clusters

Before creating an MSK Replicator, you need to prepare both a source cluster and a target cluster. This section covers the requirements for setting up replication between Amazon MSK clusters (Provisioned or Serverless).

> **Note**
>
> MSK Replicator also supports replication between self-managed Apache Kafka clusters and Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters. If you are migrating from a self-managed Kafka deployment, see Migrate from non-MSK Apache Kafka clusters to Amazon MSK Provisioned and Set up prerequisites for MSK Replicator with self-managed Apache Kafka clusters for the prerequisites specific to self-managed clusters.

Prepare the source cluster

If you already have an MSK source cluster, make sure that it meets the requirements described in this section. Otherwise, follow these steps to create an MSK Provisioned or Serverless source cluster.

1. Create an MSK Provisioned or Serverless cluster with IAM access control turned on in the source Region. Your source cluster must have a minimum of three brokers.
2. For a cross-region MSK Replicator, if the source is a Provisioned cluster, configure it with multi-VPC private connectivity turned on for IAM access control schemes. Note that the unauthenticated auth type is not supported when multi-VPC is turned on. You do not need to turn on multi-VPC private connectivity for other authentication schemes (mTLS or SASL/SCRAM). You can configure multi-VPC private connectivity in the console cluster details **Network settings** or with the `UpdateConnectivity` API. See Cluster owner turns on multi-VPC. If your source cluster is an MSK Serverless cluster, you do not need to turn on multi-VPC private connectivity.

   For a same-region MSK Replicator, the MSK source cluster does not require multi-VPC private connectivity and the cluster can still be accessed by other clients using the unauthenticated auth type.
3. For cross-region MSK Replicators, you must attach a resource-based permissions policy to the source cluster. This allows MSK to connect to this cluster for replicating data. You can do this

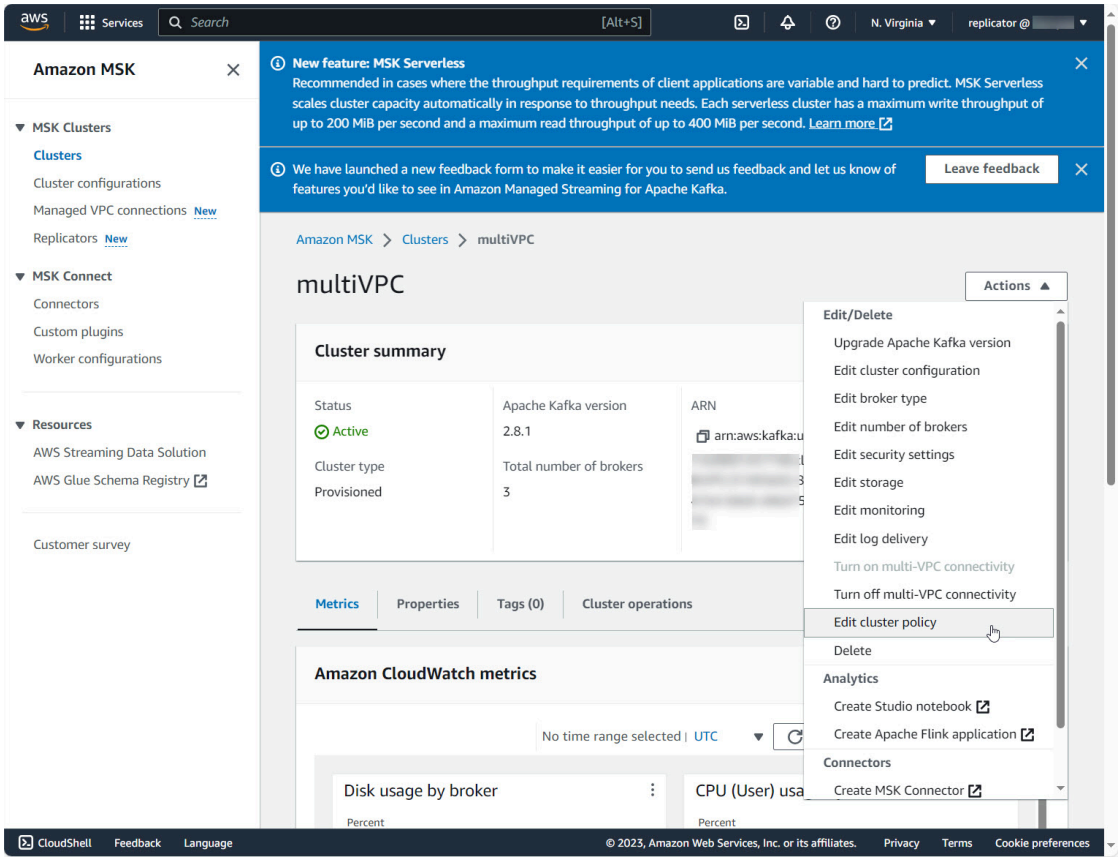
using the CLI or AWS Console procedures below. See also, Amazon MSK resource-based policies. You do not need to perform this step for same-region MSK Replicators.

Console: create resource policy

Update the source cluster policy with the following JSON. Replace the placeholder with the ARN of your source cluster.

```
{
    "Version":"2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
    {
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Principal": {
            "Service": [
                "kafka.amazonaws.com"
            ]
        },
        "Action": [
            "kafka:CreateVpcConnection",
            "kafka:GetBootstrapBrokers",
            "kafka:DescribeClusterV2"
        ],
        "Resource": "arn:aws:kafka:us-
east-1:123456789012:cluster/myCluster/abcd1234-5678-90ab-cdef-1234567890ab-1"
    }
  ]
}
```

Use the **Edit cluster policy** option under the **Actions** menu on the cluster details page.



CLI: create resource policy

Note: If you use the AWS console to create a source cluster and choose the option to create a new IAM role, AWS attaches the required trust policy to the role. If you want MSK to use an existing IAM role or if you create a role on your own, attach the following trust policies to that role so that MSK Replicator can assume it. For information about how to modify the trust relationship of a role, see Modifying a Role.

1. Get the current version of the MSK cluster policy using this command. Replace placeholders with the actual cluster ARN.

```
aws kafka get-cluster-policy –cluster-arn <Cluster ARN>
{
"CurrentVersion": "K1PA6795UKM GR7",
"Policy": "..."
}
```

2. Create a resource-based policy to allow MSK Replicator to access your source cluster. Replace the placeholder with the actual source cluster ARN.

```
aws kafka put-cluster-policy --cluster-arn "<sourceClusterARN>" --policy '{
"Version": "2012-10-17",
"Statement": [
{
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Principal": {
    "Service": [
      "kafka.amazonaws.com"
    ]
  },
  "Action": [
    "kafka:CreateVpcConnection",
    "kafka:GetBootstrapBrokers",
    "kafka:DescribeClusterV2"
  ],
  "Resource": "<sourceClusterARN>"
}
]
}'
```

Prepare the target cluster

Create an MSK target cluster (Provisioned or Serverless) with IAM access control turned on. The target cluster does not require multi-VPC private connectivity. The target cluster can be in the same AWS Region or a different Region as the source cluster. Both the source and target clusters must be in the same AWS account. Your target cluster must have a minimum of three brokers.

Create your first replicator

This walkthrough guides you through creating your first MSK Replicator between two MSK clusters using the AWS console. For detailed reference on all creation options, see Create a replicator using the AWS console.

Before you begin, make sure you have:

- A source MSK cluster with IAM access control turned on (see Prepare the source cluster).
- A target MSK cluster with IAM access control turned on (see Prepare the target cluster).
- The required IAM permissions (see IAM permissions required to create an MSK Replicator).

1. In the AWS Region where your target MSK cluster is located, open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose **Replicators**, then choose **Create replicator**.
3. In the **Replicator details** pane, give the new replicator a unique name.
4. In the **Source cluster** pane, choose the AWS Region where the source cluster is located. Select **MSK cluster** as the cluster type, then enter the ARN of your source cluster or choose **Browse** to select it. The subnets and security groups will auto-populate based on your cluster selection. If they do not populate, or if you want to use different ones, you can select them manually. You must select at least two subnets.
5. In the **Target cluster** pane, choose the AWS Region where the target cluster is located. Select **MSK cluster** as the cluster type, then enter the ARN of your target cluster or choose **Browse** to select it. The subnets and security groups will auto-populate based on your cluster selection. If they do not populate, or if you want to use different ones, you can select them manually. You must select at least two subnets.
6. In the **Replicator settings** pane, keep the defaults to replicate all topics. Choose a topic name configuration (**Add prefix to topics name** or **Keep the same topics name**). For more information on topic naming, see Topic naming (Prefixed vs Identical).
7. In the **Access permissions** pane, select **Create or update IAM role with required policies** to let the MSK console automatically create the service execution role.
8. Choose **Create**.

It takes approximately 30 minutes for the MSK Replicator to be successfully created and transition to RUNNING status. You can monitor the status on the **Replicators** page in the MSK console.

If your MSK Replicator transitions to a FAILED status, see Troubleshoot Amazon MSK Replicator.

Replicator operations

The topics in this section describe how to perform common MSK Replicator operations. For a list of all the operations that you can perform on an MSK Replicator, see the Amazon MSK API Reference.

Topics

- Create a replicator
- Edit a replicator
- Delete a replicator

- Monitor replication

Create a replicator

Before you create an MSK Replicator, make sure you have the IAM permissions required to create an MSK Replicator and have completed Prepare source and target clusters.

Topics

- Create a replicator using the AWS console
- Create a replicator using the AWS CLI
- Create a replicator using CloudFormation or Terraform

Create a replicator using the AWS console

> **Note**
>
> The following steps focus on creating a replicator between two MSK clusters. MSK Replicator also supports replication between self-managed Apache Kafka clusters and Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters. If you are migrating from a self-managed Kafka deployment, see Migrate from non-MSK Apache Kafka clusters to Amazon MSK Provisioned and Set up prerequisites for MSK Replicator with self-managed Apache Kafka clusters for the prerequisites specific to self-managed clusters.

Replicator details

1. In the AWS Region where your target MSK cluster is located, open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. Choose **Replicators** to display the list of replicators in the account.
3. Choose **Create replicator**.
4. In the **Replicator details** pane, give the new replicator a unique name.

Choose your source cluster

The source cluster contains the data you want to copy to a target MSK cluster.

1. In the **Source cluster** pane, choose the AWS Region where the source cluster is located.

   You can look up a cluster's Region by going to **MSK Clusters** and looking at the **Cluster** details ARN. The Region name is embedded in the ARN string. In the following example ARN, `ap-southeast-2` is the cluster Region.

   ```
   arn:aws:kafka:ap-southeast-2:123456789012:cluster/cluster-11/
   eec93c7f-4e8b-4baf-89fb-95de01ee639c-s1
   ```

2. Select **MSK cluster** as the cluster type, then enter the ARN of your source cluster or choose **Browse** to select it.
3. Choose subnet(s) for your source cluster. The subnets will auto-populate based on your cluster selection. If they do not populate, or if you want to use different ones, you can select them manually. You must select a minimum of two subnets. For a same-region MSK Replicator, the subnets you select to access the source cluster and the subnets to access the target cluster must be in the same Availability Zone.
4. Choose security group(s) for the MSK Replicator to access your source cluster. The security groups will auto-populate based on your cluster selection. If they do not populate, or if you want to use different ones, you can select them manually.

   - For cross-region replication (CRR), you do not need to provide security group(s) for your source cluster.
   - For same-region replication (SRR), go to the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/ and ensure that the security groups you will provide for the Replicator have outbound rules to allow traffic to your source cluster's security groups. Also, ensure that your source cluster's security groups have inbound rules that allow traffic from the Replicator security groups provided for the source.

     To add inbound rules to your source cluster's security group:

     1. In the AWS console, go to your source cluster's details by selecting the **Cluster name**.
     2. Select the **Properties** tab, then scroll down to the **Network settings** pane to select the name of the **Security group** applied.
     3. Go to the inbound rules and select **Edit inbound rules**.
     4. Select **Add rule**.
     5. In the **Type** column for the new rule, select **Custom TCP**.

6. In the **Port range** column, type 9098. MSK Replicator uses IAM access control to connect to your cluster which uses port 9098.
7. In the **Source** column, type the name of the security group that you will provide during Replicator creation for the source cluster (this may be the same as the MSK source cluster's security group), and then select **Save rules**.

To add outbound rules to Replicator's security group provided for the source:

1. In the AWS console for Amazon EC2, go to the security group that you will provide during Replicator creation for the source.
2. Go to the outbound rules and select **Edit outbound rules**.
3. Select **Add rule**.
4. In the **Type** column for the new rule, select **Custom TCP**.
5. In the **Port range** column, type 9098. MSK Replicator uses IAM access control to connect to your cluster which uses port 9098.
6. In the **Source** column, type the name of the MSK source cluster's security group, and then select **Save rules**.

> **Note**
>
> Alternately, if you do not want to restrict traffic using your security groups, you can add inbound and outbound rules allowing All Traffic with source `0.0.0.0/0`.

Choose your target cluster

The target cluster is the MSK Provisioned or Serverless cluster to which the source data is copied.

> **Note**
>
> By default, MSK Replicator creates new topics in the target cluster with an auto-generated prefix added to the topic name (for example, `<sourceKafkaClusterAlias>.topic`). This distinguishes replicated topics from other topics in the target cluster and avoids circular replication. You can find the prefix under the **sourceKafkaClusterAlias** field using the `DescribeReplicator` API or the **Replicator details** page on the MSK console.

Alternatively, you can use Identical topic name replication. See Topic naming (Prefixed vs Identical).

1. In the **Target cluster** pane, choose the AWS Region where the target cluster is located.
2. Select **MSK cluster** as the cluster type, then enter the ARN of your target cluster or choose **Browse** to select it.
3. Choose subnet(s) for your target cluster. The subnets will auto-populate based on your cluster selection. If they do not populate, or if you want to use different ones, you can select them manually. Select a minimum of two subnets.
4. Choose security group(s) for the MSK Replicator to access your target cluster. The security groups will auto-populate based on your cluster selection. If they do not populate, or if you want to use different ones, you can select them manually. For more information about using security groups, see Control traffic to your AWS resources using security groups in the *Amazon VPC User Guide*.

   For both CRR and SRR, go to the Amazon EC2 console and ensure that the security groups you will provide to the Replicator have outbound rules to allow traffic to your target cluster's security groups. Also ensure that your target cluster's security groups have inbound rules that accept traffic from the Replicator security groups provided for the target.

   To add inbound rules to your target cluster's security group:

   1. In the AWS console, go to your target cluster's details by selecting the **Cluster name**.
   2. Select the **Properties** tab, then scroll down to the Network settings pane to select the name of the **Security group** applied.
   3. Go to the inbound rules and select **Edit inbound rules**.
   4. Select **Add rule**.
   5. In the **Type** column for the new rule, select **Custom TCP**.
   6. In the **Port range** column, type 9098. MSK Replicator uses IAM access control to connect to your cluster which uses port 9098.
   7. In the **Source** column, type the name of the security group that you will provide during Replicator creation for the target cluster, and then select **Save rules**.

To add outbound rules to Replicator's security group provided for the target:

1. In the AWS console, go to the security group that you will provide during Replicator creation for the target.
2. Select the **Properties** tab, then scroll down to the Network settings pane to select the name of the **Security group** applied.
3. Go to the outbound rules and select **Edit outbound rules**.
4. Select **Add rule**.
5. In the **Type** column for the new rule, select **Custom TCP**.
6. In the **Port range** column, type `9098`.
7. In the **Source** column, type the name of the MSK target cluster's security group, and then select **Save rules**.

> **Note**
>
> Alternately, if you do not want to restrict traffic using your security groups, you can add inbound and outbound rules allowing All Traffic with source `0.0.0.0/0`.

Configure replicator settings and permissions

1. In the **Replicator settings** pane, specify the topics you want to replicate using regular expressions in the allow and deny lists. By default, all topics are replicated.

   > **Note**
   >
   > MSK Replicator only replicates up to 750 topics in sorted order. If you need to replicate more topics, create a separate Replicator. Go to the AWS console Support Center and create a support case if you need support for more than 750 topics per Replicator.

2. By default, MSK Replicator starts replication from the *latest* (most recent) offset. Alternatively, you can start replication from the *earliest* (oldest) offset if you want to replicate existing data. Once the Replicator is created, you cannot change this setting. This setting corresponds to the `startingPosition` field in the `CreateReplicator` request and `DescribeReplicator` response APIs.

3. Choose a topic name configuration:

   - `PREFIXED` topic name replication (**Add prefix to topics name** in console): The default setting.
   - Identical topic name replication (**Keep the same topics name** in console): Topics are replicated with identical names in the target cluster.

   For more information, see Topic naming (Prefixed vs Identical).

4. By default, MSK Replicator copies all metadata including topic configurations, ACLs, and consumer group offsets for seamless failover. If you are not creating the Replicator for failover, you can optionally turn off one or more of these settings in the **Additional settings** section.

5. In the **Consumer group replication** pane, specify the consumer groups you want to replicate using regular expressions in the allow and deny lists. By default, all consumer groups are replicated.

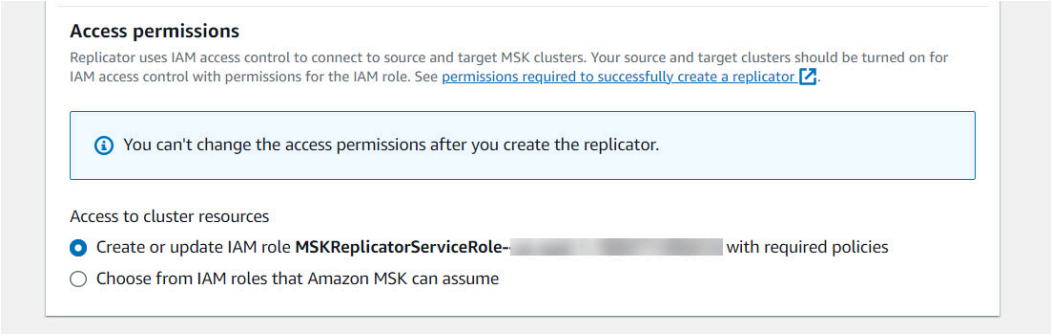
   You can also configure the **Consumer group offset sync mode**:

   - **Legacy** (default) — Offsets are synchronized when producers write to the source cluster (unidirectional).
   - **Enhanced** — Consumer offsets are synchronized regardless of producer location (bidirectional). Requires a corresponding Replicator that replicates data from the target cluster back to the source cluster. Use this mode when setting up bidirectional replication for migration or active-active architectures. For more information, see Consumer group offset synchronization.

6. In the **Compression** pane, you can optionally choose to compress the data written to the target cluster. If you use compression, we recommend using the same compression method as the data in your source cluster.

7. In the **Access permissions** pane, do either of the following:

   a. Select **Create or update IAM role with required policies**. The MSK console will automatically attach the necessary permissions and trust policy to the service execution role.



b. Provide your own IAM role by selecting **Choose from IAM roles that Amazon MSK can assume**. We recommend attaching the `AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole` managed IAM policy to your service execution role. See Service execution role (SER).

8. In the **Log delivery** pane, you can optionally configure log delivery to capture and route replication logs to your chosen destinations. By default, log delivery is not enabled. You can enable one or more of the following destinations:

   - **Deliver to Amazon CloudWatch Logs** — Analyze, query, and set alarms on the logs.
   - **Deliver to Amazon S3** — Store and retrieve raw logs in object storage.
   - **Deliver to Amazon Data Firehose** — Capture, transform, and deliver logs to Amazon OpenSearch Service or other Amazon Data Firehose destinations.

   For more information, see MSK Replicator logs.

9. In the **Replicator tags** pane, you can optionally assign tags to the MSK Replicator resource. For a cross-region MSK Replicator, tags are synced to the remote Region automatically when the Replicator is created.

10. Select **Create**.

It takes approximately 30 minutes for the MSK Replicator to be successfully created and transition to RUNNING status. If your MSK Replicator transitions to a FAILED status, see Troubleshoot Amazon MSK Replicator.

Create a replicator using the AWS CLI

Use the `create-replicator` command to create an MSK Replicator. Before you begin, make sure you have the IAM permissions required to create an MSK Replicator and have completed Prepare source and target clusters.

Note

The examples below show replication between two MSK clusters. MSK Replicator also supports replication between self-managed Apache Kafka clusters and MSK Provisioned clusters. For API examples covering that scenario, see CreateReplicator API examples for self-managed Kafka clusters.

```
aws kafka create-replicator \
  --replicator-name "<replicator-name>" \
  --service-execution-role-arn "arn:aws:iam::<account-id>:role/<role-name>" \
  --kafka-clusters '[
    {
      "AmazonMskCluster": {"MskClusterArn": "<source-cluster-arn>"},
      "VpcConfig": {
        "SubnetIds": ["<subnet-1>", "<subnet-2>"],
        "SecurityGroupIds": ["<security-group-id>"]
      }
    },
    {
      "AmazonMskCluster": {"MskClusterArn": "<target-cluster-arn>"},
      "VpcConfig": {
        "SubnetIds": ["<subnet-1>", "<subnet-2>"],
        "SecurityGroupIds": ["<security-group-id>"]
      }
    }
  ]' \
  --replication-info-list '[
    {
      "SourceKafkaClusterArn": "<source-cluster-arn>",
      "TargetKafkaClusterArn": "<target-cluster-arn>",
      "TopicReplication": {
        "TopicsToReplicate": [".*"],
        "CopyTopicConfigurations": true,
        "CopyAccessControlListsForTopics": true,
        "DetectAndCopyNewTopics": true,
        "StartingPosition": {"Type": "LATEST"},
        "TopicNameConfiguration": {"Type": "PREFIXED"}
      },
      "ConsumerGroupReplication": {
        "ConsumerGroupsToReplicate": [".*"],
        "ConsumerGroupOffsetSyncMode": "LEGACY"
```

```
      },
      "TargetCompressionType": "NONE"
    }
  ]'
```

To enable log delivery when creating a replicator, include the `--log-delivery` parameter. The following example enables log delivery to Amazon CloudWatch Logs, Amazon S3, and Amazon Data Firehose.

```
aws kafka create-replicator \
  --replicator-name "<replicator-name>" \
  --service-execution-role-arn "arn:aws:iam::<account-id>:role/<role-name>" \
  --kafka-clusters '[
    {
      "AmazonMskCluster": {"MskClusterArn": "<source-cluster-arn>"},
      "VpcConfig": {
        "SubnetIds": ["<subnet-1>", "<subnet-2>"],
        "SecurityGroupIds": ["<security-group-id>"]
      }
    },
    {
      "AmazonMskCluster": {"MskClusterArn": "<target-cluster-arn>"},
      "VpcConfig": {
        "SubnetIds": ["<subnet-1>", "<subnet-2>"],
        "SecurityGroupIds": ["<security-group-id>"]
      }
    }
  ]' \
  --replication-info-list '[
    {
      "SourceKafkaClusterArn": "<source-cluster-arn>",
      "TargetKafkaClusterArn": "<target-cluster-arn>",
      "TopicReplication": {
        "TopicsToReplicate": [".*"],
        "CopyTopicConfigurations": true,
        "CopyAccessControlListsForTopics": true,
        "DetectAndCopyNewTopics": true,
        "StartingPosition": {"Type": "LATEST"},
        "TopicNameConfiguration": {"Type": "PREFIXED"}
      },
      "ConsumerGroupReplication": {
        "ConsumerGroupsToReplicate": [".*"]
      },
```

```
      "TargetCompressionType": "NONE"
    }
  ]' \
  --log-delivery '{
    "ReplicatorLogDelivery": {
      "CloudWatchLogs": {
        "Enabled": true,
        "LogGroup": "/mskr/logs/<log-group-name>"
      },
      "S3": {
        "Enabled": true,
        "Bucket": "<s3-bucket-name>",
        "Prefix": "<optional-prefix>"
      },
      "Firehose": {
        "Enabled": true,
        "DeliveryStream": "<delivery-stream-name>"
      }
    }
  }'
```

You can enable one or more log delivery destinations. To enable only Amazon CloudWatch Logs, omit the S3 and `Firehose` fields, or set their `Enabled` value to `false`. For more information about log delivery, see MSK Replicator logs.

> **Note**
>
> When log delivery is enabled, your IAM role must have the additional permissions required to write to the configured log destination. For the required permissions, see Enabling logging from AWS services.

For the full API reference, see CreateReplicator in the Amazon MSK API Reference.

Selective topic replication

Use regex patterns in `topicsToReplicate` and `topicsToExclude` to control which topics are replicated. The following example replicates topics starting with `prod-` and excludes topics starting with `test-`:

```
"topicReplication": {
```

```
  "topicsToReplicate": ["prod-.*"],
  "topicsToExclude": ["test-.*"],
  "detectAndCopyNewTopics": true
}
```

Verify Replicator status

After creating a Replicator, check its status using the `describe-replicator` command:

```
aws kafka describe-replicator \
  --replicator-arn arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:replicator/my-replicator/xxx
```

The Replicator progresses through `CREATING` → `RUNNING` states. Allow approximately 30 minutes for the Replicator to reach `RUNNING` status. If it transitions to `FAILED`, see Troubleshoot Amazon MSK Replicator.

Create a replicator using CloudFormation or Terraform

AWS CloudFormation

Use the `AWS::MSK::Replicator` resource type. For the full resource reference, see AWS::MSK::Replicator in the AWS CloudFormation User Guide.

Terraform

Use the `aws_msk_replicator` resource. For the full resource reference, see aws_msk_replicator in the Terraform Registry.

Edit a replicator

You cannot change the source cluster, target cluster, Replicator starting position, or topic name replication configuration once the MSK Replicator has been created. You need to create a new replicator to change these settings. However, you can edit other Replicator settings, such as topics and consumer groups to replicate.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the left navigation pane, choose **Replicators** and select the MSK Replicator you want to edit.
3. Choose the **Properties** tab.
4. In the **Replicator settings** section, choose **Edit replicator**.

5. You can edit the following settings:

   - Topics to replicate using regular expressions in the allow and deny lists.
   - Metadata replication settings (topic configurations, ACLs, consumer group offsets).

     > **Note**
     >
     > MSK Replicator does not replicate write ACLs since your producers should not be writing directly to the replicated topic in the target cluster. Your producers should write to the local topic in the target cluster after failover.

   - Consumer groups to replicate using regular expressions in the allow and deny lists. If both allow and deny lists are empty, consumer group replication is turned off.
   - Log delivery configurations (`logDelivery`) to forward operational logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs, Amazon S3, or Amazon Data Firehose. See MSK Replicator logs.

   > **Note**
   >
   > Log delivery configurations cannot be updated at the same time as consumer groups or topics configuration. These settings must be updated independently in separate update actions.

6. Save your changes. It takes approximately 30 minutes for the changes to take effect.

Delete a replicator

You may need to delete an MSK Replicator if it fails to create (FAILED status). The source and target clusters assigned to an MSK Replicator cannot be changed once the MSK Replicator is created. You can delete an existing MSK Replicator and create a new one. If you create a new MSK Replicator to replace the deleted one, the new Replicator starts replication from the latest offset.

1. In the AWS Region where your target cluster is located, sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, select **Replicators**.
3. From the list of MSK Replicators, select the one you want to delete and choose **Delete**.

Monitor replication

You can use Amazon CloudWatch in the target cluster Region to view metrics for `ReplicationLatency`, `MessageLag`, and `ReplicatorThroughput` at a topic and aggregate level for each MSK Replicator. Metrics are visible under **ReplicatorName** in the "AWS/Kafka" namespace. You can also see `ReplicatorFailure`, `AuthError`, and `ThrottleTime` metrics to check for issues.

The MSK console displays a subset of CloudWatch metrics for each MSK Replicator. From the console **Replicator** list, select the name of a Replicator and select the **Monitoring** tab.

You can also enable log forwarding for your MSK Replicator to gain deeper visibility into replication operations and simplify troubleshooting. MSK Replicator supports forwarding operational logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs, Amazon S3, and Amazon Data Firehose. By default, log delivery is not enabled. You can configure log delivery when you create or update a Replicator using the `logDelivery` configuration in the `CreateReplicator` or `UpdateReplicator` API request.

For more detailed information on monitoring, metrics, logs, and troubleshooting, see Observability.

Replication patterns

MSK Replicator supports several replication patterns depending on your use case. This section describes how to set up each pattern and how to perform failover and failback operations.

Topics

- Same-region replication
- Cross-region replication
- Active-passive replication
- Active-active replication
- Failover to the secondary AWS Region
- Planned failover
- Unplanned failover
- Failback

Same-region replication

In same-region replication (SRR), both the source and target MSK clusters are in the same AWS Region. Same-region replication is useful for data aggregation, distributing data to partners, or migrating between clusters.

Key differences from cross-region replication:

- The source cluster does not require multi-VPC private connectivity.
- You do not need to attach a resource-based permissions policy to the source cluster.
- You must provide security groups for both the source and target clusters. The subnets you select for the source and target clusters must be in the same Availability Zones.
- The source cluster can still be accessed by other clients using the unauthenticated auth type.

Cross-region replication

In cross-region replication (CRR), the source and target MSK clusters are in different AWS Regions. Cross-region replication is the foundation for building multi-region resilient streaming applications.

Key requirements for cross-region replication:

- The source cluster must have multi-VPC private connectivity turned on for IAM access control. See Cluster owner turns on multi-VPC.
- You must attach a resource-based permissions policy to the source cluster. See Prepare the source cluster.
- You do not need to provide security groups for the source cluster.
- The Replicator is created in the target cluster's AWS Region.

Replication latency varies based on the network distance between the AWS Regions, the throughput capacity of your clusters, and the number of partitions. For example, replication latency is typically lower between Europe (Ireland) and Europe (London) compared to Europe (Ireland) and Asia Pacific (Sydney).

Active-passive replication

In an active-passive setup, only one MSK cluster at a time is actively serving streaming data, while the other cluster is on standby. Active-passive setups are suited to applications that can run in only one AWS Region at a time, or when you need more control over the data processing order.

For an active-passive setup, we recommend the following:

- Operate a similar setup of producers, MSK clusters, and consumers (with the same consumer group name) in two different AWS Regions.
- Ensure that the two MSK clusters have identical read and write capacity for reliable data replication.
- Create an MSK Replicator to continuously copy data from the primary to the standby cluster.
- Configure your producers to write data into topics on a cluster in the same AWS Region.

We recommend creating the Replicator with Identical topic name replication (**Keep the same topics name** in console). This simplifies the failover process since it does not require changes to the bootstrap string or topic name reconfigurations. To ensure that consumers read from near where they left off, consumers in the source and target clusters should have the same consumer group ID.

Configure cluster-level settings and permissions for your clients on the target cluster. You do not need to configure topic-level settings and literal read ACLs as MSK Replicator automatically copies them if you have selected the option to copy access control lists. See Metadata and ACL replication.

Active-active replication

In an active-active setup, both MSK clusters are actively serving reads and writes. An active-active cluster topology offers near zero recovery time and the capability for your streaming application to operate simultaneously in multiple AWS Regions.

Using Prefixed topic name replication (recommended)

We recommend using Prefixed topic name replication (**Add prefix to topics name** in console) for active-active setups. This requires reconfiguring your consumers to read the replicated topics, but avoids additional data processing charges.

1. Create an MSK Replicator with MSK cluster A as source and MSK cluster B as target.
2. After the above MSK Replicator has been successfully created, create a Replicator with cluster B as source and cluster A as target.

3. Create two sets of producers, each writing data at the same time into the local topic (for example, "topic") in the cluster in the same Region as the producer.
4. Create two sets of consumers, each reading data using a wildcard subscription (such as `.*topic`) from the MSK cluster in the same AWS Region as the consumer. This way your consumers will automatically read data produced locally from the local topic (for example, `topic`), as well as data replicated from the other Region in topic with the prefix `<sourceKafkaClusterAlias>.topic`. These two sets of consumers should have different consumer group IDs so that consumer group offsets are not overwritten when MSK Replicator copies them to the other cluster.

Using Identical topic name replication

If you want to avoid reconfiguring your clients, you can create the MSK Replicators using Identical topic name replication (**Keep the same topics name** in console). However, you will pay additional data processing and data transfer charges for each Replicator. This is because each Replicator will need to process twice the usual amount of data, once for replication and again to prevent infinite loops. You can track the total amount of data processed by each replicator using the `ReplicatorBytesInPerSec` metric.

> **Note**
>
> If you use Identical topic name replication for active-active topology, wait at least 30 seconds after deleting a topic before re-creating a topic with the same name. This waiting period helps prevent duplicated messages being replicated back to the source cluster. Your consumers must be able to reprocess duplicate messages without downstream impact.

Failover to the secondary AWS Region

We recommend that you monitor replication latency in the secondary AWS Region using Amazon CloudWatch. During a service event in the primary AWS Region, replication latency may suddenly increase. If the latency keeps increasing, use the AWS Service Health Dashboard to check for service events in the primary AWS Region. If there is a service event, you can failover to the secondary AWS Region.

Planned failover

You can conduct a planned failover to test the resiliency of your application against an unexpected event in your primary AWS Region. A planned failover should not result in data loss.

Identical topic name replication

1. Shut down all producers and consumers connecting to your source cluster.
2. Create a new MSK Replicator to replicate data from your MSK cluster in the secondary Region to your MSK cluster in the primary Region with Identical topic name replication (**Keep the same topics name** in console). This is required to copy data written to the secondary Region back to the primary Region for failback.
3. Start producers and consumers connected to the target cluster in the secondary AWS Region.

Prefixed topic name replication

1. Shut down all producers and consumers connecting to your source cluster.
2. Create a new MSK Replicator to replicate data from your MSK cluster in the secondary Region to your MSK cluster in the primary Region. This is required for failback.
3. Start producers on the target cluster in the secondary AWS Region.
4. If your application does not require message ordering, start consumers in the secondary AWS Region that read from both the local (for example, `topic`) and replicated topics (for example, `<sourceKafkaClusterAlias>.topic`) using a wildcard operator (for example, `.*topic`).

   If your application requires message ordering, start consumers only for the replicated topics on the target cluster (for example, `<sourceKafkaClusterAlias>.topic`) but not the local topics.
5. Wait for all the consumers of replicated topics on the target MSK cluster to finish processing all data, so that consumer lag is 0. Then, stop consumers for the replicated topics.
6. Start consumers for the local topics (for example, `topic`) on the target MSK cluster.

Unplanned failover

You can conduct an unplanned failover when there is a service event in the primary AWS Region and you want to temporarily redirect your traffic to the secondary Region. An unplanned failover could result in some data loss as MSK Replicator replicates data asynchronously. You can track the message lag using the metrics in Monitor replication.

Identical topic name replication

1. Attempt to shut down all producers and consumers connecting to the source MSK cluster in the primary Region. This operation might not succeed due to impairments in that Region.
2. Start producers and consumers connecting to the target MSK cluster in the secondary AWS Region. As MSK Replicator also replicates metadata including read ACLs and consumer group offsets, your producers and consumers will seamlessly resume processing from near where they left off.

Prefixed topic name replication

1. Attempt to shut down all producers and consumers connecting to the source MSK cluster in the primary Region.
2. Start producers connecting to the target MSK cluster in the secondary AWS Region.
3. If your application does not require message ordering, start consumers that read from both the local and replicated topics using a wildcard operator. If your application requires message ordering, start consumers only for the replicated topics first, wait for lag to reach 0, then switch to local topics.
4. Once the service event has ended in the primary Region, create a new MSK Replicator to replicate data from your MSK cluster in the secondary Region to your MSK cluster in the primary Region with Replicator starting position set to *earliest*. If you do not set the starting position to *earliest*, any data produced during the service event will not be copied back.

Failback

You can failback to the primary AWS Region after the service event in that Region has ended.

Identical topic name replication

1. Create a new MSK Replicator with your secondary cluster as source and primary cluster as target, starting position set to *earliest* and Identical topic name replication (**Keep the same topics name** in console). This starts copying all data written to the secondary cluster after failover back to the primary Region.
2. Monitor the `MessageLag` metric on the new replicator in Amazon CloudWatch until it reaches `0`, which indicates all data has been replicated from secondary to primary.
3. After all data has been replicated, stop all producers connecting to the secondary cluster and start producers connecting to the primary cluster.
4. Wait for `MaxOffsetLag` metric for your consumers connecting to the secondary cluster to become `0` to ensure they have processed all the data. See Monitor consumer lags.
5. Once all data has been processed, stop consumers in the secondary Region and start consumers connecting to the primary cluster to complete the failback.
6. Delete the Replicator you created in the first step that is replicating data from your secondary cluster to primary.
7. Verify that your existing Replicator copying data from primary to secondary cluster has status as "RUNNING" and `ReplicatorThroughput` metric in Amazon CloudWatch is greater than `0`.

   Note that when you create a new Replicator with starting position as *Earliest* for failback, it starts reading all data in your secondary cluster's topics. Depending on your data retention settings, your topics may have data that came from your source cluster. While MSK Replicator automatically filters those messages, you will still incur data processing and transfer charges for all the data in your secondary cluster. You can track the total data processed by replicator using `ReplicatorBytesInPerSec`.

Prefixed topic name replication

You should initiate failback steps only after replication from the cluster in the secondary Region to the cluster in the primary Region has caught up and the `MessageLag` metric in Amazon CloudWatch is close to 0. A planned failback should not result in any data loss.

1. Shut down all producers and consumers connecting to the MSK cluster in the secondary Region.

2. For active-passive topology, delete the Replicator that is replicating data from the cluster in the secondary Region to the primary Region. You do not need to delete the Replicator for active-active topology.
3. Start producers connecting to the MSK cluster in the primary Region.
4. If your application does not require message ordering, start consumers in the primary AWS Region that read from both the local and replicated topics using a wildcard operator. If your application requires message ordering, start consumers only for the replicated topics first, wait for lag to reach 0, then switch to local topics.
5. Verify that the existing Replicator from the cluster in the primary Region to the cluster in the secondary Region is in RUNNING state and working as expected using the `ReplicatorThroughput` and latency metrics.

Migration

MSK Replicator supports several migration scenarios. This section describes how to migrate data between clusters, from self-managed Kafka environments to Amazon MSK, and how to transition from other replication tools.

Topics

- Migrate between Amazon MSK clusters
- Migrate from non-MSK Apache Kafka clusters to Amazon MSK Provisioned
- Migrate from MirrorMaker 2 to Amazon MSK Replicator
- Assess migration readiness with AI tools
- Cross-account migration between Amazon MSK clusters

Migrate between Amazon MSK clusters

Amazon MSK Replicator supports migrations between Amazon MSK clusters in the same AWS account. You can use Identical topic name replication for cluster migration, but your consumers must be able to handle duplicate messages without downstream impact. This is because MSK Replicator provides at-least-once replication, which can lead to duplicate messages in rare scenarios. If your consumers meet this requirement, follow these steps.

> **Note**
>
> To move an existing Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster from Standard brokers to Express brokers, you can upgrade the cluster in place instead of migrating to a new cluster. In-place upgrade keeps your cluster endpoints and consumer offsets, so you don't need to reconfigure producers or consumers. In-place upgrade is available for clusters running Apache Kafka version 3.9 with KRaft across three Availability Zones. For more information, see Upgrade Standard brokers to Express brokers.
> If your cluster isn't eligible for in-place upgrade, contact AWS Support or your AWS account team for help migrating to Express brokers.

1. Create a Replicator that replicates data from your old cluster to the new cluster with Replicator's starting position set to *Earliest* and using Identical topic name replication (**Keep the same topics name** in console).
2. Configure cluster-level settings and permissions on the new cluster. You do not need to configure topic-level settings and "literal" read ACLs, as MSK Replicator automatically copies them.
3. Monitor the `MessageLag` metric in Amazon CloudWatch until it reaches 0, which indicates all data has been replicated.
4. After all data has been replicated, stop producers from writing data to the old cluster.
5. Reconfigure those producers to connect to the new cluster and start them.
6. Monitor `MaxOffsetLag` metric for your consumers reading data from the old cluster until it becomes `0`, which indicates all existing data has been processed.
7. Stop consumers that are connecting to the old cluster.
8. Reconfigure consumers to connect to the new cluster and start them.

Migrate from non-MSK Apache Kafka clusters to Amazon MSK Provisioned

You can use MSK Replicator to migrate Apache Kafka workloads from self-managed environments to Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters. MSK Replicator supports data migration from Kafka deployments (Kafka version 2.8.1 or later) that have SASL/SCRAM, mutual TLS (mTLS), or SASL/OAUTHBEARER (OAuth) authentication enabled.

> **Note**
>
> SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, or SASL/OAUTHBEARER authentication is required only for MSK Replicator to connect to your self-managed Kafka cluster. Your client applications can continue using their existing authentication mechanisms.

Prerequisites

Before you begin, ensure you have the following:

1. Source Apache Kafka cluster running version 2.8.1 or later
2. SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, or SASL/OAUTHBEARER authentication enabled on source cluster
3. SSL encryption configured on source cluster
4. Network connectivity via AWS Site-to-Site VPN or AWS Direct Connect
5. VPC subnets configured for Secrets Manager access

For detailed instructions, see Set up prerequisites for MSK Replicator with self-managed Apache Kafka clusters.

Step 1: Create an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster

Create an MSK Provisioned cluster with IAM authentication enabled. Minimum three brokers across three AZs. See Prepare the target cluster.

Step 2: Create an IAM execution role

Attach the `AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole` managed policy and configure the trust policy for `kafka.amazonaws.com`. Add inline permissions for AWS Secrets Manager (and AWS KMS if your secrets are CMK-encrypted) per Additional SER permissions for SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, SASL/OAUTHBEARER, and customer managed keys. See Set up prerequisites for MSK Replicator with self-managed Apache Kafka clusters.

Step 3: Configure SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, or SASL/OAUTHBEARER, and SSL on self-managed cluster

Configure authentication on your self-managed cluster. For SASL/SCRAM, create a dedicated SCRAM user with the required ACL permissions. For mTLS, configure an SSL listener with client certificate authentication. For SASL/OAUTHBEARER, configure your brokers for OAUTHBEARER and

register the identity provider (IDP) that vends access tokens. Configure SSL certificates. See Set up prerequisites for MSK Replicator with self-managed Apache Kafka clusters.

Step 4: Store credentials in AWS Secrets Manager

Create a secret with the appropriate key-value pairs for your authentication type. For SASL/SCRAM, include `username`, `password`, and `certificate` fields. For mTLS, include `certificate` and `privateKey` fields (and optionally `privateKeyPassword` for encrypted private keys). For SASL/OAUTHBEARER using the client credentials mechanism, include `client_id` and `client_secret` fields. See Set up prerequisites for MSK Replicator with self-managed Apache Kafka clusters.

Step 5: Create the Replicator

Use `CreateReplicator` API with `EARLIEST` starting position, Identical topic name replication, and `synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets` set to `true`. The IAM principal that calls `CreateReplicator` must have the API caller permissions described in IAM permissions required to create an MSK Replicator. If you plan to set up bidirectional replication for rollback capability (Step 6), also set `consumerGroupOffsetSyncMode` to `ENHANCED` on both the forward and reverse Replicators. Allow approximately 30 minutes for the Replicator to reach RUNNING status. See CreateReplicator API examples for self-managed Kafka clusters.

Step 6: (Optional) Set up bidirectional replication

Create a reverse Replicator from the MSK Provisioned cluster back to the self-managed cluster for rollback capabilities. Identify both clusters in the reverse Replicator exactly as you identified them in the forward Replicator. See the section called “Bidirectional replication example”.

Step 7: Monitor replication progress

Monitor the following metrics:

- `MessageLag` (should reach 0)
- `ReplicationLatency`
- `ConsumerGroupOffsetSyncFailure` (should be 0)
- `ConsumerGroupCount`
- `OffsetLag (MSK Cluster)` and `OffsetLag (Non-MSK Cluster)`

For more information, see Monitor replication.

Step 8: Migrate applications

Follow these steps to migrate your applications:

1. Stop producers writing to self-managed cluster
2. Reconfigure producers to MSK Provisioned cluster with IAM authentication
3. Monitor `MessageLag` until it reaches 0
4. Stop consumers on self-managed cluster
5. Reconfigure consumers to MSK Provisioned cluster

Step 9: (Optional) Roll back to self-managed cluster

If bidirectional replication was configured, you can reverse the migration steps to roll back to the self-managed cluster. The reverse Replicator (MSK Provisioned → External) will have been keeping the self-managed cluster in sync, so consumers can be redirected back without data loss.

Set up prerequisites for MSK Replicator with self-managed Apache Kafka clusters

Create an IAM execution role

Create an IAM role with a trust policy for `kafka.amazonaws.com`. Attach the `AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole` managed policy. The managed policy grants the cluster-, topic-, and consumer-group-level Kafka permissions the Replicator needs, but it does *not* include AWS Secrets Manager or AWS KMS permissions, which are required for SASL/SCRAM authentication and CMK-encrypted credentials. For the inline policy snippets to add, see Additional SER permissions for SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, SASL/OAUTHBEARER, and customer managed keys.

Example trust policy:

```
{
  "Statement": [{
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": {"Service": "kafka.amazonaws.com"},
    "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
  }]
}
```

Configure SASL/SCRAM user and ACL permissions

Create a dedicated SCRAM user on your self-managed Kafka cluster. The following ACL permissions are required:

1. Read, Describe on all topics
2. Read, Describe on all consumer groups
3. Describe on cluster resource

Example kafka-acls.sh commands:

```
# Grant Read and Describe on all topics
kafka-acls.sh --bootstrap-server <broker>:9092 \
  --add --allow-principal User:msk-replicator \
  --operation Read --operation Describe \
  --topic '*'

# Grant Read and Describe on all consumer groups
kafka-acls.sh --bootstrap-server <broker>:9092 \
  --add --allow-principal User:msk-replicator \
  --operation Read --operation Describe \
  --group '*'

# Grant Describe on cluster
kafka-acls.sh --bootstrap-server <broker>:9092 \
  --add --allow-principal User:msk-replicator \
  --operation Describe --cluster
```

Configure mTLS on self-managed cluster

Configure an SSL listener on your self-managed Kafka brokers with `ssl.client.auth=required`. The broker's truststore must contain the CA certificate that signed the client certificate you will use for MSK Replicator.

Grant ACL permissions to the Kafka principal derived from the client certificate's Distinguished Name (DN). The required permissions are: Read and Describe on all topics, Read and Describe on all consumer groups, and Describe on the cluster resource.

Configure SASL/OAUTHBEARER (OAuth) on self-managed cluster

With SASL/OAUTHBEARER, MSK Replicator obtains an access token from your identity provider (IDP) and presents it to your self-managed Kafka cluster during the SASL/OAUTHBEARER handshake (RFC 7628). Configure your brokers with a SASL_SSL listener that has OAUTHBEARER enabled in `sasl.enabled.mechanisms`, and configure the broker-side validation of tokens issued by your IDP.

Grant the Kafka principal that your IDP maps the access token to the ACL permissions that MSK Replicator requires on the source cluster.

MSK Replicator supports the following mechanisms for acquiring an access token. You choose one when you create the Replicator (see CreateReplicator API examples for self-managed Kafka clusters).

- **Client credentials** — The standard `client_credentials` grant (RFC 6749 §4.4). You provide a `client_id` and `client_secret` in AWS Secrets Manager. Use this mechanism with IDPs such as Okta, Microsoft Entra ID, Keycloak, PingFederate, and Google.
- **IAM JWT bearer** — The JWT bearer assertion grant (RFC 7523). MSK Replicator uses the service execution role's AWS identity to obtain a signed JWT that is sent to the token endpoint as the assertion. No shared secret is required, though you can optionally supply client credentials if your IDP requires the client to also authenticate.
- **Client credentials assertion** — The `client_credentials` grant with a JWT client assertion (RFC 7521/7523 §2.2). The service execution role's signed JWT is used as the `client_assertion` to authenticate the client, without a shared secret.

The following requirements apply to the token endpoint:

- The `tokenEndpointUrl` must use the HTTPS scheme and specify a hostname (IP address literals are not allowed, so that TLS hostname verification can be performed).
- The token endpoint must be reachable from the VPC subnets you provide for the Replicator. See the section called “Configure network connectivity”.
- If your IDP presents a certificate issued by a private CA, store the CA certificate in AWS Secrets Manager and reference it with `tokenEndpointTlsCertificateArn` when you create the Replicator.

Configure SSL on self-managed cluster

Configure SSL listeners on your brokers. For publicly trusted certificates, no additional configuration is required. For private or self-signed certificates, include the full CA certificate chain in the secret stored in AWS Secrets Manager.

Store credentials in AWS Secrets Manager

Create a secret of type *Other* (not RDS/Redshift) in AWS Secrets Manager with the appropriate key-value pairs for your authentication type.

For SASL/SCRAM:

1. `username` — SCRAM username for the self-managed cluster
2. `password` — SCRAM password for the self-managed cluster
3. `certificate` — CA certificate chain (PEM format; required for private/self-signed certs)

For mTLS:

1. `certificate` — PEM-encoded client certificate chain
2. `privateKey` — PEM-encoded private key
3. `privateKeyPassword` — (Optional) Passphrase for the private key, required only for encrypted PKCS8 keys

For SASL/OAUTHBEARER:

A secret is required for the client credentials mechanism and is optional for the IAM JWT bearer and client credentials assertion mechanisms (supply it only if your IDP requires the client to also authenticate). The secret is a flat JSON object of key-value pairs. MSK Replicator recognizes the following keys:

- `client_id` — The OAuth client identifier. Required for the client credentials mechanism.
- `client_secret` — The OAuth client secret. Required for the client credentials mechanism.
- `custom_param.<name>` — (Optional) An additional form parameter appended to the token request, for IDPs that require parameters beyond the standard OAuth set. Add one key per parameter (for example, `custom_param.resource`).
- `custom_header.<name>` — (Optional) An additional HTTP header sent with the token request. Add one key per header (for example, `custom_header.X-Custom`).
- `extension.<name>` — (Optional) A SASL extension sent to the Kafka broker during the SASL/OAUTHBEARER handshake, for Kafka providers that require additional key-value pairs during authentication. Add one key per extension.

Keys other than `client_id` and `client_secret` that do not use one of these prefixes are ignored. The following is an example secret value for the client credentials mechanism:

```
{
  "client_id": "my-oauth-client",
  "client_secret": "example-client-secret",
  "custom_param.resource": "urn:example:kafka"
}
```

> **Note**
>
> MSK Replicator rejects `custom_param.` entries whose parameter name conflicts with a standard OAuth parameter (for example, `grant_type`, `client_id`, `client_secret`, `client_assertion`, `client_assertion_type`, `assertion`, and `scope`). It also rejects restricted `custom_header.` entries such as `Host`, `Authorization`, and `Content-Type`.

Configure network connectivity

MSK Replicator requires network connectivity to your self-managed Kafka cluster. Supported options:

- **AWS Site-to-Site VPN** — Connect on-premises networks to your VPC over the internet.
- **AWS Direct Connect** — Establish a dedicated private network connection from your premises to AWS.

If you use SASL/OAUTHBEARER, the token endpoint must also be reachable from the VPC subnets you provide for the Replicator. For an internet-hosted IDP, this typically requires an internet gateway, NAT gateway, and route table entries; for an on-premises or private IDP, use AWS Site-to-Site VPN or AWS Direct Connect. The token endpoint must not resolve to a loopback, link-local, or AWS metadata address.

Configure security groups

Ensure security groups allow traffic between MSK Replicator and the self-managed cluster on the port used by your authentication listener. Update both inbound rules on VPC security groups and outbound rules on the self-managed cluster firewall.

CreateReplicator API examples for self-managed Kafka clusters

Forward replication (Self-managed Kafka to MSK Provisioned)

Use the following AWS CLI command to create a Replicator that replicates data from your self-managed Kafka cluster to an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster.

Using SASL/SCRAM authentication:

```
aws kafka create-replicator \
  --replicator-name my-selfmanaged-to-msk-replicator \
  --description "Replicating from self-managed Kafka to MSK Provisioned" \
  --service-execution-role-arn arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKReplicatorRole \
  --kafka-clusters '[
    {
      "apacheKafkaCluster": {
        "bootstrapBrokerString": "broker1:9094,broker2:9094,broker3:9094",
        "apacheKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>"
      },
      "clientAuthentication": {
        "saslScram": {
          "mechanism": "SHA256",
          "secretArn": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-
scram-creds"
        }
      },
      "encryptionInTransit": {
        "encryptionType": "TLS",
        "rootCaCertificate": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-scram-creds"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-aaa","subnet-bbb","subnet-ccc"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx"]
      }
    },
    {
      "amazonMskCluster": {
        "mskClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-provisioned/
xxx"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-ddd","subnet-eee","subnet-fff"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-yyyyyyyyy"]
```

```
      }
    }]' \
  --replication-info-list '[{
    "sourceKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>",
    "targetKafkaClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-
provisioned/xxx",
    "targetCompressionType": "NONE",
    "topicReplication": {
      "topicsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "topicNameConfiguration": {"type": "IDENTICAL"},
      "startingPosition": {"type": "EARLIEST"},
      "detectAndCopyNewTopics": true,
      "copyTopicConfigurations": true,
      "copyAccessControlListsForTopics": true
    },
    "consumerGroupReplication": {
      "consumerGroupsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "detectAndCopyNewConsumerGroups": true,
      "synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets": true
    }}]'
```

Using mTLS authentication:

```
aws kafka create-replicator \
  --replicator-name my-selfmanaged-to-msk-replicator \
  --description "Replicating from self-managed Kafka to MSK Provisioned" \
  --service-execution-role-arn arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKReplicatorRole \
  --kafka-clusters '[
    {
      "apacheKafkaCluster": {
        "bootstrapBrokerString": "broker1:9095,broker2:9095,broker3:9095",
        "apacheKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>"
      },
      "clientAuthentication": {
        "MTLS": {
          "secretArn": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-
mtls-creds"
        }
      },
      "encryptionInTransit": {
        "encryptionType": "TLS",
        "rootCaCertificate": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-ca-cert"
```

```
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-aaa","subnet-bbb","subnet-ccc"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx"]
      }
    },
    {
      "amazonMskCluster": {
        "mskClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-provisioned/
xxx"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-ddd","subnet-eee","subnet-fff"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-yyyyyyyyy"]
      }
    }]' \
  --replication-info-list '[{
    "sourceKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>",
    "targetKafkaClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-
provisioned/xxx",
    "targetCompressionType": "NONE",
    "topicReplication": {
      "topicsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "topicNameConfiguration": {"type": "IDENTICAL"},
      "startingPosition": {"type": "EARLIEST"},
      "detectAndCopyNewTopics": true,
      "copyTopicConfigurations": true,
      "copyAccessControlListsForTopics": true
    },
    "consumerGroupReplication": {
      "consumerGroupsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "detectAndCopyNewConsumerGroups": true,
      "synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets": true
    }}]'
```

Using SASL/OAUTHBEARER (OAuth) authentication:

The following example uses the client credentials mechanism, which reads a `client_id` and `client_secret` from the secret referenced by `tokenRequestSecretArn`. The `saslOAuthBearer` block replaces the `saslScram` or `MTLS` block in `clientAuthentication`. Specify exactly one of `clientCredentials`, `iamJwtBearer`, or `clientCredentialsAssertion`.

```
aws kafka create-replicator \
  --replicator-name my-selfmanaged-to-msk-replicator \
  --description "Replicating from self-managed Kafka to MSK Provisioned" \
  --service-execution-role-arn arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKReplicatorRole \
  --kafka-clusters '[
    {
      "apacheKafkaCluster": {
        "bootstrapBrokerString": "broker1:9096,broker2:9096,broker3:9096",
        "apacheKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>"
      },
      "clientAuthentication": {
        "saslOAuthBearer": {
          "tokenEndpointUrl": "https://idp.example.com/oauth/token",
          "clientCredentials": {
            "tokenRequestSecretArn": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-oauth-creds"
          },
          "tokenEndpointAuthenticationMethod": "POST",
          "scope": "kafka",
          "tokenEndpointTlsCertificateArn": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:idp-ca-cert"
        }
      },
      "encryptionInTransit": {
        "encryptionType": "TLS",
        "rootCaCertificate": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-ca-cert"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-aaa","subnet-bbb","subnet-ccc"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx"]
      }
    },
    {
      "amazonMskCluster": {
        "mskClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-provisioned/
xxx"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-ddd","subnet-eee","subnet-fff"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-yyyyyyyyy"]
      }
    }]' \
```

```
  --replication-info-list '[{
    "sourceKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>",
    "targetKafkaClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-
provisioned/xxx",
    "targetCompressionType": "NONE",
    "topicReplication": {
      "topicsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "topicNameConfiguration": {"type": "IDENTICAL"},
      "startingPosition": {"type": "EARLIEST"},
      "detectAndCopyNewTopics": true,
      "copyTopicConfigurations": true,
      "copyAccessControlListsForTopics": true
    },
    "consumerGroupReplication": {
      "consumerGroupsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "detectAndCopyNewConsumerGroups": true,
      "synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets": true
    }}]'
```

To use a secretless mechanism instead, replace the `clientCredentials` block with one of the following. The IAM JWT bearer mechanism uses the service execution role's AWS identity as the assertion. It requires an `audience` (the value of the `aud` claim your IDP expects) and a `signingAlgorithm` (`RS256` or `ES384`):

```
"clientAuthentication": {
  "saslOAuthBearer": {
    "tokenEndpointUrl": "https://idp.example.com/oauth/token",
    "iamJwtBearer": {
      "audience": "msk-replicator-client",
      "signingAlgorithm": "RS256"
    },
    "tokenEndpointAuthenticationMethod": "NONE",
    "scope": "kafka"
  }
}
```

The client credentials assertion mechanism uses the service execution role's signed JWT as the `client_assertion`. It also requires `audience` and `signingAlgorithm`, and requires `tokenEndpointAuthenticationMethod` to be set to `NONE`:

```
"clientAuthentication": {
  "saslOAuthBearer": {
```

```
    "tokenEndpointUrl": "https://idp.example.com/oauth/token",
    "clientCredentialsAssertion": {
      "audience": "msk-replicator-client",
      "signingAlgorithm": "RS256"
    },
    "tokenEndpointAuthenticationMethod": "NONE",
    "scope": "kafka"
  }
}
```

The example includes `tokenEndpointTlsCertificateArn`, which is optional and needed only if your IDP presents a certificate issued by a private CA; omit it if your IDP uses a publicly trusted certificate. If your Kafka provider requires SASL extensions during the handshake, add them as `extension.<name>` entries in your secret rather than in the API request. See the section called "Store credentials in AWS Secrets Manager".

Bidirectional replication example

To set up bidirectional replication for rollback capability, both the forward and reverse Replicators must be created with `consumerGroupOffsetSyncMode` set to `ENHANCED`. This ensures consumer group offsets are synchronized in a way that supports seamless cutover in either direction.

> **Important**
>
> Register each cluster the same way in both Replicators. If a cluster is registered as an Amazon MSK cluster (`amazonMskCluster`, using its cluster ARN) in one Replicator, register it as an Amazon MSK cluster in the other as well. If it is registered as a self-managed Apache Kafka cluster (`apacheKafkaCluster`, using a bootstrap broker string), use that same type in both. Doing so ensures consistent tracking in MSK Replicator to prevent replication loops.

Using SASL/SCRAM authentication:

Create the forward Replicator (self-managed Kafka to MSK Provisioned) with `ENHANCED` offset sync mode:

```
aws kafka create-replicator \
  --replicator-name my-selfmanaged-to-msk-replicator \
  --description "Replicating from self-managed Kafka to MSK Provisioned" \
  --service-execution-role-arn arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKReplicatorRole \
```

```
  --kafka-clusters '[
    {
      "apacheKafkaCluster": {
        "bootstrapBrokerString": "broker1:9094,broker2:9094,broker3:9094",
        "apacheKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>"
      },
      "clientAuthentication": {
        "saslScram": {
          "mechanism": "SHA256",
          "secretArn": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-
scram-creds"
        }
      },
      "encryptionInTransit": {
        "encryptionType": "TLS",
        "rootCaCertificate": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-ca-cert"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-aaa","subnet-bbb","subnet-ccc"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx"]
      }
    },
    {
      "amazonMskCluster": {
        "mskClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-provisioned/
xxx"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-ddd","subnet-eee","subnet-fff"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-yyyyyyyyy"]
      }
    }]' \
  --replication-info-list '[{
    "sourceKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>",
    "targetKafkaClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-
provisioned/xxx",
    "targetCompressionType": "NONE",
    "topicReplication": {
      "topicsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "topicNameConfiguration": {"type": "IDENTICAL"},
      "startingPosition": {"type": "EARLIEST"},
      "detectAndCopyNewTopics": true,
      "copyTopicConfigurations": true,
```

```
      "copyAccessControlListsForTopics": true
    },
    "consumerGroupReplication": {
      "consumerGroupsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "detectAndCopyNewConsumerGroups": true,
      "synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets": true,
      "consumerGroupOffsetSyncMode": "ENHANCED"
    }}]'
```

Then create the reverse Replicator (MSK Provisioned to self-managed Kafka) also with `ENHANCED` offset sync mode:

```
aws kafka create-replicator \
  --replicator-name my-msk-to-selfmanaged-replicator \
  --description "Reverse replication for rollback" \
  --service-execution-role-arn arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKReplicatorRole \
  --kafka-clusters '[
    {
      "amazonMskCluster": {
        "mskClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-provisioned/
xxx"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-ddd","subnet-eee","subnet-fff"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-yyyyyyyyy"]
      }
    },
    {
      "apacheKafkaCluster": {
        "bootstrapBrokerString": "broker1:9094,broker2:9094,broker3:9094",
        "apacheKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>"
      },
      "clientAuthentication": {
        "saslScram": {
          "mechanism": "SHA256",
          "secretArn": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-
scram-creds"
        }
      },
      "encryptionInTransit": {
        "encryptionType": "TLS",
        "rootCaCertificate": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-ca-cert"
```

```
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-aaa","subnet-bbb","subnet-ccc"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx"]
      }
    }]' \
  --replication-info-list '[{
    "sourceKafkaClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-
provisioned/xxx",
    "targetKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>",
    "targetCompressionType": "NONE",
    "topicReplication": {
      "topicsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "topicNameConfiguration": {"type": "IDENTICAL"},
      "startingPosition": {"type": "LATEST"},
      "detectAndCopyNewTopics": true,
      "copyTopicConfigurations": true,
      "copyAccessControlListsForTopics": true
    },
    "consumerGroupReplication": {
      "consumerGroupsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "detectAndCopyNewConsumerGroups": true,
      "synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets": true,
      "consumerGroupOffsetSyncMode": "ENHANCED"
    }}]'
```

Using mTLS authentication:

Create the forward Replicator (self-managed Kafka to MSK Provisioned) with ENHANCED offset sync mode:

```
aws kafka create-replicator \
  --replicator-name my-selfmanaged-to-msk-replicator \
  --description "Replicating from self-managed Kafka to MSK Provisioned" \
  --service-execution-role-arn arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKReplicatorRole \
  --kafka-clusters '[
    {
      "apacheKafkaCluster": {
        "bootstrapBrokerString": "broker1:9095,broker2:9095,broker3:9095",
        "apacheKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>"
      },
      "clientAuthentication": {
        "MTLS": {
```

```
          "secretArn": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-
mtls-creds"
        }
      },
      "encryptionInTransit": {
        "encryptionType": "TLS",
        "rootCaCertificate": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-ca-cert"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-aaa","subnet-bbb","subnet-ccc"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx"]
      }
    },
    {
      "amazonMskCluster": {
        "mskClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-provisioned/
xxx"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-ddd","subnet-eee","subnet-fff"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-yyyyyyyyy"]
      }
    }]' \
  --replication-info-list '[{
    "sourceKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>",
    "targetKafkaClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-
provisioned/xxx",
    "targetCompressionType": "NONE",
    "topicReplication": {
      "topicsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "topicNameConfiguration": {"type": "IDENTICAL"},
      "startingPosition": {"type": "EARLIEST"},
      "detectAndCopyNewTopics": true,
      "copyTopicConfigurations": true,
      "copyAccessControlListsForTopics": true
    },
    "consumerGroupReplication": {
      "consumerGroupsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "detectAndCopyNewConsumerGroups": true,
      "synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets": true,
      "consumerGroupOffsetSyncMode": "ENHANCED"
    }}]'
```

Then create the reverse Replicator (MSK Provisioned to self-managed Kafka) also with ENHANCED offset sync mode:

```
aws kafka create-replicator \
  --replicator-name my-msk-to-selfmanaged-replicator \
  --description "Reverse replication for rollback" \
  --service-execution-role-arn arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKReplicatorRole \
  --kafka-clusters '[
    {
      "amazonMskCluster": {
        "mskClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-provisioned/
xxx"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-ddd","subnet-eee","subnet-fff"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-yyyyyyyyy"]
      }
    },
    {
      "apacheKafkaCluster": {
        "bootstrapBrokerString": "broker1:9095,broker2:9095,broker3:9095",
        "apacheKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>"
      },
      "clientAuthentication": {
        "MTLS": {
          "secretArn": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-
mtls-creds"
        }
      },
      "encryptionInTransit": {
        "encryptionType": "TLS",
        "rootCaCertificate": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-
east-1:123456789012:secret:kafka-ca-cert"
      },
      "vpcConfig": {
        "subnetIds": ["subnet-aaa","subnet-bbb","subnet-ccc"],
        "securityGroupIds": ["sg-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx"]
      }
    }]' \
  --replication-info-list '[{
    "sourceKafkaClusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/msk-
provisioned/xxx",
    "targetKafkaClusterId": "<self-managed-cluster-id>",
```

```
    "targetCompressionType": "NONE",
    "topicReplication": {
      "topicsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "topicNameConfiguration": {"type": "IDENTICAL"},
      "startingPosition": {"type": "LATEST"},
      "detectAndCopyNewTopics": true,
      "copyTopicConfigurations": true,
      "copyAccessControlListsForTopics": true
    },
    "consumerGroupReplication": {
      "consumerGroupsToReplicate": [".*"],
      "detectAndCopyNewConsumerGroups": true,
      "synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets": true,
      "consumerGroupOffsetSyncMode": "ENHANCED"
    }}]'
```

Verify Replicator status

Check the status of your Replicator using the `describe-replicator` CLI command:

```
aws kafka describe-replicator \
  --replicator-arn arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:replicator/my-replicator/xxx
```

The Replicator will progress through `CREATING` → `RUNNING` states. Allow approximately 30 minutes for the Replicator to reach `RUNNING` status.

Migrate from MirrorMaker 2 to Amazon MSK Replicator

To migrate from MirrorMaker (MM2) to MSK Replicator, follow these steps:

1. Stop the producer that is writing to your source Amazon MSK cluster.
2. Allow MM2 to replicate all the messages on your source cluster's topics. You can monitor the consumer lag for the MM2 consumer on your source MSK cluster to determine when all data has been replicated.
3. Create a new Replicator with starting position set to *Latest* and topic name configuration set to `IDENTICAL` (**Keep the same topics name** in console).
4. Once your Replicator is in the RUNNING state, you can start the producers writing to the source cluster again.

Assess migration readiness with AI tools

Before you begin a migration, you can use AI-assisted tooling to evaluate your source Apache Kafka cluster and plan your target Amazon MSK deployment. Two options are available:

- **AWS Transform migration assessments** — Build a total cost of ownership (TCO) business case for moving Apache Kafka workloads to Amazon MSK. Start here if you need cost projections and a migration business case for stakeholders.
- **The migrate-to-msk AI skill** — Run a detailed, cluster-level compatibility analysis against MSK Express requirements, and optionally load test a candidate Express cluster before you migrate.

Build a migration business case with AWS Transform

AWS Transform migration assessments use agentic AI to evaluate the migration of on-premises Apache Kafka clusters to Amazon MSK. The assessment analyzes your workloads, recommends the best-fit AWS services, and generates a total cost of ownership (TCO) business case with pricing options and actionable next steps in minutes. For Apache Kafka workloads, the assessment agent provides compatibility checks, right-sized MSK Express broker recommendations, and projected costs, so that you can build a migration business case and make migration decisions more quickly.

You can run an assessment through natural-language chat in the AWS Transform web experience, or through the AWS Transform MCP server from an MCP-compatible AI assistant. For more information about assessments, the inventory data sources they accept, and the reports they produce, see Migration assessments in the *AWS Transform User Guide*.

After you have a business case and a target broker recommendation, you can use the migrate-to-msk AI skill for a deeper compatibility analysis of your cluster configuration, and then use Amazon MSK Replicator to move your data.

Assess MSK Express compatibility with the migrate-to-msk skill

You can use the migrate-to-msk AI skill to assess your source cluster's compatibility with Amazon MSK Express and generate a right-sized target cluster recommendation before you begin migration. The skill simplifies the analysis that you would otherwise perform manually by comparing your Apache Kafka configuration against Express requirements. You can also run an optional simulation that deploys a temporary Express cluster at your target size and drives a synthetic load at a throughput you choose, so you can see how that cluster behaves under load before you migrate.

Prerequisites

To use the migrate-to-msk skill, you need the following:

- An AI coding assistant that supports AWS MCP skills, such as Amazon Q Developer or a compatible MCP-enabled tool. Alternatively, you can download the migrate-to-msk skill directly from the AWS Agent Toolkit on the GitHub website.
- Knowledge of your source Apache Kafka cluster's configuration. You can provide this through infrastructure-as-code files (Terraform, AWS CDK, AWS CloudFormation, Docker Compose, Kubernetes manifests), Apache Kafka CLI command output, or manual input.
- Python runtime with `uv` installed.
- For the optional Simulation phase only: an AWS account with the AWS CLI configured and permissions to deploy the simulation resources (an MSK Express cluster, an EC2 load-generation fleet, IAM roles, a VPC, and a CloudWatch dashboard). This phase creates real resources in your account; the Discovery and Assessment phases need no AWS access.

Invoke the skill

Invoke the skill by asking your AI assistant to help you migrate to MSK. You can use natural language prompts.

> **Tip**
>
> Example invocations:
>
> - "Help me migrate my Kafka cluster to MSK Express"
> - "Assess my Kafka cluster's compatibility with MSK Express"
> - "I want to move my streaming workloads to MSK"

The skill guides you through the process interactively by gathering information about your cluster, analyzing it against Express requirements, and producing artifacts that you can use to plan your migration.

How the skill works

The skill provides three phases: Discovery, Assessment, and an optional Simulation. The Discovery and Assessment phases do not make API calls to your cluster or modify your infrastructure —

all analysis runs locally on the data that you provide, and all outputs are saved to your working directory. The optional Simulation phase is different: after you confirm the target account and consent to the deployment, it provisions temporary resources in your AWS account so you can measure how an Express cluster of your target size performs under a synthetic load.

Phase 1: Discovery

The skill inventories your source Kafka cluster by reading your infrastructure files, ingesting Kafka CLI output, or accepting manual input. It extracts broker topology, Kafka version, authentication settings, topic configurations, and workload metrics into a structured profile that Phase 2 uses for assessment.

You can provide data through any combination of:

- Infrastructure-as-code files — Terraform, CDK, CloudFormation, Docker Compose, or Kubernetes manifests
- Kafka CLI output — the skill displays the commands for you to run on your cluster
- Manual input — you describe your cluster configuration in conversation

Phase 2: Assessment

The skill evaluates your cluster profile against MSK Express across five compatibility pillars and produces a target cluster sizing recommendation:

- **Topology** — Availability zone count, broker count, and coordination mechanism (KRaft vs. ZooKeeper)
- **Kafka version** — Whether your Kafka version is supported on Express (3.6, 3.8, 3.9) and client compatibility considerations
- **Broker and topic configs** — Which of your custom configurations carry over, which Express manages internally, and which require adjustment
- **Authentication** — Whether your authentication mechanism is supported on Express
- **Quotas** — Whether your workload fits within Express per-broker throughput, partition, and connection limits

Each pillar produces one of the following finding types:

- **INFO** — Your source configuration already aligns with MSK Express. No action needed.

- **ADVISORY** — Your source configuration differs from MSK Express, but Express handles the adjustment automatically. Review the change so the resulting behavior is expected.
- **ACTION_REQUIRED** — A configuration or condition that MSK Express does not support in its current form. Remediate on the source cluster before migration.

Phase 3: Simulation (optional)

The skill can provision a temporary, isolated MSK Express cluster and a load-generation client fleet in your AWS account so you can see how an Express cluster of your target size behaves under load before you migrate. This phase is optional and runs only after you confirm the target account and explicitly consent to the deployment. Only one simulation can exist per account at a time.

> **Important**
>
> The Simulation phase deploys real resources in your AWS account — an MSK Express cluster and an EC2 fleet — that continue to incur charges until you delete them. When you finish, ask the skill to tear down the simulation, or delete its CloudFormation stack yourself, to stop incurring cost.

You choose the cluster sizing — Express instance type, broker count, and Kafka version — from your assessment results or directly. The skill deploys the cluster and fleet, and you install a Kafka client that you provide. You then run one of two tests:

- **End-to-End Latency** — Producers drive a steady target throughput while the skill samples produce-to-consume round-trip latency.
- **Broker Restart Under Load** — The cluster sustains target throughput while one broker is rebooted, so you can observe failover behavior and recovery.

The skill creates an Amazon CloudWatch dashboard where the test metrics — cluster throughput, broker health, client-side latency, and consumer lag — appear. You interpret the results against your own performance targets.

Skill outputs

The skill saves the following artifacts to `migrate-to-msk-skill-artifacts/<cluster_name>/` in your working directory:

- **Cluster profile** (`cluster-config.json`) — A structured inventory of your source cluster. You can review and refine this file before you run the assessment.
- **Compatibility report** (`compatibility.<cluster_name>.json`) — Detailed findings for each of the five assessment pillars, including configuration keys, current values, and MSK Express requirements.
- **Sizing workbook** (`MSK_Sizing_Pricing.<cluster_name>.xlsx`) — The MSK Sizing and Pricing workbook with your workload inputs pre-filled. Open the workbook in a spreadsheet application to view the recommended Express broker type, broker count, and estimated monthly cost.
- **Sizing inputs record** (`msk-sizing-inputs.<cluster_name>.json`) — A JSON record of the workload values computed from your cluster profile and the workbook cells they map to.

Use these artifacts to plan your migration timeline, estimate costs, and identify configuration changes to make before you create your MSK Express cluster and set up Amazon MSK Replicator for data migration.

If you run the optional Simulation phase, it instead deploys an AWS CloudFormation stack (the Express cluster, load-generation fleet, and supporting resources) and an Amazon CloudWatch dashboard in your account, rather than writing local files.

Cross-account migration between Amazon MSK clusters

For migrations across different AWS accounts, you must use Apache MirrorMaker 2.0.

Apache MirrorMaker 2.0 is an open-source tool that requires manual setup and management, but provides detailed control over the migration process. For more information, see Kafka geo-replication documentation.

Key concepts

This section describes the key concepts behind MSK Replicator, including how data flows between clusters, how topic names are handled, and how metadata is replicated.

Topics

- How replication works
- Topic naming (Prefixed vs Identical)

- Metadata and ACL replication
- Consumer group offset synchronization
- Network requirements

How replication works

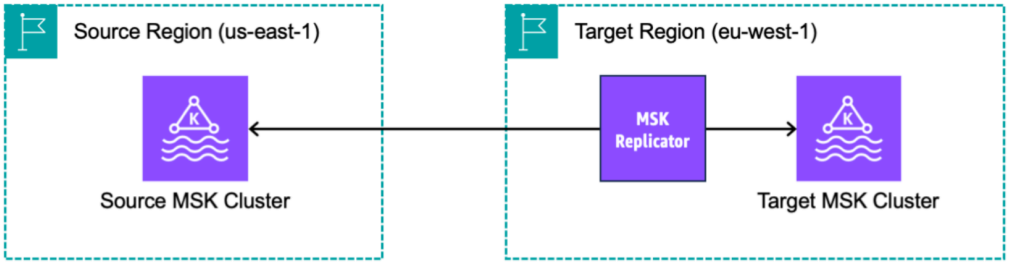
When you create a Replicator, MSK Replicator deploys all required resources in the target cluster's AWS Region to optimize for data replication latency. MSK Replicator automatically copies all data from the cluster in the primary AWS Region called *source* to the cluster in the destination Region called *target*. Source and target clusters can be in the same or different AWS Regions.

Replication latency varies based on many factors, including the network distance between the AWS Regions of your MSK clusters, the throughput capacity of your source and target clusters, and the number of partitions on your source and target clusters. MSK Replicator automatically scales the underlying resources so that you can replicate data on-demand without having to monitor or scale capacity.

By default, MSK Replicator copies all data asynchronously from the latest offset in the source cluster topic partitions to the target cluster. If the "Detect and copy new topics" setting is turned on, MSK Replicator automatically detects and copies new topics or topic partitions to the target cluster. However, it may take up to 30 seconds for the Replicator to detect and create the new topics or topic partitions on the target cluster. Any messages produced to the source topic before the topic has been created on the target cluster will not be replicated. Alternatively, you can configure your Replicator during creation to start replication from the earliest offset if you want to replicate existing messages.

MSK Replicator does not store your data. Data is consumed from your source cluster, buffered in-memory, and written to the target cluster. The buffer is cleared automatically when the data is either successfully written or fails after retries. All communication and data between MSK Replicator and your clusters is always encrypted in-transit. All MSK Replicator API calls like `DescribeClusterV2`, `CreateTopic`, `DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration` are captured in AWS CloudTrail.

MSK Replicator creates topics in the target cluster with a Replication Factor of 3. If you need to, you can modify the replication factor directly on the target cluster.



Topic naming (Prefixed vs Identical)

MSK Replicator has two topic name configuration modes: *Prefixed* (default) or *Identical* topic name replication.

Prefixed topic name replication

By default, MSK Replicator creates new topics in the target cluster with an auto-generated prefix added to the source cluster topic name, such as `<sourceKafkaClusterAlias>.topic`. This distinguishes the replicated topics from others in the target cluster and avoids circular replication of data between the clusters.

For example, MSK Replicator replicates data in a topic named "topic" from the source cluster to a new topic in the target cluster called `<sourceKafkaClusterAlias>.topic`. You can find the prefix under the **sourceKafkaClusterAlias** field using the `DescribeReplicator` API or the **Replicator details** page on the MSK console.

To make sure your consumers can reliably restart processing from the standby cluster, configure your consumers to read data from the topics using a wildcard operator `.*`. For example, your consumers would need to consume using `.*topic1` in both AWS Regions. This example would also include a topic such as `footopic1`, so adjust the wildcard operator according to your needs.

Use Prefixed topic name replication when you want to keep replicated data in a separate topic in the target cluster, such as for active-active cluster setups. For Prefixed configuration, both `ReplicatorBytesInPerSec` and `ReplicatorThroughput` will have the same value as no data will be filtered by MSK Replicator.

Identical topic name replication

As an alternative, Amazon MSK Replicator allows you to create a Replicator with topic replication set to Identical topic name replication (**Keep the same topics name** in console). Identically-named replicated topics let you avoid reconfiguring clients to read from replicated topics.

Identical topic name replication has the following advantages:

- Retains identical topic names during replication while automatically avoiding infinite replication loops.
- Simplifies multi-cluster streaming architectures since you can avoid reconfiguring clients.
- Streamlines the failover process for active-passive architectures, allowing applications to seamlessly failover without topic name changes or client reconfigurations.
- Can consolidate data from multiple MSK clusters into a single cluster for data aggregation or centralized analytics (requires separate Replicators for each source cluster).
- Can streamline data migration from one MSK cluster to another.

Amazon MSK Replicator uses Kafka headers to automatically avoid data being replicated back to the topic it originated from, eliminating the risk of infinite cycles during replication. MSK Replicator embeds identifiers for source cluster and topic into the header of each record being replicated (`__mskmr`). You should verify that your clients are able to read replicated data as expected.

Metadata and ACL replication

MSK Replicator supports copying metadata from the source cluster to the target cluster. The metadata includes topic configuration, Access Control Lists (ACLs), and consumer group offsets. Like data replication, metadata replication happens asynchronously. For better performance, MSK Replicator prioritizes data replication over metadata replication.

The following table lists the Access Control Lists (ACLs) that MSK Replicator copies.

Operation	Resource	APIs allowed
Alter	Topic	CreatePartitions
AlterConfigs	Topic	AlterConfigs
Create	Topic	CreateTopics, Metadata
Delete	Topic	DeleteRecords, DeleteTopics

Operation	Resource	APIs allowed
Describe	Topic	ListOffsets, Metadata, OffsetFetch, OffsetFor LeaderEpoch
DescribeConfigs	Topic	DescribeConfigs
Read	Topic	Fetch, OffsetCommit, TxnOffsetCommit
Write (deny only)	Topic	Produce, AddPartitionsToTxn

MSK Replicator copies LITERAL pattern type ACLs only for resource type Topic. PREFIXED pattern type ACLs and other resource type ACLs are not copied. MSK Replicator also does not delete ACLs on the target cluster. If you delete an ACL on the source cluster, you should also delete it on the target cluster at the same time. For more details on Kafka ACLs, see Kafka ACL documentation.

MSK Replicator replicates only Kafka ACLs, which IAM access control does not use. If your clients are using IAM access control to read/write to your MSK clusters, you need to configure the relevant IAM policies on your target cluster as well for seamless failover. This is true for both Prefixed and Identical topic name replication configurations.

Note

MSK Replicator does not replicate write ACLs since your producers should not be writing directly to the replicated topic in the target cluster. Your producers should write to the local topic in the target cluster after failover.

Consumer group offset synchronization

MSK Replicator can synchronize consumer group offsets from a source cluster to a target cluster, allowing consumers to switch clusters and resume processing without skipping records. This topic covers how offset syncing works in both unidirectional (legacy) and bidirectional (enhanced) configurations and highlights common pitfalls.

How offset syncing works

As part of replicating data, MSK Replicator consumes messages from the source cluster and produces them to the target cluster. This can lead to messages having different offsets on your source and target clusters. If you have turned on consumer group offset syncing during Replicator creation, MSK Replicator automatically translates the offsets while copying the metadata so that after failing over to the target cluster, your consumers can resume processing from near where they left off.

MSK Replicator optimizes for consumers on the source cluster that are reading from a position closer to the tip of the stream (end of the topic partition). If your consumer groups are lagging on the source cluster, you may see higher lag for those consumer groups on the target as compared to the source, meaning consumers will reprocess more duplicate messages after failover. To reduce this lag, your consumers on the source cluster need to catch up and start consuming from the tip of the stream. As your consumers catch up, MSK Replicator will automatically reduce the lag.

Offset syncing is a three-stage pipeline:

1. **Offset mapping** — As records are replicated from source to target, the replicator records periodic mappings between source offsets and the corresponding target offsets. Because source and target offsets diverge (different starting points, compaction, and so on), these mappings are essential.
2. **Offset translation** — Periodically, the replicator reads the committed offsets for each replicated consumer group on the source cluster. It then uses the stored offset mappings to translate those source offsets into the equivalent target offsets.
3. **Offset commit** — The translated offsets are committed to the target cluster's `__consumer_offsets` topic, so that when a consumer connects to the target and joins the same group, it resumes from approximately the right position.

Key behaviors:

- Offset translation is approximate, not exact. The replicator samples offset mappings at intervals, so the translated offset may be slightly behind the true equivalent position. This is by design — it errs on the side of at-least-once delivery, meaning consumers may re-read a small number of messages after failover.

- Offsets are only committed to a consumer group on the target if no consumer is actively consuming in that group on the target. This prevents the replicator from interfering with consumers that are already running on the target cluster.
- Consumer groups must match the configured consumer group filter (include/exclude patterns) to be synced.

Unidirectional replication with legacy offset syncing

This is the default mode for a standard one-way replicator (Cluster A → Cluster B).

- **Topic naming** — Legacy offset syncing supports both prefixed and identical topic name replication.
- **Direction** — Consumer group offsets are only synced to the target cluster when producers are active on the source and consumers are inactive on the target cluster.
- **Failover** — Consumers can be pointed to the target cluster and will resume from the translated offset position.
- **No failback support** — Legacy offset syncing does not translate offsets from the target back to the source. If you move consumers to the target and later want to move them back to the source, there is no automatic offset translation for the return trip. If failback is a requirement, use a bidirectional setup with enhanced offset syncing.

Bidirectional setup with enhanced offset syncing

A bidirectional setup requires two replicators running in opposite directions (Replicator A→B and Replicator B→A). Each replicator still performs unidirectional data replication and offset syncing — it replicates data from its source to its target, and syncs consumer group offsets in that same direction. With enhanced offset syncing, each replicator is able to continue synchronizing consumer groups even when producers and consumers are active on different clusters.

Key characteristics:

- **Topic naming** — Enhanced syncing requires identical topic name replication on both replicators.
- **Two replicators, each unidirectional** — Each replicator replicates data and syncs offsets in one direction. The bidirectional behavior comes from the pair working together.
- **Reads mappings from both replicators** — When translating offsets, the replicators work together to determine the most accurate translation available.

- **Failover and failback** — Consumers can be moved from either cluster to the other and resume from approximately the correct position.

When to enable bidirectional offset synchronization:

- **Migration with rollback capability** — When migrating from one cluster to another and you want the ability to roll back to the original cluster if issues arise.
- **Active-active architectures** — When both clusters are actively serving reads and writes, and you need consumers to be able to switch between clusters.
- **Disaster recovery** — When you need to ensure that consumers can resume processing from the correct offset on either cluster after a failover or failback event.

Monitoring offset synchronization

Monitor the following Amazon CloudWatch metrics to verify that offset synchronization is working correctly:

- `ConsumerGroupCount` — Verify that the expected number of consumer groups are being synchronized on both Replicators.
- `ConsumerGroupOffsetSyncFailure` — Should be 0 on both Replicators. If this value is greater than 0, check that consumer groups are active, verify Read and Describe permissions, and ensure topics exist on the target cluster.
- `OffsetLag (MSK Cluster)` and `OffsetLag (Non-MSK Cluster)` — Compare partition-level consumer lag across both clusters to verify offsets are synchronized.

Common pitfalls

1. **Consumers may re-read a small number of messages after failover**

   Offset translation is approximate. The translated offset is intentionally conservative — it may be slightly behind the true equivalent position. This means consumers will typically re-process a small number of records after switching clusters. Applications should be designed to handle duplicate processing (idempotency).
2. **Offsets are not synced to groups that are actively consuming on the target**

If a consumer group is already active on the target cluster, the replicator will not overwrite its offsets. This is a safety mechanism. However, it means that if consumers are started on the target before the replicator has had a chance to sync the offsets, those consumers will start from the target's default offset reset policy (typically `latest` or `earliest`), not from the translated position.

3. **Offset syncing has inherent lag**

   Offset translation depends on two asynchronous processes: data replication and offset sync. There is always some delay between when a consumer commits an offset on the source and when the translated offset appears on the target. During failover, this lag can result in consumers re-reading more messages than expected if the source consumer was very recently active.

4. **Consumer groups must be included in the replication filter**

   Only consumer groups that match the configured include pattern (and do not match the exclude pattern) will have their offsets synced. If a consumer group's offsets are not appearing on the target, verify that it is included in the consumer group replication configuration.

5. **Unidirectional replicators do not support failback**

   With legacy (unidirectional) offset syncing, offsets are only translated from source to target. If you move consumers to the target and later need to move them back to the source, you will need to manually determine the correct offsets or accept re-processing. If failback is a requirement, use a bidirectional setup with enhanced offset syncing.

6. **Topic deletion and recreation can invalidate offset mappings**

   If a topic is deleted and recreated on either cluster, the offset mappings become stale because the new topic starts from offset 0. With legacy offset syncing, this can result in incorrect offset translations. Enhanced offset syncing detects topic recreation and resets the mappings automatically.

Network requirements

MSK Replicator uses IAM access control to connect to your clusters, which uses port 9098. The networking requirements differ depending on whether you are setting up cross-region or same-region replication.

Cross-region replication (CRR)

The source cluster must have multi-VPC private connectivity turned on for IAM access control. You must also attach a resource-based permissions policy to the source cluster to allow the `kafka.amazonaws.com` service principal to perform `kafka:CreateVpcConnection`, `kafka:GetBootstrapBrokers`, and `kafka:DescribeClusterV2` actions. You do not need to provide security groups for the source cluster. You must provide security groups for the target cluster with appropriate inbound and outbound rules on port 9098.

Same-region replication (SRR)

Multi-VPC private connectivity is not required. You must provide security groups for both the source and target clusters. Ensure that the security groups you provide for the Replicator have outbound rules to allow traffic to the cluster's security groups on port 9098, and that the cluster's security groups have inbound rules that accept traffic from the Replicator security groups on port 9098. The subnets you select for the source and target clusters must be in the same Availability Zones.

For both CRR and SRR, ensure that your network ACLs are not blocking the connection between the MSK Replicator and your source and target clusters.

Security

This section describes the security model for MSK Replicator, including the service execution role, encryption in transit, and IAM permissions reference.

Topics

- Service execution role (SER)
- Encryption
- IAM permissions required to create an MSK Replicator
- IAM permissions reference

Service execution role (SER)

MSK Replicator uses a service execution role (SER) to read from your source cluster and write to your target cluster. You specify this role when creating the Replicator.

You can either let the MSK console create the role automatically, or provide your own IAM role. If you provide your own role, we recommend attaching the `AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole` managed IAM policy to it.

The service execution role must have a trust policy that allows the `kafka.amazonaws.com` service principal to assume the role. The following is an example trust policy. Replace `<yourAccountID>` with your actual account ID.

```
{
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "kafka.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:SourceAccount": "<yourAccountID>"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

If you reuse a service execution role between multiple MSK Replicators, they share the same Kafka per-principal throughput quotas (bytes per second and request rate). If you want to maintain separate throughput quotas per Replicator, use separate service execution roles.

For more information about the permissions that the service execution role requires for each replicator feature, see the section called “Service execution role permissions reference”.

Additional SER permissions for SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, SASL/OAUTHBEARER, and customer managed keys

The `AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole` managed policy covers cluster, topic, and consumer group permissions for IAM auth. When you replicate to or from a cluster that uses SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, or SASL/OAUTHBEARER (OAuth) authentication (for example, when migrating from a self-managed Apache Kafka cluster), or when your secret is encrypted with a customer managed key (CMK), you need to attach additional inline permissions to the service execution role.

Use the snippets below in addition to the managed policy. Pick the scenario that matches your setup.

SASL/SCRAM secret (with or without TLS root CA secret)

Grants the SER permission to read SCRAM credentials and (optionally) the private CA certificate from AWS Secrets Manager. Replace <saslSecretArn> with your SCRAM secret ARN and <privateCaCertSecretArn> with the secret holding the CA certificate (omit the second ARN if you use a publicly trusted certificate).

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "SecretsManagerPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "secretsmanager:GetResourcePolicy",
                "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
                "secretsmanager:DescribeSecret",
                "secretsmanager:ListSecretVersionIds"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "<saslSecretArn>",
                "<privateCaCertSecretArn>"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

mTLS secret (with or without TLS root CA secret)

Grants the SER permission to read the client certificate and private key from AWS Secrets Manager. Replace <mtlsSecretArn> with the ARN of your mTLS secret and <privateCaCertSecretArn> with the secret holding the server CA certificate (omit the second ARN if you use a publicly trusted certificate).

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "SecretsManagerPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "secretsmanager:GetResourcePolicy",
                "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
                "secretsmanager:DescribeSecret",
```

```
                "secretsmanager:ListSecretVersionIds"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "<mtlsSecretArn>",
                "<privateCaCertSecretArn>"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

SASL/OAUTHBEARER

The permissions the SER needs for SASL/OAUTHBEARER depend on the mechanism:

- **Client credentials** — Grant AWS Secrets Manager read access to the secret that holds `client_id` and `client_secret`.
- **IAM JWT bearer** and **client credentials assertion** — Grant `sts:GetWebIdentityToken` so the SER can obtain a signed JWT for its own AWS identity. Also grant AWS Secrets Manager read access if you supply an optional secret.

If your IDP uses a private CA, also grant AWS Secrets Manager read access to the secret that holds the CA certificate you reference in `tokenEndpointTlsCertificateArn`. The following example grants both. Replace `<oauthSecretArn>` with your secret ARN, `<idpCaCertSecretArn>` with the CA certificate secret ARN, and `<accountID>` with your AWS account ID. Omit the `SecretsManagerPermissions` statement entirely if you use the IAM JWT bearer or client credentials assertion mechanism without a secret and your IDP uses a publicly trusted certificate; omit the `StsPermissions` statement if you use the client credentials mechanism.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "SecretsManagerPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "secretsmanager:GetResourcePolicy",
                "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
                "secretsmanager:DescribeSecret",
                "secretsmanager:ListSecretVersionIds"
            ],
```

```
            "Resource": [
                "<oauthSecretArn>",
                "<idpCaCertSecretArn>"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "StsPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "sts:GetWebIdentityToken",
            "Resource": "arn:aws:sts::<accountID>:self"
        }
    ]
}
```

Secret encrypted with a customer managed key

If the secret is encrypted with a CMK rather than the AWS-managed key, also grant `kms:Decrypt` on the CMK. Replace `<customerManagedKeyArn>` with the CMK ARN.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "SecretsManagerPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "secretsmanager:GetResourcePolicy",
                "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
                "secretsmanager:DescribeSecret",
                "secretsmanager:ListSecretVersionIds"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "<secretArn>",
                "<privateCaCertSecretArn>"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "KmsPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "kms:Decrypt",
            "Resource": [
                "<customerManagedKeyArn>"
            ]
```

```
        }
    ]
}
```

> **Note**
>
> If you prefer wider scoping consistent with the MSK Connect configuration provider permissions, you can use `arn:aws:secretsmanager:<region>:<accountID>:secret:AmazonMSK_*` as the resource pattern instead of individual secret ARNs.

Service execution role permissions reference

This topic describes the minimal permissions that the Amazon MSK Replicator service execution role requires for each replicator feature. When you create a replicator, some features are enabled by default and others are optional. Use this reference to build a least-privilege policy tailored to the features you enable.

The following table summarizes which features require permissions on the source cluster, target cluster, and caller role.

Feature	Optional	Source cluster permissions	Target cluster permissions
Topic replication	No	the section called “Topic replication”	the section called “Topic replication”
Topic configuration replication (`copyTopicConfigurations`)	Yes (enabled by default)	the section called “Topic configuration replication”	the section called “Topic configuration replication”
Access control list (ACL) replication (`copyAccessControlListsForTopics`)	Yes (enabled by default)	the section called “ACL replication”	the section called “ACL replication”

Feature	Optional	Source cluster permissions	Target cluster permissions
Consumer group offset sync (`synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets`)	Yes (enabled by default)	the section called "Consumer group offset sync"	the section called "Consumer group offset sync"

> **Note**
>
> You attach log delivery permissions to the *caller role* (the IAM principal that calls `CreateReplicator`), not to the service execution role. For more information, see the section called "Log delivery".

Topic replication permissions

Use Amazon MSK Replicator to replicate topics between clusters. Grant the service execution role permissions to connect to both clusters, manage internal replicator topics, read data from source topics, and write replicated data to the target cluster.

The permissions for data topics on the target cluster differ based on the `topicNameConfiguration` setting:

- **PREFIXED_WITH_SOURCE_CLUSTER_ALIAS** (default) — Replicated topics on the target are named with the source cluster alias as a prefix (for example, `source-alias.my-topic`). Because the full source alias is not known at creation time, use `*.${topicPattern}` as the IAM target data topic resource. For Kafka ACLs on non-MSK clusters, use the first 28 characters of the MSK cluster name as a PREFIXED pattern.
- **IDENTICAL** — Replicated topics on the target keep the same name as on the source. The target data topic resource uses the same pattern as the source.

Service execution role IAM policy (MSK clusters)

Attach the following policy to the service execution role. Replace the placeholder values with your cluster names, UUIDs, and topic patterns. Choose the `TargetDataTopicPermissions` statement that matches your `topicNameConfiguration` setting.

PREFIXED_WITH_SOURCE_CLUSTER_ALIAS (default)

Replicated topics on the target are named with the source cluster alias as a prefix (for example, `source-alias.my-topic`). Because the full alias is not known until the replicator is created, use a wildcard prefix with the topic pattern (for example, `*.${topicPattern}`) in the target data topic resource. IAM supports multiple wildcards in a resource ARN.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "ClusterPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:Connect",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteDataIdempotently"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:cluster/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:cluster/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "SourceInternalTopicPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration"
            ],
```

```
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/*__amazon_msk_replicator_*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/mskr-offset-syncs.*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/*.checkpoints.internal"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "SourceDataTopicPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/${topicPattern}"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "TargetInternalTopicPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/*__amazon_msk_replicator_*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/mskr-offset-syncs.*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/*.checkpoints.internal"
            ]
        },
        {
```

```
            "Sid": "TargetDataTopicPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/*.${topicPattern}"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "TargetGroupPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:AlterGroup",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:group/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/*__amazon_msk_replicator_*"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

IDENTICAL

Replicated topics on the target keep the same name as on the source. Replace the `TargetDataTopicPermissions` statement with the following:

```
{
    "Sid": "TargetDataTopicPermissions",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
        "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
        "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
        "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration"
    ],
    "Resource": [
```

```
        "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/${topicPattern}"
    ]
}
```

Replace `${topicPattern}` with the topic name or pattern you configured for replication (for example, `my-app-*` or a specific topic name).

> **Note**
>
> Both MSK clusters require permissions for all internal topics (`*__amazon_msk_replicator_*`, `mskr-offset-syncs.*`, and `*.checkpoints.internal`). Use this policy to cover both clusters regardless of which cluster is non-MSK.

Kafka ACLs (non-MSK clusters)

When your source or target is a self-managed Apache Kafka cluster, configure the following ACLs using the `kafka-acls` CLI. All ACLs use the `ALLOW` permission type and the principal that your replicator authenticates as. Unless otherwise noted, ACLs use the `PREFIXED` pattern type.

When a non-MSK cluster is involved, the replicator places most internal topics (offset-syncs, checkpoints, worker group state) on the MSK cluster. The non-MSK cluster hosts only heartbeat topics and data topics.

Non-MSK as source

When the source is a self-managed cluster, the replicator places all internal topics on the MSK target. The non-MSK source only needs ACLs for heartbeat topics and reading data topics.

Resource type	Pattern	Operations
Cluster	`kafka-cluster` (LITERAL)	Create, Describe, IdempotentWrite, DescribeConfigs
Topic (heartbeat)	`__amazon_msk_replicator_` (PREFIXED)	Create, Read, Write, Describe, DescribeConfigs, Alter, AlterConfigs

Resource type	Pattern	Operations
Topic (data)	PREFIXED or LITERAL per topic	Read, Describe, DescribeConfigs

Non-MSK as target

When the target is a self-managed cluster, the replicator places all internal topics on the MSK source. The non-MSK target only needs ACLs for heartbeat topics and writing data topics. The data topic pattern depends on your `topicNameConfiguration` setting.

Resource type	Pattern	Operations
Cluster	`kafka-cluster` (LITERAL)	Create, Describe, IdempotentWrite, DescribeConfigs
Topic (heartbeat)	`__amazon_msk_replicator_` (PREFIXED)	Create, Read, Write, Describe, DescribeConfigs, Alter, AlterConfigs
Topic (replicated heartbeat)	`${first28CharsOfSourceClusterName}` (PREFIXED)	Create, Read, Write, Describe, DescribeConfigs, Alter, AlterConfigs
Topic (data)	`${first28CharsOfSourceClusterName}` (PREFIXED)	Create, Write, Describe, DescribeConfigs, Alter, AlterConfigs

If you use `IDENTICAL` topic naming, replace the data topic row with the following.

Resource type	Pattern	Operations
Topic (data)	PREFIXED or LITERAL per topic (same name as source)	Create, Write, Describe, DescribeConfigs, Alter, AlterConfigs

Topic configuration replication permissions

When `copyTopicConfigurations` is enabled (the default), the replicator reads topic-level configurations from the source cluster. These include `retention.ms`, `cleanup.policy`, and

`max.message.bytes`. The replicator then applies these configurations to the corresponding replicated topics on the target cluster, keeping them in sync with source changes.

Service execution role IAM policy (MSK clusters)

Add the following statements to the topic replication policy. The source cluster permissions are the same regardless of naming mode. The target cluster permissions differ based on your `topicNameConfiguration` setting.

Source cluster

The source cluster requires permission to read topic configurations.

```
{
    "Sid": "SourceTopicConfigReadPermissions",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration"
    ],
    "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/${topicPattern}"
    ]
}
```

Target cluster — PREFIXED_WITH_SOURCE_CLUSTER_ALIAS (default)

The target cluster requires permission to alter topic configurations and partitions on the replicated topics. Because the full alias is not known until the replicator is created, use a wildcard prefix with the topic pattern.

```
{
    "Sid": "TargetTopicConfigWritePermissions",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration",
        "kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration",
        "kafka-cluster:AlterTopic"
    ],
    "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/*.${topicPattern}"
```

```
    ]
}
```

Target cluster — IDENTICAL

When using identical topic naming, replicated topics keep the same name as on the source. Use the same topic pattern as the source.

```
{
    "Sid": "TargetTopicConfigWritePermissions",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration",
        "kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration",
        "kafka-cluster:AlterTopic"
    ],
    "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/${topicPattern}"
    ]
}
```

Note

If `copyTopicConfigurations` is disabled, the `AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration` and `AlterTopic` permissions on the target data topics are not required. You can also omit `DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration` from the source data topics if both `copyTopicConfigurations` and `detectAndCopyNewTopics` are disabled.

Kafka ACLs (non-MSK clusters)

Non-MSK as source

When topic configuration replication is enabled and the source is a non-MSK cluster, the replicator needs to describe topic configurations.

Resource type	Pattern	Operations
Topic (data)	PREFIXED or LITERAL per topic	DescribeConfigs

Non-MSK as target — PREFIXED_WITH_SOURCE_CLUSTER_ALIAS

When topic configuration replication is enabled and the target is a non-MSK cluster, use a PREFIXED ACL with the first 28 characters of the source cluster name to cover all replicated topics.

Resource type	Pattern	Operations
Topic (data)	`${first28CharsOfSourceClusterName}` (PREFIXED)	DescribeConfigs, AlterConfigs, Alter

Non-MSK as target — IDENTICAL

When using identical topic naming, use ACLs matching the same topic names as on the source.

Resource type	Pattern	Operations
Topic (data)	PREFIXED or LITERAL per topic (same as source)	DescribeConfigs, AlterConfigs, Alter

ACL replication permissions

When `copyAccessControlListsForTopics` is enabled (the default), the replicator copies access control lists from the source cluster to the target cluster. Consumers on the target can then use the same authorization configuration.

Service execution role IAM policy (MSK clusters)

Source cluster

The service execution role must have permission to read ACLs from the source cluster.

```
{
    "Sid": "SourceAclReadPermissions",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "kafka-cluster:Connect",
        "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster"
    ],
    "Resource": [
```

```
        "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:cluster/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}"
    ]
}
```

Target cluster

The service execution role must have permission to write ACLs to the target cluster.

```
{
    "Sid": "TargetAclWritePermissions",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "kafka-cluster:Connect",
        "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster",
        "kafka-cluster:AlterCluster"
    ],
    "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:cluster/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}"
    ]
}
```

Kafka ACLs (non-MSK clusters)

Non-MSK as source

The replicator must have permission to describe ACLs on the source cluster.

Resource type	Pattern	Operations
Cluster	`kafka-cluster` (LITERAL)	Describe

Non-MSK as target

The replicator must have permission to alter ACLs on the target cluster.

Resource type	Pattern	Operations
Cluster	`kafka-cluster` (LITERAL)	Alter

Consumer group offset sync permissions

When `synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets` is enabled (the default), the replicator translates consumer group offsets from the source cluster and writes them to the target cluster. With this feature enabled, consumers can resume from the correct position after failover.

Two sync modes are available: `LEGACY` (the default) and `ENHANCED`. In LEGACY mode, the replicator syncs offsets when producers write to the source cluster. In ENHANCED mode, the replicator syncs offsets regardless of where producers write. ENHANCED mode requires bidirectional replication. Both modes use the same IAM permissions.

> **Note**
>
> The internal topics that ENHANCED mode depends on (`mskr-offset-syncs.*` and `*.checkpoints.internal`) are already covered by the topic replication permissions on both clusters.

The following statements add permissions specifically for consumer group offset sync. Because offset syncing depends on data replication, some permissions overlap with the topic replication policy.

Service execution role IAM policy (MSK clusters)

Source cluster

The service execution role must have permission to describe consumer groups and the topics they consume on the source.

```
[
    {
        "Sid": "SourceGroupPermissions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:group/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/${consumerGroupPattern}"
        ]
```

```
    },
    {
        "Sid": "SourceUserTopicPermissions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/${topicsConsumedByGroup}"
        ]
    }
]
```

Target cluster

The service execution role must have permission to describe the replicated topics and alter consumer groups on the target so that translated offsets can be committed.

```
[
    {
        "Sid": "TargetCheckpointTopicPermissions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/${replicatedTopicPattern}"
        ]
    },
    {
        "Sid": "TargetCheckpointGroupPermissions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "kafka-cluster:AlterGroup",
            "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:group/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/${consumerGroupPattern}"
        ]
    }
```

```
]
```

Replace the placeholders in the preceding statements as follows:

- Replace `${consumerGroupPattern}` with the consumer group name or pattern configured for replication (for example, `my-app-group-*`).
- Replace `${topicsConsumedByGroup}` with the topic pattern that the consumer groups read from on the source.
- Replace `${replicatedTopicPattern}` with the corresponding replicated topic pattern on the target (`*.${topicPattern}` for PREFIXED naming, or `${topicPattern}` for IDENTICAL naming).

Kafka ACLs (non-MSK clusters)

Non-MSK as source

When the source is a non-MSK cluster, consumer group offset sync requires the following ACLs.

Resource	Type	Pattern type	Operation	Purpose
`${consumerGroupPattern}`	Group	LITERAL or PREFIXED	Describe	Read committed offsets (OffsetFetch)
`${topicsConsumedByGroup}`	Topic	LITERAL or PREFIXED	Describe	Topic metadata for offset translation

Non-MSK as target

When the target is a non-MSK cluster, consumer group offset sync requires the following ACLs.

Resource	Type	Pattern type	Operation	Purpose
`${replicatedTopicPattern}`	Topic	LITERAL or PREFIXED	Describe	Log end offset (ListOffsets)

Resource	Type	Pattern type	Operation	Purpose
`${consumerGroupPattern}`	Group	LITERAL or PREFIXED	Describe	FindCoordinator, DescribeGroup
`${consumerGroupPattern}`	Group	LITERAL or PREFIXED	Read	Commit translated offsets (OffsetCommit)

Log delivery permissions

Grant log delivery permissions to the *caller role* (the IAM principal that calls `CreateReplicator`), not to the service execution role. These permissions do not involve the source or target clusters. You only need the snippets for the destinations you enable.

Amazon CloudWatch Logs destination

Add the following statement when `cloudWatchLogs.enabled` is `true` in the `logDelivery` configuration.

```
{
    "Sid": "CloudWatchLogsLogDeliveryActions",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "logs:CreateLogDelivery",
        "logs:PutResourcePolicy",
        "logs:DescribeResourcePolicies",
        "logs:DescribeLogGroups",
        "logs:ListLogDeliveries"
    ],
    "Resource": [
        "*"
    ]
}
```

Amazon S3 destination

Add the following statements when `s3.enabled` is `true`. Replace `<logBucketName>` with your destination bucket name.

```
[
    {
        "Sid": "S3LogDeliveryActions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "logs:CreateLogDelivery",
            "logs:ListLogDeliveries"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "*"
        ]
    },
    {
        "Sid": "S3BucketLogDeliveryActions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "s3:GetBucketPolicy",
            "s3:PutBucketPolicy"
        ],
        "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::<logBucketName>"
    }
]
```

Firehose destination

Add the following statements when `firehose.enabled` is `true`. Replace `<accountID>` with your AWS account ID.

```
[
    {
        "Sid": "FirehoseLogDeliveryActions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "logs:CreateLogDelivery",
            "logs:ListLogDeliveries",
            "firehose:TagDeliveryStream"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "*"
        ]
    },
    {
        "Sid": "FirehoseLogDeliveryServiceLinkedRole",
```

```
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole"
        ],
        "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::<accountID>:role/aws-service-role/
delivery.logs.amazonaws.com/AWSServiceRoleForLogDelivery"
    }
]
```

For more information about vended-logs permissions, see Enabling logging from AWS services.

Combined policy example

The following example shows a complete service execution role policy for a replicator with all features enabled, including topic configuration replication and LEGACY offset sync mode. The example replicates topics matching `my-app-.*` between two MSK clusters. Replace all placeholder values with your actual resource identifiers.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "SourceClusterPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:Connect",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteDataIdempotently"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:cluster/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "TargetClusterPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:Connect",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeCluster",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterCluster",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteDataIdempotently"
            ],
```

```
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:cluster/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "SourceInternalTopicPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/*__amazon_msk_replicator_*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/mskr-offset-syncs.*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/*.checkpoints.internal"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "SourceDataTopicPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/my-app-*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "SourceConsumerGroupPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup"
```

```
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:group/${SourceClusterName}/
${SourceClusterUUID}/my-app-group-*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "TargetInternalTopicPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:ReadData",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/*__amazon_msk_replicator_*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/mskr-offset-syncs.*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/*.checkpoints.internal"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "TargetDataTopicPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:CreateTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:WriteData",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopic",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeTopicDynamicConfiguration",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopicDynamicConfiguration",
                "kafka-cluster:AlterTopic"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:topic/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/*.my-app-*"
            ]
        },
        {
```

```
            "Sid": "TargetGroupPermissions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka-cluster:AlterGroup",
                "kafka-cluster:DescribeGroup"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:group/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/*__amazon_msk_replicator_*",
                "arn:aws:kafka:${region}:${account}:group/${TargetClusterName}/
${TargetClusterUUID}/my-app-group-*"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Tip

Start with the the section called “Topic replication” policy and only add the statements for optional features you have enabled. This follows the principle of least privilege and makes it easier to audit your permissions.

Encryption

All communication and data between MSK Replicator and your clusters is always encrypted in-transit. MSK Replicator connects to your clusters using IAM access control on port 9098, which requires TLS encryption.

MSK Replicator does not store your data at rest. Data is consumed from your source cluster, buffered in-memory, and written to the target cluster. The buffer is cleared automatically when the data is either successfully written or fails after retries.

IAM permissions required to create an MSK Replicator

The IAM principal (user or role) that calls `CreateReplicator` needs the permissions described in this section. Attach this policy to the IAM identity that corresponds to your client. For general guidance on creating authorization policies, see Create authorization policies.

Start with the **base policy** below. If you also configure log delivery, append the snippet for each destination you use (see Additional permissions for log delivery). For self-managed Apache Kafka

migration scenarios, see additional service execution role guidance in Migrate from non-MSK Apache Kafka clusters to Amazon MSK Provisioned.

Base IAM policy

Replace the placeholders with your account ID, AWS Region, service execution role name, and source and target cluster ARNs. The action `kafka:TagResource` is only needed if you provide tags during creation.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "MSKReplicatorIAMPassRole",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "iam:PassRole",
            "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::<accountID>:role/<serviceExecutionRoleName>",
            "Condition": {
                "StringEquals": {
                    "iam:PassedToService": "kafka.amazonaws.com"
                }
            }
        },
        {
            "Sid": "MSKReplicatorServiceLinkedRole",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole",
            "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::<accountID>:role/aws-service-role/
kafka.amazonaws.com/AWSServiceRoleForKafka*"
        },
        {
            "Sid": "MSKReplicatorActions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka:CreateReplicator",
                "kafka:DescribeReplicator",
                "kafka:DeleteReplicator",
                "kafka:ListReplicators",
                "kafka:ListTagsForResource",
                "kafka:UpdateReplicationInfo",
                "kafka:TagResource"
            ],
            "Resource": [
```

```
                "arn:aws:kafka:<region>:<accountID>:replicator/*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "MSKReplicatorListActions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka:ListReplicators"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "EC2Actions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "ec2:DescribeSubnets",
                "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups",
                "ec2:DescribeVpcs"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "MSKClusterActions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kafka:GetBootstrapBrokers",
                "kafka:DescribeClusterV2"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "<sourceClusterArn>",
                "<targetClusterArn>"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Note

The `ec2:DescribeSubnets`, `ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups`, and `ec2:DescribeVpcs` actions do not support resource-level permissions, so you must specify `"Resource": "*"`. See the Actions, resources, and condition keys for Amazon EC2 reference.

Additional permissions for log delivery

If you configure log delivery on the Replicator, append the appropriate statements below to the base policy. You only need the snippets for the destinations you enable.

Amazon CloudWatch Logs destination

Append the following statement when `cloudWatchLogs.enabled` is `true` in the `logDelivery` configuration.

```
{
    "Sid": "CloudWatchLogsLogDeliveryActions",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "logs:CreateLogDelivery",
        "logs:PutResourcePolicy",
        "logs:DescribeResourcePolicies",
        "logs:DescribeLogGroups",
        "logs:ListLogDeliveries"
    ],
    "Resource": [
        "*"
    ]
}
```

Amazon S3 destination

Append the following statements when `s3.enabled` is `true`. Replace `<logBucketName>` with your destination bucket name.

```
[
    {
```

```
        "Sid": "S3LogDeliveryActions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "logs:CreateLogDelivery",
            "logs:ListLogDeliveries"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "*"
        ]
    },
    {
        "Sid": "S3BucketLogDeliveryActions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "s3:GetBucketPolicy",
            "s3:PutBucketPolicy"
        ],
        "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::<logBucketName>"
    }
]
```

Firehose destination

Append the following statements when `firehose.enabled` is `true`. Replace <accountID> with your AWS account ID.

```
[
    {
        "Sid": "FirehoseLogDeliveryActions",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "logs:CreateLogDelivery",
            "logs:ListLogDeliveries",
            "firehose:TagDeliveryStream"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "*"
        ]
    },
    {
        "Sid": "FirehoseLogDeliveryServiceLinkedRole",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
```

```
            "iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole"
        ],
        "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::<accountID>:role/aws-service-role/
delivery.logs.amazonaws.com/AWSServiceRoleForLogDelivery"
    }
]
```

For more information about vended-logs permissions, see Enabling logging from AWS services.

IAM permissions reference

The following table summarizes the IAM actions that the API caller (the IAM principal that calls `CreateReplicator` and other replicator APIs) needs. For complete policy examples, see IAM permissions required to create an MSK Replicator.

Action	Description
`kafka:CreateReplicator`	Grants permission to create a replicator.
`kafka:DescribeReplicator`	Grants permission to describe a replicator.
`kafka:UpdateReplicationInfo`	Grants permission to update replication info of a replicator.
`kafka:DeleteReplicator`	Grants permission to delete a replicator.
`kafka:ListReplicators`	Grants permission to list replicators.
`kafka:TagResource`	Grants permission to tag a replicator. Only needed if tags are provided during creation.
`kafka:ListTagsForResource`	Grants permission to list tags for a replicator.
`kafka:GetBootstrapBrokers`	Grants permission to retrieve bootstrap broker endpoints for the source and target clusters during replicator creation.

Action	Description
`kafka:DescribeClusterV2`	Grants permission to describe the source and target clusters during replicator creation.
`iam:PassRole`	Grants permission to pass the service execution role to `kafka.amazonaws.com` .
`iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole`	Grants permission to create the `AWSServiceRoleForKafka*` service-linked role on first use.
`ec2:DescribeSubnets` , `ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups` , `ec2:DescribeVpcs`	Grants permission to validate the VPC configuration provided to the replicator.

For service execution role permissions, see the `AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole` managed policy. For SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, SASL/OAUTHBEARER (OAuth), and customer managed key scenarios, see Additional SER permissions for SASL/SCRAM, mTLS, SASL/OAUTHBEARER, and customer managed keys.

Pricing

MSK Replicator pricing is based on the amount of data replicated. You pay for the data processed by the Replicator. For cross-region replication, you also pay for cross-region data transfer.

If you use Identical topic name replication for active-active setups, each Replicator will process twice the usual amount of data (once for replication and again to filter data to prevent infinite loops). You can track the total data processed by each replicator using the `ReplicatorBytesInPerSec` metric. See Metrics reference.

For current pricing information, see Amazon MSK Pricing.

For MSK Replicator service quotas and limits, see MSK Replicator quotas in the Amazon MSK quota page.

Observability

This section describes how to monitor MSK Replicator using Amazon CloudWatch metrics and how to troubleshoot common issues.

Topics

- Metrics reference
- Monitor replication from self-managed Kafka clusters
- MSK Replicator logs

Metrics reference

The following metrics describes performance or connection metrics for the MSK Replicator.

AuthError metrics do not cover topic-level auth errors. To monitor your MSK Replicator's topic-level auth errors, monitor Replicator's ReplicationLatency metrics and the source cluster's topic-level metrics, MessagesInPerSec. If a topic's ReplicationLatency dropped to 0 but the topic still has data being produced to it, it indicates that the Replicator has an Auth issue with the topic. Check that the Replicator's service execution IAM role has sufficient permission to access the topic.

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
Performance	ReplicationLatency	Time it takes records to replicate from the source to target cluster; duration between record produce	ReplicatorName	Milliseconds	Partition	Maximum
			ReplicatorName, Topic	Milliseconds	Partition	Maximum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
		time at source and replicated to target. If ReplicationLatency increases, check if clusters have enough partitions to support replication. High replication latency can occur when the partition count is too low for high throughput.				

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
Performance	MessageLag	Monitors the sync between the MSK Replicator and the source cluster. MessageLag indicates the lag between the messages produced to the source cluster and messages consumed by the replicator. It is not the lag between the source and target cluster. Even if the source cluster is unavailable/interrupted, the	ReplicatorName	Count	Partition	Sum
			ReplicatorName, Topic	Count	Partition	Sum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
		replicator will finish writing the message it has consumed to the target cluster. After an outage, MessageLag shows an increase indicating the number of messages the replicator is behind the source cluster and this can be monitored until the number of messages is 0, showing that the replicator has caught up with				

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
		the source cluster.				

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
Performance	ReplicatorBytesInPerSec	Average number of bytes processed by the replicator per second. Data processed by MSK Replicator consists of all the data that MSK Replicator receives which includes the data replicated to target cluster and the data filtered by MSK Replicator (only if your Replicator is configured with Identical topic name	ReplicatorName	BytesPerSecond	ReplicatorName	Sum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
		configuration) to prevent the data being copied back to the same topic it originated from. If your Replicator is configured with "Prefixed" topic name configuration, both `ReplicatorBytesInPerSec` and `ReplicatorThroughput` metrics will have the same value as no data will be filtered by MSK Replicator.				

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
Performance	ReplicatorThroughput	Average number of bytes replicated per second. If ReplicatorThroughput drops for a topic, check KafkaClusterPingSuccessCount and AuthError metrics to ensure the Replicator can communicate with clusters, then check cluster metrics to ensure the cluster is not down.	ReplicatorName	BytesPerSecond	Partition	Sum
			ReplicatorName, Topic	BytesPerSecond	Partition	Sum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
Performance	ReplicationFailures	Number of replication failures. Should be 0 for healthy replication. Non-zero may indicate message size limitations, timestamp violations, or record batch size problems.	ReplicatorName	Count		Sum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
Debug	AuthError	The number of connections with failed authentication per second. If this metric is above 0, you can check if the service execution role policy for the replicator is valid and make sure there aren't deny permissions set for the cluster permissions. Based on clusterAlias dimension, you can identify if the source or target cluster is	ReplicatorName, ClusterAlias	Count	Worker	Sum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
		experiencing auth errors.				

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
Debug	ThrottleTime	The average time in ms a request was throttled by brokers on the cluster. Set throttling to avoid having the MSK Replicator overwhelm the cluster. If this metric is 0, replicationLatency is not high, and replicatorThroughput is as expected, then throttling is working as expected. If this metric is above 0, you can adjust	ReplicatorName, ClusterAlias	Milliseconds	Worker	Maximum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
		throttling accordingly.				
Debug	ReplicatorFailure	Number of failures that the replicator is experiencing.	ReplicatorName	Count		Sum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
Debug	KafkaClusterPingSuccessCount	Indicates the health of the replicator connection to the kafka cluster. If this value is 1, the connection is healthy. If the value is 0 or no datapoint, the connection is unhealthy. If the value is 0, you can check network or IAM permission settings for the Kafka cluster. Based on ClusterAlias dimension, you can identify whether	ReplicatorName, ClusterAlias	Count		Sum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
		this metric is for source or target cluster.				
Consu Group	ConsumerGroupCount	Number of consumer groups being synchronized. Verify it matches expected consumer groups.	Replicato rName	Count		Sum
Consu Group	ConsumerGroupOffsetSyncFailure	Number of consumer group offset sync failures. Should be 0. If greater than 0, check consumer groups are active and verify permissions.	Replicato rName	Count		Sum

Metric type	Metric	Description	Dimensions	Unit	Raw Metric Granularity	Raw Metric Aggregation Stat
Consumer Group	OffsetLag (MSK Cluster)	Partition-level consumer lag on the MSK target cluster. Compare with OffsetLag (Non-MSK Cluster) to verify lag is equal.	Partition	Count		Sum
Consumer Group	OffsetLag (Non-MSK Cluster)	Partition-level consumer lag on the self-managed (non-MSK) source cluster. Compare with OffsetLag (MSK Cluster).	Partition	Count		Sum

Monitor replication from self-managed Kafka clusters

After you create an MSK Replicator to replicate data from a self-managed Apache Kafka cluster to an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster, monitor the following Amazon CloudWatch metrics to track replication progress and determine when your applications are ready to migrate.

Monitor Replicator creation status

After calling the `CreateReplicator` API, the Replicator transitions through the following states: `CREATING`, `RUNNING`, or `FAILED`. Allow approximately 30 minutes.

```
aws kafka describe-replicator --replicator-arn <replicator-arn>
```

Monitor data replication

Monitor the following metrics to track data replication progress:

- `MessageLag` — Monitor until it reaches 0, which indicates all data has been replicated.
- `ReplicationLatency` — Track the time it takes for records to replicate from source to target.
- `ReplicationFailures` — Should be 0. A non-zero value indicates replication issues.

Monitor consumer group offset synchronization

When `synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets` is set to `true`, MSK Replicator periodically translates and synchronizes consumer group offsets from the source to the target cluster.

- `ConsumerGroupCount` — Verify that this matches the expected number of consumer groups being synchronized.
- `ConsumerGroupOffsetSyncFailure` — Should be 0. If greater than 0, check that consumer groups are active, verify Read and Describe permissions, and ensure topics exist on the target cluster.
- `OffsetLag (MSK)` and `OffsetLag (Non-MSK)` — Compare partition-level consumer lag across both clusters to verify offsets are synchronized.

Determine migration readiness

Your applications are ready to migrate when all of the following conditions are met:

- `MessageLag` = 0
- `ReplicationFailures` = 0
- `ConsumerGroupOffsetSyncFailure` = 0

MSK Replicator logs

MSK Replicator supports forwarding operational logs to help you monitor and troubleshoot replication. Log delivery is disabled by default. Enabling log delivery gives you deeper visibility into replication operations, authentication issues, and configuration problems.

> **Note**
>
> When log delivery is enabled, your IAM role must have the additional permissions required to write to the configured log destination. For the required permissions, see Enabling logging from AWS services.

Supported log destinations

MSK Replicator supports the following log destinations:

- **Amazon CloudWatch Logs** — View logs in real time in the AWS Management Console. Supports log insights queries.
- **Amazon S3** — Durably store logs for long-term retention and batch analysis.
- **Amazon Data Firehose** — Stream logs to supported destinations such as Amazon OpenSearch Service, Splunk, or a custom HTTP endpoint.

Configure log delivery

Configure log delivery by including the `logDelivery` parameter in your `CreateReplicator` or `UpdateReplicator` API request. By default, log delivery is not enabled.

Example `logDelivery` configuration:

```
# In CreateReplicator or UpdateReplicator API request:
"logDelivery": {
  "brokerLogs": {
    "cloudWatchLogs": {
```

```
      "enabled": true,
      "logGroup": "/aws/msk/replicator/my-replicator"
    },
    "s3": {
      "enabled": true,
      "bucket": "my-msk-logs-bucket",
      "prefix": "msk-replicator/"
    },
    "firehose": { "enabled": false }
  }
}
```

You can enable one or more destinations simultaneously based on your logging requirements.

Log content

MSK Replicator logs include information about the following events and conditions:

1. Authorization failures for specific topics, record size errors when messages exceed configured limits and other common errors
2. Offset commit activity confirming replication progress
3. Replicated topic creation on the target cluster
4. Cluster connectivity warnings and errors

Cost considerations

For more information about vended logs pricing, see the **Logs** tab at Amazon CloudWatch Pricing.

Best practices

This section covers common best practices and implementation strategies for using Amazon MSK Replicator.

Topics

- Sizing and partitions
- Managing throughput with Kafka quotas
- Retention period
- Cluster configuration changes after Replicator creation

- Considerations for multi-Region applications

Sizing and partitions

The number of partitions on your source and target MSK clusters directly impacts replication performance. Having too few or too many partitions can impact performance.

The following table shows the recommended minimum number of partitions for getting the throughput you want with MSK Replicator.

Throughput and recommended minimum number of partitions

Throughput (MB/s)	Minimum number of partitions required
50	167
100	334
250	833
500	1666
1000	3333

Verify that you have enough read and write capacity in your source and target MSK clusters to support the replication traffic. MSK Replicator acts as a consumer for your source cluster (egress) and as a producer for your target cluster (ingress). Therefore, you should provision cluster capacity to support the replication traffic in addition to other traffic on your clusters.

We recommend that you provision identical capacity for your source and target clusters, and account for the replication throughput when calculating how much capacity you need.

Managing throughput with Kafka quotas

Since MSK Replicator acts as a consumer for your source cluster, replication can cause other consumers to be throttled on your source cluster. The amount of throttling depends on the read capacity you have on your source cluster and the throughput of data you are replicating.

You can set Kafka quotas for the Replicator on your source cluster to control how much capacity the MSK Replicator can use. A network bandwidth quota is recommended. A network bandwidth

quota defines a byte rate threshold, defined as bytes per second, for one or more clients sharing a quota. This quota is defined on a per-broker basis.

Follow these steps to apply a quota:

1. Retrieve the bootstrap server string for the source cluster. See Get the bootstrap brokers for an Amazon MSK cluster.
2. Retrieve the service execution role (SER) used by the MSK Replicator. This is the SER you used for a `CreateReplicator` request. You can also pull the SER from the `DescribeReplicator` response.
3. Using Kafka CLI tools, run the following command against the source cluster:

```
./kafka-configs.sh --bootstrap-server <source-cluster-bootstrap-server> \
  --alter \
  --add-config 'consumer_byte_rate=<quota_in_bytes_per_second>' \
  --entity-type users \
  --entity-name arn:aws:sts::<customer-account-id>:assumed-role/<ser-role-name>/
<customer-account-id> \
  --command-config <client-properties-for-iam-auth>
```

4. After executing the command, verify that the `ReplicatorThroughput` metric does not cross the quota you have set.

If you reuse a service execution role between multiple MSK Replicators, they are all subject to this quota. If you want to maintain separate quotas per Replicator, use separate service execution roles.

For a bi-directional setup, we recommend the following:

- Use two separate service execution roles (SERs), one for each direction of replication. This makes sure that each Replicator works correctly and can access the internal topics that it creates on its target cluster.
- For each SER, apply the quota only on the source cluster of the corresponding Replicator. If you must set a quota on the target cluster, make sure that it's higher than 10 MB/s to avoid impacting replication.

For more information on using MSK IAM authentication with quotas, see Multi-tenancy Apache Kafka clusters in Amazon MSK with IAM access control and Kafka Quotas – Part 1.

> **Warning**
>
> Setting an extremely low `consumer_byte_rate` on the target cluster may cause MSK Replicator to behave unexpectedly and result in replication failure.

Retention period

You can set the log retention period for MSK Provisioned and Serverless clusters. The recommended retention period is 7 days. See Cluster configuration changes after Replicator creation or MSK Serverless cluster configuration.

Cluster configuration changes after Replicator creation

- We recommend that you do not turn tiered storage on or off after the MSK Replicator has been created. If your target cluster is not tiered, MSK will not copy the tiered storage configurations, regardless of whether your source cluster is tiered. If you turn on tiered storage on the target cluster after Replicator is created, the Replicator needs to be recreated. If you want to copy data from a non-tiered to a tiered cluster, you should not copy topic configurations.
- Do not change the following cluster configuration settings after MSK Replicator creation, as they are validated during creation:
  - Change MSK cluster to t3 instance type.
  - Change service execution role permissions.
  - Disable MSK multi-VPC private connectivity.
  - Change the attached cluster resource-based policy.
  - Change cluster security group rules.
- For Identical topic name replication configurations, do not make changes to the headers that MSK Replicator creates (`__mskmr`) to avoid the risk of cyclic replication.

Considerations for multi-Region applications

When building multi-Region Apache Kafka applications with MSK Replicator, keep the following in mind:

- **Idempotent consumers:** Your consumers must be able to reprocess duplicate messages without downstream impact. MSK Replicator replicates data at-least-once, which may result in duplicates

in the standby cluster. When you switch over to the secondary AWS Region, your consumers may process the same data more than once. MSK Replicator prioritizes copying data over consumer offsets for better performance. After a failover, the consumer may start reading from earlier offsets resulting in duplicate processing.

- **Tolerate minimal data loss:** Producers and consumers must tolerate losing minimal data. Since MSK Replicator replicates data asynchronously, when the primary AWS Region starts experiencing failures, there is no guarantee that all data is replicated to the secondary Region. You can use the replication latency to determine the maximum data that was not copied into the secondary Region.

Troubleshoot Amazon MSK Replicator

The following information can help you troubleshoot problems with MSK Replicator. See Troubleshoot your Amazon MSK cluster for other Amazon MSK features. You can also post your issue to AWS re:Post.

Replicator state goes from CREATING to FAILED

Common causes for MSK Replicator creation failure:

1. Verify that the security groups you provided for the target cluster have outbound rules to allow traffic to your target cluster's security groups, and that your target cluster's security groups have inbound rules that accept traffic from the Replicator security groups.
2. For cross-region replication, verify that your source cluster has multi-VPC connectivity turned on for IAM access control and that the cluster policy is set up on the source cluster.
3. Verify that the IAM role provided during creation has the permissions required to read and write to your source and target clusters, including permissions to write to topics.
4. Verify that your network ACLs are not blocking the connection between the MSK Replicator and your clusters.
5. It is possible that source or target clusters are not fully available when the MSK Replicator tried to connect. This might be due to excessive load, disk usage, or CPU usage. Fix the issue with the brokers and retry Replicator creation.

After you have performed the validations above, create the MSK Replicator again.

Replicator appears stuck in the CREATING state

MSK Replicator creation can take up to 30 minutes. Wait for 30 minutes and check the state of the Replicator again.

Replicator doesn't start replicating

> **Note**
>
> When a Replicator starts or restarts, it reads its internal topics first. If one of these reads doesn't finish, the Replicator doesn't replicate.

If you turned on log delivery, each read writes a start line and a finish line to your Replicator logs. For more information, see MSK Replicator logs. In a healthy startup, every start line is followed by a finish line for the same topic:

```
[Worker-0a1b2c3d4e5f67890] [2026-10-13 18:16:57,321] INFO Started reading
 internal topic __amazon_msk_replicator_offsets_my-replicator_a1b2c3d4-5678-90ab-
cdef-1234567890ab-1.
[Worker-0a1b2c3d4e5f67890] [2026-10-13 18:16:57,982] INFO Finished reading
 internal topic __amazon_msk_replicator_offsets_my-replicator_a1b2c3d4-5678-90ab-
cdef-1234567890ab-1.
```

If the same start line keeps repeating with no finish line, the Replicator is restarting before it finishes reading the topic. To resolve this issue, do the following:

1. Check whether a Kafka quota throttles your Replicator. A low quota can slow the read so much that it never finishes. If you set a quota for the Replicator's service execution role, raise it. See Managing throughput with Kafka quotas.
2. If your Replicator isn't throttled, wait 30 minutes. If the start line still repeats with no finish line, see the AWS Support Center and create a support case.

Replicator is not replicating data or replicating only partial data

1. Verify that your Replicator is not running into authentication errors using the `AuthError` metric in Amazon CloudWatch. If this metric is above 0, check the IAM role policy and ensure there are no deny permissions set for the cluster permissions.

2. Verify that your source and target clusters are not experiencing issues (too many connections, disk at full capacity, or high CPU usage).
3. Verify that your clusters are reachable using the `KafkaClusterPingSuccessCount` metric. If this metric is 0 or has no datapoint, check network and IAM role permissions.
4. Verify that your Replicator is not running into failures using the `ReplicatorFailure` metric. If above 0, check the IAM role for topic-level permissions.
5. Verify that the regular expression in the allow list matches the names of the topics you want to replicate, and that topics are not being excluded by the deny list.
6. It may take up to 30 seconds for the Replicator to detect and create new topics. Messages produced before the topic is created on the target cluster will not be replicated if the starting position is *latest* (default).

Message offsets in the target cluster are different than the source cluster

MSK Replicator consumes messages from the source cluster and produces them to the target cluster, which can lead to different offsets. If you have turned on consumer group offset syncing, MSK Replicator will automatically translate the offsets so that after failover, your consumers can resume processing from near where they left off.

Replicator is not syncing consumer group offsets

1. Verify that data replication is working as expected.
2. Verify that the regular expression in the allow list matches the consumer groups you want to replicate.
3. Verify that MSK Replicator has created the topic on the target cluster. If your consumer group on the source cluster has only consumed messages that have not been replicated, the consumer group will not be replicated to the target cluster. Once your consumer group starts reading newly replicated messages, MSK Replicator will automatically replicate the consumer group.

> **Note**
>
> MSK Replicator optimizes consumer group offset syncing for consumers reading from near the end of the topic partition. If your consumer groups are lagging on the source cluster,

you may see higher lag on the target. As your consumers catch up, MSK Replicator will automatically reduce the lag.

Replication latency is high or keeps increasing

1. Verify that you have the right number of partitions. The following table shows the recommended minimum number of partitions for your desired throughput.

   Throughput and recommended minimum number of partitions

Throughput (MB/s)	Minimum partitions required
50	167
100	334
250	833
500	1666
1000	3333

2. Verify that you have enough read and write capacity in your clusters. MSK Replicator acts as a consumer for your source cluster (egress) and as a producer for your target cluster (ingress). Provision cluster capacity to support replication traffic in addition to other traffic.
3. Replication latency varies by Region pair distance.
4. Verify that your Replicator is not getting throttled using the `ThrottleTime` metric. If above 0, adjust Kafka quotas. See Managing throughput with Kafka quotas.
5. Check the AWS Service Health Dashboard for MSK service events in your Region.

Troubleshooting using the ReplicatorFailure metric

The `ReplicatorFailure` metric helps you monitor and detect replication issues. A non-zero value typically indicates a replication failure caused by message size limitations, timestamp range violations, or record batch size problems. If you have log delivery configured for your replicator, you can use the delivered log messages to identify the specific failure. For more details, see MSK

Replicator logs. If log delivery is not configured, follow the steps below to query the replicator's status topic for error messages.

If the `ReplicatorFailure` metric reports a non-zero value, follow these steps to troubleshoot:

1. Configure a client that can connect to the target MSK cluster and has Apache Kafka CLI tools set up. See Connect to an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster.
2. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.

   Obtain the ARNs of the MSK Replicator and target MSK cluster, and obtain the broker endpoints of the target MSK cluster.
3. Export the MSK Replicator ARN and broker endpoints:

```
export TARGET_CLUSTER_SERVER_STRING=<BootstrapServerString>
export REPLICATOR_ARN=<ReplicatorARN>
export CONSUMER_CONFIG_FILE=<ConsumerConfigFile>
```

4. In your `<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin` directory, save the following script as **`query-replicator-failure-message.sh`**.

```
#!/bin/bash

# Script: Query MSK Replicator Failure Message
# Description: This script queries exceptions from AWS MSK Replicator status topics
# It takes a replicator ARN and bootstrap server as input and searches for
 replicator exceptions
# in the replicator's status topic, formatting and displaying them in a readable
 manner
#
# Required Arguments:
#   --replicator-arn: The ARN of the AWS MSK Replicator
#   --bootstrap-server: The Kafka bootstrap server to connect to
#   --consumer.config: Consumer config properties file
# Usage Example:
#   ./query-replicator-failure-message.sh --replicator-arn <replicator-arn> --
bootstrap-server <bootstrap-server> --consumer.config <consumer.config>

print_usage() {
```

```
  echo "USAGE: $0 ./query-replicator-failure-message.sh --replicator-arn
 <replicator-arn> --bootstrap-server <bootstrap-server> --consumer.config
 <consumer.config>"
  echo "--replicator-arn <String: MSK Replicator ARN>      REQUIRED: The ARN of AWS
 MSK Replicator."
  echo "--bootstrap-server <String: server to connect to>  REQUIRED: The Kafka
 server to connect to."
  echo "--consumer.config <String: config file>            REQUIRED: Consumer
 config properties file."
  exit 1
}

# Initialize variables
replicator_arn=""
bootstrap_server=""
consumer_config=""

# Parse arguments
while [[ $# -gt 0 ]]; do
  case "$1" in
    --replicator-arn)
      if [ -z "$2" ]; then
        echo "Error: --replicator-arn requires an argument."
        print_usage
      fi
      replicator_arn="$2"; shift 2 ;;
    --bootstrap-server)
      if [ -z "$2" ]; then
        echo "Error: --bootstrap-server requires an argument."
        print_usage
      fi
      bootstrap_server="$2"; shift 2 ;;
    --consumer.config)
      if [ -z "$2" ]; then
        echo "Error: --consumer.config requires an argument."
        print_usage
      fi
      consumer_config="$2"; shift 2 ;;
    *) echo "Unknown option: $1"; print_usage ;;
  esac
done

# Check for required arguments
```

```
if [ -z "$replicator_arn" ] || [ -z "$bootstrap_server" ] || [ -z
 "$consumer_config" ]; then
  echo "Error: --replicator-arn, --bootstrap-server, and --consumer.config are
 required."
  print_usage
fi

# Extract replicator name and suffix from ARN
replicator_arn_suffix=$(echo "$replicator_arn" | awk -F'/' '{print $NF}')
replicator_name=$(echo "$replicator_arn" | awk -F'/' '{print $(NF-1)}')
echo "Replicator name: $replicator_name"

# List topics and find the status topic
topics=$(./kafka-topics.sh --command-config client.properties --list --bootstrap-
server "$bootstrap_server")
status_topic_name="__amazon_msk_replicator_status_${replicator_name}_
${replicator_arn_suffix}"

# Check if the status topic exists
if echo "$topics" | grep -Fq "$status_topic_name"; then
  echo "Found replicator status topic: '$status_topic_name'"
  ./kafka-console-consumer.sh --bootstrap-server "$bootstrap_server" --
consumer.config "$consumer_config" --topic "$status_topic_name" --from-beginning
 | stdbuf -oL grep "Exception" | stdbuf -oL sed -n 's/.*Exception:\(.*\) Topic:
 \([^,]*\), Partition: \([^\]*\).*/ReplicatorException:\1 Topic: \2, Partition: \3/
p'
else
  echo "No topic matching the pattern '$status_topic_name' found."
fi
```

Run this script to query the MSK Replicator failure messages:

```
<path-to-your-kafka-installation>/bin/query-replicator-failure-message.sh --
replicator-arn $REPLICATOR_ARN --bootstrap-server $TARGET_CLUSTER_SERVER_STRING --
consumer.config $CONSUMER_CONFIG_FILE
```

This script outputs all the errors with their exception messages and affected topic-partitions. Because the topic contains all the historical failure messages, start investigation using the last message. The following is an example of a failure message:

```
ReplicatorException: The request included a message larger than the max message
 size the server will accept. Topic: test, Partition: 1
```

Common failures and solutions

The following describes common MSK Replicator failures and how to mitigate them.

Message size larger than max.request.size

Cause: The individual message size exceeds 10 MB (the default maximum).

The following is an example of this failure message type.

```
ReplicatorException: The message is 20635370 bytes when serialized which is larger
 than 10485760, which is the value of the max.request.size configuration. Topic:
 test, Partition: 1
```

Solution: Reduce the individual message sizes in your topic. If you cannot, follow the instructions for requesting a limit increase.

Message size larger than the max message size the server will accept

Cause: The message size exceeds the target cluster's maximum message size.

The following is an example of this failure message type.

```
ReplicatorException: The request included a message larger than the max message size
 the server will accept. Topic: test, Partition: 1
```

Solution: Increase the `max.message.bytes` configuration on the target cluster or topic. See max.message.bytes.

Timestamp is out of range

Cause: The message timestamp falls outside the target cluster's allowed range.

The following is an example of this failure message type.

```
ReplicatorException: Timestamp 1730137653724 of message with offset 0 is out of
 range. The timestamp should be within [1730137892239, 1731347492239] Topic: test,
 Partition: 1
```

Solution: Update the target cluster's `message.timestamp.before.max.ms` configuration. See message.timestamp.before.max.ms.

Record batch too large

Cause: The record batch size exceeds the segment size set for the topic on the target cluster. MSK Replicator supports a maximum batch size of 1 MB.

The following is an example of this failure message type.

```
ReplicatorException: The request included message batch larger than the configured
 segment size on the server. Topic: test, Partition: 1
```

Solution: Update the target cluster's `segment.bytes` to be at least 1048576 (1 MB). See segment.bytes.

> **Note**
>
> If the `ReplicatorFailure` metric continues to emit non-zero values after applying these solutions, repeat the troubleshooting process until the metric emits a value of zero.

Troubleshoot replication from self-managed Kafka clusters

MSK Replicator cannot connect to self-managed Kafka cluster

Perform the following checks if MSK Replicator cannot connect to your self-managed Kafka cluster:

1. Verify that your VPN or Direct Connect connection is active and the route tables are correct.
2. Verify that security groups allow inbound traffic from MSK Replicator subnets on the SASL_SSL port (typically 9096).
3. Verify DNS resolution from the VPC to the self-managed cluster broker hostnames.
4. Check the `KafkaClusterPingSuccessCount` metric in Amazon CloudWatch — a value of 0 indicates a connectivity failure.

SASL/SCRAM or mTLS authentication failures

If the `AuthError` metric is non-zero or the Replicator logs show SASL/SCRAM or mTLS errors:

1. Verify that the credentials stored in AWS Secrets Manager match the SCRAM user credentials on the self-managed cluster (for SASL/SCRAM) or that the client certificate and private key are correct (for mTLS).
2. Verify that the SCRAM user or certificate principal has the required ACL permissions (Read, Describe on topics; Read, Describe on consumer groups; Describe on cluster).
3. Check the `AuthError` metric to confirm authentication errors and identify whether the source or target cluster is affected using the `ClusterAlias` dimension.

SASL/OAUTHBEARER (OAuth) authentication failures

If the `AuthError` metric is non-zero or the Replicator logs show access token retrieval or SASL/OAUTHBEARER errors:

1. Verify that the `tokenEndpointUrl` is correct, uses the HTTPS scheme, and is reachable from the VPC subnets you provided for the Replicator. A `KafkaClusterPingSuccessCount` of 0 combined with token errors often indicates the token endpoint is not reachable.
2. For the client credentials mechanism, verify that the `client_id` and `client_secret` in AWS Secrets Manager are correct and that the token acquisition mechanism matches what your IDP expects.
3. Verify that the `tokenEndpointAuthenticationMethod` is valid for your token acquisition mechanism. The client credentials mechanism requires `POST` or `BASIC`, and the client credentials assertion mechanism requires `NONE`.
4. For the IAM JWT bearer and client credentials assertion mechanisms, verify that the service execution role has the `sts:GetWebIdentityToken` permission, and that the `audience` and `signingAlgorithm` match what your IDP expects when it validates the token.
5. If your IDP uses a private CA, verify that the CA certificate referenced by `tokenEndpointTlsCertificateArn` is complete and valid.
6. Verify that the Kafka principal that your IDP maps the access token to has the ACL permissions that MSK Replicator requires on the source cluster.
7. Check the Replicator logs for the HTTP status and OAuth `error` code returned by the token endpoint. MSK Replicator logs these fields but never logs the token endpoint response body.

SSL certificate issues

If the Replicator cannot establish a secure connection to the self-managed cluster:

1. Verify that the `certificate` value in AWS Secrets Manager includes the full CA certificate chain in PEM format.
2. Verify that the SSL listener is configured on all self-managed cluster brokers.
3. Verify that the certificate has not expired and is issued by a trusted CA.

Consumer group offset synchronization failures for self-managed clusters

If consumer group offsets are not being synchronized correctly:

1. Verify the `ConsumerGroupOffsetSyncFailure` metric — it should be 0.
2. Verify that consumer groups are actively consuming on the source cluster (inactive consumer groups may not be synchronized).
3. For bidirectional replication, verify that `synchroniseConsumerGroupOffsets` is set to `true` on both Replicators.

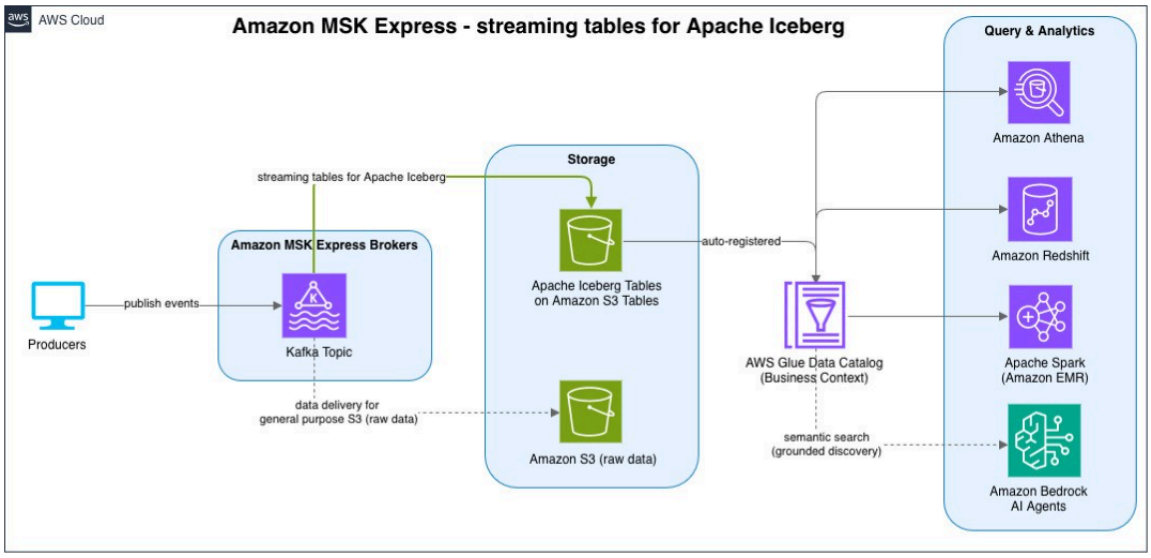
Amazon MSK streaming tables to Apache Iceberg

Amazon MSK streaming tables continuously materialize your Apache Kafka topics as Apache Iceberg tables on Amazon S3 Tables. You choose a Kafka topic and a destination table bucket, and Amazon MSK Express brokers write your records as Apache Parquet data files and commit them to the table.

Delivered data is queryable within minutes of being produced, and a single streaming table scales to 10 GBps of delivery throughput without manual scaling. Because delivery is native to Express brokers rather than a connector that you run, there is no additional broker egress throughput to provision, and you pay $10.00 per TB delivered. Together this can reduce the cost of ingesting and delivering Apache Kafka data into Amazon S3 Tables by up to 60% compared to self-managed deployments, and inline compaction reduces downstream query costs by up to 30%.

Without this capability, unifying streaming data with Apache Iceberg means deploying and maintaining Kafka Connect clusters, Apache Flink jobs, or custom consumers, handling data format conversions, and coordinating concurrent writes from high-throughput producers. High-volume ingestion also creates large numbers of small Parquet files that slow query engines such as Apache Spark, Trino, and Apache Flink, forcing a trade-off between data freshness and query performance. Streaming tables remove that infrastructure, resolve writer conflicts for you, and compact files inline so that queries stay fast without sacrificing freshness.

The following diagram shows how records flow from an Amazon MSK Express broker topic through a Data Delivery channel to an Apache Iceberg table in Amazon S3 Tables, and how the delivered data becomes available to query. The dashed path shows delivery to general purpose Amazon S3 buckets.



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Benefits

- **No infrastructure to manage** — No connectors or compute clusters. You configure a Channel and the service handles delivery, scaling, and fault tolerance.
- **No broker impact** — A channel reads from the topic without consuming broker throughput or affecting producer and consumer workloads.
- **Scales with your data** — Supports data delivery throughput of up to 10 GBps with no manual scaling required.
- **Data freshness in minutes** — Delivered data is available for querying or processing within 5 to 15 minutes of being produced to the topic.
- **Built-in error handling** — Unprocessable records are routed to a dead-letter queue with error context, so delivery continues uninterrupted.

Pricing

You pay for the volume of data delivered from your Apache Kafka topics to the destination, billed at per-byte resolution, at $10.00 per TB. There are no setup fees, minimum commitments, or upfront costs.

Standard Amazon S3 Tables storage, request, and maintenance charges apply to the destination table bucket, and standard AWS data transfer charges apply. There is no additional charge for broker egress, inline compaction, or writer coordination.

You are not charged separately for failed delivery attempts routed to the dead-letter queue. Only successfully delivered data is billed.

Rates vary by destination type and are subject to change. For current pricing, see Amazon MSK pricing.

Common use cases

- Continuously land Kafka streaming data into queryable Iceberg tables for analytics (Athena, Spark, and other engines).
- Build a streaming lakehouse on S3 Tables without managing compaction or a delivery service.
- Fan out a single topic to multiple destinations without adding broker load.

For the API specification, see `CreateChannel`, `DescribeChannel`, `UpdateChannel`, `DeleteChannel`, and `ListChannels` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Integrations

- **Amazon MSK Express brokers** — the data source.
- **Amazon S3 Tables** — managed Iceberg destination.
- **AWS Glue Schema Registry** — source of truth for record schemas.
- **Amazon CloudWatch** — metrics and operational logs.
- **AWS CloudTrail** — API audit logging.
- **AWS KMS** — optional customer-managed encryption at rest.

How it works

To establish a table on Iceberg, you create a **Channel**. You create a Channel on an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster that uses Express brokers. The Channel reads records from a Kafka topic and delivers them to the configured destination.

For **streaming tables for Apache Iceberg**, the Channel converts JSON records using a schema in the AWS Glue Schema Registry, writes them as Apache Parquet data files, and registers them in a new Iceberg table stored in an S3 Table bucket.

Records that cannot be processed are routed to a required dead-letter queue (DLQ) S3 bucket.

> **Note**
>
> A Channel does **not** backfill previously produced data — only data produced after enablement is delivered. For streaming tables for Apache Iceberg, a Channel creates a **new** Iceberg table for each configuration; delivery to existing Iceberg tables is not supported.

Key concepts

This section describes the key concepts behind Amazon MSK Data Delivery.

- **Data freshness vs. throughput** — A Channel needs at least 2.4 MBps of uncompressed throughput for the minimum 5-minute freshness. For lower-throughput topics, increase

freshness (up to 15 minutes) so the service can accumulate enough data for efficient delivery and inline compaction.

- **Input formats** — `JSON` (plain JSON; you provide a GSR schema ARN) and `JSON_SCHEMA_GSR` (GSR-serialized JSON with the schema ID embedded in each record) are supported. The AWS Glue Schema Registry (GSR) is the source of truth, and the Channel fails to create if the schema cannot be resolved.
- **Schema evolution** — Not supported. Changing the schema after creation can cause delivery failures.
- **Partitioning** — S3 Tables delivery supports time-based partitioning only.
- **No backfill** — only records produced after enablement are delivered.
- **New table for each channel** — each Channel creates its own Iceberg table.
- **Dead-letter queue** — both destinations require a DLQ S3 bucket. The Channel writes the identifiers (sequence numbers) of unprocessable records, along with error context — not the full record payloads.

Requirements and supported configurations

- An Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with **Express brokers**. Standard brokers and Amazon MSK Serverless are **not** supported.
- At least one Kafka topic.
- An Amazon S3 bucket for the dead-letter queue (DLQ). This is **required**.
- An IAM service role that the Channel assumes to deliver data.
- Data freshness configured between 5 and 15 minutes.
- Topic data in **JSON** (plain JSON, with a GSR schema ARN) or **JSON_SCHEMA_GSR** (GSR-serialized JSON with an embedded schema ID).
- A schema registered in the AWS Glue Schema Registry that matches your topic data.
- An Amazon S3 Table bucket in the same AWS Region as your Amazon MSK cluster.
- Cross-account delivery is **not** supported for streaming tables. Your Amazon MSK cluster, the destination S3 Table bucket, the AWS Glue Schema Registry, and the dead-letter queue bucket must all be in the same AWS account and the same AWS Region. Cross-Region delivery is not supported.

- For the minimum 5-minute data freshness, the topic should produce at least 2.4 MBps of uncompressed data. For lower-throughput topics, use a higher data freshness value (up to 15 minutes).

Get started

Topics

- Supported configurations
- Prerequisites
- Create your first Channel

Supported configurations

Configuration	Streaming tables for Apache Iceberg
Cluster / broker type	Amazon MSK Provisioned with Express brokers only
Input format	JSON or JSON_SCHEMA_GSR
Output format	Apache Iceberg tables; Parquet files with ZSTD or Snappy compression
Schema source	AWS Glue Schema Registry (required)
Schema evolution	Not supported
Partitioning	Time-based (TIME_HOUR)
Data freshness	5–15 minutes (default 10)
Storage class	Managed by S3 Tables

> **Note**
>
> **Input formats:** `JSON` is plain JSON objects — you provide the Glue Schema Registry ARN that defines the schema. `JSON_SCHEMA_GSR` is GSR-serialized JSON, where the schema ID is embedded in each record.

Prerequisites

1. An Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
2. A Kafka topic producing data in a supported format for your destination.
3. An S3 bucket for the dead-letter queue (DLQ) — **required**.
4. An IAM service role (see IAM permissions).
5. A schema registered in AWS Glue Schema Registry that matches the topic data, and an S3 Table bucket in the same AWS Region as the cluster.
6. (Optional) A customer-managed KMS key for encryption at rest.

Create your first Channel

To create your first Channel, complete the following steps:

1. Create the S3 Table bucket and the DLQ S3 bucket, and register your JSON schema in AWS Glue Schema Registry.
2. Create the IAM service role with the required permissions and trust policy (see IAM permissions).
3. In the Amazon MSK console, open your Express cluster, choose the **Channel** tab, and choose **Create Channel** (see Manage Channels for full steps).
4. Wait for the Channel to transition from **Creating** to **Active**.
5. Produce records to the topic and verify delivery by querying the Iceberg table in Athena or Spark.

IAM permissions

There are two distinct sets of permissions: the **Channel lifecycle management permissions** that you need to create and manage Channels, and the **service execution role** that the Channel assumes to deliver data.

Topics

- Channel lifecycle management permissions
- Service execution role

Channel lifecycle management permissions

The following permissions are for the IAM principal (the user or role) you use to create, update, describe, delete, and list Channels. They are not part of the service execution role.

API action	Required permission	Resource
CreateChannel	`kafka:CreateChannel`	Cluster ARN
DescribeChannel	`kafka:DescribeChannel`	Channel ARN
UpdateChannel	`kafka:UpdateChannel`	Channel ARN
DeleteChannel	`kafka:DeleteChannel`	Channel ARN
ListChannels	`kafka:ListChannels`	Cluster ARN

Service execution role

A Channel assumes a service execution role to deliver data. The role needs a trust policy plus a permission policy that matches your destination type. The following policies are the authoritative reference for the required permissions.

Trust policy

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
```

```
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Principal": {
                "Service": "kafka.amazonaws.com"
            },
            "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
            "Condition": {
                "StringEquals": {
                    "aws:SourceAccount": "ACCOUNT_ID"
                },
                "ArnLike": {
                    "aws:SourceArn": "arn:aws:kafka:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:channel/*"
                }
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

> **Note**
>
> Use the `aws:SourceArn` and `aws:SourceAccount` conditions to prevent confused deputy attacks.

Permission policy — streaming tables for Apache Iceberg

The following single policy contains every statement the service role may need. Keep the statements that apply to your setup (see When you need each statement) and remove the rest.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "AllowS3TablesActions",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "s3tables:GetTable",
                "s3tables:GetTableMetadataLocation",
                "s3tables:UpdateTableMetadataLocation",
                "s3tables:CreateTable",
                "s3tables:PutTableData",
```

```
                "s3tables:CreateNamespace",
                "s3tables:GetTableData",
                "s3tables:GetTableBucket",
                "s3tables:TagResource",
                "s3tables:PutTableRecordExpirationConfiguration",
                "s3tables:PutTableEncryption"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:s3tables:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:bucket/BUCKET_NAME",
                "arn:aws:s3tables:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:bucket/BUCKET_NAME/table/*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "AllowCreateTableWithTag",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "s3tables:CreateTable",
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:s3tables:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:bucket/BUCKET_NAME/table/*",
                "arn:aws:s3tables:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:bucket/BUCKET_NAME"
            ],
            "Condition": {
                "StringEquals": {
                    "aws:RequestTag/TableName": "TABLE_NAME"
                }
            }
        },
        {
            "Sid": "AllowPutTableDataWithTag",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "s3tables:PutTableData",
            "Resource": "arn:aws:s3tables:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:bucket/BUCKET_NAME/table/
*",
            "Condition": {
                "StringEquals": {
                    "aws:ResourceTag/TableName": "TABLE_NAME"
                }
            }
        },
        {
            "Sid": "DLQBucketAccess",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "s3:GetBucketLocation",
                "s3:PutObject",
```

```
                "s3:ListBucket",
                "s3:ListBucketMultipartUploads"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:s3:::DLQ_BUCKET",
                "arn:aws:s3:::DLQ_BUCKET/*"
            ],
            "Condition": {
                "StringEquals": {
                    "aws:ResourceAccount": "DLQ_ACCOUNT_ID"
                }
            }
        },
        {
            "Sid": "GlueSchemaRegistryAccess",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "glue:GetSchemaVersion"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:glue:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:schema/*",
                "arn:aws:glue:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:registry/*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "KMSAccess",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kms:Decrypt",
                "kms:GenerateDataKey"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kms:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:key/KEY_ID"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

When you need each statement

The following explains when each statement in the preceding policy is required.

- **`AllowS3TablesActions` (required)** — grants the core S3 Tables actions, scoped by the S3 Table ARN. `s3tables:PutTableEncryption` is required only when you provide your own customer-managed KMS key (you can remove it otherwise).
- **`AllowCreateTableWithTag` / `AllowPutTableDataWithTag` (optional)** — use these only if you want tag-based access control instead of ARN scoping for table creation and data writes. They restrict `s3tables:CreateTable` and `s3tables:PutTableData` to resources carrying a matching `TableName` tag. Replace `TABLE_NAME` with your table name; omit these statements if you scope solely by ARN.
- Table ARNs are UUID-based and only exist after the Channel creates the table, so scope to the bucket ARN plus `.../bucket/BUCKET_NAME/table/*` (sample table ARN: `arn:aws:s3tables:us-east-1:123456789012:bucket/my-bucket/table/49d6653e-244e-40a0-b0a0-c975c404127d`).
- **`DLQBucketAccess` (required)** — the Channel writes the identifiers of unprocessable records to the DLQ bucket. Replace `DLQ_ACCOUNT_ID` with the ID of the account that owns the DLQ bucket; the `aws:ResourceAccount` condition restricts access to a bucket in that account.
- **`GlueSchemaRegistryAccess` (required)** — grants `glue:GetSchemaVersion` so the Channel can resolve the schema for the topic data from the Glue Schema Registry. Required for both the `JSON` and `JSON_SCHEMA_GSR` input formats.
- **`KMSAccess` (optional)** — required only when you provide your own customer-managed KMS key.

Additional permissions

- **Amazon CloudWatch Logs (optional):** add `logs:CreateLogStream` and `logs:PutLogEvents` on the log group (see Logging).

Manage Channels

Resource states: `CREATING`, `ACTIVE`, `UPDATING`, `DELETING`, `FAILED`, `SUSPENDING`, `SUSPENDED`. A Channel is suspended by the service when it runs into an unrecoverable error.

You can create and manage Channels in the https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/ or with the Amazon MSK API. For the API operations and their parameters, see the Amazon MSK API Reference.

Topics

- Create a Channel
- Describe a Channel
- Update a Channel
- Delete a Channel
- List Channels

Create a Channel

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab, then choose **Create Channel**.
5. In the **Source configuration** step:
   - **Channel name:** enter the name of the Channel to create.
   - **Topic:** select an existing topic. Create a new topic if one doesn't exist yet.
6. Proceed to the **Destination configuration** step.
7. Under **Destination type**, select **streaming tables for Apache Iceberg**.
   - Select a **Record conversion format** (JSON or JSON (Glue Schema Registry)). Also choose the Glue Schema Registry schema for plain JSON.
   - Under **Warehouse location**:
     - Select an S3 Table bucket.
   - Under **Destination table**:
     - Select or enter the **Namespace**.
     - Enter the **Table name** and the **Column name**, and choose the **Compression type** (ZSTD or Snappy).
   - For streaming tables for Apache Iceberg, **Partitioning** is time-based.
   - Set the **Data freshness** (5–15 minutes).
8. Proceed to the **Additional configuration** step.

9. Under **Encryption configuration**, optionally select a customer-managed key to customize your encryption settings.
10. Under **Service Access**, select or create an IAM role with the required permissions.
11. Under **Dead-letter queue**, specify the S3 bucket URI for unprocessable records. Optionally enter an error output prefix.
12. (Optional) Under **Log Delivery**, select an Amazon CloudWatch log group, Amazon S3 bucket, or Amazon Data Firehose stream to send logs for monitoring and troubleshooting.
13. (Optional) Add tags.
14. Proceed to the **Review** step.
15. Review and choose **Create Channel**.

The Channel enters the **Creating** state and transitions to **Active** once the delivery pipeline is fully provisioned.

Using the AWS CLI

The source topic is set in `TopicConfigurationList` (exactly one topic). The destination is set in either `IcebergDestinationConfiguration` or `S3DestinationConfiguration` (mutually exclusive), and each destination configuration contains its own `ServiceExecutionRoleArn`, `DataFreshnessInSeconds` (300–900, default 600), and `DeadLetterQueueS3`.

To create a Channel with a streaming tables for Apache Iceberg destination, use the following command.

```
aws kafka create-channel \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-name "orders-channel" \
    --topic-configuration-list '[
        {
            "TopicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-topic",
            "RecordConverter": { "ValueConverter": "JSON" },
            "RecordSchema": { "GsrArn": "arn:aws:glue:us-east-1:123456789012:schema/my-
registry/orders-schema" }
        }
    ]' \
    --iceberg-destination-configuration '{
```

```
        "ServiceExecutionRoleArn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKChannelRole",
        "DataFreshnessInSeconds": 300,
        "Catalog": {
            "WarehouseLocation": "arn:aws:s3tables:us-east-1:123456789012:bucket/
analytics-table-bucket"
        },
        "DeadLetterQueueS3": {
            "BucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::my-dlq-bucket",
            "ErrorOutputPrefix": "dlq/"
        },
        "DestinationTableList": [
            {
                "DestinationDatabaseName": "analytics_db",
                "DestinationTableName": "orders_iceberg",
                "PartitionSpec": {
                    "PartitionStrategy": "TIME_HOUR",
                    "SourceList": [ { "SourceName": "timestamp" } ]
                }
            }
        ],
        "CompressionType": "ZSTD"
    }'
```

- `RecordConverter.ValueConverter` is `JSON` (plain JSON — provide `RecordSchema.GsrArn`, the ARN of the Glue Schema Registry schema that defines the data) or `JSON_SCHEMA_GSR` (GSR-serialized JSON — the schema ID is embedded in each record).
- `Catalog` is optional. If you provide `Catalog.CatalogArn`, it must reference the S3 Tables catalog (`.../catalog/s3tablescatalog/<bucket-name>`); if omitted, Amazon MSK derives it from `WarehouseLocation`.
- `CompressionType` is `ZSTD` (default) or `SNAPPY`. Partitioning uses `PartitionStrategy: TIME_HOUR` with a single timestamp source column.

The response is the same for both destinations.

```
{
    "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-channel",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster-operation/my-
express-cluster/abc123/..."
}
```

> **Note**
>
> Use the `ClusterOperationArn` to track the asynchronous operation's status and any error message. The Channel starts in `CREATING` and transitions to `ACTIVE` when provisioning completes.

API reference — see `CreateChannel` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Describe a Channel

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.
5. Choose the name of the Channel to describe.

The detail page shows source topic, destination, delivery settings, current state, and recent Amazon CloudWatch metrics.

Using the AWS CLI

```
aws kafka describe-channel \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-channel"
```

The following is an example response for a streaming tables for Apache Iceberg destination.

```
{
    "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-channel",
    "ChannelName": "orders-channel",
    "TopicConfigurationList": [
```

```
        {
            "TopicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-topic",
            "RecordConverter": { "ValueConverter": "JSON" },
            "RecordSchema": { "GsrArn": "arn:aws:glue:us-east-1:123456789012:schema/my-
registry/orders-schema" }
        }
    ],
    "IcebergDestinationConfiguration": {
        "ServiceExecutionRoleArn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKChannelRole",
        "DataFreshnessInSeconds": 300,
        "Catalog": {
            "WarehouseLocation": "arn:aws:s3tables:us-east-1:123456789012:bucket/
analytics-table-bucket"
        },
        "DeadLetterQueueS3": {
            "BucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::my-dlq-bucket",
            "ErrorOutputPrefix": "dlq/"
        },
        "DestinationTableList": [
            {
                "DestinationDatabaseName": "analytics_db",
                "DestinationTableName": "orders_iceberg",
                "PartitionSpec": {
                    "PartitionStrategy": "TIME_HOUR",
                    "SourceList": [ { "SourceName": "timestamp" } ]
                }
            }
        ],
        "CompressionType": "ZSTD"
    },
    "Status": "ACTIVE",
    "DestinationType": "ICEBERG",
    "CreationTime": "2026-06-18T10:30:00.000Z"
}
```

Note

`Status` is one of `CREATING`, `ACTIVE`, `UPDATING`, `DELETING`, `FAILED`, `SUSPENDING`, `SUSPENDED`. When `Status` is `FAILED`, the response includes a `StateInfo` object with a `Code` and `Message` describing the cause. While an operation is in flight (`CREATING`, `UPDATING`, `DELETING`), the response also includes `ClusterOperationArn`.

API reference — see `DescribeChannel` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Update a Channel

You can modify only the data freshness interval (`DataFreshnessInSeconds`, 300–900).

> **Important**
>
> You cannot update the source topic, input format, schema, destination configuration, or service execution role of an existing Channel. To change these settings, delete the Channel and create a new one.

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.
5. Select the Channel to update and choose **Edit data freshness**.
6. Modify **Data freshness** (5–15 minutes), then choose **Save changes**.

Using the AWS CLI

Use the update field that matches the Channel's destination type — `--iceberg-destination-update` for an Iceberg destination.

```
aws kafka update-channel \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-channel" \
    --iceberg-destination-update '{
        "DataFreshnessInSeconds": 600
    }'
```

Response:

```
{
    "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-channel",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster-operation/my-
express-cluster/abc123/..."
}
```

Note

A `200` response indicates the update was accepted; the Channel transitions to `UPDATING` and returns to `ACTIVE` when complete. Track progress with the `ClusterOperationArn`.

API reference — see `UpdateChannel` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Delete a Channel

Deleting a Channel stops delivery from the Kafka topic to the destination. Data already delivered (the Iceberg table) is not deleted.

Important

Deleting a Channel is irreversible. Any undelivered data in the topic will not be delivered. Data already delivered remains intact and accessible.

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.
5. Select the Channel to delete and choose **Delete**.
6. In the confirmation dialog, type `delete` and choose **Delete**.

Using the AWS CLI

```
aws kafka delete-channel \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-channel"
```

Response:

```
{
    "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-channel",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster-operation/my-
express-cluster/abc123/..."
}
```

> **Note**
>
> A `200` response indicates the deletion was accepted; the Channel transitions to `DELETING`. Track progress with the `ClusterOperationArn`.

API reference — see `DeleteChannel` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

List Channels

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.

All Channels for the cluster are listed with name, state, destination type, and creation time.

Using the AWS CLI

```
aws kafka list-channels \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123"
```

> **Note**
>
> Use `--topic-name-filter "orders-topic"` to return only Channels whose source topic name matches the value. Use `--max-results` and `--next-token` to page through results.

Response:

```
{
    "Channels": [
        {
            "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-
cluster/abc123/orders-channel",
            "ChannelName": "orders-channel",
            "Status": "ACTIVE",
            "DestinationType": "ICEBERG",
            "CreationTime": "2026-06-18T10:30:00.000Z"
        },
        {
            "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-
cluster/abc123/clickstream-channel",
            "ChannelName": "clickstream-channel",
            "Status": "ACTIVE",
            "DestinationType": "S3",
            "CreationTime": "2026-06-19T08:15:00.000Z"
        }
    ],
    "NextToken": null
}
```

> **Note**
>
> Channels that deliver to the other destination type appear in the same list output, each with its own `DestinationType` value.

API reference — see `ListChannels` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Iceberg table behaviors

This section describes how a Channel maps schemas and manages the Apache Iceberg table it creates in Amazon S3 Tables.

Topics

- Schema type mapping
- Table type
- Table maintenance
- Table attributes
- Core library version

Schema type mapping

When you register a schema in the AWS Glue Schema Registry, the Channel maps the JSON Schema types to Iceberg column types as follows.

JSON Schema type	Condition	Iceberg column type
`string`	(plain)	`string`
`string`	`format: "date-time"`	`timestamptz`
`string`	`format: "date"`	`date`
`string`	`format: "time"`	`time`
`string`	`format: "uuid"`	`uuid`

JSON Schema type	Condition	Iceberg column type
`string`	`format: "byte"` or `contentEncoding: "base64"`	`binary`
`integer`	fits in 32-bit range	`int`
`integer`	exceeds 32-bit range	`long`
`number`	with `multipleOf` (for example, `0.001`)	`decimal(38, scale)`
`number`	plain floating point	`double`
`boolean`	—	`boolean`
`object`	with named properties	`struct`
`object`	with `additionalProperties`	`map<string, value_type>`
`array`	—	`list<element_type>`
`enum`	—	`string`

Required columns — A column is marked required (non-nullable) when it appears in the `"required"` array of the parent object in your JSON Schema.

Partition key column — Your table must include a `timestamptz` column that can be used for time-based partitioning (hour). The source column referenced by the partition is automatically treated as required, even if your schema does not list it in the `"required"` array. You can enable an S3 Tables record-expiration job based on the table's partition column — see Managing S3 Tables record expiration.

The Channel handles source fields as follows:

- **Extra fields in source data** — Fields present in your source records but not defined in the table schema are silently dropped; they are not written to the Iceberg table.

- **Missing optional fields** — If a source record omits a field defined as optional in the table schema, the column is written as `null`.
- **Missing required fields** — If a source record omits a field defined as required, the record fails validation and is sent to the dead-letter queue (DLQ) with an error indicating the missing required field.
- **Nesting limit** — Schemas with more than 16 levels of nesting are not supported.

Table type

The Iceberg table that a Channel creates in S3 Tables is managed by the Amazon MSK service. You can query the table using AWS analytics services and any compatible query engine, but you should not update its schema, modify its table properties, or write and delete its data directly. For more information about managed table buckets, see Using AWS managed table buckets in the *Amazon S3 User Guide*.

Table maintenance

S3 Tables provides optional automated table maintenance jobs — compaction, snapshot expiration, and unreferenced file cleanup. Enabling these jobs is recommended: they optimize query performance by merging small data files, reduce storage costs by removing obsolete snapshots, and prevent metadata bloat over time as the Channel continuously writes to your table.

You can also enable a record expiration job to automatically delete records older than a specified retention period when your table is partitioned by a `timestamptz` column. This helps you manage storage costs and meet data-retention requirements without running manual delete operations against your Iceberg table.

For more details, see S3 Tables maintenance overview in the *Amazon S3 User Guide*.

Table attributes

The Iceberg table a Channel creates has the following attributes (designed for governance and compliance):

- **Managed table** — The table is read-only from your perspective. You cannot modify the schema or table properties, or write to the table directly outside of the Channel.
- **No manual record deletion** — You cannot issue delete operations against individual records in the table. To remove old data, enable the record-expiration maintenance job, which

automatically deletes records older than a specified retention period based on a timestamp column.

- **Access control** — Table buckets and tables are always private. Use IAM policies to control access.
- **S3 Tables quotas** — All S3 Tables service quotas apply to your service-managed tables. For more information, see S3 Tables Regions and quotas.

Core library version

- **Iceberg table format version:** 2
- **Iceberg version:** 1.9.0
- **Data file format:** Apache Parquet

Security

Topics

- Encryption in transit
- Encryption at rest
- IAM and access control

Encryption in transit

A Channel encrypts all data in transit between Amazon MSK Express brokers and the Channel service using TLS 1.2 or higher. Data delivered to S3 is also encrypted in transit.

Encryption at rest

Data delivered to S3 Table buckets is encrypted at rest using the destination bucket's default encryption settings:

- **SSE-S3** (Amazon S3 managed keys) — default.
- **SSE-KMS** (AWS KMS managed keys) — specify your KMS key.

If you use SSE-KMS, the Channel service role must have `kms:GenerateDataKey` and `kms:Decrypt` permissions on the specified key. The role also needs

`s3tables:PutTableEncryption` when you provide your own customer-managed KMS key (see IAM permissions).

You can also set a customer-managed KMS key at the Channel level when you create the Channel, using the `encryptionConfiguration.kmsKeyArn` field.

IAM and access control

A Channel uses IAM roles for authorization. Follow least privilege:

- Scope S3 Tables permissions to the specific bucket used by the Channel.
- Scope Glue Schema Registry permissions to the specific registry used by the Channel.
- Use `aws:SourceArn` and `aws:SourceAccount` in the trust policy to prevent confused deputy attacks.

Monitoring

A Channel publishes data-delivery metrics to Amazon CloudWatch under the `AWS/Kafka` namespace. Metrics for delivery to streaming tables for Apache Iceberg use the `DeliveryToIceberg.*` prefix.

Topics

- Amazon CloudWatch metrics
- Metric dimensions
- Recommended alarms
- Metrics in the console

Amazon CloudWatch metrics

Metric name	Description	Unit
`DeliveryToIceberg.DataFreshness`	Age of the oldest record delivered; rising values indicate delivery lag or stall.	Seconds
`DeliveryToIceberg.BytesIn`	Volume read into the delivery path.	Bytes

Metric name	Description	Unit
`DeliveryToIceberg.BytesProcessed`	Volume processed.	Bytes
`DeliveryToIceberg.BytesOut`	Volume written to the destination.	Bytes
`DeliveryToIceberg.TotalRowCount`	Total rows seen.	Count
`DeliveryToIceberg.SuccessfulRowCount`	Rows delivered successfully.	Count
`DeliveryToIceberg.FailedRowCount`	Rows that failed delivery; non-zero is the key error signal.	Count
`DeliveryToIceberg.CommitSuccess`	Successful Iceberg commits.	Count
`DeliveryToIceberg.DLQDeliverySuccess`	Records successfully routed to the dead-letter queue.	Count

Metric dimensions

Dimension	Description
`ClusterName`	The name of the Amazon MSK cluster.
`ChannelName`	The name of the Channel.
`Topic`	The name of the source Kafka topic.

Recommended alarms

Alarm	Condition	Recommended threshold	Action
High data freshness	`DeliveryToIceberg.DataFreshness` exceeds threshold	Above your configured freshness	Investigate throughput or service issues
Failed records	`DeliveryToIceberg.FailedRowCount` greater than 0	> 0 for 5 consecutive minutes	Check IAM permissions, destination bucket access, schema/data compatibility
DLQ deliveries	`DeliveryToIceberg.DLQDeliverySuccess` greater than 0	> 0	Inspect DLQ entries for the failure reason

Metrics in the console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your cluster.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.
5. Choose a Channel to view its metrics dashboard.

Alternatively, in the Amazon CloudWatch console, choose **Metrics**, then **All metrics**, choose the `AWS/Kafka` namespace, and filter by the `ChannelName` dimension.

Logging

Topics

- CloudTrail logging
- Amazon CloudWatch Logs

CloudTrail logging

All Channel API calls are logged in AWS CloudTrail: `CreateChannel`, `DescribeChannel`, `UpdateChannel`, `DeleteChannel`, `ListChannels`. Each event includes the caller identity, timestamp, source IP address, request parameters, and response elements.

The following is an example CloudTrail event.

```
{
    "eventVersion": "1.08",
    "eventSource": "kafka.amazonaws.com",
    "eventName": "CreateChannel",
    "awsRegion": "us-east-1",
    "sourceIPAddress": "203.0.113.25",
    "userAgent": "aws-cli/2.15.0",
    "requestParameters": {
        "clusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123",
        "channelName": "orders-channel",
        "topicConfigurationList": [
            {
                "topicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/my-express-
cluster/abc123/orders-topic",
                "recordConverter": { "valueConverter": "JSON" }
            }
        ]
    },
    "responseElements": {
        "channelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-channel",
        "clusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster-operation/
my-express-cluster/abc123/..."
    }
}
```

Amazon CloudWatch Logs

A Channel can publish operational logs to a Amazon CloudWatch Logs log group, including schema resolution events, delivery attempts and outcomes, and error details for failed deliveries.

Enabling Amazon CloudWatch Logs — specify the log destination when creating or updating a Channel:

```
aws kafka create-channel \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-name "orders-channel" \
    --topic-configuration-list '[ ... ]' \
    --iceberg-destination-configuration '{ ... }' \
    --logging-info '{
        "CloudWatchLogs": {
            "Enabled": true,
            "LogGroup": "/aws/msk/data-channel"
        }
    }'
```

Required permissions for logging — add to the service role:

```
{
    "Sid": "CloudWatchLogsAccess",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "logs:CreateLogStream",
        "logs:PutLogEvents"
    ],
    "Resource": "arn:aws:logs:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:log-group:/aws/msk/data-channel:*"
}
```

Logging also supports Amazon Data Firehose and Amazon S3 destinations; configure those as needed.

Best practices

Topics

- Throughput and data freshness

- Schema management
- Security

Throughput and data freshness

Follow these recommendations for throughput and data freshness:

- A Channel needs at least 2.4 MBps of uncompressed throughput for the minimum 5-minute data freshness. If your topic produces less, increase the data freshness interval (up to 15 minutes) so the service can accumulate enough data for efficient delivery and inline compaction.
- Set a Amazon CloudWatch alarm on `DataFreshness` to detect when freshness degrades beyond your configured interval.
- You can configure multiple Channels to read from the same topic without consuming broker throughput.

Schema management

- Register schemas in AWS Glue Schema Registry before creating Channels. GSR is the source of truth; creation fails if the schema cannot be resolved.
- For plain `JSON`, provide the GSR schema ARN that defines the data; for `JSON_SCHEMA_GSR`, the schema ID is embedded in each record.
- **Schema evolution is not supported.** Avoid changing the schema after a Channel is created; if the schema must change, create a new Channel (and a new table).

Security

- Scope IAM permissions to the specific destination bucket and schema registry used by each Channel.
- Use the `aws:SourceArn` condition in the trust policy to prevent other clusters or services from assuming the Channel role.
- Enable CloudTrail logging to audit all Channel API calls.

Troubleshooting

Topics

- Channel stuck in CREATING state
- Checking operation status
- Data freshness higher than configured
- Throughput exceeds the supported limit
- Failed records (FailedRowCount greater than 0)
- No data appearing in the table
- Channel is suspended
- Delivery stops after a schema change
- Permission denied errors in Amazon CloudWatch Logs
- Channel not available on cluster

Channel stuck in CREATING state

- **Symptom:** The Channel remains in `CREATING` for an extended period and does not transition to `ACTIVE` or `FAILED`.
- **Causes:** Provisioning is still in progress, or a transient service-side delay. Configuration errors cause the Channel to transition to `FAILED` rather than remain in `CREATING`. Examples include missing service-role permissions, a destination or DLQ bucket that doesn't exist, and (for plain JSON) a schema that can't be resolved from GSR. For `JSON_SCHEMA_GSR`, an unresolvable schema is detected during delivery, not at creation.
- **Resolution:** Allow provisioning to finish. Run `DescribeChannel` to check the state — if it is `FAILED`, read the failure detail (and Amazon CloudWatch Logs, if enabled) to identify the configuration problem, then delete and recreate the Channel. If the Channel stays in `CREATING` well beyond the expected time, contact AWS Support.

Checking operation status

- **Symptom:** You want to confirm the status of a create, update, or delete operation, or find why it failed.

- **Resolution:** Use the `ClusterOperationArn` returned by `CreateChannel`, `UpdateChannel`, and `DeleteChannel` to look up the operation's state and any error message. Combine this with `DescribeChannel` to see the Channel's current state.

Data freshness higher than configured

- **Symptom:** `DataFreshness` is significantly higher than the configured interval.
- **Causes:** A high number of source or Iceberg table partitions; large table metadata or many accumulated snapshots; (less commonly) transient service issues or low source throughput.
- **Resolution:** Verify your partitioning is appropriate for the data and avoid excessive partition cardinality. Check whether the table has grown large metadata or many snapshots and, if so, enable S3 Tables maintenance (compaction and snapshot expiration) to keep the table performant. For low-throughput topics, increasing the configured data freshness gives the Channel more time to accumulate data for efficient delivery.

Throughput exceeds the supported limit

- **Symptom:** Data freshness climbs or delivery slows during sustained high-throughput periods.
- **Causes:** The source throughput exceeds what the Channel can deliver at the configured freshness.
- **Resolution:** Reduce the source produce rate, increase the configured data freshness, or distribute load across multiple topics/Channels. Monitor `DataFreshness` and the `BytesIn` / `BytesOut` metrics to confirm the delivery path keeps up. See the throughput figures in Amazon MSK Data Delivery quotas.

Failed records (FailedRowCount greater than 0)

- **Symptom:** `FailedRowCount`, or `DLQDeliverySuccess`, is greater than 0.
- **Causes:** Data is not produced with a GSR-integrated producer when the Channel is created with `JSON_SCHEMA_GSR`; or records do not conform to the registered schema (for example, a missing required field, a type mismatch, or malformed data). Transient permission or connectivity issues are retried and do not count as failed records.
- **Resolution:** Inspect the DLQ entries and Amazon CloudWatch Logs for the failure reason, then fix the producer data or the registered schema so records conform.

No data appearing in the table

- **Symptom:** The Channel is `ACTIVE` but no data appears at the destination.
- **Causes:** Service-role permission problems (delivery is retried but never succeeds, so nothing is written); no new data produced after enablement (the Channel does not backfill).
- **Resolution:** Check Amazon CloudWatch Logs for `AccessDenied` or permission errors, and verify the service role has the required S3 Tables, Glue Schema Registry, and KMS permissions. Confirm producers are actively writing to the topic (check `BytesInPerSec`). Remember that only data produced after enablement is delivered.

Channel is suspended

Suspension on a previously working Channel

- **Symptom:** Delivery was working, then the Channel becomes `SUSPENDED` and no new data appears at the destination.
- **Causes:** The destination table created by the Channel may have been deleted.
- **Resolution:** The Channel is suspended. If needed, create a new Channel.

Suspension on a Channel that never delivered data

- **Symptom:** No data appears at the destination after the Channel is created, and the Channel becomes `SUSPENDED`.
- **Causes:** The data type of the configured partition column cannot be transformed to a time-based partition.
- **Resolution:** The Channel is suspended. If needed, create a new Channel.

Delivery stops after a schema change

- **Symptom:** Delivery stops after the topic's schema changes in GSR.
- **Causes:** Schema evolution is not supported. A schema change can make new records incompatible with the existing Iceberg table.

- **Resolution:** Revert to the schema the Channel was created with, or delete the Channel and create a new one (with a new table) for the new schema. Check Amazon CloudWatch Logs for schema resolution errors.

Permission denied errors in Amazon CloudWatch Logs

- **Symptom:** Logs show `AccessDenied` or 403 errors.
- **Causes:** Service-role IAM policy modified; destination bucket policy or KMS key policy denying access; trust policy no longer allows the Kafka service to assume the role.
- **Resolution:** Compare the current policy against the required policy; check recent bucket-policy changes via CloudTrail; verify the trust policy still includes `kafka.amazonaws.com`; if using KMS, verify the key policy grants the role access.

Channel not available on cluster

- **Symptom:** The Channel tab is not visible, or `CreateChannel` returns an error.
- **Causes:** Cluster uses Standard brokers; cluster is Amazon MSK Serverless; Region doesn't support Amazon MSK Express brokers.
- **Resolution:** Channel is only available on Amazon MSK Express brokers within Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters. Verify the cluster type under **Cluster settings**. If needed, create a new Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.

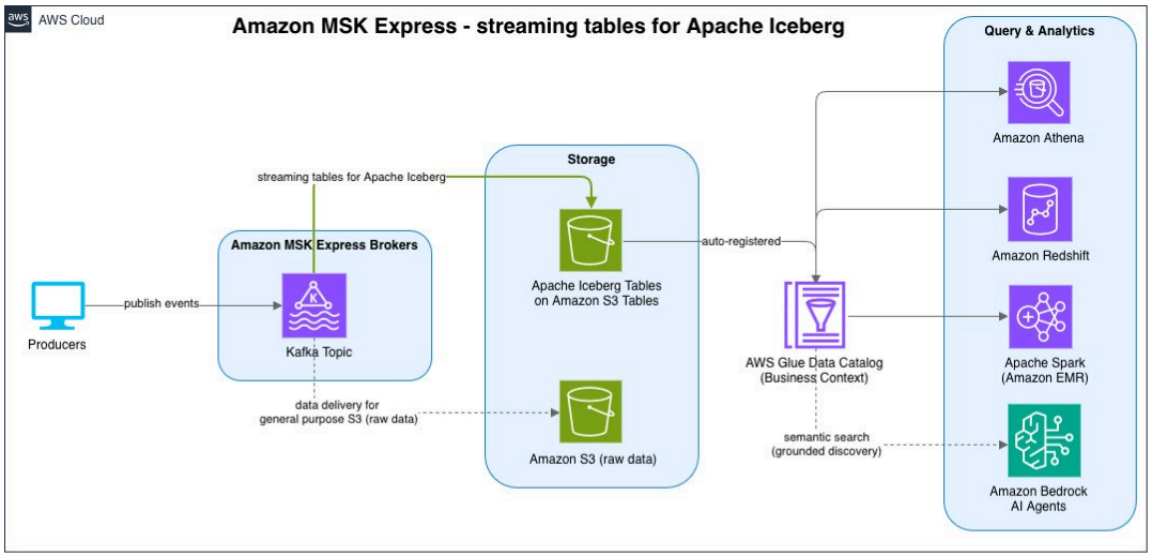
Amazon MSK data delivery to Amazon S3

Amazon MSK data delivery to Amazon S3 delivers your Apache Kafka data to general purpose Amazon S3 buckets in its source format. You choose a Kafka topic and a destination bucket, and Amazon MSK Express brokers deliver your records to Amazon S3 as a fully managed capability.

Amazon MSK scales delivery to your workload automatically and handles retries and backpressure, supporting throughput of up to 10 GBps. Routine operations such as capacity scaling and version upgrades happen without delivery gaps. Because delivery is native to Express brokers rather than a connector fleet that you run, there is no additional broker egress throughput to provision, and you pay $8.00 per TB delivered. Together this can reduce ingestion and delivery costs by up to 60% compared to self-managed alternatives.

Without this capability, delivering Apache Kafka data to Amazon S3 for log archival, compliance retention, Kafka replay, or machine learning training data means building pipelines from self-managed connectors. You source or build connector plugins, secure approvals to deploy them, scale worker capacity as throughput grows, and apply security updates across a connector fleet, and you size that capacity for peak rather than actual demand. Data delivery removes the connector fleet and the coordination it requires.

The following diagram shows how records flow from an Amazon MSK Express broker topic through a Data Delivery channel to a general purpose Amazon S3 bucket, shown as the dashed path. The solid path shows delivery to Apache Iceberg tables in Amazon S3 Tables.



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Benefits

Amazon MSK data delivery to Amazon S3 provides the following benefits:

- **No infrastructure to manage** — No connectors or compute clusters. You configure a Channel and the service handles delivery, scaling, and fault tolerance.
- **No broker impact** — A channel reads from the topic without consuming broker throughput or affecting producer and consumer workloads.
- **Scales with your data** — Supports data delivery throughput of up to 10 GBps with no manual scaling required.
- **Data freshness in minutes** — Delivered data is available for querying or processing within 5 to 15 minutes of being produced to the topic.
- **Built-in error handling** — Unprocessable records are routed to a dead-letter queue with error context, so delivery continues uninterrupted.

Pricing

You pay for the volume of data delivered from your Apache Kafka topics to the destination, billed at per-byte resolution, at $8.00 per TB. There are no setup fees, minimum commitments, or upfront costs.

Standard Amazon S3 storage, request, and data transfer charges apply to the destination bucket. There is no additional charge for broker egress used by this capability, and there are no separate connector, worker, or MSK Connect Unit (MCU) fees.

You are not charged separately for failed delivery attempts routed to the dead-letter queue. Only successfully delivered data is billed.

Rates vary by destination type and are subject to change. For current pricing, see Amazon MSK pricing.

Common use cases

Common use cases for data delivery to Amazon S3 include the following:

- Archive Kafka topic data to S3 for storage, replay, or downstream batch processing.
- Fan out a single topic to multiple destinations without adding broker load.

For the API specification, see `CreateChannel`, `DescribeChannel`, `UpdateChannel`, `DeleteChannel`, and `ListChannels` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Integrations

Data delivery to Amazon S3 integrates with the following AWS services:

- **Amazon MSK Express brokers** — the data source.
- **Amazon S3** — general-purpose object destination.
- **Amazon CloudWatch** — metrics and operational logs.
- **AWS CloudTrail** — API audit logging.
- **AWS KMS** — optional customer-managed encryption at rest.

How it works

To deliver data to a general-purpose S3 bucket, you create a **Channel**. You create a Channel on an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster that uses Express brokers. The Channel reads records from a Kafka topic and delivers them to the configured destination.

For **Amazon S3 general purpose buckets**, the Channel writes records (JSON, ByteArray, or String) as objects to a general-purpose S3 bucket, using a configurable output key template.

Records that cannot be processed are routed to a required dead-letter queue (DLQ) S3 bucket.

> **Note**
>
> A Channel does **not** backfill previously produced data — only data produced after enablement is delivered.

Key concepts

This section describes the key concepts behind Amazon MSK Data Delivery.

- **Record converters** — The S3 destination supports JSON, ByteArray, and String converters and does not require a schema registry.
- **Object layout** — Delivered objects are named using a configurable output key template with time-based placeholders (for example, `year=!{yyyy}/month=!{MM}/day=!{dd}/hour=!{HH}`), plus compression (NONE, GZIP, or ZSTD) and storage class options.
- **Data freshness** — Data freshness is configured between 5 and 15 minutes (`DataFreshnessInSeconds`, 300–900, default 600).
- **Batching** — The Channel writes multiple records into each S3 object (a batch).
- **No backfill** — only records produced after enablement are delivered.
- **Dead-letter queue** — both destinations require a DLQ S3 bucket. The Channel writes the identifiers (sequence numbers) of unprocessable records, along with error context — not the full record payloads.

Requirements and supported configurations

Before you create a Channel, make sure that you meet the following requirements:

- An Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with **Express brokers**. Standard brokers and Amazon MSK Serverless are **not** supported.
- At least one Kafka topic.
- An Amazon S3 bucket for the dead-letter queue (DLQ). This is **required**.
- An IAM service role that the Channel assumes to deliver data.
- Data freshness configured between 5 and 15 minutes.
- Topic data in **JSON**, **ByteArray**, or **String** format.
- A general-purpose Amazon S3 bucket for delivery.
- The destination bucket must be in the same AWS Region as your Amazon MSK cluster. Cross-Region delivery is not supported.
- Cross-account delivery is supported for the destination bucket only. Your Amazon MSK cluster and the dead-letter queue bucket must be in the same AWS account as the Channel; only the destination bucket can be in a different AWS account.

Get started

Topics

- Supported configurations
- Prerequisites
- Create your first Channel

Supported configurations

Configuration	Amazon S3 general purpose buckets
Cluster / broker type	Amazon MSK Provisioned with Express brokers only
Input format	JSON, ByteArray, String
Output format	Objects (compression: NONE, GZIP, or ZSTD)
Schema source	Not required
Schema evolution	Not applicable

Configuration	Amazon S3 general purpose buckets
Partitioning	Object key template
Data freshness	5–15 minutes (default 10)
Storage class	STANDARD, INTELLIGENT_TIERING, GLACIER_IR

Prerequisites

1. An Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
2. A Kafka topic producing data in a supported format for your destination.
3. An S3 bucket for the dead-letter queue (DLQ) — **required**.
4. An IAM service role (see IAM permissions).
5. A general-purpose S3 bucket for data delivery.
6. (Optional) A customer-managed KMS key for encryption at rest.

Create your first Channel

To create your first Channel, complete the following steps:

1. Create the general-purpose S3 bucket and the DLQ S3 bucket.
2. Create the IAM service role with the required permissions and trust policy (see IAM permissions).
3. In the Amazon MSK console, open your Express cluster, choose the **Channel** tab, and choose **Create Channel** (see Manage Channels for full steps).
4. Wait for the Channel to transition from **Creating** to **Active**.
5. Produce records to the topic and verify delivery by inspecting objects in the S3 bucket.

IAM permissions

There are two distinct sets of permissions: the **Channel lifecycle management permissions** that you need to create and manage Channels, and the **service execution role** that the Channel assumes to deliver data.

Topics

- Channel lifecycle management permissions
- Service execution role

Channel lifecycle management permissions

The following permissions are for the IAM principal (the user or role) you use to create, update, describe, delete, and list Channels. They are not part of the service execution role.

API action	Required permission	Resource
CreateChannel	`kafka:CreateChannel`	Cluster ARN
DescribeChannel	`kafka:DescribeChannel`	Channel ARN
UpdateChannel	`kafka:UpdateChannel`	Channel ARN
DeleteChannel	`kafka:DeleteChannel`	Channel ARN
ListChannels	`kafka:ListChannels`	Cluster ARN

Service execution role

A Channel assumes a service execution role to deliver data. The role needs a trust policy plus a permission policy that matches your destination type. The following policies are the authoritative reference for the required permissions.

Trust policy

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Principal": {
                "Service": "kafka.amazonaws.com"
            },
            "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
```

```
            "Condition": {
                "StringEquals": {
                    "aws:SourceAccount": "ACCOUNT_ID"
                },
                "ArnLike": {
                    "aws:SourceArn": "arn:aws:kafka:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:channel/*"
                }
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

Note

Use the `aws:SourceArn` and `aws:SourceAccount` conditions to prevent confused deputy attacks.

Permission policy — Amazon S3 general purpose buckets

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "DeliveryBucketList",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "s3:ListBucket",
                "s3:ListBucketMultipartUploads",
                "s3:GetBucketLocation"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:s3:::BUCKET_NAME",
                "arn:aws:s3:::BUCKET_NAME/*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "DeliveryBucketWrite",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "s3:UploadPart",
                "s3:CompleteMultipartUpload",
```

```
                "s3:CreateMultipartUpload",
                "s3:PutObject",
                "s3:ListMultipartUploads",
                "s3:ListMultipartUploadParts"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:s3:::BUCKET_NAME/PREFIX*"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Sid": "DLQBucketAccess",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "s3:GetBucketLocation",
                "s3:PutObject",
                "s3:ListBucket",
                "s3:ListBucketMultipartUploads"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:s3:::DLQ_BUCKET",
                "arn:aws:s3:::DLQ_BUCKET/*"
            ],
            "Condition": {
                "StringEquals": {
                    "aws:ResourceAccount": "DLQ_ACCOUNT_ID"
                }
            }
        },
        {
            "Sid": "KMSAccess",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "kms:Decrypt",
                "kms:GenerateDataKey"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:kms:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:key/KEY_ID"
            ],
            "Condition": {
                "StringEquals": {
                    "kms:ViaService": "s3.REGION.amazonaws.com"
                },
                "StringLike": {
```

```
                    "kms:EncryptionContext:aws:s3:arn": "arn:aws:s3:::BUCKET_NAME/
PREFIX*"
                }
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

> **Note**
>
> The `KMSAccess` statement is required only when the delivery bucket uses a customer-managed KMS key.

Additional permissions

- **Amazon CloudWatch Logs (optional):** add `logs:CreateLogStream` and `logs:PutLogEvents` on the log group (see Logging).

Manage Channels

Resource states: `CREATING`, `ACTIVE`, `UPDATING`, `DELETING`, `FAILED`, `SUSPENDING`, `SUSPENDED`. A Channel is suspended by the service when it runs into an unrecoverable error.

You can create and manage Channels in the https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/ or with the Amazon MSK API. For the API operations and their parameters, see the Amazon MSK API Reference.

Topics

- Create a Channel
- Describe a Channel
- Update a Channel
- Delete a Channel
- List Channels

Create a Channel

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab, then choose **Create Channel**.
5. In the **Source configuration** step:
   - **Channel name:** enter the name of the Channel to create.
   - **Topic:** select an existing topic. Create a new topic if one doesn't exist yet.
6. Proceed to the **Destination configuration** step.
7. Under **Destination type**, select **data delivery to general purpose S3**.
   - Select the **Record format** (JSON, Byte array, or String).
   - Under **Destination settings**:
     - Select **Current account** or **Cross account**. If **Cross account** was selected, you may need to enter an additional **Account ID**.
     - Select or enter an S3 bucket URI for the delivery bucket.
     - Enter an optional S3 bucket prefix and **Output key template**.
     - Choose the **Storage class** and **Compression type** (NONE, GZIP, or ZSTD).
   - Set the **Data freshness** (5–15 minutes).
8. Proceed to the **Additional configuration** step.
9. Under **Encryption configuration**, optionally select a customer-managed key to customize your encryption settings.
10. Under **Service Access**, select or create an IAM role with the required permissions.
11. Under **Dead-letter queue**, specify the S3 bucket URI for unprocessable records. Optionally enter an error output prefix.
12. (Optional) Under **Log Delivery**, select an Amazon CloudWatch log group, Amazon S3 bucket, or Amazon Data Firehose stream to send logs for monitoring and troubleshooting.
13. (Optional) Add tags.

14. Proceed to the **Review** step.
15. Review and choose **Create Channel**.

The Channel enters the **Creating** state and transitions to **Active** once the delivery pipeline is fully provisioned.

Using the AWS CLI

The source topic is set in `TopicConfigurationList` (exactly one topic). The destination is set in either `IcebergDestinationConfiguration` or `S3DestinationConfiguration` (mutually exclusive), and each destination configuration contains its own `ServiceExecutionRoleArn`, `DataFreshnessInSeconds` (300–900, default 600), and `DeadLetterQueueS3`.

To create a Channel with an Amazon S3 general purpose bucket destination, use the following command.

```
aws kafka create-channel \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-name "orders-s3-channel" \
    --topic-configuration-list '[
        {
            "TopicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-topic",
            "RecordConverter": { "ValueConverter": "JSON" }
        }
    ]' \
    --s3-destination-configuration '{
        "ServiceExecutionRoleArn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKChannelRole",
        "DataFreshnessInSeconds": 300,
        "DeadLetterQueueS3": {
            "BucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::my-dlq-bucket",
            "ErrorOutputPrefix": "dlq/"
        },
        "Storage": {
            "BucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::my-delivery-bucket",
            "OutputPrefix": "expresslink/",
            "OutputKeyTemplate": "!{channel-id}/!{topic-name}/year=!{yyyy}/month=!{MM}/
day=!{dd}/hour=!{HH}/!{topic-name}+!{partition-id}+!{kafka-offset}",
            "StorageClass": "STANDARD",
            "CompressionType": "GZIP"
        }
```

```
    }'
```

For Amazon S3 general purpose buckets, `RecordConverter.ValueConverter` may be `JSON`, `BYTE_ARRAY`, or `STRING` (no schema registry required). In `Storage`, `CompressionType` may be `NONE`, `GZIP`, or `ZSTD`, and `StorageClass` may be `STANDARD`, `INTELLIGENT_TIERING`, or `GLACIER_IR`.

The response is the same for both destinations.

```
{
    "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-s3-channel",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster-operation/my-
express-cluster/abc123/..."
}
```

Note

Use the `ClusterOperationArn` to track the asynchronous operation's status and any error message. The Channel starts in `CREATING` and transitions to `ACTIVE` when provisioning completes.

API reference — see `CreateChannel` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Describe a Channel

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.
5. Choose the name of the Channel to describe.

The detail page shows source topic, destination, delivery settings, current state, and recent Amazon CloudWatch metrics.

Using the AWS CLI

```
aws kafka describe-channel \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-s3-channel"
```

The following is an example response for an Amazon S3 general purpose bucket destination.

```
{
    "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-s3-channel",
    "ChannelName": "orders-s3-channel",
    "TopicConfigurationList": [
        {
            "TopicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-topic",
            "RecordConverter": { "ValueConverter": "JSON" }
        }
    ],
    "S3DestinationConfiguration": {
        "ServiceExecutionRoleArn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/MSKChannelRole",
        "DataFreshnessInSeconds": 300,
        "DeadLetterQueueS3": {
            "BucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::my-dlq-bucket",
            "ErrorOutputPrefix": "dlq/"
        },
        "Storage": {
            "BucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::my-delivery-bucket",
            "OutputPrefix": "expresslink/",
            "OutputKeyTemplate": "!{channel-id}/!{topic-name}/year=!{yyyy}/month=!{MM}/
day=!{dd}/hour=!{HH}/!{topic-name}+!{partition-id}+!{kafka-offset}",
            "StorageClass": "STANDARD",
            "CompressionType": "GZIP"
        }
    },
    "Status": "ACTIVE",
    "DestinationType": "S3",
    "CreationTime": "2026-06-19T08:15:00.000Z"
}
```

> **Note**
>
> `Status` is one of `CREATING`, `ACTIVE`, `UPDATING`, `DELETING`, `FAILED`, `SUSPENDING`, `SUSPENDED`. When `Status` is `FAILED`, the response includes a `StateInfo` object with a `Code` and `Message` describing the cause. While an operation is in flight (`CREATING`, `UPDATING`, `DELETING`), the response also includes `ClusterOperationArn`.

API reference — see `DescribeChannel` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Update a Channel

You can modify only the data freshness interval (`DataFreshnessInSeconds`, 300–900).

> **Important**
>
> You cannot update the source topic, input format, schema, destination configuration, or service execution role of an existing Channel. To change these settings, delete the Channel and create a new one.

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.
5. Select the Channel to update and choose **Edit data freshness**.
6. Modify **Data freshness** (5–15 minutes), then choose **Save changes**.

Using the AWS CLI

Use the update field that matches the Channel's destination type — `--s3-destination-update` for an S3 destination.

```
aws kafka update-channel \
```

```
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-s3-channel" \
    --s3-destination-update '{
        "DataFreshnessInSeconds": 600
    }'
```

Response:

```
{
    "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-s3-channel",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster-operation/my-
express-cluster/abc123/..."
}
```

Note

A `200` response indicates the update was accepted; the Channel transitions to `UPDATING` and returns to `ACTIVE` when complete. Track progress with the `ClusterOperationArn`.

API reference — see `UpdateChannel` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Delete a Channel

Deleting a Channel stops delivery from the Kafka topic to the destination. Data already delivered (the S3 objects) is not deleted.

Important

Deleting a Channel is irreversible. Any undelivered data in the topic will not be delivered. Data already delivered remains intact and accessible.

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.

2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.
5. Select the Channel to delete and choose **Delete**.
6. In the confirmation dialog, type `delete` and choose **Delete**.

Using the AWS CLI

```
aws kafka delete-channel \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-s3-channel"
```

Response:

```
{
    "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-s3-channel",
    "ClusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster-operation/my-
express-cluster/abc123/..."
}
```

> **Note**
>
> A `200` response indicates the deletion was accepted; the Channel transitions to `DELETING`. Track progress with the `ClusterOperationArn`.

API reference — see `DeleteChannel` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

List Channels

Using the AWS Management Console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.

3. Choose the name of your Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.

All Channels for the cluster are listed with name, state, destination type, and creation time.

Using the AWS CLI

```
aws kafka list-channels \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123"
```

> **Note**
>
> Use `--topic-name-filter "orders-topic"` to return only Channels whose source topic name matches the value. Use `--max-results` and `--next-token` to page through results.

Response:

```
{
    "Channels": [
        {
            "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-
cluster/abc123/orders-channel",
            "ChannelName": "orders-channel",
            "Status": "ACTIVE",
            "DestinationType": "ICEBERG",
            "CreationTime": "2026-06-18T10:30:00.000Z"
        },
        {
            "ChannelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-
cluster/abc123/clickstream-channel",
            "ChannelName": "clickstream-channel",
            "Status": "ACTIVE",
            "DestinationType": "S3",
            "CreationTime": "2026-06-19T08:15:00.000Z"
        }
    ],
    "NextToken": null
```

```
}
```

> **Note**
>
> Channels that deliver to the other destination type appear in the same list output, each with its own `DestinationType` value.

API reference — see `ListChannels` in the *Amazon MSK API Reference*.

Output key template

For Amazon S3 general purpose buckets, the output key template controls the S3 object key (path and file name) of each delivered object. At runtime it is concatenated with the output prefix to form the final S3 key. Use it to organize delivered objects — for example, to partition by Kafka partition, by time, or by topic.

The template is optional. If you don't provide one, the Channel applies a default key layout similar to:

```
!{channel-id}/!{topic-name}/year=!{yyyy}/month=!{MM}/day=!{dd}/hour=!{HH}/!{topic-name}+!{partition-id}+!{kafka-offset}
```

An example S3 object key produced by the default template:

```
myprefix/8309b825-8a2c-4120-9367-6ce96fbd2537-2/kafka-topic-49be6b2117ae746bd1ec6d17be0640cd/year=2026/month=07/day=14/hour=00/kafka-topic-49be6b2117ae746bd1ec6d17be0640cd+0+00000000000000000-000000-105a4e6efaa
```

> **Note**
>
> A unique identifier (for example, `-000000-105a4e6efaa` in the example above) is automatically appended to the object key.

If you provide your own template, it must follow the rules below.

Topics

- Variables
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- Rules
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Variables

Variables use the `!{name}` syntax. The supported variables are:

Variable	Description
`!{channel-id}`	The Channel ID.
`!{topic-name}`	The source Kafka topic name.
`!{partition-id}`	The source Kafka partition ID.
`!{kafka-offset}`	The Kafka offset of the first record in the object.
`!{sequence-number}`	A monotonic per-object (batch) sequence number.
`!{yyyy}`	Year (4-digit).
`!{YY}`	Year (2-digit).
`!{MM}`	Month.
`!{dd}`	Day.
`!{HH}`	Hour (24-hour).
`!{mm}`	Minute.

Partitioning

- **By Kafka partition** — include `!{partition-id}` as a path segment, for example `!{topic-name}/!{partition-id}/...`.

- **By time** — include time variables as path segments, for example `!{yyyy}/!{MM}/!{dd}/!{HH}/...`. Avoid minute-level (`!{mm}`) granularity for high-throughput topics — it creates many small objects and can slow delivery and downstream queries.
- **By topic** — include `!{topic-name}` as a path segment.
- **Unique object name (required)** — each delivered object must have a unique key, so the final path segment must include a batch token: `!{sequence-number}` or `!{kafka-offset}`.

Rules

If you provide a template, it must satisfy all of the following.

Structure

- **Length** — at most 1024 characters. In addition, the output prefix length plus the template length must be at most 1024 characters (they are concatenated into the final key).
- **No path traversal** — must not contain `..` or `./`, and must not start with `/`.
- **Must not end with `/`** — the key must resolve to an object, not a directory boundary.
- **Balanced variables** — every `!{` must have a matching `}`.
- **Allowed literals** — characters outside `!{...}` must match `[a-zA-Z0-9/_\-.+=]` (alphanumerics, `/`, `_`, `-`, `.`, `+`, `=`). Spaces are not allowed.

Variables

- **Known names only** — only the supported variables are valid; any other variable is rejected.
- **At least one variable** — a template of only literals is rejected.
- **Exactly one uniqueness token** — must contain either `!{sequence-number}` or `!{kafka-offset}`, but not both (they are mutually exclusive).
- **`kafka-offset` requires `partition-id`** — if you use `!{kafka-offset}`, the template must also contain `!{partition-id}`.
- **Uniqueness token placement** — the chosen token (`!{sequence-number}` or `!{kafka-offset}`) must appear in the last `/`-separated segment, so each delivered object gets a distinct key.

> **Note**
>
> **Why a uniqueness token is required:** The Channel writes multiple records into each S3 object (a batch), so the token identifies the object, not an individual record. `!{sequence-number}` is a monotonic per-object batch number; `!{kafka-offset}` is the Kafka offset of the first record in the object. The template requires exactly one of these tokens in the final path segment so that every delivered object gets a distinct key and objects aren't overwritten.

Examples

Valid

```
!{channel-id}/!{yyyy}/!{MM}/!{dd}/!{sequence-number}
topic=!{topic-name}/!{partition-id}/!{kafka-offset}
!{partition-id}-!{kafka-offset}
data/!{channel-id}/!{HH}/!{sequence-number}.json
```

Invalid

Template	Why it fails
`!{yyyy}/!{MM}/`	Ends with `/`
`!{channel-id}/!{topic-name}`	No `sequence-number` or `kafka-offset`
`!{sequence-number}-!{kafka-offset}`	Both present (mutually exclusive)
`!{kafka-offset}`	`kafka-offset` without `partition-id`
`!{sequence-number}/literal-tail`	Uniqueness token not in the last segment
`!{badvar}/!{sequence-number}`	Unknown variable
`foo bar/!{sequence-number}`	Space is not an allowed literal character

Security

Topics

- Encryption in transit
- Encryption at rest
- IAM and access control

Encryption in transit

A Channel encrypts all data in transit between Amazon MSK Express brokers and the Channel service using TLS 1.2 or higher. Data delivered to S3 is also encrypted in transit.

Encryption at rest

Data delivered to general-purpose S3 buckets is encrypted at rest using the destination bucket's default encryption settings:

- **SSE-S3** (Amazon S3 managed keys) — default.
- **SSE-KMS** (AWS KMS managed keys) — specify your KMS key.

If you use SSE-KMS, the Channel service role must have `kms:GenerateDataKey` and `kms:Decrypt` permissions on the specified key. Scope the KMS permission with the `kms:ViaService` and `kms:EncryptionContext:aws:s3:arn` conditions shown in IAM permissions.

You can also set a customer-managed KMS key at the Channel level when you create the Channel, using the `encryptionConfiguration.kmsKeyArn` field.

IAM and access control

A Channel uses IAM roles for authorization. Follow least privilege:

- Scope S3 permissions to the specific bucket and prefix used by the Channel.
- Use `aws:SourceArn` and `aws:SourceAccount` in the trust policy to prevent confused deputy attacks.

Monitoring

A Channel publishes data-delivery metrics to Amazon CloudWatch under the `AWS/Kafka` namespace. Metrics for delivery to Amazon S3 general purpose buckets use the `DeliveryToS3.*` prefix.

Topics

- Amazon CloudWatch metrics
- Metric dimensions
- Recommended alarms
- Metrics in the console

Amazon CloudWatch metrics

Metric name	Description	Unit
`DeliveryToS3.DataFreshness`	Age of the oldest record delivered; rising values indicate delivery lag or stall.	Seconds
`DeliveryToS3.BytesIn`	Volume read into the delivery path.	Bytes
`DeliveryToS3.BytesProcessed`	Volume processed.	Bytes
`DeliveryToS3.BytesOut`	Volume written to the destination.	Bytes
`DeliveryToS3.RecordCount`	Total records seen.	Count
`DeliveryToS3.SuccessfulRecordCount`	Records delivered successfully.	Count
`DeliveryToS3.FailedRecordCount`	Records that failed delivery; non-zero is the key error signal.	Count

Metric name	Description	Unit
DeliveryToS3.DeliverySuccess	Successful delivery operations.	Count
DeliveryToS3.DLQDeliverySuccess	Records successfully routed to the dead-letter queue.	Count

Metric dimensions

Dimension	Description
ClusterName	The name of the Amazon MSK cluster.
ChannelName	The name of the Channel.
Topic	The name of the source Kafka topic.

Recommended alarms

Alarm	Condition	Recommended threshold	Action
High data freshness	DeliveryToS3.DataFreshness exceeds threshold	Above your configured freshness	Investigate throughput or service issues
Failed records	DeliveryToS3.FailedRecordCount greater than 0	> 0 for 5 consecutive minutes	Check IAM permissions, destination bucket access, schema/data compatibility
DLQ deliveries	DeliveryToS3.DLQDe	> 0	Inspect DLQ entries for the failure reason

Alarm	Condition	Recommended threshold	Action
	`liverySuccess` greater than 0		

Metrics in the console

1. Open the Amazon MSK console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/msk/home?region=us-east-1#/home/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Clusters**.
3. Choose the name of your cluster.
4. Choose the **Channel** tab.
5. Choose a Channel to view its metrics dashboard.

Alternatively, in the Amazon CloudWatch console, choose **Metrics**, then **All metrics**, choose the `AWS/Kafka` namespace, and filter by the `ChannelName` dimension.

Logging

Topics

- CloudTrail logging
- Amazon CloudWatch Logs

CloudTrail logging

All Channel API calls are logged in AWS CloudTrail: `CreateChannel`, `DescribeChannel`, `UpdateChannel`, `DeleteChannel`, `ListChannels`. Each event includes the caller identity, timestamp, source IP address, request parameters, and response elements.

The following is an example CloudTrail event.

```
{
    "eventVersion": "1.08",
```

```
    "eventSource": "kafka.amazonaws.com",
    "eventName": "CreateChannel",
    "awsRegion": "us-east-1",
    "sourceIPAddress": "203.0.113.25",
    "userAgent": "aws-cli/2.15.0",
    "requestParameters": {
        "clusterArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123",
        "channelName": "orders-channel",
        "topicConfigurationList": [
            {
                "topicArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:topic/my-express-
cluster/abc123/orders-topic",
                "recordConverter": { "valueConverter": "JSON" }
            }
        ]
    },
    "responseElements": {
        "channelArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:channel/my-express-cluster/
abc123/orders-channel",
        "clusterOperationArn": "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster-operation/
my-express-cluster/abc123/..."
    }
}
```

Amazon CloudWatch Logs

A Channel can publish operational logs to a Amazon CloudWatch Logs log group, including schema resolution events, delivery attempts and outcomes, and error details for failed deliveries.

Enabling Amazon CloudWatch Logs — specify the log destination when creating or updating a Channel:

```
aws kafka create-channel \
    --cluster-arn "arn:aws:kafka:us-east-1:123456789012:cluster/my-express-cluster/
abc123" \
    --channel-name "orders-s3-channel" \
    --topic-configuration-list '[ ... ]' \
    --s3-destination-configuration '{ ... }' \
    --logging-info '{
        "CloudWatchLogs": {
            "Enabled": true,
            "LogGroup": "/aws/msk/data-channel"
```

```
        }
    }'
```

Required permissions for logging — add to the service role:

```
{
    "Sid": "CloudWatchLogsAccess",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "logs:CreateLogStream",
        "logs:PutLogEvents"
    ],
    "Resource": "arn:aws:logs:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:log-group:/aws/msk/data-channel:*"
}
```

Logging also supports Amazon Data Firehose and Amazon S3 destinations; configure those as needed.

Best practices

Topics

- Throughput and data freshness
- Object layout
- Security

Throughput and data freshness

- Set a Amazon CloudWatch alarm on `DataFreshness` to detect when freshness degrades beyond your configured interval.
- You can configure multiple Channels to read from the same topic without consuming broker throughput.

Object layout

- Choose an output key template with time-based placeholders that matches how you query the data downstream.

- Use GZIP or ZSTD compression to reduce storage costs for text-based payloads; choose the storage class (`STANDARD`, `INTELLIGENT_TIERING`, `GLACIER_IR`) based on access patterns.

Security

- Scope IAM permissions to the specific destination bucket used by each Channel.
- Use the `aws:SourceArn` condition in the trust policy to prevent other clusters or services from assuming the Channel role.
- Enable CloudTrail logging to audit all Channel API calls.

Troubleshooting

Topics

- Channel stuck in CREATING state
- Checking operation status
- Data freshness higher than configured
- Throughput exceeds the supported limit
- Failed records (FailedRecordCount greater than 0)
- No objects appearing in the bucket
- Channel is suspended
- Permission denied errors in Amazon CloudWatch Logs
- Channel not available on cluster

Channel stuck in CREATING state

- **Symptom:** The Channel remains in `CREATING` for an extended period and does not transition to `ACTIVE` or `FAILED`.
- **Causes:** Provisioning is still in progress, or a transient service-side delay. Configuration errors cause the Channel to transition to `FAILED` rather than remain in `CREATING`. Examples include missing service-role permissions and a destination or DLQ bucket that doesn't exist.
- **Resolution:** Allow provisioning to finish. Run `DescribeChannel` to check the state — if it is `FAILED`, read the failure detail (and Amazon CloudWatch Logs, if enabled) to identify the

configuration problem, then delete and recreate the Channel. If the Channel stays in `CREATING` well beyond the expected time, contact AWS Support.

Checking operation status

- **Symptom:** You want to confirm the status of a create, update, or delete operation, or find why it failed.
- **Resolution:** Use the `ClusterOperationArn` returned by `CreateChannel`, `UpdateChannel`, and `DeleteChannel` to look up the operation's state and any error message. Combine this with `DescribeChannel` to see the Channel's current state.

Data freshness higher than configured

- **Symptom:** `DataFreshness` is significantly higher than the configured interval.
- **Causes:** A high number of source partitions; (less commonly) transient service issues or low source throughput.
- **Resolution:** Verify your partitioning is appropriate for the data and avoid excessive partition cardinality. For low-throughput topics, increasing the configured data freshness gives the Channel more time to accumulate data for efficient delivery.

Throughput exceeds the supported limit

- **Symptom:** Data freshness climbs or delivery slows during sustained high-throughput periods.
- **Causes:** The source throughput exceeds what the Channel can deliver at the configured freshness.
- **Resolution:** Reduce the source produce rate, increase the configured data freshness, or distribute load across multiple topics/Channels. Monitor `DataFreshness` and the `BytesIn` / `BytesOut` metrics to confirm the delivery path keeps up. See the throughput figures in Amazon MSK Data Delivery quotas.

Failed records (FailedRecordCount greater than 0)

- **Symptom:** `FailedRecordCount`, or `DLQDeliverySuccess`, is greater than 0.
- **Causes:** The record format does not conform to the configured source data type.

- **Resolution:** Inspect the DLQ entries and Amazon CloudWatch Logs for the failure reason, then fix the producer data so records conform.

No objects appearing in the bucket

- **Symptom:** The Channel is `ACTIVE` but no data appears at the destination.
- **Causes:** Service-role permission problems (delivery is retried but never succeeds, so nothing is written); no new data produced after enablement (the Channel does not backfill).
- **Resolution:** Check Amazon CloudWatch Logs for `AccessDenied` or permission errors, and verify the service role has the required S3 and KMS permissions. Confirm producers are actively writing to the topic (check `BytesInPerSec`). Remember that only data produced after enablement is delivered.

Channel is suspended

- **Symptom:** Delivery was working, then the Channel becomes `SUSPENDED` and no new data appears at the destination.
- **Causes:** The S3 bucket owner does not match the expected account.
- **Resolution:** The Channel is suspended. If needed, create a new Channel.

Permission denied errors in Amazon CloudWatch Logs

- **Symptom:** Logs show `AccessDenied` or 403 errors.
- **Causes:** Service-role IAM policy modified; destination bucket policy or KMS key policy denying access; trust policy no longer allows the Kafka service to assume the role.
- **Resolution:** Compare the current policy against the required policy; check recent bucket-policy changes via CloudTrail; verify the trust policy still includes `kafka.amazonaws.com`; if using KMS, verify the key policy grants the role access.

Channel not available on cluster

- **Symptom:** The Channel tab is not visible, or `CreateChannel` returns an error.
- **Causes:** Cluster uses Standard brokers; cluster is Amazon MSK Serverless; Region doesn't support Amazon MSK Express brokers.

- **Resolution:** Channel is only available on Amazon MSK Express brokers within Amazon MSK Provisioned clusters. Verify the cluster type under **Cluster settings**. If needed, create a new Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster with Express brokers.

MSK integrations

This section provides references to AWS features that integrate with Amazon MSK.

Topics

- Amazon Athena connector for Amazon MSK
- Amazon Redshift streaming data ingestion for Amazon MSK
- Firehose integration for Amazon MSK
- AWS Lambda integration with Amazon MSK
- Access Amazon EventBridge Pipes through the Amazon MSK console
- Using Kafka Streams with MSK Serverless
- Real-time vector embedding blueprints

Amazon Athena connector for Amazon MSK

The Amazon Athena connector for Amazon MSK enables Amazon Athena to run SQL queries on Apache Kafka topics. Use this connector to view Apache Kafka topics as tables and messages as rows in Athena.

For more information, see Amazon Athena MSK Connector in the *Amazon Athena User Guide*.

Amazon Redshift streaming data ingestion for Amazon MSK

Amazon Redshift supports streaming ingestion from Amazon MSK. The Amazon Redshift streaming ingestion feature provides low-latency, high-speed ingestion of streaming data from Amazon MSK into an Amazon Redshift materialized view. Because it doesn't need to stage data in Amazon S3, Amazon Redshift can ingest streaming data at a lower latency and at a reduced storage cost. You can configure Amazon Redshift streaming ingestion on an Amazon Redshift cluster using SQL statements to authenticate and connect to an Amazon MSK topic.

For more information, see Streaming ingestion in the *Amazon Redshift Database Developer Guide*.

Firehose integration for Amazon MSK

Amazon MSK integrates with Firehose to provide a serverless, no-code solution to deliver streams from Apache Kafka clusters to Amazon S3 data lakes. Firehose is a streaming extract,

transform, and load (ETL) service that reads data from your Amazon MSK Kafka topics, performs transformations such as conversion to Parquet, and aggregates and writes the data to Amazon S3. With few click from the console, you can setup a Firehose stream to read from a Kafka topic and deliver to an S3 location. There is no code to write, no connector applications, and no resources to provision. Firehose automatically scales based on the amount of data published to the Kafka topic, and you only pay for the bytes ingested from Kafka.

See the following for more information about this feature.

- Writing to Kinesis Data Firehose Using Amazon MSK - Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose in the *Amazon Data Firehose Developer Guide*
- Blog: Amazon MSK Introduces Managed Data Delivery from Apache Kafka to Your Data Lake
- Lab: Delivery to Amazon S3 using Firehose

AWS Lambda integration with Amazon MSK

The Lambda integration connects your Amazon MSK cluster to the selected Lambda function, using an Event Source Mapping (ESM) which constantly polls for messages in your topic using a resource called Event Poller. The ESM evaluates the message backlog – using the OffsetLag metric – for all partitions in the topic, and auto-scales Event Pollers to process messages efficiently.

For more information, see Using Lambda with Amazon MSK in the *AWS Lambda Developer Guide*.

Access Amazon EventBridge Pipes through the Amazon MSK console

Amazon EventBridge Pipes connects sources to targets. Pipes are intended for point-to-point integrations between supported sources and targets, with support for advanced transformations and enrichment. EventBridge Pipes provide a highly scalable way to connect your Amazon MSK cluster to AWS services such as Step Functions, Amazon SQS, and API Gateway, as well as third-party software as a service (SaaS) applications like Salesforce.

To set up a pipe, you choose the source, add optional filtering, define optional enrichment, and choose the target for the event data.

On the details page for an Amazon MSK cluster, you can view the pipes that use that cluster as their source. From there, you can also:

- Launch the EventBridge console to view pipe details.
- Launch the EventBridge console to create a new pipe with the cluster as its source.

For more information on configuring an Amazon MSK cluster as a pipe source, see Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka cluster as a source in the *Amazon EventBridge User Guide*. For more information about EventBridge Pipes in general, see EventBridge Pipes.

To access EventBridge pipes for a given Amazon MSK cluster

1. Open the Amazon MSK console and choose **Clusters** .
2. Select a cluster.
3. On the cluster detail page, choose the **Integration** tab.

   The **Integration** tab includes a list of any pipes currently configured to use the selected cluster as a source, including:

   - pipe name
   - current status
   - pipe target
   - when the pipe was last modified
4. Manage the pipes for your Amazon MSK cluster as desired:

   To access more details about a pipe

   - Choose the pipe.

     This launches the **Pipe details** page of the EventBridge console.

   To create a new pipe

   - Choose **Connect Amazon MSK cluster to pipe**.

     This launches the **Create pipe** page of the EventBridge console, with the Amazon MSK cluster specified as the pipe source. For more information, see Creating an EventBridge pipe in the *Amazon EventBridge User Guide*.

- You can also create a pipe for a cluster from the **Clusters** page. Select the cluster, and, from the **Actions** menu, select **Create EventBridge Pipe**.

Using Kafka Streams with MSK Serverless

> **Note**
>
> If you use MSK Standard brokers or Express brokers, you can use Kafka Streams without manually creating internal topics. The guidance on this page applies only to MSK Serverless.

Kafka Streams supports stateless and stateful transformations. Stateful transformations, such as count, aggregate, or join, use operators which store their state in internal Kafka topics. Furthermore, some stateless transformations such as groupBy or repartition store their results in internal Kafka topics. By default, Kafka Streams names these internal topics based on the corresponding operator. If these topics don't exist, Kafka Streams creates internal Kafka topics. For creating the internal topics, Kafka Streams hardcodes the segment.bytes configuration and sets it to 50 MB. MSK Serverless protects some topic configurations, including segment.size during topic creation. Therefore, a Kafka Streams application with stateful transformations fails to create the internal topics using MSK Serverless.

To run such Kafka Streams applications on MSK Serverless, you must create the internal topics yourself. To do this, first identify and name the Kafka Streams operators, which require topics. Then, create the corresponding internal Kafka topics.

> **Note**
>
> - It's a best practice to name the operators manually in Kafka Streams, especially the ones which depend on internal topics. For information about naming operators, see Naming Operators in a Kafka Streams DSL Application in the Kafka Streams documentation.
> - The internal topic name for a stateful transformation depends on the `application.id` of the Kafka Streams application and the name of the stateful operator, `application.id-statefuloperator_name`.

Topics

- Creating a Kafka Streams application using MSK Serverless

Creating a Kafka Streams application using MSK Serverless

If your Kafka Streams application has its `application.id` set to `msk-streams-processing`, you can create a Kafka Streams application using MSK Serverless. To do this, use the `count()` operator, which requires an internal topic with the name. For example, `msk-streams-processing-count-store`.

To create a Kafka Streams application, do the following:

Topics

- Identify and name the operators
- Create the internal topics
- (Optional) Check the topic name
- Examples of naming operators

Identify and name the operators

1. Identify the stateful processors using the Stateful transformations in the Kafka Streams documentation.

   Some examples of stateful processors include `count`, `aggregate`, or `join`.

2. Identify the processors that create topics for repartitioning.

   The following example contains a `count()` operation, which needs a state.

   ```
   var stream =
       paragraphStream
           .groupByKey()
           .count()
           .toStream();
   ```

3. To name the topic, add a name for each stateful processor. Based on the processor type, the naming is done by a different naming class. For example, `count()` operation is an aggregation operation. Therefore, it needs the `Materialized` class.

For information about the naming classes for the stateful operations, see Conclusion in the Kafka Streams documentation.

The following example sets the name of `count()` operator to `count-store` using the `Materialized` class.

```
var stream =
    paragraphStream
        .groupByKey()
        .count(Materialized.<String, Long, KeyValueStore<Bytes, byte[]>>as("count-
store")  // descriptive name for the store
            .withKeySerde(Serdes.String())
            .withValueSerde(Serdes.Long()))
        .toStream();
```

Create the internal topics

Kafka Streams prefixes `application.id` to names of internal topics, where `application.id` is user-defined. For example, `application.id-internal_topic_name`. The internal topics are normal Kafka topics, and you can create the topics using the information available in Create an Apache Kafka topic or `AdminClient` of the Kafka API.

Depending on your use case, you can use the Kafka Streams' default cleanup and retention policies, or customize their values. You define these in `cleanup.policy` and `retention.ms`.

The following example creates the topics with the `AdminClient` API and sets the `application.id` to **`msk-streams-processing`**.

```
try (AdminClient client = AdminClient.create(configs.kafkaProps())) {
    Collection<NewTopic> topics = new HashSet<>();
    topics.add(new NewTopic("msk-streams-processing-count-store", 3, (short) 3));
    client.createTopics(topics);
}
```

After the topics are created on the cluster, your Kafka Streams application can use the `msk-streams-processing-count-store` topic for the `count()` operation.

(Optional) Check the topic name

You can use the *topology describer* to describe the topology of your stream and view the names of the internal topics. The following example shows how to run the topology describer.

```
final StreamsBuilder builder = new StreamsBuilder();
Topology topology = builder.build();
System.out.println(topology.describe());
```

The following output shows the topology of the stream for the preceding example.

```
Topology Description:
Topologies:
   Sub-topology: 0
    Source: KSTREAM-SOURCE-0000000000 (topics: [input_topic])
      --> KSTREAM-AGGREGATE-0000000001
    Processor: KSTREAM-AGGREGATE-0000000001 (stores: [count-store])
      --> KTABLE-TOSTREAM-0000000002
      <-- KSTREAM-SOURCE-0000000000
    Processor: KTABLE-TOSTREAM-0000000002 (stores: [])
      --> KSTREAM-SINK-0000000003
      <-- KSTREAM-AGGREGATE-0000000001
    Sink: KSTREAM-SINK-0000000003 (topic: output_topic)
      <-- KTABLE-TOSTREAM-0000000002
```

For information about how to use the topology describer, see Naming Operators in a Kafka Streams DSL Application in the Kafka Streams documentation.

Examples of naming operators

This section provides some examples of naming operators.

Example of naming operator for groupByKey()

```
groupByKey() -> groupByKey(Grouped.as("kafka-stream-groupby"))
```

Example of naming operator for normal count()

```
normal count() -> .count(Materialized.<String, Long, KeyValueStore<Bytes,
 byte[]>>as("kafka-streams-window")  // descriptive name for the store
```

```
    .withKeySerde(Serdes.String())
    .withValueSerde(Serdes.Long()))
```

Example of naming operator for windowed count()

```
windowed count() -> .count(Materialized.<String, Long, WindowStore<Bytes,
 byte[]>>as("kafka-streams-window")  // descriptive name for the store
    .withKeySerde(Serdes.String())
    .withValueSerde(Serdes.Long()))
```

Example of naming operator for windowed suppressed()

```
windowed suppressed() ->
Suppressed<Windowed> suppressed = Suppressed
        .untilWindowCloses(Suppressed.BufferConfig.unbounded())
        .withName("kafka-suppressed");
    .suppress(suppressed)
```

Real-time vector embedding blueprints

Amazon MSK (Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka) supports Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink blueprints to generate vector-embeddings using Amazon Bedrock, streamlining the process to build real-time AI applications powered by up-to-date, contextual data. The MSF blueprint simplifies the process of incorporating the latest data from your Amazon MSK streaming pipelines into your generative AI models, eliminating the need to write custom code to integrate real-time data streams, vector databases, and large language models.

You can configure the MSF blueprint to continuously generate vector embeddings using Bedrock's embedding models, then index those embeddings in OpenSearch Service for their Amazon MSK data streams. This allows you to combine the context from real-time data with Bedrock's powerful large language models to generate accurate, up-to-date AI responses without writing custom code. You can also choose to improve the efficiency of data retrieval using built-in support for data chunking techniques from LangChain, an open-source library, supporting high-quality inputs for model ingestion. The blueprint manages the data integration and processing between MSK, the chosen embedding model, and the OpenSearch vector store, allowing you to focus on building your AI applications, rather than managing the underlying integration.

Real-time vector embedding blueprints is available in the following AWS Regions:

- N. Virginia - us-east-1
- Ohio - us-east-2
- Oregon - us-west-2
- Mumbai - ap-south-1
- Seoul - ap-northeast-2
- Singapore - ap-southeast-1
- Sydney - ap-southeast-2
- Tokyo - ap-northeast-1
- Canada Central - ca-central-1
- Frankfurt - eu-central-1
- Ireland - eu-west-1
- London - eu-west-2
- Paris - eu-west-3
- Sao Paulo - sa-east-1

Topics

- Logging and observability
- Notes before enabling real-time vector embedding blueprints
- Deploy streaming data vectorization blueprint

Logging and observability

All logs and metrics for real-time vector embedding blueprints can be enabled using CloudWatch logs.

All metrics that are available for a regular MSF application and Amazon Bedrock can monitor your application and Bedrock metrics.

There are two additional metrics for monitoring performance of generating embeddings. These metrics are part of the EmbeddingGeneration operation name in CloudWatch.

- **BedrockTitanEmbeddingTokenCount**: monitors the number of tokens present in a single request to Bedrock.

- **BedrockEmbeddingGenerationLatencyMs**: reports the time taken to send and receive a response from Bedrock for generating embeddings in milliseconds.

For OpenSearch Service, you can use the following metrics:

- **OpenSearch Serverless collection metrics**: see Monitoring OpenSearch Serverless with Amazon CloudWatch in the *Amazon OpenSearch Service Developer Guide*.
- **OpenSearch provisioned metrics**: see Monitoring OpenSearch cluster metrics with Amazon CloudWatch in the *Amazon OpenSearch Service Developer Guide*.

Notes before enabling real-time vector embedding blueprints

The Managed Service for Apache Flink application will only support unstructured text or JSON data in the input stream.

Two modes of input processing are supported:

- When input data is **unstructured text**, the entire text message is embedded. The vector DB contains the original text and the generated embedding.
- When the input data is in **JSON** format, the application gives you the ability to configure and specify one or more keys within the JSON object value to use for the embedding process. If there is more than one key, all keys are vectorized together and indexed in the vector DB. The vector DB will contain the original message and the generated embedding.

Embedding Generation: The application supports all text embedding models exclusively provided by Bedrock.

Persist in vector DB store: The application uses an existing OpenSearch cluster (provisioned or Serverless) in the customer's account as a destination for persisting embedded data. When using Opensearch Serverless to create a vector index, always use the vector field name `embedded_data`.

Similar to MSF blueprints, you are expected to manage the infrastructure to run the code associated with the real-time vector embedding blueprint.

Similar to MSF Blueprints, once an MSF application is created, it must be exclusively started in the AWS account using the console or CLI. AWS will not start the MSF application for you. You have to call the StartApplication API (through CLI or console) to get the application running.

Cross-account movement of data: The application does not allow you to move data between input stream and vector destinations that live in different AWS accounts.

Deploy streaming data vectorization blueprint

This topic describes how to deploy a streaming data vectorization blueprint.

Deploy streaming data vectorization blueprint

1. Ensure following resources are setup correctly:
   - Provisioned or Serverless MSK cluster with one or more topics containing data.
2. Bedrock Setup: Access to desired Bedrock Model. Currently supported Bedrock models are:
   - Amazon Titan Embeddings G1 - Text
   - Amazon Titan Text Embeddings V2
   - Amazon Titan Multimodal Embeddings G1
   - Cohere Embed English
   - Cohere Embed Multilingual
3. AWS OpenSearch collection:
   - You may use a provisioned or Serverless OpenSearch Service collection.
   - The OpenSearch Service collection must have at least one index.
   - If you plan to use an **OpenSearch Serverless collection**, make sure to create a vector search collection. For details on how to setup a vector index, see Prerequisites for your own vector store for a knowledge base. To learn more about vectorization, see Amazon OpenSearch Service's vector database capabilities explained.

     > **Note**
     >
     > When creating a vector index, you must use the vector field name `embedded_data`.

   - If you plan to use an **OpenSearch Provisioned collection**, you need to add the MSF application role (that contains the Opensearch access policy) that was created by the blueprint, as a master user to your OpenSearch collection. Also, confirm that the access policy in OpenSearch is set to "Allow" actions. This is needed to enable fine grain access control.

- Optionally, you can enable access to the OpenSearch dashboard to view results. Refer to enable fine grain access control.

4. Login using a role that allows aws:CreateStack permissions.
5. Go to the MSF console dashboard and select **Create Streaming Application**.
6. In **Choose a method to setup the stream processing application** select **Use a Blueprint**.
7. Select **Real-time AI application blueprint** from the blueprints drop-down menu.
8. Provide desired configurations. See Create page configurations.
9. Select **Deploy Blueprint** to start a CloudFormation deployment.
10. Once the CloudFormation deployment is complete, go to the deployed Flink application. Check Runtime properties of the application.
11. You can choose to change/add runtime properties to your application. See Runtime Properties Configuration for details to configure these properties.

> **Note**
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> Note:
> If you are using OpenSearch provisioned, please ensure you enabled fine grain access control.
> If your provisioned cluster is private, add `https://` to your OpenSearch Provisioned VPC endpoint URL and change `sink.os.endpoint` to point to this endpoint.
> If your provisioned cluster is public, ensure your MSF application can access the internet. For more information, see >>>>>> express-brokers-publication-merge type="documentation" url="managed-flink/latest/java/vpc-internet.html" >Internet and service access for a VPC-connected Managed Service for Apache Flink application.

12. Once you are satisfied with all the configurations, select Run. The application will start running.
13. Pump messages in your MSK cluster.
14. Navigate to the Opensearch cluster and go to the OpenSearch dashboard.
15. On the dashboard, select **Discover** in the left menu. You should see persisted documents along with their vector embeddings.
16. Refer to Working with vector search collections to see how you can use the vectors stored in the index.

Create page configurations

This topic describes create page configurations to refer to when specifying configurations for real-time AI application blueprints.

Application name

Existing field in MSF, give any name to your application.

MSK cluster

Select the MSK cluster you created during setup from the dropdown list.

Topics

Add the name of the topic(s) which you created in the setup.

Input stream data type

Choose **String** if you will supply string input to the MSK stream.

Choose **JSON** if the input in the MSK stream is JSON. In **JSON keys embedded**, write the names of the fields in your input JSON whose value you want to send to Bedrock for generating embeddings.

Bedrock embedding model

Select one from the list. Ensure that you have model access for the model you choose, otherwise the stack might fail. See Add or remove access to Amazon Bedrock foundation models.

OpenSearch cluster

Select the cluster you created from the dropdown.

OpenSearch vector index name

Select the vector index that you created in the above step.

Amazon MSK quota

Your AWS account has default quotas for Amazon MSK. Unless otherwise stated, each per-account quota is Region-specific within your AWS account.

Topics

- Requesting a quota increase in Amazon MSK
- Amazon MSK Standard broker quota
- Amazon MSK Express broker quota
- MSK Replicator quotas
- MSK Serverless quota
- MSK Connect quota
- Amazon MSK Data Delivery quotas

Requesting a quota increase in Amazon MSK

You can request a quota increase for each Region using the Service Quotas console, AWS CLI, or a support case. If an adjustable quota isn't available in the Service Quotas console, use the AWS Support Center Console to create a service quota increase case.

Support could approve, deny, or partially approve your quota increase requests. Increases aren't granted immediately, and can take a few days to take effect.

To request an increase using the Service Quotas console

1. Open the Service Quotas console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/servicequotas/.
2. From the navigation bar, select a Region.
3. In the left navigation pane, choose **AWS services**.
4. In the Find services box, type **`msk`**, and then choose **Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (MSK)**.
5. In **Service quotas**, choose the **Quota name** for which you want to request an increase. For example, **`Number of brokers per account`**.
6. Choose **Request increase at account level**.
7. For **Increase quota value**, enter a new quota value.

8. Choose **Request**.
9. (Optional) To view any pending or recently resolved requests in the console, choose **Dashboard** in the left navigation pane. For pending requests, choose the status of the request to open the request receipt. The initial status of a request is **Pending**. After the status changes to **Quota requested**, you'll see the case number with Support. Choose the case number to open the ticket for your request.

For more information, including how to use the AWS CLI or SDKs to request a quota increase, see Requesting a quota increase in the *Service Quotas User Guide*.

Amazon MSK Standard broker quota

The following table describes the quotas for Standard brokers.

Dimension	Quota	Notes
Brokers per account	90	To request higher quota, go to the Service Quotas console.
Brokers per cluster	30 for ZooKeeper-based clusters 60 for KRaft-based clusters	To request higher quota, go to the Service Quotas console.
Minimum storage per broker	1 GiB	
Maximum storage per broker	16384 GiB	
Maximum TCP connections per broker (IAM Access control)	3000	To increase this limit, you can adjust the `listener.name.client_iam.max.connections` or the `listener.name.client_iam_public.max.connections` configuration property using the Kafka `AlterConfig` API or the

Dimension	Quota	Notes
		`kafka-configs.sh` tool. It's important to note that increasing either property to a high value can result in unavailability. To monitor this quota, use the `ClientConnectionCount` CloudWatch metric with dimensions `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`, and `Client Authentication` (set to `IAM`). Use the **Sum** statistic with a one-minute period. A single broker reports `ClientConnectionCount` as multiple data points across its network processors. Summing at the broker level aggregates across all network threads for the IAM listener to produce the total IAM connection count for that broker.

Dimension	Quota	Notes
Maximum TCP connections rate per broker (IAM)	100 per second (M5, M7g, and M8g instance sizes) 4 per second (t3 instance size)	To handle retries on failed connections, you can set the `reconnect.backoff.ms` configuration parameter on the client side. For example, if you want a client to retry connections after 1 second, set `reconnect.backoff.ms` to `1000`. For more information, see reconnect.backoff.ms in the Apache Kafka documentation. To monitor this quota, use the `ConnectionCreationRate` CloudWatch metric with dimensions `Cluster Name` and `Broker ID`. Use the **Sum** statistic with a one-minute period. A single broker reports `ConnectionCreationRate` as multiple data points across its network processors. Summing at the broker level aggregates across all network threads and client listeners to produce the total connection creation rate for that broker.

Dimension	Quota	Notes
Maximum TCP connections per broker (non-IAM)	N/A	MSK does not enforce connection limits for non-IAM auth. You should monitor other metrics such as CPU and memory usage to ensure you do not overload your cluster because of excessive connections.
Configurations per account	100	To request higher quota, go to the Service Quotas console. To update the configuration or the Apache Kafka version of an MSK cluster, first ensure the number of partitions per broker is under the limits described in Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Standard broker.
Configuration revisions per account	50	

Amazon MSK Express broker quota

The following table describes the quotas for Express brokers.

Dimension	Quota	Notes
Brokers per account	90	To request higher quota, go to the Service Quotas console.

Dimension	Quota	Notes
Brokers per cluster	30 for ZooKeeper-based clusters 60 for KRaft-based clusters	To request higher quota, go to the Service Quotas console.
Maximum storage	Unlimited	

Dimension	Quota	Notes
Maximum TCP connections per broker (IAM Access control)	3000	To increase the connection limit, adjust one of the following configuration properties using the Kafka AlterConfig API or the kafka-configs.sh tool: • `listener.name.client_iam.max.connections` • `listener.name.client_iam_public.max.connections` Setting these properties to a high value might result in cluster unavailability. To monitor this quota, use the `ClientConnectionCount` CloudWatch metric with dimensions `Cluster Name`, `Broker ID`, and `Client Authentication` (set to `IAM`). Use the **Sum** statistic with a one-minute period. A single broker reports `ClientConnectionCount` as multiple data points across its network processors. Summing at the broker level aggregates across all network threads for the IAM listener to produce the total

Dimension	Quota	Notes
		IAM connection count for that broker.
Maximum TCP connections rate per broker (IAM)	100 per second	To handle retries on failed connections, you can set the `reconnect.backoff.ms` configuration parameter on the client side. For example, if you want a client to retry connections after 1 second, set `reconnect.backoff.ms` to `1000`. For more information, see reconnect.backoff.ms in the Apache Kafka documentation. To monitor this quota, use the `ConnectionCreationRate` CloudWatch metric with dimensions `Cluster Name` and `Broker ID`. Use the **Sum** statistic with a one-minute period. A single broker reports `ConnectionCreationRate` as multiple data points across its network processors. Summing at the broker level aggregates across all network threads and client listeners to produce the total connection creation rate for that broker.

Dimension	Quota	Notes
Maximum TCP connections per broker (non-IAM)	N/A	MSK does not enforce connection limits for non-IAM auth. You should however monitor other metrics such as CPU and memory usage to ensure you do not overload your cluster because of excessive connections.
Configurations per account	100	To request higher quota, go to the Service Quotas console. To update the configuration or the Apache Kafka version of an MSK cluster, first ensure the number of partitions per broker is under the limits described in Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Express broker.
Configuration revisions per account	50	
Max Ingress per broker	Recommended: 15.6 - 667.0 MBps	Based on instance size.
Max Egress per broker	Recommended: 31.2 - 1334.0 MBps	Based on instance size.
Throughput per-partition	Max 15 MB/s	

Topics

- Express broker throughput throttle limits by broker size
- Express broker partition quota

Express broker throughput throttle limits by broker size

The following table lists the recommended and maximum throughput throttle limit related to ingress and egress for different broker sizes. In this table, the recommended throughput is represented as Sustained performance, which is the threshold up to which your applications won't experience any performance degradation. If you operate beyond these limits on either dimension, you might get more throughput, but you might also experience performance degradation. Maximum quota is the threshold at which your cluster will throttle read/write traffic. Your applications won't be able to operate beyond this threshold.

Instance size	Sustained performance (MBps) for ingress	Maximum quota (MBps) for ingress	Sustained performance (MBps) for egress	Maximum quota (MBps) for egress
express.m7g.large	15.6	23.4	31.2	58.5
express.m7g.xlarge	31.2	46.8	62.5	117
express.m7g.2xlarge	62.5	93.7	125	234.2
express.m7g.4xlarge	124.9	187.5	249.8	468.7
express.m7g.8xlarge	250	375	500	937.5
express.m7g.12xlarge	375	562.5	750	1406.2
express.m7g.16xlarge	500	750	1000	1875
express.m8g.large	15.6	23.4	31.2	58.5

Instance size	Sustained performance (MBps) for ingress	Maximum quota (MBps) for ingress	Sustained performance (MBps) for egress	Maximum quota (MBps) for egress
express.m8g.xlarge	31.2	46.8	62.5	117
express.m8g.2xlarge	62.5	93.7	125	234.2
express.m8g.4xlarge	124.9	187.5	249.8	468.7
express.m8g.8xlarge	250	375	500	937.5
express.m8g.12xlarge	375	562.5	750	1406.2
express.m8g.16xlarge	500	750	1000	1875
express.m8g.24xlarge	667	1000.5	1334	2501.25

Express broker partition quota

The following table shows the recommended number of partitions (including leader and follower replicas) for each Express broker. You can't exceed the maximum number of partitions mentioned in the following table for each Express broker.

For information about the best practices to consider while assigning partitions to Express brokers, see Right-size your cluster: Number of partitions per Express broker.

Broker size	Recommended number of partitions (including leader and follower replicas) per broker	Maximum number of partitions per broker
express.m7g.large	1000	1500
express.m7g.xlarge	1000	2000
express.m7g.2xlarge	2500	4000
express.m7g.4xlarge	6000	8000
express.m7g.8xlarge	12000	16000
express.m7g.12xlarge	16000	24000
express.m7g.16xlarge	20000	32000
express.m8g.large	1000	1500
express.m8g.xlarge	1000	2000
express.m8g.2xlarge	2500	4000
express.m8g.4xlarge	6000	8000
express.m8g.8xlarge	12000	16000
express.m8g.12xlarge	16000	24000
express.m8g.16xlarge	20000	32000
express.m8g.24xlarge	20000	32000

MSK Replicator quotas

- A maximum of 15 MSK Replicators per account.

- MSK Replicator only replicates up to 750 topics in sorted order. If you need to replicate more topics, we recommend that you create a separate Replicator. To request support for more than 750 topics per Replicator, contact AWS Support. You can monitor the number of topics being replicated using the `TopicCount` metric.
- A maximum ingress throughput of 1 GB per second per MSK Replicator. To request a higher quota, contact AWS Support.
- MSK Replicator record size — A maximum record size of 10 MB for cross-region replication and 20 MB for same-region replication (`message.max.bytes`). To request a higher quota, contact AWS Support.

MSK Serverless quota

The quotas specified in the following table are per cluster, unless otherwise stated.

> **Note**
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> If you experience any issue with service quota limits, create a support case with your use case and requested limit.

Dimension	Quota	Quota violation result
Maximum ingress throughput	200 MBps	Slowdown with throttle duration in response
Maximum egress throughput	400 MBps	Slowdown with throttle duration in response
Maximum retention duration	Unlimited	N/A
Maximum number of client connections	3000	Connection close
Maximum connection attempts	100 per second	Connection close

Dimension	Quota	Quota violation result
Maximum message size	8 MiB	Request fails with ErrorCode: *INVALID_REQUEST*
Maximum request rate	15,000 per second	Slowdown with throttle duration in response
Maximum rate of topic management APIs requests rate	2 per second	Slowdown with throttle duration in response
Maximum fetch bytes per request	55 MB	Request fails with ErrorCode: *INVALID_REQUEST*
Maximum number of consumer groups	500	JoinGroup request fails
Maximum number of partition s (leaders)	2400 for non-compacted topics. 120 for compacted topics. To request a service quota adjustment, create a support case with your use case and requested limit.	Request fails with ErrorCode: *INVALID_REQUEST*
Maximum rate of partition creation and deletion	250 in 5 minutes	Request fails with ErrorCode : THROUGHPUT_QUOTA_E XCEEDED
Maximum ingress throughput per partition	5 MBps	Slowdown with throttle duration in response
Maximum egress throughput per partition	10 MBps	Slowdown with throttle duration in response
Maximum partition size (for compacted topics)	250 GB	Request fails with ErrorCode : THROUGHPUT_QUOTA_E XCEEDED

Dimension	Quota	Quota violation result
Maximum number of client VPCs per serverless cluster	5	
Maximum number of serverless clusters per account	10. To request a service quota adjustment, create a support case with your use case and requested limit.	

MSK Connect quota

- Up to 100 custom plugins.
- Up to 100 worker configurations.
- Up to 60 connect workers. If a connector is set up to have auto scaled capacity, then the maximum number of workers that the connector is set up to have is the number MSK Connect uses to calculate the quota for the account.
- Up to 10 workers per connector.

To request higher quota for MSK Connect, go to the Service Quotas console.

Amazon MSK Data Delivery quotas

The following quotas apply to Amazon MSK Data Delivery Channels.

Resource	Default quota	Adjustable
Channels per Amazon MSK cluster	50	Yes
Channels per Kafka topic	10	Yes
Maximum data freshness interval	15 minutes	No
Minimum data freshness interval	5 minutes	No

Resource	Default quota	Adjustable
Minimum throughput for 5-minute freshness (S3 Tables)	2.4 MB/s per Channel	No
Maximum throughput per Channel	Up to 10 GB/s	No
Maximum partitions per table (S3 Tables)	100	No
Supported input formats (S3 Tables)	JSON, JSON_SCHEMA_GSR	No
Supported input formats (S3 bucket)	JSON, ByteArray, String	No
Output format (S3 Tables)	Apache Iceberg; Parquet files with ZSTD or Snappy compression	No
Output compression (S3 bucket)	NONE, GZIP, or ZSTD	No
Schema evolution	Not supported	No
Maximum topic name length	249 characters	No
Maximum table name length	255 characters	No

To request an increase for an adjustable quota, use the procedure in Requesting a quota increase in Amazon MSK.

Document history for Amazon MSK Developer Guide

The following table describes the important changes to the Amazon MSK Developer Guide.

Latest documentation update: June 25, 2024

Change	Description	Date
Service-linked role policy update for IPv6 connectivity	Amazon MSK updated the KafkaServiceRolePolicy to add IPv6 connectivity support. The policy now includes `ec2:AssignIpv6Addresses` , `ec2:UnassignIpv6Addresses` , and `ec2:ModifyNetworkInterfaceAttribute` permissions to enable IPv6 connectivity for MSK clusters. For more information, see KafkaServiceRolePolicy.	2025-11-17
Support for Apache Kafka version 4.1.x	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 4.1.x. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2025-10-15
Migrate Kafka workloads to an Amazon MSK cluster topic improvement	Enhanced the Apache Kafka workload migration topic with improved guidance about using MSK Replicator or Apache MirrorMaker 2.0 for migration. Also, improved the content organization and included relevant links	2025-10-12

Change	Description	Date
	to resources that provide step-by-step guidance about the migration. For more information, see Migrate Kafka workloads to an Amazon MSK cluster.	
mTLS launch in China Regions	Amazon MSK now supports mTLS to authenticate clients in China (Beijing) and China (Ningxia) Regions. For more information, see Authentication and authorization for Apache Kafka APIs.	2025-09-22
Apache Kafka versions topic improvement	• Enhanced Apache Kafka version 3.9 documentation with extended support details and clarification that it's the last version supporting both ZooKeeper and KRaft metadata management systems. • Improved the Kafka version upgrade procedure with more detailed guidance. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions and Upgrade the Apache Kafka version.	2025-09-19

Change	Description	Date
StorageUsed metric for Express brokers	Amazon MSK now includes a new DEFAULT level metric, `StorageUsed` for Express brokers that provides cluster-level visibility into total storage consumption excluding replicas. For more information, see DEFAULT level monitoring for Express brokers.	2025-07-24
High partition count for Amazon MSK Express brokers	Amazon MSK launched high partition count for Express brokers. For more informati on, see Express broker partition quota.	2025-07-21
New Amazon MSK Connect metrics	MSK Connect added two new metrics – `SinkConsu merByteRate` and `SourceProducerByte Rate` for measuring connector data throughput rates. For more information, see Monitoring MSK Connect.	2025-06-30

Change	Description	Date
MSK Provisioned Getting started topics overhaul	Completely restructured the MSK Provisioned Getting started topics to improve user experience, content flow, and readability. The revised topics also include detailed documentation of all console options including storage modes, authentic ation methods, and monitorin g levels with clear decision guidance. For more information, see Get started using Amazon MSK.	2025-06-28
Support for Express broker on Apache Kafka version 3.8.x	Amazon MSK now supports Express brokers on Apache Kafka version 3.8.x. For more information, see Amazon MSK Express brokers.	2025-06-05
New Amazon MSK Replicator troubleshooting information	*Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka Developer Guide* now includes comprehensive MSK Replicato r troubleshooting documenta tion with diagnostic script and detailed error mitigatio n procedures. For more information, see Troubleshoot MSK Replicator failures using ReplicatorFailure metric.	2025-05-09

Change	Description	Date
Non-disruptive certificate renewals	Amazon MSK launched non-disruptive certificate renewals for Express brokers to eliminate maintenance downtime during mandatory 13-month certificate updates. For more information, see Amazon MSK encryption.	2025-05-05
Support for Apache Kafka version 4.0.x	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 4.0.x. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2025-05-02
Amazon MSK Connect launch in China Regions	MSK Connect is now available in all China Regions – China (Beijing) and China (Ningxia).	2025-04-10
Support for Apache Kafka version 3.9.x	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 3.9.x. For information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2025-04-21
Amazon EventBridge Kafka sink connector for MSK Connect	*Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka Developer Guide* now includes a comprehensive topic that describes how to use EventBridge Kafka sink connector with MSK Connect. For more information, see Set up EventBridge Kafka sink connector for MSK Connect.	2025-03-28

Change	Description	Date
Express brokers quotas update	*Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka Developer Guide* now includes informati on about throughput limits for ingress and egress for Express brokers. For more information, see Amazon MSK Express broker quota.	2025-03-06
Support for Apache Kafka version 3.8.x	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 3.8.x. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2025-02-20
Amazon MSK version 3.4.0 end of support date revised	Revised end of support date for Apache Kafka version 3.4.0 is August 4, 2025. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2025-02-18
UpdateConnector API launch to modify existing MSK Connect connector configura tions	Amazon MSK now includes the UpdateConnector API to modify existing MSK Connect connector configurations eliminating the need to create new connectors. Also, added documentation of DescribeC onnectorOperation and ListConnectorOperations APIs to track connector update operations and maintain historical audit trails of configuration changes.	2025-01-12

Change	Description	Date
AWS PrivateLink interface VPC endpoints documentation	*Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka Developer Guide* now includes AWS PrivateLink interface VPC endpoints documentation. For more information, see Use Amazon MSK APIs with interface VPC endpoints.	2024-12-18
MSK Connect 3.7.x version launch	MSK Connect now supports version 3.7.x. For more information, see Understand MSK Connect.	2024-12-18
Express broker feature added. Developer Guide topics reorganized.	MSK supports Standard and new Express brokers.	2024-11-6
Graviton upgrade in place feature added.	You can update your cluster broker size from M5 or T3 to M7g, or from M7g to M5.	2024-6-25
3.4.0 end of support date announced.	End of support date for Apache Kafka version 3.4.0 is June 17, 2025.	2024-6-24
Broker removal feature added.	You can reduce your provisioned cluster's storage and compute capacity by removing sets of brokers, with no availability impact, data durability risk, or disruption to your data streaming applications.	2024-5-16

Change	Description	Date
`WriteDataIdempotently` added to AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole	WriteDataIdempotently permission is added to AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole policy to support data replication between MSK clusters.	2024-5-16
Graviton M7g brokers released in Brazil and Bahrain.	Amazon MSK now supports South America (sa-east-1, São Paulo) and Middle East (me-south-1, Bahrain) region availability of M7g brokers using AWS Graviton processors (custom Arm-based processors built by Amazon Web Services).	2024-2-07
Release Graviton M7g brokers to China region	Amazon MSK now supports China region availability of M7g brokers using AWS Graviton processors (custom Arm-based processors built by Amazon Web Services).	2024-01-11
Amazon MSK Kafka version support policy	Added explanation of the Amazon MSK supported Kafka version support policy. For more information, see Apache Kafka versions.	2023-12-08

Change	Description	Date
New service execution role policy to support Amazon MSK Replicator.	Amazon MSK added new `AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole` policy to support Amazon MSK Replicator. For more information, see AWS managed policy: `AWSMSKReplicatorExecutionRole`.	2023-12-06
M7g Graviton support	Amazon MSK now supports M7g brokers using AWS Graviton processors (custom Arm-based processors built by Amazon Web Services).	2023-11-27
Amazon MSK Replicator	Amazon MSK Replicator is a new feature that you can use to replicate data between Amazon MSK clusters. Amazon MSK Replicator includes an update to the AmazonMSKFullAccess policy. For more information, see AWS managed policy: `AmazonMSKFullAccess`.	2023-09-28
Updated for IAM best practices.	Updated guide to align with the IAM best practices . For more information, see Security best practices in IAM.	2023-03-08

Change	Description	Date
Service-linked role updates to support multi-VPC private connectivity	Amazon MSK now includes AWSServiceRoleForKafka service-linked role updates to manage network interfaces and VPC endpoints in your account that make cluster brokers accessible to clients in your VPC. Amazon MSK uses permissions to `DescribeVpcEndpoints` , `ModifyVpcEndpoint` and `DeleteVpcEndpoints` . For more information, see Service-linked roles for Amazon MSK.	2023-03-08
Support for Apache Kafka 2.7.2	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.7.2. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2021-12-21
Support for Apache Kafka 2.6.3	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.6.3. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2021-12-21
MSK Serverless Prerelease	MSK Serverless is a new feature that you can use to create serverless clusters. For more information, see *MSK Serverless*.	2021-11-29

Change	Description	Date
Support for Apache Kafka 2.8.1	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.8.1. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2021-09-30
MSK Connect	MSK Connect is a new feature that you can use to create and manage Apache Kafka connectors. For more information, see Understand MSK Connect.	2021-09-16
Support for Apache Kafka 2.7.1	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.7.1. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2021-05-25
Support for Apache Kafka 2.8.0	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.8.0. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2021-04-28
Support for Apache Kafka 2.6.2	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.6.2. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2021-04-28
Support for Updating Broker Type	You can now change the broker type for an existing cluster. For more information, see Update the Amazon MSK cluster broker size.	2021-01-21

Change	Description	Date
Support for Apache Kafka 2.6.1	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.6.1. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2021-01-19
Support for Apache Kafka 2.7.0	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.7.0. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2020-12-29
No New Clusters with Apache Kafka Version 1.1.1	You can no longer create a new Amazon MSK cluster with Apache Kafka version 1.1.1. However, if you have existing MSK clusters that are running Apache Kafka version 1.1.1, you can continue using all of the currently-supported features on those existing clusters. For more information, see Apache Kafka versions.	2020-11-24
Consumer-Lag Metrics	Amazon MSK now provides metrics that you can use to monitor consumer lag. For more information, see Monitor an Amazon MSK Provisioned cluster.	2020-11-23

Change	Description	Date
Support for Cruise Control	Amazon MSK now supports LinkedIn's Cruise Control. For more information, see Use LinkedIn's Cruise Control for Apache Kafka with Amazon MSK.	2020-11-17
Support for Apache Kafka 2.6.0	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.6.0. For more information, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2020-10-21
Support for Apache Kafka 2.5.1	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.5.1. With Apache Kafka version 2.5.1, Amazon MSK supports encryption in transit between clients and ZooKeeper endpoints. For more informati on, see Supported Apache Kafka versions.	2020-09-30
Application Auto-Expansion	You can configure Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka to automatic ally expand your cluster's storage in response to increased usage. For more information, see Automatic scaling for clusters.	2020-09-30

Change	Description	Date
Support for Username and Password Security	Amazon MSK now supports logging into clusters using a username and password. Amazon MSK stores credentials in AWS Secrets Manager. For more information, see SASL/SCRAM authentication.	2020-09-17
Support for Upgrading the Apache Kafka Version of an Amazon MSK Cluster	You can now upgrade the Apache Kafka version of an existing MSK cluster.	2020-05-28
Support for T3.small Broker Nodes	Amazon MSK now supports creating clusters with brokers of Amazon EC2 type T3.small.	2020-04-08
Support for Apache Kafka 2.4.1	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.4.1.	2020-04-02
Support for Streaming Broker Logs	Amazon MSK can now stream broker logs to CloudWatch Logs, Amazon S3, and Amazon Data Firehose. Firehose can, in turn, deliver these logs to the destinations that it supports, such as OpenSearch Service.	2020-02-25
Support for Apache Kafka 2.3.1	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.3.1.	2019-12-19
Open Monitoring	Amazon MSK now supports open monitoring with Prometheus.	2019-12-04

Change	Description	Date
Support for Apache Kafka 2.2.1	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.2.1.	2019-07-31
General Availability	New features include tagging support, authentication, TLS encryption, configurations, and the ability to update broker storage.	2019-05-30
Support for Apache Kafka 2.1.0	Amazon MSK now supports Apache Kafka version 2.1.0.	2019-02-05