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# **pykafka**

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PyKafka is a cluster-aware Kafka 0.8.2 protocol client for Python. It includes Python implementations of Kafka producers and consumers, and runs under Python 2.7+, Python 3.4+, and PyPy.

PyKafka's primary goal is to provide a similar level of abstraction to the [JVM Kafka client](#) using idioms familiar to Python programmers and exposing the most Pythonic API possible.

You can install PyKafka from PyPI with

```
$ pip install pykafka
```

Full documentation and usage examples for PyKafka can be found on [readthedocs](#).

You can install PyKafka for local development and testing with

```
$ python setup.py develop
```



# CHAPTER 1

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## Getting Started

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Assuming you have a Kafka instance running on localhost, you can use PyKafka to connect to it.

```
>>> from pykafka import KafkaClient
>>> client = KafkaClient(hosts="127.0.0.1:9092")
```

If the cluster you've connected to has any topics defined on it, you can list them with:

```
>>> client.topics
{'my.test': <pykafka.topic.Topic at 0x19bc8c0 (name=my.test)>}
>>> topic = client.topics['my.test']
```

Once you've got a *Topic*, you can create a *Producer* for it and start producing messages.

```
>>> with topic.get_producer() as producer:
...     for i in range(4):
...         producer.produce('test message ' + i ** 2)
```

You can also consume messages from this topic using a *Consumer* instance.

```
>>> consumer = topic.get_simple_consumer()
>>> for message in consumer:
...     if message is not None:
...         print message.offset, message.value
0 test message 0
1 test message 1
2 test message 4
3 test message 9
```

This *SimpleConsumer* doesn't scale - if you have two *SimpleConsumers* consuming the same topic, they will receive duplicate messages. To get around this, you can use the *BalancedConsumer*.

```
>>> balanced_consumer = topic.get_balanced_consumer(
...     consumer_group='testgroup',
...     auto_commit_enable=True,
```

```
...     zookeeper_connect='myZkClusterNode1.com:2181,myZkClusterNode2.com:2181/  
↔myZkChroot'  
... )
```

You can have as many *BalancedConsumer* instances consuming a topic as that topic has partitions. If they are all connected to the same zookeeper instance, they will communicate with it to automatically balance the partitions between themselves.



## CHAPTER 2

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### Operational Tools

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PyKafka includes a small collection of [CLI tools](#) that can help with common tasks related to the administration of a Kafka cluster, including offset and lag monitoring and topic inspection. The full, up-to-date interface for these tools can be found by running

```
$ python cli/kafka_tools.py --help
```

or after installing PyKafka via `setuptools` or `pip`:

```
$ kafka-tools --help
```



## CHAPTER 3

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### What happened to Samsa?

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This project used to be called samsa. It has been renamed PyKafka and has been fully overhauled to support Kafka 0.8.2. We chose to target 0.8.2 because the offset Commit/Fetch API is stabilized.

The Samsa [PyPI package](#) will stay up for the foreseeable future and tags for previous versions will always be available in this repo.



## CHAPTER 4

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### PyKafka or kafka-python?

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These are two different projects. See [the discussion here](#).



If you need help using PyKafka or have found a bug, please open a [github issue](#) or use the [Google Group](#).

## Help Documents

### PyKafka Usage Guide

This document contains prose explanations and examples of common patterns of PyKafka usage.

#### Consumer Patterns

##### Setting the initial offset

This section applies to both the *SimpleConsumer* and the *BalancedConsumer*.

When a PyKafka consumer starts fetching messages from a topic, its starting position in the log is defined by two keyword arguments: *auto\_offset\_reset* and *reset\_offset\_on\_start*.

```
consumer = topic.get_simple_consumer(  
    consumer_group="mygroup",  
    auto_offset_reset=OffsetType.EARLIEST,  
    reset_offset_on_start=False  
)
```

The starting offset is also affected by whether or not the Kafka cluster holds any previously committed offsets for each consumer group/topic/partition set. In this document, a “new” group/topic/partition set is one for which Kafka does not hold any previously committed offsets, and an “existing” set is one for which Kafka does.

The consumer’s initial behavior can be summed up by these rules:

- For any *new* group/topic/partitions, message consumption will start from *auto\_offset\_reset*. This is true independent of the value of *reset\_offset\_on\_start*.

- For any *existing* group/topic/partitions, assuming *reset\_offset\_on\_start=False*, consumption will start from the offset immediately following the last committed offset (if the last committed offset was 4, consumption starts at 5). If *reset\_offset\_on\_start=True*, consumption starts from *auto\_offset\_reset*. If there is no committed offset, the group/topic/partition is considered *new*.

Put another way: if *reset\_offset\_on\_start=True*, consumption will start from *auto\_offset\_reset*. If it is *False*, where consumption starts is dependent on the existence of committed offsets for the group/topic/partition in question.

Examples:

```
# assuming "mygroup" has no committed offsets

# starts from the latest available offset
consumer = topic.get_simple_consumer(
    consumer_group="mygroup",
    auto_offset_reset=OffsetType.LATEST
)
consumer.consume()
consumer.commit_offsets()

# starts from the last committed offset
consumer_2 = topic.get_simple_consumer(
    consumer_group="mygroup"
)

# starts from the earliest available offset
consumer_3 = topic.get_simple_consumer(
    consumer_group="mygroup",
    auto_offset_reset=OffsetType.EARLIEST,
    reset_offset_on_start=True
)
```

This behavior is based on the *auto.offset.reset* section of the [Kafka documentation](#).

## Producer Patterns

TODO

## Kafka 0.9 Roadmap for PyKafka

Date: November 20, 2015

### Quick summary

The current stable version of Kafka is 0.8.2. This is meant to run against the latest Zookeeper versions, e.g. 3.4.6.

The latest releases of pykafka target 0.8.2 **specifically**; the Python code is not backwards compatible with 0.8.1 due to changes in what is known as Offset Commit/Fetch API, which pykafka uses to simplify the offset management APIs and standardize them with other clients that talk to Kafka.

The 0.8.2 release will likely be the most stable Kafka broker to use in production for the next couple of months. However, as we will discuss later, there is a specific bug in Kafka brokers that was fixed in 0.9.0 that we may find advantageous to backport to 0.8.2.

Meanwhile, 0.9.0 is “around the corner” (currently in release candidate form) and introduces, yet again, a brand new consumer API, which we need to track and wrap in pykafka. But for that to stabilize will take some time.



## SimpleConsumer vs BalancedConsumer

Why does pykafka exist? That's a question I sometimes hear from people, especially since there are alternative implementations of the Kafka protocol floating around in the Python community, notably [kafka-python](#).

One part of the reason pykafka exists is to build a more Pythonic API for working with Kafka that supports every major Python interpreter (Python 2/3, PyPy) and every single Kafka feature. We also have an interest in making Kafka consumers fast, with C optimizations for protocol speedups. But the **real** reason it exists is to implement a **scalable and reliable BalancedConsumer** implementation atop Kafka and Zookeeper. This was missing from any Kafka and Python project, and we (and many other users) desperately needed it to use Kafka in the way it is meant to be used.

Since there is some confusion on this, let's do a crystal clear discussion of the differences between these two consumer types.

**SimpleConsumer** communicates **directly** with a Kafka broker to consume a Kafka topic, and takes "ownership" of 100% of the partitions reported for that topic. It does round-robin consumption of messages from those partitions, while using the aforementioned Commit/Fetch API to manage offsets. Under the hood, the Kafka broker talks to Zookeeper to maintain the offset state.

The main problems with SimpleConsumer: scalability, parallelism, and high availability. If you have a busy topic with lots of partitions, a SimpleConsumer may not be able to keep up, and your offset lag (as reported by kafka-tools) will constantly be behind, or worse, may grow over time. You may also have code that needs to react to messages, and that code may be CPU-bound, so you may be seeking to achieve multi-core or multi-node parallelism. Since a SimpleConsumer has no coordination mechanism, you have no options here: multiple SimpleConsumer instances reading from the same topic will read **the same messages** from that topic – that is, the data won't be spread evenly among the consumers. Finally, there is the availability concern. If your SimpleConsumer dies, your pipeline dies. You'd ideally like to have several consumers such that the death of one does not result in the death of your pipeline.

One other side note related to using Kafka in Storm, since that's a common use case. Typically Kafka data enters a Storm topology via a Spout written against pykafka's API. If that Spout makes use of a SimpleConsumer, you can only set that Spout's parallelism level to 1 – a parallel Spout will emit duplicate tuples into your topology!

So, now let's discuss **BalancedConsumer** and how it solves these problems. Instead of taking ownership of 100% partitions upon consumption of a topic, a BalancedConsumer in Kafka 0.8.2 coordinates the state for several consumers who "share" a single topic by talking to the Kafka broker and directly to Zookeeper. It figures this out by registering a "consumer group ID", which is an identifier associated with several consumer processes that are all eating data from the same topic, in a balanced manner.

The following discussion of the BalancedConsumer operation is very simplified and high-level – it's not exactly how it works. But it'll serve to illustrate the idea. Let's say you have 10 partitions for a given topic. A BalancedConsumer connects asks the cluster, "what partitions are available?". The cluster replies, "10". So now that consumer takes "ownership" of 100% of the partitions, and starts consuming. At this moment, the BalancedConsumer is operating similarly to a SimpleConsumer.

Then a **second** BalancedConsumer connects and the cluster, "which partitions are available? Cluster replies, "0", and asks the BalancedConsumer to wait a second. It now initiates a "partition rebalancing". This is a fancy dance between Zookeeper and Kafka, but the end result is that 5 partitions get "owned" by consumer A and 5 get "owned" by consumer B. The original consumer receives a notification that the partition balancing has changed, so it now consumes from fewer partitions. Meanwhile, the second BalancedConsumer now gets a new notification: "5" is the number of partitions it can now own. At this point, 50% of the stream is being consumed by consumer A, and 50% by consumer B.

You can see where this goes. A third, fourth, fifth, or sixth BalancedConsumer could join the group. This would split up the partitions yet further. However, note – we mentioned that the total number of partitions for this topic was 10. Thus, though balancing will work, it will only work up to the number of total partitions available for a topic. That is, if we had 11 BalancedConsumers in this consumer group, we'd have one idle consumer and 10 active consumers, with the active ones only consuming 1 partition each.

The good news is, it's very typical to run Kafka topics with 20, 50, or even 100 partitions per topic, and this typically provides enough parallelism and availability for almost any need.

Finally, availability is provided with the same mechanism. If you unplug a `BalancedConsumer`, its partitions are returned to the group, and other group members can take ownership. This is especially powerful in a Storm topology, where a Spout using a `BalancedConsumer` might have parallelism of 10 or 20, and single Spout instance failures would trigger rebalancing automatically.

## Pure Python vs rdkafka

A commonly used Kafka utility is `kafkacat`, which is written by Magnus Edenhill. It is written in C and makes use of the `librdkafka` library, which is a pure C wrapper for the Kafka protocol that has been benchmarked to support 3 million messages per second on the consumer side. A member of the Parse.ly team has written a `pykafka` binding for this library which serves two purposes: a) speeding up Python consumers and b) providing an alternative protocol implementation that allows us to isolate protocol-level bugs.

Note that on the consumer side, `librdkafka` only handles direct communication with the Kafka broker. Therefore, `BalancedConsumer` still makes use of `pykafka`'s pure Python Zookeeper handling code to implement partition rebalancing among consumers.

Under the hood, `librdkafka` is wrapped using Python's C extension API, therefore it adds a little C wrapper code to `pykafka`'s codebase. Building this C extension requires that `librdkafka` is already built and installed on your machine (local or production).

By the end of November, `rdkafka` will be a fully supported option of `pykafka`. This means `SimpleConsumers` can be sped up to handle larger streams without rebalancing, and it also means `BalancedConsumer`'s get better per-core or per-process utilization. Making use of this protocol is as simple as passing a `use_rdkafka=True` flag to the appropriate consumer or producer creation functions.

## Compatibility Matrix

Kafka lacks a coherent release management process, which is one of the worst parts of the project. Minor dot-version releases have dramatically changed client protocols, thus resembling major version changes to client teams working on projects like `pykafka`. To help sort through the noise, here is a compatibility matrix for Kafka versions of whether we have protocol support for these versions in latest stable versions of our consumer/producer classes:

Kafka version	pykafka?	rdkafka?
0.8.1	No	No
0.8.2	Yes	Yes
0.9.0	Planned	Planned

Note that 0.9.0.0 is currently in "release candidate" stage as of November 2015.

## Core Kafka Issues On Our Radar

There are several important Kafka core issues that are on our radar and that have changed things dramatically (hopefully for the better) in the new Kafka 0.9.0 release version. These are summarized in this table:

Issue	0.8.2	0.9.0	Link?
New Consumer API	N/A	Added	<a href="#">KAFKA-1328</a>
New Consumer API Extras	N/A	In Flux	<a href="#">KAFKA-1326</a>
Security/SSL	N/A	Added	<a href="#">KAFKA-1682</a>
Broker/ZK Crash	Bug	Fixed	<a href="#">KAFKA-1387</a>
Documentation	"Minimal"	"Improved"	<a href="#">New Docs</a>

Let's focus on three areas here: new consumer API, security, and broker/ZK crash.

## New Consumer API

One of the biggest new features of Kafka 0.9.0 is a brand new Consumer API. The good news **may** be that despite introducing this new API, they **may** still support their “old” APIs that were stabilized in Kafka 0.8.2. We are going to explore this as this would provide a smoother upgrade path for pykafka users for certain.

The main difference for this new API is moving more of the `BalancedConsumer` partition rebalancing logic into the broker itself. This would certainly be a good idea to standardize how `BalancedConsumers` work across programming languages, but we don’t have a lot of confidence that this protocol is bug-free at the moment. The Kafka team even describes **their own** 0.9.0 consumer as being “beta quality”.

## Security/SSL

This is one of Kafka’s top requests. To provide secure access to Kafka topics, people have had to use the typical IP whitelisting and VPN hacks, which is problematic since they can often impact the overall security of a system, impact performance, and are operationally complex to maintain.

The Kafka 0.9.0 release includes a standard mechanism for doing SSL-based security in communicating with Kafka brokers. We’ll need to explore what the requirements and limitations are of this scheme to see if it can be supported directly by pykafka.

## Broker/ZK Crash

This is perhaps the most annoying issue regarding this new release. We have several reports from the community of Kafka brokers that crash as a result of a coordination issue with Zookeeper. A bug fix was worked on for several months and a patched build of 0.8.1 fixed the issue permanently for some users, but because the Kafka community cancelled a 0.8.3 release, favoring 0.9.0 instead, no patched build of 0.8.2 was ever created. This issue **is** fixed in 0.9.0, however.

## The Way Forward

We want pykafka to support 0.8.2 and 0.9.0 in a single source tree. We’d like the `rdkafka` implementation to have similar support. We think this will likely be supported **without** using Kafka’s 0.9.0 “New Consumer API”. This will give users a 0.9.0 upgrade path for stability (fixing the Broker/ZK Crash, and allowing use of `SimpleConsumer`, `BalancedConsumer`, and C-optimized versions with `rdkafka`).

We don’t know, yet, whether the new Security/SSL scheme requires use of the new Consumer APIs. If so, the latter may be a blocker for the former. We will likely discover the answer to this in November 2015.

A [tracker issue for Kafka 0.9.0 support](#) in pykafka was opened, and that’s where discussion should go for now.

## API Documentation

### pykafka.balancedconsumer

```
class pykafka.balancedconsumer.BalancedConsumer(topic, cluster, consumer_group,
                                                fetch_message_max_bytes=1048576,
                                                num_consumer_fetchers=1,
                                                auto_commit_enable=False,
                                                auto_commit_interval_ms=60000,
                                                queued_max_messages=2000,
                                                fetch_min_bytes=1,
                                                fetch_wait_max_ms=100,           off-
                                                sets_channel_backoff_ms=1000,
                                                offsets_commit_max_retries=5,
                                                auto_offset_reset=-2,
                                                consumer_timeout_ms=-1,           re-
                                                balance_max_retries=5,           re-
                                                balance_backoff_ms=2000,
                                                zookeeper_connection_timeout_ms=6000,
                                                zookeeper_connect='127.0.0.1:2181',
                                                zookeeper=None, auto_start=True,
                                                reset_offset_on_start=False)
```

Bases: object

A self-balancing consumer for Kafka that uses ZooKeeper to communicate with other balancing consumers.

Maintains a single instance of SimpleConsumer, periodically using the consumer rebalancing algorithm to reassign partitions to this SimpleConsumer.

```
__init__(topic, cluster, consumer_group, fetch_message_max_bytes=1048576,
         num_consumer_fetchers=1, auto_commit_enable=False, auto_commit_interval_ms=60000,
         queued_max_messages=2000, fetch_min_bytes=1, fetch_wait_max_ms=100, off-
         sets_channel_backoff_ms=1000, offsets_commit_max_retries=5, auto_offset_reset=-2,
         consumer_timeout_ms=-1, rebalance_max_retries=5, rebalance_backoff_ms=2000,
         zookeeper_connection_timeout_ms=6000, zookeeper_connect='127.0.0.1:2181',
         zookeeper=None, auto_start=True, reset_offset_on_start=False)
```

Create a BalancedConsumer instance

#### Parameters

- **topic** (*pykafka.topic.Topic*) – The topic this consumer should consume
- **cluster** (*pykafka.cluster.Cluster*) – The cluster to which this consumer should connect
- **consumer\_group** (*bytes*) – The name of the consumer group this consumer should join.
- **fetch\_message\_max\_bytes** (*int*) – The number of bytes of messages to attempt to fetch with each fetch request
- **num\_consumer\_fetchers** (*int*) – The number of workers used to make FetchRequests
- **auto\_commit\_enable** (*bool*) – If true, periodically commit to kafka the offset of messages already fetched by this consumer. This also requires that *consumer\_group* is not *None*.

- **auto\_commit\_interval\_ms** (*int*) – The frequency (in milliseconds) at which the consumer’s offsets are committed to kafka. This setting is ignored if *auto\_commit\_enable* is *False*.
- **queued\_max\_messages** (*int*) – The maximum number of messages buffered for consumption in the internal *pykafka.simpleconsumer.SimpleConsumer*
- **fetch\_min\_bytes** (*int*) – The minimum amount of data (in bytes) that the server should return for a fetch request. If insufficient data is available, the request will block until sufficient data is available.
- **fetch\_wait\_max\_ms** (*int*) – The maximum amount of time (in milliseconds) that the server will block before answering a fetch request if there isn’t sufficient data to immediately satisfy *fetch\_min\_bytes*.
- **offsets\_channel\_backoff\_ms** (*int*) – Backoff time to retry failed offset commits and fetches.
- **offsets\_commit\_max\_retries** (*int*) – The number of times the offset commit worker should retry before raising an error.
- **auto\_offset\_reset** (*pykafka.common.OffsetType*) – What to do if an offset is out of range. This setting indicates how to reset the consumer’s internal offset counter when an *OffsetOutOfRangeError* is encountered.
- **consumer\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – Amount of time (in milliseconds) the consumer may spend without messages available for consumption before returning *None*.
- **rebalance\_max\_retries** (*int*) – The number of times the rebalance should retry before raising an error.
- **rebalance\_backoff\_ms** (*int*) – Backoff time (in milliseconds) between retries during rebalance.
- **zookeeper\_connection\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The maximum time (in milliseconds) that the consumer waits while establishing a connection to zookeeper.
- **zookeeper\_connect** (*str*) – Comma-separated (ip1:port1,ip2:port2) strings indicating the zookeeper nodes to which to connect.
- **zookeeper** (*kazoo.client.KazooClient*) – A *KazooClient* connected to a Zookeeper instance. If provided, *zookeeper\_connect* is ignored.
- **auto\_start** (*bool*) – Whether the consumer should begin communicating with zookeeper after *\_\_init\_\_* is complete. If false, communication can be started with *start()*.
- **reset\_offset\_on\_start** (*bool*) – Whether the consumer should reset its internal offset counter to *self.\_auto\_offset\_reset* and commit that offset immediately upon starting up

**\_\_iter\_\_** ()

Yield an infinite stream of messages until the consumer times out

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_add\_partitions** (*partitions*)

Add partitions to the zookeeper registry for this consumer.

**Parameters** *partitions* (Iterable of *pykafka.partition.Partition*) – The partitions to add.

**`__add_self()`**

Register this consumer in zookeeper.

This method ensures that the number of participants is at most the number of partitions.

**`__build_watch_callback(fn, proxy)`**

Return a function that's safe to use as a ChildrenWatch callback

Fixes the issue from <https://github.com/Parsely/pykafka/issues/345>

**`__check_held_partitions()`**

Double-check held partitions against zookeeper

True if the partitions held by this consumer are the ones that zookeeper thinks it's holding, else False.

**`__decide_partitions(participants)`**

Decide which partitions belong to this consumer.

Uses the consumer rebalancing algorithm described here <http://kafka.apache.org/documentation.html>

It is very important that the participants array is sorted, since this algorithm runs on each consumer and indexes into the same array. The same array index operation must return the same result on each consumer.

**Parameters** **participants** (Iterable of *bytes*) – Sorted list of ids of all other consumers in this consumer group.

**`__get_held_partitions()`**

Build a set of partitions zookeeper says we own

**`__get_participants()`**

Use zookeeper to get the other consumers of this topic.

**Returns** A sorted list of the ids of the other consumers of this consumer's topic

**`__partitions`**

Convenient shorthand for set of partitions internally held

**`__path_from_partition(p)`**

Given a partition, return its path in zookeeper.

**`__path_self`**

Path where this consumer should be registered in zookeeper

**`__raise_worker_exceptions()`**

Raises exceptions encountered on worker threads

**`__rebalance()`**

Claim partitions for this consumer.

This method is called whenever a zookeeper watch is triggered.

**`__remove_partitions(partitions)`**

Remove partitions from the zookeeper registry for this consumer.

**Parameters** **partitions** (Iterable of `pykafka.partition.Partition`) – The partitions to remove.

**`__set_watches()`**

Set watches in zookeeper that will trigger rebalances.

Rebalances should be triggered whenever a broker, topic, or consumer znode is changed in zookeeper. This ensures that the balance of the consumer group remains up-to-date with the current state of the cluster.

**`_setup_checker_worker()`**

Start the zookeeper partition checker thread

**`_setup_internal_consumer(partitions=None, start=True)`**

Instantiate an internal SimpleConsumer.

If there is already a SimpleConsumer instance held by this object, disable its workers and mark it for garbage collection before creating a new one.

**`_setup_zookeeper(zookeeper_connect, timeout)`**

Open a connection to a ZooKeeper host.

#### Parameters

- **`zookeeper_connect`** (*str*) – The ‘ip:port’ address of the zookeeper node to which to connect.
- **`timeout`** (*int*) – Connection timeout (in milliseconds)

**`commit_offsets()`**

Commit offsets for this consumer’s partitions

Uses the offset commit/fetch API

**`consume(block=True)`**

Get one message from the consumer

**Parameters** **`block`** (*bool*) – Whether to block while waiting for a message

**`held_offsets`**

Return a map from partition id to held offset for each partition

**`reset_offsets(partition_offsets=None)`**

Reset offsets for the specified partitions

Issue an OffsetRequest for each partition and set the appropriate returned offset in the OwnedPartition

**Parameters** **`partition_offsets`** (Iterable of (*pykafka.partition.Partition*, *int*)) – (*partition*, *offset*) pairs to reset where *partition* is the partition for which to reset the offset and *offset* is the new offset the partition should have

**`start()`**

Open connections and join a cluster.

**`stop()`**

Close the zookeeper connection and stop consuming.

This method should be called as part of a graceful shutdown process.

## pykafka.broker

Author: Keith Bourgoïn, Emmett Butler

```
class pykafka.broker.Broker(id_, host, port, handler, socket_timeout_ms, off-
                           sets_channel_socket_timeout_ms, buffer_size=1048576,
                           source_host='', source_port=0)
```

Bases: object

A Broker is an abstraction over a real kafka server instance. It is used to perform requests to these servers.

```
__init__(id_, host, port, handler, socket_timeout_ms, offsets_channel_socket_timeout_ms,
         buffer_size=1048576, source_host='', source_port=0)
```

Create a Broker instance.

**Parameters**

- **id** (*int*) – The id number of this broker
- **host** (*str*) – The host address to which to connect. An IP address or a DNS name
- **port** (*int*) – The port on which to connect
- **handler** (*pykafka.handlers.Handler*) – A Handler instance that will be used to service requests and responses
- **socket\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The socket timeout for network requests
- **offsets\_channel\_socket\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The socket timeout for network requests on the offsets channel
- **buffer\_size** (*int*) – The size (bytes) of the internal buffer used to receive network responses
- **source\_host** (*str*) – The host portion of the source address for socket connections
- **source\_port** (*int*) – The port portion of the source address for socket connections

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**commit\_consumer\_group\_offsets** (*consumer\_group, consumer\_group\_generation\_id, consumer\_id, preqs*)

Commit offsets to Kafka using the Offset Commit/Fetch API

Commit the offsets of all messages consumed so far by this consumer group with the Offset Commit/Fetch API

Based on Step 2 here <https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/KAFKA/Committing+and+fetching+consumer+offsets+in+Kafka>

**Parameters**

- **consumer\_group** (*str*) – the name of the consumer group for which to commit offsets
- **consumer\_group\_generation\_id** (*int*) – The generation ID for this consumer group
- **consumer\_id** (*str*) – The identifier for this consumer group
- **preqs** (Iterable of *pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetCommitRequest*) – Requests indicating the partitions for which offsets should be committed

**connect ()**

Establish a connection to the broker server.

Creates a new *pykafka.connection.BrokerConnection* and a new *pykafka.handlers.RequestHandler* for this broker

**connect\_offsets\_channel ()**

Establish a connection to the Broker for the offsets channel

Creates a new *pykafka.connection.BrokerConnection* and a new *pykafka.handlers.RequestHandler* for this broker's offsets channel

**connected**

Returns True if this object's main connection to the Kafka broker is active

**fetch\_consumer\_group\_offsets** (*consumer\_group, preqs*)

Fetch the offsets stored in Kafka with the Offset Commit/Fetch API



Based on Step 2 here <https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/KAFKA/Committing+and+fetching+consumer+offsets+in+Kafka>

#### Parameters

- **consumer\_group** (*str*) – the name of the consumer group for which to fetch offsets
- **preqs** (Iterable of `pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetFetchRequest`) – Requests indicating the partitions for which offsets should be fetched

**fetch\_messages** (*partition\_requests*, *timeout=30000*, *min\_bytes=1*)

Fetch messages from a set of partitions.

#### Parameters

- **partition\_requests** (Iterable of `pykafka.protocol.PartitionFetchRequest`) – Requests of messages to fetch.
- **timeout** (*int*) – the maximum amount of time (in milliseconds) the server will block before answering the fetch request if there isn't sufficient data to immediately satisfy `min_bytes`
- **min\_bytes** (*int*) – the minimum amount of data (in bytes) the server should return. If insufficient data is available the request will block for up to `timeout` milliseconds.

**classmethod from\_metadata** (*metadata*, *handler*, *socket\_timeout\_ms*, *offsets\_channel\_socket\_timeout\_ms*, *buffer\_size=65536*, *source\_host=''*, *source\_port=0*)

Create a Broker using BrokerMetadata

#### Parameters

- **metadata** (`pykafka.protocol.BrokerMetadata`.) – Metadata that describes the broker.
- **handler** (`pykafka.handlers.Handler`) – A Handler instance that will be used to service requests and responses
- **socket\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The socket timeout for network requests
- **offsets\_channel\_socket\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The socket timeout for network requests on the offsets channel
- **buffer\_size** (*int*) – The size (bytes) of the internal buffer used to receive network responses
- **source\_host** (*str*) – The host portion of the source address for socket connections
- **source\_port** (*int*) – The port portion of the source address for socket connections

#### handler

The primary `pykafka.handlers.RequestHandler` for this broker

This handler handles all requests outside of the commit/fetch api

#### host

The host to which this broker is connected

#### id

The broker's ID within the Kafka cluster

#### offsets\_channel\_connected

Returns True if this object's offsets channel connection to the Kafka broker is active

#### offsets\_channel\_handler

The offset channel `pykafka.handlers.RequestHandler` for this broker

This handler handles all requests that use the commit/fetch api

**port**

The port where the broker is available

**produce\_messages** (*produce\_request*)

Produce messages to a set of partitions.

**Parameters** `produce_request` (`pykafka.protocol.ProduceRequest`) – a request object indicating the messages to produce

**request\_metadata** (*topics=None*)

Request cluster metadata

**Parameters** `topics` (Iterable of *bytes*) – The topic names for which to request metadata

**request\_offset\_limits** (*partition\_requests*)

Request offset information for a set of topic/partitions

**Parameters** `partition_requests` (Iterable of `pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetRequest`) – requests specifying the partitions for which to fetch offsets

## pykafka.client

Author: Keith Bourgoïn, Emmett Butler

```
class pykafka.client.KafkaClient (hosts='127.0.0.1:9092', socket_timeout_ms=30000, off-sets_channel_socket_timeout_ms=10000, ignore_rdkafka=False, exclude_internal_topics=True, source_address='')
```

Bases: object

A high-level pythonic client for Kafka

```
__init__ (hosts='127.0.0.1:9092', socket_timeout_ms=30000, off-sets_channel_socket_timeout_ms=10000, ignore_rdkafka=False, exclude_internal_topics=True, source_address='')
```

Create a connection to a Kafka cluster.

Documentation for `source_address` can be found at [https://docs.python.org/2/library/socket.html#socket.create\\_connection](https://docs.python.org/2/library/socket.html#socket.create_connection)

**Parameters**

- **hosts** (*bytes*) – Comma-separated list of kafka hosts to used to connect. Also accepts a KazooClient connect string.
- **socket\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The socket timeout (in milliseconds) for network requests
- **offsets\_channel\_socket\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The socket timeout (in milliseconds) when reading responses for offset commit and offset fetch requests.
- **ignore\_rdkafka** (*bool*) – Don't use rdkafka, even if installed.
- **exclude\_internal\_topics** (*bool*) – Whether messages from internal topics (specifically, the offsets topic) should be exposed to the consumer.
- **source\_address** (str *'host:port'*) – The source address for socket connections

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**update\_cluster()**  
Update known brokers and topics.  
Updates each Topic and Broker, adding new ones as found, with current metadata from the cluster.

## pykafka.cluster

**class pykafka.cluster.Cluster** (*hosts*, *handler*, *socket\_timeout\_ms=30000*, *offsets\_channel\_socket\_timeout\_ms=10000*, *exclude\_internal\_topics=True*, *source\_address=''*)

Bases: object

A Cluster is a high-level abstraction of the collection of brokers and topics that makes up a real kafka cluster.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*hosts*, *handler*, *socket\_timeout\_ms=30000*, *offsets\_channel\_socket\_timeout\_ms=10000*, *exclude\_internal\_topics=True*, *source\_address=''*)  
Create a new Cluster instance.

### Parameters

- **hosts** (*bytes*) – Comma-separated list of kafka hosts to used to connect. Also accepts a KazooClient connect string
- **handler** (*pykafka.handlers.Handler*) – The concurrency handler for network requests.
- **socket\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The socket timeout (in milliseconds) for network requests
- **offsets\_channel\_socket\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The socket timeout (in milliseconds) when reading responses for offset commit and offset fetch requests.
- **exclude\_internal\_topics** (*bool*) – Whether messages from internal topics (specifically, the offsets topic) should be exposed to consumers.
- **source\_address** (str *'host:port'*) – The source address for socket connections

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_\_get\_metadata** (*topics=None*)  
Get fresh cluster metadata from a broker.

**\_\_request\_metadata** (*broker\_connects*, *topics*)  
Request broker metadata from a set of brokers  
Returns the result of the first successful metadata request

**Parameters broker\_connects** (*Iterable of two-element sequences of the format (broker\_host, broker\_port)*) – The set of brokers to which to attempt to connect

**\_\_update\_brokers** (*broker\_metadata*)  
Update brokers with fresh metadata.

**Parameters broker\_metadata** (Dict of {*name: metadata*} where *metadata* is *pykafka.protocol.BrokerMetadata* and *name* is str.) – Metadata for all brokers.

**brokers**  
The dict of known brokers for this cluster

**get\_offset\_manager** (*consumer\_group*)

Get the broker designated as the offset manager for this consumer group.

Based on Step 1 at <https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/KAFKA/Committing+and+fetching+consumer+offsets+in+Kafka>

**Parameters** **consumer\_group** (*str*) – The name of the consumer group for which to find the offset manager.

**handler**

The concurrency handler for network requests

**topics**

The dict of known topics for this cluster

**update** ()

Update known brokers and topics.

## pykafka.common

Author: Keith Bourgoïn

**class** `pykafka.common.Message`

Bases: `object`

Message class.

### Variables

- **response\_code** – Response code from Kafka
- **topic** – Originating topic
- **payload** – Message payload
- **key** – (optional) Message key
- **offset** – Message offset

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**class** `pykafka.common.CompressionType`

Bases: `object`

Enum for the various compressions supported.

### Variables

- **NONE** – Indicates no compression in use
- **GZIP** – Indicates `gzip` compression in use
- **SNAPPY** – Indicates `snappy` compression in use

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**class** `pykafka.common.OffsetType`

Bases: `object`

Enum for special values for earliest/latest offsets.

### Variables

- **EARLIEST** – Indicates the earliest offset available for a partition

- **LATEST** – Indicates the latest offset available for a partition

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

## pykafka.connection

**class** pykafka.connection.**BrokerConnection** (*host, port, buffer\_size=1048576, source\_host='', source\_port=0*)

Bases: object

BrokerConnection thinly wraps a `socket.create_connection` call and handles the sending and receiving of data that conform to the kafka binary protocol over that socket.

**\_\_del\_\_** ()

Close this connection when the object is deleted.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*host, port, buffer\_size=1048576, source\_host='', source\_port=0*)

Initialize a socket connection to Kafka.

### Parameters

- **host** (*str*) – The host to which to connect
- **port** (*int*) – The port on the host to which to connect
- **buffer\_size** (*int*) – The size (in bytes) of the buffer in which to hold response data.
- **source\_host** (*str*) – The host portion of the source address for the socket connection
- **source\_port** (*int*) – The port portion of the source address for the socket connection

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**connect** (*timeout*)

Connect to the broker.

**connected**

Returns true if the socket connection is open.

**disconnect** ()

Disconnect from the broker.

**reconnect** ()

Disconnect from the broker, then reconnect

**request** (*request*)

Send a request over the socket connection

**response** ()

Wait for a response from the broker

## pykafka.exceptions

Author: Keith Bourgoïn, Emmett Butler

**exception** pykafka.exceptions.**ConsumerCoordinatorNotAvailable**

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

The broker returns this error code for consumer metadata requests or offset commit requests if the offsets topic has not yet been created.

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.ConsumerStoppedException`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Indicates that the consumer was stopped when an operation was attempted that required it to be running

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.InvalidMessageError`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

This indicates that a message contents does not match its CRC

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.InvalidMessageSize`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

The message has a negative size

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Generic exception type. The base of all pykafka exception types.

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.LeaderNotAvailable`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

This error is thrown if we are in the middle of a leadership election and there is currently no leader for this partition and hence it is unavailable for writes.

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.MessageSizeTooLarge`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

The server has a configurable maximum message size to avoid unbounded memory allocation. This error is thrown if the client attempts to produce a message larger than this maximum.

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.NoMessagesConsumedError`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Indicates that no messages were returned from a MessageSet

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.NoPartitionsForConsumerException`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ConsumerStoppedException`

Indicates that this consumer is stopped because it assigned itself zero partitions

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.NotCoordinatorForConsumer`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

The broker returns this error code if it receives an offset fetch or commit request for a consumer group that it is not a coordinator for.

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.NotLeaderForPartition`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

This error is thrown if the client attempts to send messages to a replica that is not the leader for some partition. It indicates that the client's metadata is out of date.

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.OffsetMetadataTooLarge`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

If you specify a string larger than configured maximum for offset metadata

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.OffsetOutOfRangeError`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

The requested offset is outside the range of offsets maintained by the server for the given topic/partition.

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.OffsetRequestFailedError`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Indicates that OffsetRequests for offset resetting failed more times than the configured maximum

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.OffsetsLoadInProgress`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

The broker returns this error code for an offset fetch request if it is still loading offsets (after a leader change for that offsets topic partition).

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.PartitionOwnedError` (*partition*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Indicates a given partition is still owned in Zookeeper.

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.ProduceFailureError`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Indicates a generic failure in the producer

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.ProducerQueueFullError`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Indicates that one or more of the AsyncProducer's internal queues contain at least `max_queued_messages` messages

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.ProducerStoppedException`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Raised when the Producer is used while not running

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Base class for protocol errors

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.RequestTimedOut`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

This error is thrown if the request exceeds the user-specified time limit in the request.

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.SocketDisconnectedError`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.KafkaException`

Indicates that the socket connecting this client to a kafka broker has become disconnected

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.UnknownError`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

An unexpected server error

**exception** `pykafka.exceptions.UnknownTopicOrPartition`

Bases: `pykafka.exceptions.ProtocolClientError`

This request is for a topic or partition that does not exist on this broker.

## pykafka.handlers

Author: Keith Bourgoin, Emmett Butler

**class** `pykafka.handlers.ResponseFuture` (*handler*)

Bases: `object`

A response which may have a value at some point.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*handler*)

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**get** (*response\_cls=None, timeout=None*)

Block until data is ready and return.

Raises an exception if there was an error.

**set\_error** (*error*)

Set error and trigger get method.

**set\_response** (*response*)

Set response data and trigger get method.

**class** `pykafka.handlers.Handler`

Bases: `object`

Base class for Handler classes

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**spawn** (*target, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Create the worker that will process the work to be handled

**class** `pykafka.handlers.ThreadingHandler`

Bases: `pykafka.handlers.Handler`

A handler. that uses a `threading.Thread` to perform its work

**Event** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

A factory function that returns a new event.

Events manage a flag that can be set to true with the `set()` method and reset to false with the `clear()` method.

The `wait()` method blocks until the flag is true.

**Lock** ()

`allocate_lock()` -> lock object (`allocate()` is an obsolete synonym)

Create a new lock object. See `help(LockType)` for information about locks.

**class** `Queue` (*maxsize=0*)

Create a queue object with a given maximum size.

If `maxsize` is `<= 0`, the queue size is infinite.

**empty** ()

Return True if the queue is empty, False otherwise (not reliable!).

**full** ()

Return True if the queue is full, False otherwise (not reliable!).

**get** (*block=True, timeout=None*)

Remove and return an item from the queue.

If optional args `'block'` is true and `'timeout'` is None (the default), block if necessary until an item is available. If `'timeout'` is a non-negative number, it blocks at most `'timeout'` seconds and raises the `Empty` exception if no item was available within that time. Otherwise (`'block'` is false), return an item if one is immediately available, else raise the `Empty` exception (`'timeout'` is ignored in that case).



**get\_nowait()**

Remove and return an item from the queue without blocking.

Only get an item if one is immediately available. Otherwise raise the Empty exception.

**join()**

Blocks until all items in the Queue have been gotten and processed.

The count of unfinished tasks goes up whenever an item is added to the queue. The count goes down whenever a consumer thread calls `task_done()` to indicate the item was retrieved and all work on it is complete.

When the count of unfinished tasks drops to zero, `join()` unblocks.

**put(*item*, *block=True*, *timeout=None*)**

Put an item into the queue.

If optional args 'block' is true and 'timeout' is None (the default), block if necessary until a free slot is available. If 'timeout' is a non-negative number, it blocks at most 'timeout' seconds and raises the Full exception if no free slot was available within that time. Otherwise ('block' is false), put an item on the queue if a free slot is immediately available, else raise the Full exception ('timeout' is ignored in that case).

**put\_nowait(*item*)**

Put an item into the queue without blocking.

Only enqueue the item if a free slot is immediately available. Otherwise raise the Full exception.

**qsize()**

Return the approximate size of the queue (not reliable!).

**task\_done()**

Indicate that a formerly enqueued task is complete.

Used by Queue consumer threads. For each `get()` used to fetch a task, a subsequent call to `task_done()` tells the queue that the processing on the task is complete.

If a `join()` is currently blocking, it will resume when all items have been processed (meaning that a `task_done()` call was received for every item that had been `put()` into the queue).

Raises a `ValueError` if called more times than there were items placed in the queue.

`ThreadingHandler.QueueEmptyError`

alias of `Empty`

**class** `pykafka.handlers.RequestHandler`(*handler*, *connection*)

Bases: `object`

Uses a `Handler` instance to dispatch requests.

**class** `Shared`(*connection*, *requests*, *ending*)

Bases: `tuple`

**\_\_getnewargs\_\_()**

Return self as a plain tuple. Used by copy and pickle.

**\_\_getstate\_\_()**

Exclude the `OrderedDict` from pickling

**static** **\_\_new\_\_**(*\_cls*, *connection*, *requests*, *ending*)

Create new instance of `Shared(connection, requests, ending)`

**\_\_repr\_\_()**

Return a nicely formatted representation string

**\_\_asdict** ()  
Return a new OrderedDict which maps field names to their values

**classmethod \_\_make** (*iterable*, *new=<built-in method \_\_new\_\_ of type object at 0x906d60>*,  
*len=<built-in function len>*)  
Make a new Shared object from a sequence or iterable

**\_\_replace** (*\_self*, *\*\*kws*)  
Return a new Shared object replacing specified fields with new values

**connection**  
Alias for field number 0

**ending**  
Alias for field number 2

**requests**  
Alias for field number 1

**class RequestHandler.Task** (*request*, *future*)  
Bases: tuple

**\_\_getnewargs** ()  
Return self as a plain tuple. Used by copy and pickle.

**\_\_getstate** ()  
Exclude the OrderedDict from pickling

**static \_\_new** (*\_cls*, *request*, *future*)  
Create new instance of Task(request, future)

**\_\_repr** ()  
Return a nicely formatted representation string

**\_\_asdict** ()  
Return a new OrderedDict which maps field names to their values

**classmethod \_\_make** (*iterable*, *new=<built-in method \_\_new\_\_ of type object at 0x906d60>*,  
*len=<built-in function len>*)  
Make a new Task object from a sequence or iterable

**\_\_replace** (*\_self*, *\*\*kws*)  
Return a new Task object replacing specified fields with new values

**future**  
Alias for field number 1

**request**  
Alias for field number 0

RequestHandler.**\_\_init\_\_** (*handler*, *connection*)

RequestHandler.**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

RequestHandler.**\_\_start\_thread** ()  
Run the request processor

RequestHandler.**request** (*request*, *has\_response=True*)  
Construct a new request

**Parameters has\_response** – Whether this request will return a response

**Returns** `pykafka.handlers.ResponseFuture`

`RequestHandler.start()`  
Start the request processor.

`RequestHandler.stop()`  
Stop the request processor.

## pykafka.partition

Author: Keith Bourgoïn, Emmett Butler

**class** `pykafka.partition.Partition` (*topic, id\_, leader, replicas, isr*)  
Bases: `object`

A Partition is an abstraction over the kafka concept of a partition. A kafka partition is a logical division of the logs for a topic. Its messages are totally ordered.

`__init__` (*topic, id\_, leader, replicas, isr*)  
Instantiate a new Partition

### Parameters

- **topic** (`pykafka.topic.Topic`) – The topic to which this Partition belongs
- **id** (`int`) – The identifier for this partition
- **leader** (`pykafka.broker.Broker`) – The broker that is currently acting as the leader for this partition.
- **replicas** (Iterable of `pykafka.broker.Broker`) – A list of brokers containing this partition's replicas
- **isr** (`pykafka.broker.Broker`) – The current set of in-sync replicas for this partition

`__weakref__`  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

`earliest_available_offset` ()  
Get the earliest offset for this partition.

`fetch_offset_limit` (*offsets\_before, max\_offsets=1*)  
Use the Offset API to find a limit of valid offsets for this partition.

### Parameters

- **offsets\_before** (`int`) – Return an offset from before this timestamp (in milliseconds)
- **max\_offsets** (`int`) – The maximum number of offsets to return

**id**  
The identifying int for this partition, unique within its topic

**isr**  
The current list of in-sync replicas for this partition

`latest_available_offset` ()  
Get the latest offset for this partition.

**leader**

The broker currently acting as leader for this partition

**replicas**

The list of brokers currently holding replicas of this partition

**topic**

The topic to which this partition belongs

**update** (*brokers, metadata*)

Update this partition with fresh metadata.

**Parameters**

- **brokers** (List of `pykafka.broker.Broker`) – Brokers on which partitions exist
- **metadata** (`pykafka.protocol.PartitionMetadata`) – Metadata for the partition

## pykafka.partitioners

Author: Keith Bourgoïn, Emmett Butler

`pykafka.partitioners.random_partitioner` (*partitions, key*)

Returns a random partition out of all of the available partitions.

**class** `pykafka.partitioners.BasePartitioner`

Bases: `object`

Base class for custom class-based partitioners.

A partitioner is used by the `pykafka.producer.Producer` to decide which partition to which to produce messages.

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**class** `pykafka.partitioners.HashingPartitioner` (*hash\_func=<built-in function hash>*)

Bases: `pykafka.partitioners.BasePartitioner`

Returns a (relatively) consistent partition out of all available partitions based on the key.

Messages that are published with the same keys are not guaranteed to end up on the same broker if the number of brokers changes (due to the addition or removal of a broker, planned or unplanned) or if the number of topics per partition changes. This is also unreliable when not all brokers are aware of a topic, since the number of available partitions will be in flux until all brokers have accepted a write to that topic and have declared how many partitions that they are actually serving.

**\_\_call\_\_** (*partitions, key*)

**Parameters**

- **partitions** (sequence of `pykafka.base.BasePartition`) – The partitions from which to choose
- **key** (Any hashable type if using the default `hash()` implementation, any valid value for your custom hash function) – Key used for routing

**Returns** A partition

**Return type** `pykafka.base.BasePartition`

**\_\_init\_\_** (*hash\_func=<built-in function hash>*)

Parameters **hash\_func** (*function*) – hash function (defaults to `hash()`), should return an *int*. If hash randomization (Python 2.7) is enabled, a custom hashing function should be defined that is consistent between interpreter restarts.

## pykafka.producer

```
class pykafka.producer.Producer(cluster, topic, partitioner=<function random_partitioner>,
                                compression=0, max_retries=3, retry_backoff_ms=100,
                                required_acks=1, ack_timeout_ms=10000,
                                max_queued_messages=100000, min_queued_messages=70000,
                                linger_ms=5000, block_on_queue_full=True, sync=False)
```

Bases: `object`

Implements asynchronous producer logic similar to the JVM driver.

It creates a thread of execution for each broker that is the leader of one or more of its topic's partitions. Each of these threads (which may use *threading* or some other parallelism implementation like *gevent*) is associated with a queue that holds the messages that are waiting to be sent to that queue's broker.

**\_\_enter\_\_** ()

Context manager entry point - start the producer

**\_\_exit\_\_** (*exc\_type, exc\_value, traceback*)

Context manager exit point - stop the producer

```
__init__ (cluster, topic, partitioner=<function random_partitioner>, compression=0,
          max_retries=3, retry_backoff_ms=100, required_acks=1, ack_timeout_ms=10000,
          max_queued_messages=100000, min_queued_messages=70000, linger_ms=5000,
          block_on_queue_full=True, sync=False)
```

Instantiate a new AsyncProducer

### Parameters

- **cluster** (*pykafka.cluster.Cluster*) – The cluster to which to connect
- **topic** (*pykafka.topic.Topic*) – The topic to which to produce messages
- **partitioner** (*pykafka.partitioners.BasePartitioner*) – The partitioner to use during message production
- **compression** (*pykafka.common.CompressionType*) – The type of compression to use.
- **max\_retries** (*int*) – How many times to attempt to produce a given batch of messages before raising an error.
- **retry\_backoff\_ms** (*int*) – The amount of time (in milliseconds) to back off during produce request retries.
- **required\_acks** (*int*) – The number of other brokers that must have committed the data to their log and acknowledged this to the leader before a request is considered complete
- **ack\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – The amount of time (in milliseconds) to wait for acknowledgment of a produce request.
- **max\_queued\_messages** (*int*) – The maximum number of messages the producer can have waiting to be sent to the broker. If messages are sent faster than they can be delivered to the broker, the producer will either block or throw an exception based on the preference specified with `block_on_queue_full`.

- **min\_queued\_messages** (*int*) – The minimum number of messages the producer can have waiting in a queue before it flushes that queue to its broker (must be greater than 0).
- **linger\_ms** (*int*) – This setting gives the upper bound on the delay for batching: once the producer gets `min_queued_messages` worth of messages for a broker, it will be sent immediately regardless of this setting. However, if we have fewer than this many messages accumulated for this partition we will ‘linger’ for the specified time waiting for more records to show up. `linger_ms=0` indicates no lingering.
- **block\_on\_queue\_full** (*bool*) – When the producer’s message queue for a broker contains `max_queued_messages`, we must either stop accepting new messages (block) or throw an error. If True, this setting indicates we should block until space is available in the queue. If False, we should throw an error immediately.
- **sync** (*bool*) – Whether calls to *produce* should wait for the message to send before returning

**`__weakref__`**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**`__produce`** (*message\_partition\_tup*)

Enqueue a message for the relevant broker

**Parameters** `message_partition_tup` (*((bytes, bytes), int) tuple*) – Message with partition assigned.

**`__raise_worker_exceptions`** ()

Raises exceptions encountered on worker threads

**`__send_request`** (*message\_batch, owned\_broker*)

Send the produce request to the broker and handle the response.

**Parameters**

- **message\_batch** (iterable of *((key, value), partition\_id)* tuples) – An iterable of messages to send
- **owned\_broker** (`pykafka.producer.OwnedBroker`) – The broker to which to send the request

**`__setup_owned_brokers`** ()

Instantiate one `OwnedBroker` per broker

If there are already `OwnedBrokers` instantiated, safely stop and flush them before creating new ones.

**`__update`** ()

Update the producer and cluster after an `ERROR_CODE`

Also re-produces messages that were in queues at the time the update was triggered

**`__wait_all`** ()

Block until all pending messages are sent

“Pending” messages are those that have been used in calls to *produce* and have not yet been dequeued and sent to the broker

**`produce`** (*message, partition\_key=None*)

Produce a message.

**Parameters**

- **message** (*bytes*) – The message to produce (use `None` to send null)

- **partition\_key** (*bytes*) – The key to use when deciding which partition to send this message to

**start** ()  
Set up data structures and start worker threads

**stop** ()  
Mark the producer as stopped

## pykafka.protocol

**class** `pykafka.protocol.MetadataRequest` (*topics=None*)

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Request`

Metadata Request

Specification:

```
MetadataRequest => [TopicName]
TopicName => string
```

### API\_KEY

API\_KEY for this request, from the Kafka docs

**\_\_init\_\_** (*topics=None*)  
Create a new MetadataRequest

**Parameters** **topics** – Topics to query. Leave empty for all available topics.

**\_\_len\_\_** ()  
Length of the serialized message, in bytes

**get\_bytes** ()  
Serialize the message

**Returns** Serialized message

**Return type** bytearray

**class** `pykafka.protocol.MetadataResponse` (*buff*)

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Response`

Response from MetadataRequest

Specification:

```
MetadataResponse => [Broker][TopicMetadata]
Broker => NodeId Host Port
NodeId => int32
Host => string
Port => int32
TopicMetadata => TopicErrorCode TopicName [PartitionMetadata]
TopicErrorCode => int16
PartitionMetadata => PartitionErrorCode PartitionId Leader Replicas Isr
PartitionErrorCode => int16
PartitionId => int32
Leader => int32
Replicas => [int32]
Isr => [int32]
```

`__init__(buff)`  
 Deserialize into a new Response

**Parameters** `buff` (bytearray) – Serialized message

**class** `pykafka.protocol.ProduceRequest` (`compression_type=0, required_acks=1, timeout=10000`)  
 Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Request`

Produce Request

Specification:

```
ProduceRequest => RequiredAcks Timeout [TopicName [Partition MessageSetSize,
↳MessageSet]]
  RequiredAcks => int16
  Timeout => int32
  Partition => int32
  MessageSetSize => int32
```

#### API\_KEY

API\_KEY for this request, from the Kafka docs

`__init__(compression_type=0, required_acks=1, timeout=10000)`  
 Create a new ProduceRequest

`required_acks` determines how many acknowledgement the server waits for before returning. This is useful for ensuring the replication factor of published messages. The behavior is:

```
-1: Block until all servers acknowledge
0: No waiting -- server doesn't even respond to the Produce request
1: Wait for this server to write to the local log and then return
2+: Wait for N servers to acknowledge
```

#### Parameters

- **partition\_requests** – Iterable of `kafka.pykafka.protocol.PartitionProduceRequest` for this request
- **compression\_type** – Compression to use for messages
- **required\_acks** – see docstring
- **timeout** – timeout (in ms) to wait for the required acks

`__len__()`  
 Length of the serialized message, in bytes

**add\_message** (`message, topic_name, partition_id`)  
 Add a list of `kafka.common.Message` to the waiting request

#### Parameters

- **messages** – an iterable of `kafka.common.Message` to add
- **topic\_name** – the name of the topic to publish to
- **partition\_id** – the partition to publish to

**get\_bytes** ()  
 Serialize the message

**Returns** Serialized message

**Return type** bytearray



**message\_count** ()

Get the number of messages across all MessageSets in the request.

**messages**

Iterable of all messages in the Request

**class** `pykafka.protocol.ProduceResponse` (*buff*)

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Response`

Produce Response. Checks to make sure everything went okay.

Specification:

```
ProduceResponse => [TopicName [Partition ErrorCode Offset]]
  TopicName => string
  Partition => int32
  ErrorCode => int16
  Offset => int64
```

**\_\_init\_\_** (*buff*)

Deserialize into a new Response

**Parameters** *buff* (bytearray) – Serialized message

**class** `pykafka.protocol.OffsetRequest` (*partition\_requests*)

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Request`

An offset request

Specification:

```
OffsetRequest => ReplicaId [TopicName [Partition Time MaxNumberOfOffsets]]
  ReplicaId => int32
  TopicName => string
  Partition => int32
  Time => int64
  MaxNumberOfOffsets => int32
```

**API\_KEY**

API\_KEY for this request, from the Kafka docs

**\_\_init\_\_** (*partition\_requests*)

Create a new offset request

**\_\_len\_\_** ()

Length of the serialized message, in bytes

**get\_bytes** ()

Serialize the message

**Returns** Serialized message

**Return type** bytearray

**class** `pykafka.protocol.OffsetResponse` (*buff*)

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Response`

An offset response

Specification:

```
OffsetResponse => [TopicName [PartitionOffsets]]
  PartitionOffsets => Partition ErrorCode [Offset]
```

```
Partition => int32
ErrorCode => int16
Offset => int64
```

`__init__` (*buff*)

Deserialize into a new Response

**Parameters** *buff* (bytearray) – Serialized message

```
class pykafka.protocol.OffsetCommitRequest (consumer_group, consumer_group_generation_id, consumer_id,
                                             partition_requests=[])
```

Bases: *pykafka.protocol.Request*

An offset commit request

Specification:

```
OffsetCommitRequest => ConsumerGroupId ConsumerGroupGenerationId ConsumerId_
↳[TopicName [Partition Offset TimeStamp Metadata]]
ConsumerGroupId => string
ConsumerGroupGenerationId => int32
ConsumerId => string
TopicName => string
Partition => int32
Offset => int64
TimeStamp => int64
Metadata => string
```

**API\_KEY**

API\_KEY for this request, from the Kafka docs

`__init__` (*consumer\_group, consumer\_group\_generation\_id, consumer\_id, partition\_requests=[]*)

Create a new offset commit request

**Parameters** *partition\_requests* – Iterable of *kafka.pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetCommitRequest* for this request

`__len__` ()

Length of the serialized message, in bytes

`get_bytes` ()

Serialize the message

**Returns** Serialized message

**Return type** bytearray

```
class pykafka.protocol.FetchRequest (partition_requests=[], timeout=1000, min_bytes=1024)
```

Bases: *pykafka.protocol.Request*

A Fetch request sent to Kafka

Specification:

```
FetchRequest => ReplicaId MaxWaitTime MinBytes [TopicName [Partition FetchOffset_
↳MaxBytes]]
ReplicaId => int32
MaxWaitTime => int32
MinBytes => int32
TopicName => string
Partition => int32
```

```
FetchOffset => int64
MaxBytes => int32
```

**API\_KEY**

API\_KEY for this request, from the Kafka docs

**\_\_init\_\_** (*partition\_requests=[]*, *timeout=1000*, *min\_bytes=1024*)

Create a new fetch request

Kafka 0.8 uses long polling for fetch requests, which is different from 0.7x. Instead of polling and waiting, we can now set a timeout to wait and a minimum number of bytes to be collected before it returns. This way we can block effectively and also ensure good network throughput by having fewer, large transfers instead of many small ones every time a byte is written to the log.

**Parameters**

- **partition\_requests** – Iterable of `kafka.pykafka.protocol.PartitionFetchRequest` for this request
- **timeout** – Max time to wait (in ms) for a response from the server
- **min\_bytes** – Minimum bytes to collect before returning

**\_\_len\_\_** ()

Length of the serialized message, in bytes

**add\_request** (*partition\_request*)

Add a topic/partition/offset to the requests

**Parameters**

- **topic\_name** – The topic to fetch from
- **partition\_id** – The partition to fetch from
- **offset** – The offset to start reading data from
- **max\_bytes** – The maximum number of bytes to return in the response

**get\_bytes** ()

Serialize the message

**Returns** Serialized message

**Return type** bytearray

**class** `pykafka.protocol.FetchResponse` (*buff*)

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Response`

Unpack a fetch response from the server

Specification:

```
FetchResponse => [TopicName [Partition ErrorCode HighwaterMarkOffset_
↳MessageSetSize MessageSet]]
TopicName => string
Partition => int32
ErrorCode => int16
HighwaterMarkOffset => int64
MessageSetSize => int32
```

**\_\_init\_\_** (*buff*)

Deserialize into a new Response

**Parameters** `buff` (bytearray) – Serialized message

`__unpack_message_set` (`buff`, `partition_id=-1`)  
MessageSets can be nested. Get just the Messages out of it.

**class** `pykafka.protocol.PartitionFetchRequest`  
Bases: `pykafka.protocol.PartitionFetchRequest`

Fetch request for a specific topic/partition

#### Variables

- **topic\_name** – Name of the topic to fetch from
- **partition\_id** – Id of the partition to fetch from
- **offset** – Offset at which to start reading
- **max\_bytes** – Max bytes to read from this partition (default: 300kb)

**class** `pykafka.protocol.OffsetCommitResponse` (`buff`)  
Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Response`

An offset commit response

Specification:

```
OffsetCommitResponse => [TopicName [Partition ErrorCode]]
TopicName => string
Partition => int32
ErrorCode => int16
```

`__init__` (`buff`)  
Deserialize into a new Response

**Parameters** `buff` (bytearray) – Serialized message

**class** `pykafka.protocol.OffsetFetchRequest` (`consumer_group`, `partition_requests=[]`)  
Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Request`

An offset fetch request

Specification:

```
OffsetFetchRequest => ConsumerGroup [TopicName [Partition]]
ConsumerGroup => string
TopicName => string
Partition => int32
```

#### API\_KEY

API\_KEY for this request, from the Kafka docs

`__init__` (`consumer_group`, `partition_requests=[]`)  
Create a new offset fetch request

**Parameters** `partition_requests` – Iterable of `kafka.pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetFetchRequest` for this request

`__len__` ()  
Length of the serialized message, in bytes

`get_bytes` ()  
Serialize the message

**Returns** Serialized message

**Return type** bytearray

**class** `pykafka.protocol.OffsetFetchRequest` (*buff*)

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Response`

An offset fetch response

Specification:

```
OffsetFetchRequest => [TopicName [Partition Offset Metadata ErrorCode]]
  TopicName => string
  Partition => int32
  Offset => int64
  Metadata => string
  ErrorCode => int16
```

`__init__` (*buff*)

Deserialize into a new Response

**Parameters** *buff* (bytearray) – Serialized message

**class** `pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetRequest`

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetRequest`

Offset request for a specific topic/partition

**Variables**

- **topic\_name** – Name of the topic to look up
- **partition\_id** – Id of the partition to look up
- **offsets\_before** – Retrieve offset information for messages before this timestamp (ms). -1 will retrieve the latest offsets and -2 will retrieve the earliest available offset. If -2, only 1 offset is returned
- **max\_offsets** – How many offsets to return

**class** `pykafka.protocol.ConsumerMetadataRequest` (*consumer\_group*)

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Request`

A consumer metadata request

Specification:

```
ConsumerMetadataRequest => ConsumerGroup
  ConsumerGroup => string
```

**API\_KEY**

API\_KEY for this request, from the Kafka docs

`__init__` (*consumer\_group*)

Create a new consumer metadata request

`__len__` ()

Length of the serialized message, in bytes

`get_bytes` ()

Serialize the message

**Returns** Serialized message

**Return type** bytearray

**class** `pykafka.protocol.ConsumerMetadataResponse` (*buff*)

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.Response`

A consumer metadata response

Specification:

```
ConsumerMetadataResponse => ErrorCode CoordinatorId CoordinatorHost_  
↳CoordinatorPort  
    ErrorCode => int16  
    CoordinatorId => int32  
    CoordinatorHost => string  
    CoordinatorPort => int32
```

**\_\_init\_\_** (*buff*)

Deserialize into a new Response

**Parameters** **buff** (bytearray) – Serialized message

**class** `pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetCommitRequest`

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetCommitRequest`

Offset commit request for a specific topic/partition

**Variables**

- **topic\_name** – Name of the topic to look up
- **partition\_id** – Id of the partition to look up
- **offset** –
- **timestamp** –
- **metadata** – arbitrary metadata that should be committed with this offset commit

**class** `pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetFetchRequest`

Bases: `pykafka.protocol.PartitionOffsetFetchRequest`

Offset fetch request for a specific topic/partition

**Variables**

- **topic\_name** – Name of the topic to look up
- **partition\_id** – Id of the partition to look up

**class** `pykafka.protocol.Request`

Bases: `pykafka.utils.Serializable`

Base class for all Requests. Handles writing header information

**API\_KEY** ()

API key for this request, from the Kafka docs

**\_\_write\_header** (*buff*, *api\_version=0*, *correlation\_id=0*)

Write the header for an outgoing message.

**Parameters**

- **buff** (*buffer*) – The buffer into which to write the header
- **api\_version** (*int*) – The “kafka api version id”, used for feature flagging
- **correlation\_id** (*int*) – This is a user-supplied integer. It will be passed back in the response by the server, unmodified. It is useful for matching request and response between the client and server.

**get\_bytes** ()

Serialize the message

**Returns** Serialized message

**Return type** bytearray

**class** `pykafka.protocol.Response`

Bases: object

Base class for Response objects.

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**raise\_error** (*err\_code, response*)

Raise an error based on the Kafka error code

**Parameters**

- **err\_code** – The error code from Kafka
- **response** – The unpacked raw data from the response

**class** `pykafka.protocol.Message` (*value, partition\_key=None, compression\_type=0, offset=-1, partition\_id=-1, produce\_attempt=0*)

Bases: `pykafka.common.Message`, `pykafka.utils.Serializable`

Representation of a Kafka Message

NOTE: Compression is handled in the protocol because of the way Kafka embeds compressed MessageSets within Messages

Specification:

```
Message => Crc MagicByte Attributes Key Value
Crc => int32
MagicByte => int8
Attributes => int8
Key => bytes
Value => bytes
```

`pykafka.protocol.Message` also contains `partition` and `partition_id` fields. Both of these have meaningless default values when `pykafka.protocol.Message` is used by the producer. When used in a `pykafka.protocol.FetchRequest`, `partition_id` is set to the id of the partition from which the message was sent on receipt of the message. In the `pykafka.simpleconsumer.SimpleConsumer`, `partition` is set to the `pykafka.partition.Partition` instance from which the message was sent.

**Variables**

- **compression\_type** – Type of compression to use for the message
- **partition\_key** – Value used to assign this message to a particular partition.
- **value** – The payload associated with this message
- **offset** – The offset of the message
- **partition\_id** – The id of the partition to which this message belongs

**pack\_into** (*buff, offset*)

Serialize and write to `buff` starting at offset `offset`.

Intentionally follows the pattern of `struct.pack_into`

**Parameters**

- **buff** – The buffer to write into
- **offset** – The offset to start the write at

**class** `pykafka.protocol.MessageSet` (*compression\_type=0, messages=None*)  
Bases: `pykafka.utils.Serializable`

Representation of a set of messages in Kafka

This isn't useful outside of direct communications with Kafka, so we keep it hidden away here.

N.B.: MessageSets are not preceded by an int32 like other array elements in the protocol.

Specification:

```
MessageSet => [Offset MessageSize Message]
Offset => int64
MessageSize => int32
```

### Variables

- **messages** – The list of messages currently in the MessageSet
- **compression\_type** – compression to use for the messages

**\_\_init\_\_** (*compression\_type=0, messages=None*)  
Create a new MessageSet

### Parameters

- **compression\_type** – Compression to use on the messages
- **messages** – An initial list of messages for the set

**\_\_len\_\_** ()  
Length of the serialized message, in bytes

We don't put the MessageSetSize in front of the serialization because that's *technically* not part of the MessageSet. Most requests/responses using MessageSets need that size, though, so be careful when using this.

**\_\_get\_compressed** ()  
Get a compressed representation of all current messages.  
Returns a Message object with correct headers set and compressed data in the value field.

**classmethod decode** (*buff, partition\_id=-1*)  
Decode a serialized MessageSet.

**pack\_into** (*buff, offset*)  
Serialize and write to *buff* starting at offset *offset*.  
Intentionally follows the pattern of `struct.pack_into`

### Parameters

- **buff** – The buffer to write into
- **offset** – The offset to start the write at



## pykafka.simpleconsumer

```
class pykafka.simpleconsumer.SimpleConsumer(topic, cluster, consumer_group=None, partitions=None,
fetch_message_max_bytes=1048576, num_consumer_fetchers=1,
auto_commit_enable=False, auto_commit_interval_ms=60000,
queued_max_messages=2000, fetch_min_bytes=1, fetch_wait_max_ms=100,
offsets_channel_backoff_ms=1000, offsets_commit_max_retries=5,
auto_offset_reset=-2, consumer_timeout_ms=-1, auto_start=True,
reset_offset_on_start=False)
```

Bases: object

A non-balancing consumer for Kafka

`__del__()`

Stop consumption and workers when object is deleted

`__init__(topic, cluster, consumer_group=None, partitions=None,
fetch_message_max_bytes=1048576, num_consumer_fetchers=1,
auto_commit_enable=False, auto_commit_interval_ms=60000,
queued_max_messages=2000, fetch_min_bytes=1, fetch_wait_max_ms=100,
offsets_channel_backoff_ms=1000, offsets_commit_max_retries=5, auto_offset_reset=-2,
consumer_timeout_ms=-1, auto_start=True, reset_offset_on_start=False)`

Create a SimpleConsumer.

Settings and default values are taken from the Scala consumer implementation. Consumer group is included because it's necessary for offset management, but doesn't imply that this is a balancing consumer. Use a `BalancedConsumer` for that.

### Parameters

- **topic** (*pykafka.topic.Topic*) – The topic this consumer should consume
- **cluster** (*pykafka.cluster.Cluster*) – The cluster to which this consumer should connect
- **consumer\_group** (*bytes*) – The name of the consumer group this consumer should use for offset committing and fetching.
- **partitions** (Iterable of *pykafka.partition.Partition*) – Existing partitions to which to connect
- **fetch\_message\_max\_bytes** (*int*) – The number of bytes of messages to attempt to fetch
- **num\_consumer\_fetchers** (*int*) – The number of workers used to make `FetchRequests`
- **auto\_commit\_enable** (*bool*) – If true, periodically commit to kafka the offset of messages already fetched by this consumer. This also requires that *consumer\_group* is not *None*.
- **auto\_commit\_interval\_ms** (*int*) – The frequency (in milliseconds) at which the consumer offsets are committed to kafka. This setting is ignored if *auto\_commit\_enable* is *False*.

- **queued\_max\_messages** (*int*) – Maximum number of messages buffered for consumption
- **fetch\_min\_bytes** (*int*) – The minimum amount of data (in bytes) the server should return for a fetch request. If insufficient data is available the request will block until sufficient data is available.
- **fetch\_wait\_max\_ms** (*int*) – The maximum amount of time (in milliseconds) the server will block before answering the fetch request if there isn't sufficient data to immediately satisfy *fetch\_min\_bytes*.
- **offsets\_channel\_backoff\_ms** (*int*) – Backoff time (in milliseconds) to retry offset commits/fetches
- **offsets\_commit\_max\_retries** (*int*) – Retry the offset commit up to this many times on failure.
- **auto\_offset\_reset** (*pykafka.common.OffsetType*) – What to do if an offset is out of range. This setting indicates how to reset the consumer's internal offset counter when an *OffsetOutOfRangeError* is encountered.
- **consumer\_timeout\_ms** (*int*) – Amount of time (in milliseconds) the consumer may spend without messages available for consumption before returning None.
- **auto\_start** (*bool*) – Whether the consumer should begin communicating with kafka after `__init__` is complete. If false, communication can be started with *start()*.
- **reset\_offset\_on\_start** (*bool*) – Whether the consumer should reset its internal offset counter to *self.\_auto\_offset\_reset* and commit that offset immediately upon starting up

`__iter__` ()

Yield an infinite stream of messages until the consumer times out

`__weakref__`

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

`__auto_commit` ()

Commit offsets only if it's time to do so

`__build_default_error_handlers` ()

Set up the error handlers to use for partition errors.

`__discover_offset_manager` ()

Set the offset manager for this consumer.

If a consumer group is not supplied to `__init__`, this method does nothing

`__raise_worker_exceptions` ()

Raises exceptions encountered on worker threads

`__setup_autocommit_worker` ()

Start the autocommitter thread

`__setup_fetch_workers` ()

Start the fetcher threads

`__update` ()

Update the consumer and cluster after an `ERROR_CODE`

`commit_offsets` ()

Commit offsets for this consumer's partitions

Uses the offset commit/fetch API

**consume** (*block=True*)

Get one message from the consumer.

**Parameters** **block** (*bool*) – Whether to block while waiting for a message

**fetch** ()

Fetch new messages for all partitions

Create a FetchRequest for each broker and send it. Enqueue each of the returned messages in the appropriate OwnedPartition.

**fetch\_offsets** ()

Fetch offsets for this consumer's topic

Uses the offset commit/fetch API

**Returns** List of (id, `pykafka.protocol.OffsetFetchPartitionResponse`) tuples

**held\_offsets**

Return a map from partition id to held offset for each partition

**partitions**

A list of the partitions that this consumer consumes

**reset\_offsets** (*partition\_offsets=None*)

Reset offsets for the specified partitions

Issue an OffsetRequest for each partition and set the appropriate returned offset in the consumer's internal offset counter.

**Parameters** **partition\_offsets** (Iterable of (`pykafka.partition.Partition`, int)) – (*partition*, *timestamp\_or\_offset*) pairs to reset where *partition* is the partition for which to reset the offset and *timestamp\_or\_offset* is EITHER the timestamp of the message whose offset the partition should have OR the new offset the partition should have

NOTE: If an instance of *timestamp\_or\_offset* is treated by kafka as an invalid offset timestamp, this function directly sets the consumer's internal offset counter for that partition to that instance of *timestamp\_or\_offset*. On the next fetch request, the consumer attempts to fetch messages starting from that offset. See the following link for more information on what kafka treats as a valid offset timestamp: <https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/KAFKA/A+Guide+To+The+Kafka+Protocol#AGuideToTheKafkaProtocol-OffsetRequest>

**start** ()

Begin communicating with Kafka, including setting up worker threads

Fetches offsets, starts an offset autocommitter worker pool, and starts a message fetcher worker pool.

**stop** ()

Flag all running workers for deletion.

**topic**

The topic this consumer consumes

## pykafka.topic

Author: Keith Bourgoïn, Emmett Butler

**class** `pykafka.topic.Topic` (*cluster*, *topic\_metadata*)

Bases: `object`

A Topic is an abstraction over the kafka concept of a topic. It contains a dictionary of partitions that comprise it.

`__init__` (*cluster*, *topic\_metadata*)

Create the Topic from metadata.

**Parameters**

- **cluster** (*pykafka.cluster.Cluster*) – The Cluster to use
- **topic\_metadata** (*pykafka.protocol.TopicMetadata*) – Metadata for all topics.

`__weakref__`

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

`earliest_available_offsets` ()

Get the earliest offset for each partition of this topic.

`fetch_offset_limits` (*offsets\_before*, *max\_offsets=1*)

Get earliest or latest offset.

Use the Offset API to find a limit of valid offsets for each partition in this topic.

**Parameters**

- **offsets\_before** (*int*) – Return an offset from before this timestamp (in milliseconds)
- **max\_offsets** (*int*) – The maximum number of offsets to return

`get_balanced_consumer` (*consumer\_group*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Return a BalancedConsumer of this topic

**Parameters** **consumer\_group** (*str*) – The name of the consumer group to join

`get_producer` (*\*\*kwargs*)

Create a *pykafka.producer.Producer* for this topic.

For a description of all available *kwargs*, see the Producer docstring.

`get_simple_consumer` (*consumer\_group=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Return a SimpleConsumer of this topic

**Parameters** **consumer\_group** (*str*) – The name of the consumer group to join

`get_sync_producer` (*\*\*kwargs*)

Create a *pykafka.producer.Producer* for this topic.

For a description of all available *kwargs*, see the Producer docstring.

`latest_available_offsets` ()

Get the latest offset for each partition of this topic.

**name**

The name of this topic

**partitions**

A dictionary containing all known partitions for this topic

`update` (*metadata*)

Update the Partitions with metadata about the cluster.

**Parameters** **metadata** (*pykafka.protocol.TopicMetadata*) – Metadata for all topics

## pykafka.utils.compression

Author: Keith Bourgoïn

`pykafka.utils.compression.encode_gzip` (*buff*)  
Encode a buffer using gzip

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`pykafka.utils.compression.encode_snappy` (*buff*, *xerial\_compatible=False*, *xerial\_blocksize=32768*)  
Encode a buffer using snappy

If *xerial\_compatible* is set, the buffer is encoded in a fashion compatible with the xerial snappy library.

The block size (*xerial\_blocksize*) controls how frequently the blocking occurs. 32k is the default in the xerial library.

The format is as follows: +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ | Header | Block1 len | Block1 data | Blockn len | Blockn data | |-----+-----+-----+ | 16 bytes | BE int32 | snappy bytes | BE int32 | snappy bytes | +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

It is important to note that *blocksize* is the amount of uncompressed data presented to snappy at each block, whereas *blocklen* is the number of bytes that will be present in the stream.

Adapted from kafka-python <https://github.com/mumrah/kafka-python/pull/127/files>

`pykafka.utils.compression.decode_snappy` (*buff*)  
Decode a buffer using Snappy

If xerial is found to be in use, the buffer is decoded in a fashion compatible with the xerial snappy library.

Adapted from kafka-python <https://github.com/mumrah/kafka-python/pull/127/files>

## pykafka.utils.error\_handlers

Author: Emmett Butler

`pykafka.utils.error_handlers.handle_partition_responses` (*error\_handlers*, *parts\_by\_error=None*, *success\_handler=None*, *response=None*, *partitions\_by\_id=None*)

Call the appropriate handler for each errored partition

### Parameters

- **error\_handlers** (*dict {int: callable(parts)}*) – mapping of error code to handler
- **parts\_by\_error** (*dict {int: iterable(pykafka.simpleconsumer.OwnedPartition)}*) – a dict of partitions grouped by error code
- **success\_handler** (*callable accepting an iterable of partition responses*) – function to call for successful partitions
- **response** (*pykafka.protocol.Response*) – a Response object containing partition responses
- **partitions\_by\_id** (*dict {int: pykafka.simpleconsumer.OwnedPartition}*) – a dict mapping partition ids to OwnedPartition instances

`pykafka.utils.error_handlers.raise_error` (*error*, *info=''*)  
Raise the given error

## pykafka.utils.socket

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`pykafka.utils.socket.recvall_into` (*socket*, *bytea*, *size*)  
Reads *size* bytes from the socket into the provided bytearray (modifies in-place.)

This is basically a hack around the fact that `socket.recv_into` doesn't allow buffer offsets.

**Return type** *bytearray*

## pykafka.utils.struct\_helpers

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`pykafka.utils.struct_helpers.unpack_from` (*fmt*, *buff*, *offset=0*)  
A customized version of `struct.unpack_from`

This is a convenience function that makes decoding the arrays, strings, and byte arrays that we get from Kafka significantly easier. It takes the same arguments as `struct.unpack_from` but adds 3 new formats:

- Wrap a section in `[]` to indicate an array. e.g.: `[ii]`
- `S` for strings (int16 followed by byte array)
- `Y` for byte arrays (int32 followed by byte array)

Spaces are ignored in the format string, allowing more readable formats

**NOTE: This may be a performance bottleneck. We're avoiding a lot of memory** allocations by using the same buffer, but if we could call `struct.unpack_from` only once, that's about an order of magnitude faster. However, constructing the format string to do so would erase any gains we got from having the single call.

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