

# tutorial - set up and run Kafka system tests with ducktape

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This tutorial will show you how to set up a test cluster and run Kafka system tests on your local machine. I'll assume here that you have a clone of Kafka trunk.

This is broken down into a series of short-ish videos. A summary of the commands run is below each video clip, so you can skip any video clip if you want to.

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## Ensure Vagrant and Virtualbox are installed

We'll need both Vagrant and Virtualbox to create a test cluster

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$ # Easy to check with these commands:
$ vagrant --version # We want vagrant >= 1.6.4
$ vboxmanage --version
```

To install Vagrant, [go here](#)

To install Virtualbox, [go here](#)

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## Bootstrap Vagrant for system testing

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$ # This does things like installing necessary Vagrant plugins, creating a Vagrantfile.local, and creating a
reusable Vagrant base box
$ tests/bootstrap-test-env.sh
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## Bring up the test cluster

This part is fairly simple, but can take a while, so bring a good book.

```
$ # If you skipped the previous step, make sure you have a Vagrantfile.local in your Kafka directory
$ cp vagrant/system-test-Vagrantfile.local Vagrantfile.local
$
$ # Update Vagrantfile.local, and set num_workers = 10
$ # If you packaged a box, set base_box = "kafkatest-worker"
$
$ vagrant up # This will bring up your cluster
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$ # Other useful vagrant commands
$ vagrant status # See how many vms you have, whether they're running, etc.
$ vagrant ssh <vm_name> # ssh into a vm
$ vagrant hostmanager # update /etc/hosts on each vm
$ vagrant halt # shut down without destroying
$ vagrant destroy -f # destroy the vms
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## Run the tests

Here I'll install ducktape, introduce a few useful ducktape commands, show how to actually run the tests, and give an overview of test output.

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$ # Install ducktape:
$ pip install ducktape
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$ cd tests
$
$ ducktape --version # Good way to check if ducktape is properly installed
$ ducktape <path> --collect-only # See which tests ducktape discovers underneath <path>
$
$ # Run "test_console_consumer.py" with the debug flag turned on
$ ducktape kafkatest/sanity_checks/test_console_consumer.py --debug
$
$ # Run all tests
$ ducktape kafkatest/tests
```