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Kind: Interface

Source: `packages/microservices/external/kafka.interface.ts`

Part of: [Microservices](#)

`BrokerMetadata` represents Kafka cluster metadata returned by the microservices Kafka transport layer. It combines the list of available brokers with per-topic and per-partition metadata, allowing clients to discover broker endpoints and topic partition status.

Properties

Property	Type
<code>brokers</code>	<code>Array<{ nodeId: number; host: string; port: number; rack?: string }></code>
<code>topicMetadata</code>	<code>Array<{ topicErrorCode: number; topic: string; partitionMetadata: PartitionMetadata[]; }></code>

Diagram

```
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    BM[BrokerMetadata]
    B[brokers]
    TM[topicMetadata]

    BM --> B
    BM --> TM

    B --> Broker["Broker endpoint<br/>nodeId, host, port, rack?"]
    TM --> Topic["Topic metadata<br/>topic, topicErrorCode"]
    Topic --> Partitions["PartitionMetadata[]"]
```

Usage

```
import type { BrokerMetadata } from './kafka.interface';

function logClusterMetadata(metadata: BrokerMetadata): void {
  for (const broker of metadata.brokers) {
    console.log(
      `Broker ${broker.nodeId} is available at ${broker.host}:${broker.port}`,
    );
  }

  for (const topicMetadata of metadata.topicMetadata) {
    if (topicMetadata.topicErrorCode !== 0) {
      console.warn(
        `Unable to read metadata for topic "${topicMetadata.topic}"`,
      );
      continue;
    }

    console.log(
      `Topic "${topicMetadata.topic}" has ` +
      `${topicMetadata.partitionMetadata.length} partition(s)`,
    );
  }
}
```

AI Coding Instructions

- Treat `topicErrorCode` as a Kafka protocol status code; verify it before relying on `partitionMetadata`.
- Use `nodeId` as the stable broker identifier, and use `host` plus `port` only for connection endpoints.
- Handle the optional `rack` field defensively because rack-aware metadata may not be configured.
- Keep broker and topic metadata aligned with Kafka protocol responses; do not assume every requested topic has valid partition metadata.
- Reuse `PartitionMetadata` when extending topic-level metadata rather than duplicating partition fields.

How it works

`BrokerMetadata` is an exported TypeScript interface in a file explicitly intended to represent KafkaJS package types rather than NestJS logic.

[packages/microservices/external/kafka.interface.ts:1-8](https://github.com/nestjs/microservices/blob/master/packages/microservices/external/kafka.interface.ts#L1-L8)

It describes metadata with two required arrays:

- `brokers` : broker records containing required numeric `nodeId` , string `host` , and numeric `port` ; a broker record may also contain a string `rack` .
[packages/microservices/external/kafka.interface.ts:651-652](#)
- `topicMetadata` : topic records containing a numeric `topicErrorCode` , string `topic` , and `partitionMetadata` array.
[packages/microservices/external/kafka.interface.ts:653-657](#) Each partition record has error code, partition ID, leader ID, replica IDs, and in-sync replica IDs; `offlineReplicas` is optional.
[packages/microservices/external/kafka.interface.ts:151-158](#)

It is the resolved type returned by `Cluster.metadata()` and by `Broker.metadata(topics)` . The cluster method takes no arguments, while the broker method requires a string array of topic names. [packages/microservices/external/kafka.interface.ts:199-201](#)
[packages/microservices/external/kafka.interface.ts:667-672](#)

The interface declaration contains no implementation, runtime validation, thrown errors, or side effects. [packages/microservices/external/kafka.interface.ts:651-658](#)