

Introduction to the IBM MQ Console and REST API

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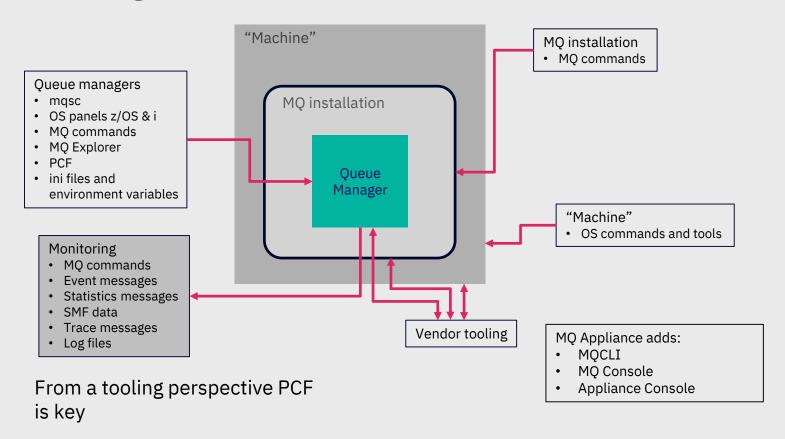


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- Current options, and why we need something else
- The mqweb server
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- Security
- The MQ Console

Current options, and why we need something else

Administering software MQ



Why we need more

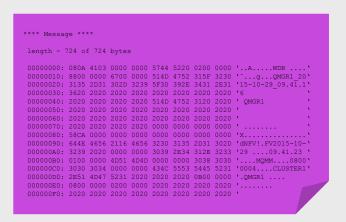
While PCF is very powerful, it is not that easy to use

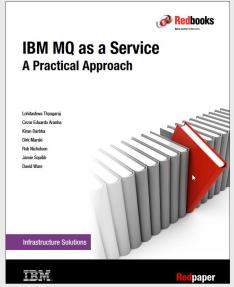
- Requires an MQ client, and a supported programming language
- Binary format
- Multiple messages generated per request
- There are tools to make this easier

There is a growing need for the ability to administer MQ from

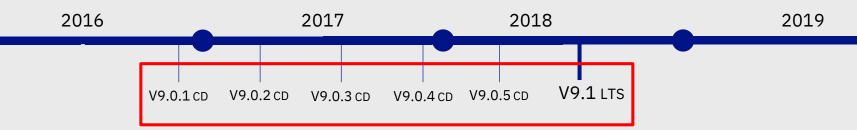
- Any environment
- Any programming language
- By users who are not expert in MQ

Lots of customers are writing self-service web-portals for managing their infrastructure, including MQ





Overview



MQ 9.0.1 CD added support for a number of HTTP-based administration capabilities

- Focus on low barrier to entry and ease of use
- MQ Console a web-browser based graphical administration tool
- MQ REST API a programmatic administration API
 - Enhanced further during CD deliverables 9.0.2, 9.0.3, 9.0.4, and 9.0.5

MQ 9.0.4 CD added support for REST messaging

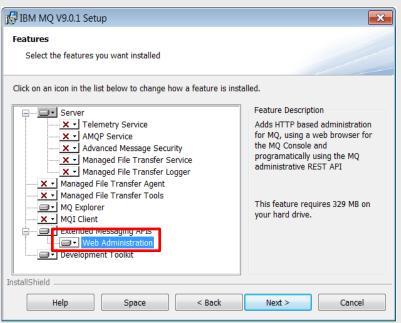
Basic point to point messaging

All consolidated into the 9.1 LTS release

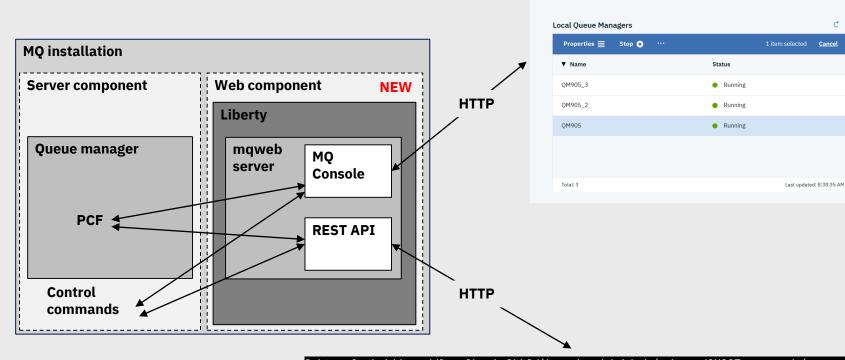
The mqweb server

Web component

- A new optional install component
- Contains the MQ Console, MQ REST APIs plus prereqs
 - WebSphere Liberty Profile which runs the mqweb server
- New USS FMID on z/OS
 - JMS9016



Perhaps a picture would help?



```
C:\>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/QM905 -u mqadmin:mqadmin
  'qmgr": [{
  "name": "QM905",
  "state": "running"
```

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Overview *

OM905 Details

QM905_2 Details

QM905_3 Details

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The mqweb server

- The MQ Console and REST API are applications that run in a WebSphere Liberty Profile (WLP) server called mgweb
 - WLP is provided as part of MQ install
 - mgweb server definition provided out of the box when installing the web component
- Once installed
 - MQ Console is enabled
 - REST API is enabled
 - Locked down

CWWKE0001I: The server maweb has been launched.

CWWKG0028A: Processing included configuration resource: C:\Program

Files\IBM\Latest902\web\mg\etc\mgweb.xml

A CWWKG0028A: Processing included configuration resource: C:\Program Files (x86)\IBM\WebSphere

MQ\web\installations\Latest902\servers\mgweb\mgwebuser.xml

CWWKE0002I: The kernel started after 2.493 seconds

CWWKF0007I: Feature update started.

CWWK00219I: TCP Channel defaultHttpEndpoint-ssl has been started and is now listening for requests on host 127.0.0.1 (IPv4: 127.0.0.1) port 9443.

CWWKZ0018I: Starting application com.ibm.mg.rest.

CWWKZ0018I: Starting application com.ibm.mq.console.

SRVE0169I: Loading Web Module: com.ibm.mg.rest.v1.

SRVE0250I: Web Module com.ibm.mq.rest.v1 has been bound to default host.

CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default host): https://localhost:9443/ibmmg/rest/v1/

CWWKZ0001I: Application com.ibm.mg.rest started in 0.518 seconds.

SRVE0169I: Loading Web Module: maconsole.

SRVE0250I: Web Module mgconsole has been bound to default_host.

CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default_host): https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/console/

SRVE0169I: Loading Web Module: com.ibm.mg.consoleinternal.

SRVE0250I: Web Module com.ibm.mg.consoleinternal has been bound to default host.

CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default_host): https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/console/internal/ CWWKZ0001I: Application com.ibm.mq.console started in 0.525 seconds.

CWWKF0012I: The server installed the following features: [concurrent-1.0, jsp-2.2, servlet-3.1, ssl-1.0, jndi-1.0, basicAuthenticationMO-1.0, websocket-1.0, json-1.0, localConnector-1.0, jaxrs-1.1].

CWWKF0008I: Feature update completed in 2.095 seconds.

CWWKF0011I: The server maweb is ready to run a smarter planet.

Configuring the mqweb server

- Currently done by editing xml (standard WLP approach)
- Although we have provided commands for setting and displaying certain properties
 - setmqweb and dspmqweb
- File called mqwebuser.xml provided in MQ data directory
 - This is the only part of the WLP xml configuration that we support customers editing:

```
<!--
     Sample mawebuser.xml file, included by server.xml, to contain user
     configuration for the maybe server.
                                                            Security enabled by default
<server>
    <featureManager>
        <feature>appSecurity-2.0</feature>
    </featureManager>
<!--
    Default MQ security configuration allows HTTPS TLS v1.2 ONLY and no user access,
    refer to the IBM Knowledge Center section on "IBM MQ Console and REST API security"
     for details of how to configure security.
    <sslDefault sslRef="mgDefaultSSLConfig"/>
    <basicRegistry id="basic" realm="defaultRealm">
    </basicRegistry>
                                                               No users defined
</server>
```

Managing the mqweb server

- Distributed: new control commands
 - strmqweb, endmqweb

```
    z/OS: Sample JCL – CSQ4WEBS – provided
```

 Sets all necessary variables up and then starts up mqweb server

Also dspmqweb command on all platforms for basic monitoring

```
C:\Program Files\IBM\Latest902\bin>strmqweb.bat
Starting server mqweb.
Server mqweb started.
C:\Program Files\IBM\Latest902\bin>dspmqweb.bat
Server mqweb is running.
URLs:
    https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/console/
    https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/
```

The MQ Administrative REST API

What is REST?

- REpresentational State Transfer
 - Term first coined by Roy Fielding in his PhD thesis
 - · An architectural style
 - Based off his earlier work defining the HTTP and other web based specifications
- HTTP is an example of a RESTful architecture
- HTTP defines resources (URL/URIs) and the operations (HTTP verbs) which can use them
 - Originally used for serving web-pages
 - Works really well for APIs too
- Generally lightweight and relatively simple to use, much simpler than SOAP web-services
 - Have become incredibly common in recent years
- However there are lots of interpretations of what it means to be RESTful
 - MQ has taken the approach of following best-practice, and adherence to the various w3c standards when defining its REST API

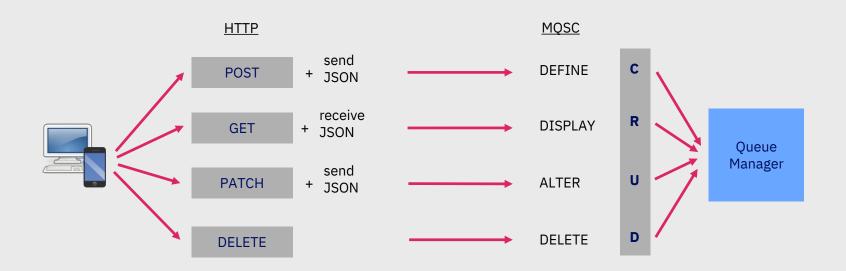
MQ Admin REST API

- An administrative API for managing MQ via REST
 - Messaging API added in 9.0.4
- Is much more intuitive to use than PCF and makes it easier to create MQ tooling, e.g. a self-service web-browser based MQ portal using JavaScript
 - · No need for an MQ client!
 - Callable from any language which can invoke an HTTPS endpoint
 - Most languages now have built in, or easily added, support for REST
- Payload format is JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)
 - Human readable, not a binary format



MQ Admin REST API

- Based on underlying MQ capabilities such as PCF and control commands, but adjusted to adhere to RESTful practices
- URL represent target object for command



Evolution of the MQ REST APIs

- Iteratively developed in CD releases
- 9.0.1:
 - REST API for administration introduced
 - Contains ability to list queue managers (dspmq) and their installation (dspmqver)
 - Not integrated into mqweb server/MQ security so disabled by default
- 9.0.2:
 - Integrated into mqweb server and MQ security, enabled by default
 - Contains CRUD for queues and the ability to display queue status
 - Supported on MQ Appliance
- 9.0.3:
 - Support for subset of DIS QMSTATUS on all platforms including z/OS

- -9.0.4
 - · REST API for messaging introduced
 - Administration API further enhanced
 - Ability to run MQSC commands
 - Ability to display channels and subscriptions
 - · REST API administration gateway introduced
- -9.0.5
 - REST API for MFT administration introduced
 - · Administration gateway support expanded
- -9.1
 - Fully supported on all platforms in LTS

Some examples...

GET /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr (dspmq)

- Ability to list queue managers associated with installation
- Example below uses curl to list all queue managers
 - -k flag tells it to ignore the fact that a self-signed certificate is being used on the mqweb server, you don't want to be doing this in production!

GET /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr (dspmq)

- · Can get information on just a specific queue manager
 - GET /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}
- Can request additional attributes too, or just a sub-set
 - GET /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr?attributes=*

```
C:\>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/∪1/admin/qmgr?attributes=× -u mqadmin:mqadmin
 "qmgr": [
    "extended": {
      "installationName": "MQ905",
      "isDefaultQmgr": false,
      "permitStandby": "notPermitted"
    "name": "QM905",
    "state": "running"
    "extended": {
      "installationName": "MQ905",
      "isDefaultQmgr": false,
      "permitStandby": "notPermitted"
    "name": "QM905_2",
    "state": "running"
```

GET /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/installation (dspmqver)

Basic display

```
C:\>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/installation -u mqadmin:mqadmin
{"installation": [{
    "name": "MQ905",
    "platform": "windows",
    "version": "9.0.5.0"
}]}
```

•All attributes

```
C:\>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/installation?attributes=x -u mqadmin:mqadmin
{"installation": [{
    "extended": {
        "dataPath": "C:\\ProgramData\\IBM\\MQ",
        "description": "",
        "hostName": "localhost",
        "installationPath": "C:\\Program Files\\IBM\\MQ905",
        "level": "p905-L180305.1",
        "maximumCommandLevel": 905,
        "operatingSystem": "Windows 7 Professional x64 Edition, Build 7601: SP1",
        "primary": false
},
        "name": "MQ905",
        "platform": "windows",
        "version": "9.0.5.0"
}]]
```

Queues...

DEFINE Q*

– POST to /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue

```
Sending JSON payload

curl -k -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d "{\"name\":\"Q1\"}"

https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr_MQ905/queue

Queue manager
Note the payload payload
```

DISPLAY Q*

– GET to /ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/admin/{qmgrName}/queue/{queueName}

```
C:\>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/QM905/queue?name=Q× -u mqadmin:mqadmin
{"queue": [{
   "name": "Q1",
   "type": "local"
}]}
```

Queues...

ALTER Q*

- PATCH to /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{queueName}
- E.g. the following will PUT inhibit Q.LOCAL1

```
curl -k -X PATCH -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d "{\"general\":{\"inhibitPut\": true}}" <a href="https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/QM905/queue/Q.LOCAL1">https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/QM905/queue/Q.LOCAL1</a>
```

DELETE Q*

– DELETE to /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{queueName}

```
C:\>curl -k -X DELETE https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/QM905/queue/AQ -u mqadmin:mqadmin -H "ibm-mq-rest-csrf-token: value"

C:\>curl -k -X DELETE https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/QM905/queue/AQ -u mqadmin:mqadmin -H "ibm-mq-rest-csrf-token: value"

{"error": [{
    "action": "Resubmit the request with the name of an existing queue, or with no queue name to retrieve a list of queues.",
    "completionCode": 2,
    "explanation": "The MQ REST API was invoked specifying a queue name which cannot be located.",
    "message": "MQWB0037E: Could not find the queue 'AQ' - the queue manager reason code is 2085 : 'MQRC_UNKNOWN_OBJECT_NAME'.",
    "msgId": "MQWB0037E",
    "reasonCode": 2085,
    "type": "rest"

}1}
```

Queues...

Also possible to issue DISPLAY QSTATUS

- GET to /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{queueName}?status=*&applicationHandle=*
- So you can get both the queue definition and its status at the same time!

```
C:\>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/QM905/queue/Q1?status=× -u mqadmin:mqadmin
 "queue": [{
  "name": "Q1",
  "status": {
    "currentDepth": 0,
    "lastGet": "".
    "lastPut": ""
    "mediaRecoveryLogExtent": "",
    "monitoringRate": "off",
    "oldestMessageAge": -1,
    "onQueueTime": {
      "longSamplePeriod": -1,
      "shortSamplePeriod": -1
    "openInputCount": 0,
    "openOutputCount": 0,
    "uncommittedMessages": 0
  "type": "local"
```

MQSC for REST

Tailored RESTful support for individual MQ objects and actions are in the works...

However, to speed up full MQ admin support over REST we will be adding the ability to submit arbitrary MQSC commands over REST

- ✓ Gives complete MQSC coverage quickly
- ✓ Simple to convert existing scripts
- Does not benefit from improved usability

```
HTTPS POST:
https://host:port/ibmmq/v1/admin/action/qmgr/QMGR1/mqsc

{
    "type": "runCommand",
    "parameters": {
        "command": "STOP CHANNEL(CHANNEL.TEST)"
    }
}
```

Stopping a channel

Enabling your whole estate for REST administration

Option 1

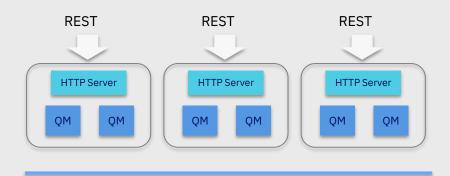
Administer each MQ installation separately

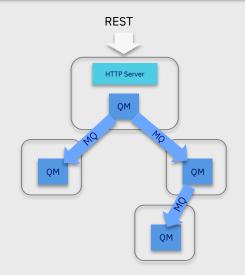
Option 2

Manage a network of systems through gateway entry points

Not every queue manager will need to expose HTTPS endpoints

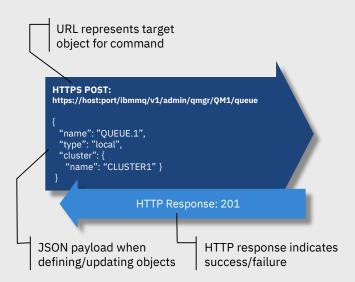
Pre-version 9.1 queue managers are able to be administered through 9.1 gateways





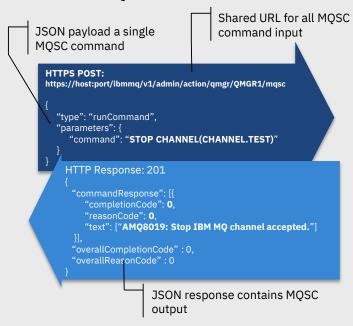
Two approaches

Per object REST



Native JSON based REST calls

MQSC over REST



Direct MQSC command input over REST MQSC output over REST, minimal parsing

Two approaches

Per object REST

URL represents target object for command

- Natural REST APIs
- Restructured definitions to aid understanding
- Further definition validation
- Not a straight swap for existing users
- Incomplete coverage of MQ administration

JSON payload when defining/updating object

HTTP response indicates success/failure

MQSC over REST

JSON payload a single MQSC command Shared URL for all MQSC command input

HTTPS POST:

- Simple mapping from existing scripts
- Complete coverage of MQSC capabilities
- Not pure REST
- Just as simple as existing runmqsc for input and parsing of output

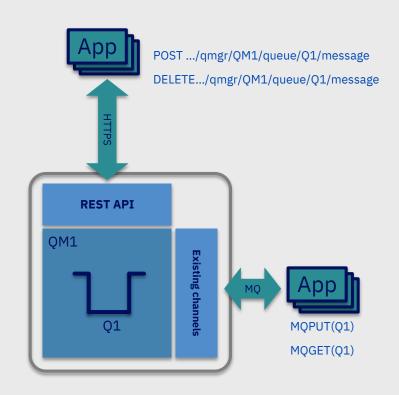
JSON response contains MQS output

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REST Messaging

- The new HTTP server support in MQ 9.0.x provides the platform for a properly integrated REST API solution
- Allowing applications to put and get messages from a queue without installing any MQ software locally
- Ideal for environments with native REST support, such as common JavaScript libraries including NodeJS, and AngularJS
- · Can only be used for point to point messaging
- For full functionality and resiliency an MQ client should still be used



API Discovery

API discovery

Want to find out what is available in the MQ REST API, and don't want to read the KC?

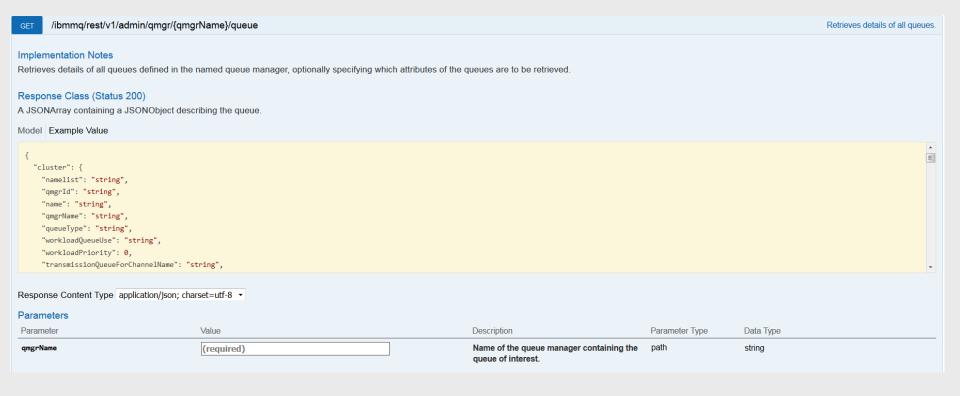
Then try out API discovery!

Function in WLP that describes the MQ REST API using Swagger

Makes it easier to see what is there, and try it out

API Discovery : APIs available from the API Discovery feature	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
channel	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
installation	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
login	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
messaging	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
mft: agent	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
mft : transfer	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
qmgr	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
qmgr: action	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
queue	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
GET //ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue	Retrieves details of all queues.
POST /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue	Creates a queue.
DELETE /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{qName}	Deletes a queue.
/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{qName}	Retrieves details of a specific queue.
PATCH /ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{qName}	Modifies a queue.

API discovery



Security

REST API security

Role based access control. Need to be a member of at least one role

- MQWebAdmin
- MQWebAdminRO
- MQWebUser
- MFTWebAdmin
- MFTWebAdminRO

User and groups defined in a registry

- Basic
- LDAP
- SAF (on z/OS)
- OS (on distributed)

REST is locked down by default, need to do some configuring

Samples provided to make this simpler

```
<!--
Roles for the MQ REST API
<enterpriseApplication id="com.ibm.mq.rest">
    <application-bnd>
        <security-role name="MOWebAdmin">
             <group name="MQWebAdminGroup" realm="defaultRealm"/>
        </security-role>
        <security-role name="MQWebAdminRO">
             <user name="mgreader" realm="defaultRealm"/>
        </security-role>
        <security-role name="MQWebUser">
             <special-subject type="ALL AUTHENTICATED USERS"/>
        </security-role>
        <security-role name="MFTWebAdmin">
             <user name="mftadmin" realm="defaultRealm"/>
        </security-role>
        <security-role name="MFTWebAdminRO">
             <user name="mftreader" realm="defaultRealm"/>
        </security-role>
    </application-bnd>
</enterpriseApplication>
<!-- Sample Basic Registry -->
<basicRegistry id="basic" realm="defaultRealm">
    <!-- This sample defines two users with unencoded passwords -->
    <!-- and a group, these are used by the role mappings above -->
    <user name="mqadmin" password="mqadmin"/>
    <user name="mqreader" password="mqreader"/>
    <group name="MQWebUI">
       <member name="mgadmin"/>
    </group>
</basicRegistry>
<!-- Example LDAP Registry -->
<ld><ldapRegistry id="ldap"</li>
    realm="MyOrganizationRealm"
    host="sso.example.com"
    port="389"
    ignoreCase="true"
    baseDN="o=example.com"
    certificateMapMode="EXACT DN"
    ldapType="IBM Tivoli Directory Server"
    idsFilters="ibm dir server">
</ldapRegistry>
```

REST API authentication

Token based

- User logs in once with user id and password and then gets a cookie which is used for subsequent requests

```
User id and password
                                                                             provided as JSON payload
curl -k -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json"
   -d "{\"username\":\"mgadmin\",\"password\":\"mgadmin\"}"
   https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/login -c c:\temp\cookiejar.txt
                                                                         Cookie stored for use on next
                                                                         request
```

DELETE to the login URL logs out

Or HTTP basic authentication

- User id and password provided as an encoded header, must be set for each request

```
C:\>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/installation -u mqadmin:mqadmin
 'installation": [{
  "name": "MQ905".
  "platform": "windows",
  "version": "9.0.5.0"
```

REST API authentication

Or use a client certificate

- Must be provided with each call to the REST API
- Distinguished name from certificate is mapped to user in configured user registry



The MQ Console

MQ Console

- Browser based interface for administering and managing MQ
 - No client side install needed
 - Originally available in MQ Appliance only
- As of 9.0.1 a common capability across appliance and software MQ
 - Re-engineered on AngularJS so different implementation than on 8.0.0.* appliance
 - Functional parity with MQ Console in 8.0.0.* appliance
- Some capabilities not available on z/OS
 - Can't create/delete/start/stop queue managers, etc.
- Can only interact with queue managers running in the same installation
 - On z/OS all queue managers at the same VRM level

MQ Console – log in

Point your web-browser at the MQ Console and log in

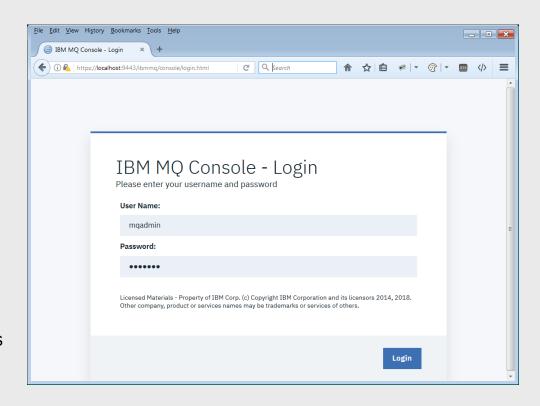
- With a user id and password
- With a client certificate

Log in credentials validated via user registry configured in the mqweb server

Like the REST API

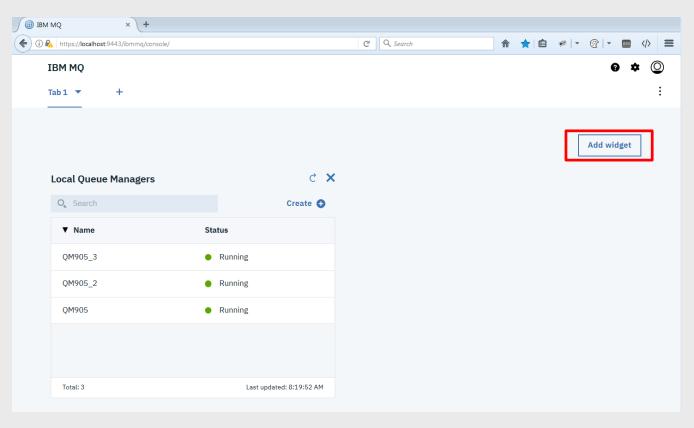
Access determined by role

- Same role names as REST API
- But in a different name space so REST users don't need to have same access as MQ Console users



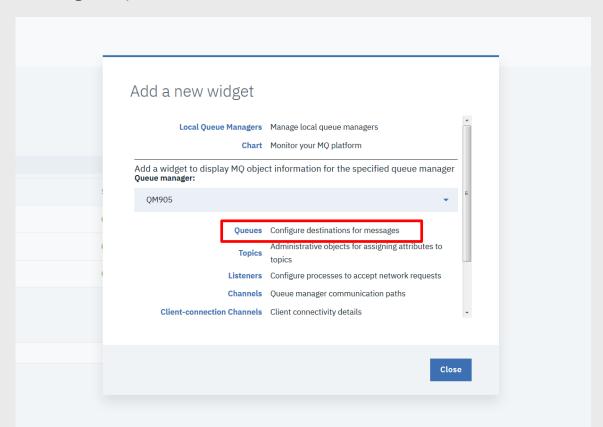
MQ Console – add widgets

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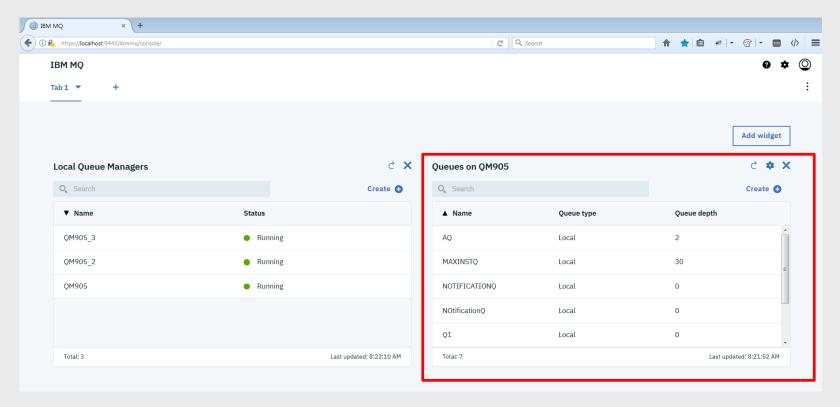
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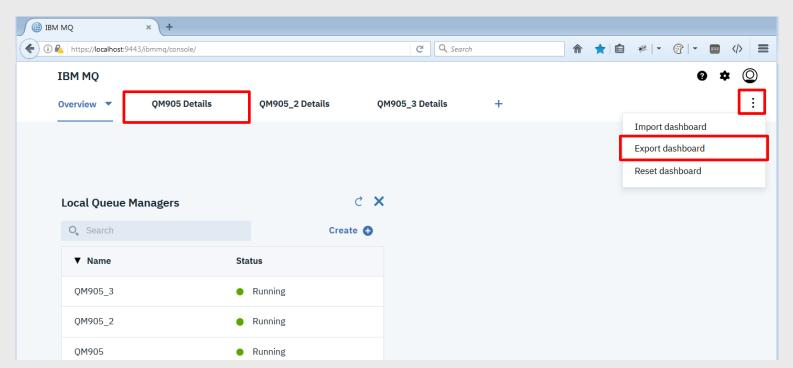


MQ Console – layout

Can use multiple tabs to help manage content

Each user can lay out their dashboard according to **their** needs

Can export dashboard to share layout with others



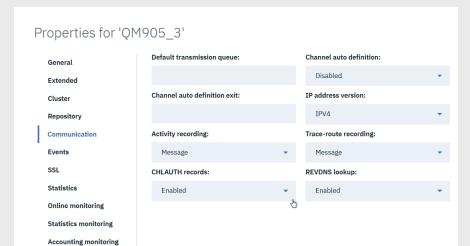
MQ Console – manage

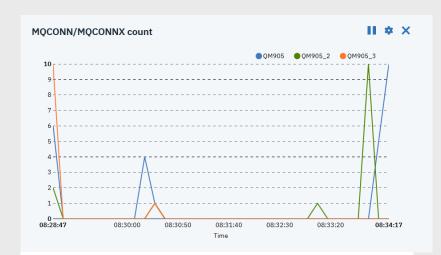
Monitor your MQ queue managers using charts generated from statistics information published to system topics

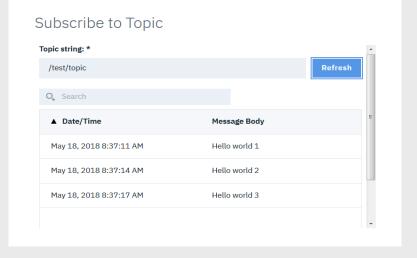
added in 9.0.0 on distributed platforms

Display and alter objects using the properties editor

Browse and send messages









Summary

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- The mqweb server
- The MQ administrative REST API
- Examples
- API Discovery
- Security
- The MQ Console



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