# The MQ Console and REST API

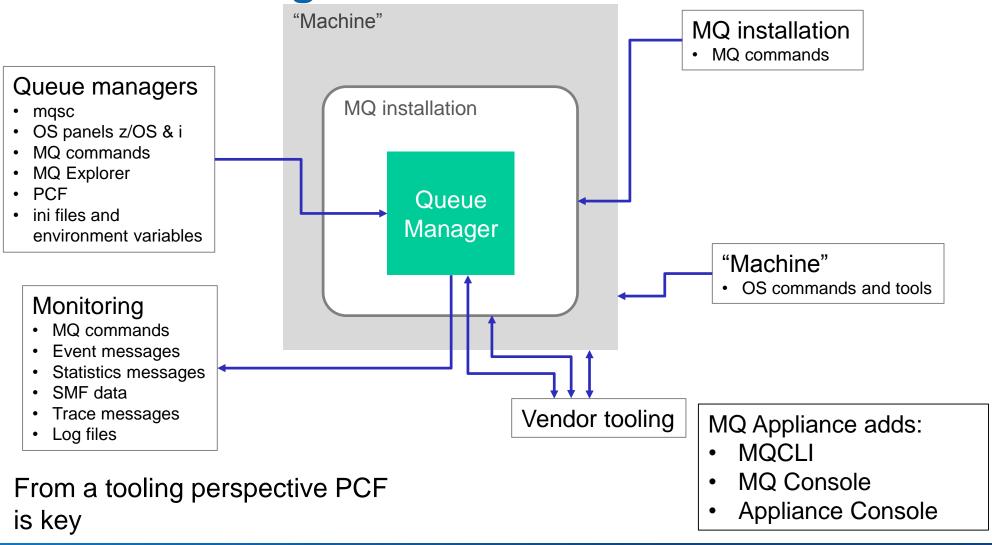
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#### **Agenda**

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  - ► The MQ REST API
  - ► The MQ Console

# Existing capabilities

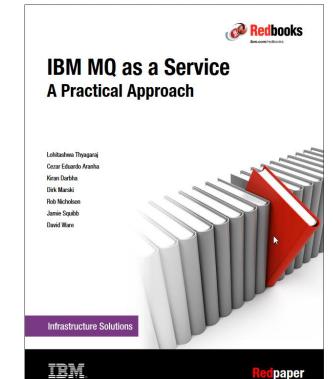
Administering software MQ



## 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

```
**** Message ****
length - 724 of 724 bytes
00000000: 080A 4103 0000 0000 5744 5220 0200 0000 '..A....WDR ....'
00000010: 8800 0000 6700 0000 514D 4752 315F 3230 '^...q...QMGR1 20'
00000020: 3135 2D31 302D 3239 5F30 392E 3431 2E31 '15-10-29 09.41
00000040: 2020 2020 2020 2020 514D 4752 3120 2020 '
00000080: 58CA 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 'X.....
00000090: 644E 4656 2116 4656 3230 3135 2D31 302D 'dNFV!.FV2015
000000A0: 3239 2020 0000 0000 3039 2E34 312E 3233 '29 ....09.41.23
000000B0: 0100 0000 4D51 4D4D 0000 0000 3038 3030 '....MOMM.
000000C0: 3030 3034 0000 0000 434C 5553 5445 5231 '0004....CLUSTER1'
000000D0: 2E51 4D47 5231 2020 2020 2020 0B00 0000 '.QMGR1 ....
```



## What's new?

#### **Overview**



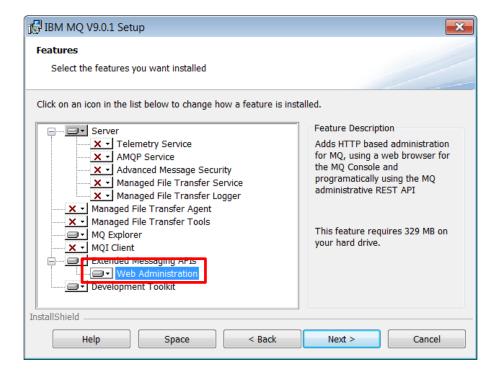
- MQ 9.0.1 CD added support for a number of HTTP-based administration capabilities
  - Focus on low barrier to entry and ease of use
  - MQ Console a web-browser based graphical administration tool
  - ► MQ REST API a programmatic administration API
    - Enhanced further in 9.0.2 and 9.0.3
- As 9.0.1 is a CD release these capabilities are supported on a subset of platforms
  - Windows, Linux and z/OS
- Need a web-serving environment to run in
  - The mqweb server

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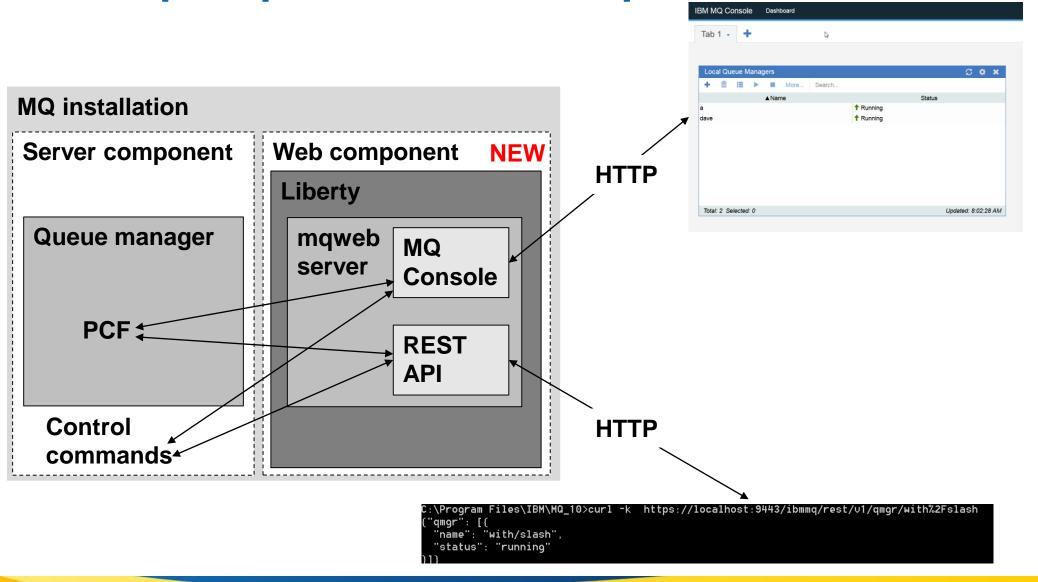
# The mqweb server

#### Web component

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



Perhaps a picture would help?



#### The mqweb server

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

#### Once installed:

- MQ Console is enabled
- REST API is enabled (at 9.0.2, disabled at 9.0.1)
- HTTPS on localhost only
- Locked down

#### CWWKE0001I: The server mqweb has been launched.

CWWKG0028A: Processing included configuration resource: C:\Program

Files\IBM\Latest902\web\mq\etc\mqweb.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.

CWWKO0219I: 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.mq.rest.

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

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

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

CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default\_host): https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/

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

SRVE0169I: Loading Web Module: mqconsole.

SRVE0250I: Web Module mqconsole has been bound to default\_host.

CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default\_host): https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/console/

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

SRVE0250I: Web Module com.ibm.mq.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,

basicAuthenticationMQ-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.

REST023: MQ REST API level: p902-dfct-L170216.1

## Configuring mqweb server

- Currently done by editing xml (standard WLP approach)
- 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 mgwebuser.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 MO 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 mqweb server

- Distributed: three new control commands
  - strmqweb, endmqweb, dspmqweb

```
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/
```

- z/OS: Sample JCL CSQ4WEBS provided
  - Sets all necessary variables up and then starts up mqweb server

```
USER.PROCLIB(MOWEBMWL) - 01.03
Command ===>
000059 //*
000060 //
                  PROC
000061 //*
           SET_INSTDIR='/u/mleming/v902betamqm/web'
           SET USERDIR='/u/mleming/mq902web'
000064 //*
000065 //STEP1
                 EXEC PGM=BPXBATSL, REGION=0M, TIME=NOLIMIT,
000066 // PARM='PGM &INSTDIR./lib/native/zos/s390x/bbgzsrv mgweb'
                DD PATH='&USERDIR.'
000067 //WLPUDIR
000068 //STEPLIB
                 DD DSN=ANTZ.MQ.V900.DFCT.OUT.SCSQANLE,DISP=SHR
000069 //
                  DD DSN=ANTZ.MQ.V900.DFCT.OUT.SCSQAUTH,DISP=SHR
000070 //STDOUT
                  DD SYSOUT=*
000071 //STDERR
                  DD SYSOUT=*
000072 //STDIN
                  DD DUMMY
000073 //STDENV
000074 JAVA_HOME=/java/java80_bit64_sr3_fp20/J8.0_64
000075 PATH=/u/mleming/v902betamgm/web/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin
000076 LIBPATH=/u/mleming/v902betamqm/java/lib
000077 //*
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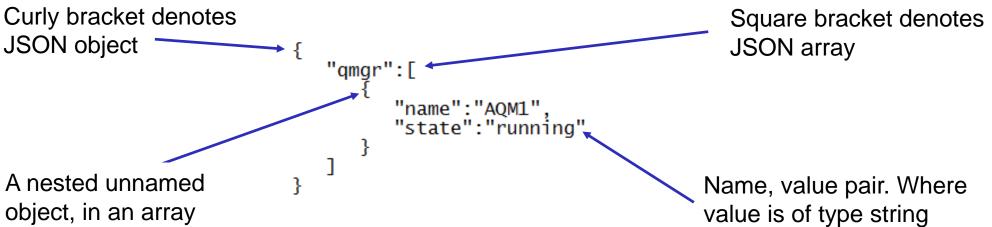
# The MQ REST API

#### 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
  - Work really well for APIS too
- Generally light-weight and relatively simple to use, much simpler than SOAP webservices
  - 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

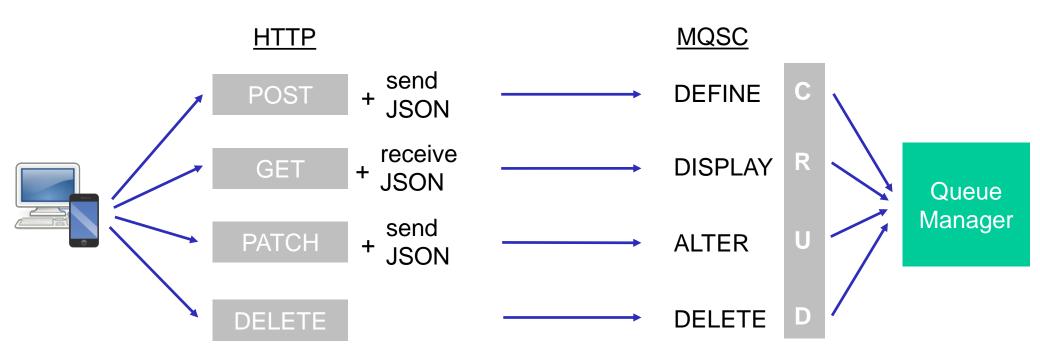
#### **MQ REST API**

- An administrative API for managing MQ via REST
- 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
  - Many 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 REST API**

- Based off 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 API**

- Iteratively developed in CD releases
  - **9.0.1**:
    - REST API 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
- Same function on Distributed and z/OS
  - Some minor differences
- Restricted to the installation associated with the MQ install
  - On z/OS queue managers must be at the same CD level

## GET /ibmmq/rest/v1/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!

```
C:\temp>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr
"qmgr": [
    "name": "AQM1",
    "state": "running"
    "name": "AQM2",
    "state": "endedImmediately"
    "name": "AQM3",
    "state": "endedImmediately"
    "name": "bob2".
    "state": "running"
```

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

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

```
C:\temp>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr?attributes=×
"qmgr": [
    "extended": {
      "installationName": "Latest902",
      "isDefaultQmgr": false,
      "permitStandby": "notPermitted"
    "name": "AQM1",
    "state": "running"
    "extended": {
      "installationName": "Latest902",
      "isDefaultQmgr": false,
      "permitStandby": "notApplicable"
    "name": "AQM2",
    "state": "endedImmediately"
```

#### **GET /ibmmq/rest/v1/installation**

#### (dspmqver)

Basic display

```
C:\temp>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/installation
{"installation": [{
    "name": "Latest902",
    "platform": "windows",
    "version": "9.0.2.0"
}]}
```

#### All attributes

```
C:\temp>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/installation?attributes=×
{"installation": [{
    "extended": {
        "dataPath": "C:\\Program Files (x86)\\IBM\\WebSphere MQ",
        "description": "",
        "hostName": "9.20.230.214",
        "installationPath": "C:\\Program Files\\IBM\\Latest902",
        "level": "p902-dfct-L170216.1",
        "maximumCommandLevel": 902,
        "operatingSystem": "Windows 7 Professional x64 Edition, Build 7601: SP1",
        "primary": false
    },
    "name": "Latest902",
    "platform": "windows",
    "version": "9.0.2.0"
}]
```

#### Queues...

- DEFINE Q\*
  - POST to /ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue

Sending JSON
payload

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

https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/bob2 queue

Queue

Queue

definition, very
simple in this
case

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

#### Queues...

- ALTER Q\*
  - PATCH to /ibmmq/rest/v1/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/qmgr/bob2/queue/Q.LOCAL1">https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/bob2/queue/Q.LOCAL1</a>
```

- DELETE Q\*
  - DELETE to /ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{queueName}

```
C:\>curl -k -X DELETE https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/bob2/queue/Q.LOCAL1
C:\>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/bob2/queue/Q.LOCAL1
("error": [{
    "action": "Resubmit the request with the name of an existing queue, or with no queue name to retrieve a list of queues.",
    "explanation": "The MQ REST API was invoked specifying a queue name which cannot be located.",
    "message": "REST037: Could not find the queue 'Q.LOCAL1' - the queue manager reason code is 2085 : 'MQRC_UNKNOWN_OBJECT_NAME'.",
    "msgId": "REST037",
    "type": "rest"
}]
```

#### Queues...

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

```
:\Program Files\IBM\Latest902\bin>curl -k "https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/bob2/queue/Q.LOCAL?status=×
'queue": [{
"name": "Q.LOCAL",
"status": {
  "currentDepth": 0,
  "lastGet": "",
  "lastPut": ""
  "mediaRecoveryLogExtent": "",
  "monitoringRate": "off",
  "oldestMessageAge": -1,
  "onQueueTime": {
    "longSamplePeriod": -1,
    "shortSamplePeriod": -1
  "openInputCount": 0,
  "openOutputCount": 0,
  "uncommittedMessages": 0
 type": "local"
```

## **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

#### **Liberty REST APIs**

Discover REST APIs available within Liberty

API Discovery : APIs available from the API Discovery feature	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
installation	Show/Hide   List Operations   Expand Operations
login	Show/Hide   List Operations   Expand Operations
qmgr	Show/Hide   List Operations   Expand Operations
queue	Show/Hide   List Operations   Expand Operations
DELETE /ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue	Documented for completeness only - this operation will be rejected
/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue	Retrieves details of all queues
OPTIONS /ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue	Defines available methods for queues at the queue manager level
/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue	Documented for completeness only - this operation will be rejected
POST /ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue	Creates a queue

#### **API** discovery

/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue Retrieves details of all queues **GET** Implementation Notes Retrieves details of all queues defined in the named Queue Manager, optionally specifying which attributes of the queues are to be retrieved Response Class (Status 200) A JSONArray containing a JSONObject describing the Queue Model Example Value "namelist": "string", "qmgrId": "string", Ξ "name": "string", "qmgrName": "string", "queueType": "alias", "workloadQueueUse": "any", "workloadPriority": 0, "transmissionQueueForChannelName": "string", "workloadRank": 0 }, "timestamps": { Response Content Type application/json; charset=utf-8 ▼ **Parameters** Parameter Description Data Type Parameter Value Type Name of the Queue qmgrName path (required) string Manager containing the queue of interest

#### **REST API security**

- Role based access control. Need to be a member of at least one role
  - MQWebAdmin
  - MQWebAdminRO
  - MQWebUser
- User and groups defined in a registry
  - Basic
  - LDAP
  - ► SAF (on z/OS)
- REST is locked down by default, need to do some configuring
  - Samples provided to make this simpler

```
<!-- Roles for the MO REST API -->
<enterpriseApplication id="com.ibm.mq.rest">
    <application-bnd>
        <security-role name="MOWebAdmin">
            <group name="MQWebUI" realm="defaultRealm"/>
        </security-role>
        <security-role name="MOWebAdminRO">
            <user name="mgreader" realm="defaultRealm"/>
        </security-role>
        <security-role name="MQWebUser">
            <special-subject type="ALL AUTHENTICATED USERS"/>
        </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="mgadmin" password="mgadmin"/>
    <user name="mqreader" password="mqreader"/>
    <group name="MOWebUI">
       <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

```
curl -k -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" provided as JSON -d "{\"username\":\"mqadmin\",\"password\":\"mqadmin\"}" payload https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/login -c c:\temp\cookiejar.txt
```

▶ DELETE to the login URL logs out

Cookie stored for use on next request

#### Or HTTP basic authentication

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

```
C:\>curl -k -u mqadmin:mqadmin https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/bob2/queue/LOCALQ1
{"queue": [{
    "name": "LOCALQ1",
    "type": "local"
}]}
```

#### **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
- CORS support enabled for web-browser based environments
  - Provides a whitelist of origins (URLs) which can invoke the REST API

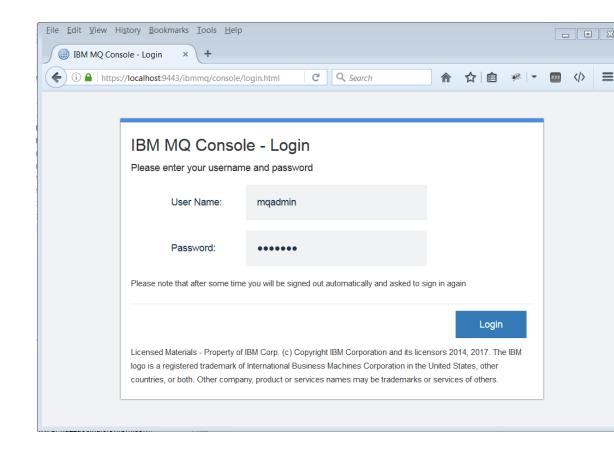
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#### **MQ** Console

- 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 CD level

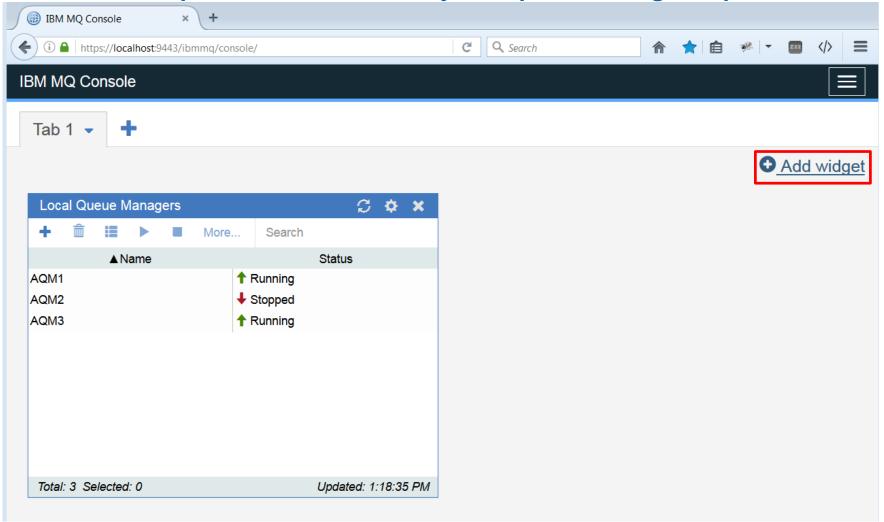
#### **MQ Console – log in**

- 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



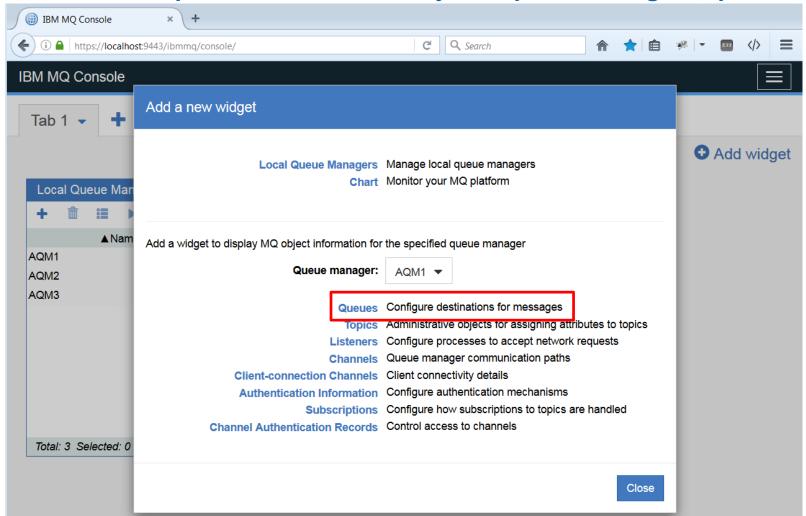
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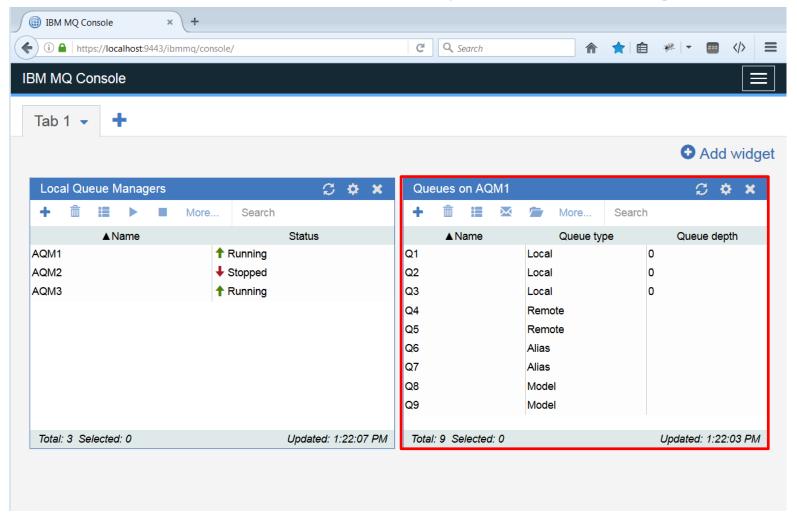
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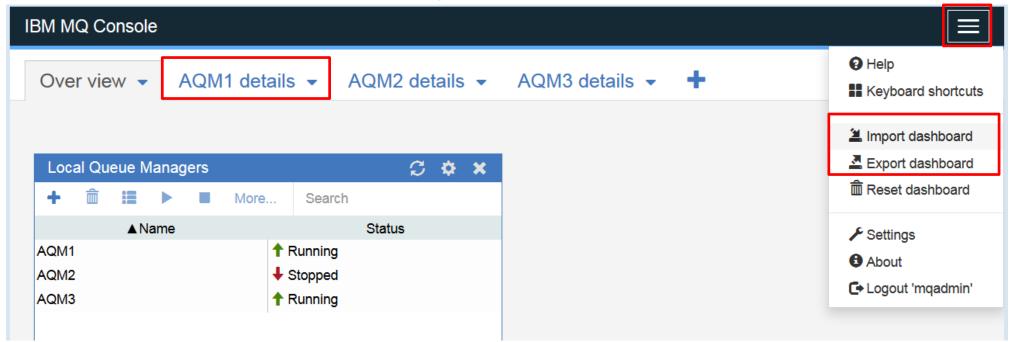
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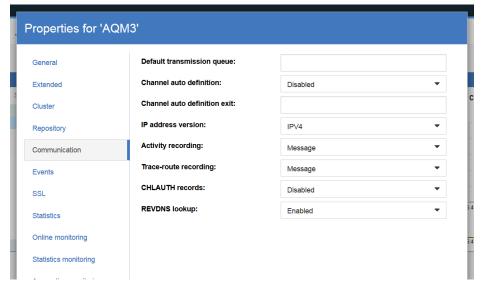
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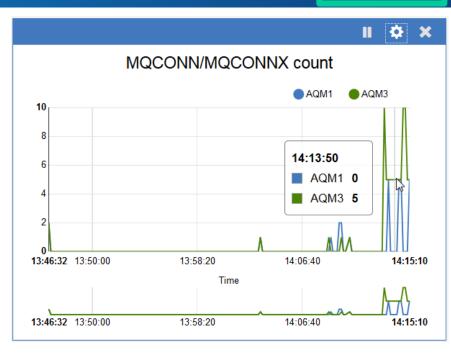
- Can use multiple tabs to help manage content
- Each user can lay out their dashboard according to their needs
- Can export dashboard to share layout with others

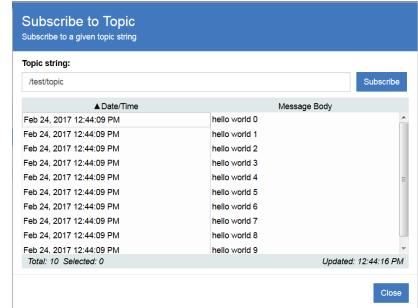


#### **MQ Console - manage**

- Monitor your MQ queue managers using charts generated from statistics information published to system topics
  - System topics added in 9.0.0 on distributed
- Display and alter objects using the properties editor
- Browse and send messages
- Provides a sub-set of MQ Explorer function







#### **Summary**

- Existing capabilities
- What's new?
  - ►The mqweb server
  - ► The MQ REST API
  - ► The MQ Console

## **Questions?**

