# MQ Administration, the Web Console, & REST API

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# **Agenda**

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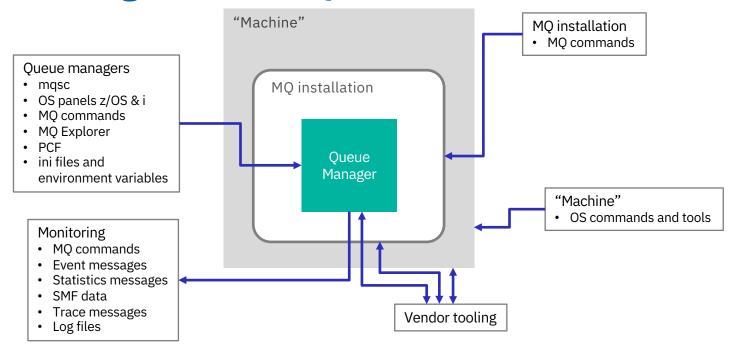
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## **Administering software MQ**



From a tooling perspective PCF is key

# **PCF – Programmable Command Format**

#### Allows administration of...

- Resource management.
  - For example, queue creation and deletion.
- Performance monitoring.
  - For example, maximum queue depth or message rate.
- ► Control.
  - For example, tuning queue parameters such as maximum queue depth, maximum message length, and enabling and disabling queues.
- Message routing.
  - Definition of alternative routes through a network.

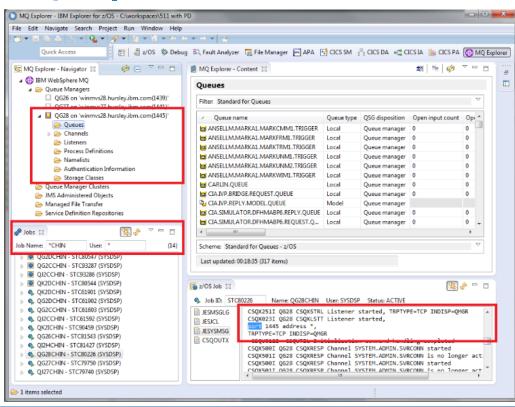
#### Works via a special message format

▶ The Queue Manager has a command server to service the command messages from the administration queue

#### Programmable Format

▶ Its possible to build applications to craft these, runmqsc uses them!

# **MQ Explorer**



Graphical user interface in which you can administer and monitor IBM® MQ objects

Local and Remote QMs

Full Queue Manager administration including Clusters, MFT, MQTT support and more

Extensible via plug-ins

#### runmqsc

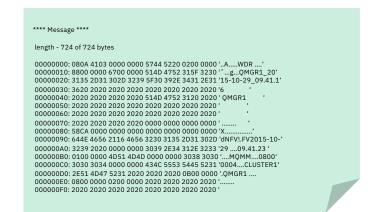
- Command line interface into QM administration
- Auto-complete feature as of version 8.0!
- PCF Commands under the covers

```
[goulden@goulden errors]$ runmqsc QM1
5724-H72 (C) Copyright IBM Corp. 1994, 2016.
Starting MQSC for queue manager QM1.

define QLOCAL(Q1)
    1 : define QLOCAL(Q1)
AMQ8006: IBM MQ queue created.
DEFINE CHANNEL(NEW.CHANNEL) CHLTYPE(CLUSSDR) CONNAME(127.0.0.1) TRPTYPE(TCP)
    2 : DEFINE CHANNEL(NEW.CHANNEL) CHLTYPE(CLUSSDR) CONNAME(127.0.0.1) TRPTYPE(TCP)
AMQ8014: IBM MQ channel created.
DISPLAY CHANNEL(NEW.CHANNEL) CONNAME
    4 : DISPLAY CHANNEL(NEW.CHANNEL) CONNAME
AMQ8414: Display Channel details.
CHANNEL(NEW.CHANNEL) CHANNEL CHANNEL CHANNEL CHANNEL CHANNEL CHANNEL (NEW.CHANNEL)
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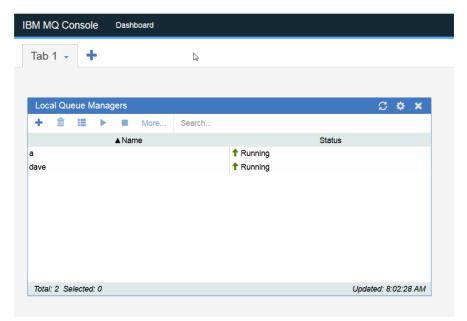
## But for remote management, we need more

- 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





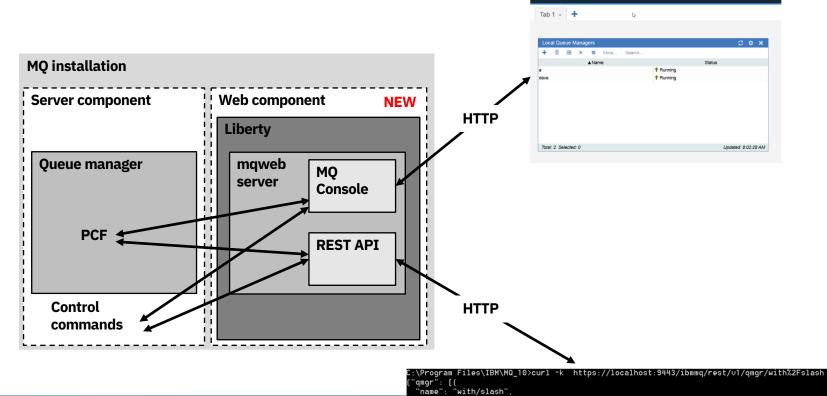
# The mqweb server





```
C:\Program Files\IBM\MQ_10>curl -k https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/with%2Fslash {"qmgr": [{
"name": "with/slash",
"status": "running"
}1}
```

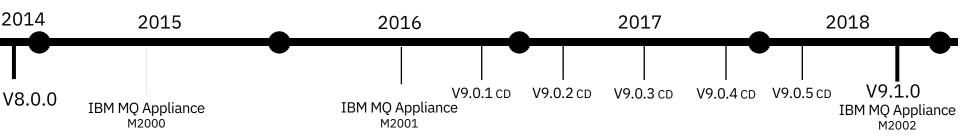
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"status": "running"

IBM MQ Console Dashboard

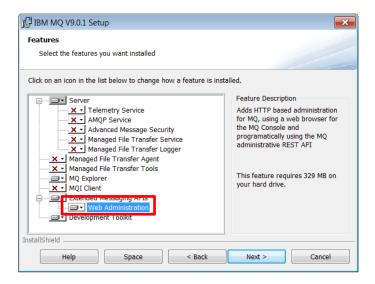
#### **Overview**



- 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
- As these are CD features these capabilities are supported on a subset of platforms
  - Windows, Linux, AIX, z/OS and Appliance
- LTS and CD currently in parity for the first time since we released it in 2016!
  - ▶ Features are wrapped up into the current LTS release V9.1.0

## Web component

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



# 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

#### CWWKE0001I: The server mgweb 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\mqweb\mqwebuser.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.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/ibmmg/rest/v1/

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

SRVE0169I: Loading Web Module: mgconsole.

SRVE0250I; Web Module maconsole 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.mq.consoleinternal has been bound to default\_host.

CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default host): https://localhost:9443/ibmmg/console/internal/

CWWKZ0001I: Application com.ibm.mg.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 may be 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 mgwebuser.xml provided in MQ data directory
  - This is the only part of the WLP xml configuration that we support customers editing:
- From Version 9.0.4, use the setmoweb command e.g.
  - setmgweb properties -k httpHost -v hostname

#### **Configurable:**

- Security
- Port number
- Logging
- Authentication token expiry
- and more

#### 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(MQWEBMWL) - 01.03
Command ===>
000060 //
                  PROC
          SET INSTDIR='/u/mleming/v902betamgm/web'
          SET_USERDIR='/u/mleming/mq902web'
                 EXEC PGM=BPXBATSL, REGION=0M, TIME=NOLIMIT,
          PARM='PGM &INSTDIR./lib/native/zos/s390x/bbgzsrv mgweb
000068 //STEPLIB DD DSN=ANTZ.MQ.V900.DFCT.DUT.SCSQANLE,DISP=SHR
                  DD DSN=ANTZ.MO.V900.DFCT.OUT.SCSQAUTH.DISP=SHR
000069 //
                  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/v902betamgm/java/lib
000077 //*
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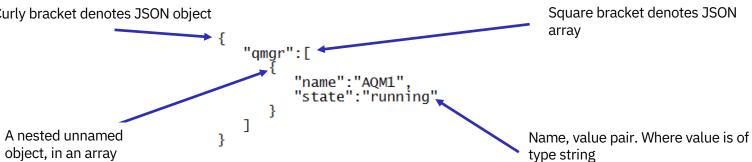
# **MQ REST API**

#### What is REST?

- REpresentational State Transfer
- 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

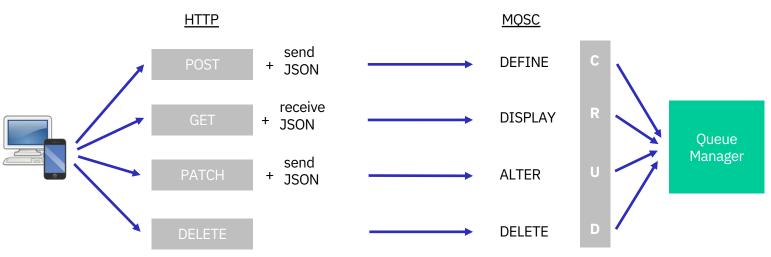
## **MQ REST API**

- 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 selfservice 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 Curly bracket denotes JSON object



# 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 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 may be 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

This function all included in the 9.1 LTS release of MQ

# **REST API Examples**

## 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/∪1/qmqr?attributes=×
 "qmgr": [
    "extended": {
      "installationName": "Latest902",
      "isDefaultQmgr": false,
      "permitStandby": "notPermitted"
    "name": "AQM1".
    "state": "running"
    "extended": {
      "installationName": "Latest902",
      "isDefaultQmqr": 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"
}1
```

#### Queues...

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

```
curl -k -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d "{\"name\":\"Q1\"}"
https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/bob2/queue

Queue manager
name

Queue manager
name

Queue manager
name
```

- DISPLAY Q\*
  - ► 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=\*
- ▶ 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/ibmmg/rest/v1/gmgr/bob2/gueue/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"
```

#### 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 added 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/action/qmgr/QMGR1/mqsc
  "type": "runCommand",
  "parameters": {
     "command": "STOP CHANNEL(CHANNEL.TEST)"
          "commandResponse": [{
             "completionCode": 0,
             "reasonCode": 0.
             "text": ["AMQ8019: Stop IBM MQ channel accepted."]
          "overallCompletionCode": 0,
          "overallReasonCode": 0
```

Stopping a channel

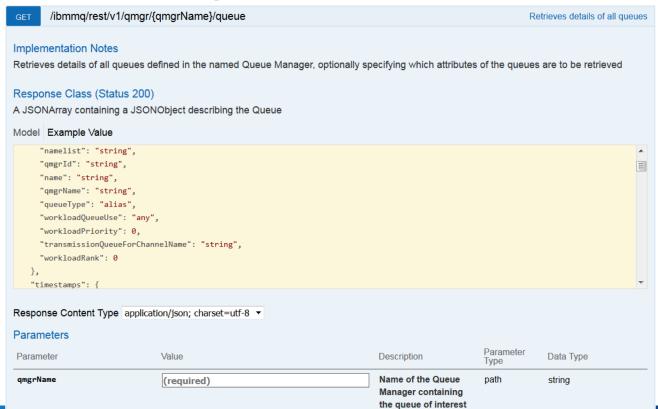
# **REST API Discovery**

## **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

Liberty REST APIs  Discover REST APIs available within Liberty		/ibm/api/explorer		
API Di	scovery : APIs available from the API Discovery feature	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations
install	ation	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		
GET	/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		
PATCH	/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**



# **REST API Security**

## **REST API security**

#### **Authorization**

- 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 MQ REST API -->
<enterpriseApplication id="com.ibm.mg.rest">
    <application-bnd>
        <security-role name="MQWebAdmin">
            <group name="MQWebUI" realm="defaultRealm"/>
        </security-role>
        <security-role name="MOWebAdminRO">
            <user name="mgreader" realm="defaultRealm"/>
        </security-role>
        <security-role name="MOWebUser">
            <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="mgreader" password="mgreader"/>
    <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

```
Curl -k -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json"

-d "{\"username\":\"mqadmin\",\"password\":\"mqadmin\"}"

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 <mark>mqadmin:mqadmin</mark> 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



# **REST API Gateway**

# **Enabling your whole estate for REST administration**

#### **Option 1**

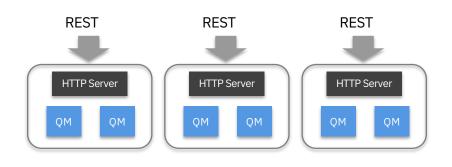
Administer each MQ installation separately, they must all be on the MQ 9.0.x CD release

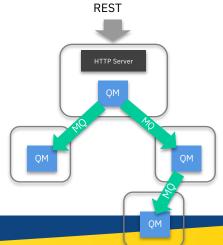
#### **Option 2**

Manage a network of systems through gateway entry points

Not every queue manager will need to expose HTTPS endpoints

Pre-9.0.x queue managers are able to be administered through those 9.0.x gateways





## **MQ REST Gateway Queue Manager**

Default gateway queue manager defined

```
GET https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/qmgr/MQZ1?status=*
ibm-mq-rest-gateway-qmgr: RESTQM0

{"qmgr": [{
    "name": "MQZ1",
    "status": {
        "channelInitiatorState": "running",
        "connectionCount": 73,
        "publishSubscribeState": "running",
        "started": "2017-10-30T11:10:45.000Z"
    }
}]
```

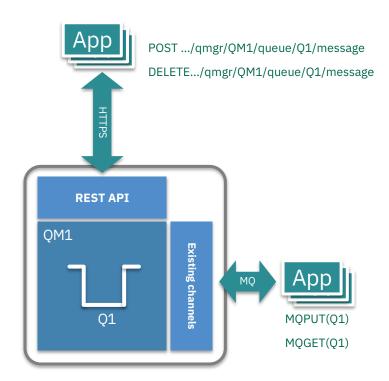
- If no default defined, set in HTTP header
  - ▶ ibm-mg-rest-gateway-gmgr

# **REST API Messaging**

#### **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



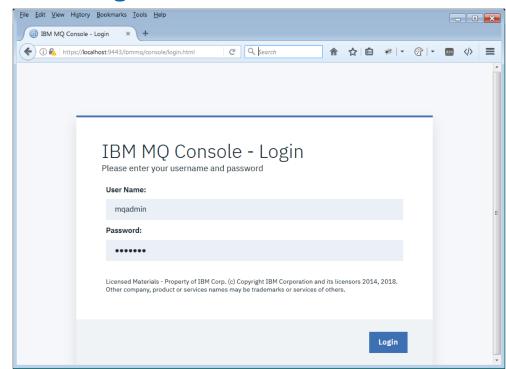
# The MQ Console

### **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 CD level

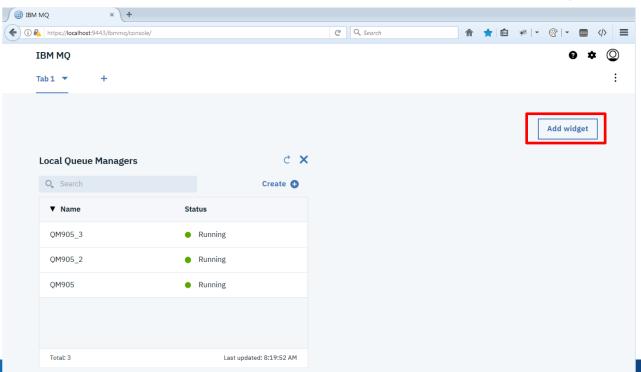
#### MQ Console – log in

- 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



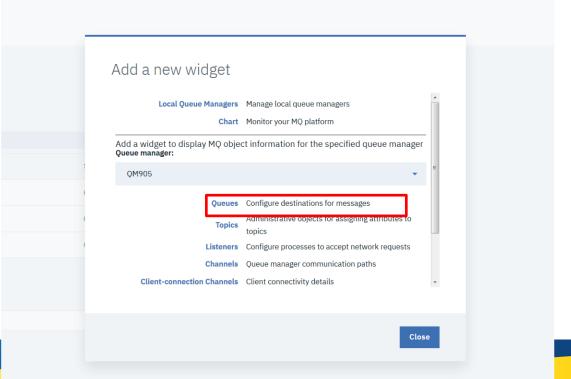
#### **MQ** Console – add widgets

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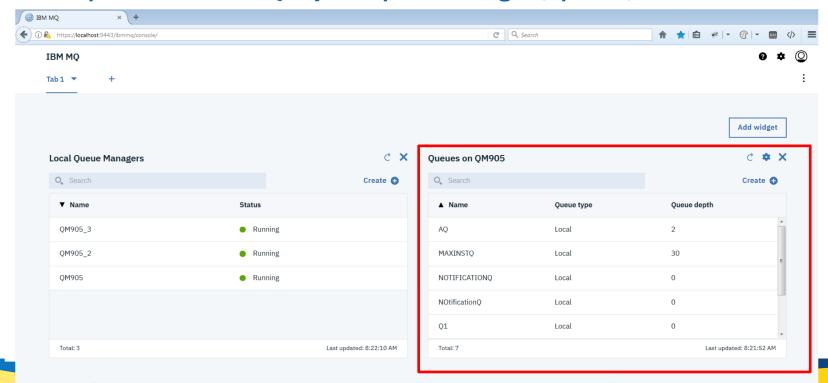
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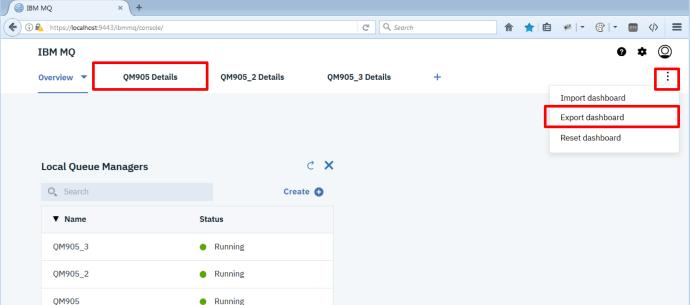
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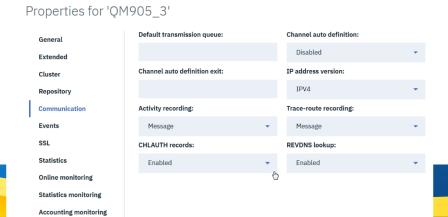
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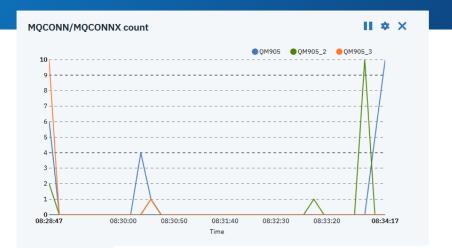
- Can use multiple tabs to help manage content
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- Can export dashboard to share layout with others



#### **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
- Provides a sub-set of MQ Explorer function





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