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# IBM MQ Update

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## Recent IBM MQ Activity and a look to the future

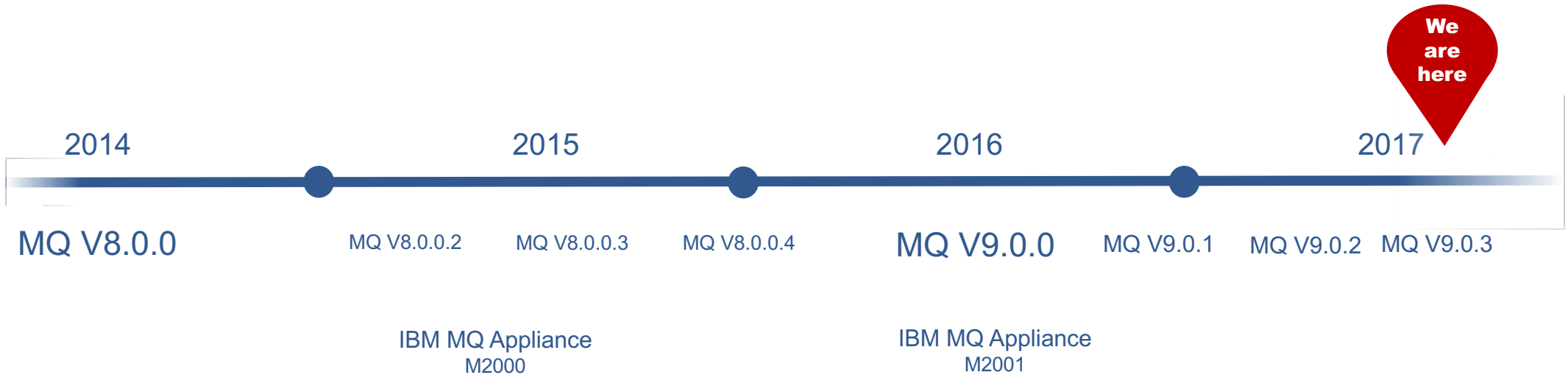
- ❑ A quick recap
- ❑ Some ideas for Future direction



## The last twelve months

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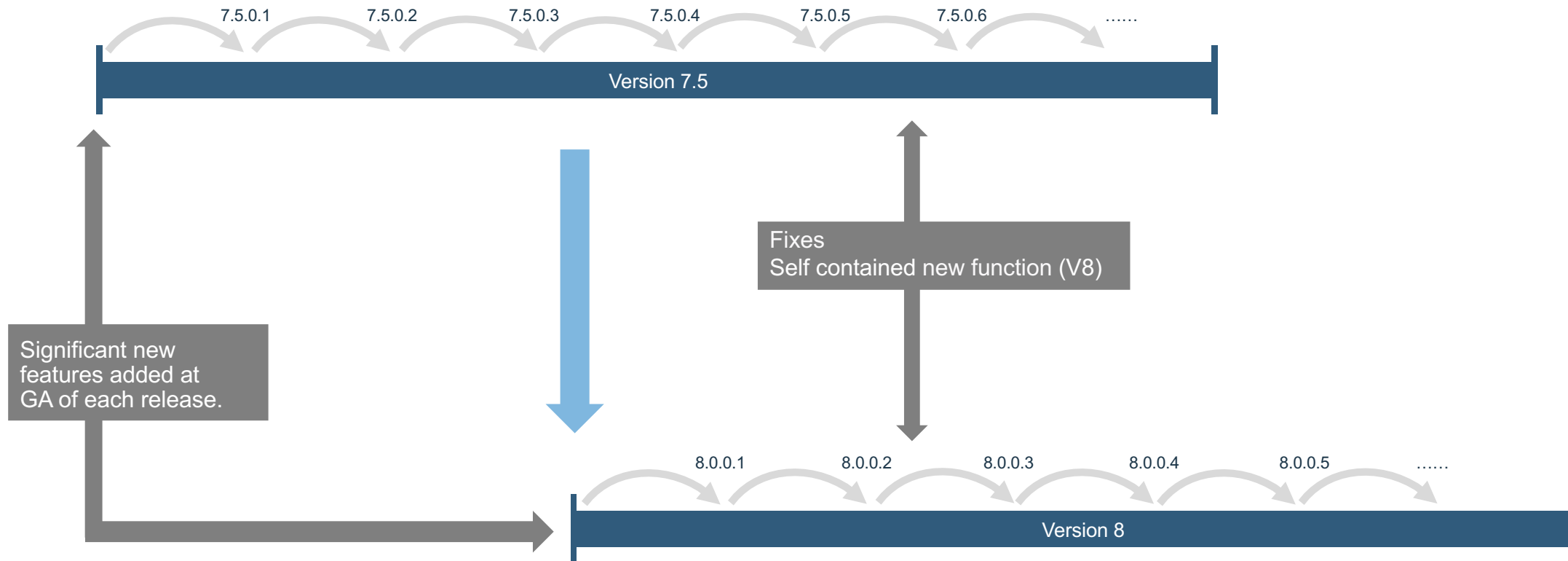
# IBM MQ



IBM MQ has been regularly delivering new function release on release  
Through releases  
New platforms and environments

2016 was the start of MQ's **continuous delivery** model  
Three CD releases so far

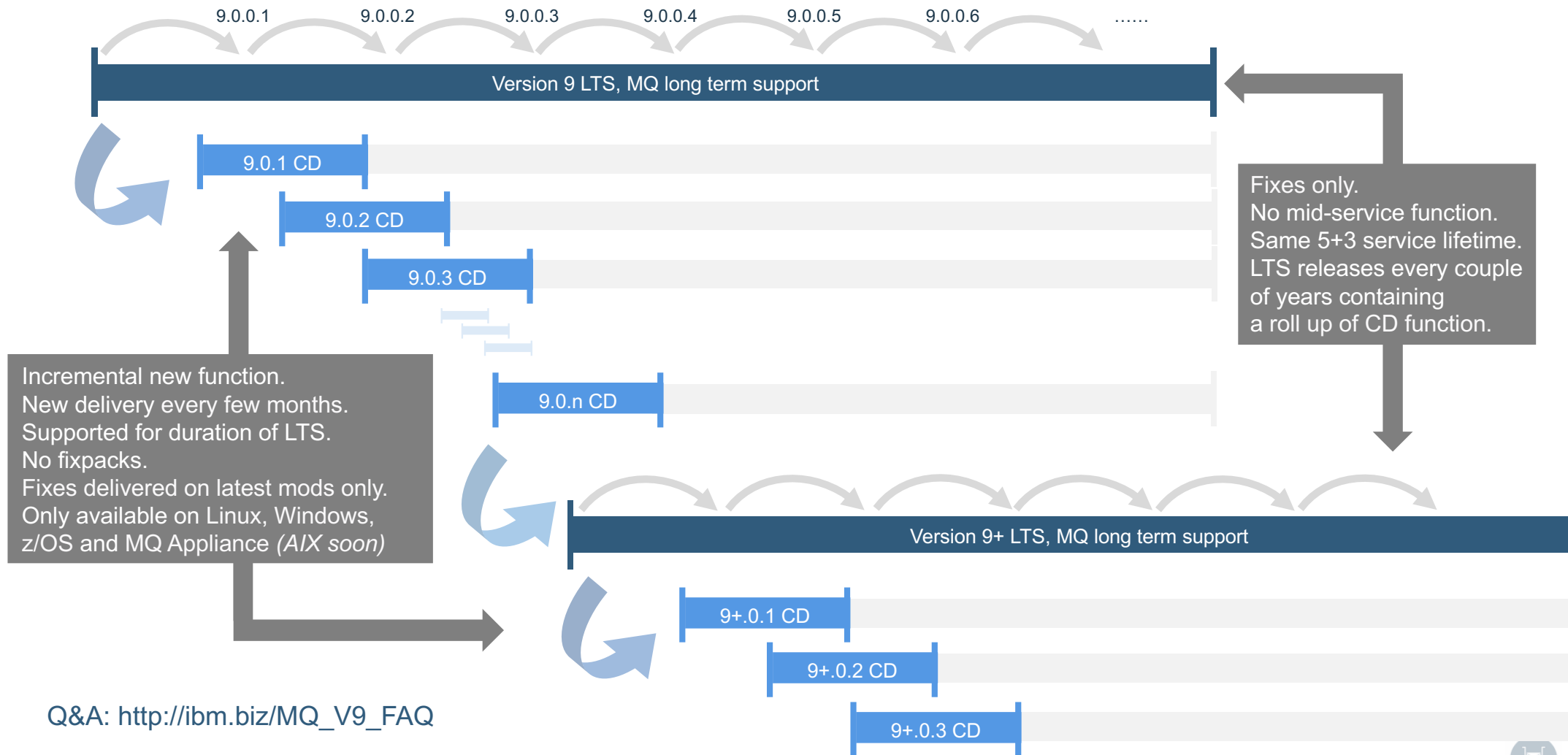
## Previously: Service and continuous delivery combined



Q&A: [http://ibm.biz/MQ\\_V9\\_FAQ](http://ibm.biz/MQ_V9_FAQ)



# LTS and CD: Service and features separated



## Be aware: Versions of MQ reached/reaching EoS

- IBM Services are ready to support migration planning if needed

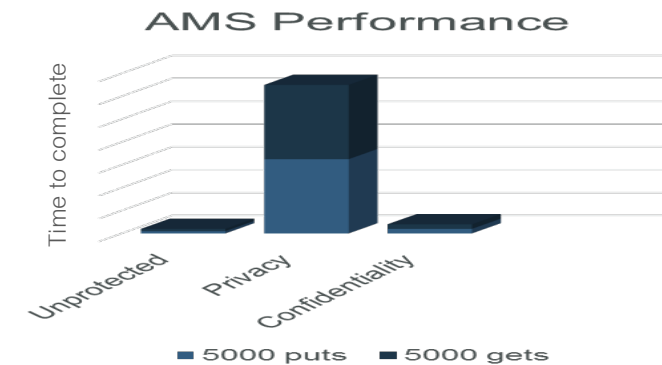
Product	EOS Date
MQ V7.5 distributed	April 30 2018
MQ V7.1 distributed	April 30 2017
MQ V7.1 z/OS VUE	September 11 2017
MQ FTE 7.0.x distributed and z/OS	September 30 2017
MQ AMS 7.0.1 distributed and z/OS	September 30 2017
MQ HVE 7.0.1 RHEL and AIX	September 30 2017
MQ V7.1 z/OS	November 6 2017

## MQ V9 LTS June 2016

### Advanced Message Security

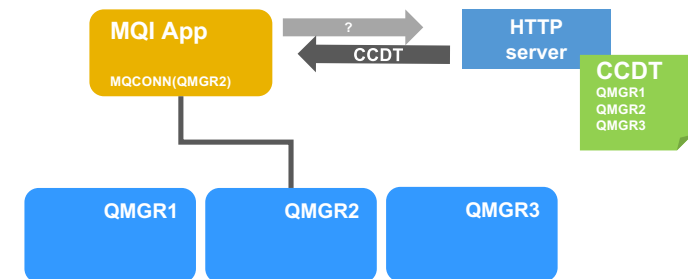
AMS added a new high performance policy for encryption, not signing. 3x-4x performance gains are typical, if not more

Support for non-IBM JREs



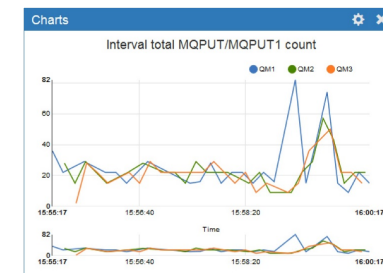
### Centralised hosting of CCDTs

Clients can automatically retrieve a remotely located CCDT over HTTP or FTP when connecting. Enabler for dynamically changing MQ configurations and a simpler application setup



### System topics

Distributed queue managers publish statistics and application trace data to dynamic subscribers



# MQ V9.0.1 CD November 2016

## Software MQ Web Console

Point a browser at the MQ installation to create and manage queue managers and their resources

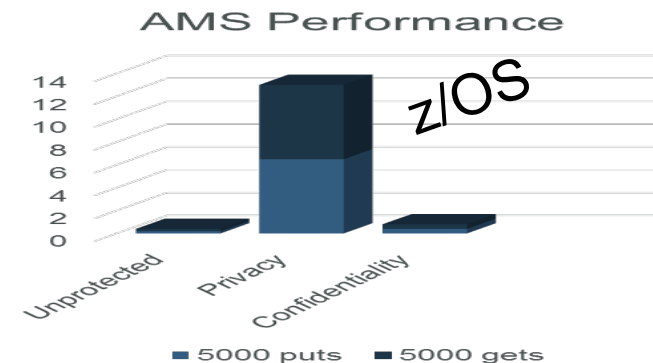
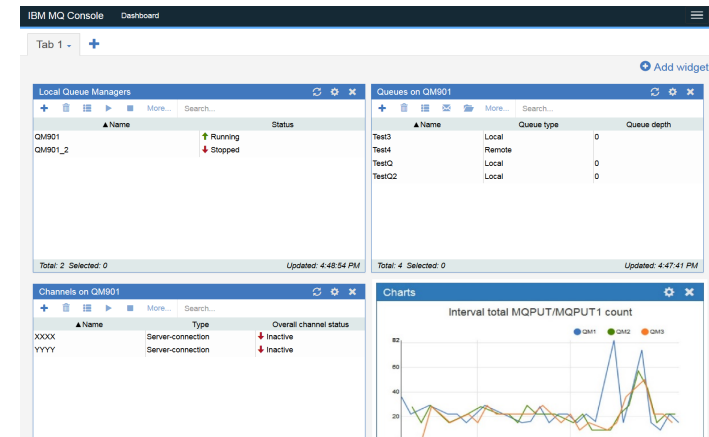
Available on all CD platforms; Linux, Windows, z/OS and MQ Appliance

## The start of the RESTful admin interface

First pieces of a new, more intuitive, administrative interface

## Advanced Message Security

AMS Confidentiality option for encryption only, not signing. Major z/OS performance improvements.



## MQ V9.0.2 CD March 2017

### Evolution of RESTful admin interface

Continued delivery of RESTful commands, focusing on queue creation, deletion, display and alter

Secure by default, using provided Liberty Server, managed through MQ.

```
$ curl http://localhost:9080/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr  
  
{"qmgr": [  
  {  
    "qmgrName": "QM901A",  
    "status": "running"  
  },  
  {  
    "qmgrName": "QM901B",  
    "status": "endedImmediately"  
  }  
]}
```

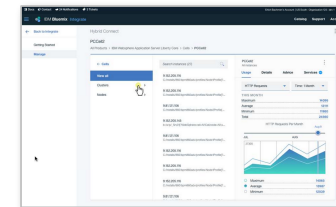
### Distributed recovery logs

Significantly reduced the administrative and performance overheads of linear logging through automatic media imaging and log reuse



### IBM Cloud Product Insights

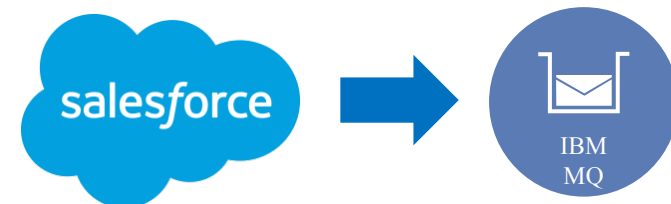
Support for MQ in IBM's cloud service for keeping track of your IBM resources



### Salesforce Bridge

Inject Salesforce platform events and PushTopics into your MQ publish/subscribe network

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# MQ V9.0.3 CD June 2017

## New Connector Pack in IBM Advanced for z/OS VUE

Now the most functionally rich offering with connectors to IBM Blockchain and Product Insights cloud services, plus a simplification of MFT deployments across z/OS estate.



## Further evolution of RESTful admin interface

Queue manager status. Service availability and active connections

```
$ curl http://localhost:9080/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr
```

```
{ "qmgr": [
  {
    "qmgrName": "QM901A",
    "status": "running"
  },
  {
    "qmgrName": "QM901B",
    "status": "endedImmediately"
  }
] }
```

## Enhanced Error Logging

Simplify log analytics. Error messages now contain a severity indicator and ISO timestamp to quickly identify important and related messages.

```
Time(2017-05-11T11:13:34.626Z)
AMQ5024I: The command server has started. ProcessId(502).
EXPLANATION: ...
05/11/2017 12:13:34 PM - Process(508.1) User(bld-admin) Program(runnqchl)
Host(c5ab153621a5) Installation(Docker)
VPMF(9.0.3.0) QMgr(QM1)
Time(2017-05-11T11:13:34.707Z)
AMQ0824I: IBM MQ channel initiator started.
EXPLANATION: ...
05/11/2017 12:13:34 PM - Process(489.1) User(bld-admin) Program(amqcpub)
Host(c5ab153621a5) Installation(Docker)
VPMF(9.0.3.0) QMgr(QM1)
Time(2017-05-11T11:13:34.783Z)
AMQ586I: Queued Publish/Subscribe Daemon started for queue manager QM1.
EXPLANATION: ...
05/11/2017 12:13:44 PM - Process(429.1) User(bld-admin) Program(amqzma0)
Host(c5ab153621a5) Installation(Docker)
VPMF(9.0.3.0) QMgr(QM1)
Time(2017-05-11T11:13:44.705Z)
AMQ5088E: An essential IBM MQ process 442 (zICRIT) cannot be found and is
assumed to be terminated.
EXPLANATION: ...
```

# MQ Appliance Update

## Hardware Update

Increased performance and capacity with new 3.2TB SSDs.  
Increased connectivity with additional 10GB network ports

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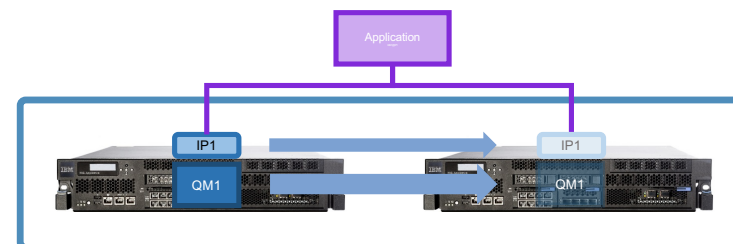


## MQ 9.0.1 CD Firmware Update

Added floating IP support. Each HA queue manager can be associated with an IP address that automatically moves with the queue manager

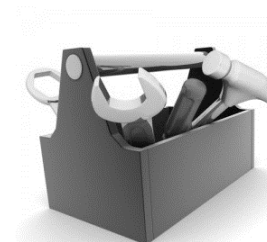
Added a host of administrative improvements, including SNMP support, administrative REST support for the appliance, new authentication and role based security and backup and restore capabilities

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## MQ 9.0.2 CD Firmware Update

Added SSH Key renewal to match best practices  
Supports the MQ administrative REST API



# What's next for MQ?

Items that are being considered for CD deliverables in the future



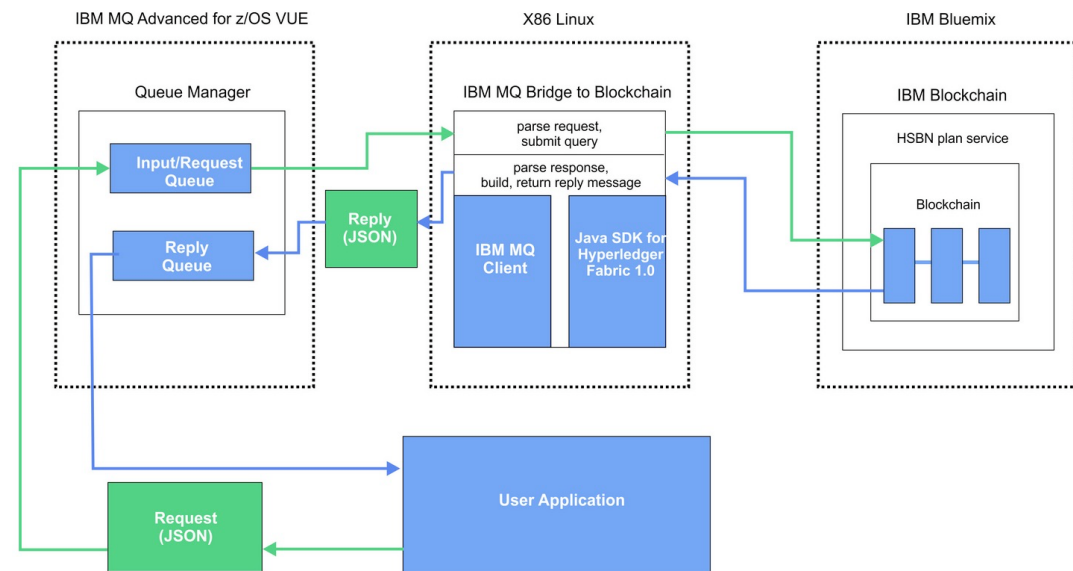
## Blockchain : extending the story ...

Initially only delivered as supported offering on the z/OS platform in V903

- Name Value pair query
- Connecting to High Security Business Network (HSBN) Hyperledger Fabric V1 service within IBM Bluemix

Looking ahead:

- Provided supported Blockchain bridge for distributed MQ
- Look to go beyond Query support. Full CRUD capability?
- Connect to local instantiation of Hyperledger Fabric
- Investigate connectivity to other Blockchain providers



# REST: Continuing the story ...

## RESTful interface to MQ systems

- Published, supported interface
- Simpler alternative to existing PCF and MQSC mechanisms for tooling
- Secure

## MQ resource configuration

Queue managers, Queues

### What objects next?

## Installation level control

Queue manager creation, starting, stopping

The MQ REST API is being iteratively delivered across the CD releases, adding control over more MQ objects each time

To query the list of queue managers for an installation of MQ:

HTTP GET: <https://hostname:portNumber/ibmmq/v1/qmgr>

```
{
  "installation": [
    {
      "instName": "IBM MQ v9.0.1 Installation",
      "instPath": "C:\\Program Files\\IBM\\MQ\\MQ901",
      "instVersion": "9.0.1.0",
      "instDescription": "MQ 9.0.1 Evaluation",
      "platform": "windows",
      "operatingSystem": "Windows 7 Professional x64 Edition, ...",
      "buildLevel": "p903-L170313",
      "hostName": "test_pc.ibm.com",

      "qmgr": [
        {
          "qmgrName": "QMTEST01",
          "isDefaultQMGr": true,
          "permitStandby": "notPermitted",
          "status": "running"
        },
        {
          "qmgrName": "QMTEST02",
          "isDefaultQMGr": false,
          "permitStandby": "notPermitted",
          "status": "ended"
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

## REST: A Catchall REST capability ...

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

We are investigating providing MQ admin support over REST in the form of MQSC commands over REST

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

To stop a channel:

HTTP POST: <https://hostname:portNumber/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
}
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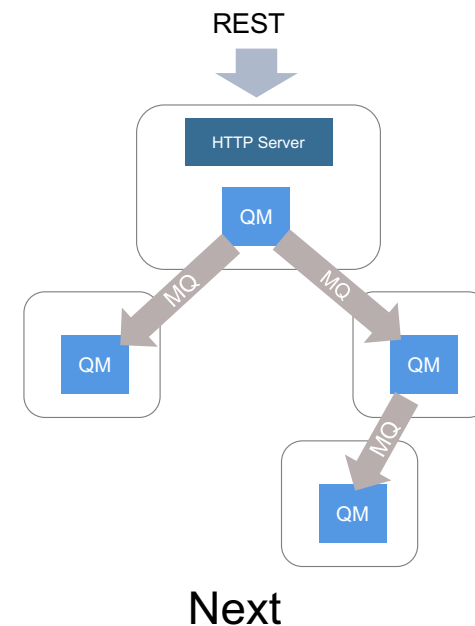
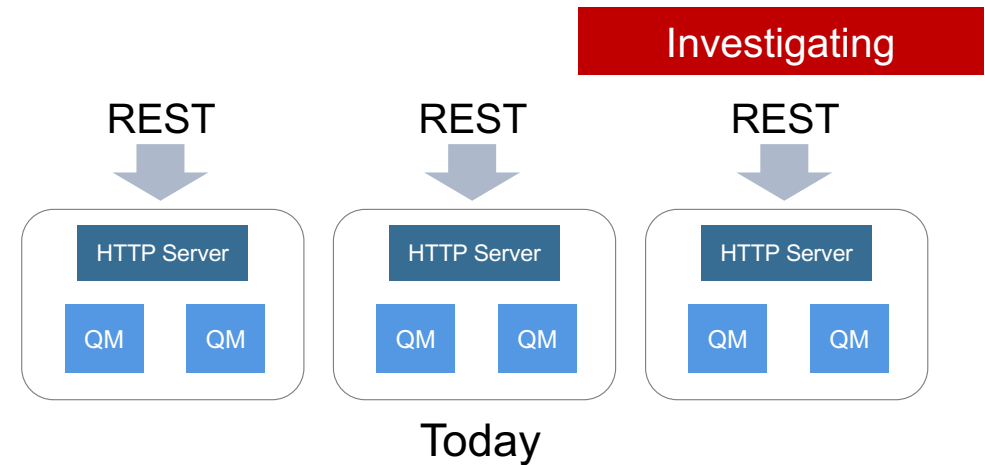
## REST: Enabling more systems

Currently REST can only be used to administer each MQ installation separately and they must all be on the MQ 9.0.x CD release

We are looking at managing a network of systems through a single entry point

This will mean that not every queue manager will need to expose HTTPS endpoints

Pre-9.0.x queue managers will be able to be administered.



## REST: We want REST for Developers

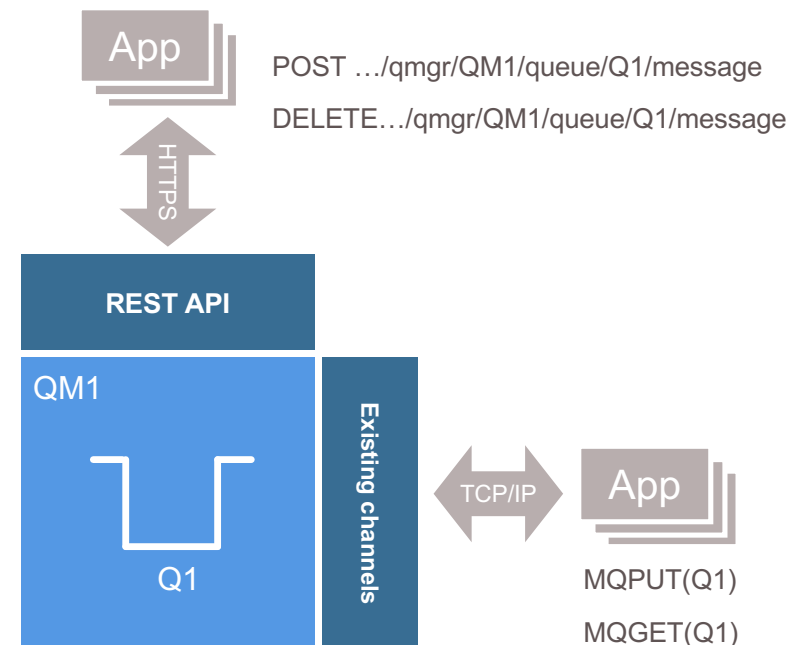
Many users just want the **simplest** way to get messages in and out of an MQ system

A RESTful API will give you that. Easily enabling messaging from just about **any environment**

MQ previously exposed its messaging capabilities using the *IBM MQ bridge for HTTP*. This required your own HTTP server and setup.

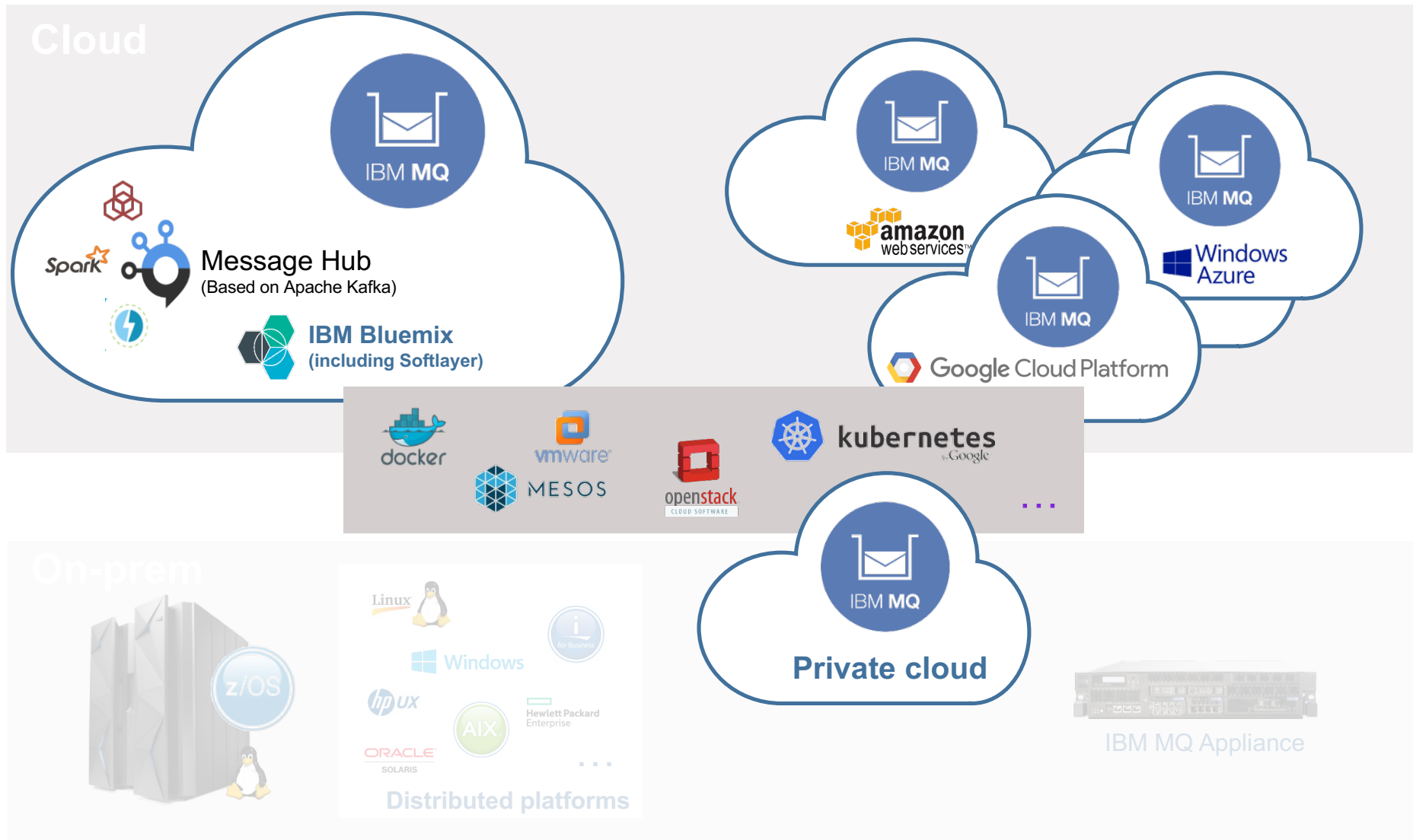
The new HTTP server support in MQ 9.0.x provides the perfect platform for a properly integrated REST API solution

CD releases will start to see our REST API evolve, potential for simple synchronous point-to-point support, followed by asynchronous and publish/subscribe capabilities



# MQ in the Cloud

# Run MQ, exactly how and where you need it



# Help and advice with MQ in the Cloud

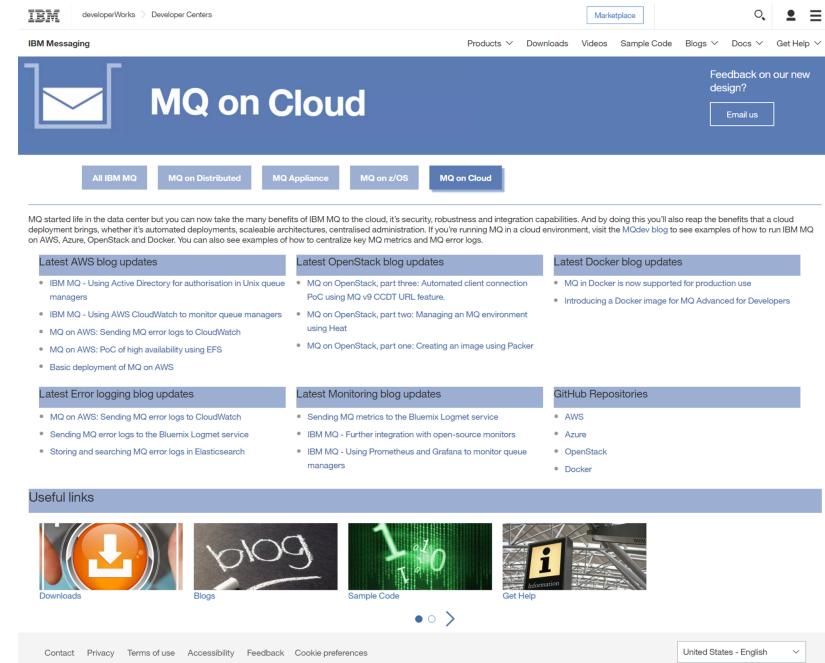
It has always been critical for MQ to run where it is needed and integrated into the tools of your choice

For many that now means **clouds**

We have investigated running MQ in various **public** and **private** clouds.

Using a variety of tooling for provisioning, configuration and monitoring

And we've been sharing that information to everyone to use



<https://developer.ibm.com/messaging/mq-on-cloud/>





# MQ in Docker containers

IBM MQ is supported to run inside Docker containers, bringing the benefits of containers to MQ

- Lightweight containers for running MQ

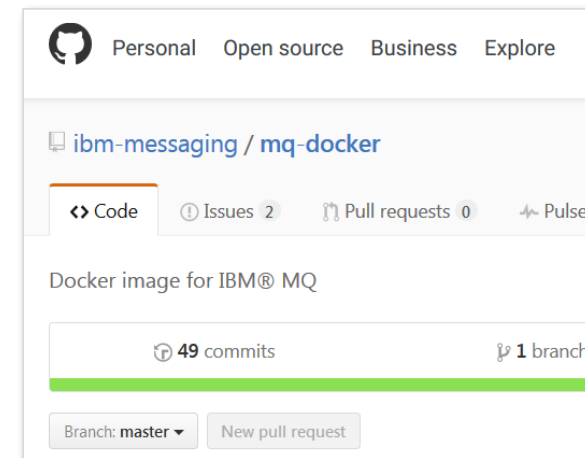
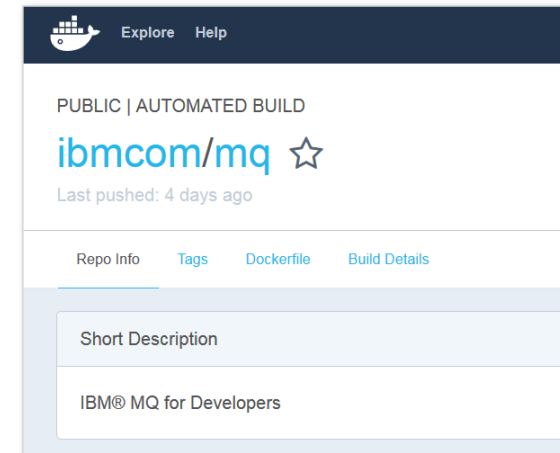
- Predictable and standardized units for deploying MQ

- Process, resource and dependency isolation

- Best practice guidance

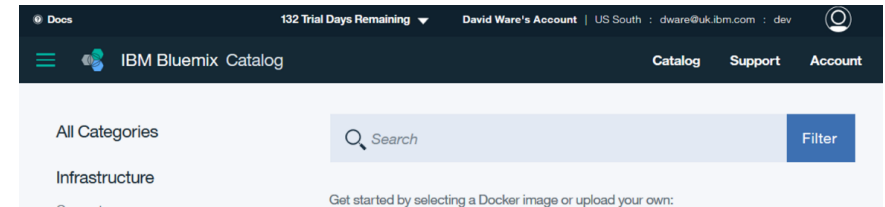
IBM provided sample Docker files for customizing and building your own Docker images

IBM MQ Advanced for Developers V9 available direct from Docker Hub



# MQ Advanced for Developers in the Bluemix Container Service

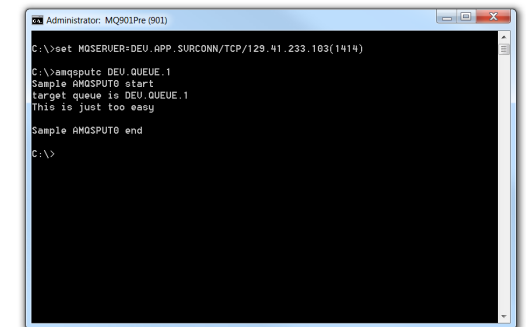
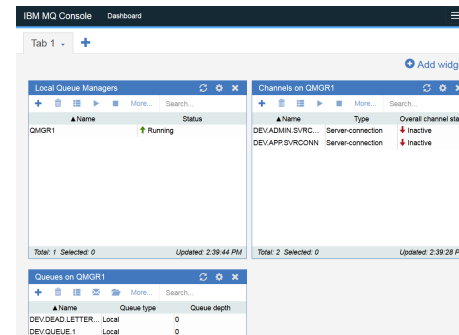
It is now possible to spin up MQ queue managers in the Bluemix Container Service with just a couple of



**\*\*Recently replaced by deployment in Kubernetes service \*\***

Details at :

<https://developer.ibm.com/messaging/2017/09/04/kubernetes-service-mq-docker-bluemix/>



# IBM MQ on AWS Quick Start – first IBM offering

***Deploy a simple, highly available, production-ready IBM MQ server on the AWS Cloud in Minutes!***

## Who is this offering for?

MQ Specialist trying to deploy on AWS for the first time	✓
AWS specialist trying to deploy MQ for the first time	✓
Application owner looking to accelerate their AWS solution	✓

## What do you get?

MQ deployed in AWS quickly and simply	✓
A highly available MQ deployment without complexity	✓
A secure MQ deployment without pain!	✓



***...at the click of a button!***

<https://aws.amazon.com/quickstart/architecture/ibm-mq/>



**Start here**

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# IBM MQ on AWS Quick Start – first IBM offering

Quick Start automatically deploys a HA, production-ready IBM MQ server on the AWS in about 30 minutes.

A virtual private cloud (VPC) that spans two Availability Zones – providing security and high availability.

An Internet gateway to allow access to the Internet.

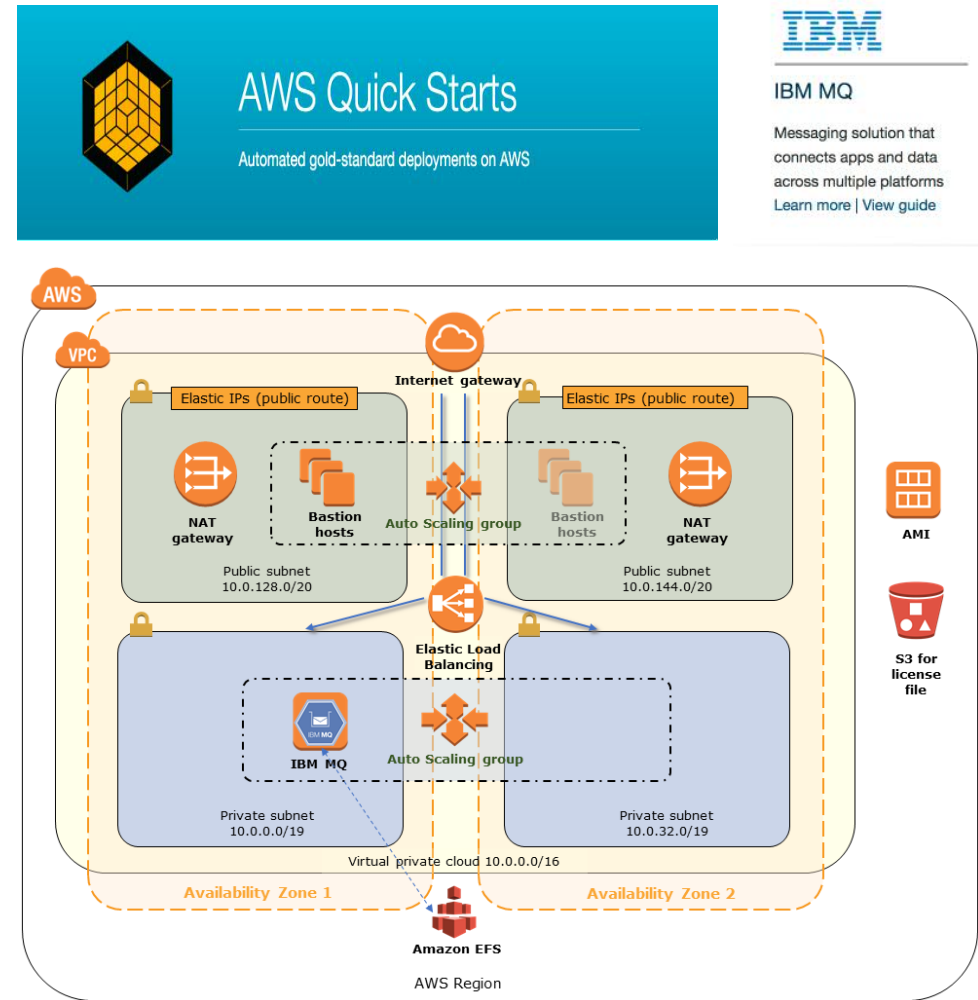
In a public subnet, a bastion host to provide secure Secure Shell (SSH) access to the IBM MQ server. The bastion host is in an Auto Scaling group of 1.

In a private subnet, an IBM MQ server in an Auto Scaling group of 1.

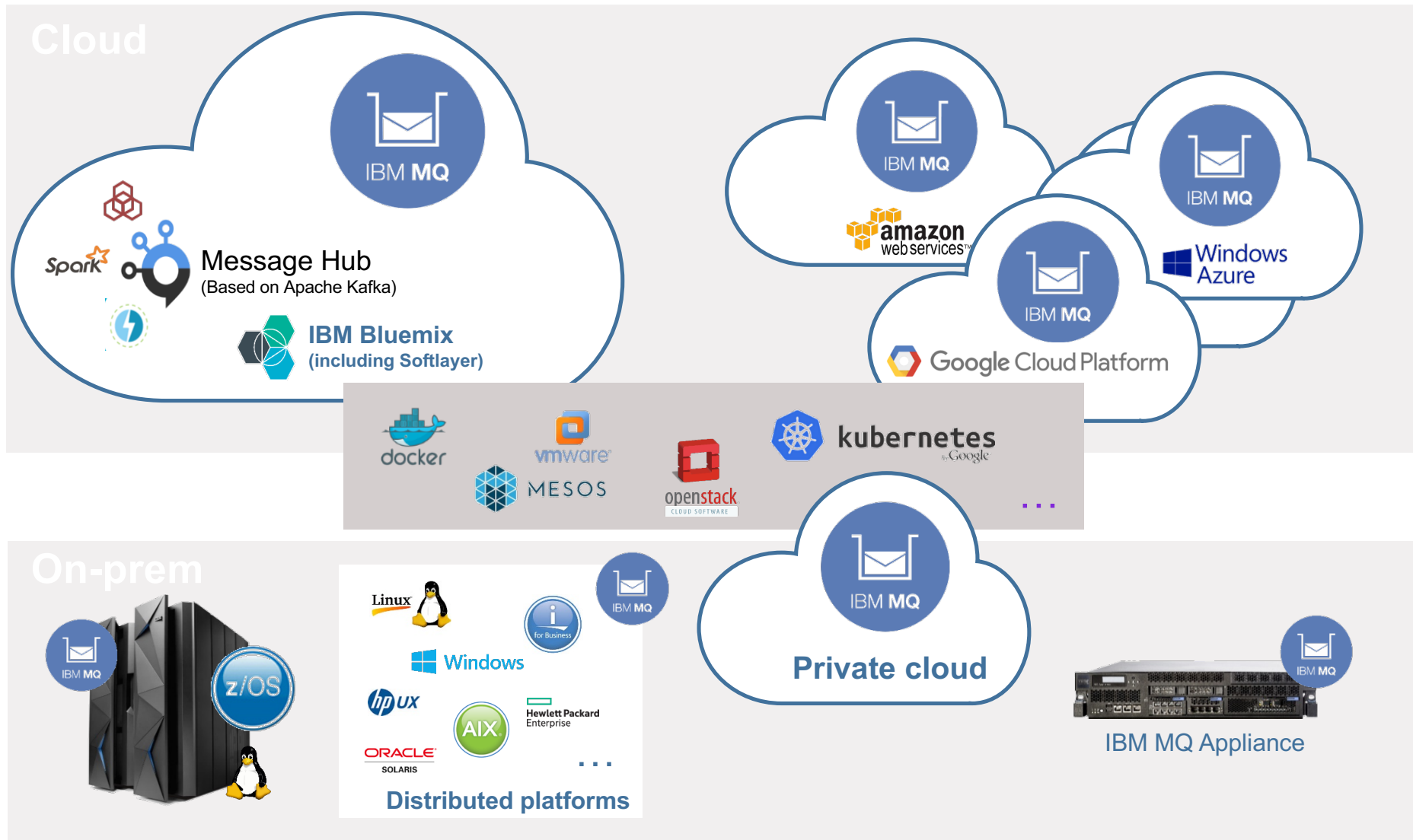
Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS) automatically mounted on the IBM MQ server instance. Provides persistence across Availability Zones.

Elastic Load Balancing to automatically distribute connections to the active IBM MQ server.

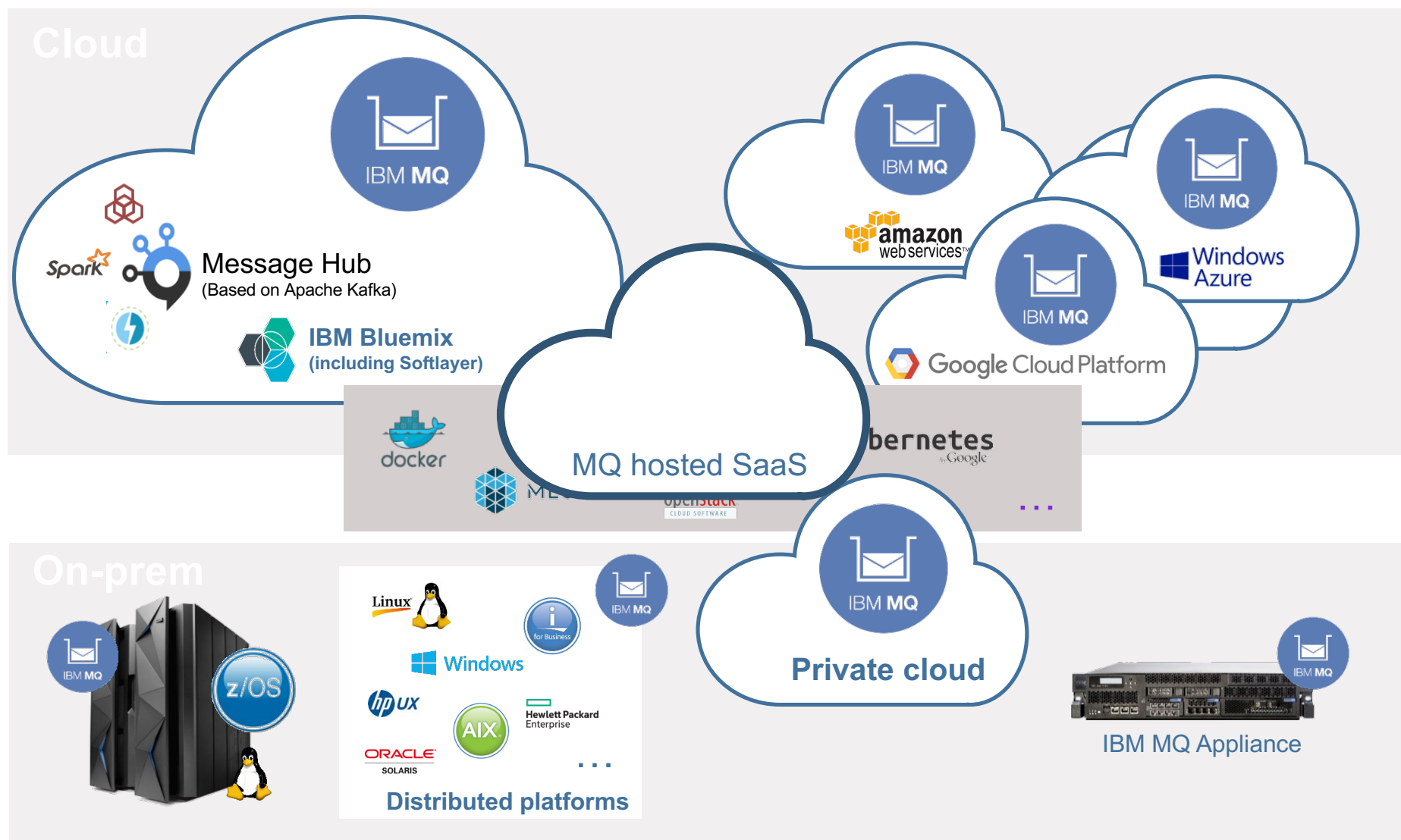
Appropriate security groups for each instance or function to restrict access as required.



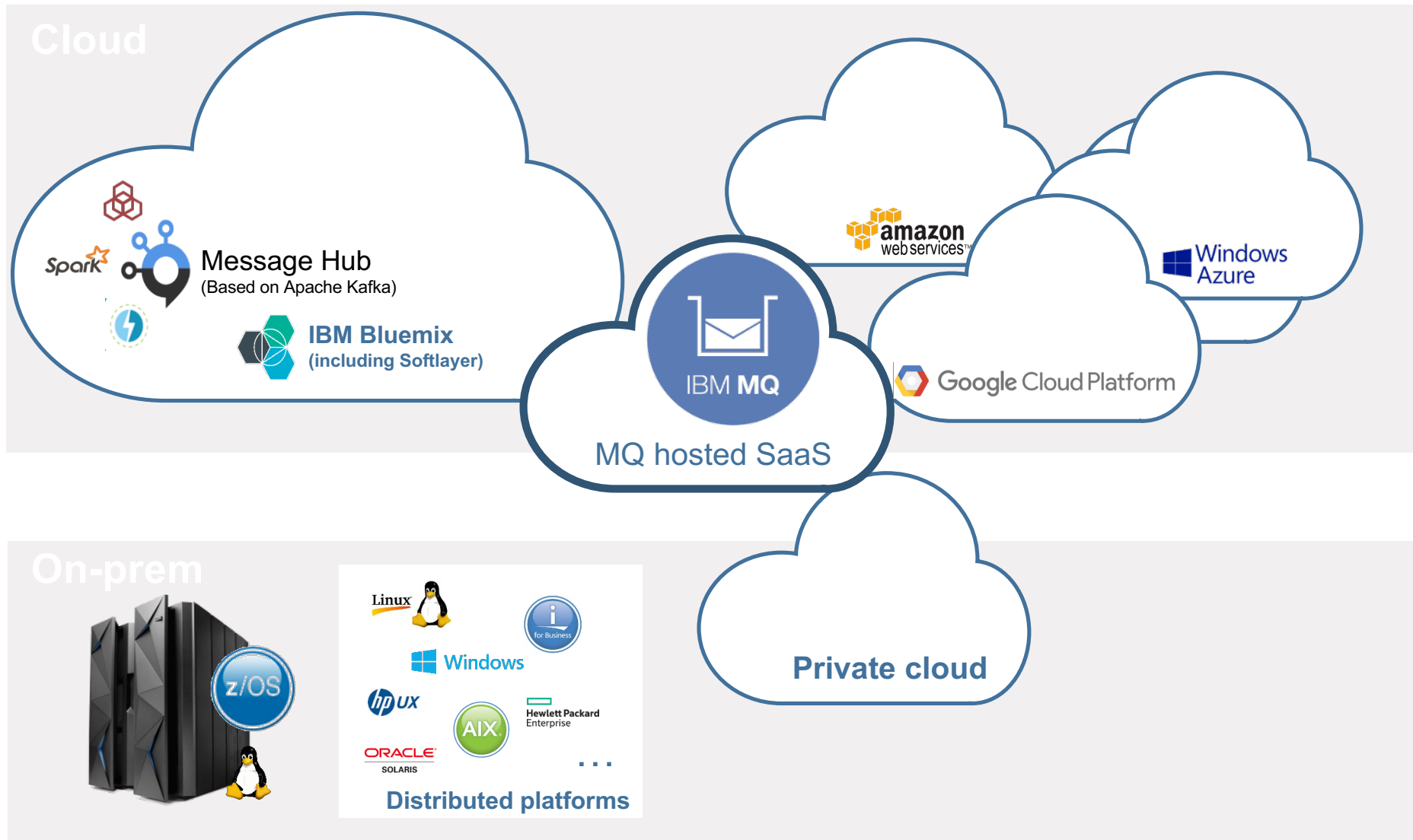
## Run MQ, exactly how and where you need it



## ... or Let IBM host MQ for you and use it from where you need it

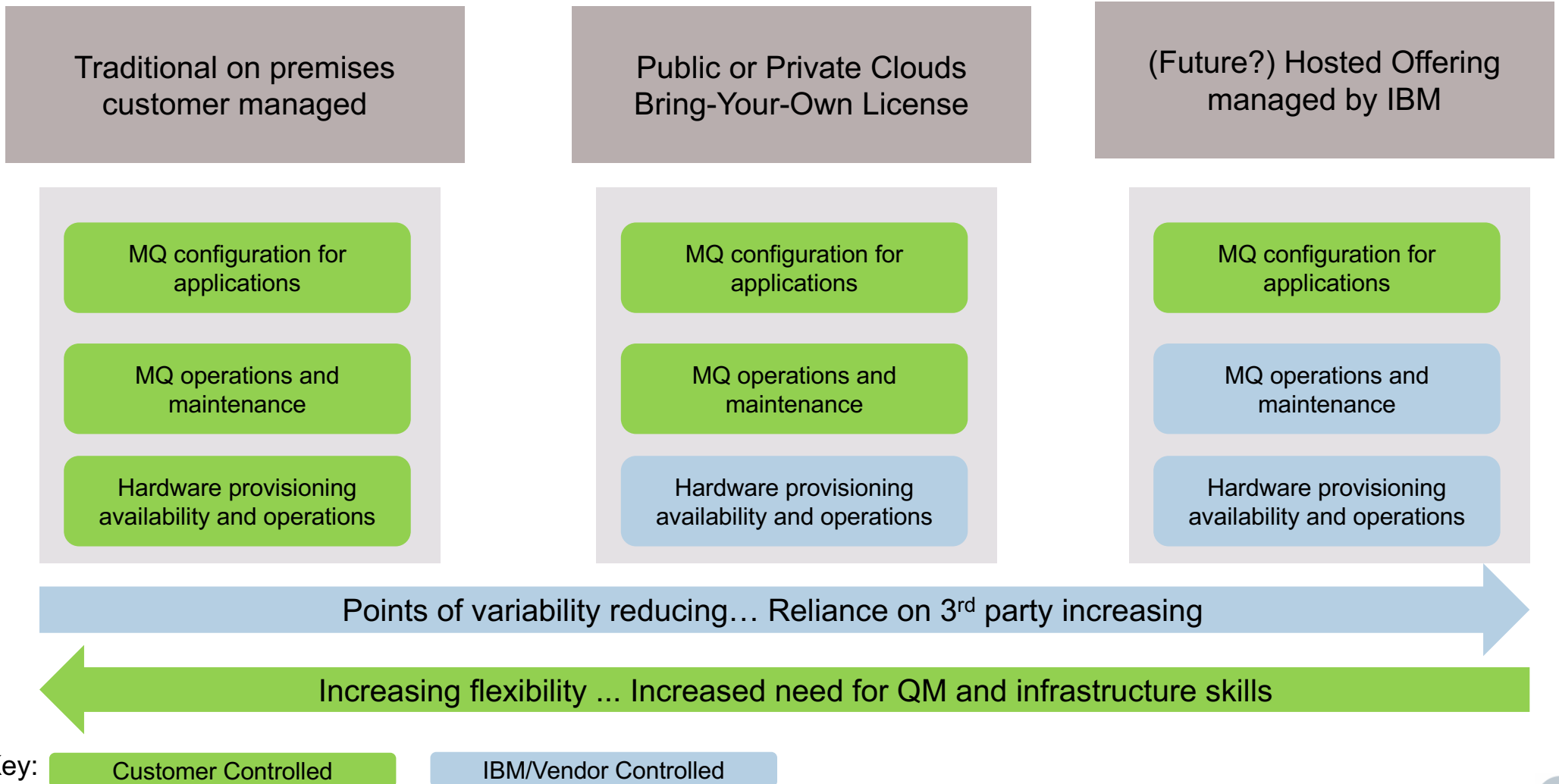


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# Division of labour and skills - On-premise v Cloud

Investigating





## Software MQ – HA investigations

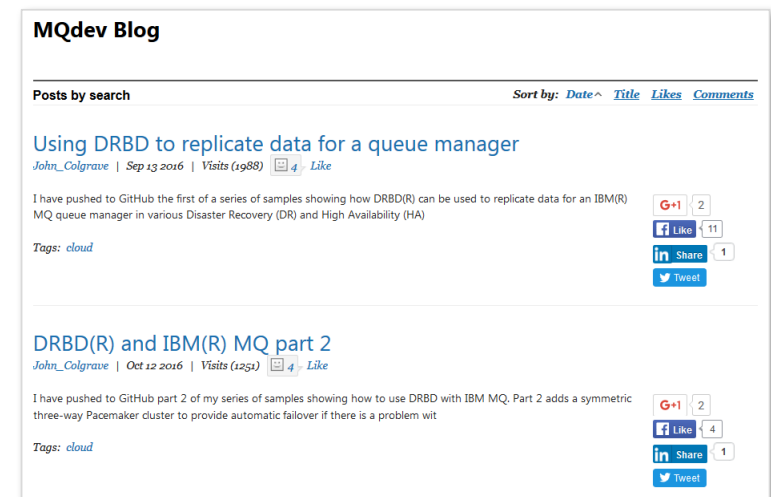
# Software HA for MQ – learning from ourselves!

MQ's excellent data resiliency is underpinned by the filesystem. Multi-instance and HA cluster high availability is based on shared access to that one filesystem.

The IBM MQ Appliance introduced shared nothing HA through direct data replication

One way to build your own equivalent is to look to a DRBD based solution (guidance given ➔)

IBM is working on an HA solution to provide this capability built into a future **IBM MQ Advanced**...



<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/blogs/me ssaging/>

# Initial thinking

Always **Linux only**

but only RHEL 7.3 x86-64 initially

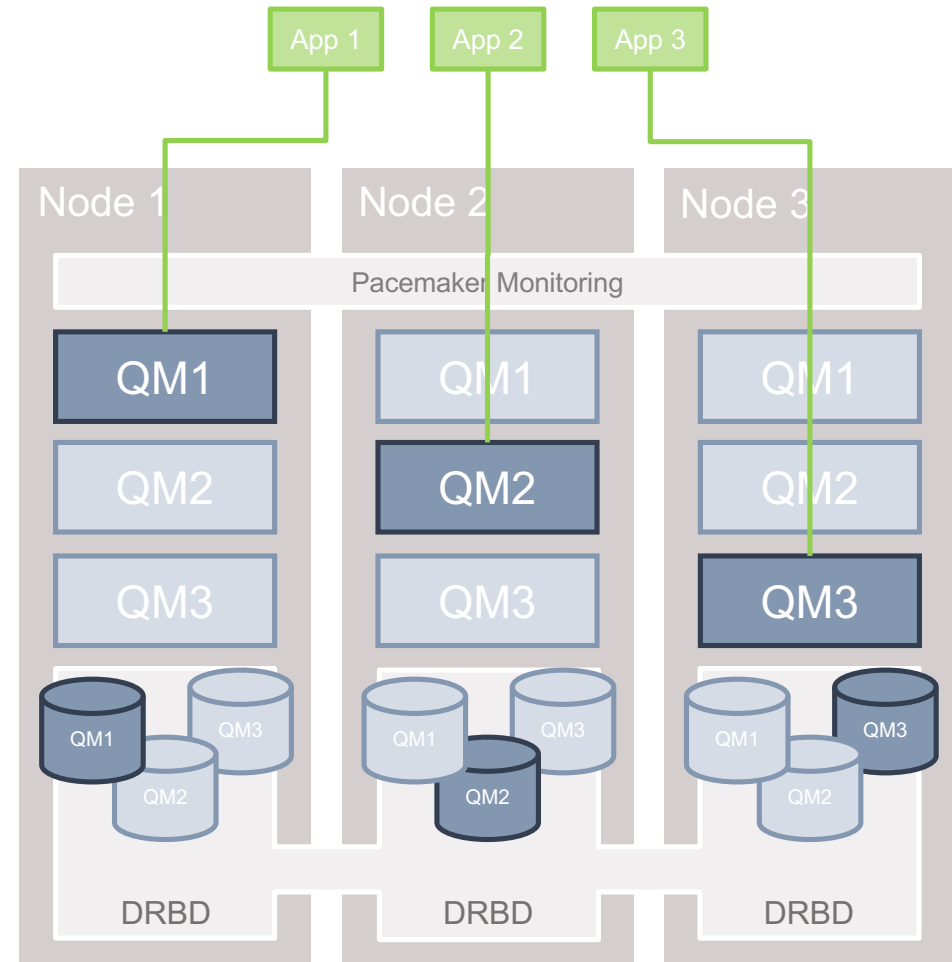
Initial focus on bare metal and VM environments

Unsuitable for containers (orchestration layers provide alternative capabilities)

Three servers are required for quorum, no more, no less

Initially only **synchronous replication with automatic HA**

Potential to add manual takeover (no quorum) synchronous and asynchronous replication later



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## Questions?