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IBM MQ Console and REST

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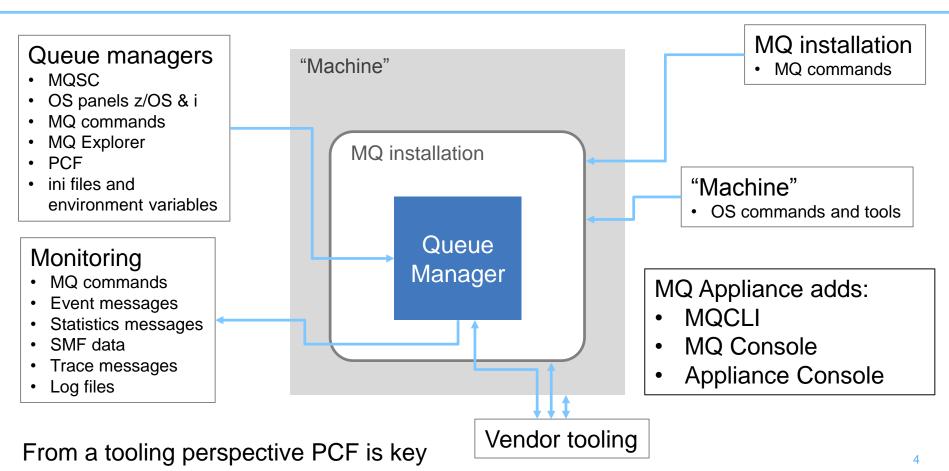
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Agenda

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

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

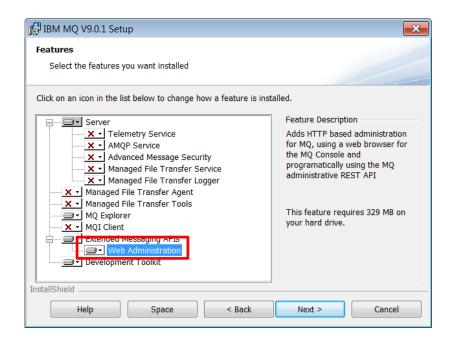
- MQ 9.0.1 CD added support for a number of HTTP-based administration capabilities
 - Focus on low barrier to entry and ease of use
 - MQ Console a web-browser based graphical administration tool
 - MQ REST API a programmatic administration API
 - Enhanced further in 9.0.2 and 9.0.3
- As 9.0.1 is a CD 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



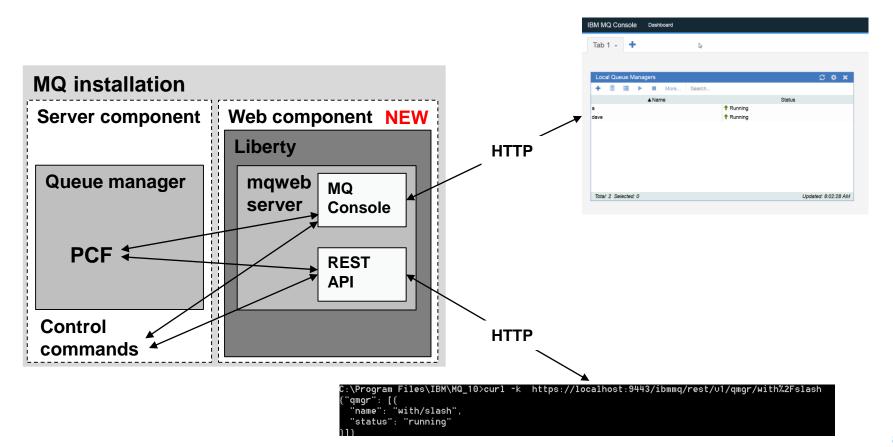
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Web component

- A new optional install component
- Contains the MQ Console, MQ administrative REST API and prereqs
 - WebSphere Liberty Profile which runs the mqweb 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 mgweb has been launched.

CWWKG0028A: Processing included configuration resource: C:\Program

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

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MQ\web\installations\Latest902\servers\mqweb\mqwebuser.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.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: 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 mqweb 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 mayeb server.
-->
<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="mqDefaultSSLConfig"/>
    <basicRegistry id="basic" realm="defaultRealm">
   </basicRegistry>
</server>
```

Managing mqweb server

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

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

```
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/
```

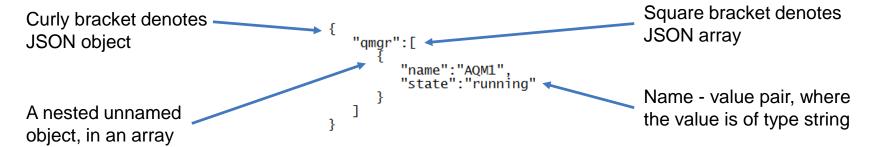
```
USER.PROCLIB(MQWEBMWL) - 01.03
                  PROC
          SET_INSTDIR='/u/mleming/v902betamam/web'
          SET USERDIR='/u/mleming/mq902web'
000064 //*
                 EXEC PGM=BPXBATSL, REGION=0M, TIME=NOLIMIT,
          PARM='PGM &INSTDIR./lib/native/zos/s390x/bbgzsrv mgweb
                  DD PATH='&USERDIR.'
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=*
000072 //STDIN
                  DD DUMMY
                  DD *
000073 //STDENV
000074 JAVA HOME=/java/java80 bit64 sr3 fp20/J8.0 64
000075 PATH=/u/mleming/v902betamqm/web/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin
000076 LIBPATH=/u/mleming/v902betamgm/java/lib
000077 //*
```

What is REST?

- REpresentational State Transfer
 - An architectural style
 - Term first coined by Roy Fielding in his PhD thesis
 - 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) that can use them
 - Originally used for serving web-pages
 - Works really well for APIs too
- Generally light-weight and relatively simple to use, much simpler than SOAP web-services
 - Has become incredibly common in recent years
- However, there are a lot 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

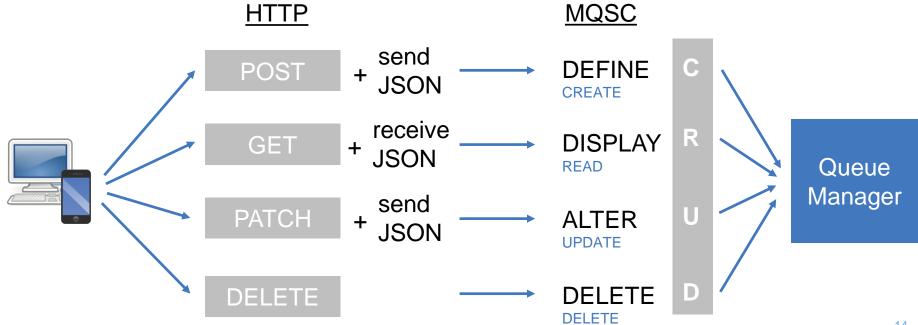
MQ REST API

- 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 that 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 on underlying MQ capabilities such as PCF and control commands, but adjusted to adhere to RESTful practices
- URL represents 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
 - The -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!

```
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=*

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=x
{"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"
}]
```

Defining 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 manager name

Queue definition – very simple in this case

Displaying queues

- DISPLAY Q*
 - GET to /ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{queueName}

Altering 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}}" https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/bob2/queue/Q.LOCAL1

Deleting queues

- 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"

}]}
```

Displaying queue status

- 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/ibmmg/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

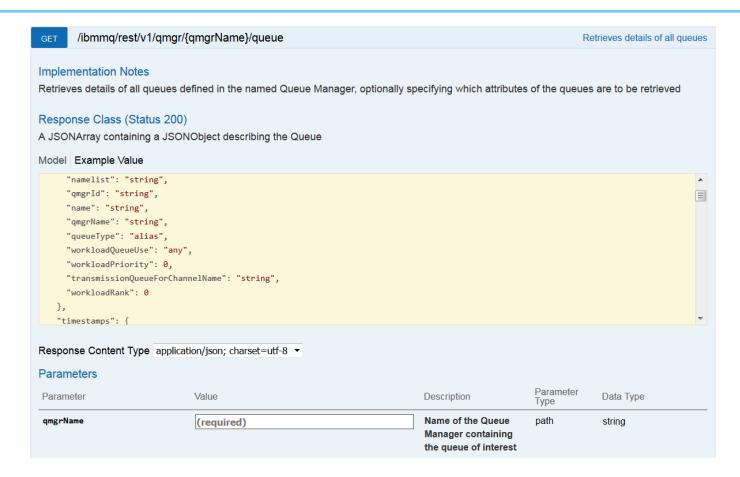
- Want to find out what is available in the MQ REST API & don't want to read the KC?
- Then try out API discovery!
- Function in WLP that describes the MQ REST API using Swagger
- Makes it easier to see what is there and try it out

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
/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue		Retrieves	details of all queues
POST /ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue			Creates a queue
DELETE /ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{qName}			Deletes a queue
/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{qName}		Retrieves detai	ls of a specific queue
/ibmmq/rest/v1/qmgr/{qmgrName}/queue/{qName}			Modifies a queue

API discovery



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 you 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="MQWebAdmin">
            <group name="MQWebUI" realm="defaultRealm"/>
        </security-role>
        <security-role name="MQWebAdminRO">
            <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="mqadmin" password="mqadmin"/>
    <user name="mgreader" password="mgreader"/>
    <group name="MQWebUI">
       <member name="mgadmin"/>
    </aroup>
</basicRegistry>
<!-- Example LDAP Registry -->
<ld><ldapRegistry id="ldap"</li>
    realm="MvOrganizationRealm"
    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 gets a cookie which is used for subsequent requests
 Curl -k -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json"

User id and password provided as JSON payload

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

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
 - Not currently supported on the MQ Appliance

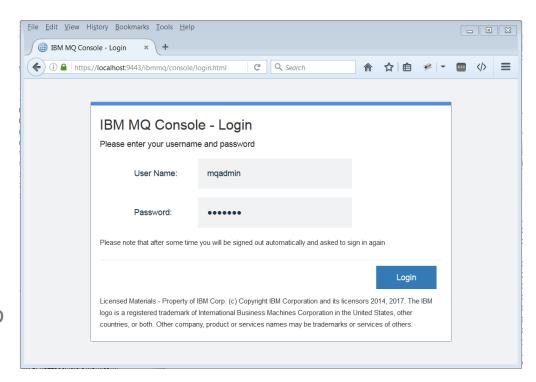
- CORS support enabled for web-browser based environments
 - Provides a whitelist of origins (URLs) which can invoke the REST API

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 a different implementation than for the appliance at version 8.0.0.x
 - Functional parity with MQ Console on the appliance at version 8.0.0.x
- 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

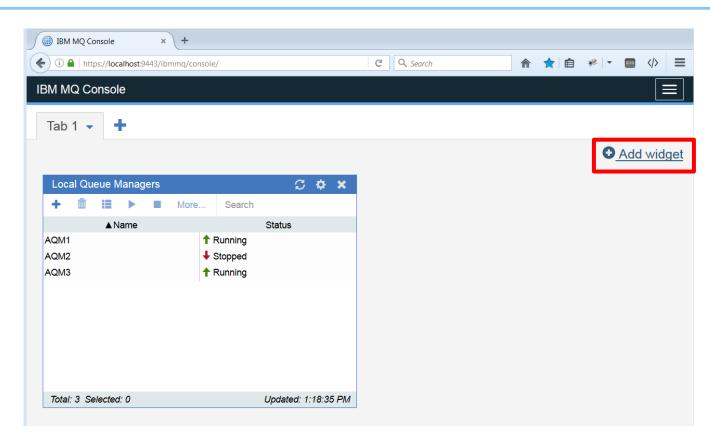
- Point your web-browser at the MQ Console and log in
 - With a user id and password
 - With a client certificate
- Log in credentials validated using user registry configured in the mqweb server
 - Like the REST API
- Access determined by role
 - Same role names as REST API
 - But in a different name space so REST users don't need to have same access as MQ Console users



MQ Console – add widgets

Console dashboard consists of a number of widgets

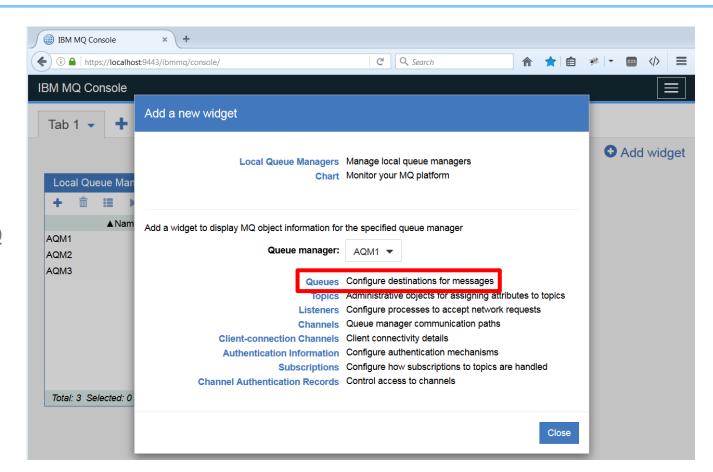
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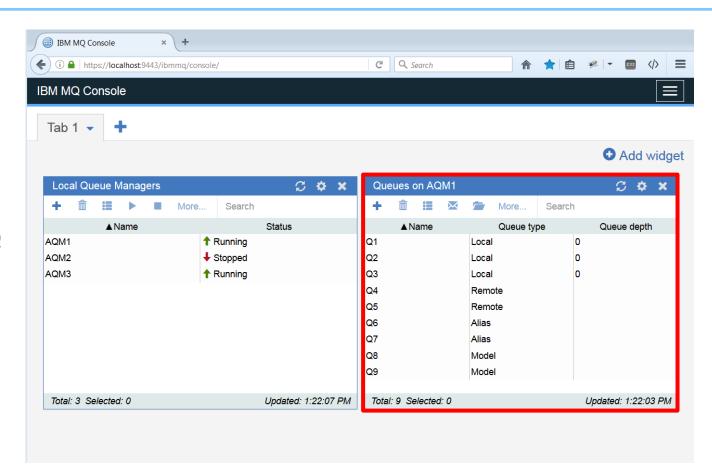
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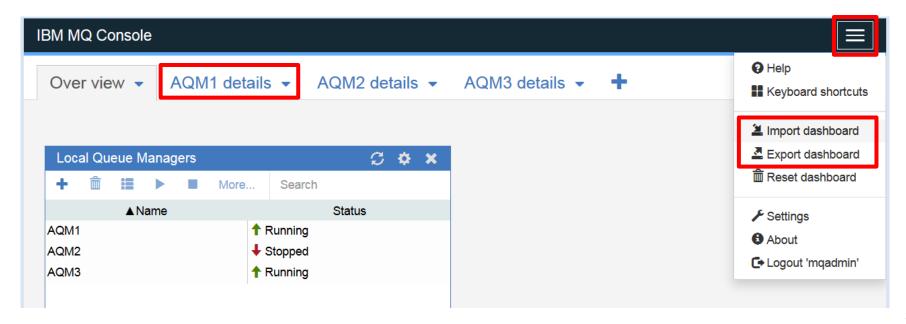
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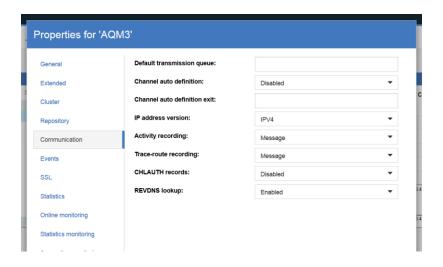
MQ Console – layout

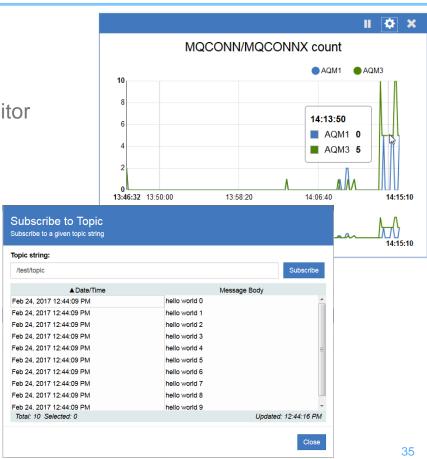
- Can use multiple tabs to help manage content
- Each user can lay out their dashboard according to their needs
- Can export dashboard to share layout with others



MQ Console – manage

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

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Questions?