What's New in IBM MQ v9.0.5 CDR

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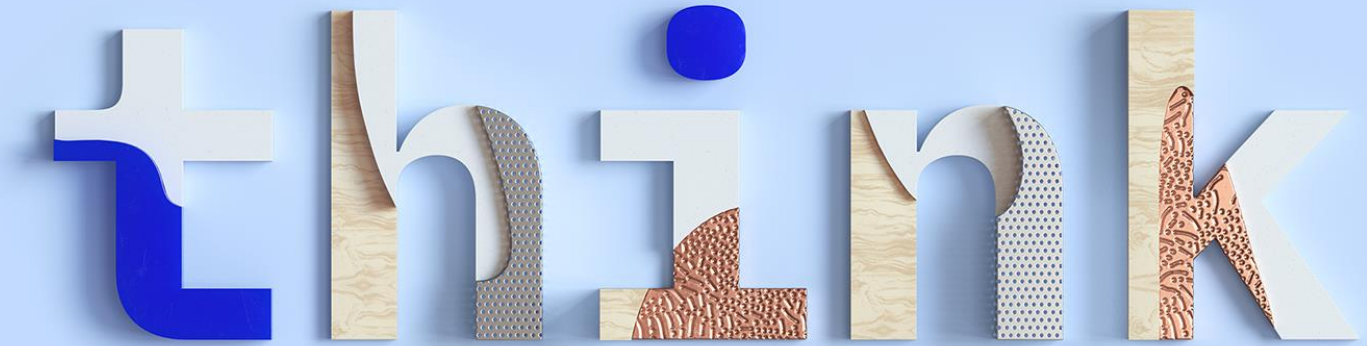

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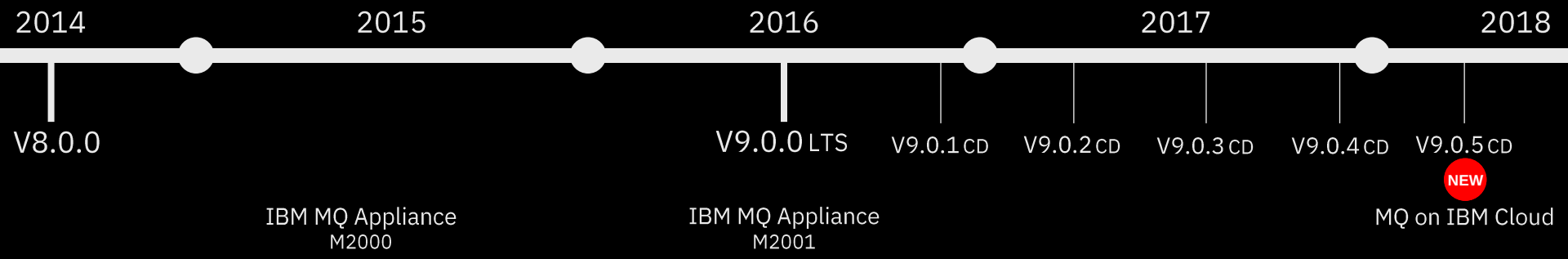
IBM MQ: long term support and continuous delivery



In 2016 MQ introduced a dual Long Term Support and a Continuous Delivery model

Continuous Delivery

New CD versions of MQ are released approximately every four months, incrementally introducing new product capabilities.

Intended for those that can continually integrate.

Long Term Support

Approximately every two years a new LTS version is released, rolling up many of the CD capabilities into a release with 5+3 support attached.

Required by those looking for fixed function.

Mix and Match

Both are available under the same license.

Both can interoperate, just like any previous version of MQ.

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IBM MQ 9.0.5 CDR

- Announced 13 March and available as of 16 March. See ZP18-0084 letter.

- Several new enhancements....
  - Replicated Data Queue Manager improved
  - IBM MQ Managed File Transfer new features (eg. REST support)
  - Performance improvements

- See Knowledge Center q130600_ for v9.0.5 details

- Statement Of Direction:
- "*With the next release of MQ, IBM intends to initiate deployment of a new Long Term Support (LTS) release cycle. The LTS release will provide many of the features that will be delivered in the Version 9.0.x Continuous Delivery releases*"

- For Distributed platforms, available for download via Passport advantage; search CJ329ML

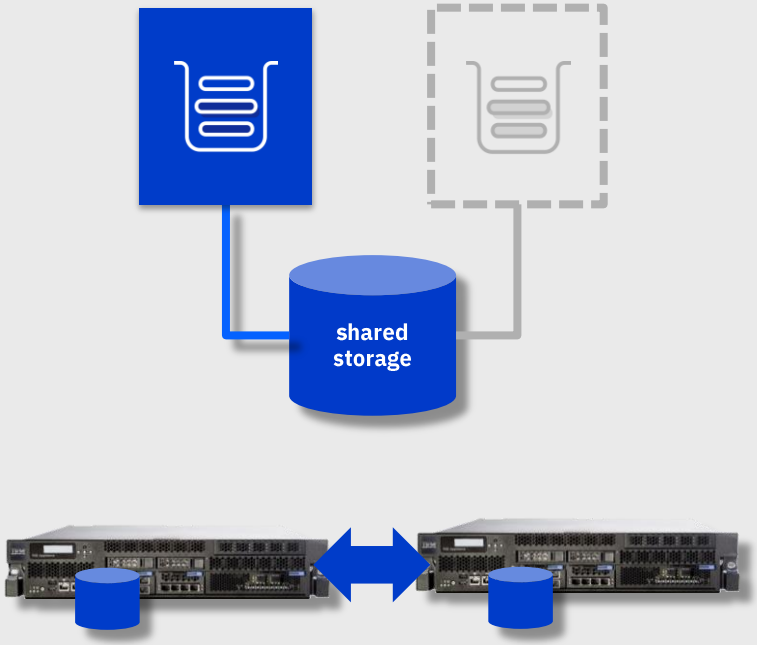
- For MQ z/OS CDR, APAR PI89159 to find the PTFs to update your installation from 9.0.4 to 9.0.5, APAR P192774 for MQ Managed File Transfer for z/OS and APAR P193404 for MQ Advanced for z/OS Value Unit Edition.

HA, there are no excuses

MQ delivers HA through the ability to build horizontally scaled, active-active systems and typically **active-passive HA** of the data itself*, the messages.

Traditionally active-passive HA has been achieved through **HA clusters** or **multi instance** queue managers. Both rely on highly available infrastructure to be setup and relied on.

The **MQ Appliance** changed this with a fully integrated HA solution, providing built in machine to machine data replication and failover.



* z/OS shared queue provides active-active HA of the message data!

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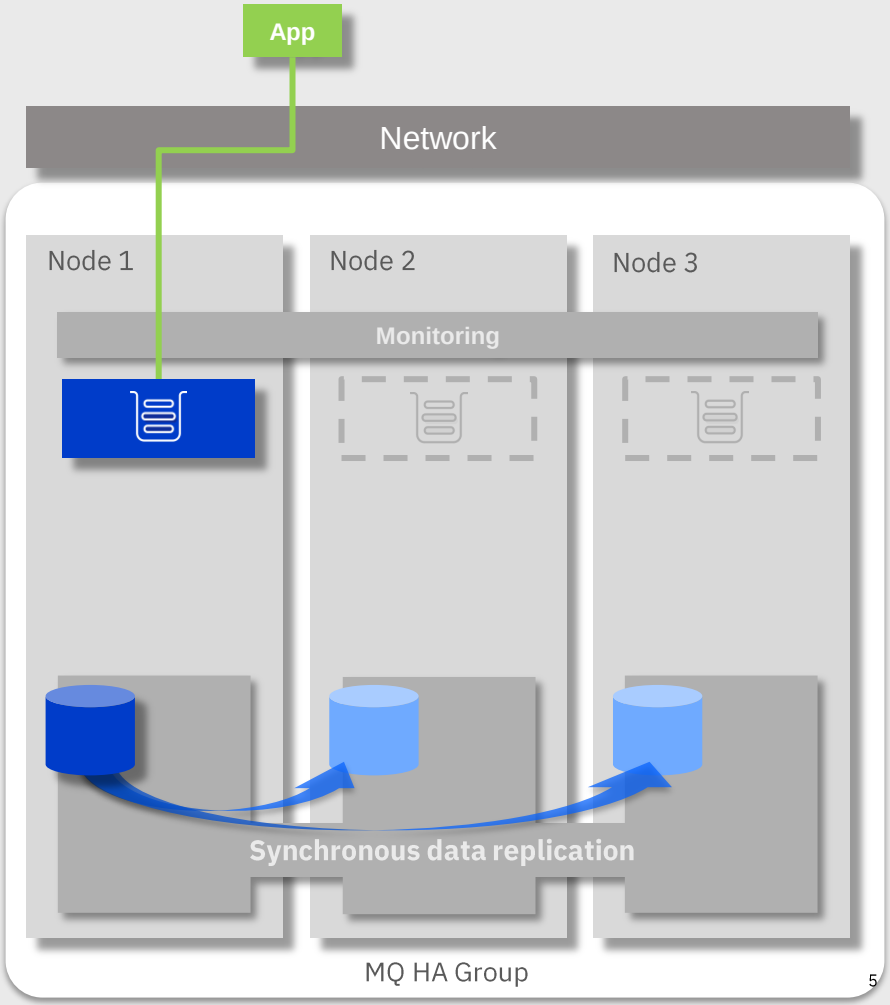

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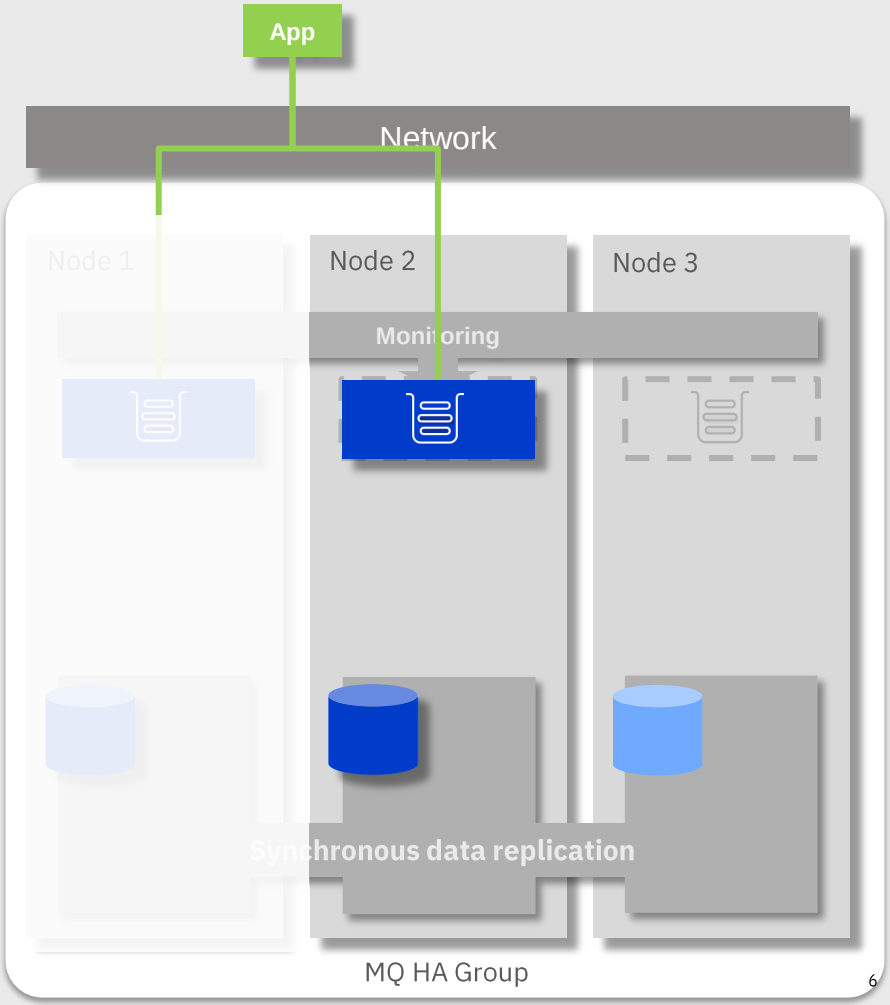

Replicated Data Queue Managers

Recommended deployment pattern:

- Spread the workload across multiple queue managers and distribute them across all three nodes
- Even better, more than one queue manager per node for better failover distribution
- Use MQ Clusters for additional routing of messages to work around problems

MQ **licensing** is aligned to maximise benefits

- One full **IBM MQ Advanced** license and two **High Availability Replica** licenses (previously named *Idle Standby*)

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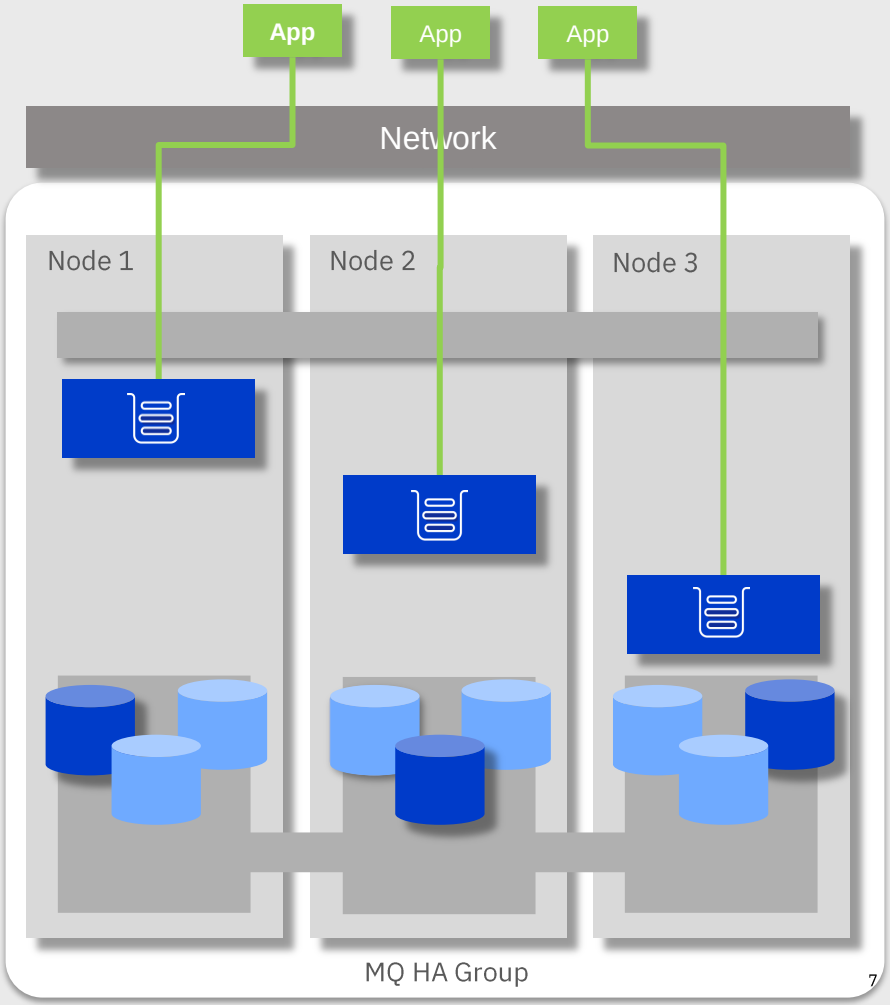


Connecting Applications at Scale

Binding an application to a specific queue manager restricts future changes, impacting availability, scalability and maintenance of the system

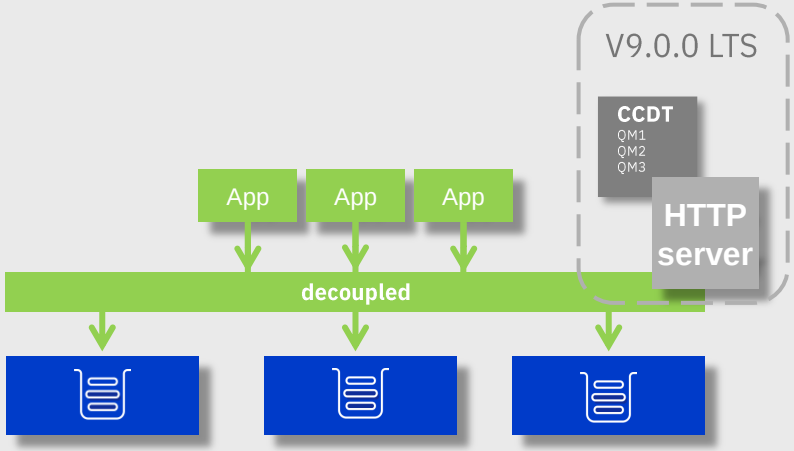
Run applications remote from the queue managers, connecting as **MQ clients**

For horizontal scaling, create **groups of matching queue managers** and connect applications to the group, not each queue manager

Now you can add and remove queue managers without changing the application

Use one of multiple ways to map applications to queue managers and their location. For example

- Infrastructure level routing
- Client Channel Definition Tables (**CCDTs**)



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Manual failover

9.0.5 CD MQ Advanced adds the ability to build a looser coupled pair of nodes for data replication but no automatic failover, typically for **Disaster Recovery**

Data replication can be

- **Asynchronous** for systems separated by a high latency network
- **Synchronous** for systems on a low latency network

No automatic takeover means no need for a third node to provide a quorum

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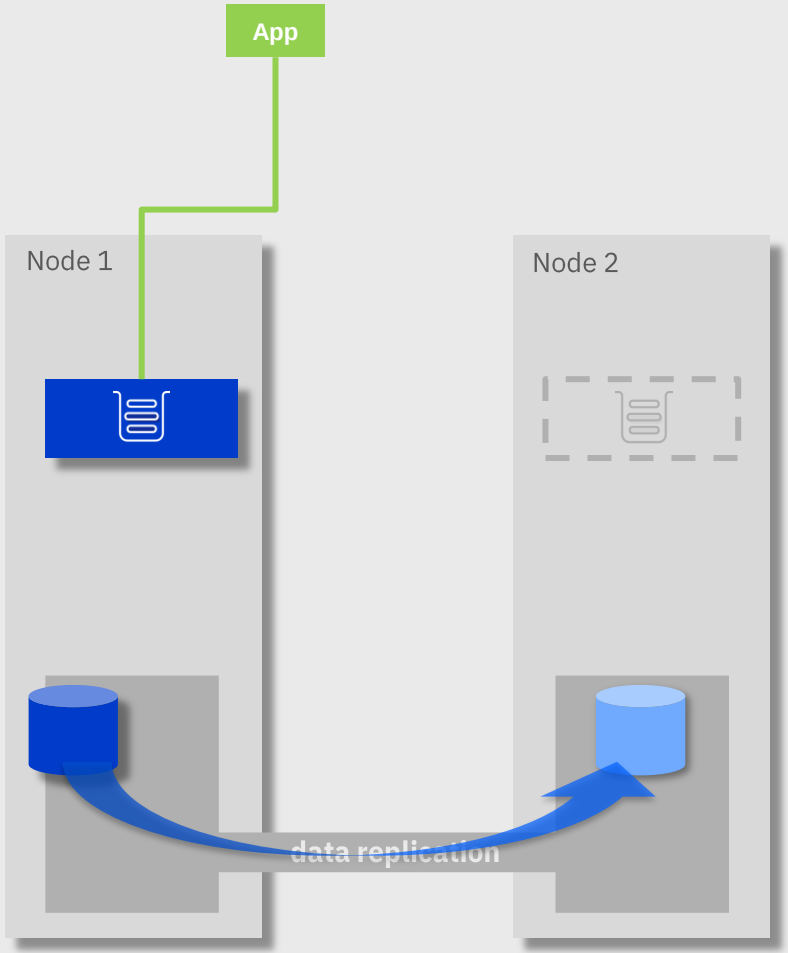


Bridging to MQ

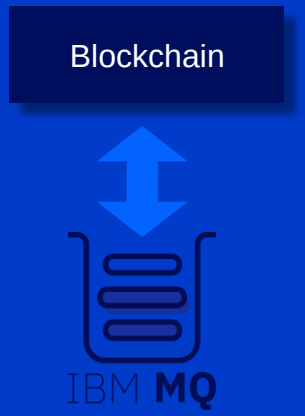
As well as connecting a wide array of applications directly to an MQ system, there are a growing set of bridges and connectors between MQ and external systems

Salesforce

Integrate MQ's publish/subscribe with Salesforce. Exchange **Salesforce events** and **MQ publications** using the MQ Bridge for Salesforce with no need for your backend applications to connect to Salesforce directly.

Blockchain

Use MQ messages to query and update a Blockchain ledger. Connects to **Hyperledger** Fabric networks in IBM Cloud and locally. Supported for use with V9.0.x **MQ Advanced** queue managers



Kafka

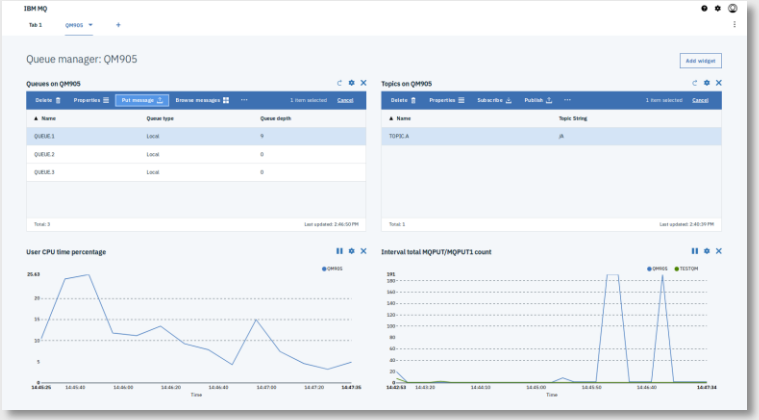
IBM MQ sink and source connectors are currently being openly developed by IBM and provides **as-is**, allowing you to connect your MQ systems with your Kafka clusters

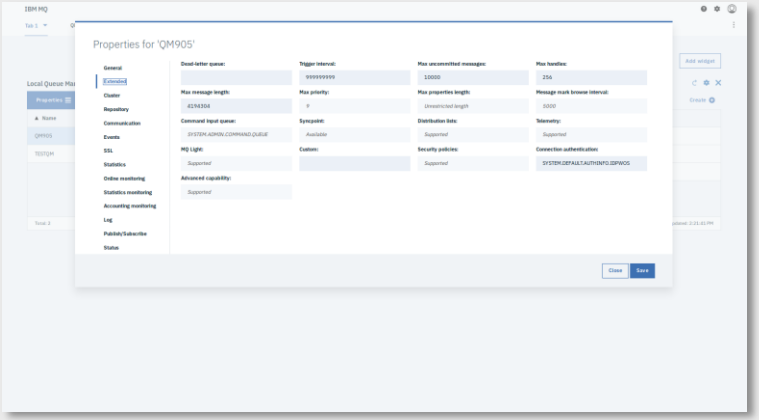
www.confluent.io/product/connectors

Software MQ Web Console

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

Provides a very simple way to access MQ resources





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Being over **HTTPS** also enables the embedding of MQ administrative operations into many environments and tools that previously would not be possible

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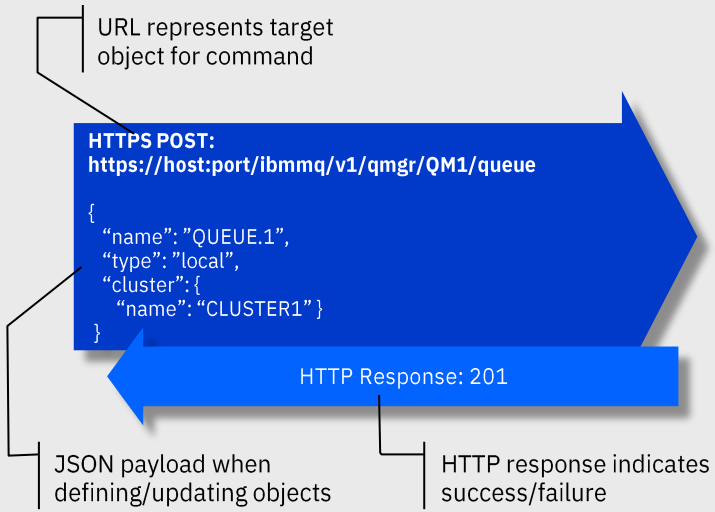

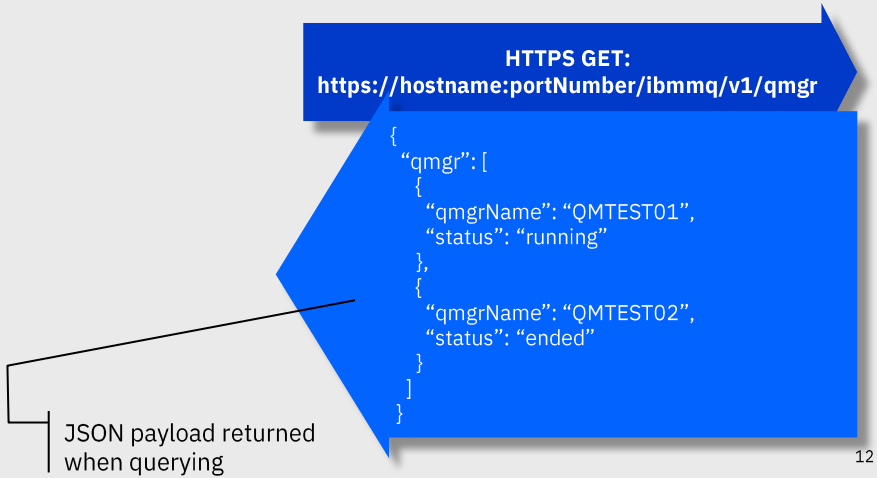

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9.0.5 adds support for monitoring your Managed File Transfer system with **agent** and **transfer** status lists over REST

NEW

HTTPS GET:
https://host:port/ibmmq/v1/mft/transfer


```
{"transfer": [
 {
  "destinationAgent": {"name": "AGENT.X.BANK"},
  "originator": {
   "host": "192.168.99.1",
   "userId": "ramsubbarao"
  },
  "sourceAgent": {"name": "TESTAGENT"},
  "statistics": {
   "endTime": "2018-01-08T16:22:15.569Z",
   "numberOfFileFailures": 0,
   "numberOfFileSuccesses": 2,
   "numberOfFileWarnings": 0,
   "numberOfFiles": 2,
   "startTime": "2018-01-08T16:22:15.242Z"
  },
  "status": {
   "state": "successful"
  },
  "id": "414D51204D465444454D4F3320202020513E525A21109908"
 }
```


See DevWorks article on using MFT REST API

Implementing MQ MFT REST

Get the MQ REST interface configured and running. Essentially 4 commands to get it going for test!

1. Select and copy a supplied mqwebuser.xml sample security model
2. Configure a port (setmqweb)
3. Update the mqwebuser.xml with MFT statements:

```
<variable name="mqRestMftEnabled"
value="true" />

 <variable
name="mqRestMftCoordinationQmgr"
value="QM905" />
```

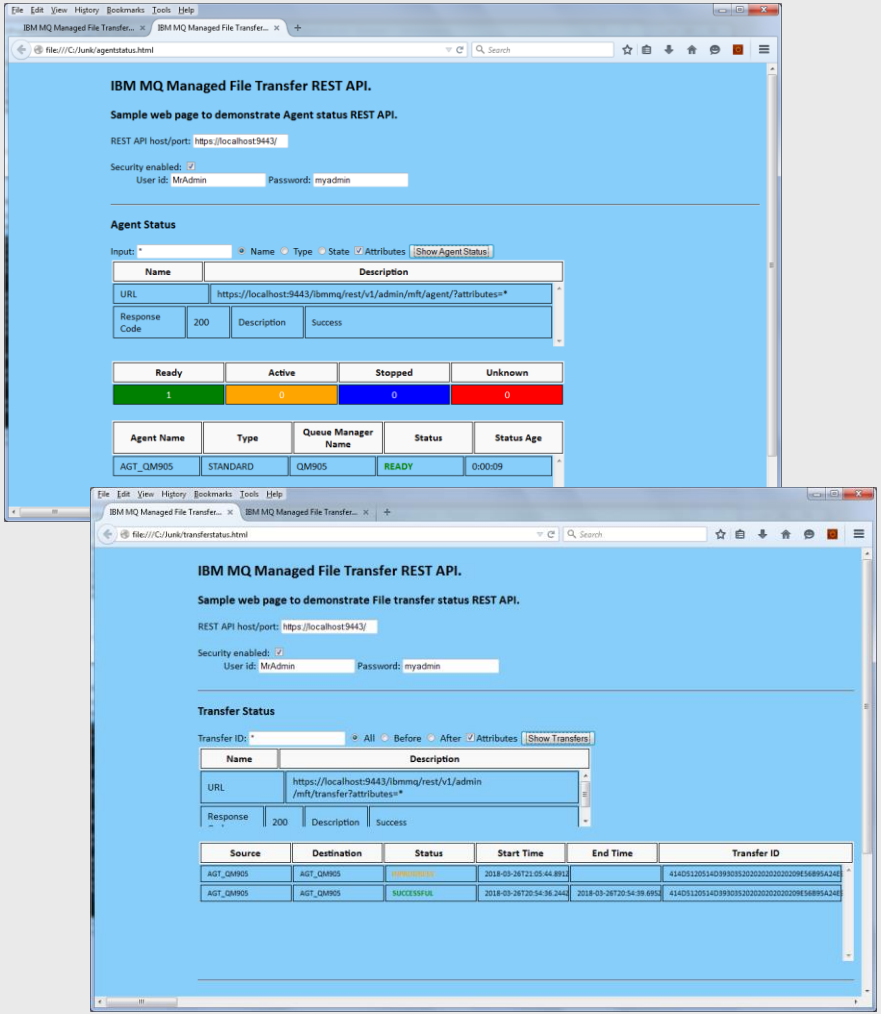
4. Start it up (strmqweb)

```
c:\MQ905\bin> curl -k -X GET -u MrAdmin:mxxxxxx
https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/mft/agent
{"agent": [{
  "name": "AGT_QM905",
  "state": "ready",
  "type": "standard"
}]}
c:\MQ905\bin>


c:\MQ905\bin> curl -k -X GET -u MrAdmin:xxxxxxx
https://localhost:9443/ibmmq/rest/v1/admin/mft/transfer?limit=100
{"transfer": [{
  "destinationAgent": {"name": "AGT_QM905"},
  "id": "414D5120514D393035202020202020F6B5AF5A2455C404",
  "originator": {
    "host": "192.168.225.128",
    "userId": "MrAdmin"
  },
  "sourceAgent": {"name": "AGT_QM905"},
  "statistics": {
    "endTime": "2018-03-19T14:34:41.995Z",
    "numberOfFileFailures": 0,
    "numberOfFileSuccesses": 1,
    "numberOfFileWarnings": 0,
    "numberOfFiles": 1,
    "startTime": "2018-03-19T14:34:40.213Z"
  },
  "status": {"state": "successful"}
}]}
c:\MQ905\bin>
```

New MQ MFT sample for MFT REST API

- Available for download at https://github.com/ibm-messaging/mft-sample-web-ui
- Runs either as a WAR deployed in a (different!) Liberty instance (licence restriction) or…
- Runs by directly running HTML in your Browser
- See the README.md delivered with package for details



Managing diagnostic data

The need to centrally collect and analyse diagnostic data is increasing, using tools such as Splunk, Elasticsearch and Grafana

MQ generates a wide range of information and has demonstrated how this can be collected using off the shelf tooling

Subscribing to metrics in MQ V9 makes that even easier

MQ 9.0.5 has seen further enhancements to the error log data it generates to aid such solutions

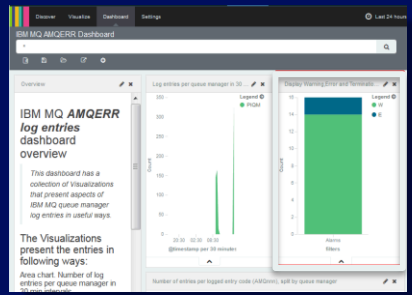
- Universal timestamps and severity levels
- Separated inserts
- JSON output
- Multiple logs
- Syslog output

NEW

See KC q018795_

Publish MQ statistics to Prometheus and Grafana

Forward MQ error logs to ElasticSearch or Splunk



Error logs output JSON for easy parsing


```
{
   "ibm_messageId":"AMQ6287I",
   "ibm_arithInsert1":0,
   "ibm_arithInsert2":0,
   "ibm_commentInsert1":"Linux 4.13.0-36-generic (MQ Linux (x86-64 platform) 64-bit)",
   "ibm_commentInsert2":"/opt/mqm(Installation1)",
   "ibm_commentInsert3":"9.0.5.0 (p905-L180228.1)",
   "ibm_datetime":"2018-03-04T13:18:27.506Z",
   "ibm_serverName":"QM905",
   "type":"mq_log",
   "host":"david-VirtualBox",
   "loglevel":"INFO",
   "module":"amqxeida.c:6238",
   "ibm_sequence":"1520169507_506462655",
   "ibm_processId":2119,
   "ibm_threadId":1,
   "ibm_version":"9.0.5.0",
   "ibm_processName":"strmqm",
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