

Proposal for GSoC 2025

RocketMQ-refactor dashboard

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THE PR	pref: optimize the response speed of the query api by Crazylychee · Pull Request #273 · apache/rocketmq-dashboard [ISSUE #274] fix:Failed to find messages older than 3 days using message ID by Crazylychee · Pull Request #275 · apache/rocketmq-dashboard [issues #279] fix: align top navigation bar styles by Crazylychee · Pull Request #280 · apache/rocketmq-dashboard
RELATED EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proficient in Java, familiar with Spring, fluently use Maven• Familiar with Linux and Docker• Proficient in using Vue and React to build front-end applications• Crazylychee Here is my resume.

Project

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Refactoring the RocketMQ Dashboard UI and Enhancing Usability

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Background

Current Status & Existing Implementation

1. The current system is implemented using Bootstrap + AngularJS, but suffers from issues such as misaligned text elements, outdated chart styling, etc.
2. Date picker interactions require manual page refreshes, indicating incomplete AngularJS data binding functionality.
3. Certain API endpoints repeatedly recreate time-consuming resources, resulting in response times exceeding 3 seconds in Windows environment.
4. Security vulnerabilities exist: passwords are stored in plain text, no session management, and coarse-grained permission controls.
5. Documentation requires significant improvements in completeness and clarity.
6. The official Docker image is outdated and no longer maintained.

Unmet Requirements

1. Modern visual design language, unified interaction patterns, and dynamic chart visualization capabilities.
2. Real-time interaction feedback (e.g., automatic data updates) and More efficient workflow.
3. Fast Dashboard API responses with efficient utilization of time-consuming resources.
4. Multi-role permission management (RDBC), audit logging for sensitive operations.
5. Reduced learning curve through improved discoverability of key features.
6. Stable, production-ready, and lightweight containerized deployment experience.

Reusable Components

1. AngularJS business logic, page layout foundations, and backend data interfaces.
2. Date picker components and backend query APIs.
3. Existing resource creation workflows.
4. User authentication module and basic permission validation logic.
5. Current documentation drafts and troubleshooting blog content.
6. docker-compose configurations and build pipeline scripts.

Areas Requiring Refactoring

1. Rewrite event listeners (e.g., \$watch), integrate loading animations (Spinner).

2. Overhaul CSS styling, migrate to modern chart libraries (e.g., ECharts), adopt modular CSS preprocessing (Sass/Less).
3. Optimize API logic to maximize reuse of time-consuming resources.
4. Implement Spring Security + BCrypt encryption, add session timeout controls, phased RBAC adoption . Introduce audit logging.
5. Expand documentation with detailed guidance and examples.
6. Update deprecated Docker images and establish regular maintenance cycles.

Design / description of work and Scheduled

Phase 1: Frontend Architecture Modernization (Weeks 1-4)

Task	Priority	Innovation Points	Integration Approach
Optimize UI Styling	Mandatory	Modernized visual presentation	Gradual style replacement while preserving existing HTML structure. Rewrite partial CSS for modern design implementation.
Replace Static Chart Library with ECharts	Optional	Interactive dynamic charts (e.g., real-time monitoring curves), responsive rendering	Encapsulate ECharts components, replace original AngularJS chart directives while maintaining consistent data interfaces.
Refactor Event Listeners (e.g., \$watch) + Enhance Workflow Refactoring	Mandatory	Optimized data binding efficiency through \$watch, reduced unnecessary re-rendering	Refactor listener logic in AngularJS controllers. Optimize the workflow, such as creating the subject with the namespace.

Phase 2: API Performance Optimization (Weeks 4-7)

Task	Priority	Innovation Points	Integration Approach
Optimize Resource-Intensive Operations	Mandatory	Async + caching mechanisms Performance bottleneck identification	Implement asynchronous processing with caching strategies. Audit codebase to eliminate redundant resource loading through pooling/reuse patterns.
Phased RBAC Implementation	Mandatory	File-based RBAC configuration Granular method-path controls	Enhance YAML configuration schema (role-permission.yml) for multi-role definitions. Integrate dynamic policy resolution in Spring Security context.

Phase 3: Infrastructure & Security Hardening (Weeks 7-10)

Task	Priority	Innovation Points	Integration Approach
Spring Security + BCrypt Implementation	Mandatory	Password encryption without DB dependency	Enhance user-roles.yml with BCrypt hashing. Configure Spring Security for in-memory authentication and session timeout control.

		In-memory session storage	
migrate to Java 17 and Spring Boot 3	Optional	Java 17 and Spring Boot 3	improve unit/integration test coverage and do Incremental migration
Audit Log Implementation	Mandatory	File-based operation tracking Zero external storage dependency	Implement AOP interceptors for sensitive endpoints. Align log format with right patterns (timestamp/user/action).

Phase 4: User Experience Refinement (Weeks 11-13)

Task	Priority	Innovation Points	Integration Approach
Intro.js Onboarding Integration	Optional	Context-aware feature guidance Multi-language support	Trigger tour logic via AngularJS router transitions. Implement dynamic content matching based on current page functionality.
Documentation & Image Maintenance	Mandatory	"5-Minute Quickstart" tutorial Troubleshooting section	Sync documentation repo with codebase via Git hooks. Implement automated image tag versioning aligned with Git releases.

Some implementation details in my solution as examples:

During my analysis of the dashboard's RocketMQ5 support, I identified significant fragility in the implementation. In a stress test with 900 topics and 2300 consumers, I observed interface timeouts and failed queries. Using Arthas commands, I pinpointed the following root causes for slow topic queries:

1. Each topic triggers an examineTopicConfig call (~2s) without exception handling
2. Redundant examineBrokerClusterInfo executions (115ms each) retrieving duplicate data
3. No caching mechanism for repeated queries
4. Misclassification bug: DLQ topics being incorrectly identified as delay topics using %D pattern

My Optimization Implementation:

Topic Query Improvements:

1. Cached examineBrokerClusterInfo results by:
 - Extracting it into a service class
 - Setting 5-minute cache expiration
2. Implemented two-level caching for examineTopicConfig:
 - Initial call populates cache
 - Frontend refresh triggers cache invalidation
3. Fixed topic type identification logic
4. Use the getAllTopicConfig method in the MqAdminExt interface to query topic types in batches.

Consumer Query Optimization:

1. Cached consumer group configurations with:
 - Cache warmup on first query
 - 24-hour TTL with LRU eviction
2. Implemented dual refresh strategy:
 - Scheduled cache rebuild at 2:00 AM daily
 - Exposed per-consumer refresh API
3. Collaborated on RocketMQ batch query API development
4. Make full use of the consumer type returned by `getAllSubscriptionGroup` in the `MqAdminExt` interface to simplify the query of consumer type.

Current Status:

I have implemented these solutions in [MyDetailCodeAboutThat](#) and observed:

- Topic query latency reduced from 30s to <1s
- Consumer group query time decreased from 6 min to 800ms
- Fixed DLQ/delay topic misclassification

I look forward to contributing these optimizations to the community.

Results for the Apache community

For Users:

1. Smoother and more intuitive user experience
2. Enhanced security and compliance
3. Stable deployment and maintenance experience
4. Reduced operational costs

For Developers:

1. Code architecture that is easier to maintain and extend
2. Standardized development processes and documentation systems
3. Strengthened community ecosystem

For the Community:

1. A positive onboarding experience can attract more users to adopt RocketMQ and encourage greater participation in its maintenance, increasing community vibrancy.

Deliverables

- Optimize UI Styling
- Refactor Event Listeners (e.g., `$watch`) + Enhance Workflow Refactoring
- Optimize Resource-Intensive Operations
- Implement Spring Security + BCrypt Authentication
- Audit Log Implementation
- Documentation & Image Maintenance

- Replace Static Chart Library with ECharts (optional)
- Phased RBAC Implementation
- Migrate to Java 17 and Spring Boot 3 (optional)
- Intro.js Onboarding Integration (optional)

Other Time Commitments

During the summer break, I will dedicate approximately 4 hours daily, totaling around 30-40 hours per week. Any additional free time will also be allocated to these efforts.

Community engagement

- Engage the community via issues;
- Discuss with mentors via WeChat;
- Submit deliverables through PRs.