

Retro Gaming Catalog with RabbitMQ

A Docker-based Microservices Architecture

Docker Message-Oriented Architecture Project

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Abstract

This report presents a comprehensive overview of the Retro Gaming Catalog application, which implements a message-oriented architecture using Docker containers and RabbitMQ. The system consists of a frontend, backend API, database, and Python-based microservices that process images and enrich metadata asynchronously. The report details the architecture, Docker configuration, message flow, and resilience features of the application.

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1 Introduction

The Retro Gaming Catalog is a web application that allows users to browse, add, edit, and delete retro video games. The application follows a microservices architecture pattern and implements asynchronous processing using RabbitMQ message queues. This approach demonstrates how to decouple time-intensive operations from the main request-response cycle, improving user experience and system scalability.

1.1 Project Objectives

The main objectives of this project are:

- Implement a producer/consumer pattern using RabbitMQ
- Demonstrate containerization of a multi-service application using Docker
- Showcase asynchronous processing for time-intensive operations
- Create a responsive web application with real-time status updates
- Implement resilience features for robust operation

1.2 System Architecture

The application consists of the following components:

- Frontend: HTML, CSS, and JavaScript served by Nginx
- Backend API: Node.js with Express
- Database: MySQL
- Message Broker: RabbitMQ
- Image Processor: Python service for image processing
- Metadata Enricher: Python service for metadata enrichment

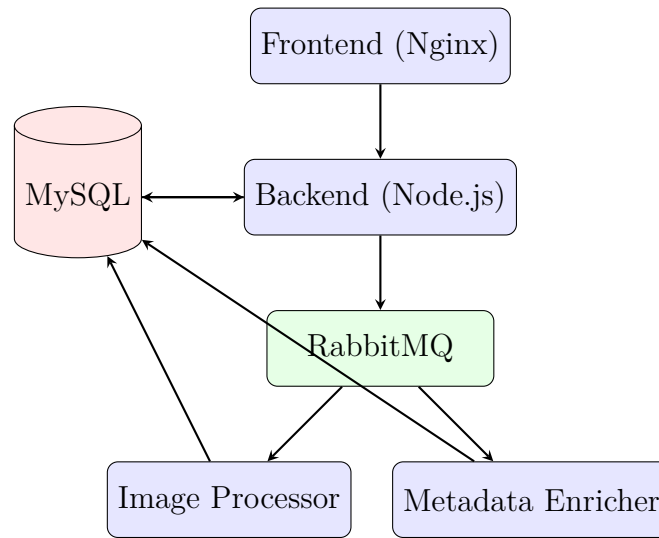


Figure 1: System Architecture Diagram

2 Docker Configuration

The application is containerized using Docker, with Docker Compose orchestrating the multi-container setup. This section details the Docker configuration for each service.

2.1 Docker Compose

The docker-compose.yml file defines the services, networks, and volumes for the application:

```
1 version: '3.8'
2
3 services:
4   # Frontend service
5   frontend:
6     build:
7       context: ./frontend
8       dockerfile: Dockerfile
9     ports:
10      - "80:80"
11     depends_on:
12       backend:
13         condition: service_healthy
14     networks:
15      - app-network
16     restart: unless-stopped
```

```

17
18 # Backend service
19 backend:
20     build:
21         context: ./backend
22         dockerfile: Dockerfile
23     ports:
24         - "3000:3000"
25     depends_on:
26         database:
27             condition: service_healthy
28         rabbitmq:
29             condition: service_healthy
30     environment:
31         - DB_HOST=database
32         - DB_USER=retro_user
33         - DB_PASSWORD=retro_password
34         - DB_NAME=retro_games_catalog
35         - PORT=3000
36         - RABBITMQ_URL=amqp://guest:guest@rabbitmq:5672
37     networks:
38         - app-network
39     restart: unless-stopped
40     healthcheck:
41         test: ["CMD", "wget", "--no-verbose", "--tries=1", "--spider", "http://localhost:3000/api/platforms"]
42         interval: 10s
43         timeout: 5s
44         retries: 5
45         start_period: 15s
46
47 # Database service
48 database:
49     build:
50         context: ./database
51         dockerfile: Dockerfile
52     ports:
53         - "3307:3306"
54     environment:
55         - MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=retro_password
56         - MYSQL_DATABASE=retro_games_catalog
57         - MYSQL_USER=retro_user
58         - MYSQL_PASSWORD=retro_password
59     volumes:
60         - mysql-data:/var/lib/mysql
61     networks:
62         - app-network
63     restart: unless-stopped
64     healthcheck:

```

```

65     test: ["CMD", "mysqladmin", "ping", "-h", "localhost",
66     "-u", "root", "-pretro_password"]
67     interval: 10s
68     timeout: 5s
69     retries: 5
70     start_period: 30s
71
72 # RabbitMQ service
73 rabbitmq:
74     image: rabbitmq:3-management
75     ports:
76     - "5672:5672" # AMQP protocol port
77     - "15672:15672" # Management UI port
78     environment:
79     - RABBITMQ_DEFAULT_USER=guest
80     - RABBITMQ_DEFAULT_PASS=guest
81     volumes:
82     - rabbitmq-data:/var/lib/rabbitmq
83     networks:
84     - app-network
85     restart: unless-stopped
86     healthcheck:
87     test: ["CMD", "rabbitmq-diagnostics", "
88     check_port_connectivity"]
89     interval: 10s
90     timeout: 5s
91     retries: 5
92     start_period: 30s
93
94 # Image processor service (Python consumer)
95 image-processor:
96     build:
97     context: ./image-processor
98     dockerfile: Dockerfile
99     depends_on:
100     rabbitmq:
101     condition: service_healthy
102     backend:
103     condition: service_healthy
104     environment:
105     - RABBITMQ_URL=amqp://guest:guest@rabbitmq:5672
106     - BACKEND_URL=http://backend:3000
107     volumes:
108     - processed-images:/app/processed
109     networks:
110     - app-network
111     restart: unless-stopped
112
113 # Metadata enricher service (Python consumer)

```

```

112 metadata-enricher:
113     build:
114         context: ./metadata-enricher
115         dockerfile: Dockerfile
116     depends_on:
117         rabbitmq:
118             condition: service_healthy
119         backend:
120             condition: service_healthy
121     environment:
122         - RABBITMQ_URL=amqp://guest:guest@rabbitmq:5672
123         - BACKEND_URL=http://backend:3000
124     networks:
125         - app-network
126     restart: unless-stopped
127
128 # Define networks
129 networks:
130     app-network:
131         driver: bridge
132
133 # Define volumes
134 volumes:
135     mysql-data:
136         driver: local
137     rabbitmq-data:
138         driver: local
139     processed-images:
140         driver: local

```

Listing 1: docker-compose.yml

Key features of the Docker Compose configuration:

- Health checks for critical services
- Dependency management with condition-based startup
- Persistent volumes for data storage
- Shared network for inter-service communication
- Environment variable configuration
- Port mapping for external access

2.2 Dockerfiles

2.2.1 Frontend Dockerfile

```

1 FROM nginx:alpine
2
3 # Copy static files
4 COPY . /usr/share/nginx/html/
5
6 # Copy nginx configuration
7 COPY nginx.conf /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
8
9 # Expose port
10 EXPOSE 80
11
12 # Start nginx
13 CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]

```

Listing 2: frontend/Dockerfile

The frontend Dockerfile uses the official Nginx Alpine image, copies the static files and Nginx configuration, and exposes port 80 for HTTP traffic.

2.2.2 Backend Dockerfile

```

1 FROM node:16-alpine
2
3 WORKDIR /app
4
5 # Copy package.json and package-lock.json
6 COPY package*.json ./
7
8 # Install dependencies
9 RUN npm install
10
11 # Copy application code
12 COPY . .
13
14 # Create directory for processed images
15 RUN mkdir -p /app/processed
16
17 # Expose port
18 EXPOSE 3000
19
20 # Start the application
21 CMD ["node", "server.js"]

```

Listing 3: backend/Dockerfile

The backend Dockerfile uses the Node.js Alpine image, installs dependencies, copies the application code, creates a directory for processed images, and exposes port 3000 for the API.

2.2.3 Database Dockerfile

```
1 FROM mysql:8.0
2
3 # Copy initialization script
4 COPY retro_games.sql /docker-entrypoint-initdb.d/
5
6 # Set MySQL configuration
7 COPY my.cnf /etc/mysql/conf.d/
8
9 # Expose port
10 EXPOSE 3306
```

Listing 4: database/Dockerfile

The database Dockerfile uses the official MySQL 8.0 image, copies the initialization script and MySQL configuration, and exposes port 3306 for database connections.

2.2.4 Image Processor Dockerfile

```
1 FROM python:3.9-slim
2
3 WORKDIR /app
4
5 # Install system dependencies for Pillow
6 RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y \
7     gcc \
8     libjpeg-dev \
9     zlib1g-dev \
10    && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
11
12 # Install Python dependencies
13 COPY requirements.txt .
14 RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
15
16 # Copy application code
17 COPY . .
18
19 # Create directory for processed images
20 RUN mkdir -p /app/processed
21
22 # Run the application
23 CMD ["python", "app.py"]
```

Listing 5: image-processor/Dockerfile

The image processor Dockerfile uses the Python 3.9 slim image, installs system dependencies for the Pillow library, installs Python dependencies,

copies the application code, creates a directory for processed images, and runs the Python application.

2.2.5 Metadata Enricher Dockerfile

```
1 FROM python:3.9-slim
2
3 WORKDIR /app
4
5 # Install Python dependencies
6 COPY requirements.txt .
7 RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
8
9 # Copy application code
10 COPY . .
11
12 # Run the application
13 CMD ["python", "app.py"]
```

Listing 6: metadata-enricher/Dockerfile

The metadata enricher Dockerfile uses the Python 3.9 slim image, installs Python dependencies, copies the application code, and runs the Python application.

3 Message-Oriented Architecture with RabbitMQ

The application implements a message-oriented architecture using RabbitMQ as the message broker. This section details the implementation of the producer/consumer pattern.

3.1 RabbitMQ Configuration

RabbitMQ is configured with two queues:

- **image_processing**: Queue for image processing tasks
- **metadata_enrichment**: Queue for metadata enrichment tasks

Both queues are configured with durability to ensure messages survive broker restarts.

3.2 Producer Implementation (Node.js Backend)

The backend server acts as the producer, sending messages to RabbitMQ queues when games are added or updated:

```
1 // RabbitMQ connection with retry
2 async function connectToRabbitMQ(retries = 5, delay = 5000) {
3   let lastError = null;
4
5   for (let attempt = 1; attempt <= retries; attempt++) {
6     try {
7       console.log(`Attempting RabbitMQ connection (attempt ${
8         attempt}/${retries})...`);
9
10      rabbitConnection = await amqp.connect(RABBITMQ_URL);
11      rabbitChannel = await rabbitConnection.createChannel();
12
13      // Declare queues with durability
14      await rabbitChannel.assertQueue("image_processing", {
15        durable: true });
16      await rabbitChannel.assertQueue("metadata_enrichment",
17        { durable: true });
18
19      console.log("RabbitMQ connection successful");
20
21      // Set up connection error handling
22      rabbitConnection.on("error", (err) => {
23        console.error("RabbitMQ connection error:", err);
24        setTimeout(() => connectToRabbitMQ(), 5000);
25      });
26
27      rabbitConnection.on("close", () => {
28        console.log("RabbitMQ connection closed, attempting
29        to reconnect...");
30        setTimeout(() => connectToRabbitMQ(), 5000);
31      });
32
33      return { connection: rabbitConnection, channel:
34        rabbitChannel };
35    } catch (error) {
36      lastError = error;
37      console.error(`RabbitMQ connection failed (attempt ${
38        attempt}/${retries}):`, error);
39
40      if (attempt < retries) {
41        console.log(`Retrying in ${delay / 1000} seconds...`);
42
43        await new Promise((resolve) => setTimeout(resolve,
44          delay));
45      }
46    }
47  }
48 }
```

```

37     }
38   }
39 }
40
41 console.error('Failed to connect to RabbitMQ after ${
  retries} attempts');
42 // Don't throw error, continue without RabbitMQ
43 console.log("Continuing without RabbitMQ...");
44 return { connection: null, channel: null };
45 }
46
47 // Function to send message to RabbitMQ
48 async function sendToQueue(queue, message) {
49   try {
50     if (!rabbitChannel) {
51       console.error("RabbitMQ channel not available");
52       return false;
53     }
54
55     const success = rabbitChannel.sendToQueue(
56       queue,
57       Buffer.from(JSON.stringify(message)),
58       { persistent: true }, // Message will survive broker
59       restarts
60     );
61
62     if (success) {
63       console.log('Message sent to queue ${queue}:', message);
64     } else {
65       console.error('Failed to send message to queue ${queue}');
66       return false;
67     }
68   } catch (error) {
69     console.error('Error sending message to queue ${queue}:',
70       error);
71     return false;
72   }
73 }
74
75 // Example of sending messages when a game is created
76 app.post("/api/games", async (req, res) => {
77   try {
78     // ... (validation and database insertion)
79
80     const newGameId = result.insertId;

```

```

81 // Send messages to RabbitMQ for background processing
82 if (newGameId && rabbitChannel) {
83     // Send image processing message
84     sendToQueue("image_processing", {
85         gameId: newGameId,
86         imageUrl: imageUrl || null,
87     });
88
89     // Send metadata enrichment message
90     sendToQueue("metadata_enrichment", {
91         gameId: newGameId,
92         title: title,
93         developer: developer,
94     });
95 }
96
97 // ... (response handling)
98 } catch (error) {
99     // ... (error handling)
100 }
101 });

```

Listing 7: backend/server.js (Producer Implementation)

3.3 Consumer Implementation (Python Services)

3.3.1 Image Processor Consumer

```

1 def callback(ch, method, properties, body):
2     """
3     Process messages from the queue
4     """
5     try:
6         # Parse the message
7         message = json.loads(body)
8         logger.info(f"Received message: {message}")
9
10        game_id = message.get('gameId')
11        image_url = message.get('imageUrl')
12
13        if not game_id:
14            logger.error("Message missing gameId, cannot
15            process")
16            ch.basic_ack(delivery_tag=method.delivery_tag)
17            return
18
19        # Simulate processing time (1-5 seconds)
20        processing_time = random.uniform(1, 5)

```

```

20         logger.info(f"Processing will take approximately {
processing_time:.2f} seconds")
21         time.sleep(processing_time)
22
23         # Process the image
24         processed_paths = process_image(image_url, game_id)
25
26         # Update the game with processed image paths
27         update_game_with_processed_images(game_id,
processed_paths)
28
29         # Acknowledge the message
30         ch.basic_ack(delivery_tag=method.delivery_tag)
31         logger.info(f"Processing complete for game {game_id}"
)
32
33     except json.JSONDecodeError:
34         logger.error(f"Invalid JSON in message: {body}")
35         # Acknowledge the message to remove it from the queue
36         ch.basic_ack(delivery_tag=method.delivery_tag)
37
38     except Exception as e:
39         logger.error(f"Error processing message: {str(e)}")
40         logger.error(traceback.format_exc())
41
42         # Negative acknowledgment to requeue the message
43         ch.basic_nack(delivery_tag=method.delivery_tag,
requeue=True)
44
45 def main():
46     """
47     Main function to set up the RabbitMQ consumer
48     """
49     # Connection retry loop
50     connection = None
51     max_retries = 10
52     retry_delay = 5 # seconds
53
54     for attempt in range(1, max_retries + 1):
55         try:
56             logger.info(f"Connecting to RabbitMQ at {
RABBITMQ_URL} (attempt {attempt}/{max_retries})...")
57             connection = pika.BlockingConnection(pika.
URLParameters(RABBITMQ_URL))
58             break
59         except pika.exceptions.AMQPConnectionError:
60             logger.warning(f"Failed to connect to RabbitMQ (
attempt {attempt}/{max_retries})")
61             if attempt < max_retries:

```

```

62         logger.info(f"Retrying in {retry_delay}
seconds...")
63         time.sleep(retry_delay)
64         else:
65             logger.error(f"Failed to connect to RabbitMQ
after {max_retries} attempts")
66             return
67
68     if not connection:
69         logger.error("Could not establish connection to
RabbitMQ")
70         return
71
72     channel = connection.channel()
73
74     # Declare the queue with durability
75     channel.queue_declare(
76         queue=QUEUE_NAME,
77         durable=True, # Queue will survive broker restarts
78     )
79
80     # Set prefetch count to 1 to ensure fair dispatch
81     channel.basic_qos(prefetch_count=1)
82
83     # Set up the consumer
84     channel.basic_consume(
85         queue=QUEUE_NAME,
86         on_message_callback=callback
87     )
88
89     logger.info(f"Image processor started, waiting for
messages on queue '{QUEUE_NAME}'")
90
91     try:
92         channel.start_consuming()
93     except KeyboardInterrupt:
94         logger.info("Interrupted by user, shutting down")
95         channel.stop_consuming()
96     except Exception as e:
97         logger.error(f"Unexpected error: {str(e)}")
98         logger.error(traceback.format_exc())
99     finally:
100         if connection and connection.is_open:
101             connection.close()
102             logger.info("Connection closed")

```

Listing 8: image-processor/app.py (Consumer Implementation)

3.3.2 Metadata Enricher Consumer

The metadata enricher consumer follows a similar pattern to the image processor consumer, with specific logic for enriching game metadata.

3.4 Message Flow

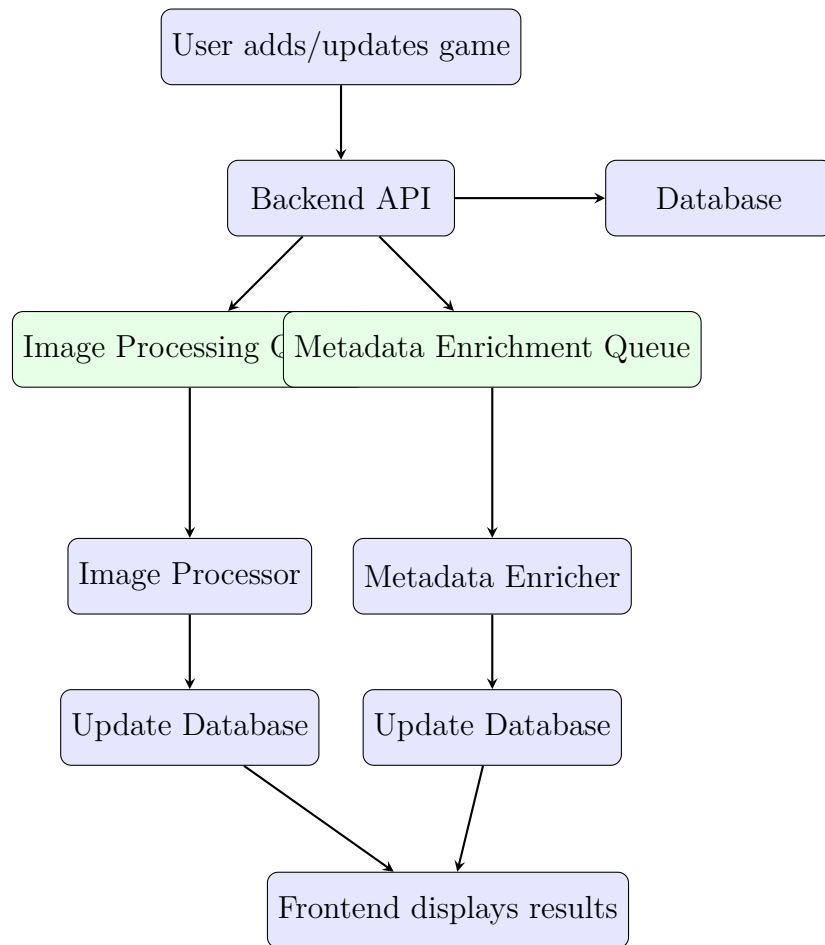


Figure 2: Message Flow Diagram

The message flow in the application follows these steps:

1. User adds or updates a game through the frontend
2. Backend API validates the request and saves the game to the database

3. Backend sends messages to RabbitMQ queues for background processing
4. Python consumers receive messages and process them asynchronously
5. After processing, consumers update the database with the results
6. Frontend displays the processing status and results to the user

4 Database Schema

The database schema consists of three main tables:

- **platforms**: Stores information about gaming platforms
- **genres**: Stores information about game genres
- **games**: Stores information about games, including processing status

```
1  -- Create database
2  CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS retro_games_catalog;
3  USE retro_games_catalog;
4
5  -- Create platforms table
6  CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS platforms (
7      id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
8      name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
9      manufacturer VARCHAR(50),
10     release_year INT,
11     created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
12     updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE
13     CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
14 );
15
16 -- Create genres table
17 CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS genres (
18     id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
19     name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
20     description TEXT,
21     created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
22     updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE
23     CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
24 );
25
26 -- Create games table with additional fields for RabbitMQ
27 -- processing
```

```

25 CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS games (
26     id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
27     title VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
28     platform_id INT NOT NULL,
29     genre_id INT NOT NULL,
30     developer VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
31     release_year INT NOT NULL,
32     year_category VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
33     description TEXT NOT NULL,
34     image_url VARCHAR(255),
35     thumbnail_url VARCHAR(255),
36     processing_status ENUM('pending', 'processing', '
completed', 'failed') DEFAULT 'completed',
37     metadata_status ENUM('pending', 'processing', 'completed'
, 'failed') DEFAULT 'completed',
38     average_rating DECIMAL(3,1),
39     total_reviews INT,
40     difficulty_level VARCHAR(50),
41     estimated_play_time VARCHAR(50),
42     tags JSON,
43     fun_fact TEXT,
44     created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
45     updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
46     FOREIGN KEY (platform_id) REFERENCES platforms(id) ON
DELETE CASCADE,
47     FOREIGN KEY (genre_id) REFERENCES genres(id) ON DELETE
CASCADE
48 );

```

Listing 9: database/retro_games.sql(*Schema*)

The games table includes fields for tracking the processing status of images and metadata, as well as fields for storing the enriched metadata.

5 Resilience Features

The application implements several resilience features to ensure robust operation:

5.1 Message Persistence

Messages in RabbitMQ queues are marked as persistent, ensuring they survive broker restarts:

```

1 const success = rabbitChannel.sendToQueue(
2     queue,

```

```

3   Buffer.from(JSON.stringify(message)),
4   { persistent: true }, // Message will survive broker
    restarts
5 );

```

Listing 10: Message Persistence

5.2 Acknowledgment Mechanism

Consumers use acknowledgment to ensure messages are only removed from the queue after successful processing:

```

1 # Acknowledge the message
2 ch.basic_ack(delivery_tag=method.delivery_tag)
3
4 # Negative acknowledgment to requeue the message
5 ch.basic_nack(delivery_tag=method.delivery_tag, requeue=True)

```

Listing 11: Acknowledgment Mechanism

5.3 Connection Retry

Services implement connection retry logic with exponential backoff:

```

1 # Connection retry loop
2 connection = None
3 max_retries = 10
4 retry_delay = 5 # seconds
5
6 for attempt in range(1, max_retries + 1):
7     try:
8         logger.info(f"Connecting to RabbitMQ at {RABBITMQ_URL}
9         (attempt {attempt}/{max_retries})...")
10        connection = pika.BlockingConnection(pika.
11        URLParameters(RABBITMQ_URL))
12        break
13    except pika.exceptions.AMQPConnectionError:
14        logger.warning(f"Failed to connect to RabbitMQ (
15        attempt {attempt}/{max_retries})")
16        if attempt < max_retries:
17            logger.info(f"Retrying in {retry_delay} seconds
18            ...")
19            time.sleep(retry_delay)
20        else:
21            logger.error(f"Failed to connect to RabbitMQ
22            after {max_retries} attempts")
23        return

```

Listing 12: Connection Retry

5.4 Health Checks

Docker Compose includes health checks for critical services:

```
1 healthcheck:
2   test: ["CMD", "wget", "--no-verbose", "--tries=1", "--
   spider", "http://localhost:3000/api/platforms"]
3   interval: 10s
4   timeout: 5s
5   retries: 5
6   start_period: 15s
```

Listing 13: Health Checks

5.5 Graceful Degradation

The backend implements graceful degradation, continuing to operate with limited functionality when RabbitMQ is unavailable:

```
1 // Send messages to RabbitMQ for background processing
2 if (newGameId && rabbitChannel) {
3   // Send image processing message
4   sendToQueue("image_processing", {
5     gameId: newGameId,
6     imageUrl: imageUrl || null,
7   });
8
9   // Send metadata enrichment message
10  sendToQueue("metadata_enrichment", {
11    gameId: newGameId,
12    title: title,
13    developer: developer,
14  });
15 } else {
16  console.log("Skipping RabbitMQ message sending - channel
   not available");
17 }
```

Listing 14: Graceful Degradation

6 Frontend Implementation

The frontend is implemented using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, with a retro-inspired design. It includes features for:

- Browsing games with filtering options

- Adding, editing, and deleting games
- Viewing game details, including processed images and enriched meta-data and deleting games
- Viewing game details, including processed images and enriched meta-data
- Monitoring background processing tasks

The frontend communicates with the backend API to fetch and update data, and displays real-time processing status to the user.

6.1 Processing Status Monitoring

A dedicated page allows users to monitor the status of background processing tasks:

```

1 <div class="task-list" id="task-list">
2   <div class="loading">Loading tasks...</div>
3 </div>
4
5 <script>
6   // API URL
7   const API_URL = "http://localhost:3000/api";
8
9   // Auto-refresh interval (in milliseconds)
10  const REFRESH_INTERVAL = 5000;
11  let refreshTimer = null;
12
13  // Load tasks from API
14  async function loadTasks() {
15    try {
16      const taskList = document.getElementById("task-
17      list");
18      taskList.innerHTML = '<div class="loading">
19      Loading tasks...</div>';
20
21      // Fetch tasks
22      const response = await fetch(`${API_URL}/
23      processing`);
24      if (!response.ok) throw new Error("Failed to load
25      tasks");
26
27      const tasks = await response.json();
28
29      // Display tasks
30      if (tasks.length === 0) {

```

```

27         taskList.innerHTML = '<div class="no-tasks">
No tasks are currently being processed.</div>';
28         return;
29     }
30
31     taskList.innerHTML = '';
32
33     tasks.forEach(task => {
34         const taskCard = document.createElement("div"
);
35         taskCard.className = "task-card";
36
37         // Create task ID element
38         const taskId = document.createElement("div");
39         taskId.className = "task-id";
40         taskId.textContent = `#${task.id}`;
41
42         // Create task title element
43         const taskTitle = document.createElement("div
");
44         taskTitle.className = "task-title";
45         taskTitle.textContent = task.title;
46
47         // Create image processing status badge
48         const imageStatus = document.createElement("
div");
49         imageStatus.className = `status-badge status-
${task.processing_status}`;
50         imageStatus.textContent = `Image: ${
capitalizeFirstLetter(task.processing_status)}`;
51
52         // Create metadata status badge
53         const metadataStatus = document.createElement
("div");
54         metadataStatus.className = `status-badge
status-${task.metadata_status}`;
55         metadataStatus.textContent = `Metadata: ${
capitalizeFirstLetter(task.metadata_status)}`;
56
57         // Add elements to task card
58         taskCard.appendChild(taskId);
59         taskCard.appendChild(taskTitle);
60         taskCard.appendChild(imageStatus);
61         taskCard.appendChild(metadataStatus);
62
63         // Add task card to list
64         taskList.appendChild(taskCard);
65     });
66

```

```

67         } catch (error) {
68             console.error("Error loading tasks:", error);
69             document.getElementById("task-list").innerHTML =
70                 '<div class="no-tasks">Failed to load tasks.
Please try again later.</div>';
71             showToast("Failed to load tasks. Please try again
later.", true);
72         }
73     }
74 </script>

```

Listing 15: frontend/processing.html (Excerpt)

7 Conclusion

The Retro Gaming Catalog application demonstrates the implementation of a message-oriented architecture using Docker containers and RabbitMQ. The application showcases several key concepts:

- Containerization of a multi-service application using Docker
- Asynchronous processing using RabbitMQ message queues
- Producer/consumer pattern for decoupling time-intensive operations
- Resilience features for robust operation
- Real-time status updates for background processing

The architecture provides several benefits:

- Improved user experience by offloading time-intensive operations
- Better scalability by distributing workloads across multiple services
- Enhanced reliability through message persistence and acknowledgment
- Easier maintenance and deployment through containerization

This project serves as a practical example of how to implement a message-oriented architecture in a real-world application, demonstrating best practices for containerization, asynchronous processing, and resilience.

8 Future Enhancements

Potential future enhancements for the application include:

- Implementing a circuit breaker pattern for more resilient service communication
- Adding a comprehensive monitoring dashboard for all services
- Implementing graceful degradation for all components
- Adding user authentication and authorization
- Implementing a more sophisticated image processing pipeline
- Adding real-time notifications using WebSockets