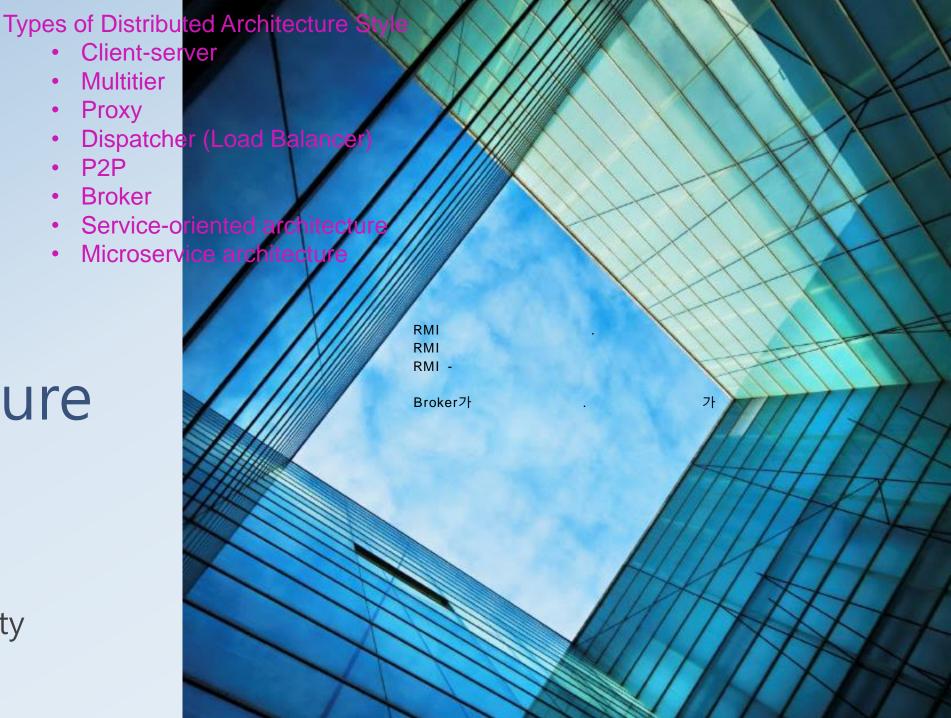
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Broker Architecture Style

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Broker Architecture Style

Synopsis

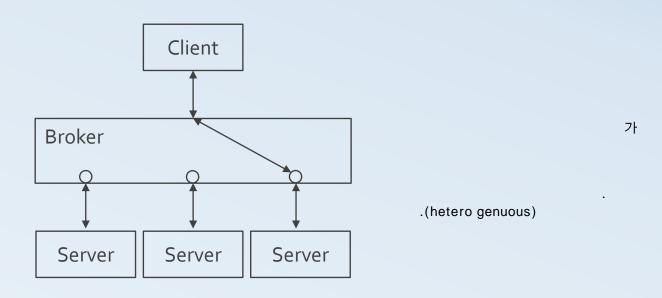
 a middleware architecture used in distributed computing to coordinate and facilitate communication between registered servers and clients.

 The Broker architectural pattern can be used to structure distributed software systems with decoupled components that interact by remote service invocations.

 A broker component is responsible for coordinating communication, such as forwarding requests, as well as for transmitting results and exceptions

Broker Architecture Style: Context

A distributed and possibly heterogeneous system with independent cooperating components



Broker Architecture Style

- Structure
 - A broker can be
 - either an invocation-oriented service, to which clients send invocation requests for brokering,
 - or a document or message-oriented broker to which clients send a message (such as an XML document).
 - Better decoupling between clients and servers is one of the most important quality attributes
 - · client and server components are decoupled through the use of a broker
 - A broker system is also called proxy-based system.

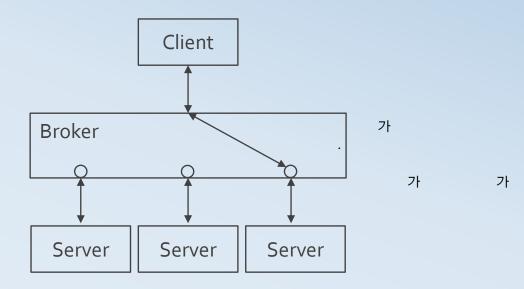
Broker Architecture Style

Structure

- Servers make their services available to their clients by registering and publishing their interfaces with the broker.
- Clients can request the services of servers from the broker statically or dynamically by lookup.
- A broker component is responsible for coordinating communications.
- Ex) Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA)

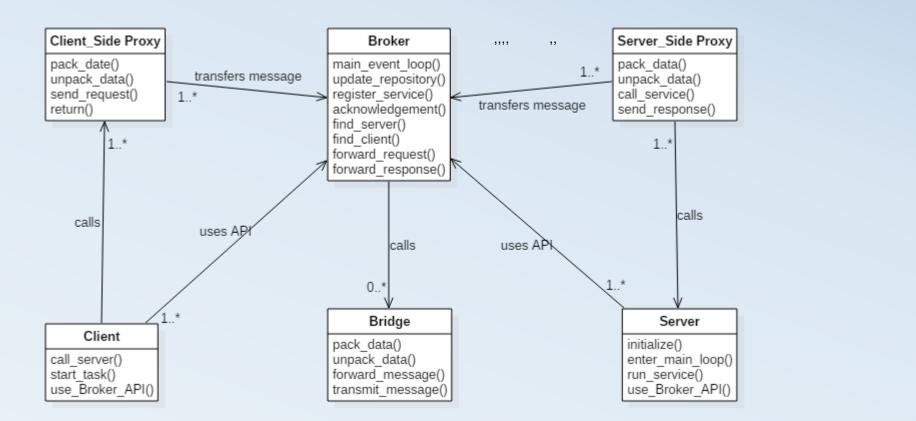
Broker: Solution - Structure

- Design broker component to decouple clients from servers
 - Servers
 - Register with broker
 - Present method interfaces to clients
 - Clients
 - Access server's methods via broker
 - Uses same form to call server's methods
 - Broker's Tasks
 - Locating appropriate server
 - Forwarding requests to server
 - Transmitting results and exceptions to client



Broker: Solution 1 - Static

 Six types of participating components: clients, servers, brokers, bridges, client-side proxies and server-side proxies



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Broker Architecture Style

Decompose the broker architecture into subcomponents:

- Broker: coordinates communications, passing on requests and returning replies.
 - The broker stares all servers' registration information, including their functionality and services as well as location information.
 - The broker provides APIs for clients to request, servers to respond, registering or unregistering server components, transferring messages, and locating servers.

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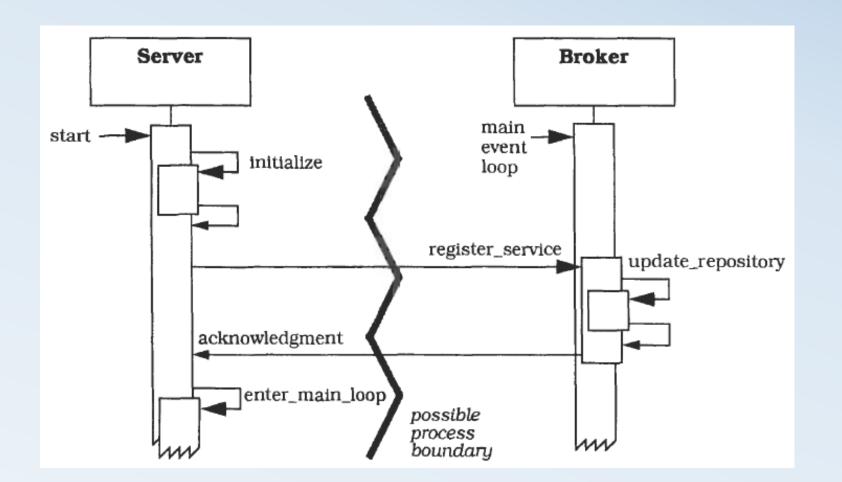
- Stub (client-side proxy): mediates between the client and the broker and provides additional transparency between them.
 - To the client, a remote object appears like a local one.
 - The proxy hides the interprocess communication at protocol level, marshals parameter values, and unmarshals results from the server.
 - The stub is generated at the static compilation time and deployed to the client-side to be used as a proxy for the client.

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- Skeleton (server-side proxy): is also statically generated by the service interface compilation and then deployed to the server-side.
 - It encapsulates low-level system-specific networking functions like the client-proxy and provides high-level APIs to mediate between the server and the broker.
 - It receives and unpacks the requests, unmarshals the method arguments, and calls the appropriate service.
 - When it receives the result back from the server it also marshals the result before sending it back to the client.
- Bridges : are optional components used to hide implementation details when two brokers interoperate.
 - Bridges encapsulate underlying network detail implementation and mediate different brokers such as DCOM, .NET Remote, and Java CORBA brokers.
 - They can translate requests and parameters from one format to another.
 - A bridge can connect two different networks based on different communication protocols.
- Network: connects components using designated protocol standards such as TCP/IP, OIIP, or SOAP.
 - The request carries data in a message document or method invocation format.

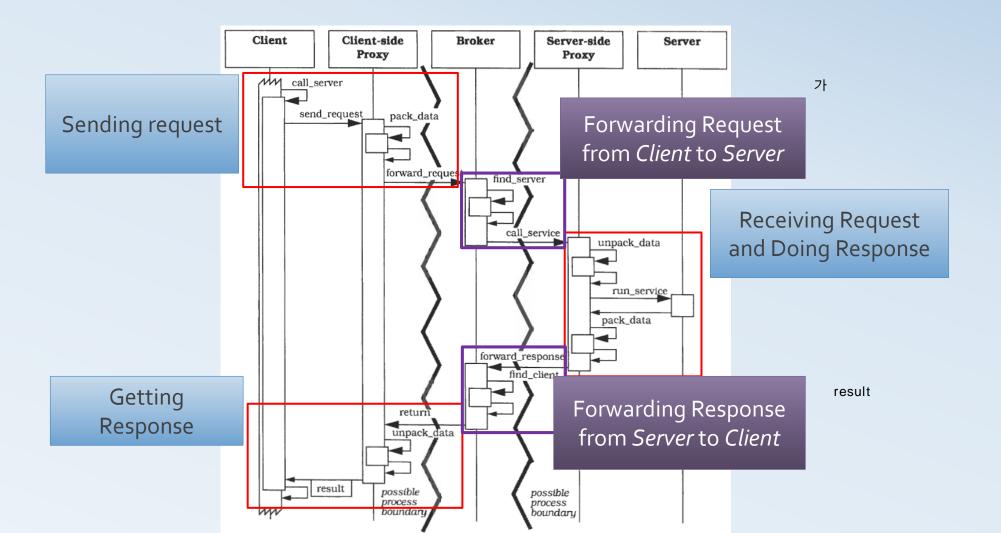
Broker: Solution 1 - Dynamics

• Scenario 1 : Server Registration



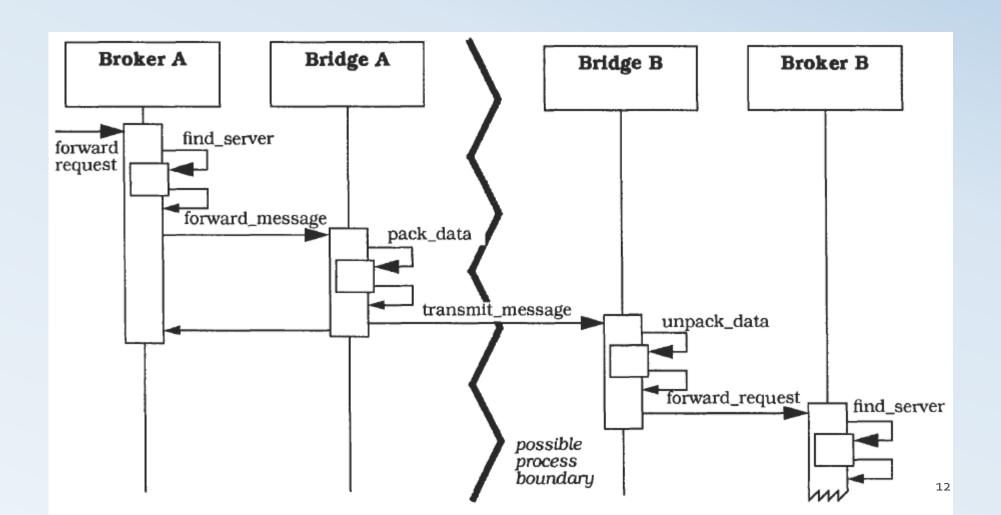
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• Scenario 2 : Service Process

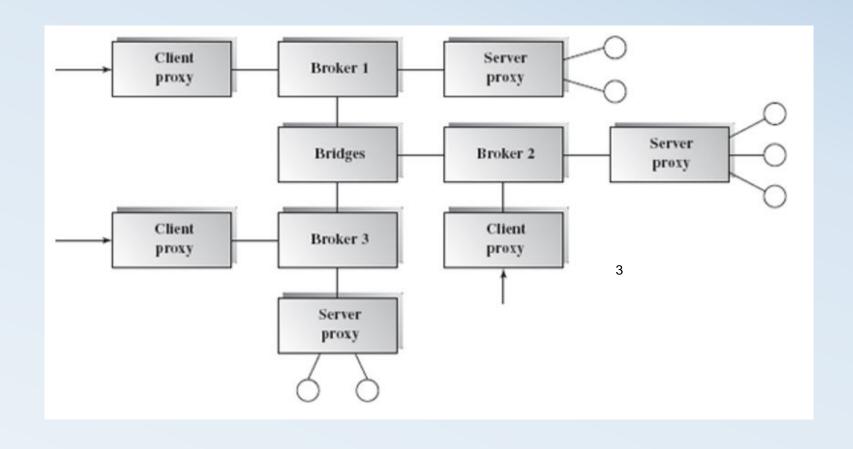


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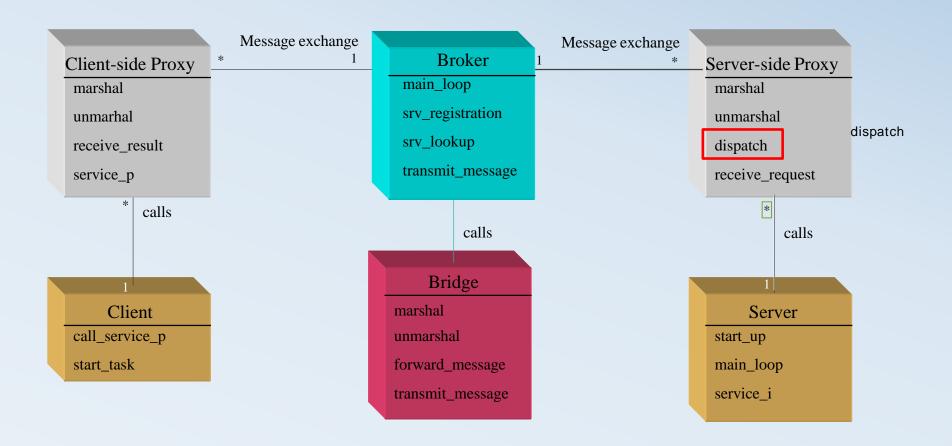
• Scenario 3 : Service Process via Bridge



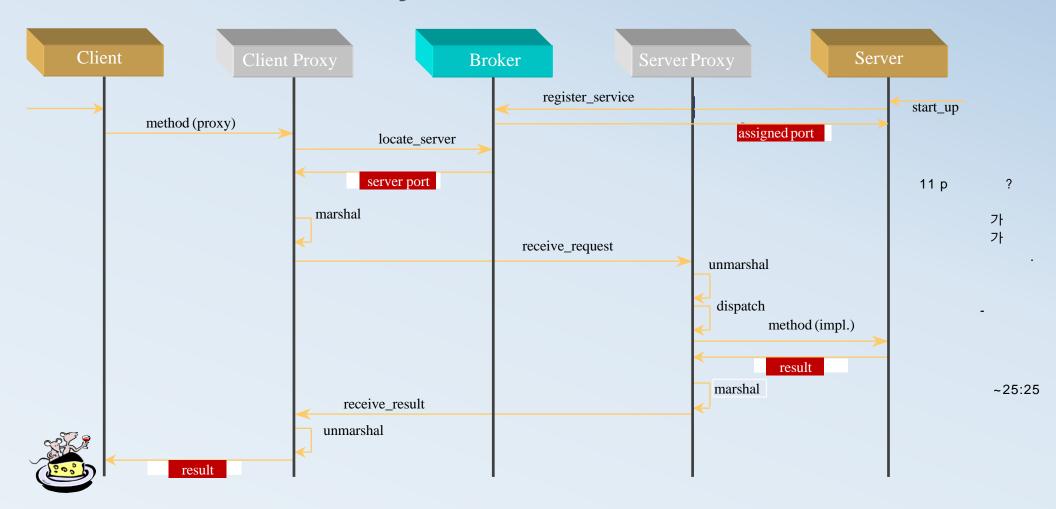
Broker: Solution 1 - Overall



Broker: Solution 2 – Static (with Dispatcher)



Broker: Solution 2 - Dynamics

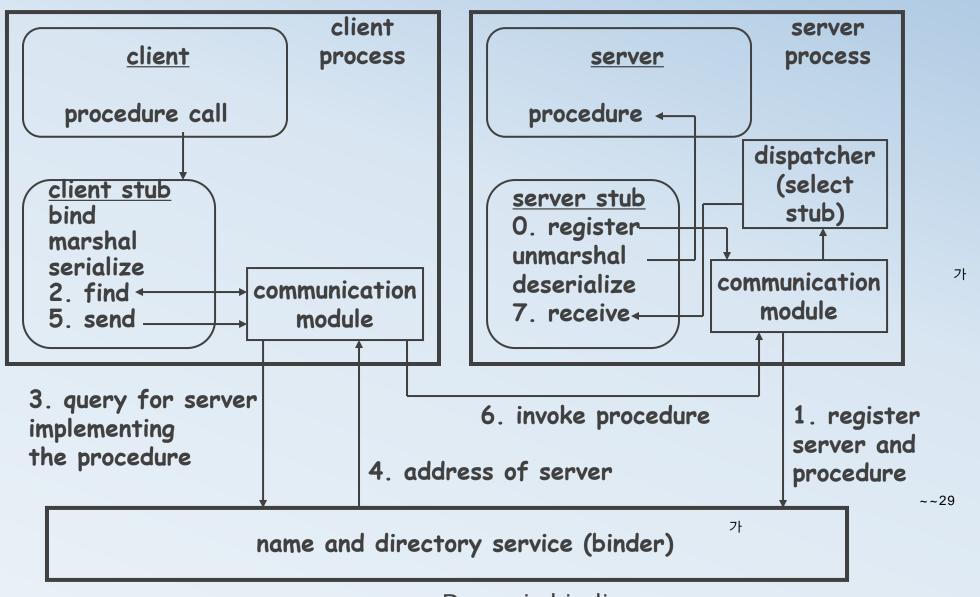


Broker: Example 1 – Remote Procedure Call

client server client process process server 2 procedure call procedure + dispatcher (select client stub server stub stub) bind unmarshalmarshal communication communication serialize deserialize module module send receive -

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Dynamic Binding in RPC Architecture

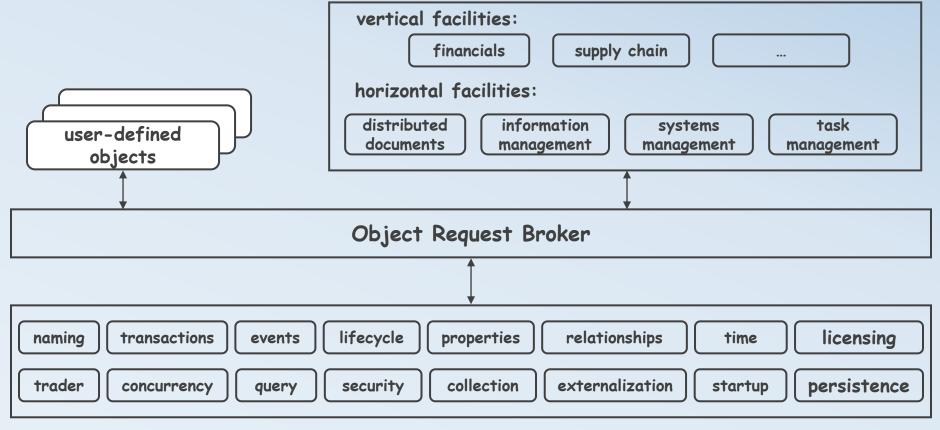


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Broker: Example 2 – CORBA (Common Object Request Broker Architecture)

- CORBA is an open standard for distributed, remotemethod invocation computing schemes.
 - It provides platform and language-independent middleware to integrate distributed applications, including legacy code.
 - The services and operations that a CORBA object provides are specified in interfaces using the Interface Definition Language (IDL) so that clients can make requests without knowing the detailed implementation and location of the CORBA objects.

Broker: Example 2 – CORBA (Common Object Request Broker Architecture) CORBA facilities



Broker: Advantages & Disadvantages

Advantages:

- Server component implementation and location transparency
- Changeability and extensibility
- Simplicity for clients to access server and server portability
- Interoperability via broker bridges
- Reusability
- Feasibility of runtime changes of server components (add or remove server components on the fly)

Disadvantages:

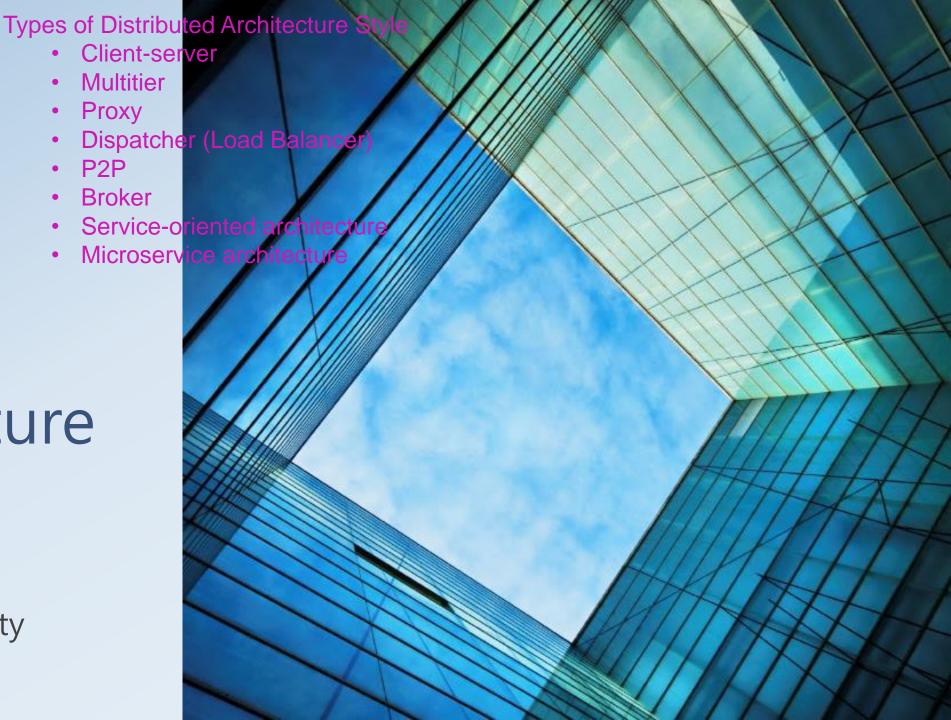
- Inefficiency due to the overhead of proxies
- Low fault-tolerance
- Difficulty in testing due to the amount of proxies

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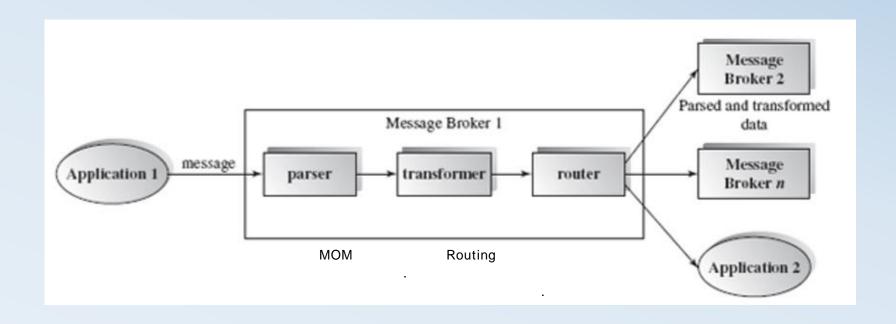
> Message Broker Architecture Style

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- A message is a packaged or formatted information
 - such as an XML document sent and received between applications.
- A message broker is a Message-Oriented Middleware (MOM) server in a message-oriented distributed system.
 - It performs message routing, message transformation, message invocation, security checking, and exception handling.

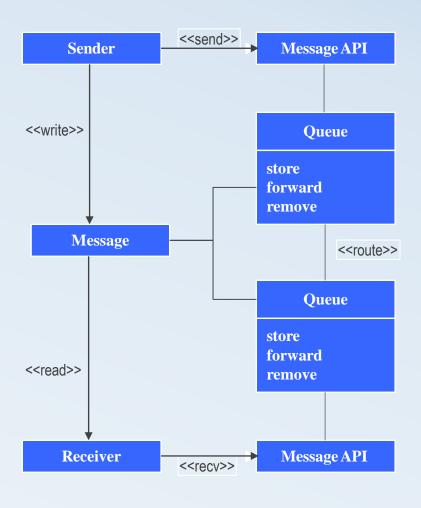
- A message broker must be able to route messages from a sender to a receiver based on the content of the message.
 - A broker can transform a message from one format to another to meet the different requirements of the sender and the recipient.
 - A broker may also transform a message by modifying, inserting, merging, or removing some data elements in the message.



MOM

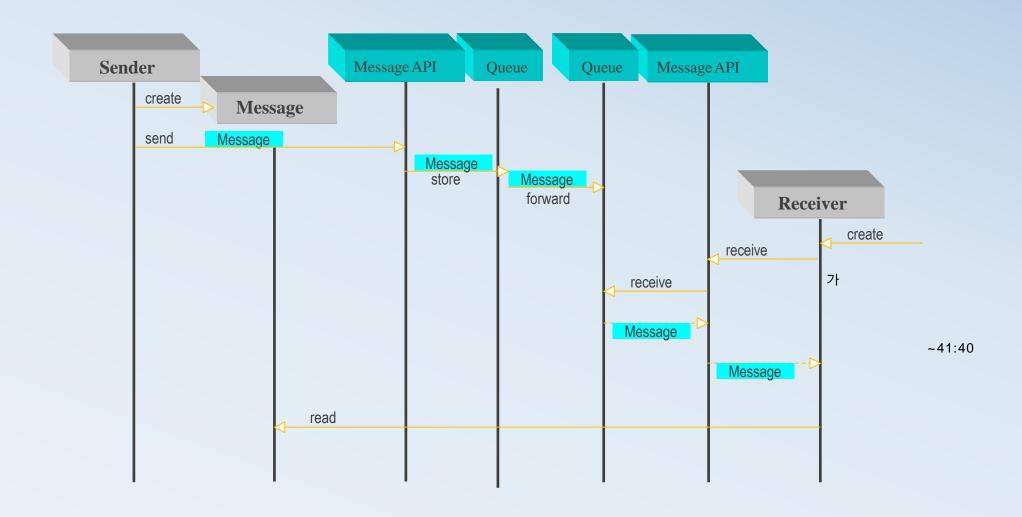
- Handle message distribution by publishing and subscribing.
- An application can publish on topics, and many applications can subscribe them on the broker.
- commercial message broker systems
 - WebSphere message broker, IBM MQSeries, Sun JMS, etc.
- ex) email processing

Solution



- Introduce intermediary queues between senders and receivers :
 - Queues are used to store messages persistently. They cooperate with other queues for message routing.
 - Messages are objects send from a sender to a receiver.
 - A sender sends messages, while
 a receiver receives them.
 - A Message API is provided for senders and receivers to send/recv messages.

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Message Broker: Advantages & Disadvantages

Advantages:

- Reusability and maintainability: Loose coupling between the client and server component leads to easy maintenance and extension on both sides.
- Flexibility: Invocation-oriented or document-oriented messaging;
 message heading and body can be altered for specific purposes.
- Disadvantages: MOM (x) ... 7+
 - Overhead, indirection complexity, and difficulty in debugging and testing due to the new protocol stack added

