M08: Monitoring and problem determination of an MQ z/OS system

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Agenda – the MQ Toolbox

- What's connected?
- Are messages flowing?
- Where are messages going?
- What are the apps doing?
- How can I look back in time?

NB: Capabilities differ in form between Distributed and z/OS, this presentation is z/OS focused



What's connected?



DISPLAY CONN

```
!MQ21 DISPLAY CONN(*) TYPE(HANDLE) WHERE(OBJNAME EQ WLMMDB.REQUEST)
```

```
CSQM201I !MQ21 CSQMDRTC DIS CONN DETAILS
                                                                 Use CONN to match TYPE(CONN) and
  CONN (577C425321295301)
                                                                         TYPE(HANDLE) records
  EXTCONN (414D5143474154455741593120202020)
  TYPE (HANDLE)
  OBJNAME (WLMMDB.REQUEST)
  OBJTYPE (QUEUE) READA (NO)
                                                                  TYPE(HANDLE) records let you find
  OPENOPTS (MQOO OUTPUT, MQOO FAIL IF QUIESCING)
                                                                 applications by the objects they access.
  QSGDISP(QMGR) ASTATE(NONE) HSTATE(INACTIVE
                                                                See all open handles for an app in one place,
  OBJNAME (SENDINGAPP. REPLY)
                                                                        unlike DIS QSTATUS records
  OBJTYPE (OUEUE) READA (NO)
  OPENOPTS (MOOO INPUT SHARED, MOOO INQUIRE, MOOO SAVE ALL CONTEXT, MOOO FAIL IF QUIESCING)
  QSGDISP(QMGR) ASTATE(ACTIVE) HSTATE(ACTIVE)
```

!MQ21 DISPLAY CONN (577C425321295301) ALL

```
CSQM2011 !MQ21 CSQMDRTC DIS CONN DETAILS
   CONN (577C425321295301)
   EXTCONN (414D5143474154455741593120202020)
                                                                                                  Long running UOW information.
  TYPE (CONN) URDISP (QMGR) CONNOPTS (MQCNO SHARED BINDING)
                                                                                             XID can be tied up with app server transaction
   UOWLOGDA( ) UOWLOGTI( )
  UOWSTDA (2014-04-08) UOWSTTI (13.24.00) UOWSTATE (ACTIVE)
                                                                                                                timeout
   NID()
   EXTURID (XA FORMATID [DSAW]
XA GTRID[00000145414B8AB40000000104DF48FC0001020304050607080900010203040506070809]
                                                                                          MQ V7.5 and later JMS clients can supply
XA BQUAL[00000145414B8AB4000000104DF48FC000102030405060708090001020304050607080900
                                                                                                an application name in the CF
   QMURID (0000000036A70C4)
   URTYPE (XA) ASTATE (NONE)
                                                                                            ASID for bindings based applications
   USERID (MLEMING) APPLTAG (jms/GATEWAY1 CF)
  ASID(00D5) AFFETTE (CHINIT) APPLDESC(IBM MQ Channel Initiator)
   CHANNEL (WAS.CLIENTS) CONNAME (127.0.0.1)
                                                                                            Channel name + IP help identify client apps.
```

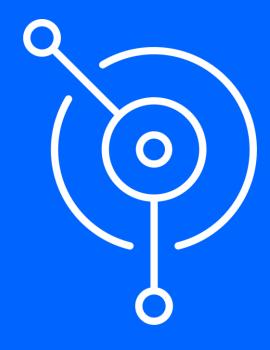
DISPLAY CHSTATUS

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!MQ21 DISPLAY CHSTATUS(*) ALL

CSQM2011 !MQ21 CSQMDRTC DIS CHSTATUS DETAILS
    CHANNEL(WAS.CLIENTS)
    CHLDISP(PRIVATE) CONNAME(127.0.0.1) CURRENT
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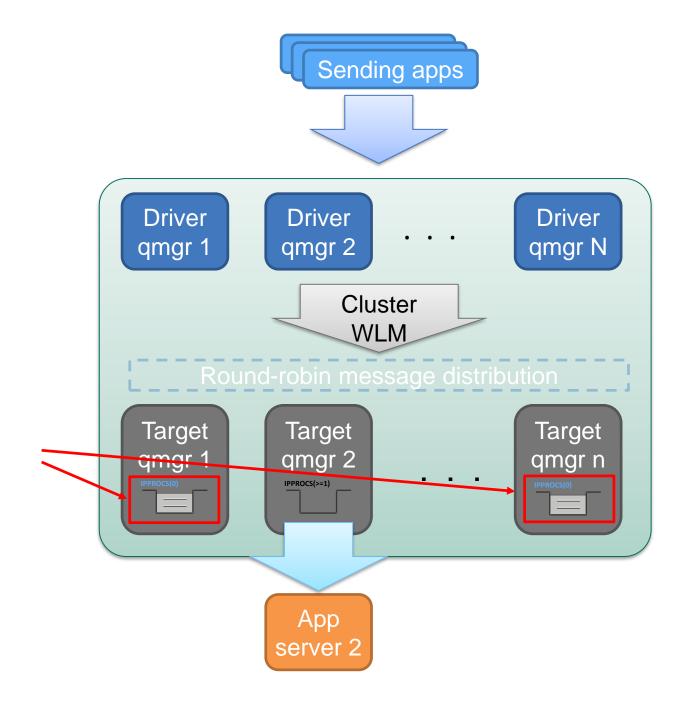
CHLTYPE (SVRCONN) STATUS (RUNNING) SUBSTATE (RECEIVE) Note that multiple CONN might share one SVRCONN channel instance CURSHCNV(1) MAXSHCNV(1) LSTMSGTI(15.26.59) LSTMSGDA(2014-04-08) MSGS(6) BYTSSENT (2456) BYTSRCVD (2296) CHSTATI (15.26.59) CHSTADA (2014-04-08) BUFSSENT (13) BUFSRCVD (17) MONCHL(OFF) STOPREQ(NO) KAINT(360) QMNAME(MQ21) RAPPLTAG (jms/GATEWAY1 CF) SECPROT(TLSV12) SSLCERTI(CN=ExampleCA,O=Example) SSLCERTU(MQSX00) SSLCIPH(TLS RSA WITH AES 128 CBC SHA256) SSLRKEYS(0) SSLKEYTI() SSLKEYDA() SSLPEER (SERIALNUMBER=53:43:FD:D6,CN=ExampleApp1,O=Example) See SSLPEER information not in DIS CONN RPRODUCT (MQJM) RVERSION (09010200) MCAUSER (MLEMING) LOCLADDR () MAXMSGL (4194304) COMPHDR (NONE NONE) COMPMSG (NONE NONE) COMPTIME (0,0) COMPRATE (0,0) HBINT(5)

Rerouting messages if **no-one** is connected



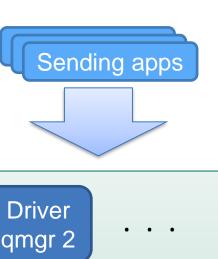
Cluster WLM

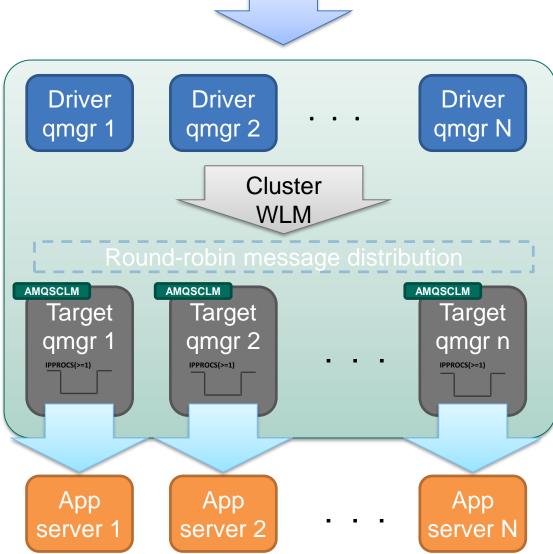
- Cluster WLM algorithm doesn't check whether consuming applications are connected to cluster queues
 - I.e. whether something is getting messages from them
- You need to ensure that applications are consuming from all instances of a clustered queue to prevent messages building up
- However, there is an alternative: AMQSCLM



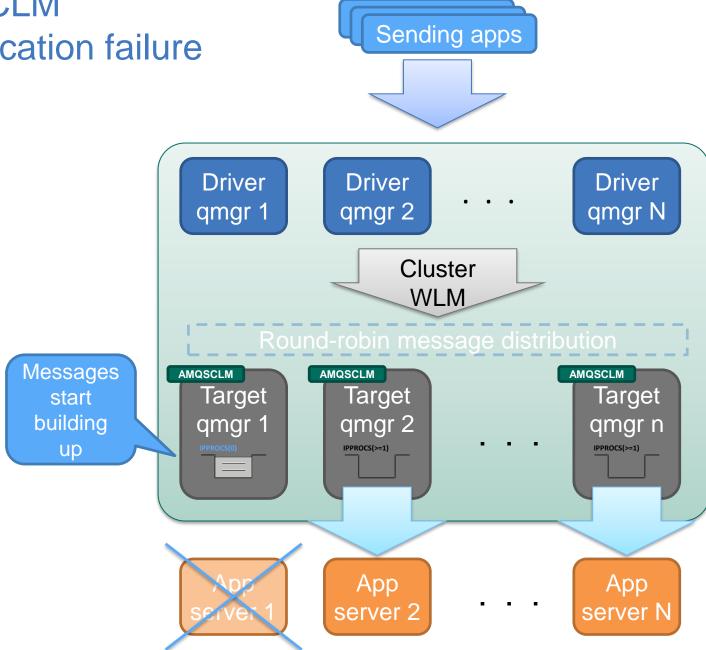
AMQSCLM

1) Normal operation

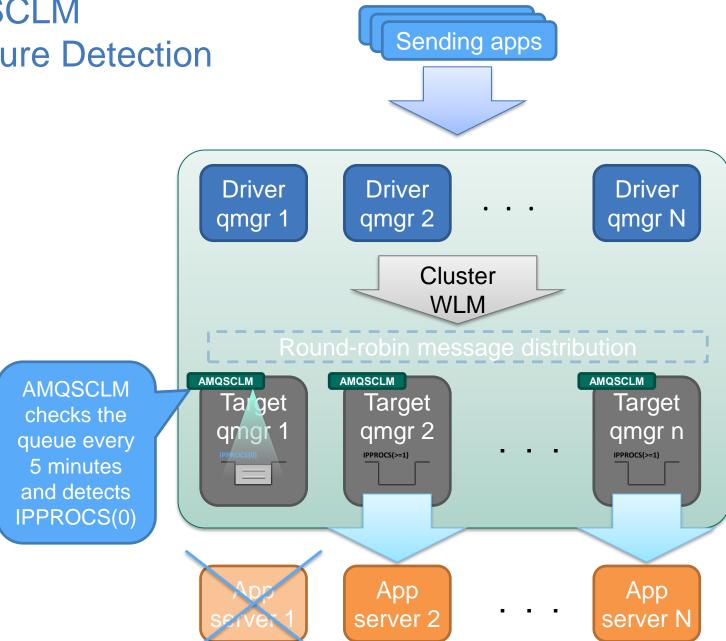




AMQSCLM 2) Application failure

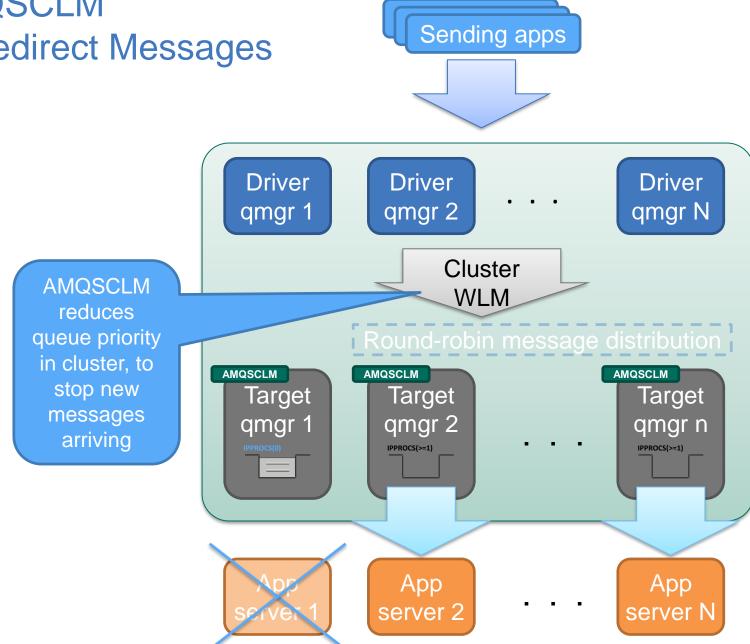


AMQSCLM 3) Failure Detection

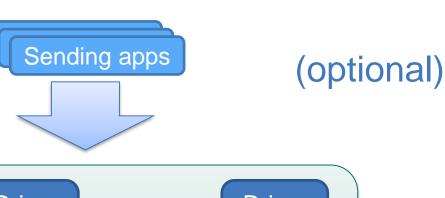


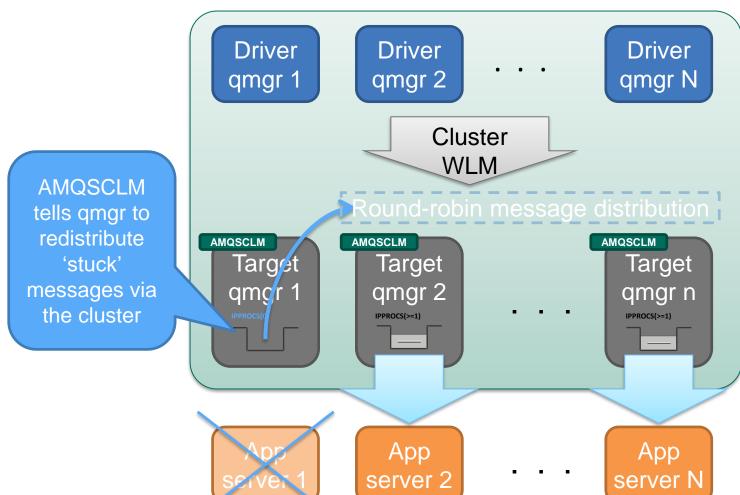
AMQSCLM

4) Redirect Messages



AMQSCLM 5) Un-maroon Msgs



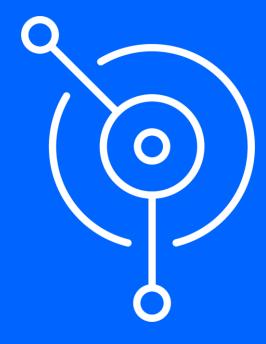


AMQSCLM summary

- The cluster queue monitoring sample program (AMQSCLM)
- Shipped with the distributed product as a sample
 - Precompiled
 - Source code
 - Not shipped on z/OS, but distributed source code can be compiled and used on z/OS
- More information here: http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSFKSJ_9.1.0/com.ibm.mq.dev.doc/q024

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Are messages flowing?



Real-time/online monitoring – queues

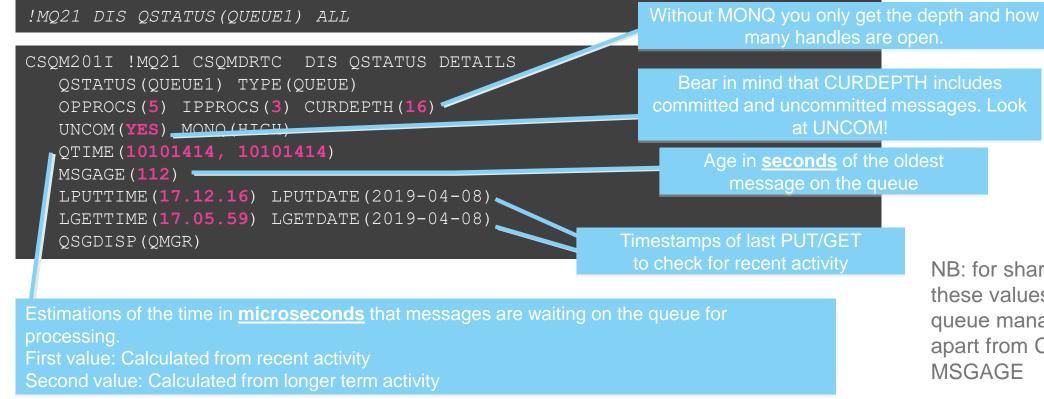
• Set detail level for queue manager. Override for individual queues

```
!MQ21 ALTER QMGR MONQ(MEDIUM)
!MQ21 ALTER QLOCAL(QUEUE1) MONQ(HIGH)
!MQ21 ALTER QLOCAL(QUEUE2) MONQ(OFF)
```

NB: Off by default, so consider switching it on at the queue manager level!

NB: HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW doesn't matter for queues

Gives live view of application responsiveness



NB: for shared queues these values are only this queue manager's view, apart from CURDEPTH & MSGAGE

Real-time/online monitoring – channels

```
!MQ21 ALTER QMGR MONCHL(MEDIUM) MONACLS(MEDIUM)
!MQ21 ALTER CHANNEL(CLUSTER1.QM1) CHLTYPE(CLUSRCVR) MONCHL(HIGH)
```

Gives live view of channel throughput

```
!MQ21 DIS CHSTATUS (TO.GWY2) ALL
CSQM2011 !MQ21 CSQMDRTC DIS CHSTATUS DETAILS
   CHSTATUS (TO.GWY2) CHLDISP (PRIVATE) XMITO (GATEWAY2) CONNAME (127.0.0.1 (1522))
   CURRENT CHLTYPE (SDR) STATUS (RUNNING) SUBSTATE (RECEIVE) INDOUBT (YES)
   LSTSEQNO(11773) LSTLUWID(0107445310001B33)
   CURMSGS (50) CURSEQNO (11823) CURLUWID (D5F6358CE52A358A)
   LSTMSGTI (17.49.51) LSTMSGDA (2014-04-08)
   MSGS(1580) BYTSSENT(1192330) BYTSRCVD(1748) BATCHES(52)
   CHSTATI (17.49.03) CHSTADA (2019-04-08)
   BUFSSENT (1616) BUFSRCVD (55)
   LONGRTS (999999999) SHORTRTS (180)
   MONCHL (MEDIUM)
   XQTIME (545784,3929968)
   NETTIME (137538, 29555)
   EXITTIME (0,0)
   XBATCHSZ (20,17) ___
  COMPTIME (0,0) COMPRATE (3,0)
   STOPREQ(NO) KAINT(360)
   QMNAME (MQ21) RQMNAME (QWY2)
   SECPROT (NONE) SSLCERTI ( ) SSLCERTU (MQSX00) SSLCIPH (
   SSLRKEYS(0) SSLKEYTI() SSLKEYDA() SSLPEER()
   RPRODUCT (MOMV) RVERSION (09010200)
   STATCHL (OFF) LOCLADDR (127.0.0.1 (53557))
   BATCHSZ (50) MAXMSGL (4194304)
   COMPHDR (NONE NONE) COMPMSG (NONE NONE) HBINT (5) NPMSPEED (FAST))
```

NB: Off by default, so consider switching it on at the queue manager level!

NB: HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW doesn't matter for channels on z/OS

NB: Can be expensive for large numbers of channels due to impact on BP 0

Last time a message was sent over the channel

Short/long term calculations of how long messages are waiting on the XMITQ for transmission

Short/long term view of the network time to send a request and receive a response.

Calculated during batch completion

Short/long term calculations of how full your batches are getting, to help you tune BATCHSZ/BATCHINT

Accounting and statistics overview

- Realtime information isn't always sufficient. It is useful to be able to spot trends over time, and see how the system is currently deviating from the average
- Queue manager can periodically output monitoring data to SMF
- SMF 115: Statistics
 - High level queue manager wide information. E.g. memory usage, log information, locking information, etc
 - Most useful from perspective of this presentation is likely to be message manager information which gives information about counts of MQI operations
- SMF 116: Accounting
 - More detailed...
 - Per task information: log usage, CF usage, CPU time, some MQI information
 - Per queue information: gives information on MQI usage, open/close time, more detailed log information
 - Per channel information: similar to output from DIS CHSTATUS
 - Can generate a lot of data on busy queue managers
- All this information is in binary format. Assembler and C
 mapping are provided

Example SMF 116 header

```
      000000
      01A40000
      5E740035
      61240100
      223FD4E5
      *...;../....MV*

      000000
      F4F1D4D8
      F2F10000
      F9F1F200
      00000134
      *41MQ21..912....*

      000000
      00700001
      00000054
      00B00001
      00000104
      *......*

      000000
      00300001
      00000000
      00000000
      00000000
      *......*

      000000
      00000000
      00000000
      00000000
      *...........*
```

Accounting and statistics overview

- To collect:
 - Enabled SMF to collect 115/116 data
 - Enable the queue manager to generate it from start up either via CSQ6SYSP
 - Or via MQ's START TRACE command
 - Fine grained control available on per queue/channel basis
- Then dump out records from SMF
- Tooling is available to work with records
 - CSQ4SMFD: basic sample C program
 - MP1B: a SupportPac, see later slides
 - MQSMFCSV: simple formatter to convert SMF records into csv. Can then be imported into spreadsheets and databases
 - https://github.com/ibm-messaging/mq-smf-csv
 - IBM OMEGAMON for messaging
 - Others...

CSQY103I !MQ21 SMFACCT= YES (F0000000), SMFSTAT=YES (F0000000), STATIME=1

!MQ21 START TRACE(ACCT) CLASS(*)

!MQ21 ALTER QMGR ACCTQ(ON)
!MQ21 ALTER QLOCAL(QUEUE1) ACCTQ(QMGR)

!MQ21 ALTER CHANNEL(TO.GWY2) STATCHL(HIGH) CHLTYPE(SDR)



A gotcha: for chinit stats and accounting you have to issue:

START TRACE(STAT) CLASS(4) START TRACE(ACCTG) CLASS(4)

MP1B

- Unsupported SupportPac: https://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg24005907
- Kept reasonably up to date by MQ development team
- Uses:
 - Summary of transactions, jobs and channels
 - Summary of queues being used by application
 - List of "high use" queues

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- Will detect potential issues (based on our past experience) and output them as a summary
- Can generate csv files for import into spreadsheets which allows for graphs of activity over time to be generated
- Lots of options to customize the level of output
- Much more useful than CSQ4SMFD
- Used by lots of customers

MP1B example

- QSUML report gives a summary of activity against local queues
- Useful for understanding your expected workload against a set of queues. You can then spot anomalies

Date	Time	Qmgr	Queue	Count	PS	ВР	Put MB	Get MB	!	ValidPut	ValidGet	getpsn	MaxQDep	TotalGets
12/04/2019	14:00:00	MQ21	AQUEUE	1222	4	4	20	20	!	122200	122127	0	174	122127
12/04/2019	15:00:00	MQ21	AQUEUE	1684	4	4	27	27	!	168313	168300	0	174	168300

Number of times message data wasn't in buffer pool

MP1B Example

To dig further you can use the TASK report which digs further into accounting data

```
16305 MV41,MQ21,2019/04/12,15:19:05,VRM:913,
16305 MQ21 MOVER Jobname: MQ21CHIN Userid: MQSX00
16305 Channel SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN 9.174.27.35
16305 Start time Apr 12 15:18:39 2019 Started in a different time interval
16305 Interval Apr 12 15:18:39 2019 - Apr 12 15:18:41 2019 : 1.549716 seconds
16305 Other regs: Total ET 0.000024 Seconds
16305 Other regs: Total CPU
                              0.000024 Seconds
16305 Commit count
                              101
16305 Commit avg elapsed time 628 uS
16305 Backout count
16305 Backout avg elapsed time
                              15 uS
16305 Backout avg CPU time
                               15 uS
16305 MQCTL count
                               301
16305 MQCTL avg elapsed time
16305 MQCTL avg CPU time
                               0 uS
                               0 uS
16305 Total suspend time
                               0.062778 Seconds
16305 Open name
                               AQUEUE
16305 Queue type:QLocal
                               AQUEUE
16305 Page set ID
                                       AQUEUE
16305 Buffer pool
                                      AQUEUE
16305 Get count
                               100
                                       AQUEUE
16305 Get avg elapsed time 16305 Get avg CPU time
                                42 uS AQUEUE
                                41 uS AQUEUE
16305 Get valid destructive
                               100
                                      AQUEUE
                               100
16305 Put count
                                      AQUEUE
16305 Put avg elapsed time
                               519 uS AQUEUE
16305 Put avg CPU time
                               75 uS AQUEUE
```

ots of backouts is normally a bad sign

Start of per queue information

Discrepancy between these two is often a sign of messages not being in buffer pool so being got from pageset

Discrepancy between these two for persistent messages is likely to be because of logging.

For non-persistent messages it could be because the buffer pool is full

MP1B Example

Then go look at channel accounting data too.

```
Jobname: MV41,MQ21,2019/04/12,16:44:14,VRM:913
SMF interval start local time 2019/04/12,16:43:24
SMF interval end local time 2019/04/12,16:44:14
                         2019/04/12,15:43:24
SMF interval start GMT
SMF interval end GMT
                          2019/04/12,15:44:14
SMF interval duration
                      49.332448 seconds
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN 9.174.27.35
                                     Connection name
                                                                       9.174.27.35
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                                                                       PRIVATE
                       9.174.27.35
                                     Channel disp
                                                                       SVRCONN
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Channel type
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Channel status
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                                                                       RUNNING
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Remote qmgr/app
                                                                       LoadQueueLoopJMSWIthDifferen
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Channel started date & time
                                                                       2019/04/12,15:43:26
                                                                       2019/04/12,15:44:14
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Channel status collect time
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Active for
                                                                       47 seconds
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Last MQI request time
                                                                       2019/04/12.15:44:13
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Dispatcher number
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Number of MQI requests
                                                                       20.853
                                     Number of persistent messages
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Buffers sent
                                                                        20,855
                        9.174.27.35
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                                     Buffers received
                                                                        21,259
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Current shared connections
                        9.174.27.35
                                                                            0 B
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                                     Message data
                                                                            0 B
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Persistent message data
                                                                            0 B
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Non persistent message data
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Total bytes sent
                                                                       7,988,504 7801 KB
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Total bytes received
                                                                       5,611,764 5480 KB
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Bytes received/message
                                                                       269 269 B
SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
                        9.174.27.35
                                     Bytes sent/message
                                                                       383
                                                                           383 B
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Performance considerations

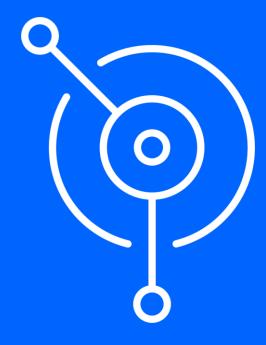
Capturing SMF data has a cost: CPU and storage of the records

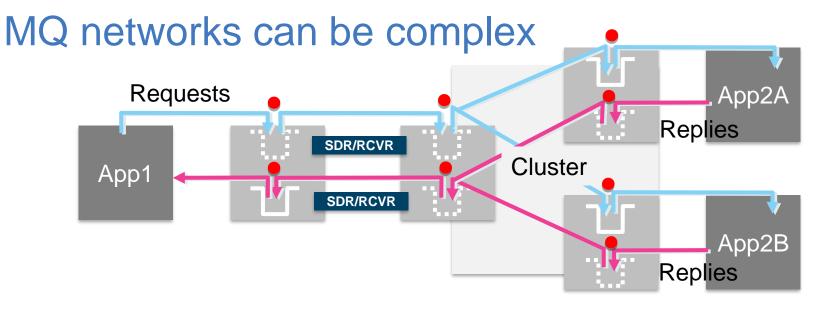


- SMF 115 (queue manager stats): **negligible** -> always have it on
- SMF 116 (queue manager accounting class 1): **0.5%** increase in transaction cost in our workloads
 - High level API count, and CPU usage per thread
- SMF 116 (queue manager accounting, class 1 & 4): 3.3% increase in transaction cost in our workloads
 - Per thread and queue usage information
- SMF 115 + 116 (chinit): **1-2%** increase in transaction cost in our sample workloads
- This cost needs to be compared to the benefit of having the data
- Consider sizing your environment to assume that MQ SMF data of all types will be needed at some point, or always running with it on
- We have had many instances of customers raising PMRs for performance problems and not having enough headroom to enable accounting trace, which is how we diagnose performance problems!
- Plus when investigating performance issues it is always useful to have a baseline

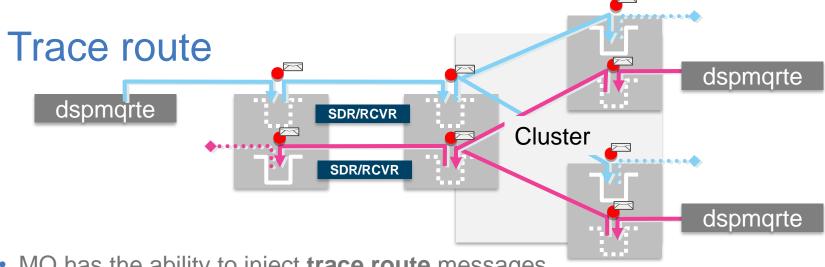
- See capacity and planning guide: MP16 for more information
 - https://ibm-messaging.github.io/mqperf/mp16.pdf

Where are the messages going?



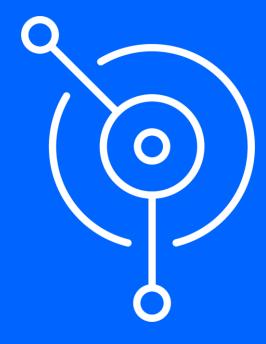


- At each of the dots stuck / mis-sent messages are possible
 - MQOPENs of the wrong queue / queue manager by apps
 - Full queues
 - Stopped channels
 - Stopped apps
 - Incorrectly configured QREMOTE/QALIAS routing objects
 - Cluster membership problems
- The standard problem diagnosis approach
 - Methodically checking channels/queues/DLQs at each point
- Is there anything to speed up this process?



- MQ has the ability to inject trace route messages
 - (Can be) hidden from applications
 - Generate activity reports as they pass through, potentially accumulated in the message
- Tools are available to trace routes using these reports
 - dspmqrte command line tool supplied with Distributed. Can be run against a z/OS queue manager as a client
 - MS0P cat 2 SupportPac extension to MQ Explorer
- Lets you see the path messages could have taken
 - Test connectivity through the MQ network
 - Test cluster workload balancing
- Can quickly jump you close to the problem
 - The point your trace message veers off in the wrong direction
 - The point the trail goes cold
- NB: there is also a related technology: activity recording which generates activity reports 25 from real messages

What are the apps doing?



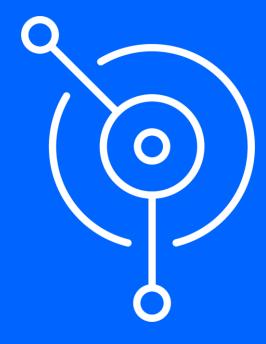
What are the apps doing?

- Distributed have application activity trace which can give information about all the MQI operations an application does in the order that they do it
- Useful for:
 - 1. Application audit trails
 - 2. Message duplication
 - 3. Detailed problem determination
 - 4. Enforcing application coding standards
- Should be selectively enabled to reduce performance impact
- MQ for z/OS doesn't have any equivalent to this, but accounting stats can start to help with #1, and we will later see a tool for #2
- There is an RFE for adding application activity trace to MQ for z/OS
 - https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/execute?use_case=viewRfe&CR_ID=56321





How can I look back in time?



What happened to my messages at 2am this morning?

- Enterprise monitoring solution
 - DLQ alerts, queue depth alerts, channel status alerts
 - Unresolved running units of work
 - Historical MQ monitoring, accounting and stats data
- App logs from the time of the problem
 - Exceptions, MQ error codes, timeouts
- MQ job logs for all queue managers that could have been involved
 - Channel errors
 - Authentication issues
- SYSLOG
- ??? what else is there

What about the MQ recovery log?

- For persistent messages regardless of whether in a transaction or not
 - MQ logs each operation performed
- Why can't we use this to
 - Look back in time to 2am and see what happened?
 - Recover the original payload if the app lost the message?
 - See what happened inside long-running units of work?
 - Provide a list of operations within the failed business transaction?
- MQ provides a utility to do so: CSQ1LOGP
 - Allows you to look at both active and archive logs even if queue manager is running
 - Can extract information on messages put / got in committed, rolled-back and inflight units of work
 - Can also be used to get information on alterations to object definitions
 - Can be combined with DFSORT to do things like give the total amount of persistent message data sent to a queue

Running CSQ1LOGP

```
//CSQ1LOGP JOB NOTIFY=&SYSUID
//PRTLOG EXEC PGM=CSQ1LOGP

//STEPLIB DD DISP=SHR, DSN=ANTZ.MQ.V000.COM.OUT.SCSQANLE
// DD DISP=SHR, DSN=ANTZ.MQ.V000.COM.OUT.SCSQLOAD
//ACTIVE1 DD DSN=VICY.MQ21.LOGCOPY1.DS02, DISP=SHR
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSSUMRY DD SYSOUT=*
//CSQCMT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSIN DD *
PAGESET(4)
EXTRACT(YES)
RBASTART(000000004C99D19B)
/*
```

- ACTIVE1 DD card: name of active log to search
- CSQCMT DD card: message data from committed units of work go here CSQBACK, CSQBOTH, CSQINFLT and CSQOBJS are also available
- PAGESET(4): only look at data in pageset 4
- EXTRACT(YES): extract message data to specified datasets
- RBASTART(): start from this RBA to the end of the log RBAEND and LRSN variants are also available

Example output

Output is one line for each MQPUT, MQGET and each UR related operation MQPUT example shown below. Payload is in bold

```
2019.108 7:31:42.730 0N m < w i 8XX** Ö \MQSX00 N m I CHIN MQ21CHINBUR MQ21AQUEUE y MQPUT CN < x AMD CSQ MQ21 N m MQ21CHIN1BEC3AE0 Ö \ LoadQueueLoopJMSWIthDifferen2019041807314273 This is a message
```

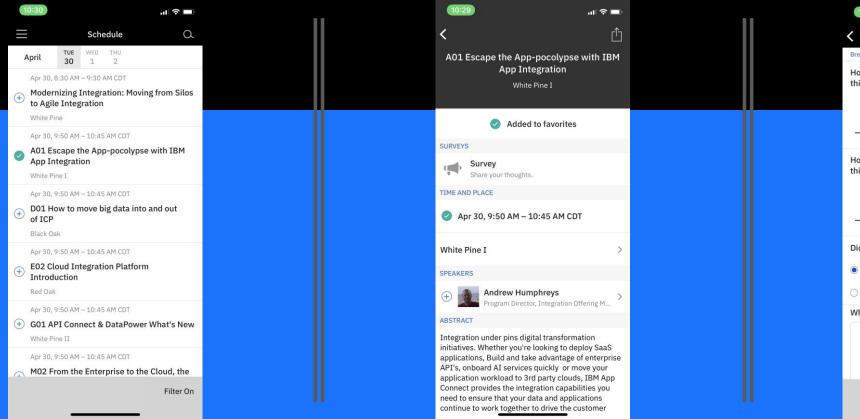
While this output format can be useful its likely that you will want to run tooling against it to further refine the data. We provide sample C code (CSQ4LOGS) which will parse the output from CSQ1LOGP and then either:

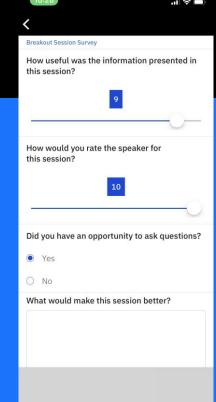
- Display summary information about each unit of work (no message data)
- Replay the messages to the target queue, possibly to a different queue manager, where it can then be browsed
- An obvious extension to this would be to dump just the message data. This is left as an action for the user...

Summary

- Lots of tools in your MQ toolbox!
- On-line status commands
 - DISPLAY CONN
 - DISPLAY QSTATUS
 - DISPLAY CHSTATUS
- Cluster monitoring AMQSCLM
- Off-line statistics and accounting
 - View using MP1B
- Tracking
 - Trace-route
- MQ recovery logs
 - CSQ1LOGP







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Thank You

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