

Chapter - 7 : Managing Queues in Celery

The broker RabbitMQ is all about queues and is capable of having more than one queues, just like any other message broker out there one queue is hardly sufficient for any production level software

It may be possible that we want to separate out queues for various tasks in celery for reasons including not limited to better management, load balancing and security and the good news is that we can create multiple queues in celery and corresponding queues in RabbitMQ handle different different tasks in different queue

But what we're doing till now? Which Queue was that?

The default queue name is Celery, which we're using all the time

Here is the command to check all the active queues in the celery

```
celery -A task_one inspect active_queues
```

Creating named queues in Celery

We can create named queues in celery while instantiating the workers

```
celery -A task_one worker --loglevel=INFO -Q first
```

We can create multiple queues by giving a comma separated queue names

```
celery -A task_one worker --loglevel=INFO -Q first,second,third
```

we can also see the same in the RabbitMQ Dashboard

Overview					Messages			Message rates			
Virtual host	Name	Type	Features	State	Ready	Unacked	Total	incoming	deliver	get	ack
/	celery@Deepaks-MacBook-Pro.local:celery.pidbox	classic	AD TTL Exp	idle	0	0	0				
/	celeryev.89eb7479-7fd3-40d8-833a-1cb6a8ef3dd1	classic	AD TTL Exp	idle	0	0	0	0.40/s	0.40/s	0.00/s	
/	first	classic	D	idle	0	0	0				
/	second	classic	D	idle	0	0	0				

Task In Queue

Submitting a task in a particular queue

We can use the `apply_async` to put a task in particular queue. For example, if we want to put a task in a queue name first, here is how we're going to call the function

```
def put_task_in_first_queue():
    result = task_send_sms.apply_async((12345, "USD $5000 Deposited"), queue="first")
    result.get()

def put_task_in_second_queue():
    result = task_send_whatsapp.apply_async((12345, "USD $5000 Deposited"), queue="second")
    result.get()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    put_task_in_first_queue()
    put_task_in_second_queue()
```

Task In Queue

Example : 1

Changing the Default Queue of the Celery Tasks

When we created workers by specifying the queue name, the default queue named celery no longer exists. In this case we need to explicitly mention the name of a queue while calling a task

in the example above, if we remove the name of the queue in the task_send_sms or task_send_whatsapp then the task will not be executed

```
result = task\_send\_sms.apply\_async((12345, "USD $5000 Deposited"))
```

Example : 2

By default a queue name Celery is created and the serves as a default queue. However, when we create named queues then we need to decide on which one is the default so that all the tasks where the queue name is not mentioned or called using delay can be forwarded to the default queue

```
app = Celery('cel_main', backend='rpc://', broker='pyamqp://')

# Mark the default queue Name
app.conf.task_default_queue = "first"
```

Task In Queue

Task Routing in Celery

We can create manual routes in celery and we can do the same by providing the queue parameter in the app.Task method. In the example below, we've created 3 queues

```
celery -A task_one worker --loglevel=INFO -Q first,second,third
```

```
app = Celery('cel_main', backend='rpc://', broker='pyamqp://')
```

```
#app.conf.task_default_queue = "first"
```

```
@app.task(queue='second')
def second_task():
    print("Second Task - CALLED")
    print("Second Task - DONE")
    return "Second Task Done."
```

```
@app.task(queue='third')
def third_task():
    print("Third Task - CALLED")
    print("Third Task - DONE")
    return "Third Task Done."
```

```
@app.task(queue='first')
def first_task():
    print("First Task - CALLED")
    print("First Task - DONE")
    return "First Task Done."
```

Example : 3