

# Practical MSMQ

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# Practical MSMQ



Implement  
**request-response &  
publish-subscribe**

**Interactive** user  
requests & **event  
driven** workflows

**Practical  
considerations**  
for messaging

# Request-response



Client builds and sends message  
Specifies response queue address

Queue stores message

Handler reads message  
Sends reply to response queue

Queue stores message

Client read response message  
Processes reply

# Request-Response

Request and  
response **message**  
**definitions**

Message handler  
query **logic** and **host**

New **queues** to  
isolate processing

# Demo 1: Request-Response

## Feature

Validate user's  
email address  
before  
unsubscribing

## Task

Send request  
message from  
web & await  
response

## Task

Process request  
message in  
handler & send  
response

# **Demo 1: Request-Response**

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- **Presentation layer**

- Create dedicated response queue

```
var responseQueueAddress = string.Format(".\\private$\\{0}",  
                                         Guid.NewGuid().ToString().Substring(0, 6));  
var responseQueue = msmq.MessageQueue.Create(responseQueueAddress);
```

- Send request message

```
using (var queue = new msmq.MessageQueue("...doesuserexist"))  
{  
    var message = new msmq.Message();  
    message.BodyStream = doesUserExistRequest.ToJsonStream();  
    message.Label = doesUserExistRequest.GetMessageType();  
    message.ResponseQueue = responseQueue;  
    queue.Send(message);  
}
```

# Demo 1: Request-Response

- **Presentation layer**

- Listen on response queue

```
var response = responseQueue.Receive();  
var doesUserExistResponse = response.BodyStream.ReadFromJson  
    <DoesUserExistResponse>();  
return doesUserExistResponse.Exists;
```

- Delete response queue

```
if (msmq.MessageQueue.Exists(responseQueueAddress))  
{  
    msmq.MessageQueue.Delete(responseQueueAddress);  
}
```



# Demo 1: Request-Response

- **Message handler**

- Receive & action request message

```
var message = queue.Receive();  
var messageBody = message.BodyStream.ReadFromJson(message.Label);  
//...  
else if (messageBody.GetType() == typeof(DoesUserExistRequest))  
{  
    CheckUserExists((DoesUserExistRequest)messageBody, message);  
}
```

- Build & send response message

```
using (var queue = message.ResponseQueue)  
{  
    var response = new msmq.Message();  
    response.BodyStream = responseBody.ToJsonStream();  
    response.Label = responseBody.GetMessageType();  
    queue.Send(response);  
}
```

# Considerations



## Reliability

How long will the client wait?

Interactive may not need durability

## Destination request queue

Shared queue for all clients

Split by priority

## Destination response queue

Transient, one per request

Shared response queue, correlated

# Publish-subscribe



Broadcast notifications

Publish events to users

Event-driven processing

Publish events to components

Decouple workflow stages

Parallel execution

Independent scaling

Extend workflow

## Demo 2: Publish-Subscribe

Feature

Decouple  
unsubscribe  
workflow

Task

Existing handler  
to save changes &  
publish event

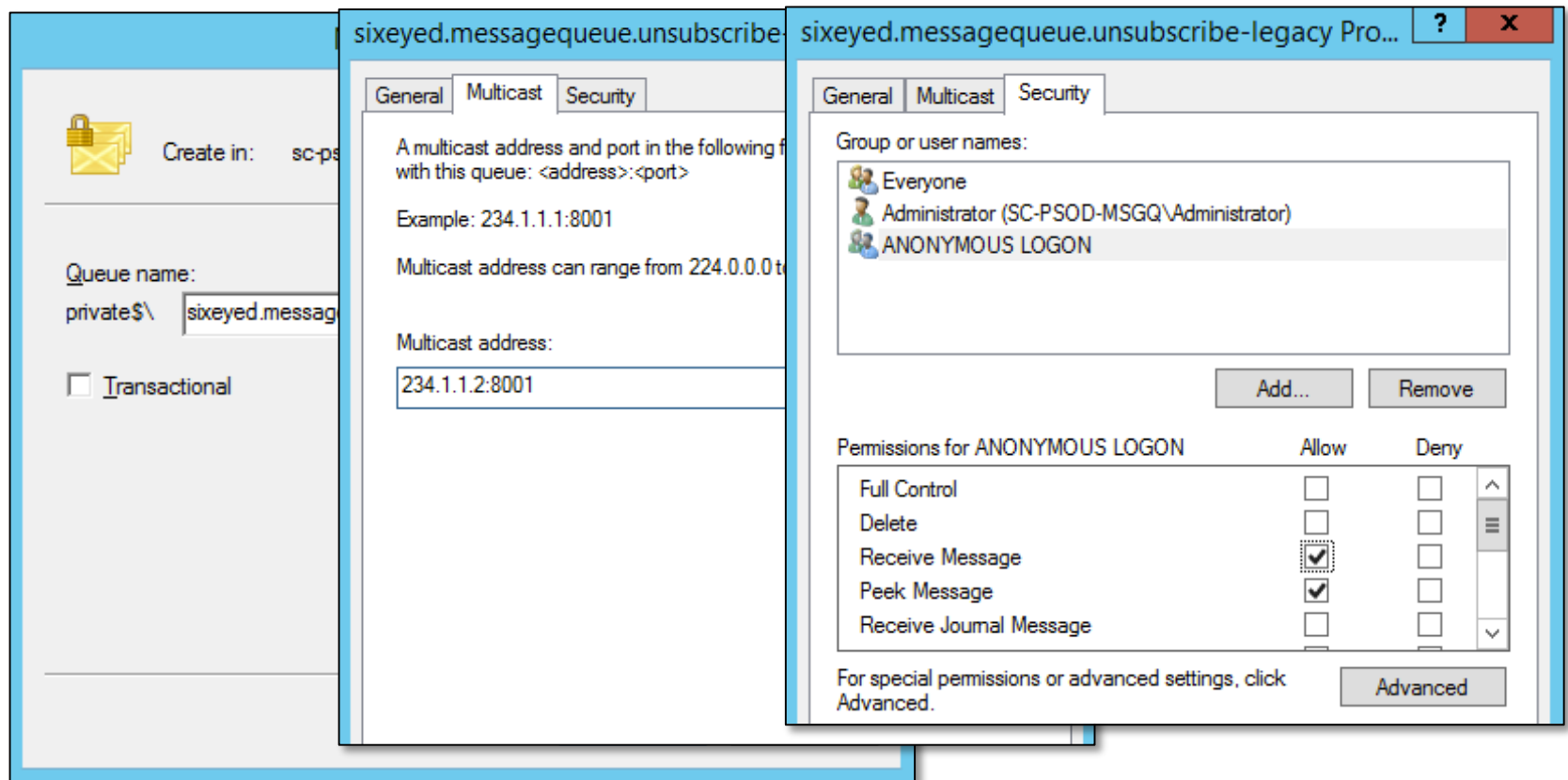
Task

New handlers  
subscribe to  
event & action  
workflow

## **Demo 2: Publish-Subscribe**

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- **Subscriber queue**
  - Non-transactional; multicast; ANONYMOUS LOGON



# Demo 2: Publish-Subscribe

## ■ Unsubscribe workflow

- Persist unsubscribe status
- Send user-unsubscribed event message

```
var unsubscribedEvent = new UserUnsubscribed
{
    EmailAddress = EmailAddress
};
using (var queue = new msmq.MessageQueue(
    "FormatName:MULTICAST=234.1.1.2:8001"))
{
    var message = new msmq.Message();
    message.BodyStream = unsubscribedEvent.ToJsonStream();
    message.Label = unsubscribedEvent.GetMessageType();
    queue.Send(message);
}
```




# Demo 2: Publish-Subscribe

- Subscriber message handler
  - Listen on multicast queue

```
var queueAddress = "...sixeyed.messagequeue.unsubscribe-legacy";  
using (var queue = new msmq.MessageQueue(queueAddress))  
{  
    queue.MulticastAddress = "234.1.1.2:8001";  
    while (true)  
    {  
        Console.WriteLine("Listening on: {0}", queueAddress);  
        var message = queue.Receive();  
    }  
}
```



# Summary

- **Practical MSMQ** 
  - Implementing messaging patterns
- **Request-response** 
  - Interactive process
  - Dedicated request queue
  - Temporary response queue
- **Publish-subscribe** 
  - Decouple workflow components
  - Multicast over PGM
  - Separate queues & handlers



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