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What's New in IBM MQ?

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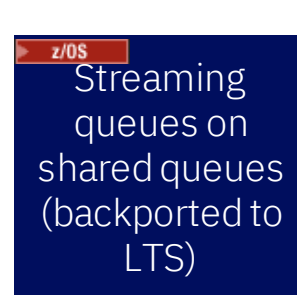
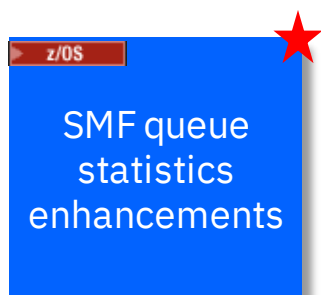
IBM MQ 9.3 LTS, enhancements since 9.2 LTS

Simplified Linux install	Dspmqinst for IBM i	Stream MQ Appliance error logs	MQ Console application quick start	Key repository passwords	Idempotent MQSC DELETE commands	Hardware accelerated compression for AIX	Non-OS user authorisations	TLS 1.3 across all protocols	TLS 1.3 support for MQIPT
Encrypted MQTT channel passphrases	TLS-only communication switch	Streaming queues	Multiple queue manager certificates for MQIPT	TLS enabled .NET XA monitor	Cryptographic hardware support for client passwords	PKCS#12 key repository support	SNI hostname support for channel routing	Uniform Cluster support for request/reply flows	Transaction boundary aware Uniform Cluster
Uniform Cluster aware MDBs	IBM MQ scaler for KEDA	Apache Qpid JMS support over AMQP	Point-to-point support for AMQP	Java 17 support for applications	MQ Console remote queue manager support	Jakarta Messaging 3.0 support	64-bit RBA default for z/OS	MQ Appliance synchronous DR replication	Disk encryption for the MQ Appliance
OpenShift Operator managed rolling upgrade	OpenShift support for zLinux and Power	OpenShift Prometheus integration with ServiceMonitor	Helm chart sample for Kubernetes deployments	Client attached dead-letter handler	MQ Appliance failed resource action control	IBM MQ on Cloud LogDNA integration	Raft based Native HA for OpenShift	Transfer logging for Managed File Transfer	AT-TLS support for z/OS
Separate statistics and accounting intervals for z/OS	Browse support for AMQP applications	Start/stop of MFT resource monitors	Redistributable MFT Logger	MFT managed call control over REST	IBM MQ AsyncAPI binding	AsyncAPI code generator for IBM MQ JMS applications	Queue depth SMF data for z/OS	.NET 6 application support	Extended REST API message properties



What's new in 9.3.1?

IBM MQ 9.3.1 CD enhancements



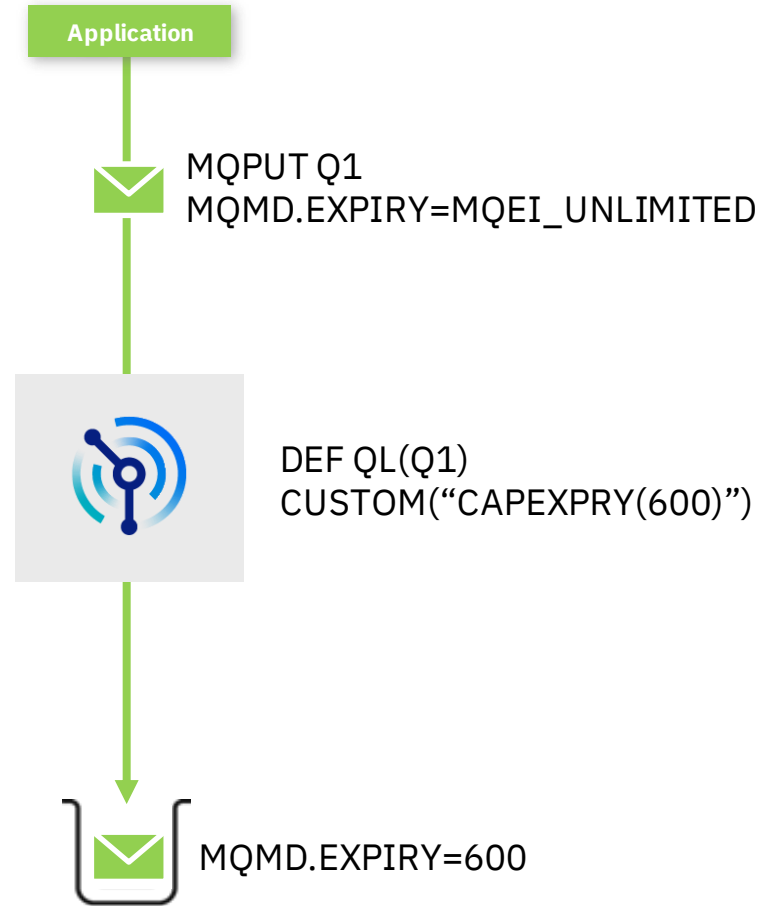
CAPEXPY

CAPEXPY provides an administrative way to set the maximum expiry value that a message can have when sent to a queue / published to a topic

Useful if you have a “badly behaved” application which sends messages without setting an expiry value and you can’t easily change it

Originally provided in the MQ 8 time frame (via an APAR) as a custom property

Custom property approach was always intended to be a temporary solution



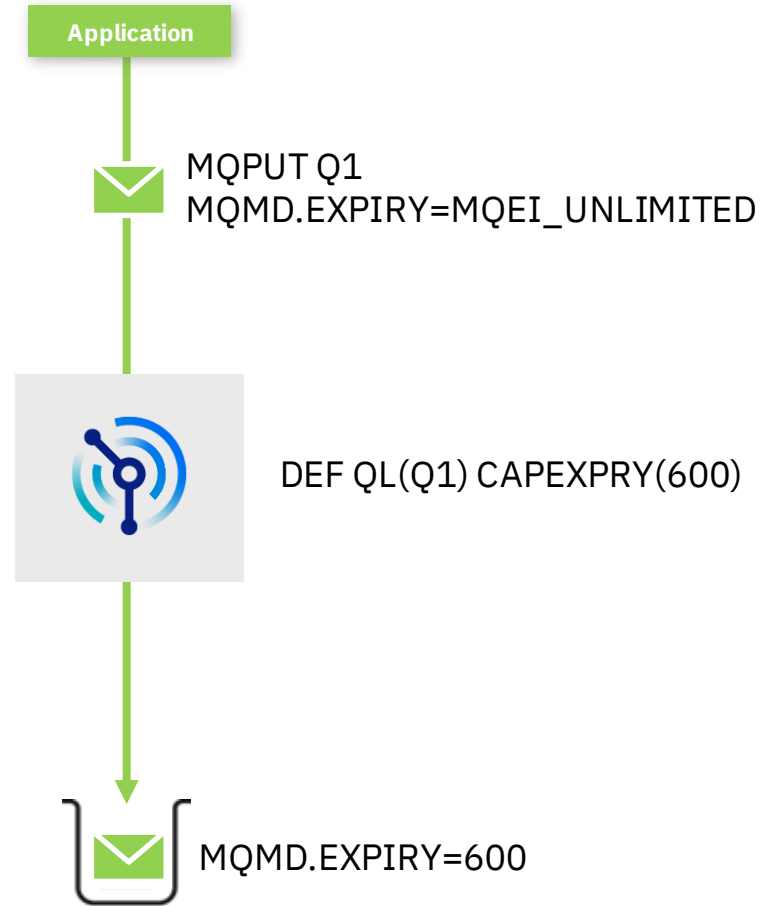
CAPEXPY

In 9.3.1, on distributed platforms,
CAPEXPY now becomes a first class
attribute

z/OS will add support later

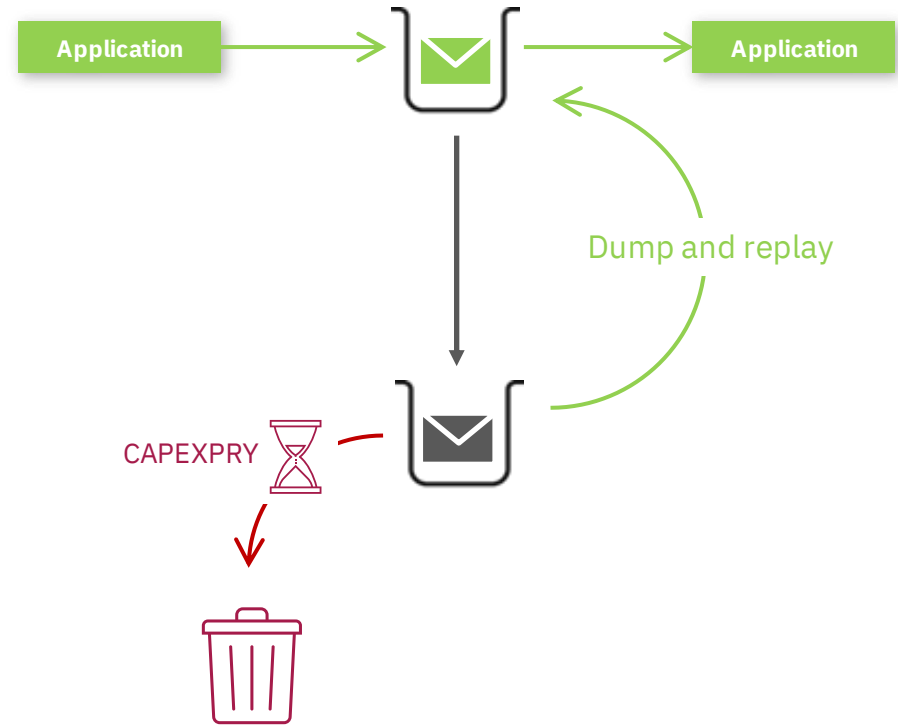
For any given object you can either use the
custom CAPEXPY or the first class
CAPEXPY attribute, but you can't use both
at once

Works the same as before, but is now cluster
aware



And why are we doing this?

Streaming queues!



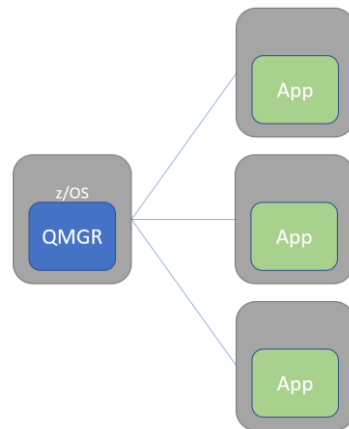
64-bit channel initiator

Previously server-connection channel messages were staged in the channel initiator in a set of buffers in 31 bit storage

Large messages could limit the maximum number of active channels

Now with 64 bit storage in the channel initiator, a larger number of applications can connect at the same time

Samples will be changed to have MEMLIMIT=2G (2GB 64 storage as a starting point)



104 concurrent clients sending 10MB messages.
Memory footprint per client

	9.3.0	9.3.x
31 bit	10.4MB	112KB
64 bit	0	11.6MB

Assuming 1.3GB spare space below the bar this implies max 128 clients at 9.3.0.

At 9.3.1 we could get to 9999 clients (the max) assuming suitable MEMLIMIT

More flexible monitoring

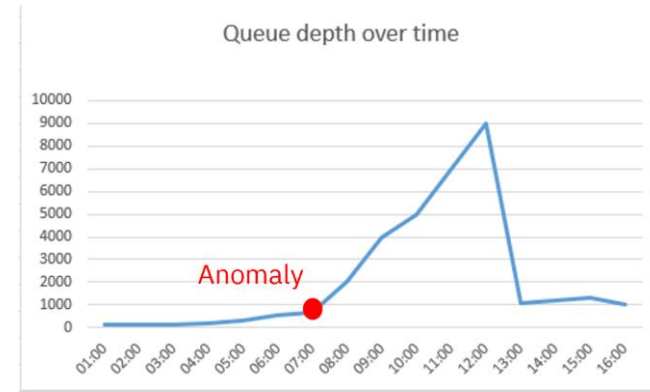
9.3.0 added a new set of per queue statistics

Enabled by setting STATQ(ON) on individual queues or by setting STATQ(ON) on the queue manager and STATQ(QMGR) on the queues

No detectable performance impact when enabled, even when writing records out every second

9.3.1 added
DISPLAY QSTATUS information to these

NB: data is output regardless of the MONQ attribute on the queue



Sample MP1B output

MV41,MQ27,2022/06/24,11:27:29,VRM:931

Queue Name.....Q1

Disposition.....Private

Pageset ID.....4

Bufferpool ID.....2

Current Depth.....10

Open Output Count....2

Open Input Count.....1

QTIME Short.....5029503

QTIME Long.....5029503

Last Put Time.....2022/06/24,11:17:33.902190

Last Get Time.....2022/06/24,11:18:33.902190

Uncommitted Changes.No

Oldest Message Age.....64

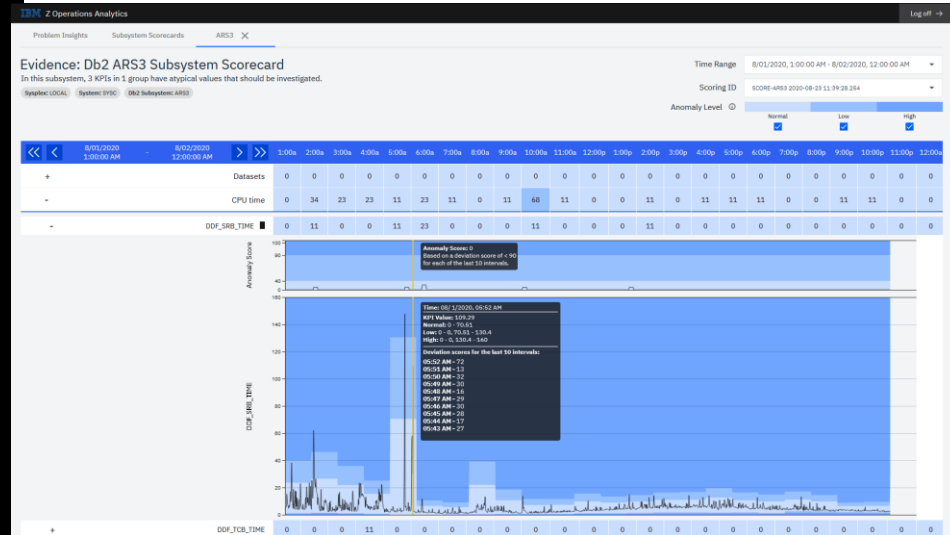
IBM z Anomaly Analytics now supports MQ

Proactively detect problems

Machine learning and AI to identify anomalous behavior

- Leverage historical data to build a model representative of normal operations
- Real time scoring of subsystem KPIs against the model helps detect operational anomalies through analytics and trend analysis
- Anomalies may point to broader issues impacting the environment
- Generate events to alert operations of when anomalous behavior has been detected
- Events can be correlated with data from your enterprise providing a hybrid cloud view of your entire enterprise

Supports MQ SMF 115 (statistics data)



IBM Z Operational Log and Data Analytics

Advanced Data Streaming

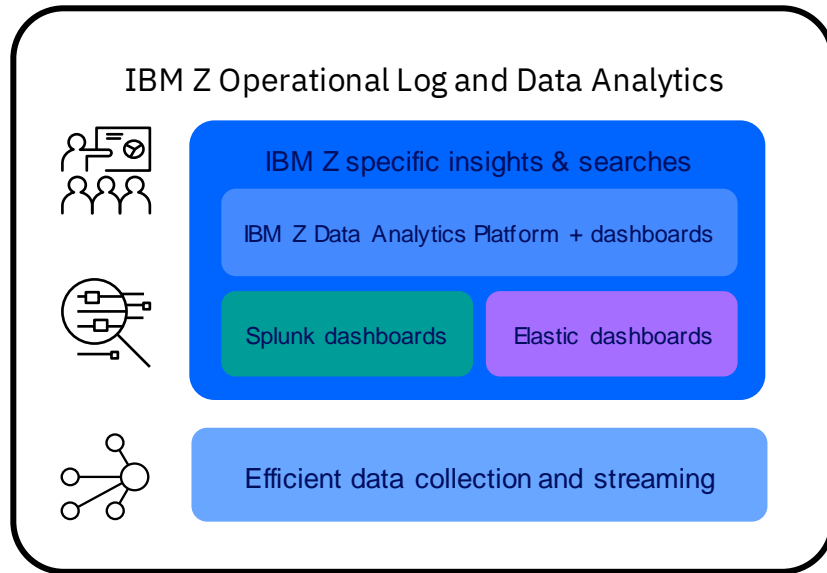
Gain near real-time access to IBM Z operational data where you want to run analytics

Dashboards and searches

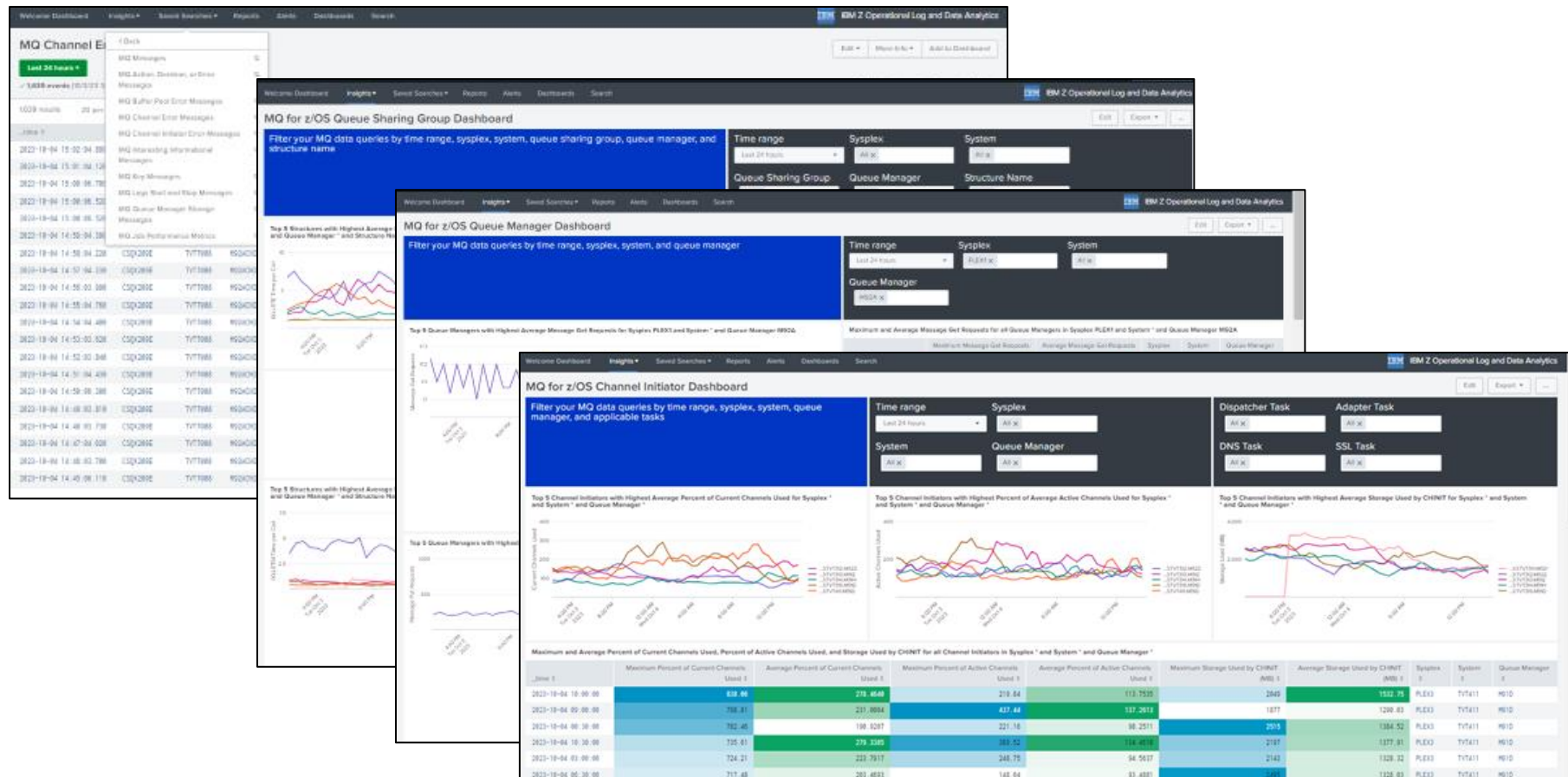
Leverage powerful dashboards to extract contextualized insights from your IBM Z operational data. Prebuilt searches save valuable time and resources when doing deeper analysis

IBM Z Data Analytics Platform

Determine the cause of incidents on platform with the included log analysis platform based on an industry leading open-source solution



MQ Dashboards and Log Searches





What's new in 9.3.2?

IBM MQ 9.3.2 CD enhancements

MQ Console
application view

Multi

More
information in
DIS QMSTATUS

MQ Adv.

More
information in
DIS QMSTATUS
for Native HA

Windows Linux

TLS 1.3 support
for managed
.NET clients

Java modular
application
support

Simplified
messaging
REST API
security

MQ Adv.

Native HA
entitlement with
advanced in
addition to CP4I

z/OS

SMF116
STREAMEDN for
streaming
queues

Appliance

DR between 2
HA pairs

More Native HA info in DIS QMSTATUS

For Native HA, DIS QMSTATUS has been enhanced to make it easy to discover where the active instance of the queue manager is running, and the status of the replicas (similar to dspmq -o nativeha)

DISPLAY QMSTATUS TYPE(NATIVEHA)
3: DISPLAY QMSTATUS TYPE(NATIVEHA)
AMQ8705I: Display Queue Manager Status Details.

INSTANCE(nha_qm1.0)	TYPE(NATIVEHA)
ROLE(ACTIVE)	
HAINITDA(2022-06-08)	HAINITL(0:0:13:54372)
HAINITTI(16.06.54)	
REPLADDR(172.30.195.172(8844))	

INSTANCE(nha_qm1.1)	TYPE(NATIVEHA)
ROLE(REPLICA)	
BACKLOG(0)	CONNACTV(YES)
INSYNC(YES)	
REPLADDR(172.30.195.172(8845))	

INSTANCE(nha_qm1.2)	TYPE(NATIVEHA)
ROLE(REPLICA)	
BACKLOG(661)	CONNACTV(YES)
INSYNC(NO)	
REPLADDR(172.30.195.172(8846))	

MQ Ansible samples

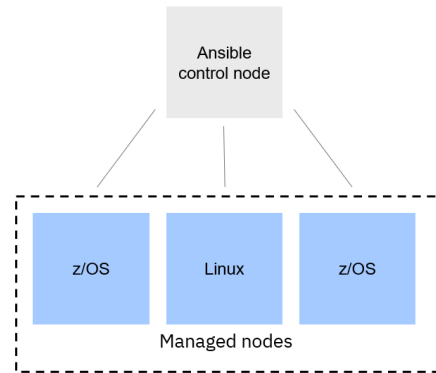
Ansible provides a simple way to automate configuration and management of applications and infrastructure

Ansible playbooks can be run against z/OS providing a common approach across all your IT infrastructure

The IBM z/OS core collection makes it easy for Ansible to interact with data sets, submit jobs, run commands, etc

Sample MQ for z/OS playbooks are now available for creating, altering, displaying and deleting queues. These playbooks can be easily adjusted to work with the other MQ object

An alternative set of playbooks are also available for configuring MQ using simple YAML templates. These can be used on all platforms, via the MQ REST API



https://github.com/IBM/z_ansible_collections_samples/tree/master/zos_su_bsystems/mq

```
zos_operator:
  cmd: "{{ mq_cpf }}" DEF QL ( {{ mq_queue_name }}) DESCR("A QUEUE")"
```

<https://github.com/ibm-messaging/mq-ansible-yaml-commands>

```
# Start a TCP listener.
- command: start
  parameters:
    port: 1407
    qualifier: listener
# Start a channel.
- command: start
  name: MQ07.TO.MQ08
  qualifier: channel
```

Support for Java Modules

MQ classes for JMS / Jakarta enhanced to allow them to be used properly with modular applications (introduced in Java 9)

1) Import the MQ modules into your modular app

```
module do.jms {  
    requires com.ibm.mq.javax;  
}
```

2) Use the MQ modules in your app

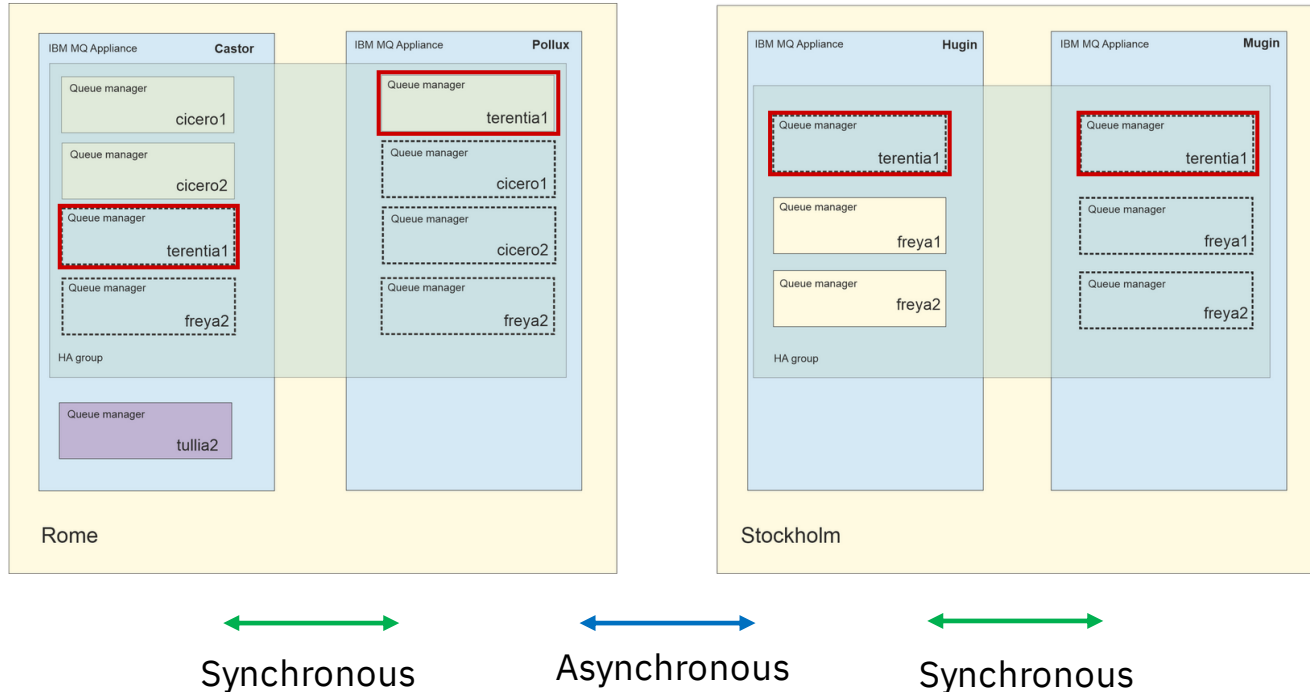
```
package mleming.apps;  
  
import javax.*;  
import com.ibm.mq.jms.*;  
public class DoJMS {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        //do some messaging  
    }  
}
```

3) Run app with MQ modules

```
java --module-path MQ_HOME/java/lib/modules/javax  
-m do.jms/mleming.apps.DoJMS
```

DR between two HA pairs on MQ Appliance

The MQ appliance now supports DR between two HA pairs, meaning that HA is automatically available after a DR failover, removing the manual steps that are currently required to setup an HA group after a DR failover





What's new in 9.3.3?

IBM MQ 9.3.3 CD enhancements

MQ Console
better linking,
and objects
associated with
queues

Multi
AMQP
performance
improvements

Remote REST
messaging

MQ Adv.
MQ Adv. VUE
Supported
MQ/Kafka
Connectors

MQ Adv.
Native HA
damaged object
auto recovery

z/OS
More per queue
SMF data

Appliance
CLI SSH
authentication
using certificate

Appliance
Disk space
monitoring

Remote REST messaging

We are seeing more and more customers using the MQ web server

We are gradually removing the requirement that the server is collocated with the queue managers that it interacts with:

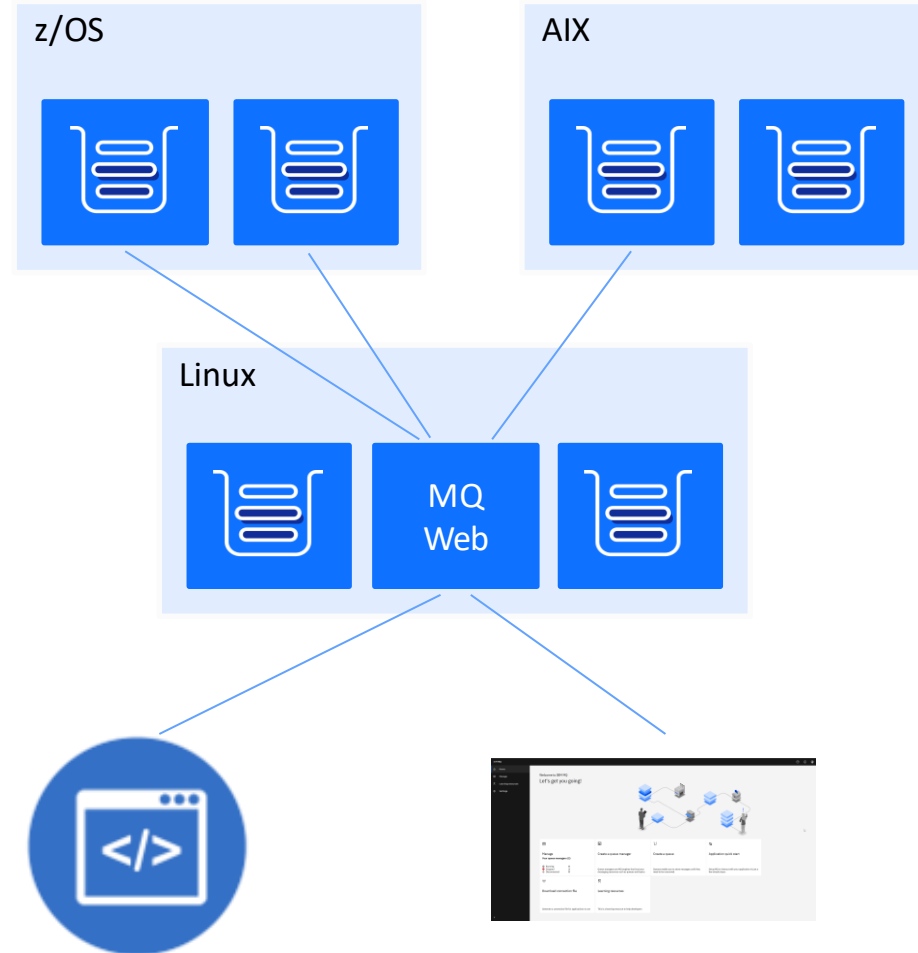
Admin REST API: REST admin gateway in 9.1.0

MQ Console: remote support in 9.3.0

Messaging REST API: remote support in 9.3.3

The last two use JSON CCDTs to connect to remote queue managers via client connections

Very useful if you want to interact with MQ on z/OS but not install the web console there



More flexible monitoring

Full set of per queue statistics completed

65 data points per queue

```
unsigned long long int qqstnppt; /* Num of non-persistent */
/* MQPUTs in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstppt; /* Num of persistent MQPUTs */
/* in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstnppl; /* Num of non-persistent */
/* MQPUTls in interval */
unsigned long long int qqsttpl; /* Num of persistent MQPUTls */
/* in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstputb; /* Num of MQPUT bytes in */
/* interval */
unsigned long long int qqstptlb; /* Num of MQPUTl bytes in */
/* interval */
unsigned long long int qqstnppb; /* Num of non-persistent */
/* MQPUT bytes in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstppb; /* Num of persistent MQPUT */
/* bytes in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstnp1b; /* Num of non-persistent */
/* MQPUTl bytes in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstplb; /* Num of persistent MQPUTl */
/* bytes in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstflpt; /* Num of MQPUTs failed in */
/* interval */
unsigned long long int qqstflpl; /* Num of MQPUTls failed in */
/* interval */
unsigned long long int qqstfptc; /* Num of messages fast put to*/
/* waiting getter in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstfptb; /* Num of bytes fast put to a */
/* waiting getter in interval */
unsigned long long int qqststrm; /* Num of successfully */
/* streamed messages in */
/* interval */
unsigned long long int qqstmsmi; /* Minimum message size put in*/
/* bytes in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstmsma; /* Maximum message size put in*/
/* bytes in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstmsav; /* Average message size put in*/
/* bytes in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstgets; /* Num of destructive MQGETs */
/* in interval */
unsigned long long int qqstnpgd; /* Num of Persistent */
/* destructive MQGETs */
/* in interval */
```

AMQP performance improvements

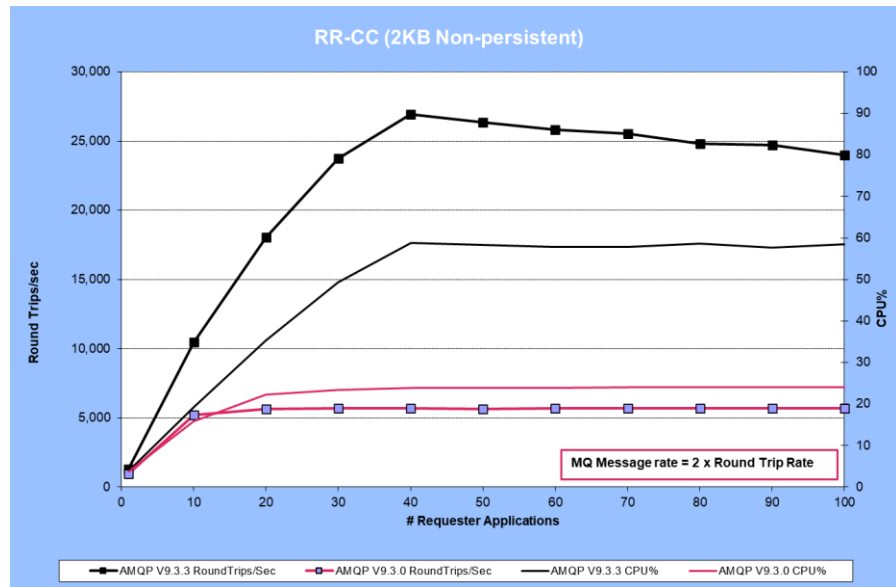
AMQP apps using QOS_AT_LEAST_ONCE have to acknowledge a message once they have processed it

When the queue manager receives the acknowledgement, it deletes the message

Prior to 9.3.3 this delete was done on a per-message basis

From 9.3.3 messages are acknowledged in batches or after a period of time has expired

This new approach provides a big improvement in throughput



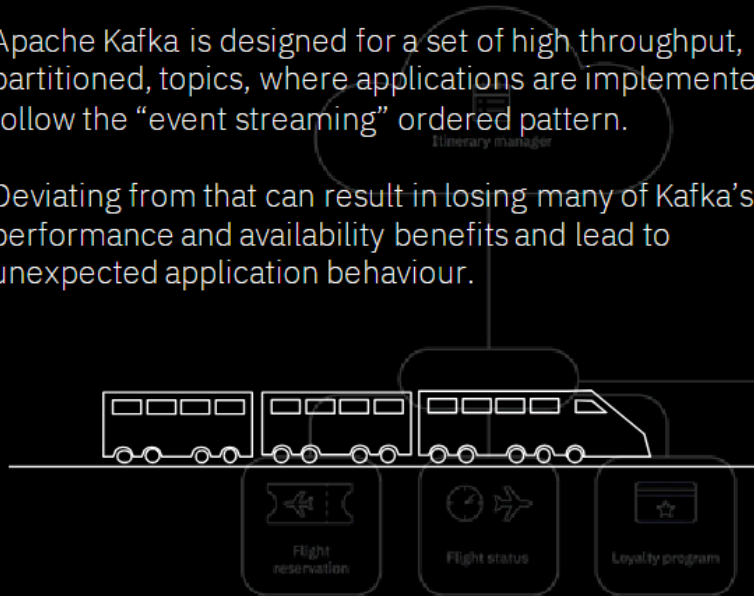
Messaging technologies

Different approaches, satisfy different requirements

Apache Kafka

Apache Kafka is designed for a set of high throughput, partitioned, topics, where applications are implemented to follow the “event streaming” ordered pattern.

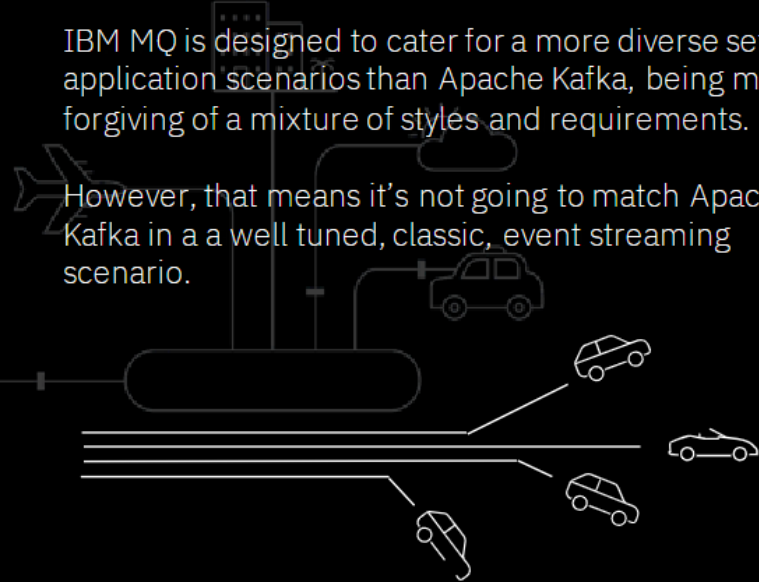
Deviating from that can result in losing many of Kafka's performance and availability benefits and lead to unexpected application behaviour.



IBM MQ

IBM MQ is designed to cater for a more diverse set of application scenarios than Apache Kafka, being more forgiving of a mixture of styles and requirements.

However, that means it's not going to match Apache Kafka in a well tuned, classic, event streaming scenario.



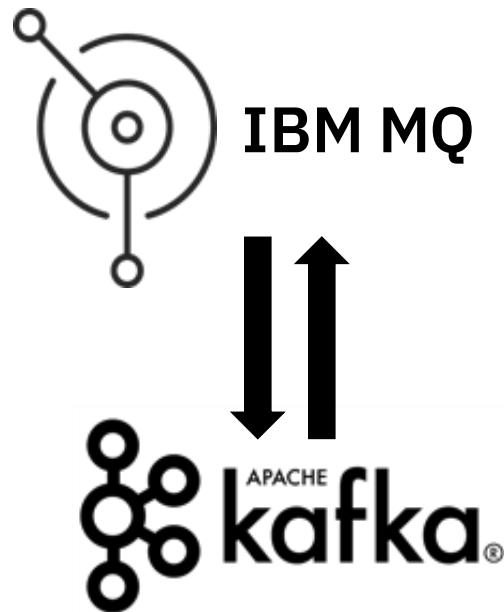
Understand the application's style and behaviour and pick the technology based on that

Connecting MQ and Kafka: why?

With IBM MQ and Apache Kafka specialising in different aspects of the messaging spectrum, one on connectivity and the other on data, solutions often require messages to flow between the two.

Common scenarios:

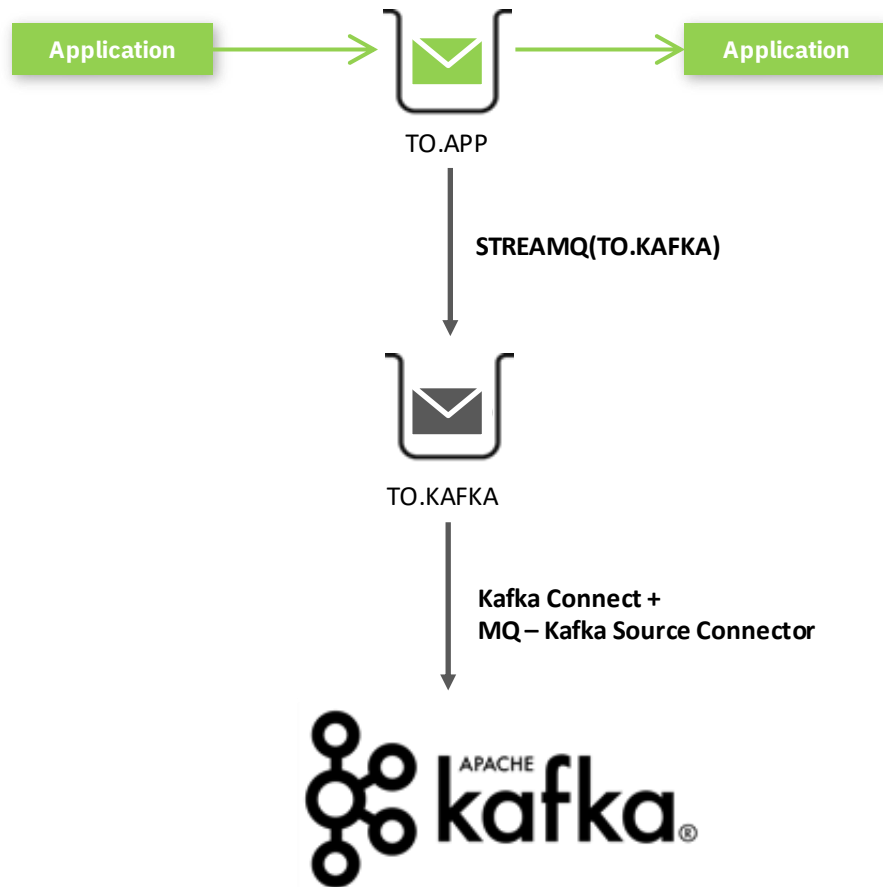
- Core banking system with MQ used as connectivity backbone. Business needs to take a copy of messages from MQ and push them into Kafka for analytics.
- Business needs to extend core banking system to emit data into Kafka, but doesn't want to add network latency that might affect SLAs, so uses local queue manager as a bridge.
- Business needs to get data into Kafka from z/OS and wants to accelerate delivery so uses in-house MQ experience.
- Customer needs to get data into z/OS from distributed. Distributed development team has experience with Kafka, z/OS team want to exploit MQ integration with CICS / IMS.



MQ and Kafka

We see many customers wanting to use MQ and Kafka together

Either because they want to stream a copy of existing data moving through MQ into Kafka



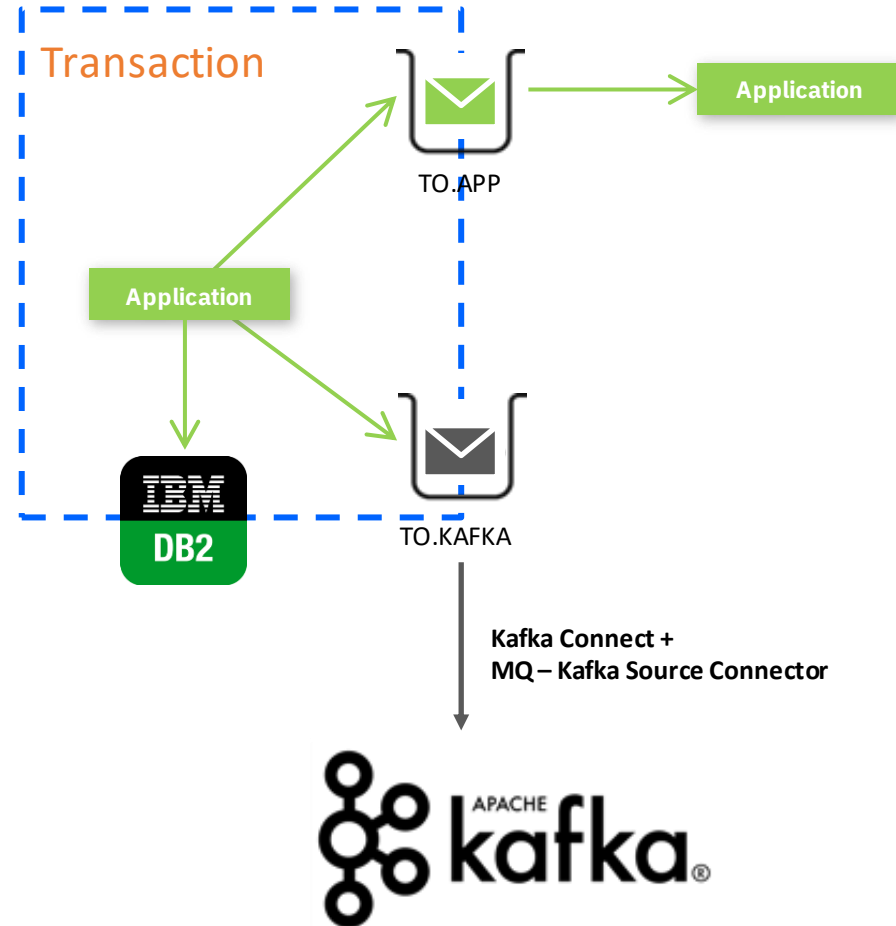
MQ and Kafka

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Either because they want to stream a copy of existing data moving through MQ into Kafka

Or because they want a way to get data into Kafka that ensures data is only sent if their transaction commits

This is a very common z/OS use case



The IBM MQ / Kafka connector

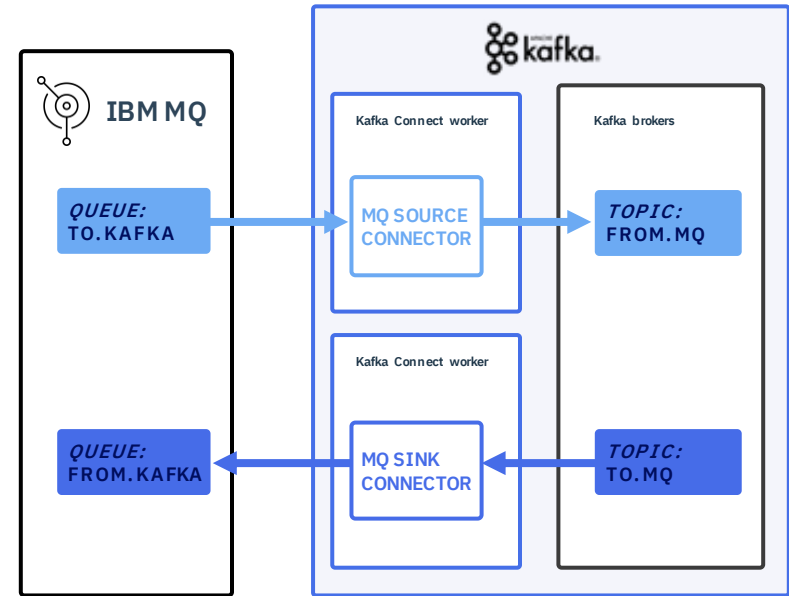
IBM provides MQ-Kafka connectors which can be used to move data between MQ and Kafka

The connectors can be used with any queue manager including those running on z/OS

Supported with either IBM Event Streams or IBM MQ Advanced entitlement, also available unsupported as open source

Connectors will be available from:

- Connector pack on z/OS (9.3.3 onwards)
- Fix Central – distributed (any version)
- GitHub releases page (any version)



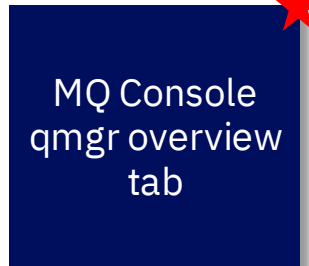
<https://github.com/ibm-messaging/kafka-connect-mq-sink/releases>

<https://github.com/ibm-messaging/kafka-connect-mq-source/releases>



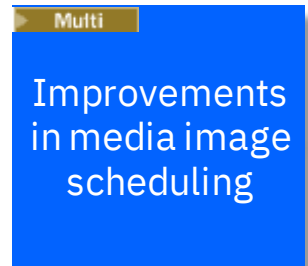
What's new in 9.3.4?

IBM MQ 9.3.4 CD enhancements




MQ Console
qmgr overview
tab

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Multi
Improvements
in media image
scheduling

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Multi
Tuning options
for log I/O
warnings

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Linux AIX
JSON web
tokens

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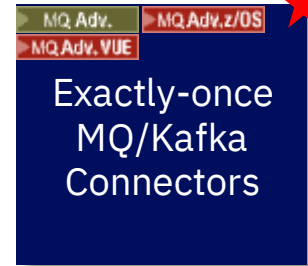
Multi
JMS support for
influencing
rebalancing

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MQ Adv.
Native HA,
smarter media
image
scheduling

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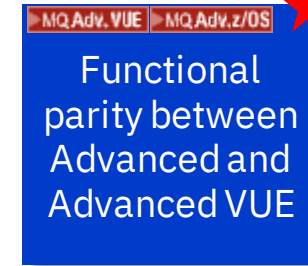
MQ Adv. MQ Adv. z/OS
MQ Adv. VUE
Exactly-once
MQ/Kafka
Connectors

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z/OS
Simplified Java
/ JMS
Topologies

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MQ Adv. VUE MQ Adv. z/OS
Functional
parity between
Advanced and
Advanced VUE

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z/OS
CSQ1LOGP can
deal with
message
properties

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Appliance
SSH support for
rsa-sha2-256 &
rsa-sha2-512
signatures

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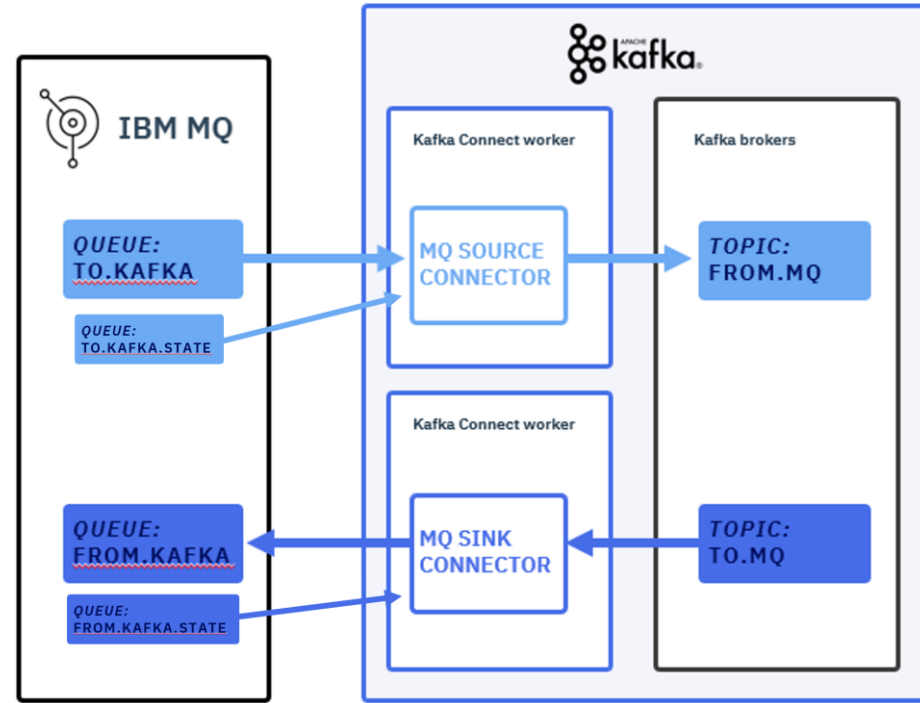
Exactly-once support

In 9.3.4, the MQ / Kafka connectors have been updated so that they support at-least-once **and exactly-once** message delivery semantics

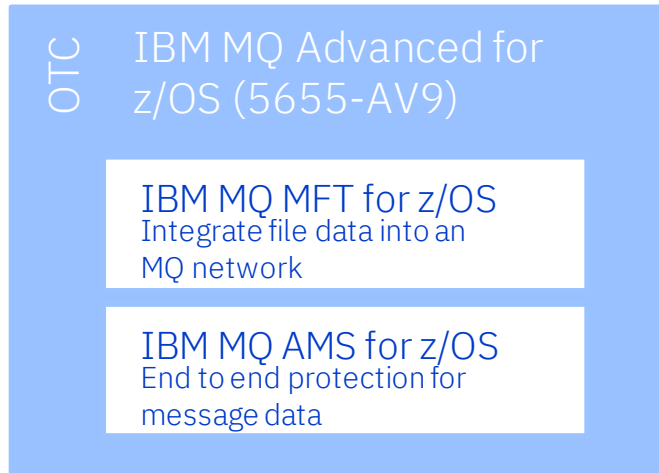
Previous connectors only supported at-least-once. No other vendor has exactly-once MQ connectors

Updated connectors aren't open source. Can only be obtained with MQ Advanced or IBM ES entitlement

Exactly-once requires extra configuration to enable, both in MQ (a state queue), and Kafka. A relatively recent version of Kafka is also required



MQ for z/OS offerings: before



MLC IBM MQ z/OS (5655-MQ9)
Core MQ product

OTC IBM MQ z/OS VUE (5655-VU9)
Core MQ product

OTC IBM MQ Advanced for z/OS VUE (5655-AV1)

Connector Pack
Aspera fasp.io Gateway and Kafka Connector

Extra support for TCP/IP
Java/JMS/MFT agents connecting to remote z/OS queue managers

IBM MQ MFT for z/OS
Integrate file data into an MQ network

IBM MQ AMS for z/OS
End to end protection for message data

IBM MQ for z/OS VUE
Core MQ product

MQ for z/OS offerings: now

JMS/Java batch connections will be supported to remote z/OS queue managers regardless of product entitlement

*APAR required for 9.3 and 9.2

OTC

IBM MQ Advanced for z/OS (5655-AV9)

Connector Pack

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MLC

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Core MQ product

OTC

IBM MQ z/OS VUE (5655-VU9)

Core MQ product

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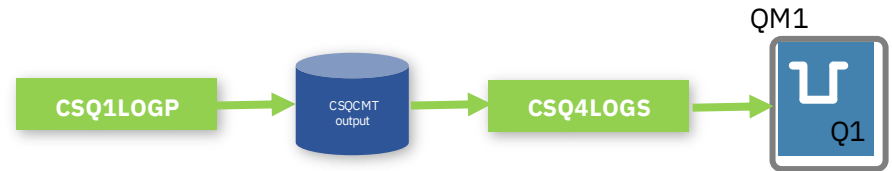
Core MQ product

CSQ1LOGP EXTRACT supports message properties

CSQ1LOGP EXTRACT enhanced to fully extract messages with message properties, with the message properties going into an RFH2 header

This means that, if needed, those messages can be replayed, including the properties, using CSQ4LOGS, just like any other message

```
//STEP1 EXEC PGM=CSQ1LOGP,REGION=0M
//STEPLIB DD DISP=SHR,DSN=thlqual.SCSQANLE
//          DD DISP=SHR,DSN=thlqual.SCSQAUTH
//          DD DISP=SHR,DSN=thlqual.SCSQLOAD
//ARCHIVE DD DISP=SHR,DSN=xxx.yyy.A0030620
//          DD DISP=SHR,DSN=xxx.yyy.A0030621
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSSUMRY DD SYSOUT=*
//CSQCMT DD DSN=xxx.MSGS.COMMIT,
// DISP=(NEW,CATLG),SPACE=(CYL,(1,10),RLSE),UNIT=SYSDA
//SYSIN DD *
EXTRACT(YES) SUMMARY(NO)
URID(xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
/*
//STEP2 EXEC PGM=CSQ4LOGS,PARM=('QM1 REPLAY'),REGION=0M
//STEPLIB DD DSN=thlqual.SCSQANLE,DISP=SHR
//          DD DSN=thlqual.SCSQAUTH,DISP=SHR
//          DD DSN=thlqual.SCSQLOAD,DISP=SHR
//FILEIN DD DSN=xxx.MSGS.COMMIT,DISP=SHR
//SYSDBOUT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSABOUT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=*
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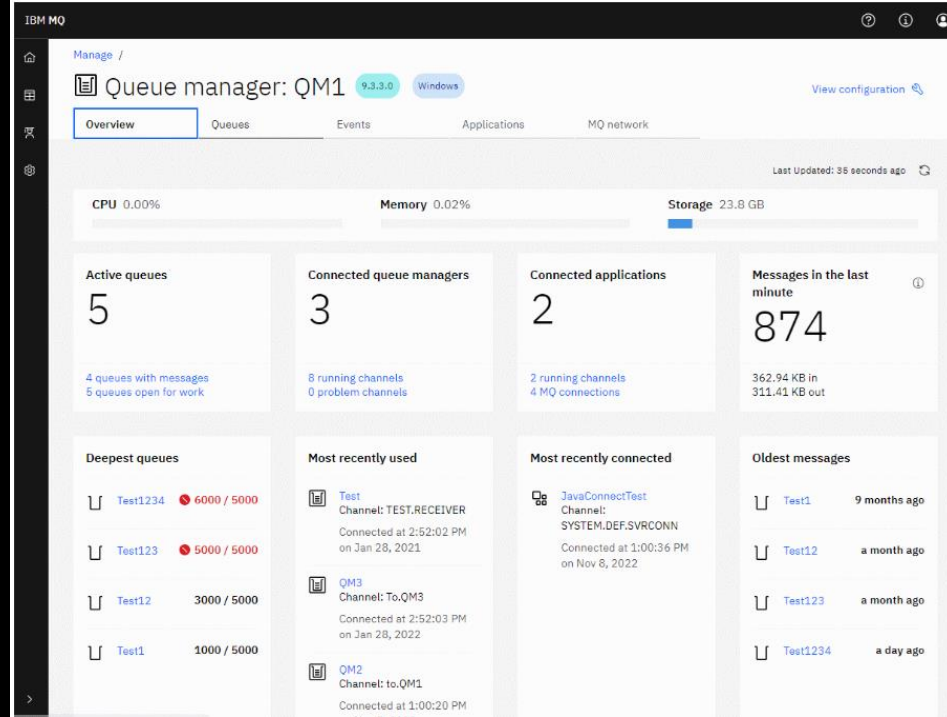


New overview tab for queue managers in IBM MQ Console

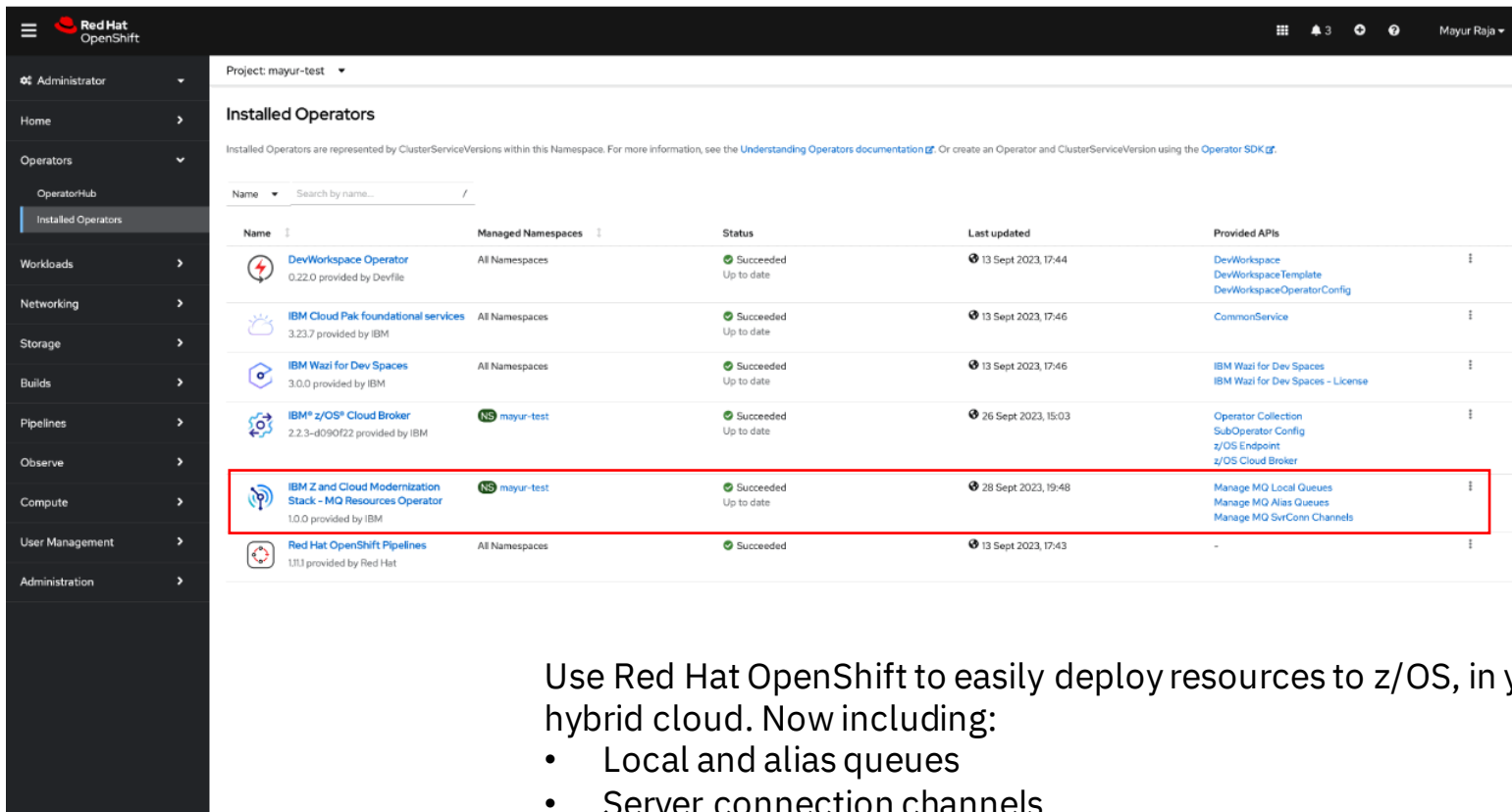
The IBM MQ Console **overview** tab of the queue manager page, introduced in v9.3.4, displays information about a queue manager and the resources it is consuming

- ✓ Eliminate manual look-up
- ✓ Immediately understand the overall state of a queue manager
- ✓ Act on any emerging problems before they become issues







Some of the information is derived from monitoring system topics so not everything is available on z/OS



MQ available in IBM z/OS Cloud Broker



The screenshot shows the Red Hat OpenShift console interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Administrator, Home, Operators (selected), Workloads, Networking, Storage, Builds, Pipelines, Observe, Compute, User Management, and Administration. The main panel displays the 'Installed Operators' for the 'Project: mayur-test' namespace. A table lists several operators, with the 'IBM Z and Cloud Modernization Stack - MQ Resources Operator' highlighted by a red rectangle. This operator is version 1.0.0, provided by IBM, and is installed in the 'mayur-test' namespace. It is in a 'Succeeded' state and 'Up to date'. The provided APIs include 'Manage MQ Local Queues', 'Manage MQ Alias Queues', and 'Manage MQ SvrConn Channels'.

Name	Managed Namespaces	Status	Last updated	Provided APIs
 DevWorkspace Operator 0.22.0 provided by Devfile	All Namespaces	✔ Succeeded Up to date	13 Sept 2023, 17:44	DevWorkspace DevWorkspaceTemplate DevWorkspaceOperatorConfig
 IBM Cloud Pak foundational services 3.23.7 provided by IBM	All Namespaces	✔ Succeeded Up to date	13 Sept 2023, 17:46	CommonService
 IBM Wazi for Dev Spaces 3.0.0 provided by IBM	All Namespaces	✔ Succeeded Up to date	13 Sept 2023, 17:46	IBM Wazi for Dev Spaces IBM Wazi for Dev Spaces - License
 IBM® z/OS® Cloud Broker 2.2.3-d090f22 provided by IBM	NS mayur-test	✔ Succeeded Up to date	26 Sept 2023, 15:03	Operator Collection SubOperator Config z/OS Endpoint z/OS Cloud Broker
 IBM Z and Cloud Modernization Stack - MQ Resources Operator 1.0.0 provided by IBM	NS mayur-test	✔ Succeeded Up to date	28 Sept 2023, 19:48	Manage MQ Local Queues Manage MQ Alias Queues Manage MQ SvrConn Channels
 Red Hat OpenShift Pipelines 1.13 provided by Red Hat	All Namespaces	✔ Succeeded	13 Sept 2023, 17:43	-

Use Red Hat OpenShift to easily deploy resources to z/OS, in your hybrid cloud. Now including:

- Local and alias queues
- Server connection channels

https://github.com/IBM/zos_mq_operator

Token based authentication

IBM MQ is moving towards a password-less approach to authentication so applications can operate in a more secure way with Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) environment.

JSON Web Token (JWT) will provide a standard way to secure communication between two parties, with optional signature and/or encryption.

Eliminate the need for storing and transmitting passwords, which can be a security vulnerability. Enable single sign-on (SSO) and simplify the authentication process for users.

You can use one trusted issuer so your applications can authenticate with many services without separately registering with all of them.

Tokens can be used across multiple, diverse applications or other endpoints, enabling easier secure collaboration between enterprises and platforms.



Keycloak

Obtain Token



App

Connect with Token



IBM MQ

```
{
  "alg": "HS256",
  "typ": "JWT"
}
{
  "sub": "1234567890",
  "name": "John Doe",
  "iat": 1516239022
}
HMACSHA256(
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +
  base64UrlEncode(payload),
  secret
)
```

Token based authentication

From IBM MQ 9.3.4 client applications can provide tokens to authenticate with a queue manager. The queue manager must be configured to accept authentication tokens.

Queue managers in IBM MQ 9.3.4 and above that run on AIX®, Linux®, and OpenShift® Container Platforms are configured to accept tokens, IBM MQ MQI clients present tokens on connection and can be authenticated.

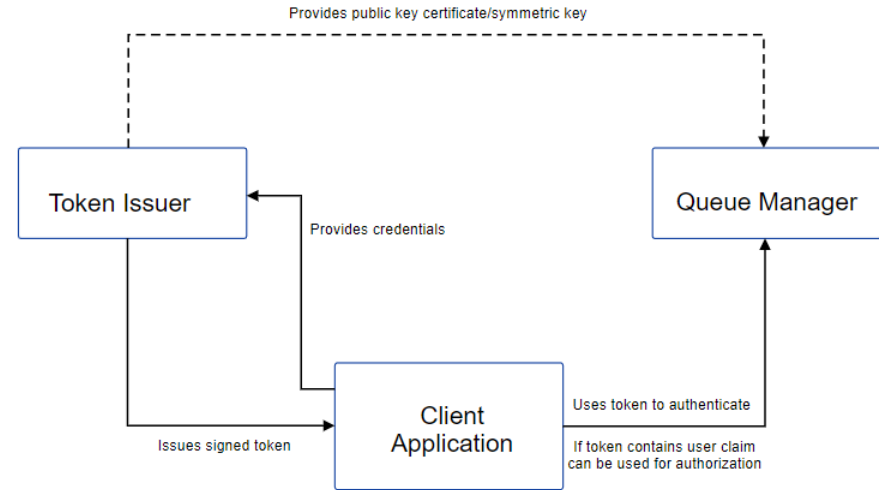
Both IBM MQ MQI clients and Java clients can remain unchanged and use security exits to send authentication tokens to the queue manager.

What is a token?

A token is a simple structure that contains information about a user and can easily be transferred between parties over the internet.

A JWT can be cryptographically signed to form a JWS. This allows for the cryptographic verification of the information inside the JWT.

Tokens that are used with IBM MQ must be valid JWT tokens that have been signed as defined by the internet standard [RFC7515](#) for JSON Web Signature [JWS](#) and using an algorithm that IBM MQ supports.



Thank you.

