

# IBM MQ for z/OS Overview and Terms

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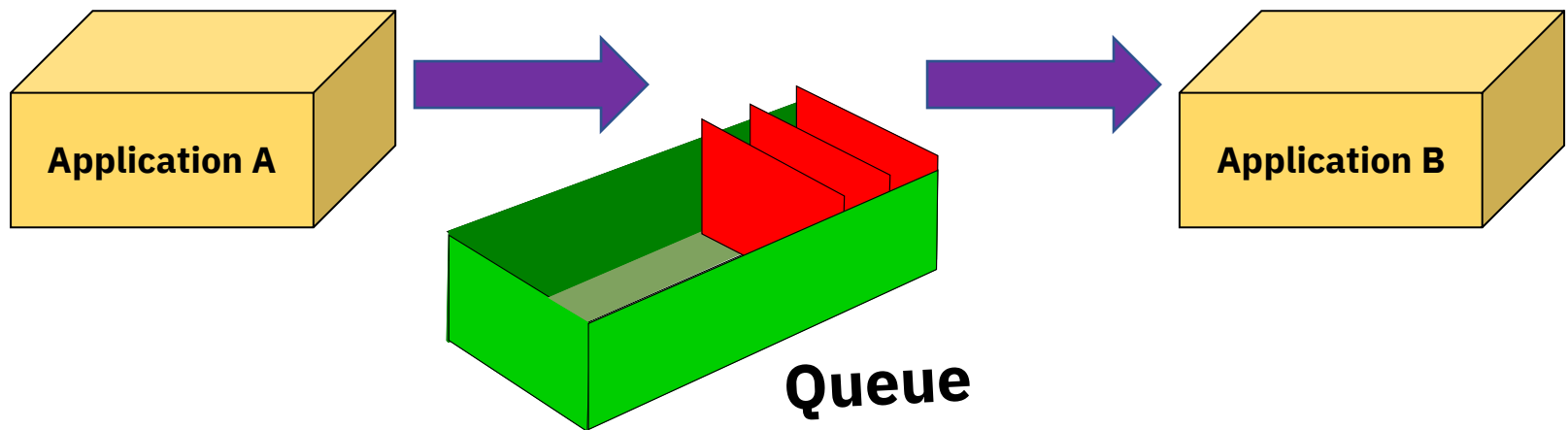
# MQ Overview Agenda

## **General MQ Terms**

- Messaging
- Queueing
- Queue Managers
- Channels
- Publish/Subscribe

## **Configurations and Shared Queue Terms**

- Client/Server Model
- QM Clustering
- Shared Queues
- List Structures and Coupling Facilities
- Intra-Group Queueing



- **IBM MQ is *the* solution for business-critical messaging**
- The world depends on reliable, secure messaging and **85% of the fortune 100 depend on IBM MQ\***
- Your bank transfers complete without losing your money, with **all of the worlds top 50 banks using IBM MQ\***

\* Sources:

<http://www.relbanks.com/worlds-top-banks/assets>  
<http://beta.fortune.com/fortune500/list/>

**1 + 1 = 2**

Simple



Scalable



• Precise



Connected



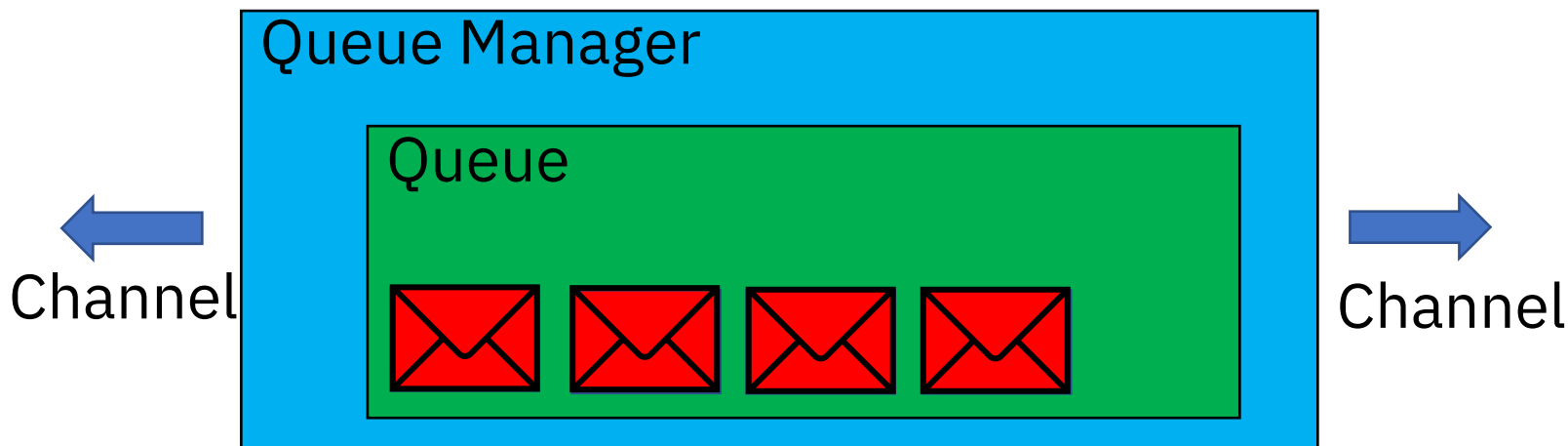
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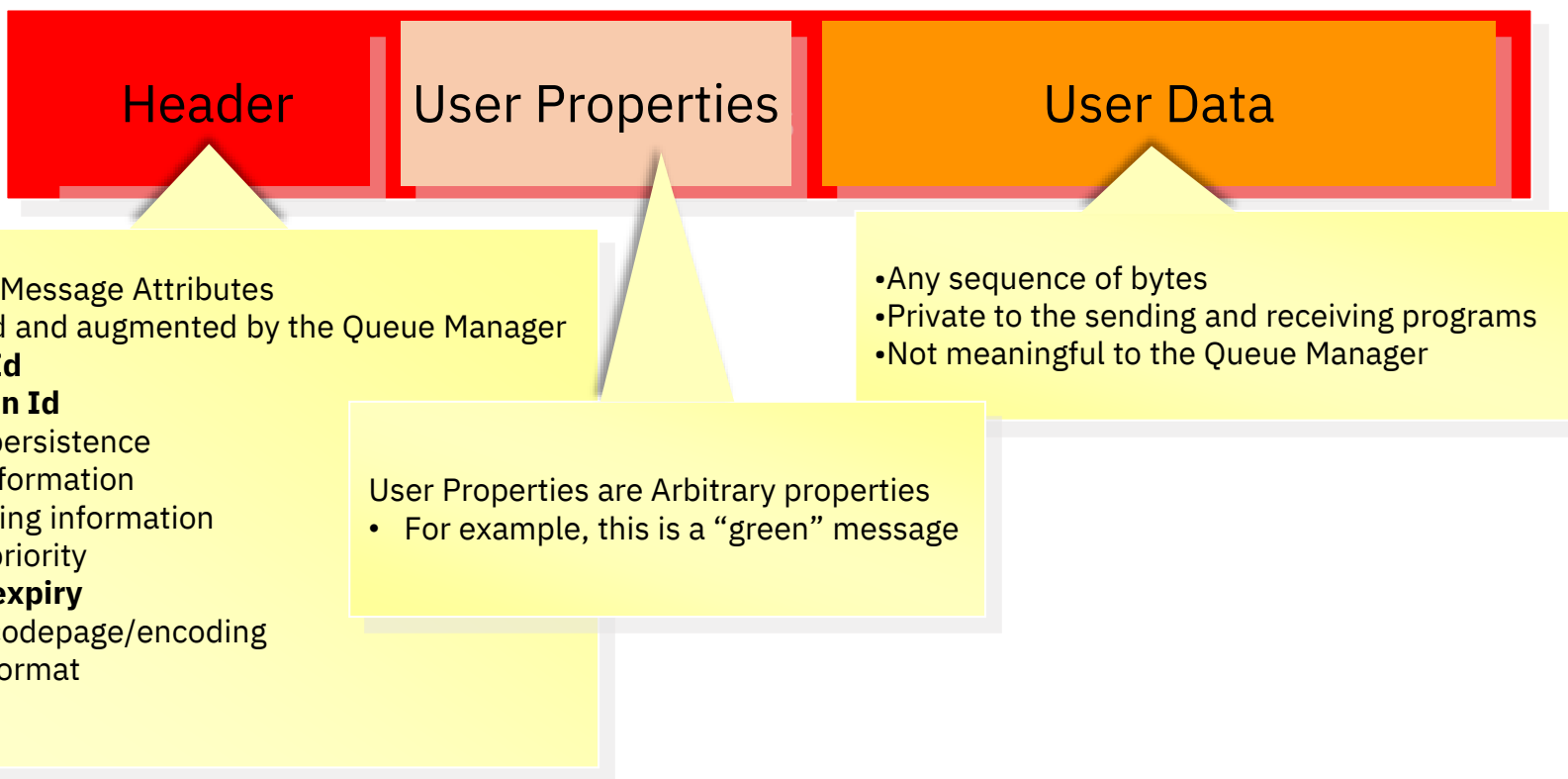
# IBM MQ – Basic Terms

- Messages can be created from any source:
  - *Data, Messages, Events, Files, Web service requests / responses*
- Messages are moved asynchronously using Queues
- Queues are owned and managed by a Queue Manager
- Messages flow between queue managers across Channels



# What is a Message?

Message = Header + User Properties + User Data







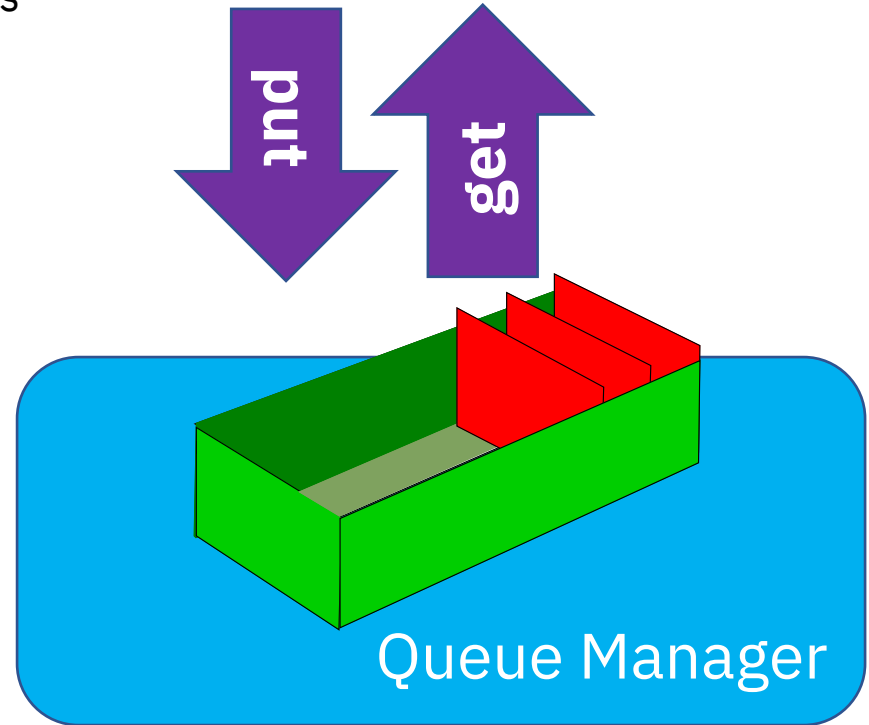
# Message persistence

A key attribute of a message is its persistence. A message is either persistent or non-persistent. This attribute tells the Queue Manager how important the message is.

Persistent	Non-persistent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Persistent messages are <b>logged</b> to the MQ log files (DASD).</li><li>• The Queue Manager will ensure that the messages are <b>recovered</b> in the case of a system crash or network failure.</li><li>• These messages are delivered once and only once to the receiving applications.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The messages are identified by the application as <b>non-critical</b>.</li><li>• The Queue Manager will make every effort to deliver these messages but since they are not necessarily written to disk, they will be lost in the case of a system crash or network failure.</li><li>• Clearly with no disk IO involved these messages are much faster (and cheaper) than persistent ones.</li></ul>

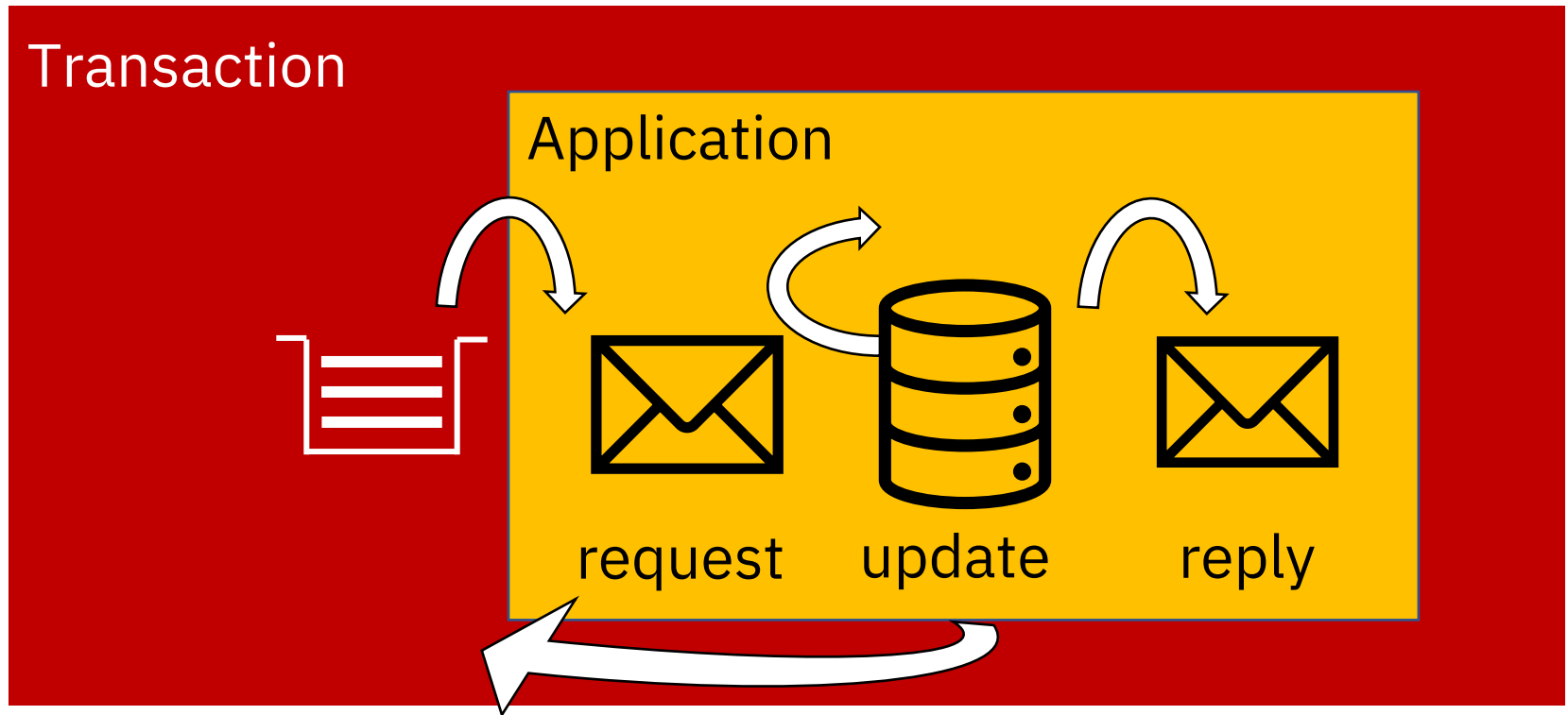
# What is a Queue? – More detail

- A queue is a container for messages
  - Local queues
  - Alias, remote queues: pointers to queues
  - Model queues: template queues
- Queue creation
  - Predefined
  - Dynamically defined
- Message Access
  - FIFO
  - Direct
  - Selected by Property (V7)
  - Priority
  - Destructive & non-destructive access
- Parallel access by applications
  - Managed by the queue manager

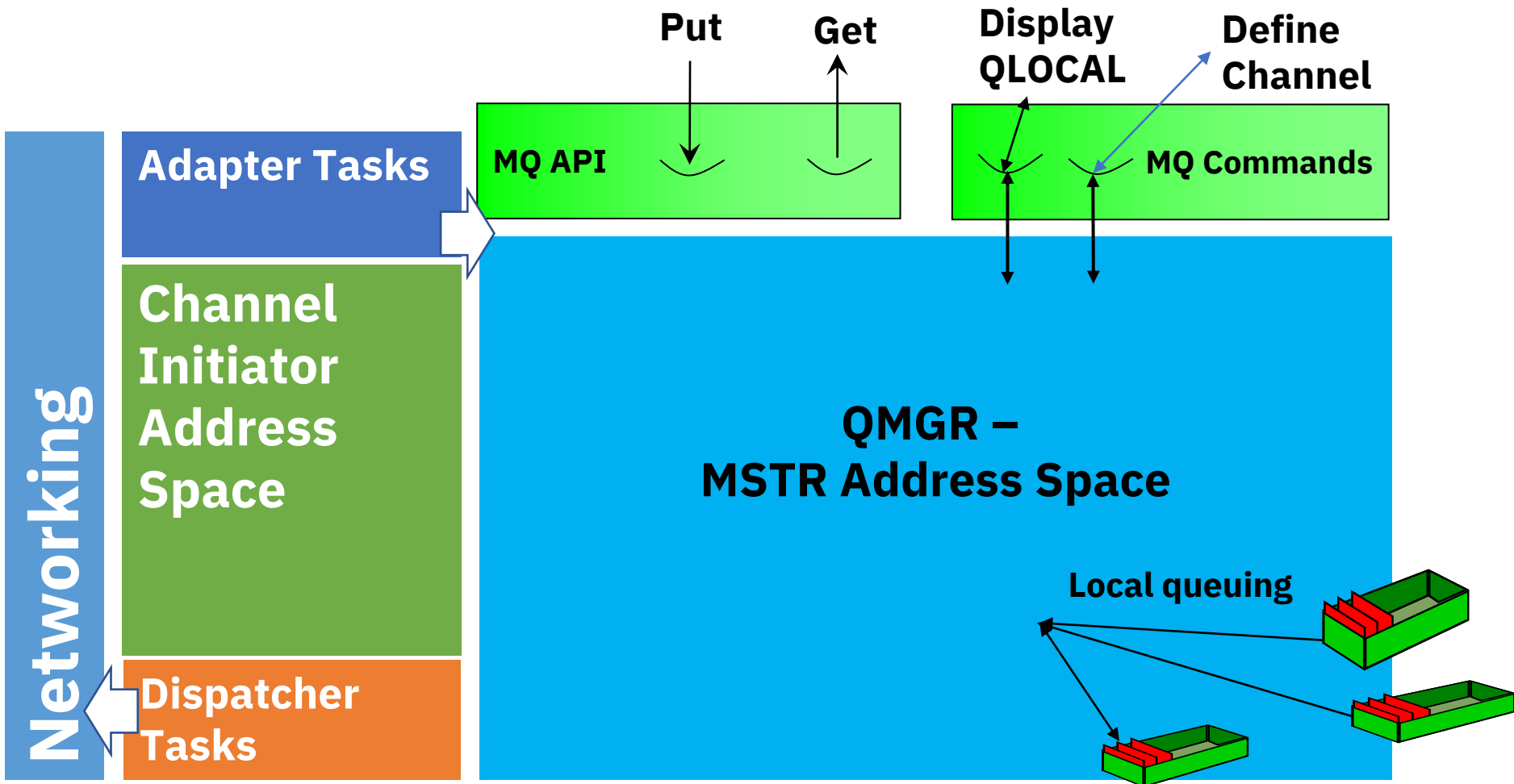




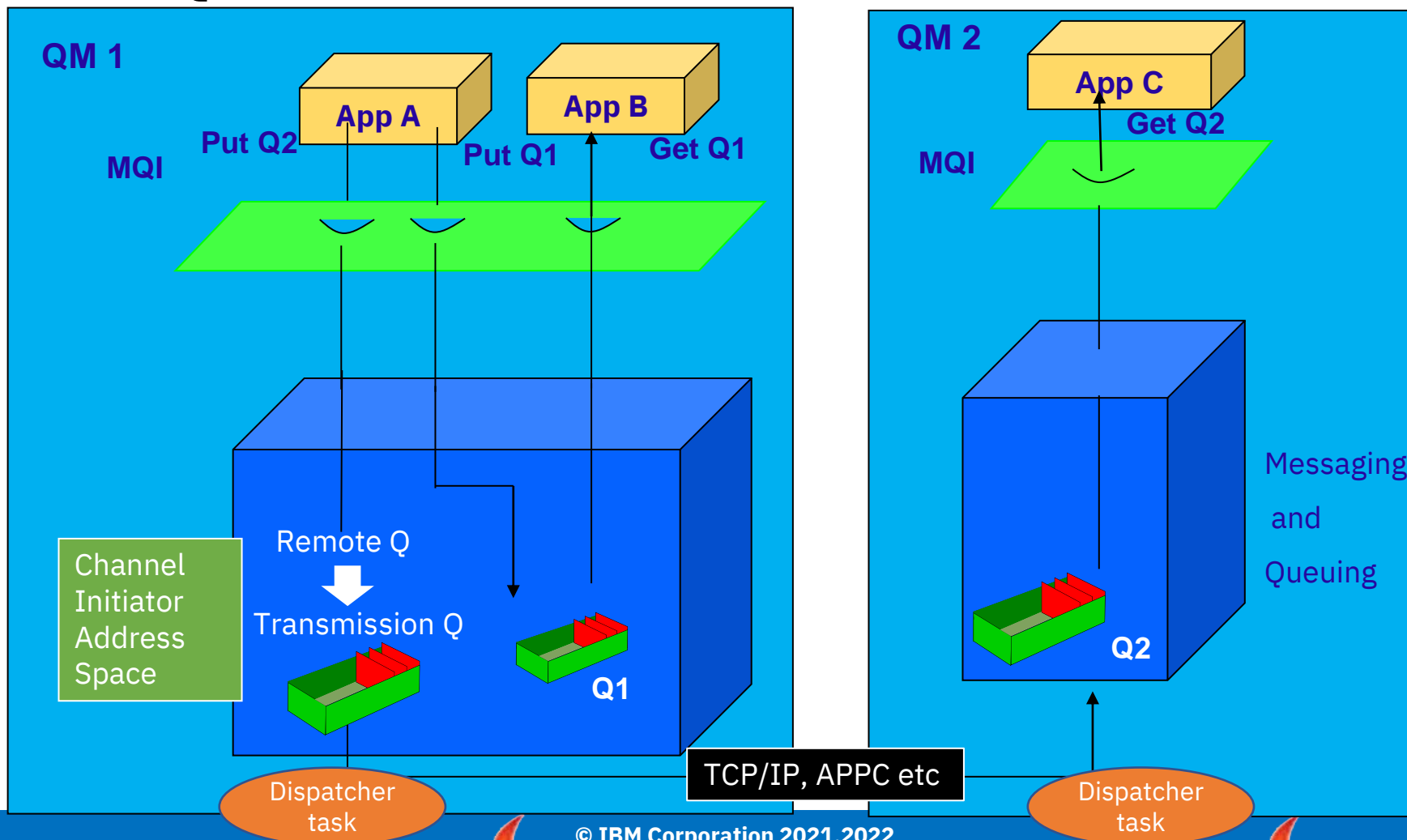
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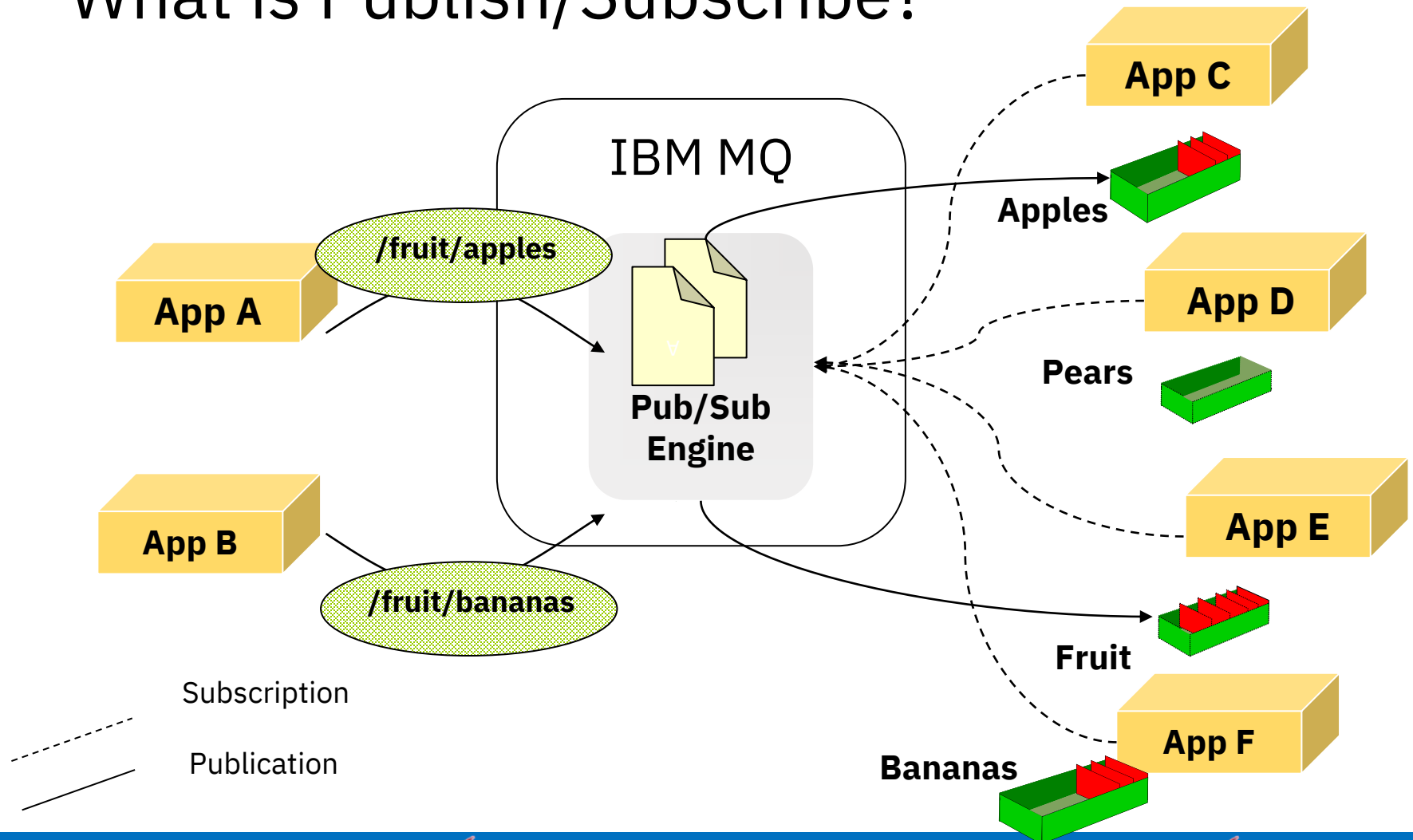
# What is a Queue Manager on z/OS? More Detail



# MQ Channels



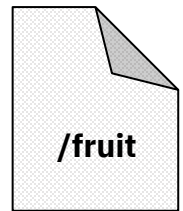
# What is Publish/Subscribe?



# What are Topic Strings and Topic Objects?

- Topic Object

- Is a predefined MQ object with a 48-character name
- Allows you to assign specific non default information for the pub/sub environment
- Has a topic string as an attribute
- Is a security control point



- Topic String

- Is a character string
- Can be made up of any characters
- Is case sensitive
  - /fruit/apples
- Is the 'subject matter' for Publications and Subscriptions





How are queue managers  
arranged on z/OS?

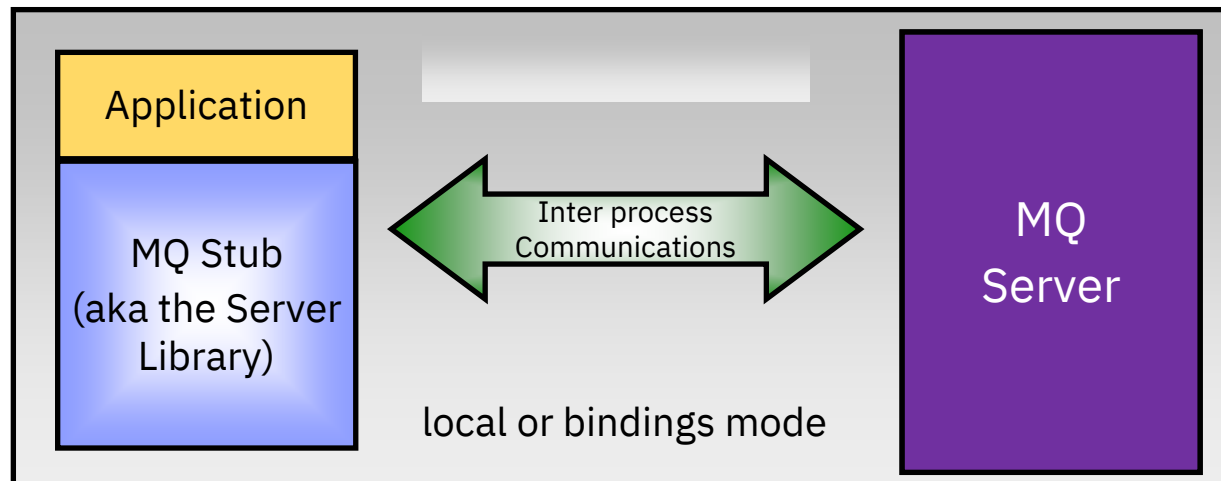


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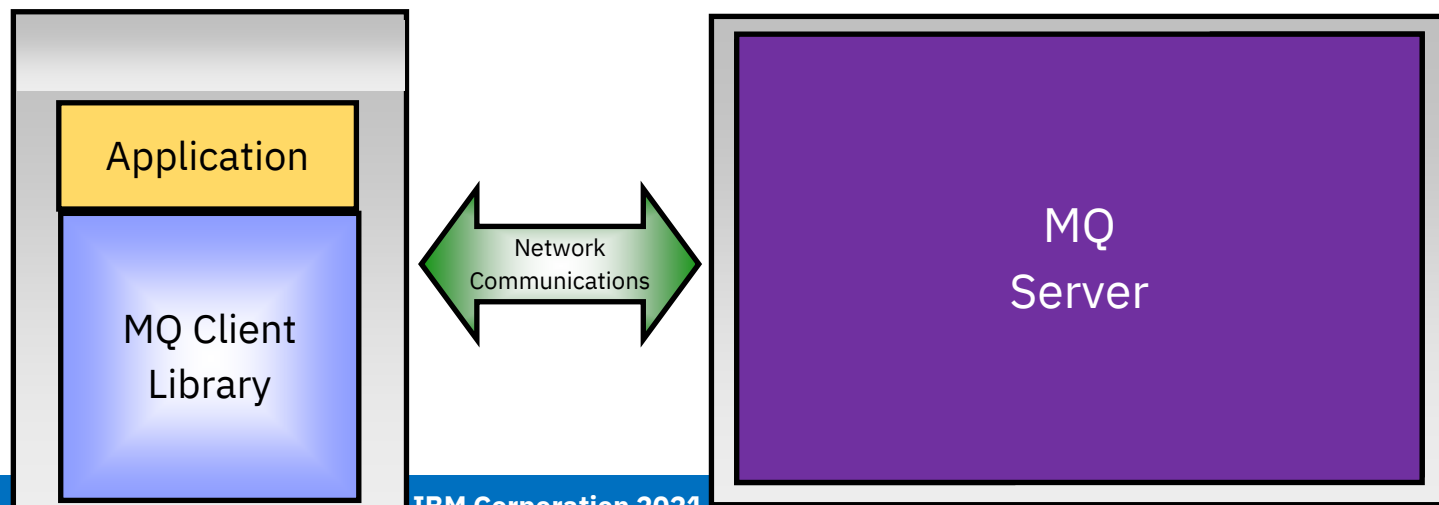


# What is the Client implementation on z/OS?

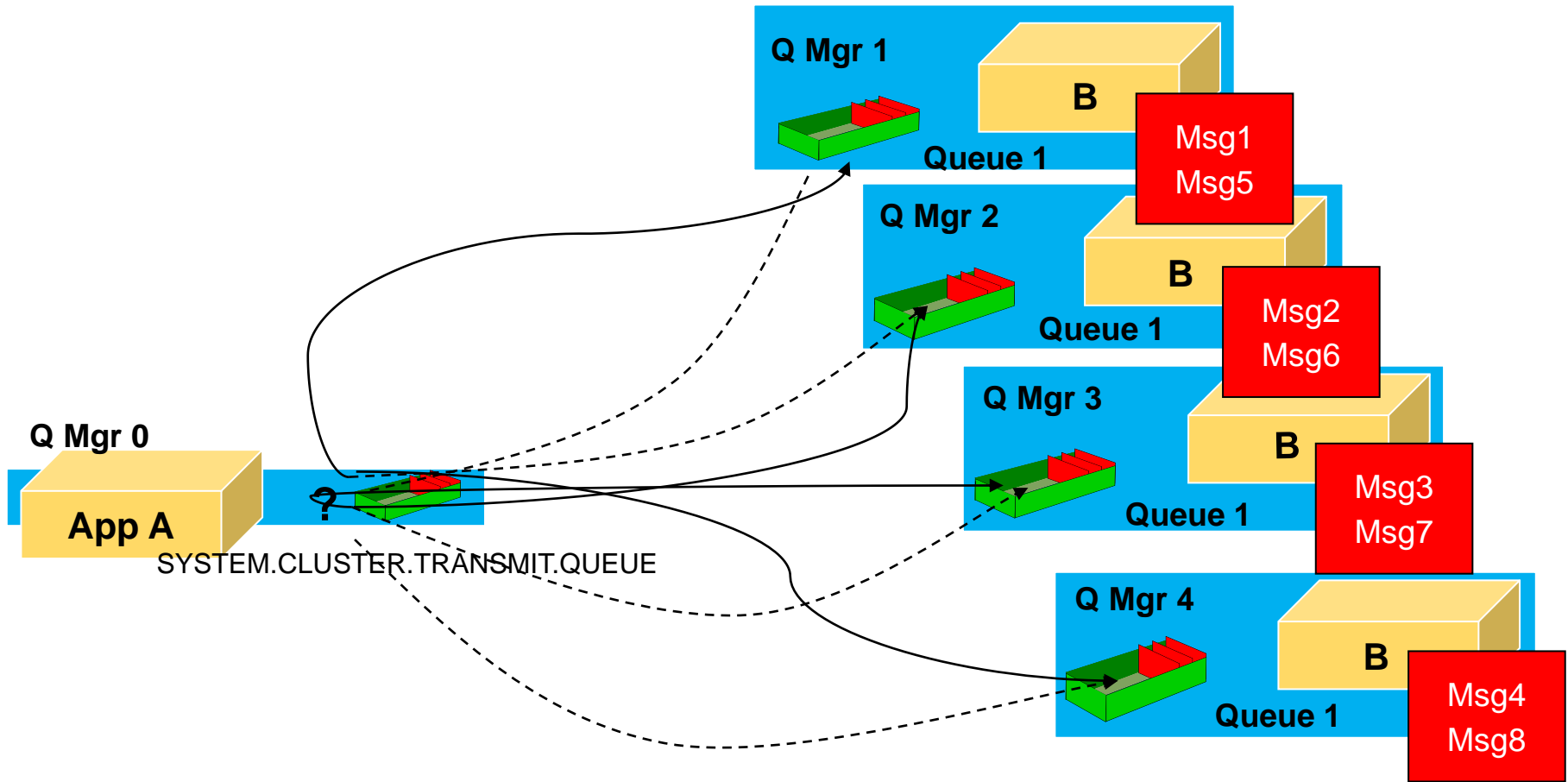
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Model



Client  
Model



# How does a cluster normally work?



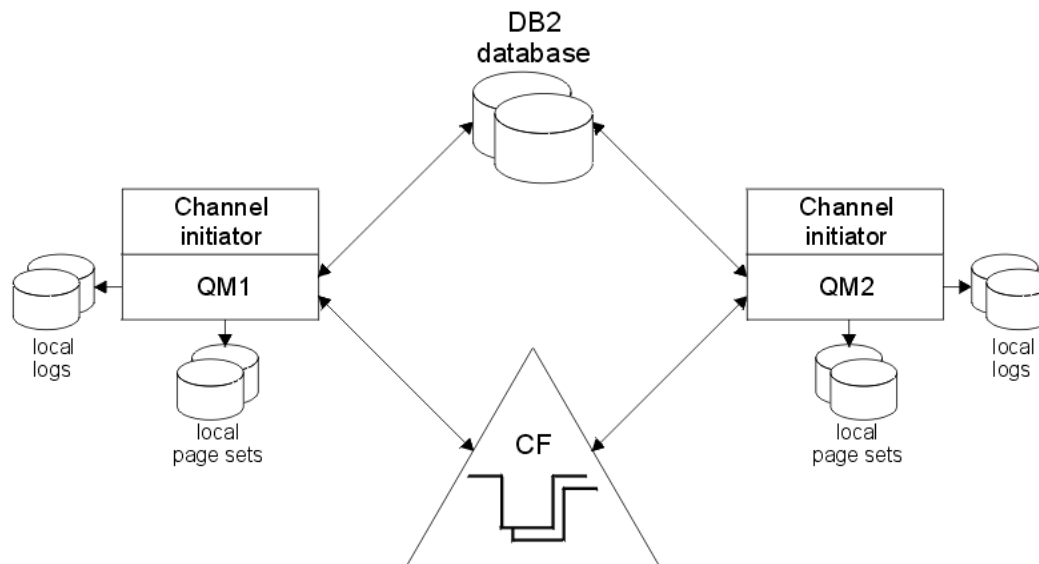


# What is a Queue Manager Cluster?

- A cluster is a group of queue managers set up in such a way that the queue managers can communicate directly with one another over a single network, without the need for multiple transmission queue, channel, and remote queue definitions.
- Each queue manager in the cluster has one or more cluster transmissions queue from which it can transmit messages to other queue managers in the cluster.
- Queue managers in a cluster can be at different versions of MQ (as long as that version does support clustering) and on different platforms.
- A cluster can evenly distribute workload across multiple target queues.
- A cluster is composed of:
  - Two full repository queue managers
  - Cluster sender and receiver channels
  - Partial repository queue managers
  - Cluster defined objects
    - Queues
    - Topics

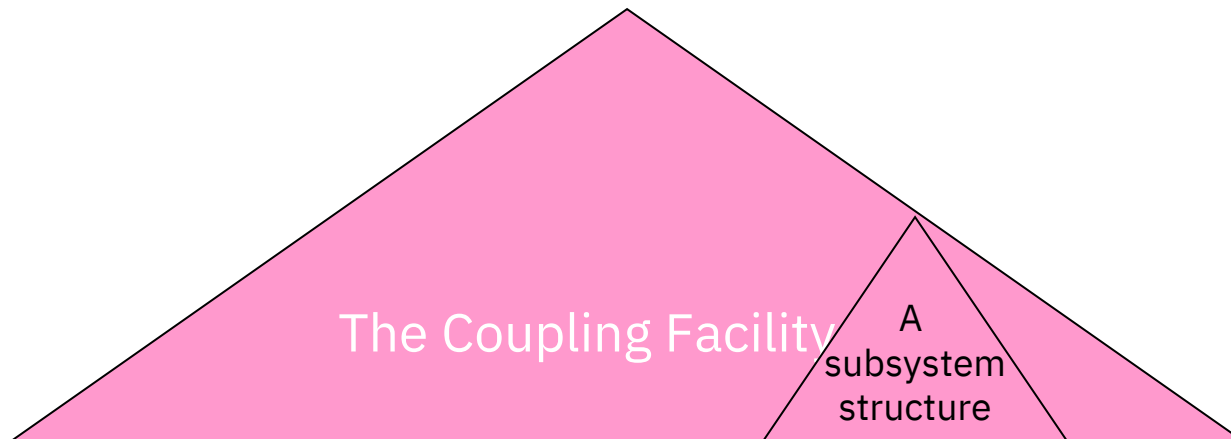
# Shared queue terms

- A unique feature to MQ on z/OS, shared queues were designed and built to provide **continuous availability** for MQ messages.
- In the following foils, the terms used to discuss shared queues are defined



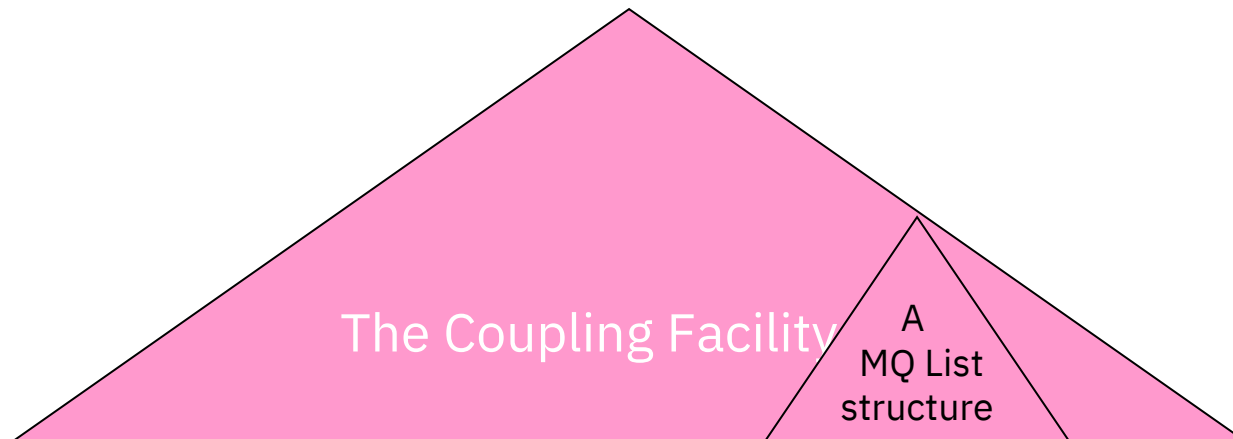
# Coupling Facility

- A coupling facility is special hardware and software that allow multiple systems to access the same data. It is unique to z/OS, and is required for a parallel sysplex environment.
- It, and the structures it holds, are typically represented by triangles.



# List Structure

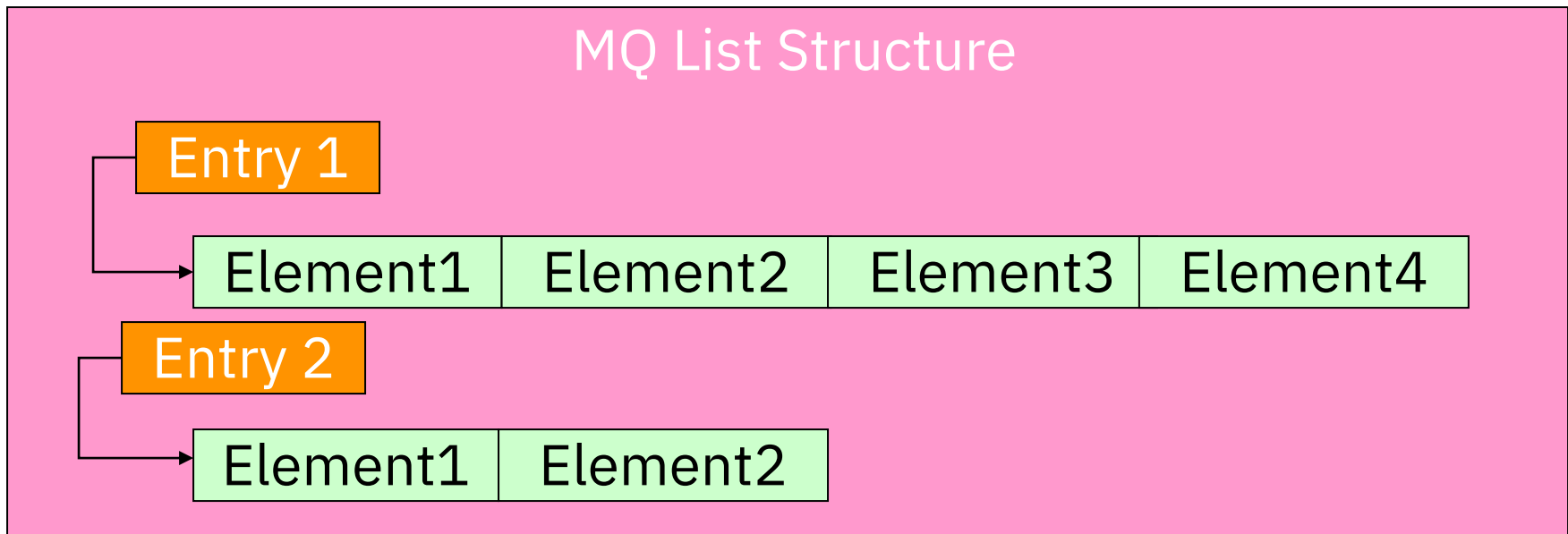
- A list structure is a data holding structure in the Coupling Facility used by MQ, IMS and DB2 to hold 'lists' of data. For MQ, a single list structure can host up to 512 queues.
- Messages are held on the list structures



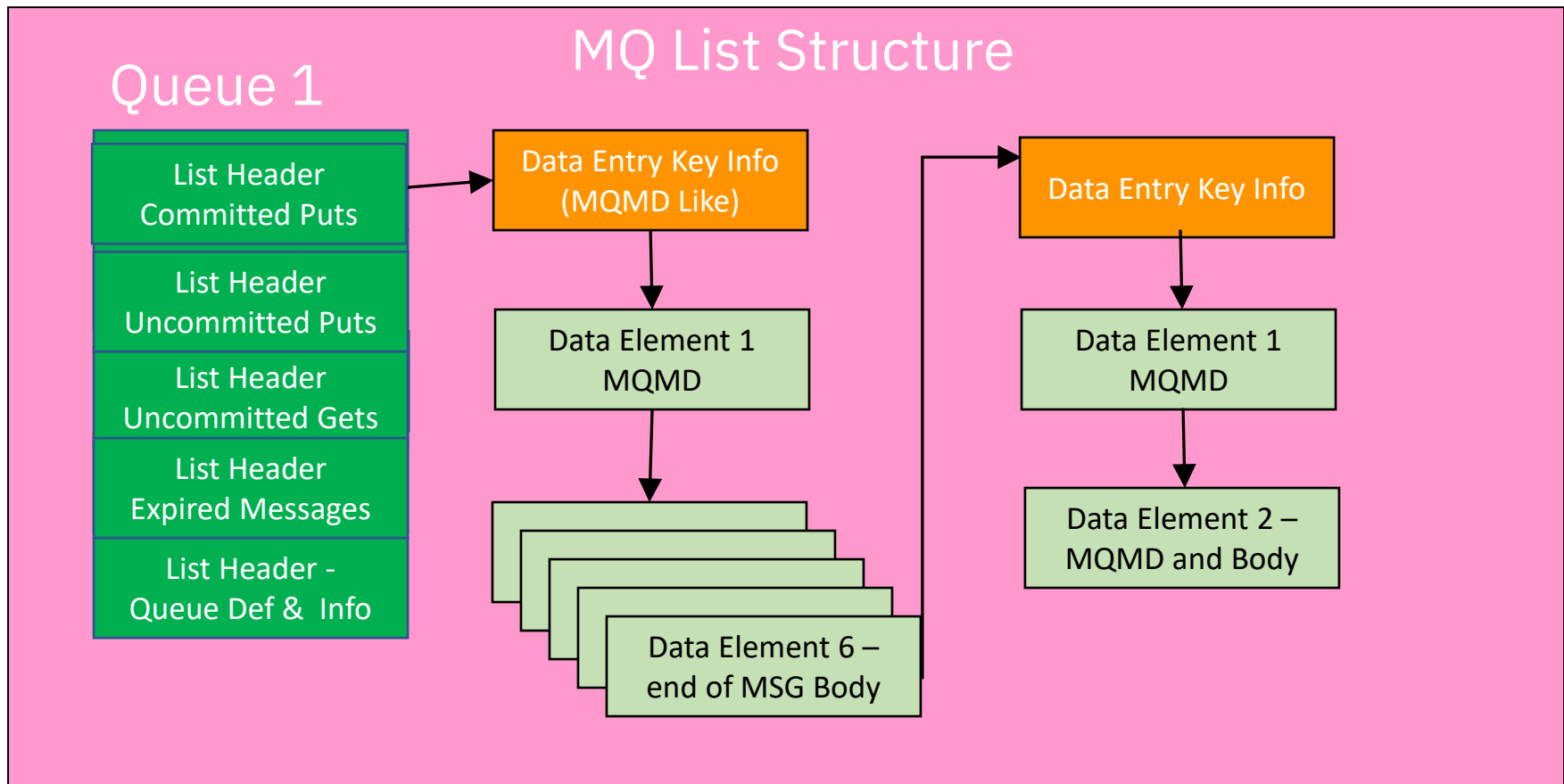


# Elements and Entries

- An entry is the anchor of an individual message in the list structure. It is 256-bytes and is mostly pointers to the elements.
- The elements are the chunks of the message in the list structure.



# At a deeper level





# MQ Queue Sharing terms

- A Queue Sharing Group is a logical association of queue managers in a Sysplex. These queue managers are connected to MQ list structures and a DB2 Data sharing group. This allows them to share queues and their messages, to treat any queue defined on the CF as if it is local (can do both MQGETs and MQPUTs).
  - There can be up to 32 queue managers in a QSG.
- A shared queue is a queue defined on a Coupling Facility structure
  - Available to every queue manager on the queue shared group as if it is a local queue.
- CFSTRUCT is a MQ object that defines the Coupling Facility list structure to MQ. Queues are defined to the list structure.

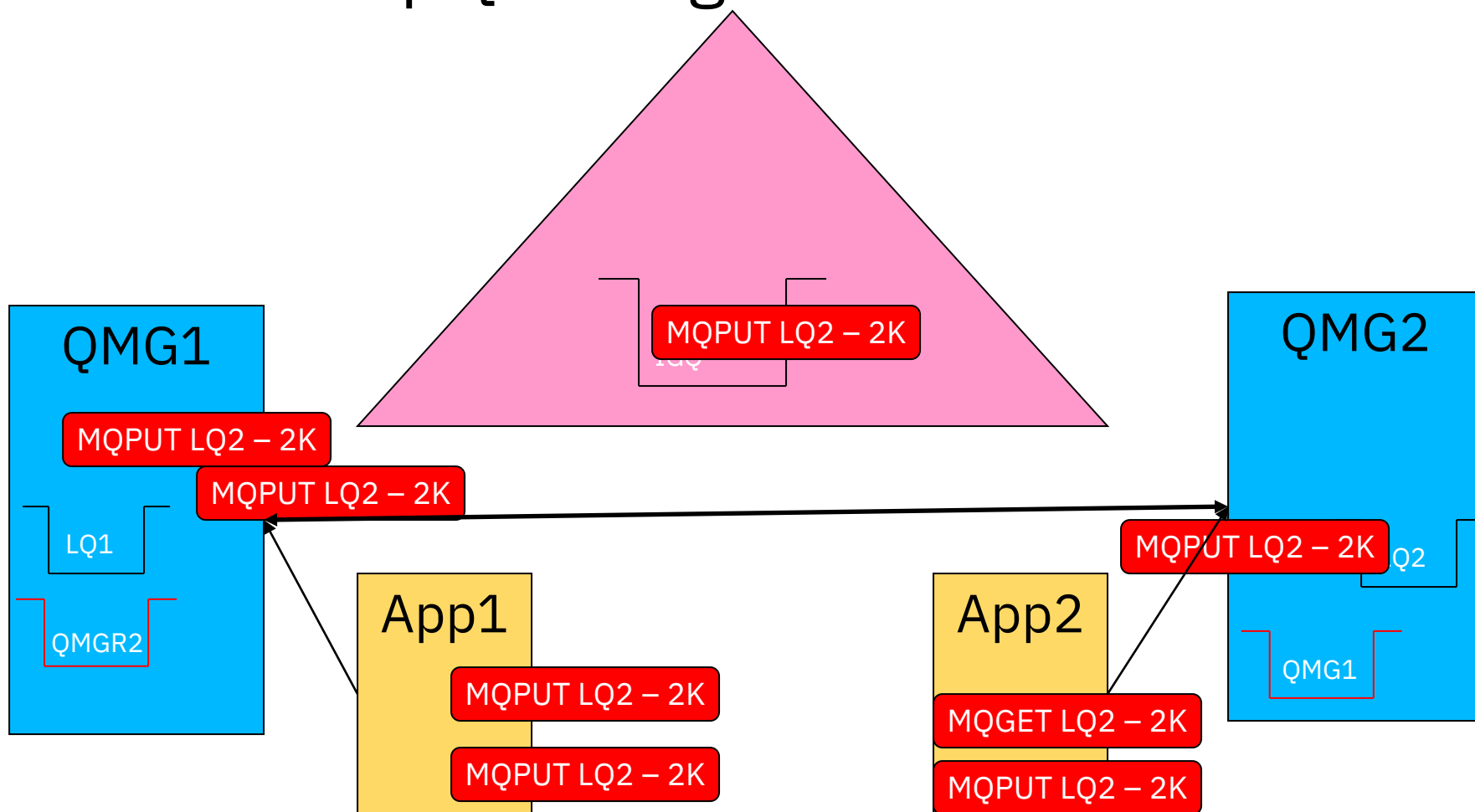
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DEFINE QLOCAL(queue-name) QSGDISP(SHARED) CFSTRUCT(list-str-name)
```



# Compare to: Private Queuing

- A private queue is a local queue defined to and managed by a specific queue manager.
  - On z/OS, they use local buffer pools and page sets for their physical message storage.
  - On distributed, they use file systems
- Messages on private queues are **only available for MQGETs to applications connected to the queue manager where they are defined.**
- All local queues are private on distributed queue managers

# Intra-Group Queuing – What it looks like





# Intra-Group Queuing

- IGQ uses the CF to pass messages between queue managers within the same Queue Sharing Group
  - Can be more efficient than normal channels
    - Especially for small messages
    - Avoid multi-hopping in most configurations
- Uses the `SYSTEM.IGQ.TRANSMIT.QUEUE`
- Remote queue and channel definitions are still necessary
- Message size determines whether a message is sent via IGQ or a channel. Message size is controlled on `SYSTEM.IGQ.TRANSMIT.QUEUE` definition:
  - If the CFSTRUCT used is level 3, the max message size is 63K
  - MAXMSGL can also be adjusted down from the default





# Summary

MQ general terms and MQ shared queue terms were defined for use in this session

We are now at a baseline of understanding, having reviewed terms you will hear throughout the rest of the workshop

Please use the text information in this deck as a point of reference for terms you will hear throughout the workshop

Any questions?