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#### WebSphere MQ Problem Diagnostics Reading Traces

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# Agenda

- Introduce the panel of experts
- IBM<sup>®</sup> WebSphere<sup>®</sup> MQ trace concepts and emailed questions
  - Steps for collecting trace
  - Common issues collecting trace
  - Performance effects of trace
  - Tools for examining trace
  - Explanation of the trace fields
  - Debugging applications with trace
- Open telephone lines for questions

#### Summary

# Panel of Experts

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# Introduction

- The IBM Support Center frequently requests traces to analyze WebSphere MQ behavior and to diagnose problems
- We will explain how to collect WebSphere MQ trace effectively for IBM Support and for examining your own applications
- We will discuss WebSphere MQ trace for distributed platforms: AIX<sup>®</sup>, HP-UX<sup>®</sup>, Linux<sup>®</sup>, Solaris<sup>®</sup>, and Windows<sup>®</sup>; for z/OS<sup>®</sup>; and for applications using the Java<sup>™</sup> programming language
- You will have the opportunity to ask questions about trace and how you can solve application problems using trace



## **Question 1**

# How do I collect WebSphere MQ trace?





Use the start trace program strmqtrc Choose the scope of the trace Trace <u>everything</u> (default) -e -m MY.OMGR Trace a queue <u>manager</u> -m "\*.TEST" Trace matching queue managers -p "runmg\*, amgsput" Trace <u>programs</u> by name -i 1701 Trace a process <u>identifier</u> -i 1701.13 Trace a thread in a process Choose the <u>type</u> of trace points -t all Trace all points (default) -t all -t detail Trace all points with high detail -t api Trace application API calls

#### Choose the amount of <u>data</u> to include

- Trace no message data
- Trace some message data
- Trace complete message data
- ▶ Trace the start and end (default) ⊂
- Choose a trace file size <u>limit</u> in MB
  - Every trace file will roll over when it reaches this size
  - Processes can have two traces
    - The current trace file
    - The previous trace file
  - This is called a wrapping trace

-d 0

- -d 4096
- -d all
- -d -2
- -l 100

AMQ1701.0.TRC AMQ1701.0.TRS

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- Choose a trigger to begin the trace

  Valid triggers are FDC Probe Ids
  Lists and wildcards are allowed
  b FDC=HL142100
  b "FDC=KN247001, ZX\*"

  Choose a trigger to conclude the trace

  Use Probe Id lists and wildcards
  Or stop after several seconds
  Use one or the other

  Multiple traces can run simultaneously
  - Up to fifteen can be set at once
    - To show what traces are set

strmqtrc -s



- Use the stop trace program
  - Stop <u>all</u> active traces
  - To stop a specific trace, match its original options precisely
- Use the format trace program
  - To print a file <u>summary</u> only
  - Give the file names to format
  - TRC and TRS files are merged sensibly for each process
- The format trace program is not required on Windows

endmqtrc

-a

-p "runmq\*,amqsput"

```
dspmqtrc
-s
AMO*
```

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# Question 1 – JMS Clients

#### Enable trace by setting this property

com.ibm.msg.client.commonservices.trace.status=ON

#### Configure the output directory using this property

com.ibm.msg.client.commonservices.trace.outputName=<directory>

#### • For example, from the command line run:

MyJmsApplication



#### Question 1 – JMS Client Options

Selecting specific packages to trace using properties
 IBM Support will advise on package names

com.ibm.msg.client.commonservices.trace.include=<package name>
com.ibm.msg.client.commonservices.trace.exclude=<package name>

#### Limiting trace file size and number of trace files

com.ibm.msg.client.commonservices.trace.limit=<size in bytes>
com.ibm.msg.client.commonservices.trace.count=<number of files>

#### Create compressed trace files

com.ibm.msg.client.commonservices.trace.compress=TRUE





## Question 1 – JMS Clients in WebSphere

- Trace is integrated with the logging system available in WebSphere Application Server
- Enable trace in the Administrative Console

Troubleshooting

- ▶ Logs and Trace
  - <choose server>
    - ▶ Change Log Detail Levels
- Configure the size and number of trace files
- Add the following trace hooks to the trace string:

```
*=info:JMSApi=all:JMSServer=all:Messaging=all:
JMS_WASTraceAdapter=all:com.ibm.mq.*=all:jmsApi=all
```



#### Question 1 – Base Java Clients

- Create a text file to hold the trace properties
  - C:\TEMP\trace.properties
- Use these property values as a template for the file

Diagnostics.MQ=enabled Diagnostics.Java=all Diagnostics.Java.Trace.Detail=high Diagnostics.Java.Trace.Destination.File=enabled Diagnostics.Java.Trace.Destination.Console=disabled Diagnostics.Java.Trace.Destination.Pathname=.

#### Start the base classes for Java application as follows:

java -Dcom.ibm.mq.commonservices=C:\TEMP\trace.properties MyApp.class



# Question 1 – z/OS Options and Example

The following options are available to start a trace

START	TRACE (GLOBAL)	DEST(GTF)	CLASS(*)	RMID(*)
	ACCTG	RES		
	CHINIT	SMF		
	STAT	SRV		

For example, to start and later stop channel initiator trace

ALTER QMGR TRAXTBL(500) START TRACE(CHINIT)

```
STOP TRACE (CHINIT)
```



#### Question 1 – z/OS Example

- Display the current settings before changing trace options
  - DISPLAY TRACE
- Stop the current trace, then start with the new options

```
STOP TRACE(*)
SET SYSTEM TRACTBL(500)
START TRACE(GLOBAL) DEST(RES) CLASS(*) RMID(*)
```

Restart the trace with its original settings, for example

```
STOP TRACE(*)
START TRACE(GLOBAL) DEST(GTF) CLASS(*) RMID(*)
```



#### Question 1 – z/OS GTF Trace

#### The following command will start a GTF trace

- **xx** The name of the GTF procedure to use
- yy An identifier for this occurrence of trace
- **ssid** The name of the queue manager
- ▶ app1 The name of the application making MQI calls

#### /START GTFxx.yy

\*01 AHL100A SPECIFY TRACE OPTIONS

#### R 01, TRACE=JOBNAMEP, USRP

\*02 AHL101A SPECIFY TRACE EVENT KEYWORDS - JOBNAME=,USR=
 R 02,JOBNAME=(ssidMSTR,ssidCHIN,appl),USR=(5E9,5EA,5EB,5EE,F6C)
\*03 AHL102A CONTINUE TRACE DEFITION OR REPLY END
 R 03,END
\*04 AHL125A RESPECIFY TRACE OPTIONS OR REPLY U
 R 04,U

#### This command stops the GTF trace using its identifier /stop yy



#### **Question 2**

# What are the most common issues when collecting trace?





# Question 2 – Distributed Platforms and Java

- Trace files grow too large over time
  - Limit the maximum trace file size properly
  - Use a separate filesystem for trace files
- Trace affects performance too much
   Limit the trace scope and trace type (or packages)
- Trace is hard to gather for intermittent problems
   Use a wrapping trace with a stop trigger
- Trace did not capture the problem
  - Verify the time frame covered by the trace
  - Increase the size of the trace to limit wrapping
  - Confirm error messages and FDCs appear in the trace

# Question 2 – z/OS

- No GTF trace was collected
  - Ensure the trace task started: Look at AHL messages
  - Use the correct MSTR and application job names
  - The queue manager trace must have DEST (GTF)
- The trace will not format
  - ▶ IPCS cannot access the MQ formatter in SCSQAUTH
  - Bad dataset attributes: Invalid allocation or altered in transfer
- Trace did not capture the problem
  - The dataset is too small: GTF uses primary allocation only
  - Limit trace to required areas, for example USR=(5E9, 5EA)
  - "LOST EVENTS": Increase GTF collection job priority
  - Stop trace promptly in order to prevent wrapping



#### **Question 3**

# What is the performance impact of trace?





# Question 3 – Distributed Platforms and Java

- Turning on trace hits performance...
  ...but it may be the only way to get information!
- IBM does not publish official numers for running with trace
- Worst case costs (single disk, I/O bound)
   AIX shows about a 32x slowdown
  - Windows shows about a 38x slowdown
    Slower due to writing larger, formatted output
  - Java and JMS trace shows about a 10x slowdown



#### Question 3 – z/OS

- Refer to SupportPac<sup>™</sup> MP16 for capacity planning and tuning
  - Global trace
    - An internal trace, TRACE (GLOBAL) DEST (RES) increases CPU costs by approximately 30-90%
    - This is based on the amount the ASID is using
  - Accounting trace
    - TRACE (ACCTG) CLASS (1) costs an extra 2-3%
    - TRACE (ACCTG) CLASS (3) costs an extra 5-10%
  - Channel initiator trace
    - TRACE (CHINIT) increases SDR/RCVR costs by 25-55%
  - Statistics trace
    - TRACE(STAT) costs are insignificant



#### **Question 4**

Does IBM have any scripts or tools that I can run to go through the accumulated traces?





#### Question 4 – z/OS GTF Filters

#### Filter GTF trace in IPCS either interactively (TSO) or in batch

- ► GTF USR (5E9) gives API entry only
- ▶ GTF USR (5EA) gives API exit only
- ▶ GTF USR (5E9, 5EA) gives API entry and exit
- Use the JOBNAME parameter to get trace from only the specified jobs, for example:
  - ▶ GTF USR(5E9,5EA) JOBNAME(ACICSJOB1)
- Wildcards are allowed in the JOBNAME: \*, %



# Question 4 – z/OS GTF Filters

- Filter trace based on a specific time frame
  - STARTLOC(ddd, hh.mm.ss)
  - STOPLOC(ddd,hm.mm.ss)
- The ddd field is the Julian day
- The hh.mm.ss field is the local time
- You can use START/STOP to specify the time in GMT
- For example:

GTF USR(5E9) STARTLOC(022,15.31.13) STOPLOC(022,15.31.22)





#### **Question 5**

# What do the columns and parameters mean in WebSphere MQ trace?



#### Question 5 – Distributed Platforms

#### C Α R F. 00010B73 11:15:10.332807 8556.1 RSESS:000001 -----{ xcsCreateThreadMutexSem 00010B74 11:15:10.332818 8556.1 RSESS:000001 ----} xcsCreateThreadMutexSem (rc=OK) 00012014 11:15:11.258547 8556.1 RSESS:000001 -----}! recv (rc=Unknown(BC)) 000123FB 11:15:11.281188 8556.1 RSESS:000001 0x0011FD0C 4F 44 20 20 01 00 00 00 01 ...

- A: Windows only Cross process hex counter (1, 2, 3...)
- B: A timestamp in the local time zone
- C: ProcessId.ThreadId MQ thread Id, not OS thread Id
- D: A new identifier in v7 for tracking activity across threads
- E: The trace point information
  - Entry into a function: Dashes show stack depth
  - Exit from a function with OK return code
  - }! Exit from a function with nonzero return code
  - Otherwise the line shows text or a hex data dump

#### Question 5 – JMS

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- A: Timestamp
- B: Thread identifier
- C: Object reference
- D: Class and method invocation name
- E: Stack depth and function indicator
  - Entry to a function
  - Exit from a function
- F: The rest of the line is the trace point data

# Question 5 – z/OS

	A B		С	
ABC	USRD9 5E9 ASCB 00FADA	JOBN LA	URANEG	
D	CSQW072I ENTRY: MQ use	er parameter trace		
E	CLOSE			
	Thread 00000000	Userid 00000000	0000000	Hobj 00000001
	RSV2 00000000	RSV3 00000000	QRPLX 00000000	
F	GMT-03/1	18/2010 03:40:21.6123	97 LOC-03/18/2010	03:40:21.612397
ABC	USRD9 5EA ASCB 00FADA(	JOBN LA	URANEG	
D	CSQW073I EXIT: MQ use	er parameter trace		
E	CLOSE			
	Thread 00000000	Userid 00000000	0000000	Hobj 00000000
	RSV2 00000000	RSV3 00000000		
	CompCode. 00000000	Reason 00000000	QRPLX 00000000	
F	GMT-03/1	18/2010 03:40:21.6124	93 LOC-03/18/2010	03:40:21.612493

- A: Trace record begins
- B: GTF record type
- C: Job name

- D: Entry to API CSQW072I
   Exit from API CSQW073I
- E: API call and its parameters
- F: GMT and local date and time



# Question 5 – z/OS GTF API Equivalents

- The API calls shown in GTF trace differ from MQI call names
  - ▶ MQOPEN OPEN ▶ MQCLOSE CLOSE ▶ MOGET GETMSG ► MQPUT PUTMSG ▶ MQPUT1 PUTONE ► MOCMIT COMMIT BACKOUT ▶ MQBACK MOINO INO ▶ MQSET SET

The MQCONN and MQDISC calls do not appear in GTF trace



#### **Question 6**

# How can I debug my application using WebSphere MQ trace?





# Question 6 – Distributed Platform API Trace

- Collect an api type trace while running the application
   strmqtrc -t api, recreate the issue, endmqtrc
- Format the traces and search for the application name
   Or run dspmqtrc -s to summarize the traces
- In WebSphere MQ v7 you can trace just the application
   strmqtrc -t api -p TheApp
- Look in the trace for API calls to see all parameters:

MQOPEN >>

MQOPEN <<

#### Question 6 – Distributed Platform API Example

#### On a Windows system:

C:\mqm70\trace> strmqtrc -t api C:\mqm70\trace> amqsput QL QM Sample AMQSPUT0 start target queue is QL Hello, world. Sample AMQSPUT0 end C:\mqm70\trace> findstr /I amqsput \*.TRC AMQ2436.0.TRC:Process : C:\mqm70\bin\amqsput.exe (32-bit)

#### On a UNIX or Linux system:

- \$ strmqtrc -t api
  \$ amqsget QL QM
  Sample AMQSGET0 start
  message <Hello, world.>
  no more messages
  Sample AMQSGET0 end
  \$ demmatume t MDC
- \$ dspmqtrc \*.TRC
- \$ grep amqsget \*.FMT

AMQ2891.0.FMT: 10:58:42.902930 2891.1 PID : 2891 Process : amqsget

#### Question 6 – Distributed Platform API Sample





## Question 6 – Distributed Platform FDCs & Errors

Finding an FDC in WebSphere MQ traces
 The contents of the FDC are traced in full

10:24:14.192997	16064.1	!! - +	
10:24:14.193012	16064.1	!! -   WebSphere MQ Firs	t Failure Symptom Report
10:24:14.193019	16064.1	!! -   =================================	
		!! -	
10:24:14.193096	16064.1	!! -   Probe Id	:- XC034255

- Finding an error log message in the trace
  - ▶ The trace will show the message number and inserts

10:23:59.815721 16064.1 : msgid:00007229 a1:00000009 a2:00000000 c1:QM c2:(null)

▶ The corresponding message in AMQERR01.LOG

XX/YY/2010 10:23:59 - Process(16064.1) User(XXXXXX) Program(amgzxma0.exe)

AMQ7229: 9 log records accessed on queue manager 'QM' during the log replay phase.



#### Question 6 – JMS

#### Follow the linked exceptions to the first exception:

```
com.ibm.msg.client.jms.DetailedIllegalStateException: JMSWMQ0018: Failed to connect to queue
manager 'myQM' with connection mode 'Client' and host name 'myhost.mydomain(1414)'. Check the
queue manager is started and if running in client mode, check there is a listener running.
Please see the linked exception for more information.
  at com.ibm.msg.client.wmg.common.internal.Reason.reasonToException(Reason.java:496)
  . . .
  at GenericJMSClient.main(GenericJMSClient.java:38)
Caused by: com.ibm.mq.MQException: JMSCMQ0001: WebSphere MQ call failed with compcode '2'
('MQCC FAILED') reason '2059' ('MQRC Q MGR NOT AVAILABLE').
  at com.ibm.msg.client.wmg.common.internal.Reason.createException(Reason.java:223)
  ... 7 more
Caused by: com.ibm.mq.jmqi.JmqiException: CC=2;RC=2059;AMQ9204: Connection to host
'myhost.mydomain(1414)' rejected. [1=com.ibm.mq.jmgi.JmgiException[CC=2;RC=2059;AMQ9213:
A communications error for occurred. [1=java.net.ConnectException[Connection refused],
3=myhost.mydomain]], 3=myhost.mydomain(1414), 5=RemoteTCPConnection.connnectUsingLocalAddress]
  at com.ibm.mq.jmqi.remote.internal.RemoteFAP.jmqiConnect(RemoteFAP.java:1880)
  at com.ibm.msg.client.wmg.internal.WMQConnection.<init>(WMQConnection.java:346)
  ... 6 more
Caused by: com.ibm.mq.jmqi.JmqiException: CC=2;RC=2059;AMQ9213: A communications error for
  occurred. [1=java.net.ConnectException[Connection refused], 3=myhost.mydomain]
  at com.ibm.mq.jmqi.remote.internal.RemoteTCPConnection.connnectUsingLocalAddress(RemoteTCP...
  . . .
  at com.ibm.mg.jmgi.remote.internal.RemoteFAP.jmgiConnect(RemoteFAP.java:1510)
  ... 7 more
Caused by: java.net.ConnectException: Connection refused
  at java.net.PlainSocketImpl.socketConnect(Native Method)
  ... 11 more
```



# Question 6 – z/OS GTF Example





#### Question 6 – z/OS GTF: MQGET Call

#### This trace is modified slightly to make the lines fit

Call         USRD9 5E9 ASCB 00FADA00         JOBN LAURANEG           CSQW072I ENTRY: MQ user parameter trace         GETMSG         Hobj 0000000           Thread 0000000         Userid 0000000         0000000         Hobj 0000000           pMsgDesc. 13B596B0         pGMO 13B59518         BufferL 0000002         pBuffer 13B79058         DataL 00000000         pECB 13B89CEC           RSV1         00000000         RSV2 0000000         RSV3 00000000         QRPLX 00000000           GMT-03/18/2010         03:40:21.575271         LOC-03/18/2010         03:40:21.575271
Message Descriptor         USRD9 5E9 ASCB 00FADA00         JOBN LAURANEG           Message Descriptor         USRD9 5E9 ASCB 00FADA00         JOBN LAURANEG           Message Descriptor         USRD9 5E9 ASCB 00FADA00         0000000         0000000           Message Descriptor         USRD9 5E9 ASCB 00FADA00         0000000         0000000         0000000           Message Descriptor         USRD9 5E9 ASCB 00FADA00         0000000         0000000         0000000         0000000           Message H0010         FFFFFFF         00000000         0000000         00000000         0000000         0000000           H0020         40404040         40404040         FFFFFFF         00000000         00000000         00000000         00000000         00000000         00000000           H0040         000000000         000000000
Get         SRD9 5E9 ASCB 00FADA00         JOBN LAURANEG           Message         CSQW072I ENTRY: MQ user parameter trace         +0000 C7D4D640 00000001 00006021 00000000           GMO

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#### Question 6 – z/OS GTF: MQGET Return



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# Summary

- We covered a number of important trace topics across distributed systems, z/OS and also Java and JMS
  - Steps for collecting trace
  - Common issues collecting trace
  - Performance effects of trace
  - Tools for examining trace
  - Explanation of the trace fields
  - Debugging applications with trace
- We hope this presentation will help you to understand WebSphere MQ trace and use it effectively

# **References and Useful Links**

- WebSphere MQ Information Center strmqtrc
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- WebSphere MQ Information Center Java trace options
   http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/wmqv7/v7r0/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.mq.csqzaw.doc/jm10770\_.htm
- SupportPac MP16 WebSphere MQ for z/OS Capacity Planning and Tuning http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=171&uid=swg24007421
- WebSphere MQ MustGather Directions to start, end and format trace http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=171&uid=swg21174924
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