WebSphere MQ V7.1 Multi-Version - Environment Considerations and Management

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Review of Part I

- WebSphere MQ 7.1 allows multiple installations of the product on AIX, HP-UX, Linux®, Solaris and Windows®
- Each installation has a unique name and path which is stored in /etc/opt/mqm/mqinst.ini or the registry
- One pre-existing 7.0.1.6 or later installation is also allowed
- WebSphere MQ 7.1 provides new commands and updates some existing commands to manage installations
- All installations share the same data directory, but each queue manager is associated with only one installation



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MQSeries History

- MQSeries on Windows had no fixed install location.
 - ▶ Variables like LIB and PATH were updated to point to MQ
- MQSeries used a fixed location on UNIX® and Linux
 - ▶ HP-UX, Linux and Solaris: /opt/mqm
 - ▶ AIX: /usr/mqm
- MQSeries provided symbolic links for convenience
 - ▶ Commands: /usr/bin/strmqm -> /opt/mqm/bin/strmqm
 - ▶ 32-bit libraries: /usr/lib/libmqm.so -> /opt/mqm/lib/libmqm.so
 - ▶ Header files: /usr/include/cmqc.h -> /opt/mqm/inc/cmqc.h
- Many things "just worked" due to these symbolic links
 - gcc amqsput0.c -o amqsput -lmqm





WebSphere MQ History

- WebSphere MQ 6.0 added 64-bit application support in 2005
- 64-bit applications had to be built with explicit paths, but the Information Center recommended doing so for all programs

```
gcc -m32 amqsput0.c -o amqsput32 -I /opt/mqm/inc -L /opt/mqm/lib
-Wl,-rpath=/opt/mqm/lib -Wl,-rpath=/usr/lib -lmqm
```

```
gcc -m64 amqsput0.c -o amqsput64 -I /opt/mqm/inc -L /opt/mqm/lib64
-Wl,-rpath=/opt/mqm/lib64 -Wl,-rpath=/usr/lib -lmqm
```

The 32-bit MQ links in /usr/lib sometimes caused problems

```
exec(): 0509-036 Cannot load program mgapp because of the following errors: 0509-150 Dependent module /usr/lib/libmqmcs.a(shr.o) could not be loaded. 0509-103 The module has an invalid magic number.
```

 The dltmqlnk and crtmqlnk commands made it possible to resolve such problems by removing or recreating these links





WebSphere MQ 7.1 Changes

- WebSphere MQ 7.1 does not install any links under /usr
- If you make an installation primary, some links are restored
 - ▶ Commands in /usr/bin and 32-bit libraries in /usr/lib
 - Header files links in /usr/include are not restored
 - The instinfo.tsk file enumerates the tasks which setmqinst runs to make an installation primary
- Some things that "just worked" now require an explicit choice
 - Use explicit paths when including headers/copybooks and when linking an application with MQ libraries
 - ▶ Ensure your PATH includes MQ to run its commands
- ✓ Try to avoid relying on any WebSphere MQ links under /usr





The setmqenv command

- WebSphere MQ 7.1 ships the setmqenv command to help you set your environment to work with an installation
- On UNIX and Linux, source setmgenv with the "dot" syntax
 - This ensures that changes affect your current shell
 - Use the path to setmqenv when sourcing it
 - . /usr/IBM/WMQ-PreProd01/usr/mqm/bin/setmqenv -n Development
- On Windows you can run setmqenv like any other command
 - In most cases you will need to use quotation marks

"C:\Program Files (x86)\IBM\WebSphere MQ_1\bin\setmqenv" -n QA



Using setmqenv

dspmqver

Name: WebSphere MQ

Version: 7.1.0.0 InstName: Bronx

InstDesc: Created 24 February by justinf
InstPath: /usr/IBM/WMQ-7.1.0-B/usr/mqm

▶ endmqm -i Pelham WebSphere MQ queue manager 'Pelham' ended.

▶ strmqm Canarsie
AMQ5691: Queue manager 'Canarsie' is associated with a
 different installation ('Brooklyn').

▶ . /usr/IBM/WMQ-7.1.0-M/usr/mqm/bin/setmqenv -n Brooklyn

dspmqver

Name: WebSphere MQ

Version: 7.1.0.0 InstName: Brooklyn

InstDesc: Created 22 February by justinf
InstPath: /usr/IBM/WMQ-7.1.0-K/usr/mqm

▶ strmqm Canarsie
WebSphere MQ queue manager 'Canarsie' started.



Alternatives to setmqenv

- You can build setmqenv alternatives based on crtmqenv
- One such alternative called wmq71profile is available
 - The WebSphere MQ support site has the TechNote with documentation and download instructions
- Major features of wmq71profile
 - Designed to be sourced by users' login profiles
 - ▶ Defines a setmqenv function which users can run, but does not otherwise alter the environment
 - Runs the user's personal .wmqprofile, if they have one
 - Can automatically switch WebSphere MQ commands to the appropriate installation (no more AMQ5691 errors)
 - ▶ Generates debug output if you set IBM_WMQ_DEBUG=1





The wmq71profile script

- Source the wmq71profile from your login profile, e.g.
 - . /etc/opt/mqm/wmq71profile
- Run setmqenv at any time to modify your environment
- No sourcing (no "dot") and no path to setmqenv is required
- The syntax is the same as the WebSphere MQ command
 - setmqenv -n Installation1
 - ▶ setmqenv -r
- With an additional -z flag to enable command switching
 - ▶ setmqenv -z -n Staging



Using wmq71profile

setmqenv -zn Manhattan

dspmqver

Name: WebSphere MQ

Version: 7.1.0.0 InstName: Manhattan

InstDesc: Created 18 February by justinf
InstPath: /usr/IBM/WMQ-7.1.0-M/usr/mqm

strmqm Pelham
WebSphere MQ queue manager 'Pelham' started.

Moderate of the description

dmpmqcfg -m Canarsie -o mqsc | runmqsc Pelham
242 MQSC commands read.

No commands have a syntax error.

▶ endmqm -i Canarsie
WebSphere MQ queue manager 'Canarsie' ended.

dspmqver

Name: WebSphere MQ

Version: 7.1.0.0
InstName: Manhattan

InstDesc: Created 18 February by justinf
InstPath: /usr/IBM/WMQ-7.1.0-M/usr/mqm





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How Things Work

- Developers link programs with the WebSphere MQ libraries
 - ▶ Those libraries must be found when running the program
- Windows
 - ▶ Variables like LIB and PATH point to WebSphere MQ
 - WebSphere MQ .NET assemblies are in the GAC
- UNIX and Linux
 - ▶ The LD_LIBRARY_PATH, LIBPATH, or SHLIB_PATH variables can force libraries to be found in the MQ directories (usually)
 - ▶ The system will look for MQ libraries using the built-in runtime library path (as recommended by MQ since 2005)
 - ▶ Failing that, the system will look in /usr/lib which historically has been enough to make 32-bit MQ programs work





Trouble Brewing

- If WebSphere MQ 7.1 is co-existing with 7.0.1.6+, existing applications will continue to use the 7.0 libraries
 - ✓ Connections to 7.0 queue managers will work
 - Connections to other installations will fail with reason code 2059 (MQRC_Q_MGR_NOT_AVAILABLE)
- If the only installation is a non-primary MQ 7.1 installed in a non-default location, applications may fail to run:
 - mqapp: error while loading shared libraries: libmqm.so: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory





Trouble Averted

- ✓ Ensure your program can find the WebSphere MQ 7.1 libraries, since they can connect to <u>all</u> queue managers
- ① Rebuild the program with MQ 7.1 in its runtime library path
- ② Or run setmqenv to point to an MQ 7.1 installation (and on Linux and UNIX specify either the -k or -1 flag)
- 3 Or run setmqenv -i to make MQ 7.1 the primary installation
- Or install WebSphere MQ 7.1 in the default location
- Or create links to satisfy the program's runtime library path
- 6 Or modify the program's runtime library path (e.g. chrpath)





Checking the Runtime Library Path

AIX: dump -H -X any /path/to/mqapp

```
***Import File Strings***

INDEX PATH BASE MEMBER

0 /usr/mqm/lib64:/usr/vac/lib:/usr/lib/threads:/usr/lib:/lib

1 libc_r.a shr_64.o

2 libpthreads.a shr_xpg5_64.o

1 libmqm_r.a libmqm_r.o
```

HP-UX: chatr /path/to/mqapp

```
shared library dynamic path search:

LD_LIBRARY_PATH disabled first

SHLIB_PATH disabled second

embedded path enabled third

/opt/mqm/lib64:/usr/lib/hpux_64:/opt/mqm/lib64:/usr/lib/hpux64:
```

➤ You can also enable and disable LD_LIBRARY_PATH and SHLIB_PATH chatr +s enable | disable /path/to/mqapp



Checking the Runtime Library Path

Linux: readelf -d /path/to/mqapp

```
Tag Type Name/Value

0x00000000000000f (RPATH) Library rpath: [/opt/mqm/lib64]

0x0000000000001d (RUNPATH) Library runpath: [/opt/mqm/lib64]
```

Solaris: /usr/ccs/bin/elfdump -d /path/to/mqapp

 Windows: There are several graphical tools available for inspecting applications to see their dependencies, including the "depends.exe" utility



WebSphere MQ 7.1 Libraries

 The usual WebSphere MQ application libraries exist, but are thin veneers for the new libmqe library (mqe.dll)

```
-r-xr-xr-x 1 mgm
                          50325 Feb 20 15:01 libmgic.a
                 mqm
                         187301 Feb 20 14:4 libmgjbnd.so
-r-xr-xr-x 1 mgm
                 mqm
                          49977 Feb 20 14:44 libmqm.a
-r-xr-xr-x 1 mgm
                 mqm
                          20062 Feb 20 14:49 libmqmcb.a
-r-xr-xr-x 1 mgm mgm
                          18765 Feb 20 14:49 libmqmxa.a
-r-xr-xr-x 1 mgm
                 mqm
                          59059 Feb 20 14:48 libmgz.a
-r-xr-xr-x 1 mqm
                 mqm
-r-xr-xr-x 1 mqm mqm
                       17207623 Feb 20 14:43 libmqe.a
```

WebSphere MQ server built apps now have the ability to call MQCONNX with MQCNO_CLIENT_BINDING, since both the server and client implementations are in the libmae library



Installation Switching

- The new libmage library is self-contained, so libmage from one installation can safely load libmage from another
- The libmqe libraries share information using the module libmqzsd (mqzsd.dll) under \$MQ_DATA_PATH/shared
- Applications using libmqm and other libraries are switched over to the right installation's libmqe or to MQ 7.0.1.6+
- ✓ Once you use MQ 7.1 libraries, all installations are available
- There are restrictions on MQCNO_FASTPATH_BINDING applications documented in the Information Center





Exits

- Exits are binaries which WebSphere MQ loads and invokes in order to modify the behavior of channels, API calls, &c.
- Exits which made MQI calls had to be linked with MQ libraries
 - Do such exits have to be relinked for each installation?
- You can do so and copy your installation-specific exits to:

```
$MQ_DATA_PATH/exits/$MQ_INSTALLATION_NAME
$MQ_DATA_PATH/exits64/$MQ_INSTALLATION_NAME
```

WebSphere MQ 7.1 will load installation-specific exits first



The MQIEP Structure

- WebSphere MQ 7.1 provides a new header called cmqec.h which defines a new structure called MQIEP
- The MQIEP structure contains pointers to the MQI functions and it is passed to every exit that can make MQI calls
 - ▶ E.g. MQGET() is available as MQIEP->MQGET_Call()
- Exits which use MQIEP do not need to be linked with libraries like libmqm and can therefore be used by all installations
- ✓ Modify your exit programs to use MQIEP and install them in \$MQ_DATA_PATH/exits and \$MQ_DATA_PATH/exits64





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IBM® V.R.M.F Terminology

- WebSphere MQ on distributed platforms uses a four digit value called V.R.M.F to indicate the software level
- Version: 7.0.0.0
 - A licensed IBM program usually with significant changes
 - Each new version starts a 5 year maintenance clock
- Release: 7.1.0.0
 - ▶ Indicates smaller changes, and restarts the 5 year clock
- Modification: 7.1.2.0
 - Full install with fixes and potentially with new functionality
- Fix: 7.1.2.3
 - An update containing cumulative maintenance fixes





WebSphere MQ Command Level

- Each WebSphere MQ queue manager has a CMDLEVEL attribute which indicates the functions it supports
- The command level corresponds to the installation V.R.M and can be seen but not altered in runmqsc and the MQ Explorer
 - ▶ DISPLAY QMGR CMDLEVEL
 AMQ8408: Display Queue Manager details.
 QMNAME(RICH) CMDLEVEL(710)
- Only strmqm can increase the command level
- This process is called migration





Enabling New Function

- Migration is the one-way process of updating the internal structure of a queue manager for a new command level
- strmqm automatically migrates queue managers to a new Version and Release (e.g. CMDLEVEL 701 → 710)
- strmqm no longer changes the Modification level automatically
 - New function in the Modification is disabled by default
 - dspmqver will indicate the new MaxCmdLevel value
- ✓ You must <u>choose</u> to migrate the queue manager in order to take advantage of new functions in a Modification level

strmqm -e CMDLEVEL=712 RICH





Single-Stage Upgrade

- Before WebSphere MQ 7.1, upgrading was very linear
 - 1. Stop all queue managers and their applications
 - 2. Uninstall the old WebSphere MQ version (optional)
 - 3. Install the new WebSphere MQ version
 - 4. Start the queue managers to migrate them
- WebSphere MQ 7.1 calls this a "single-stage" upgrade
 - ▶ Single-stage upgrade from MQ 7.0.1.6+ is supported
 - Single-stage upgrade is the only path for MQ versions from 6.0.0.0 through 7.0.1.5
- Queue managers are offline for the duration of the process
- ✓ Simple, familiar, and has the fewest configuration changes





Side-by-Side Upgrade

- WebSphere MQ 7.1 offers a new upgrade for 7.0.1.6+
 - Install the new WebSphere MQ version to a different location
 ✓ Your existing queue managers can still be running
 - 2. Verify the new installation to ensure it works properly
 - 3. Stop all queue managers and their applications
 - 4. Uninstall the old WebSphere MQ version
 - 5. Run setmqinst -i to make the installation primary (optional)
 - 6. Run setmqm to associate each queue manager with the new WebSphere MQ 7.1 installation (optional)
 - 7. Run strmqm to start and migrate each queue manager
- Any unassociated queue managers will be automatically assigned to the new installation by strmqm
- ✓ Reduces down time and allows verification before switching





Multi-Stage Upgrade

- WebSphere MQ 7.1 offers one more option for 7.0.1.6+
 - 1. Install the new WebSphere MQ version to a different directory
 - ✓ Your existing queue mangers can still be running
 - 2. Verify the new installation to ensure it works properly
 - 3. Migrate each queue manager on your own schedule
 - ① Stop the queue manager and its applications
 - ② Run setmqm to associate it with the new installation
 - 3 Run strmqm to start and migrate the queue manager
 - 4. Uninstall the old WebSphere MQ version when you choose
- You cannot make 7.1 primary while MQ 7.0.1.6+ is installed
- ✓ Minimizes down time by staggering queue manager migration





Applying and Removing Maintenance

- The same upgrade options are available for maintenance
 - Single-stage is the traditional way of applying maintenance
 - Side-by-side and multi-stage allow you to prepare and verify a new maintenance level before switching to it
 - ▶ The Information Center calls this "staging maintenance"
- You can can stage multiple maintenance levels or alternate between two installations, updating each one in turn
- You can move queue managers between maintenance levels, subject to the restrictions described on the next page
- ✓ Stage your maintenance and use setmqm to move queue managers quickly and easily between maintenance levels





Maintenance and Command Levels

- You can move queue managers to new maintenance levels and back again as long as the V.R.M.F >= CMDLEVEL
 - ▶ This works: $7.1.0.0 \rightarrow 7.1.0.1 \rightarrow 7.1.0.2 \rightarrow 7.1.0.0$
 - ▶ This too: $7.1.0.0 \rightarrow 7.1.2.3 \rightarrow 7.1.5.7 \rightarrow 7.1.1.2$ (but only if you did not set CMDLEVEL > 711 using strmqm)
 - ▶ Not this: $7.1.0.0 \rightarrow 7.1.0.3 \rightarrow 7.2.0.0 \rightarrow 7.1.0.3$
 - strmqm will fail with an error message
- ✓ Take a backup of the queue manager before migrating to a new command level and revert to that backup if necessary
- You cannot go back to an earlier command level unless you took a backup of the queue manager <u>before</u> migrating



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Failover Implications

- Multi-Instance Queue Managers
 - You must must compatible versions on both systems supporting the multi-instance queue manager
 - ▶ V.R.M.F must be >= CMDLEVEL on both systems
 - ✓ Best practice: Use the same V.R.M.F and installation name on both systems to avoid confusion
- Microsoft® Cluster Server
 - MSCS does not support multiple MQ installations
 - ✓ Requirement: You <u>must not</u> install a second installation on a system which is configured for MSCS





Clustering Implications

- WebSphere MQ clusters are completely unaffected by multi-version installation
- WebSphere MQ clusters already support queue managers of different command levels
- Whether those command levels are installed on a single system (multi-version) or different systems is immaterial
- ✓ Best Practice: Migrate full repositories to a new command level, then the partial repositories, to use new features





Error Logs

- WebSphere MQ writes informational and error messages to AMQERR01.LOG, AMQERR02.LOG, and AMQERR03.LOG
- The AMQERR01.LOG file contains the most recent messages
- Every queue manager has an errors directory with logs
- Every machine has a top-level errors directory as well

 - ▶ Windows: %MQ DATA PATH%\errors



Error Log Example

- Messages now include the installation name and V.R.M.F
 - Any message missing these details is 7.0 or older

EXPLANATION:

An attempt was made to update the WebSphere MQ installation configuration for installation 'Test1' path '/opt/IBM/WMQ/test' but the request was rejected as the current user does not have sufficient authority to make the update.

ACTION:

Issue the command from a user with sufficient authority to update the installation configuration.





First Failure Support Technology

- WebSphere MQ processes write detailed debugging information to their own file named AMQxxxxxx.0.FDC whenthey encounter unexpected conditions
- The file name includes the process ID: AMQ12345.0.FDC
- All installations write FDCs to the top-level errors directory

 - ▶ Windows: %MO DATA PATH%\errors





FFST Example

FFST headers in FDC files include the installation name and path

```
WebSphere MQ First Failure Symptom Report
 _____
Date/Time :- Tue March 06 2012 15:00:34 EST
| Host Name :- aix1
| Operating System :- AIX 6.1
        :- 7.1.0.0
| Product Long Name :- WebSphere MQ for AIX
| Installation Path :- /opt/IBM/WMQ/test
Installation Name :- Test1 (2)
| Component :- xlsWaitEvent
| Thread
| QueueManager :- IBMTEST
| Major Errorcode :- OK
| Probe Type :- INCORROUT
 Probe Description :- AMQ6109: An internal WebSphere MQ error has occurred.
```





Analyzing FFSTs

- The ffstsummary tool can produce a chronological list of FFSTs based on the FDC files in the current directory
- Now ffstsummary includes the installation name
 - ▶ A blank installation is Installation0 (7.0) or an old FDC

```
AMQ7798882.0.FDC 2012/01/18 15:09:33.854687-5 Installation1 amqzmuc0 7798882 1 ZX085061 amqzmuc0 xecP_E_INVALID_PID OK

AMQ7798882.0.FDC 2012/01/18 15:09:33.908609-5 Installation1 amqzmuc0 7798882 1 ZX085131 amqzmuc0 zrcE_UNEXPECTED_ERROR OK

AMQ8847418.0.FDC 2012/02/23 16:06:04.165946-5 strmqcsv 8847418 2 XC338001 xehAsySignalHandler xecE_W_UNEXPECTED_ASYNC_SIGNAL OK

AMQ24969328.0.FDC 2012/02/23 16:41:08.780440-5 Development01 amqrmppa 2496928 7 C0052000 cciTcpReceive rrcE_BAD_DATA_RECEIVED OK
```





Traces

- WebSphere MQ processes can write information about their activity to files named AMQxxxxxx.0.TRC (and .TRS)
- Except on Windows, these files must be formatted into a readable form using the dspmqtrc program
- You can generate a summary of traces with: dspmqtrc -s
- All installations write traces to the top-level trace directory

 - ▶ Windows: %MQ DATA PATH%\trace





Controlling Trace

- Each installation has its own independent trace status
- The strmqtrc and endmqtrc programs change the trace status for their own installation only, including:
 - ▶ Early trace: strmqtrc -e
 - ▶ "All" trace: endmqtrc -a
- Applications can connect to multiple queue managers in different installations simultaneously
 - You can trace their activity in each installation separately
 - Or enable trace in multiple installations to see all activity
- To check the trace status for an installation: strmqtrc -s





Trace Example

Formatted traces now include a header with installation details

```
WebSphere MQ Formatted Trace V3
 _____
 Date/Time :- 03/06/12 09:22:12 EST
UTC Time :- 1331043732.769625
| UTC Time Offset :- 5 (EST)
Host Name :- ibmaix1
| Operating System :- AIX 6.1
      :- 7.1.0.0
| Product Long Name :- WebSphere MQ for AIX
| CMVC Level :- p000-L111015
| Installation Path :- /usr/IBM/WMQ-7.1.0-A/usr/mqm
| Installation Name :- Test1
| Effective UserID :- 7100 (mqm)
| Real UserID :- 7067 (ibmusr)
| Program Name :- amqzmuf0
| Addressing Mode :- 64-bit
         :- 10289308
 Process
| QueueManager :- IBMTEST | Reentrant :- 1
```





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