

# *The WebSphere MQ Toolbox*

20 Scripts, 1-liners, & Utilities  
for UNIX & Windows



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# Speed dating

- We have less than an hour to go over 20 tools so this will necessarily be very high level.
- We'll start with some Windows/UNIX compatibility, then go into the utilities.
- The intent is to provide an introduction in the session & provide sufficient detail to use the deck as reference.
- Look for a download on the MQTC site and/or my site at <https://t-rob.net/links>

# UNIX/Windows equivalents

UNIX	Windows
grep	findstr
# Comment	:: Comment
cp	copy
rm	del
mv	move
&	start
cat	type
xargs	for / in / do
wc	find -c

## 20 Tools:

#	Win	*NIX	Description
1/2	X	X	Parse A Trigger Message
3/4	X	X	Check for running QMgr
5/6	X	X	Check for admin privs
7/8	X	X	Find queues with depth
9/10	X	X	Enhanced MQSC scripts
11/12	X	X	Dump the cert from a remote QMgr
13/14	X	X	Age messages off of all queues on a QMgr
15/16	X	X	Stop all channels on a QMgr
17	XML		Enhanced FTE XML files
18	N/A	X	Who's in the mqm group, anyway?
19	OpenSSL		Dump the cert from a remote QMgr
20	Perl		Recover stashed password

# Parse A Trigger Message - Structure

How do we get this from a single command-line parameter?

```
Trigger Message      struct tagMQTMC2 {
    MQCHAR4      StrucId;      /* Structure identifier */
    MQCHAR4      Version;      /* Structure version number */
    MQCHAR48      QName;       /* Name of triggered queue */
    MQCHAR48      ProcessName; /* Name of process object */
    MQCHAR64      TriggerData; /* Trigger data */
    MQCHAR4      ApplType;     /* Application type */
    MQCHAR256     ApplId;      /* Application identifier */
    MQCHAR128     EnvData;     /* Environment data */
    MQCHAR128     UserData;    /* User data */
    MQCHAR48      QMgrName;    /* Queue manager name */
};
```

# 1) Trigger Message - Windows

Assuming that the TMC2 is in %0, use positional substring extraction:

```
set TMC2StrucID=%0:~0,4%
set TMC2Version=%0:~4,4%
set TMC2Queue=%0:~8,48%
set TMC2Process=%0:~56,48%
set TMC2TrigData=%0:~104,64%
set TMC2ApplType=%0:~168,4%
set TMC2ApplID=%0:~172,256%
set TMC2EnvData=%0:~428,128%
set TMC2UserData=%0:~556,128%
set TMC2QMgr=%0:~684,48%
```

The parms may not be in the order you expect so test for the desired TMC2StrucID and TMC2Version before using the values.

## 2) Trigger Message – UNIX/Linux

Assuming that the TMC2 is in \$1, use positional substring extraction:

```
TMC2StrucId=${1:0:4}  
TMC2Version=${1:4:4}  
TMC2QName=${1:8:48}  
TMC2ProcessName=${1:56:48}  
TMC2TriggerData=${1:104:64}  
TMC2ApplType=${1:168:4}  
TMC2ApplId=${1:172:256}  
TMC2EnvData=${1:428:128}  
TMC2UserData=${1:556:128}  
TMC2QMgrName=${1:684:48}
```

The parms may not be in the order you expect so test for the desired TMC2StrucID and TMC2Version before using the values.

# Check for running QMgr

- Prior to running a script, we want to make sure the QMgr is running.
- Checking processes isn't sufficient. What if the QMgr is quiescing? We need to know what MQ thinks the status is.
- Prereq: Script has already validated that dspmq is on PATH. Alternatively, trap errors on the dspmq command.
- If you use valid QMgr status values such as "Running" for a QMgr name, there's a 10<sup>th</sup> ring of Hell reserved just for you.



### 3) Check for running QMgr: Windows

Assumes that the target QMgr name is in "\$QMGr

```
for /f %%i in ('dspmq ^| findstr "($QMGr)" ^| find /i /c  
"Running"') do set isrunning=%%i  
if %isrunning% NEQ 1 (  
    echo %~nx0 $QMGr not found or not running  
    exit /B 2  
)
```

- Filters entries from a dspmq on the QMgr name in parenthesis. This avoids getting a hit on TREES searching for TREE, for example.
- Exclude any lines that do not have (RUNNING) as the status.
- Set %isrunning% to the number of lines found. This will be zero or one.
- Test the value of %isrunning% before continuing.
- If you care whether %isrunning%==0 means "not here" or "not found" add a nested IF to test the output of dspmq looking for the QMgr name.

## 4) Check for running QMgr: UNIX/Linux

Assumes that the target QMgr name is in "\$QMgr"

```
[[ $(dspmq | grep '(Running)' | grep "$QMgr" | wc -l | tr -d "
") != 1 ]] && print "\n${0##*/}: Queue Manager '$QMgr' not
found or not running.\n" && exit 1
```

- Filters running QMgr entries from a dspmq
- Looks for a line with the QMgr name in parenthesis. This avoids searching for a QMgr named TREE and getting a hit on TREES, for example.
- Count the number of lines found. This will be zero or one.
- If the result of the above does not equal 1, then the QMgr is either not running or not here.
- If you care which it is, go back and grep for the QMgr name and use the same technique to display its status if there's a line or a "not found" error.

# Check for admin privileges

- Prior to running a script, we want to make sure the user has MQ admin.
- Does this by attempting to execute a command that
  - ▶ Requires admin privileges.
  - ▶ Is display-only.
  - ▶ Does not need to know the QMgr name in advance.
  - ▶ Minimal effect on monitoring programs.
  - ▶ Returns the same error code across platforms and versions.
- Intentionally run dspmqtrn with invalid syntax.
- AMQ7028 says the command ran OK but you didn't give a QMgr name.
- Assumes any other value means the command failed for authorization.  
*This may change over time so validate for each new release!*

## 5) Check for admin privs – Windows

```
:: Test to see if user has WMQ admin privileges
set Response=
set isAdmin=
for /f "tokens=*" %%a in ('dspmqtrn 2^>^&1') do @set
Response=%%a

set isAdmin=!Response:~0,7!

if NOT "%isAdmin%"=="AMQ7028" (
    echo.
    echo %0: This script must be run from an account with
WeSphere MQ administrator privileges.
    exit /B 2
)
```

## 6) Check for admin privs – UNIX/Linux

- Most scripts must be run as mqm:

```
[[ $(whoami) != "mqm" ]] && print "\n${0##*/}: Script must be  
executed as the mqm user.\n" && exit 1
```

- Sometimes it's OK just to be an admin:

```
[[ $(dspmqtrn 2>&1 | grep 'AMQ7028' | wc -l | tr -d " ") != 1  
]] && print "\n${0##*/}: User `whoami` does not appear to have  
MQ admin privileges.\n" && exit 1
```

# Find queues with depth

- Need to find queues with depth > 0 (or some arbitrary number)
- Possibly need to exclude SYSTEM.\*
- Possibly need to include/exclude Xmit Queues.
- **This is ridiculously easy with MQSCX from MQGem.**
  - ▶ Unsolicited, unpaid endorsement but true.
  - ▶ The difference in productivity on any of my scripting engagements would pay for the program several times over.
  - ▶ Several people in attendance wish their company had bought it.
- **We'll make do with the built-in utils instead.**

## 7) Find queues with depth - Win

```
for /f "tokens=2 delims=()" %a in ('echo dis q^(*^)  
where^(curdepth gt 0^) ^| runmqsc $QMGr ^| findstr " QUEUE("'  
do { :: Something interesting here. }
```

- Assumes the target QMgr name is in \$QMGr
- We just want the names, not the actual depths.
- Passes the output to a 'do' block
- Adjust accordingly to exclude SYSTEM.\* queues:

```
for /f "tokens=2 delims=()" %a in ('echo dis q^(*^)  
where^(curdepth gt 0^) ^| runmqsc $QMGr ^| findstr " QUEUE("  
^| findstr /V "(SYSTEM." ') do { :: Something interesting  
here. }
```

## 8) Find queues with depth – UNIX/Linux

```
echo 'dis q(*) where(CURDEPTH gt 0)' | runmqsc $QMGr | tr ' )'  
'\n' | grep "QUEUE(" | tr "(" "\n" | grep -v "\sQUEUE$"
```

- Assumes the target QMgr name is in \$QMGr.
- Arguably easier with awk, but not as universally compatible as tr.
- We just want the names, not the actual depths.
- Wrap the output in a 'for' or an 'xargs'
- Adjust accordingly to exclude SYSTEM.\* queues:



# Enhanced MQSC scripts

- Want to make sure output is logged on each run.
- Would be great to allow substitutions inside the MQSC scripts.
- Can make scripts dynamically adjust to platform, version, etc.

## 9) Enhanced MQSC scripts - Win

```
for /f "tokens=2-4 delims=.:/" %a in ("%date%") do set  
filename=$~n0.%c-%a-%b.out  
(date /t & echo.) > %filename%  
runmqsc %QMGr% < commands.mqsc > %filename% 2>&1
```

- Saves the output in [filename].[date].out
- Captures STDERR to file as well

## 10) Enhanced MQSC scripts – UNIX/Linux

```
$filename=$0.`date "+%y%m%d"`.out  
(date;echo) >$filename  
runmqsc $1 >>$filename 2>&1 << EOF
```

```
* -----  
* DLQ.ksh - Define DLQ on $1  
* -----  
dis qmgr qmname  
DEFINE QLOCAL ('$1.DLQ') REPLACE  
ALTER QMGR DLQNAME('$1.DLQ')  
  
* -----  
* E N D O F S C R I P T  
* -----  
EOF
```

- Same as Windows but MQSC commands are in the same file and can take substitutions!

# Age messages off of all queues

- Need to delete all messages older than 30 days from all queues on the QMgr.
- Skip SYSTEM.\* and AMQ.EXPLORER.\* queues
- Uses the QLoad program from SupportPac MO03  
<http://ibm.co/SupptPacMO03>

## 13) Age msgs from a QMgr - Windows

- Assumes the QMgr name is in %QMgr%

```
FOR /F "delims=^(^); tokens=2" %%y IN ('echo dis q^(^*^)  
TYPE^(QLOCAL^)^| runmqsc %QMgr% ^| findstr "    QUEUE(" ^|  
findstr /V "    QUEUE(SYSTEM" ^| findstr /V "  
QUEUE(AMQ.EXPLORER"') DO qload -m %QMgr% -I%%y -T30:00:00 -  
F%%x_%%y_%%c_%%HH%%M%%S.txt
```

## 14) Age msgs from a QMgr – UNIX/Linux

- Assumes the QMgr name is in \$QMgr

```
echo "DIS Q(*) TYPE(QLOCAL)" | runmqsc $QMgr | tr ")" "\n" |
grep "^    QUEUE" | awk -F'(' '{print $2}' | grep -v ^SYSTEM. |
grep -v ^AMQ.EXPLORER. | {
    while read QName;do
        Cmd="qload -m $QMgr -I$QName -T30:00:00 \
            -F${QMgr}_${QName}_%c_%HH%M%S.txt"
        print "\n$Cmd"
        eval $Cmd
    done
    echo
}
```

# Stop all channels on a QMgr

- Prior to shutting QMgr down.
- Prior to issuing REFRESH SECURITY TYPE(SSL) command.
- Can be executed as a service.
- **Modify command to start channels.**
  - ▶ May not want to issue START channel commands as a service.

## 15) Stop all Channels - Win

```
for /f "tokens=2 delims=()" %%a in ('echo dis chl^(*^)  
where^(chltype ne clntconn^)^| runmqsc JMSDEMO ^| findstr "  
CHANNEL("' ) DO echo stop chl(%%a) status^(inactive^)^| runmqsc  
JMSDEMO
```

- Lists all channels that are not of type CLNTCONN.
- Issues STOP command with status of INACTIVE



## 16) Stop all Channels – UNIX/Linux

```
echo 'DIS CHL(*) where(CHLTYPE NE CLNTCONN)' | runmqsc $QMGR |  
tr ')' '\n' | grep ' CHANNEL(' | tr '(' '\n' | grep -v '  
CHANNEL$' | {  
    while read ChlName;do  
        echo "stop chl($ChlName) status(inactive)" | runmqsc  
$QMGR  
    done  
}
```

- Lists all channels that are not of type CLNTCONN.
- Issues STOP command with status of INACTIVE

# Enhanced FTE XML files

- Metadata values normally spread throughout the XML file.
- Some of these are repeated in different places.
- Changes rely on the maintainer to find and update all the instances.
- Can be difficult to track down.
- Solution? Move all the metadata to the top!

## 17) Enhanced FTE XML files

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<!DOCTYPE request [
    <!ENTITY jobname          "multicast">
    <!ENTITY userID           "fteadmin">
    <!ENTITY Cost_Center      "Unknown">
    <!ENTITY sourceAgent      "FTEHUBD1_0001">
    <!ENTITY sourceQM         "FTEAGT01">
    <!ENTITY hostName         "fteagents.example.com">
]>
<request version="4.00"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="FileTransfer.xsd">
    <managedCall>
    ...
```

- All the metadata fields are listed at the top of the XML file.

## 17) Enhanced FTE XML files

```
<managedCall>
  <originator>
    <hostName>&hostName;</hostName>
    <userID>&userID;</userID>
  </originator>
  <agent QMgr="&sourceQM;" agent="&sourceAgent;" />
  <transferSet priority="5">
    <metaDataSet>
      <metaData key="Cost_Center">&Cost_Center;</metaData>
      <metaData key="BusinessUnit">&BusinessUnit;</metaData>
    </metaDataSet>
  </transferSet>
</managedCall>
```

...

- Use the entities in the XML and the values are substituted automatically at execution time.
- Use the same variable in multiple places, it is reliably updated everywhere at once.

# Who's in the mqm group, anyway?

- We are really good at provisioning access.
- We rather stink at decommissioning access.
- **Good to periodically look at membership of the different groups.**
  - ▶ Mostly relevant to UNIX & Linux.
  - ▶ Efficacy may vary depending on PAM configuration, NIS+, AD, etc.

# 18) Get the mqm group membership

- Uses a Perl 1-liner to iterate over all the groups

```
# Get the /etc/passwd entries that have mqm as the primary group
awk -v gid=$(cat /etc/group | grep ^mqm: | cut -d: -f 3) 'BEGIN { FS = ":" } ;
$3==gid { print $1 }' /etc/passwd
```

```
# Get the mqm members from the /etc/group entry
perl -e 'while (($name,$members) = (getgrent)[0,3]) {print join("\n", split(" ",
$members)) if $name eq 'mqm';}'
```

# Bonus points – combine, sort & undupe

```
(awk -v gid=$(cat /etc/group | grep ^mqm: | cut -d: -f 3) 'BEGIN { FS = ":" } ;
$3==gid { print $1 }' /etc/passwd && perl -e 'while (($name,$members) =
(getgrent)[0,3]) {print join("\n", split(" ", $members)) if $name eq 'mqm';}' ) |
sort | uniq
```

# Dump the cert of a remote QMgr

- Easy to get the certs over the network from a central location.
- Uses the features of the SSL protocol.
- Requires preparation of a key file with a self-signed cert that the QMgr does *\*not\** know about.
- Even works for your business partners.
  - ▶ When you call to tell them their cert is about to expire, they think you are a genius!
- Requires OpenSSL to be installed.
  - ▶ IBM installs it with the JRE for just about everything.
  - ▶ Standard for nearly all UNIX/Linux distros.

## 19) Dump remote QMgr cert

```
openssl s_client -connect %CONNAME% -cert Dummy.pem -prexit  
2>&1 | openssl x509 -enddate -issuer -subject -noout 2>&1
```

- CONNAME is host or IP followed by :port, for example 127.0.0.1:1414
- Dummy.pem contains a self-signed cert in PEM format



# Recover stashed password

- You know you want to!
- Mostly not needed with new -stashed option on runmqakm/runmqckm.
- The people who you need to worry about already know this.
- Understand the threat that obfuscating the stash file mitigates.

## 20) Recover stashed password

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;

die "Usage: $0 stashfile\n" if $#ARGV != 0;
open(F,$ARGV[0]) || die "Can't open $ARGV[0]: $!";

my $stash;
my $passwd = '';
read F,$stash,1024;
my @unstash=map { $_^0xf5 } unpack("C*",$stash);
foreach my $c (@unstash) {
    last if $c eq 0;
    $passwd =sprintf "$passwd%c",$c;
}
print "$passwd\n";
```

# Questions & Answers

