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# **pyimq Documentation**

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**This documentation is a work-in-progress, and will be updated frequently**

*pyimq* is a set of [Python](#) bindings to [Open Message Queue](#) (also known as the Glassfish Message Queue, formerly known as the Sun Java System Message Queue and informally known as IMQ).

This software wraps the [Sun GlassFish Message Queue C runtime library](#) in [Python](#), modelling the implied object oriented design of the C interface.

The most common message queue usage patterns are supported, including asynchronous message consumers.



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### 1.1 Getting Started

If you are already familiar with the OpenMQ C runtime library you should still read this section to familiarise yourself with the `mqcrt` object hierarchy as exposed to Python.

If you are not familiar with the OpenMQ C runtime library you may want to open a copy of the [mqcrt documentation](#) in another tab.

#### 1.1.1 Prerequisites

To use the `pyimq` module you'll need access to an OpenMQ installation (or Sun Java System Message Queue, or Glassfish Message Queue). If you do not yet have access to such a beast, this document will help you to get a simple OpenMQ instance up and running.

You'll also need to OpenMQ C runtime library, as the `pyimq` module uses this C library to access the message queue broker.

The OpenMQ C runtime library (`mqcrt`) is distributed along with platform specific builds of OpenMQ, but is often not quite what you really need to build a Python extension module against, so if you need to rebuild `mqcrt` you'll need a C++ compiler and some patience.

Finally, if you're running the OpenMQ broker (server) on your machine you'll need a [Java](#) installation. If you plan to build `mqcrt` you'll also need a [Java](#) JDK and [Ant](#).

#### 1.1.2 Obtaining OpenMQ

*notes on downloading and running an instance of OpenMQ*

1. Download...
2. Unzip...
3. Run...

#### 1.1.3 Building the Message Queue Runtime Library

*notes on building, when you need to, and where to find more information  
prereqs*

1. Extract
2. Patch
3. Configure
4. Build
5. Install

### **1.1.4 Running OpenMQ**

*a quick introduction to running an instance*

### **1.1.5 Writing a Producer**

*how to write a producer*

### **1.1.6 Writing a Consumer**

*how to write a consumer*



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## A Quick Example

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This example shows a simple consumer, which simply retrieves messages and prints them.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python

import sys, os, optparse

if not 'MQ_LOG_LEVEL' in os.environ:
    os.environ['MQ_LOG_LEVEL'] = '-1'

from imq import MQConnection, MQMessage
from imq import MQ_BROKER_HOST_PROPERTY, MQ_BROKER_PORT_PROPERTY, \
    MQ_CONNECTION_TYPE_PROPERTY, MQ_CLIENT_ACKNOWLEDGE, MQ_SESSION_SYNC_RECEIVE, \
    MQ_QUEUE_DESTINATION, MQ_TOPIC_DESTINATION, MQ_TEXT_MESSAGE
from imq import MQ_STRING_TYPE, MQ_INT32_TYPE

def consumer(host, port, name, type):
    conn = MQConnection({MQ_BROKER_HOST_PROPERTY: (MQ_STRING_TYPE, host),
                        MQ_BROKER_PORT_PROPERTY: (MQ_INT32_TYPE, port),
                        MQ_CONNECTION_TYPE_PROPERTY: (MQ_STRING_TYPE, "TCP")}, "guest", "guest")
    sess = conn.create_session(False, MQ_CLIENT_ACKNOWLEDGE, MQ_SESSION_SYNC_RECEIVE)
    cons = sess.create_consumer(sess.create_destination(name, type))
    conn.start()

    while True:
        mess = cons.receive_message_wait()

        if mess.type() != MQ_TEXT_MESSAGE:
            mess.acknowledge_messages()
            continue

        text = mess.get_text()
        sys.stdout.write("Received message: " + mess.get_text() + "\n")
        sys.stdout.flush()
        mess.acknowledge_messages()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    parser = optparse.OptionParser()
    parser.add_option("--host", action="store", dest="host", default="localhost")
    parser.add_option("--port", action="store", dest="port", default=7676, type="int")
    parser.add_option("--destination_name", action="store", dest="destination_name", default="example")
    parser.add_option("--type", action="store", dest="type", choices=("q", "t",), default="q")
    (options, args) = parser.parse_args()
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args = {'host' : options.host, 'port' : options.port, 'name' : options.destination_name,  
        'type' : 't' == options.type and MQ_TOPIC_DESTINATION or MQ_QUEUE_DESTINATION}  
  
consumer(**args)
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