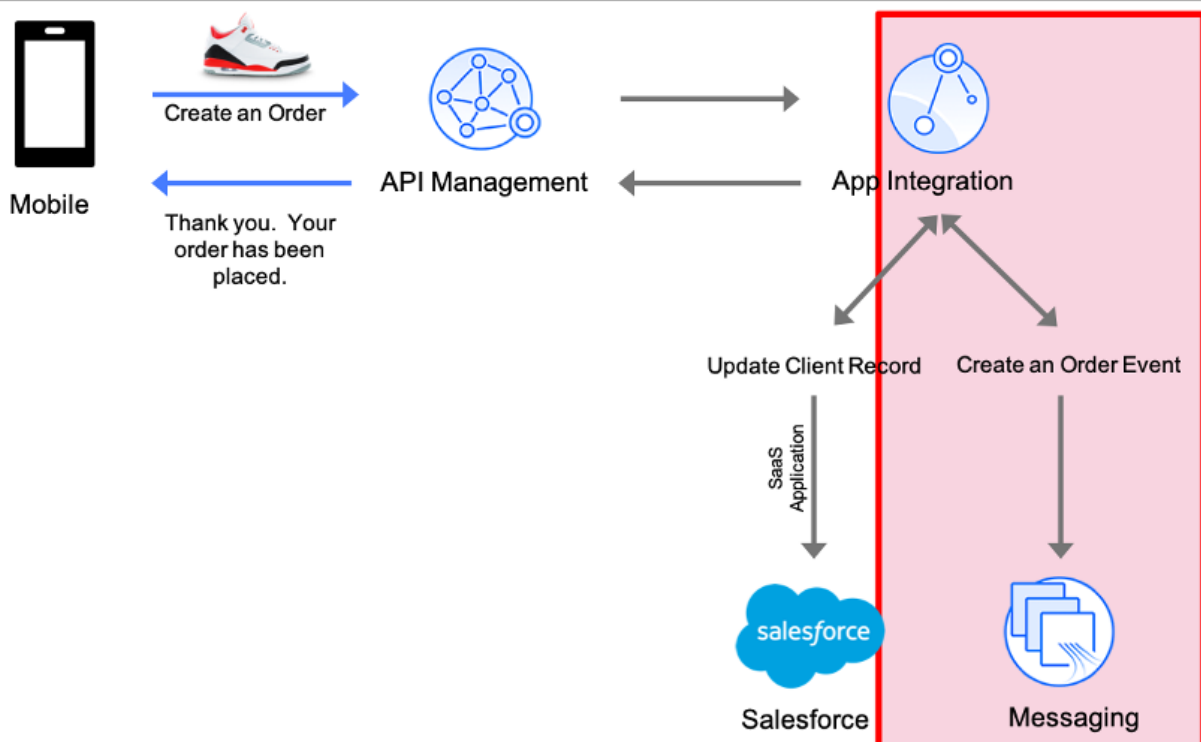


Implement enterprise grade messaging that is secure and reliable for any application across your backend integration architecture

Modern applications and APIs all **need** the ability to communicate data reliably between mission critical systems across internal/external data sources, networks, and regions. In mission critical environments your messaging infrastructure must be robust, reliable, and secure with the ability to integrate into your applications and APIs at pace and scale. In this tutorial, you create a message queue that receiving order data from an API call to a retail ordering system. The red box in the diagram shows what you are creating and where it fits in the overall architecture of a mobile retail buying application.



In this tutorial, you will explore the following key capabilities:

- Explore multiple integration capabilities within a single platform.
- Create an integration flow that connects to a message queue.
- Deploy the integration flow as a container in Kubernetes
- Check the message using MQ Web Console
- Check this message using Operational Dashboard (tracing)

Task 1 - Start the Environment

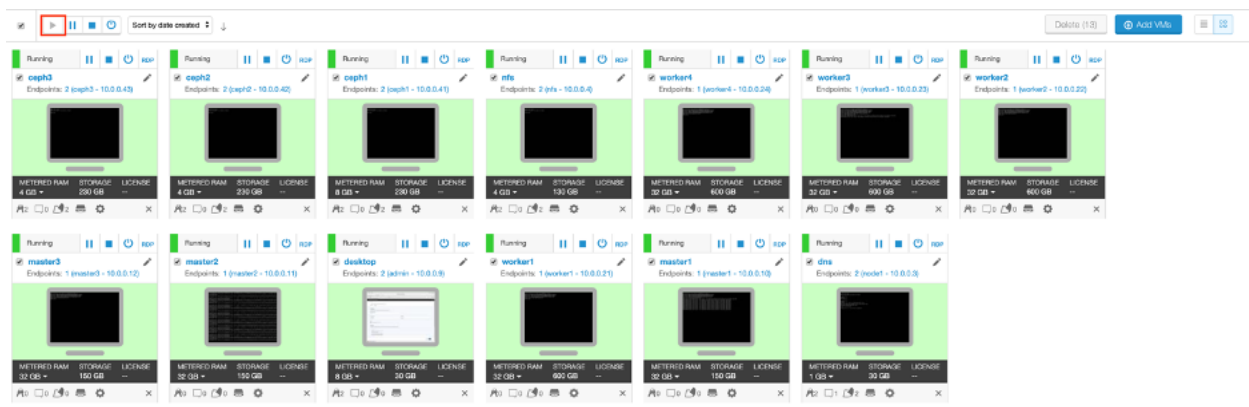
As this is a new deployment of the IBM Cloud Pak for Integration, you must execute some steps to prepare the environment. Initial setup steps are only needed for a fresh installation of the platform. They do not need to be repeated.

IBM Cloud Pak for Integration offers a single, unified platform for all your enterprise integration needs. It deploys integration capabilities into the Red Hat OpenShift managed container environment and uses the monitoring, logging, and security systems of OpenShift to ensure consistency across all integration solutions

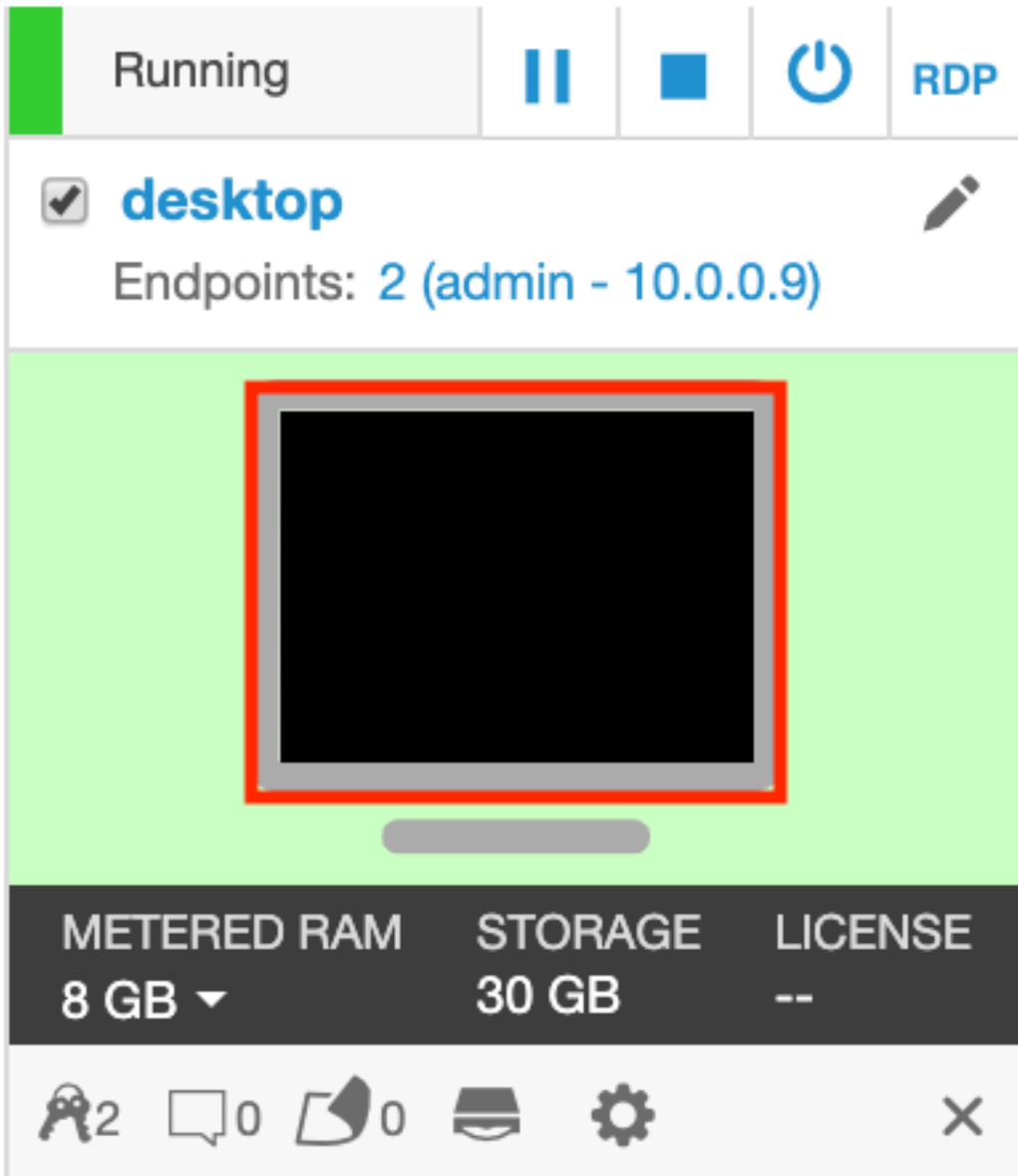
All work for this lab uses IBM Cloud Pak for Integration on OpenShift.

Open the **Developer Machine** VM by clicking the tile.

1. If the environment is already up and running when you open your reservation link, skip to step 3. If it is not running, continue to the next step.
2. Click the Run VM(s) button as shown below to start the virtual machine environment that is used for this lab.



3. Once the virtual machine starts, click the **Desktop** Machine tile to start your lab exercise.



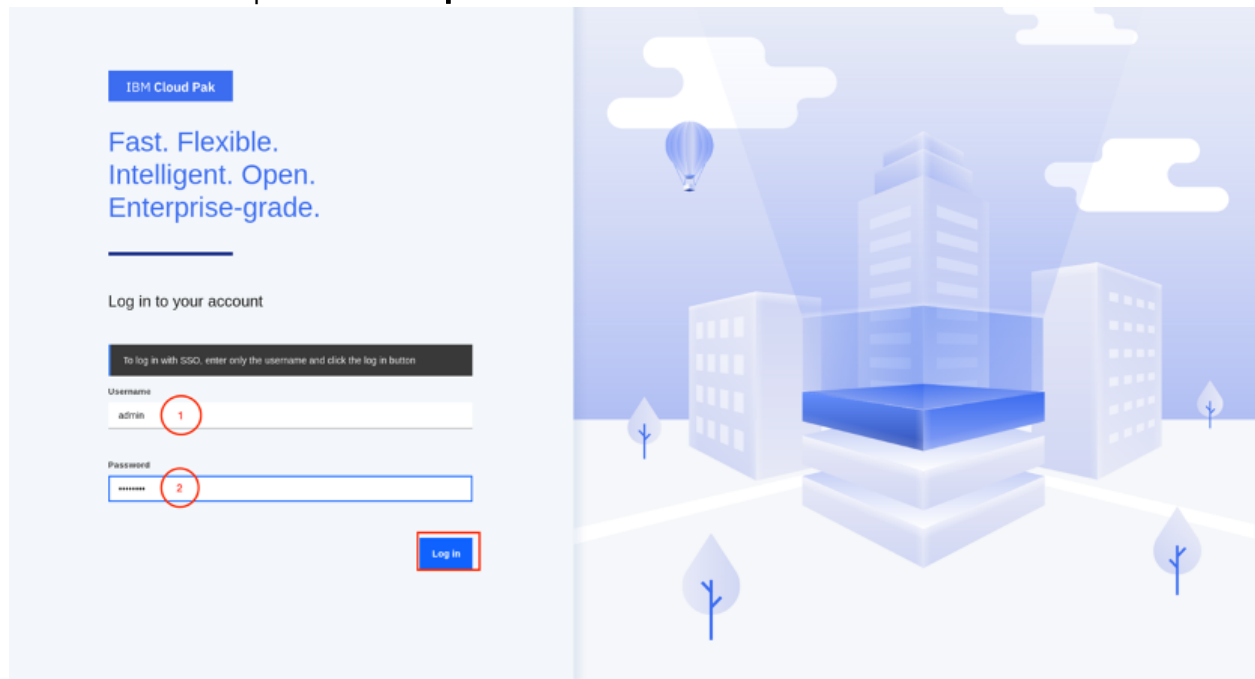
4. Log in to the Linux desktop with userid: **ibmuser** and password: **engageibm** .

Task 2 - Explore the platform capabilities

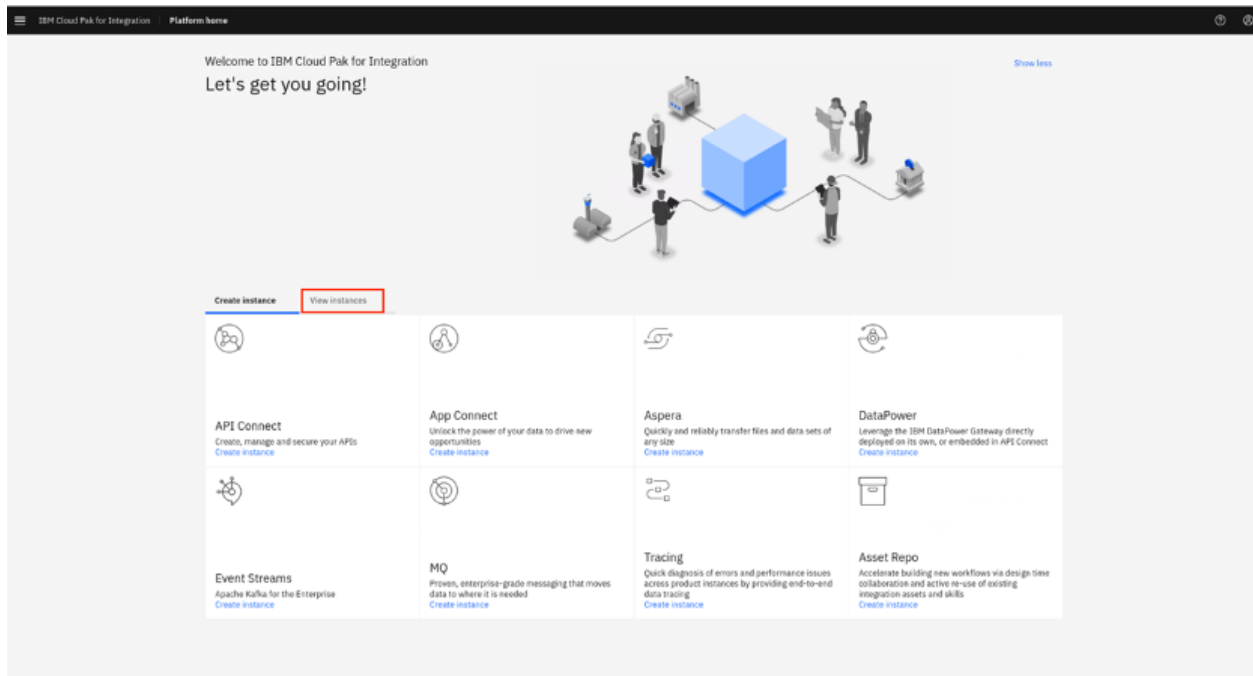
IBM Cloud Pak for Integration provides a single solution for all of your enterprise integration needs. The platform provides a comprehensive set of industry-leading capabilities. Combine powerful integration capabilities to create, manage, and monitor all of your integrations across applications, messaging, events, APIs, and more.

Unlock the power of your data and support the scale that is required to grow all of your integration and digital transformation initiatives

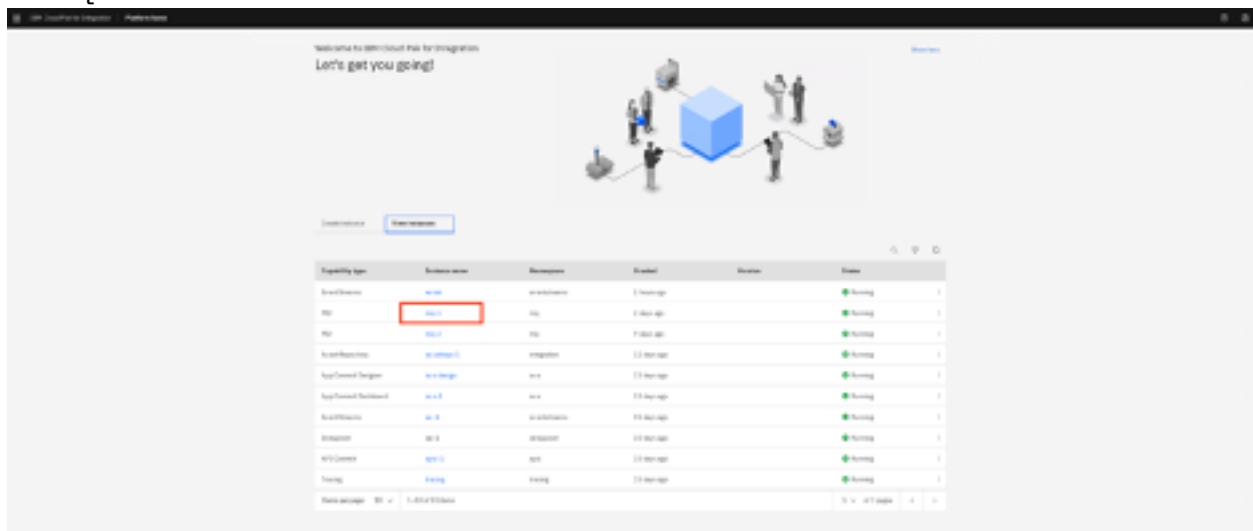
1. Open a browser and click the IBM Cloud Pak for Integration bookmark in the bookmarks bar at the top. You might receive a login screen. Type as user: **admin** and password: **passw0rd** .



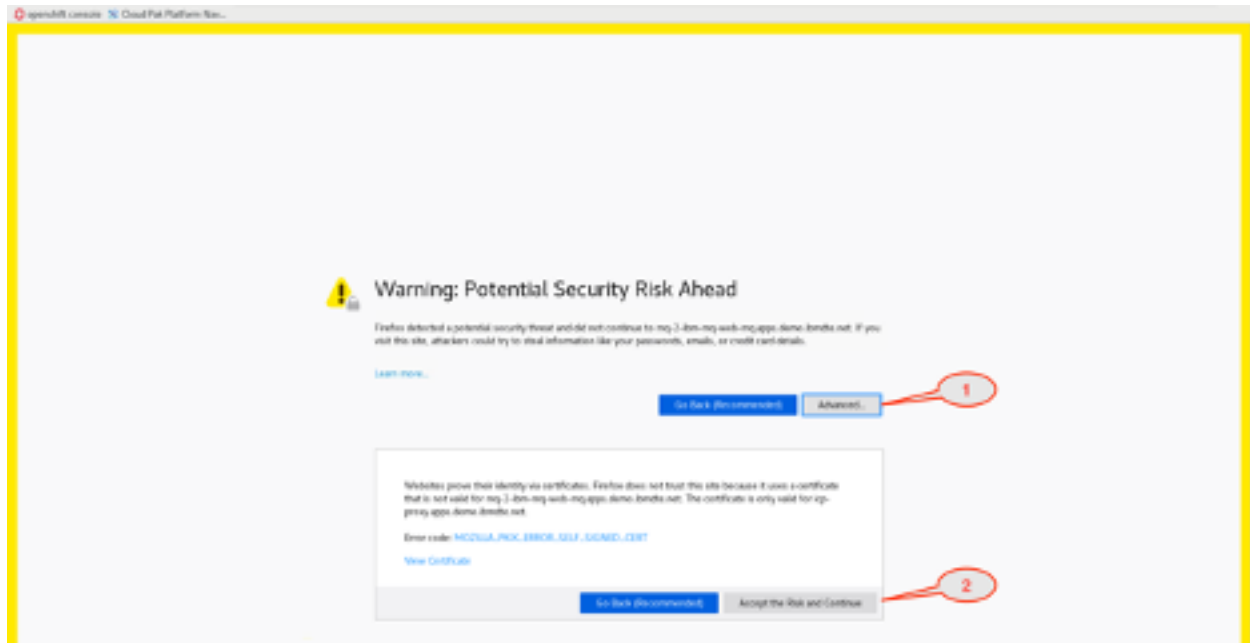
2. Click **View Instance** on the Cloud Pak for Integration Main Page. You can see the list of instances available.



3. The list of deployed instances is displayed. The list includes: API Connect, App Connect, ASPERA, Datapower Event Streams, Message Queues, Tracing and Asset Repository. For this lab, we work with IBM MQ, IBM App Connect, and Tracing (Operational Dashboard). Click **mq-1** to work with MQ.



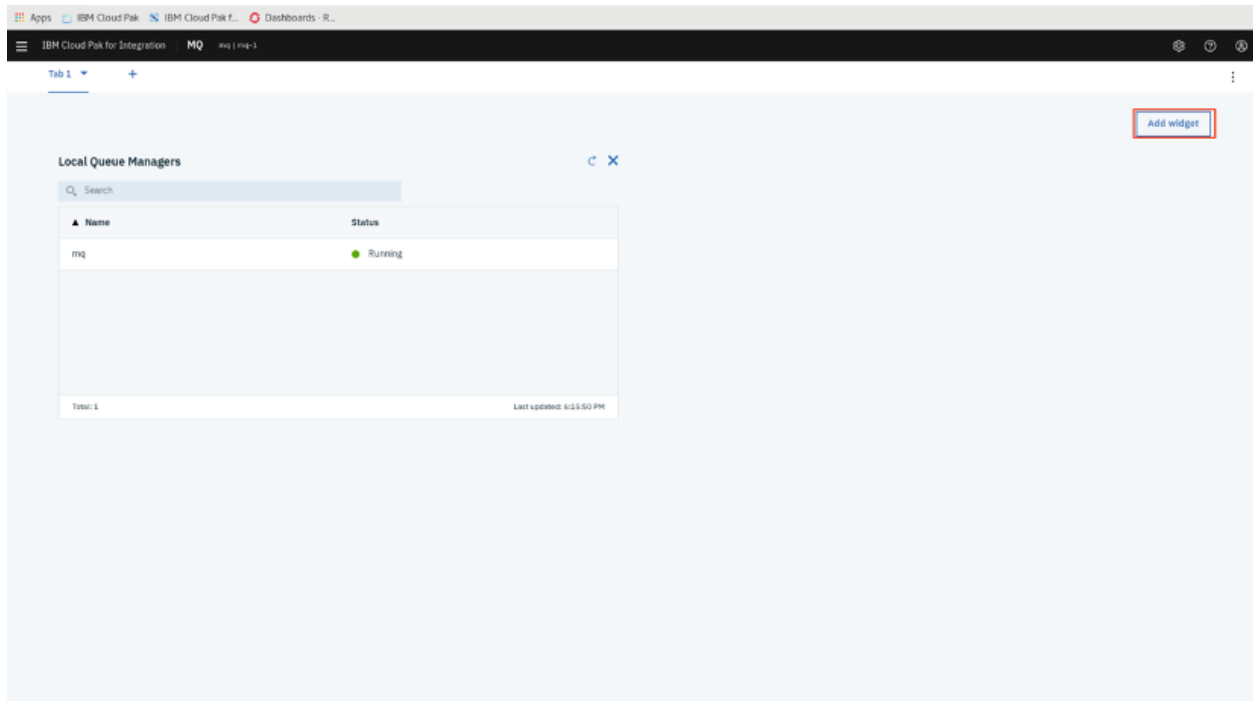
You might see this warning (**Potential Security Risk Ahead**). Click **Advance**. And then Click the link, **Accept the Risk and Continue**). Don't worry there is no Risk for your workstation.]



Task 3 – Create a message using MQ Console

In this task, you navigate to the MQ Console and check the MQ configuration. You create the queue which accepts the resulting data from the call to the **"NEWORDER"** API.

1. In the MQ Console page (**mq** is the name of queue manager), if you see **Queues on mq**, skip to step 3. Otherwise, click the **Add Widget** button.



2. Click **Queues** to add the corresponding widget. You can add different widgets into MQ Console, including mq objects such as: charts, queues, topics, listeners, channels, etc. and make all necessary configurations.

Add a new widget

Local Queue Managers Manage local queue managers

Chart Monitor your MQ platform

Add a widget to display MQ object information for the specified queue manager
Queue manager:

mq

Queues

Configure destinations for messages

Topics

Administrative objects for assigning attributes to topics

Listeners

Configure processes to accept network requests

Channels

Queue manager communication paths

Client-connection Channels

Client connectivity details

Authentication Information

Configure authentication mechanisms

Subscriptions

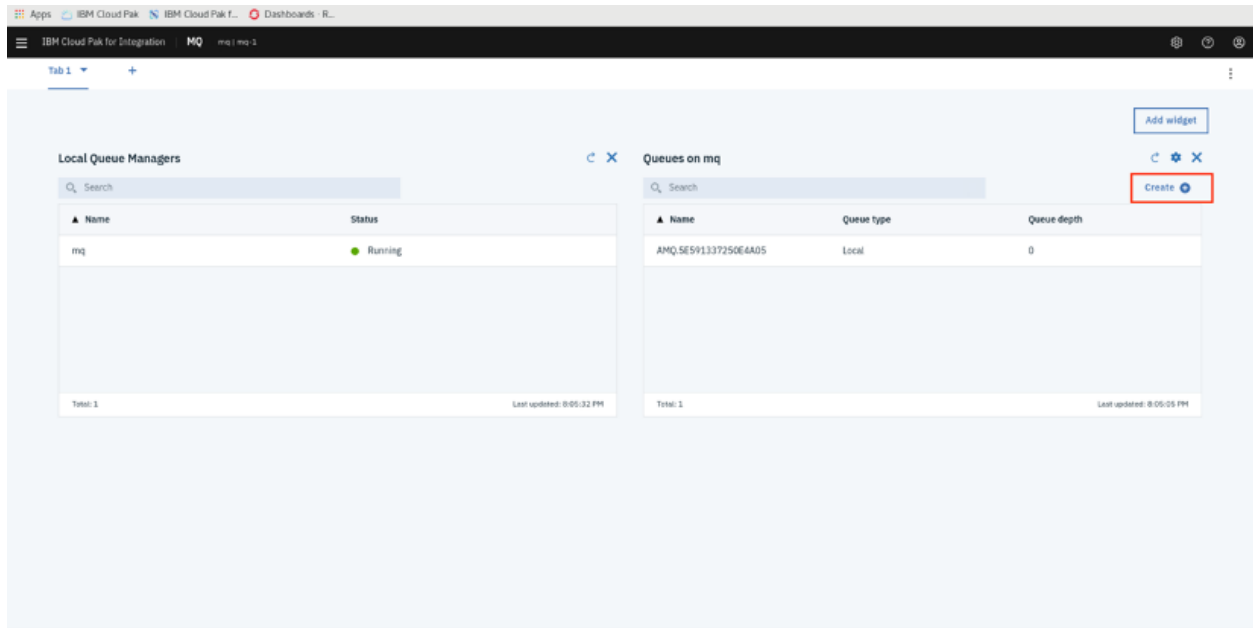
Configure how subscriptions to topics are handled

Channel Authentication Records

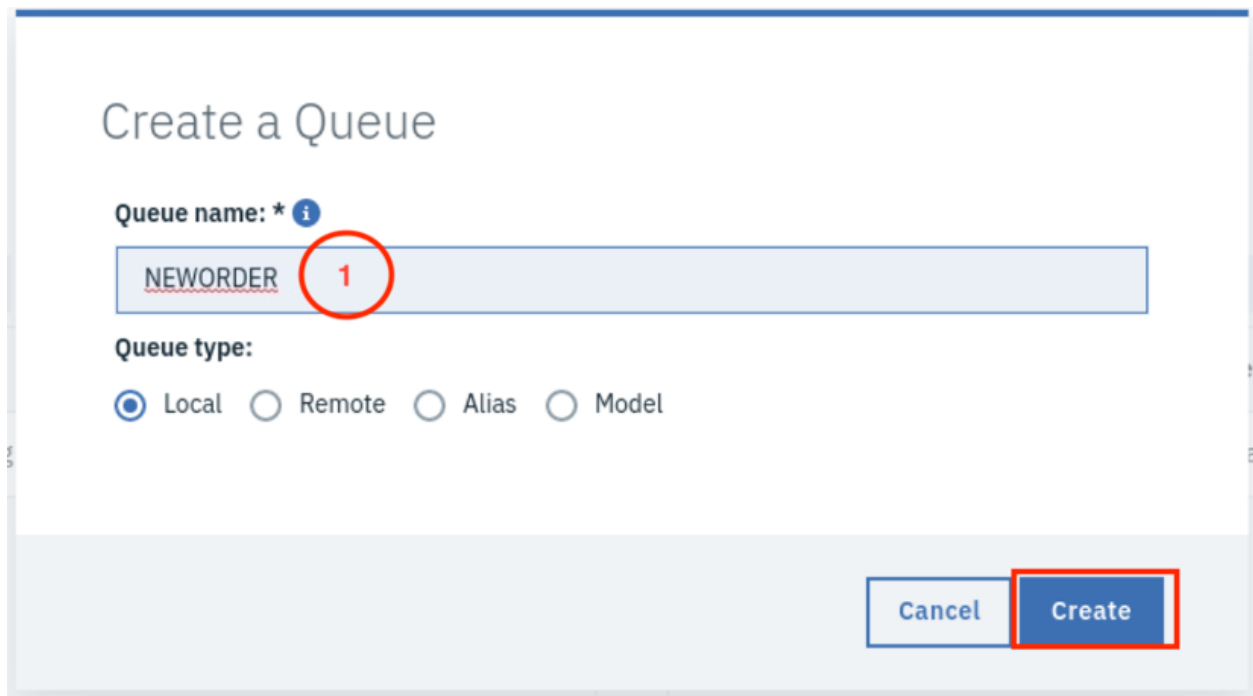
Control access to channels

Close

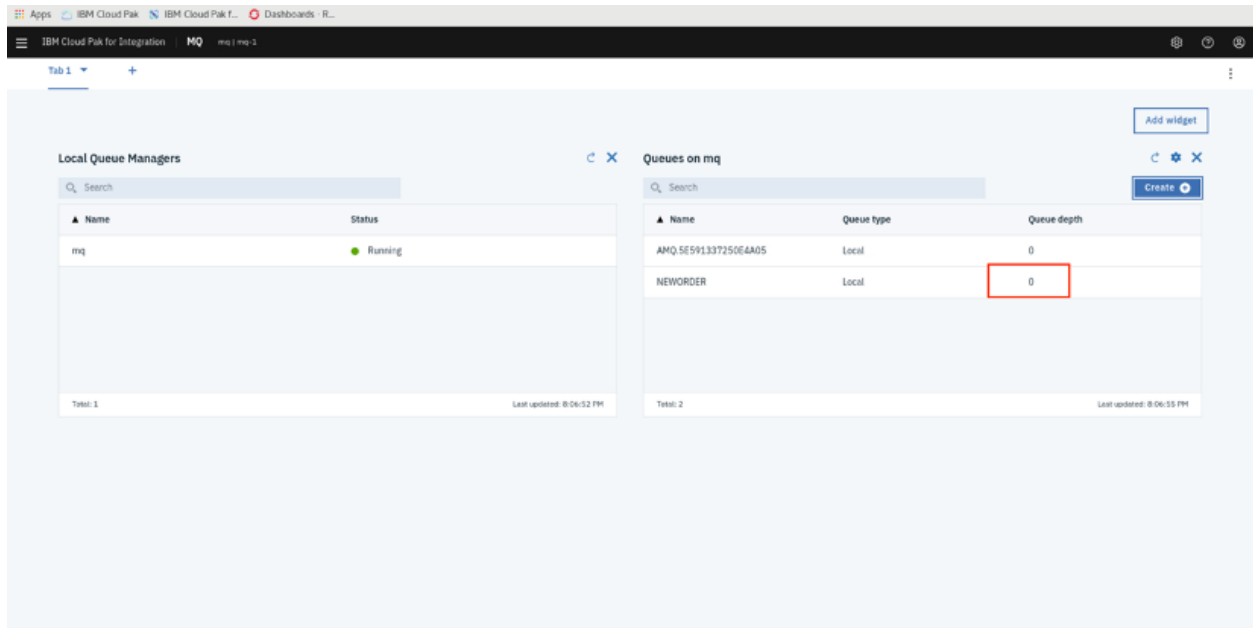
3. Take a moment and review the MQ Console, which is where you can administer the MQ server. On **Queues on mq** widget, click **Create(+)** to create a queue for **mq** queue manager.



4. In the pop-up window shows up and type the local queue name **NEWORDER**. Click **Create**.

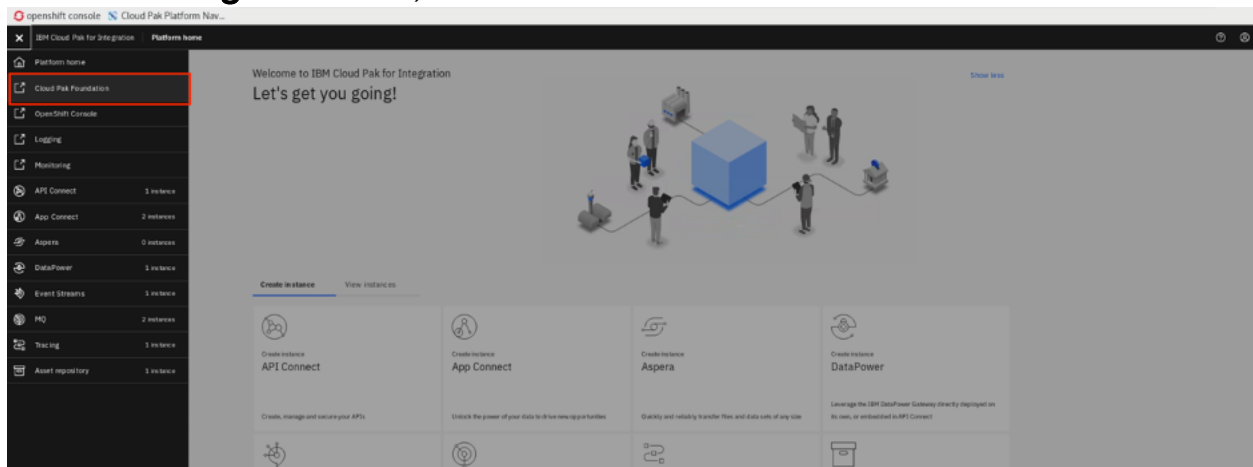


5. You see the new queue (NEWORDER), take a look at Queue depth. Notice it should be **0**.

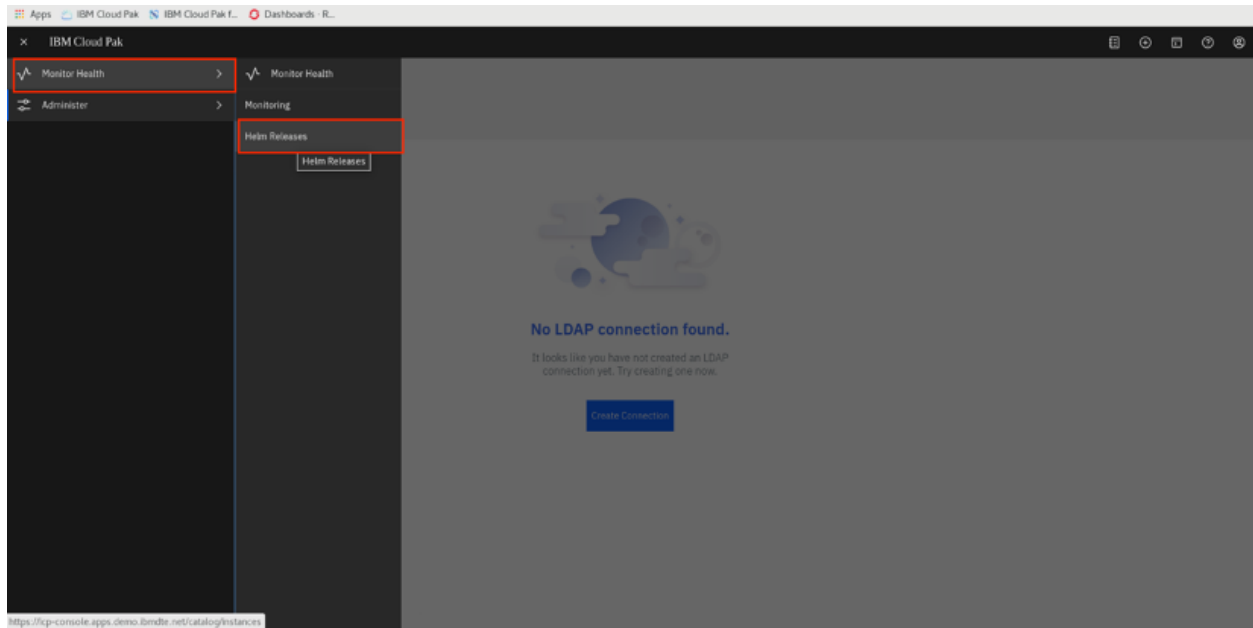


6. You need some MQ information. MQ was installed as helm releases. You have to open Cloud Pak common services

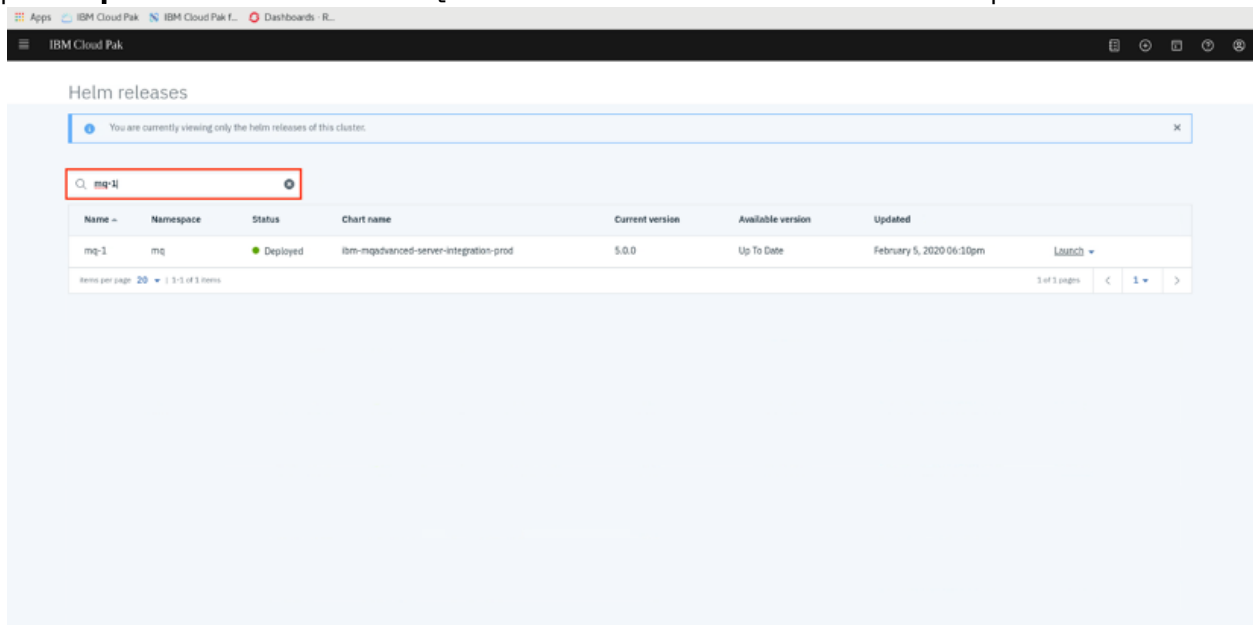
1. Open a browser and select the Cloud Pak on bookmark bar and then select “**Hamburger**” Menu, **Cloud Pak Foundation** .



2. In the Cloud Pak Foundation Page. Click **Monitor Health** and then **Helm Releases**.



3. Type **mq-1** to search the MQ Helm release and click the mq-1 instance.



4. Scroll down to the bottom of page, make a note of the queue manager hostname and mq listener port.

mq-1-ibm-mq-metrics	ClusterIP	172.30.135.188	<none>	9157/TCP	23d
mq-1-ibm-mq	ClusterIP	172.30.19.240	<none>	9443/TCP,1414/TCP	23d

Name	Secrets	Age
mq-1-ibm-mq	2	23d

Name	Desired	Current	Age
mq-1-ibm-mq	1	1	23d

Notes

Get the MQ Console URL by running these commands:

```
export CONSOLE_ROUTE=$(kubectl get route mq-1-ibm-mq-web -n mq -o jsonpath="{.spec.host}")
echo https://$CONSOLE_ROUTE/ibmq/console
```

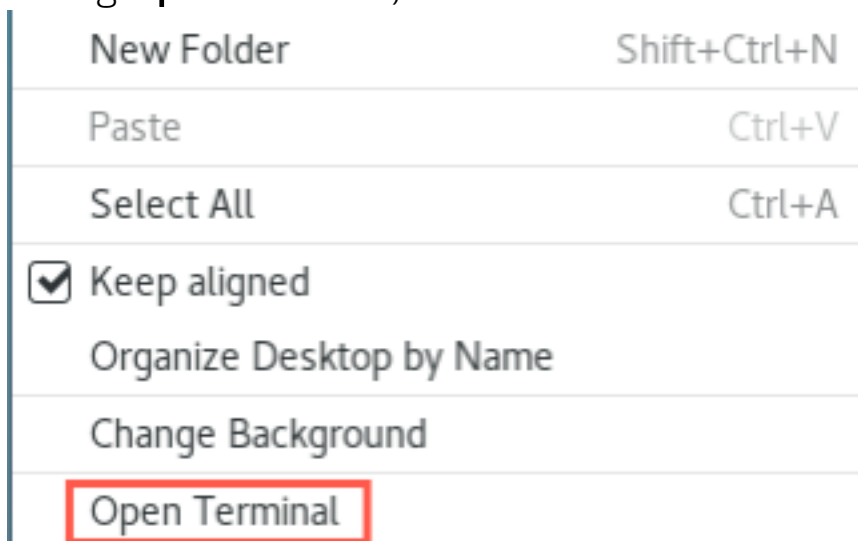
The MQ connection information for clients inside the cluster is as follows:

mq-1-ibm-mq.svc:1414

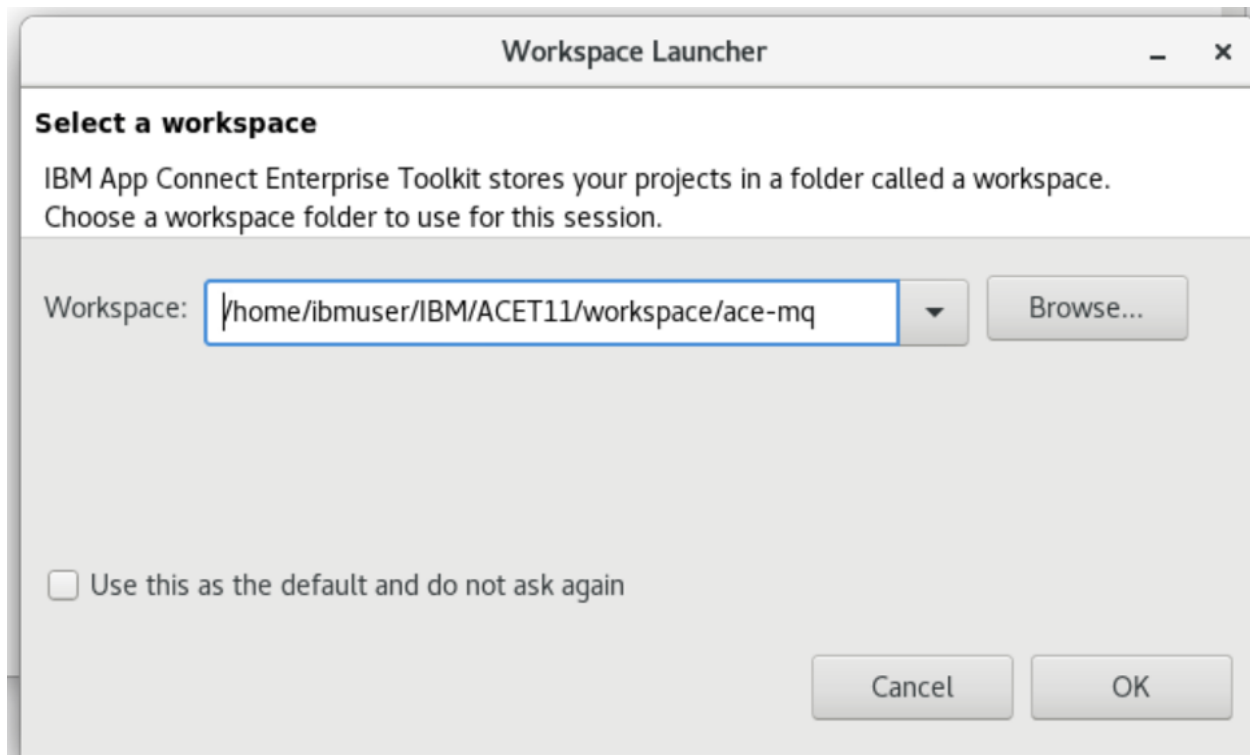
Task 4 - Modify the Order App Connect Enterprise Flow (integration)

In this task take an existing integration flow in App Connect Enterprise and modify it to send only the payload data to the NEWORDER queue.

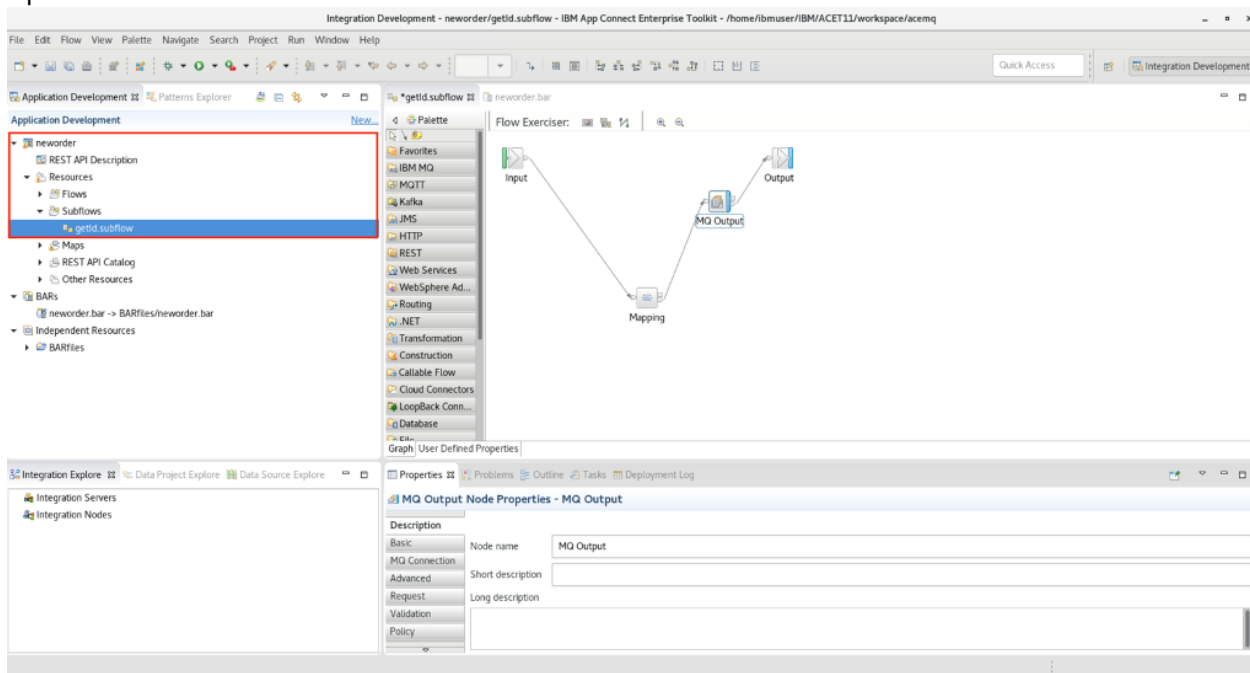
1. Open a terminal window by right-clicking on the desktop and selecting **Open Terminal**,



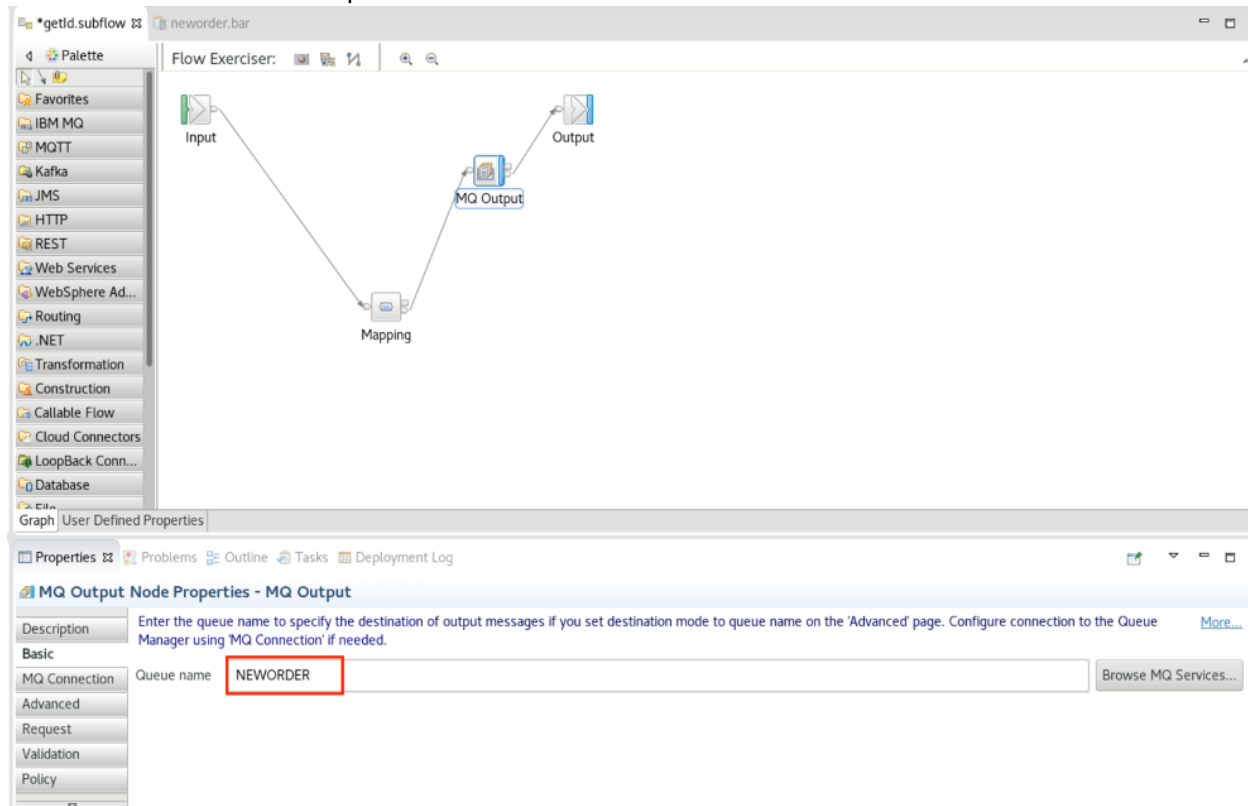
2. Enter **ace toolkit** to open the App Connect Enterprise Toolkit.
3. In the Workspace Launcher window, choose the workspace /home/ibmuser/IBM/ACET11/workspace/ace-mq. Click OK.



4. Double-click **neworder > Resources > Subflows > getld.subflow** on the left pane.



5. Click the MQ Output tile. In the lower-right, open the Properties tab and click **Basic**. **Note** the queue name: **NEWORDER**.



6. **Click** the MQ Connection parameter and verify the following settings:
1. Connection*: Select **MQ client connection properties** from the drop-down.
 2. Destination queue manager name: mq (case-sensitive).
 3. Queue manager hostname: mq-1-ibm-mq.mq.svc
 4. Listener: 1414
 5. Channel name: **SYSTEM.DEF.SRVCONN** (Server Connection).

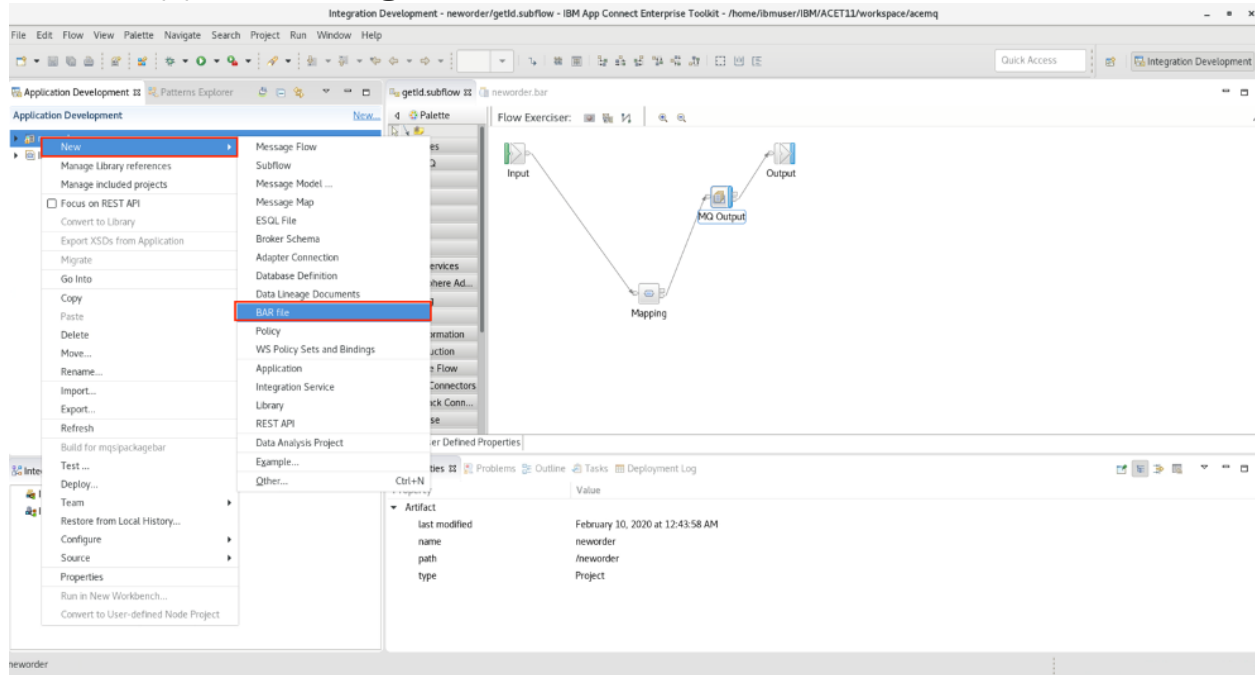
The screenshot displays the IBM App Connect Enterprise Toolkit interface. The top pane shows a flow diagram with an 'Input' node, a 'Mapping' node, and an 'MQ Output' node connected to an 'Output' node. The bottom pane shows the 'MQ Output Node Properties - MQ Output' dialog. The 'Connection*' dropdown is set to 'MQ client connection properties' (labeled 1). The 'Destination queue manager name' is 'mq' (labeled 2). The 'Queue manager host name' is 'mq-1-ibm-mq.mq.svc' (labeled 3). The 'Listener port number' is '1414' (labeled 4). The 'Channel name' is 'SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN' (labeled 5). The 'Security identity' field is empty. The 'Use SSL' checkbox is unchecked. The 'SSL peer name' and 'SSL cipher specification' fields are empty.

Property	Value
Connection*	MQ client connection properties
Destination queue manager name	mq
Queue manager host name	mq-1-ibm-mq.mq.svc
Listener port number	1414
Channel name	SYSTEM.DEF.SVRCONN
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SSL peer name	
SSL cipher specification	

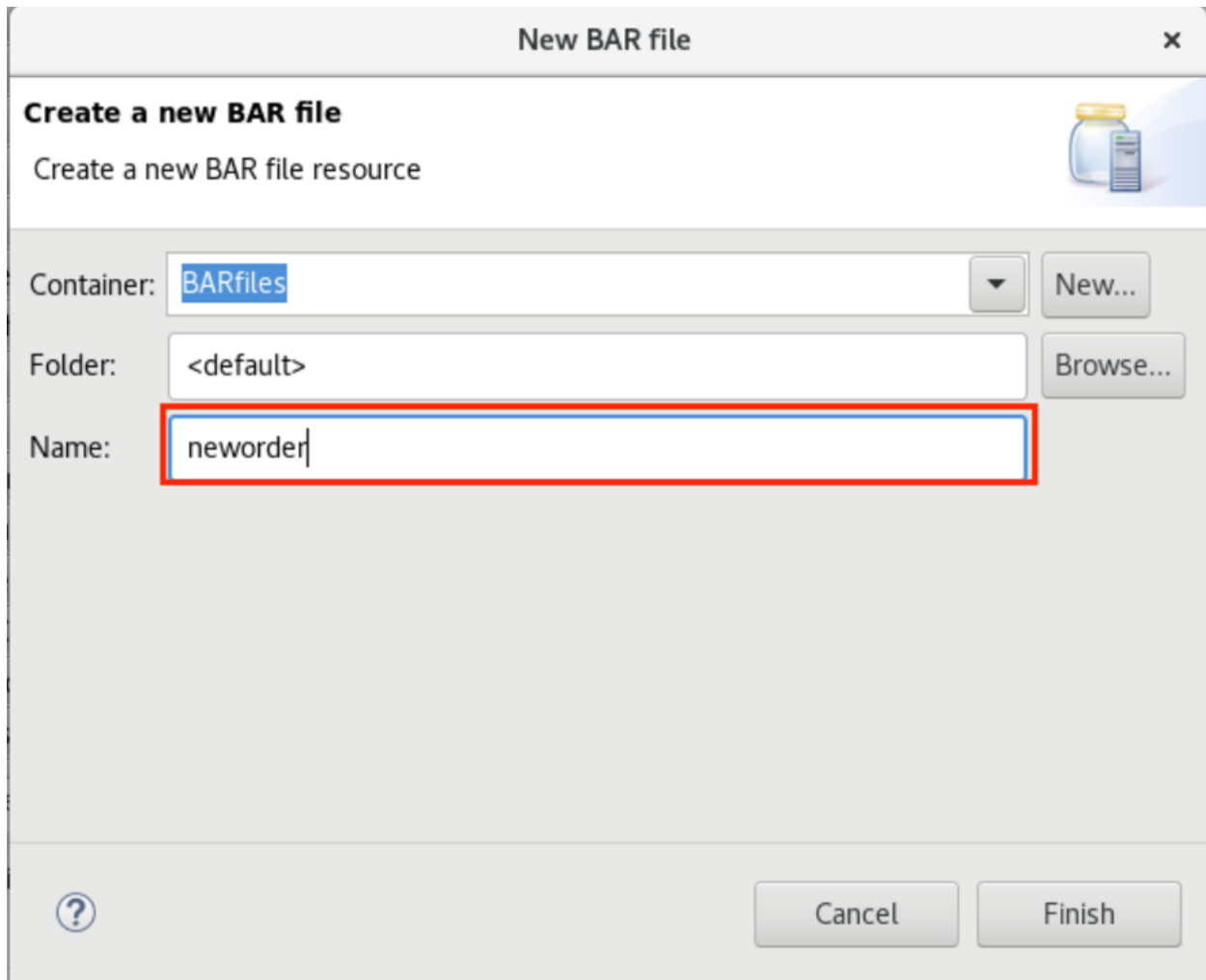
7. If you change any parameter in your flow. Save your flow. Click the save button.

The screenshot shows the IBM App Connect Enterprise Toolkit interface. The top toolbar is visible, and the 'Save' button (represented by a floppy disk icon) is highlighted with a red box. The bottom pane shows the 'Integration Explore' view with a tree structure of resources.

8. Now, you need to generate a bar (broker archive) file. The App Connect Enterprise server uses BAR (Broker Archive) files to save compiled message flows, libraries, etc. We have created a file neworder.bar for this lab. In the Application Development window in the upper-left, on neworder application, right-click and select **New** then **BAR File**.



9. On the Window New Bar file, type the name of bar file: **neworder**.



10. App Connect Enterprise opens a window: **Prepare window**

1. Check REST APIs

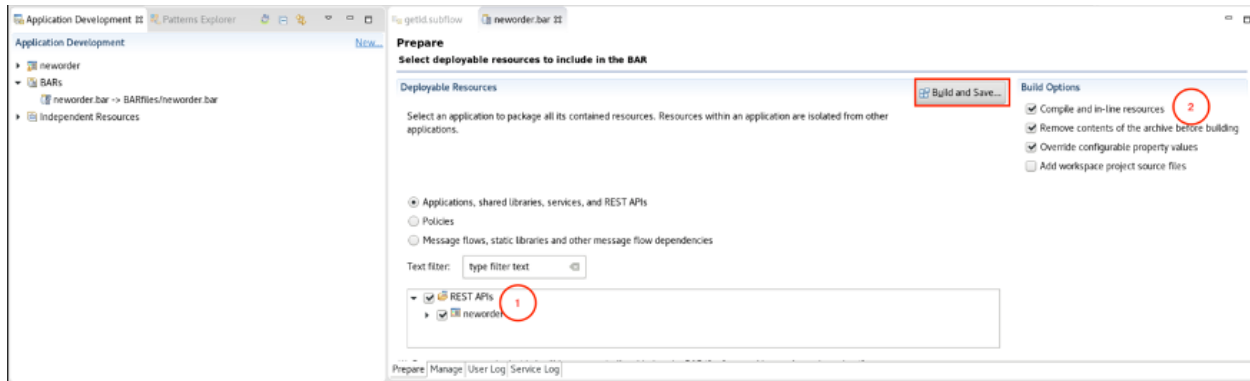
2. Check **Compile and inline** resources

3. Click **Build and Save**

4. A popup window will display “**Operation completed successfully.**”

5. Click **Ok** and exit out of the toolkit.

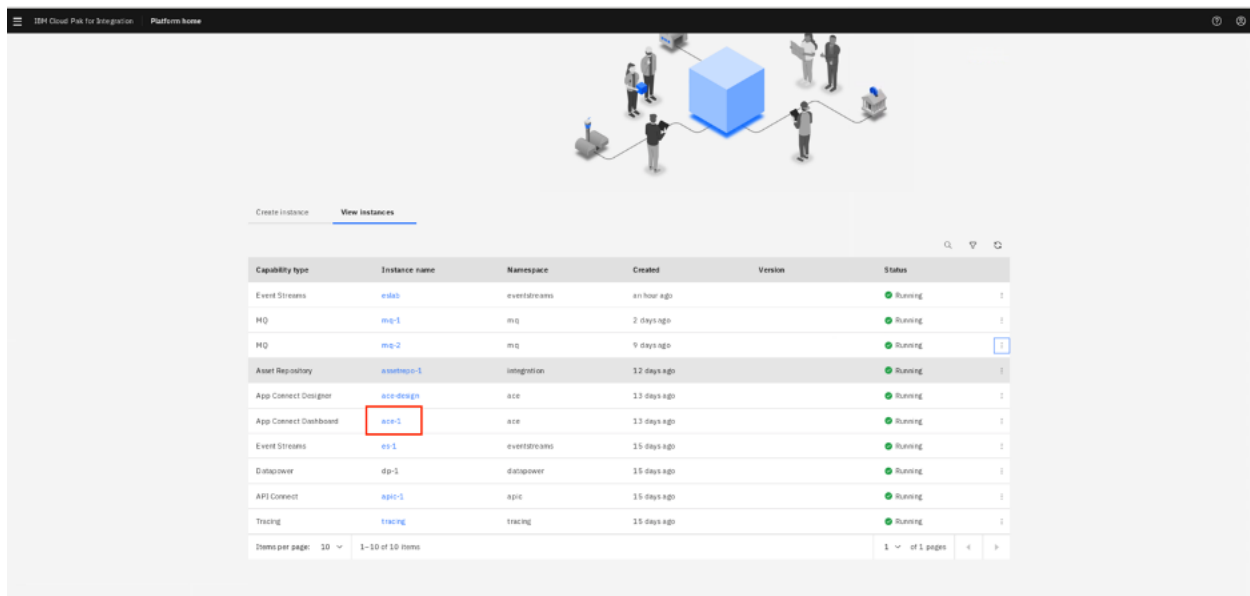
ACE Toolkit saves and compile message flows, sub flows into a BAR file.



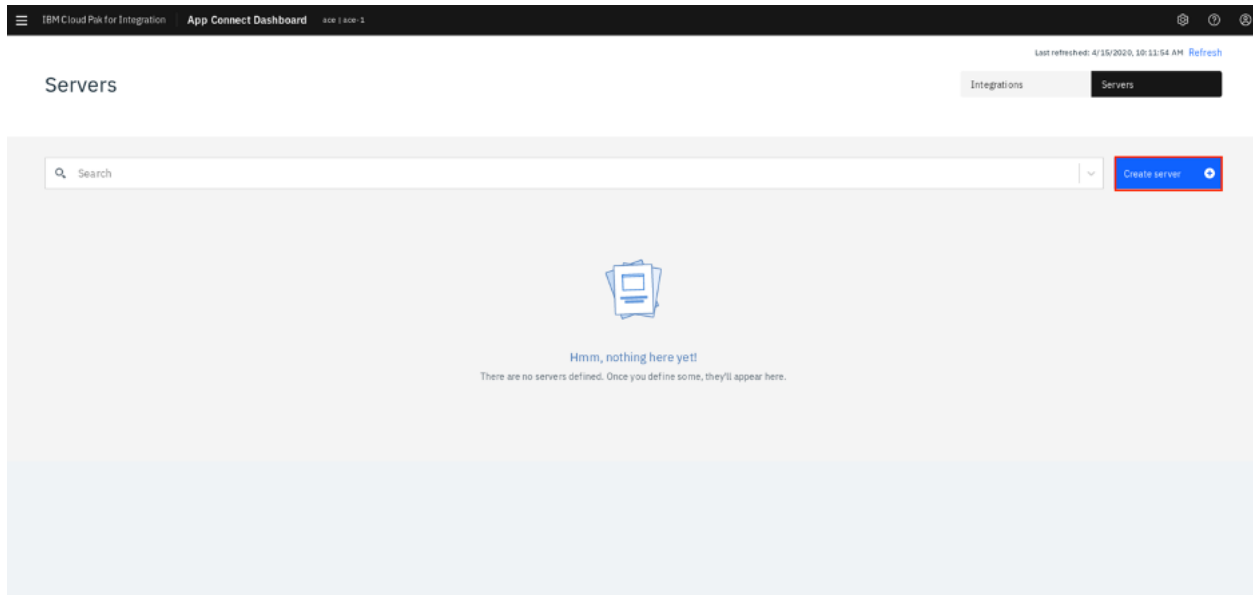
Task 5 - Deploy the neworder integration flow

In this task deploy the integration flow as App Connect Enterprise containers running in Kubernetes on the Cloud Pak for Integration. You then test the integration API by calling the API to create a neworder and confirm the response payload and data in the queue.

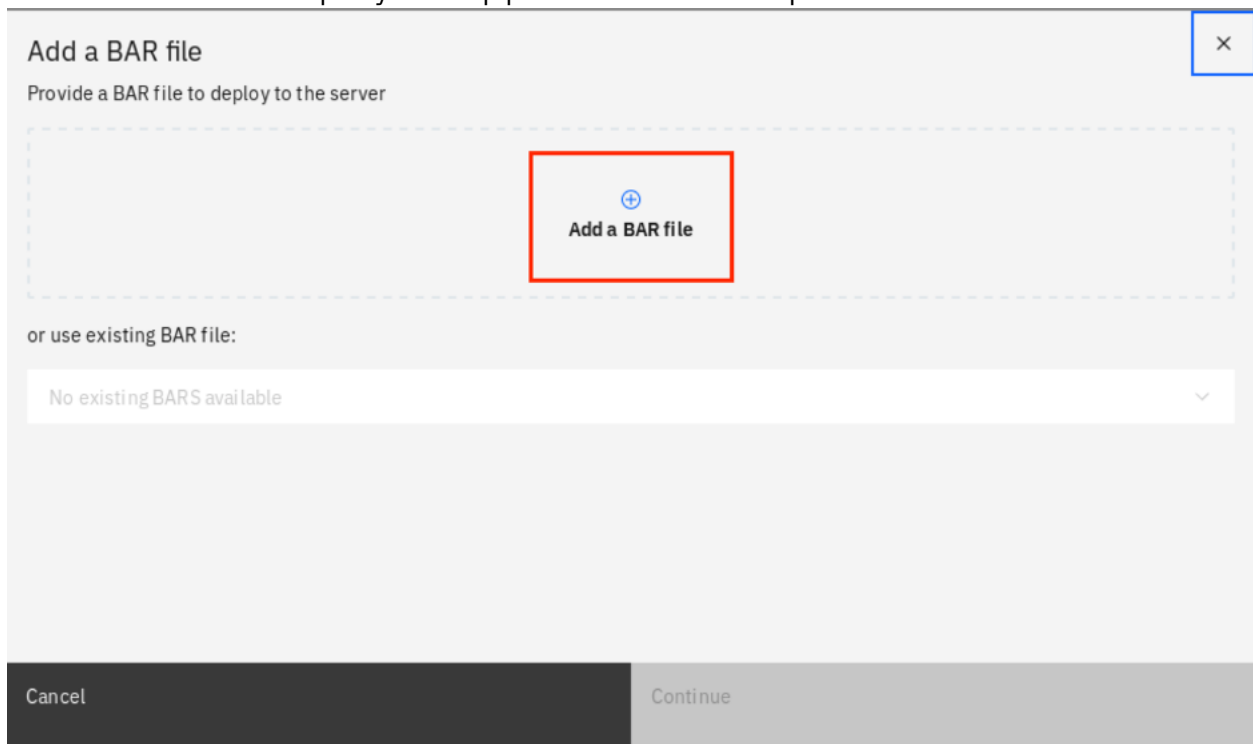
1. In your browser, **return** to the IBM Cloud Pak for Integration bookmark. Under **View Instances**, select the App Connect line and click **ace-1** instance.



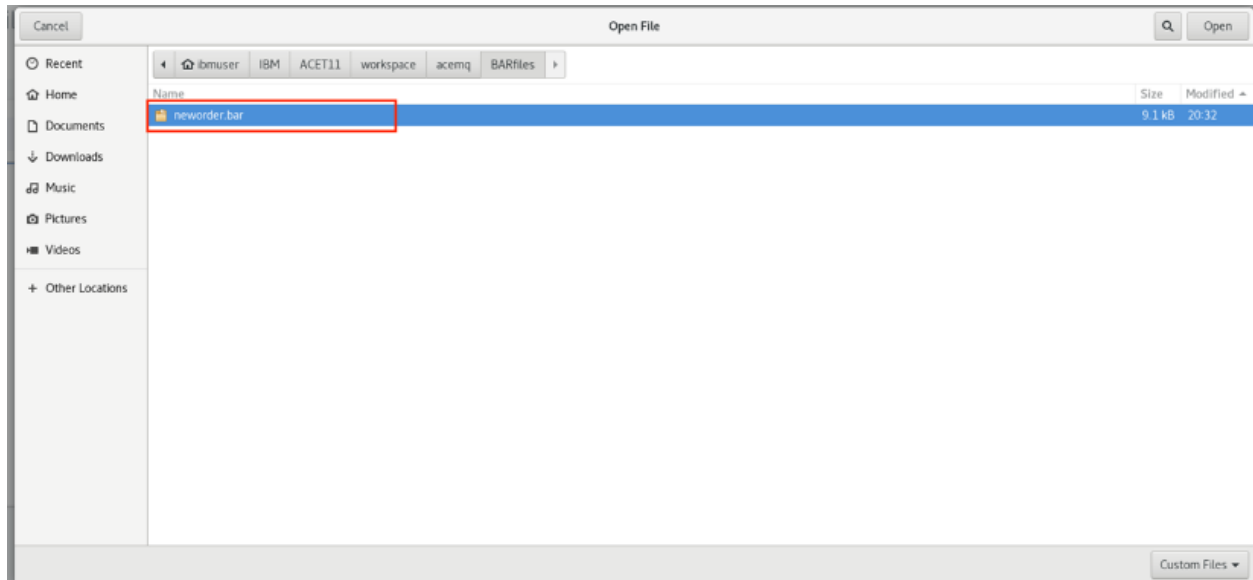
2. When you deploy a BAR file, you create a new instance of App Connect Enterprise. Click **Create Server**.



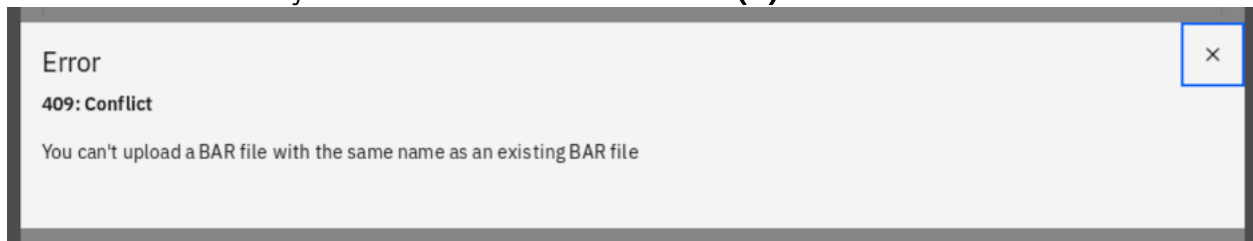
3. **Add a BAR** file to deploy on App Connect Enterprise Server.



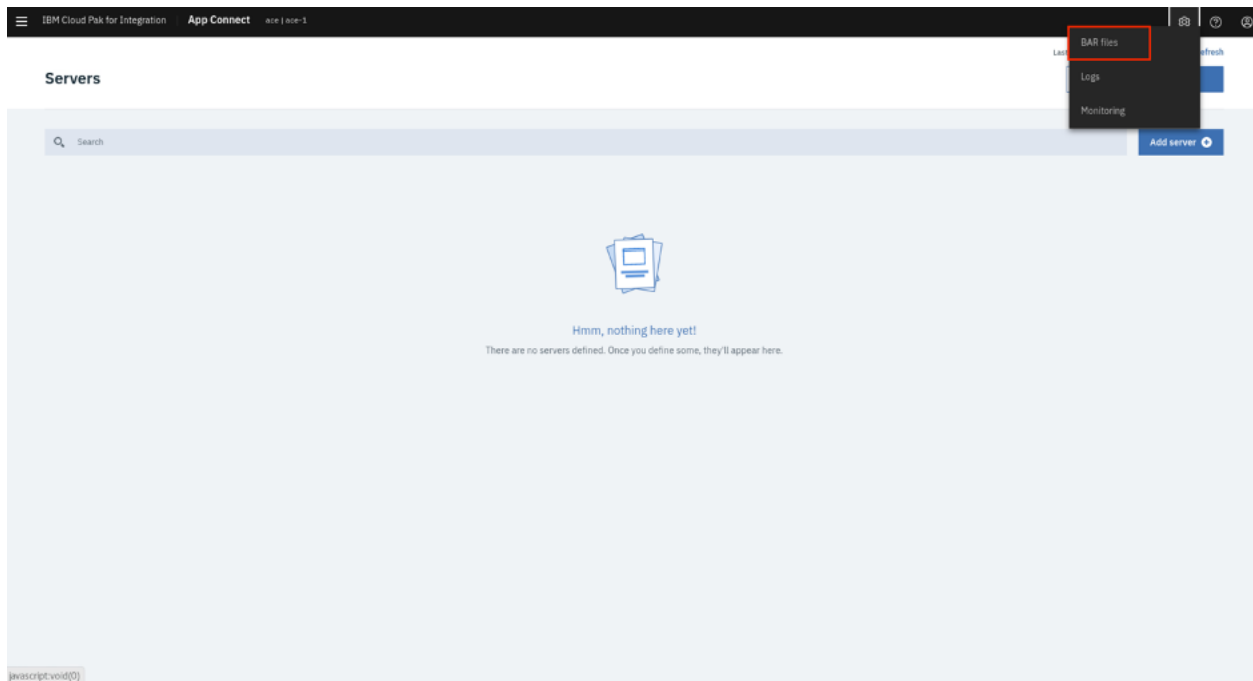
4. On **Open File**, select `/home/ibmuser/IBM/ACET11/workspace/ace-mq/BARFiles` and then select **neworder.bar**



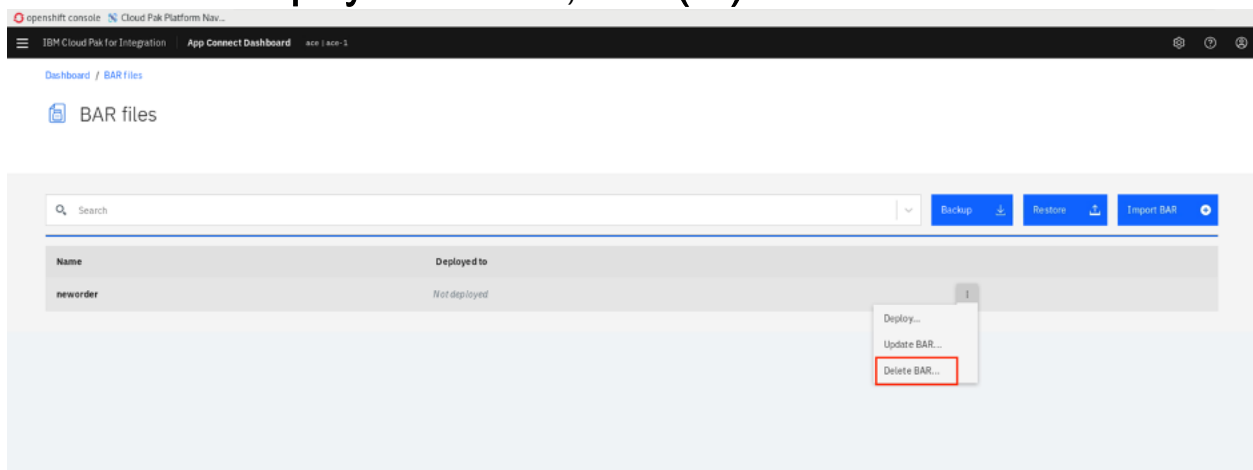
5. You might receive error message (**409: Conflict**). If you do not see this message ignore this step and go the **Add Server** task (task 8). It means that there is already BAR file installed. Click (**x**) to close the window.



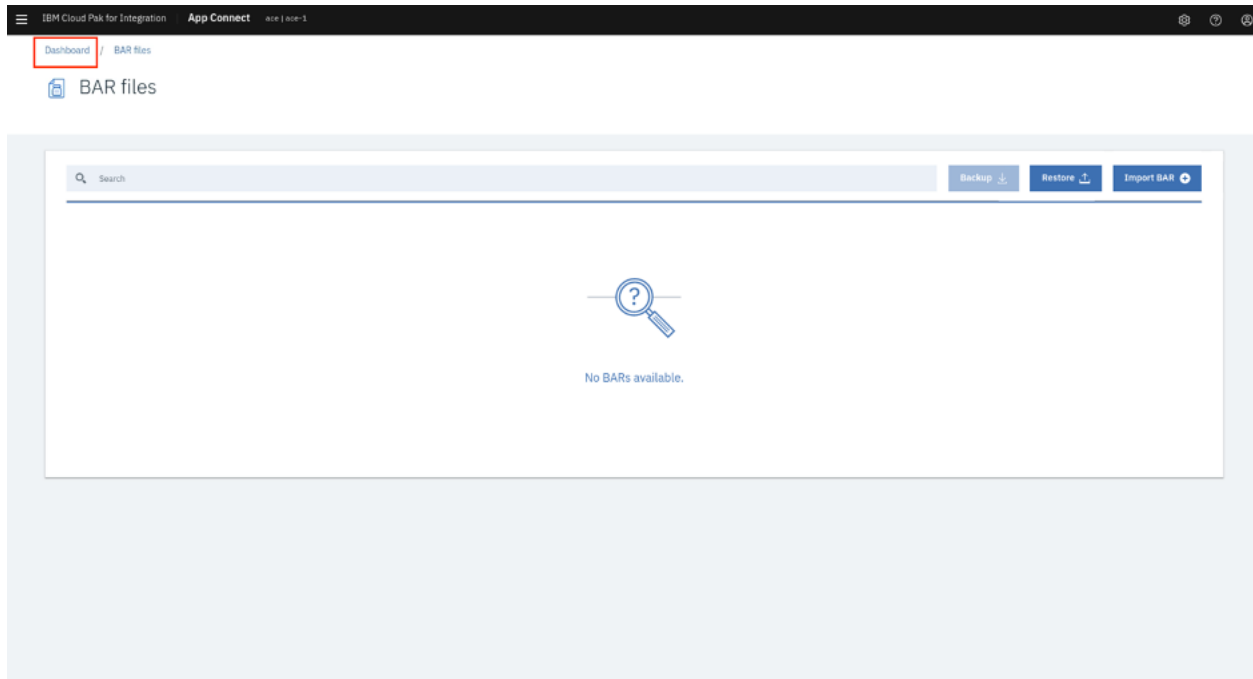
6. Click the settings icon on the top right and select **BAR files**.



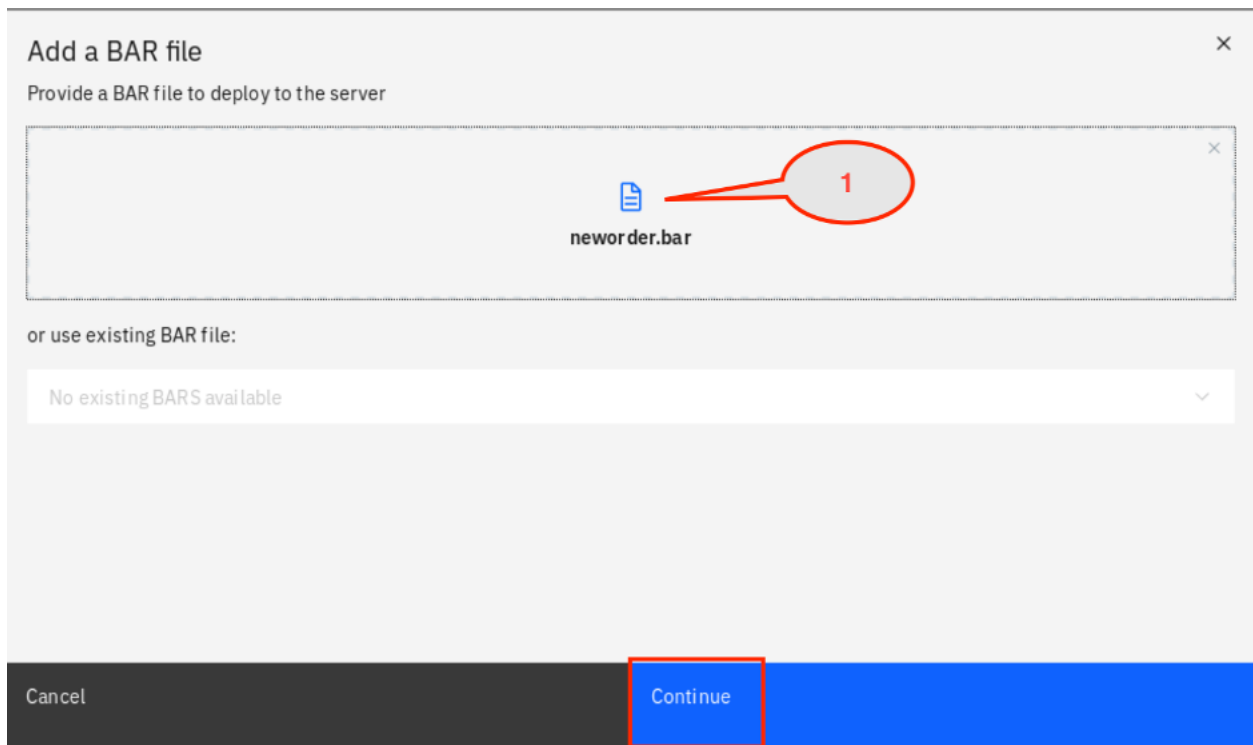
7. You see the **Not deployed BAR** file, click (...) and select **Delete BAR ..**



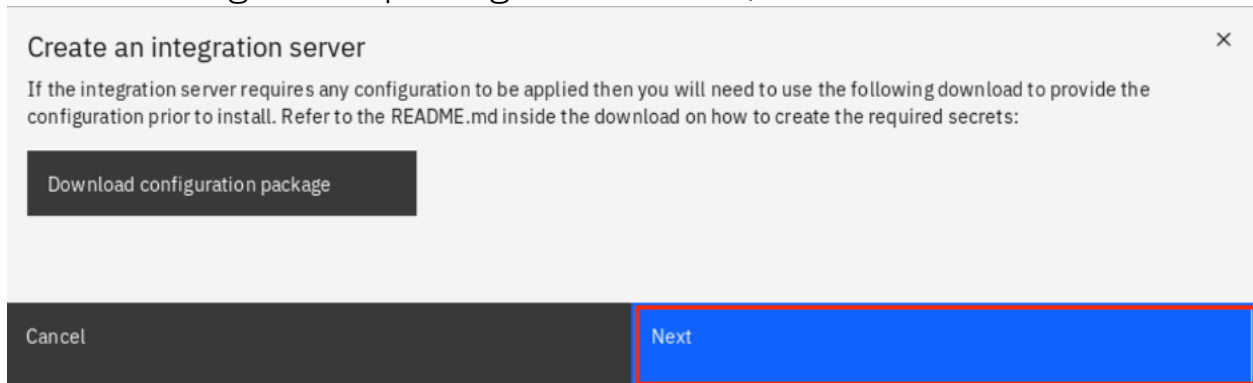
8. Click **Dashboard** link on the top of the page. To deploy the BAR file



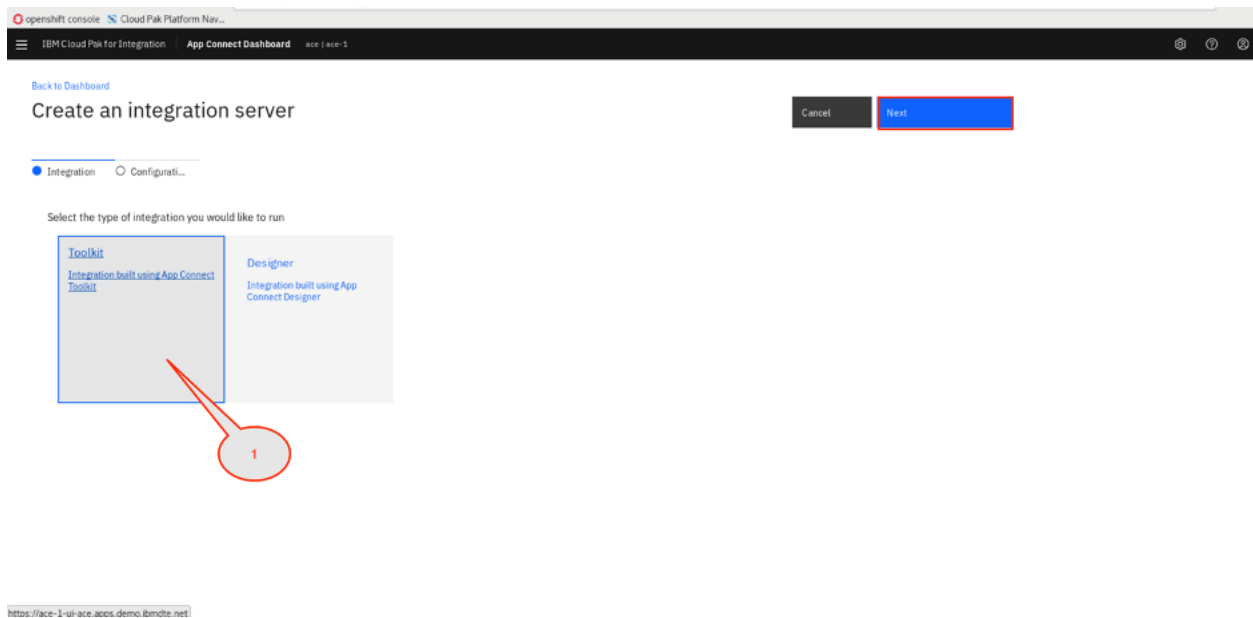
9. **Repeat steps 3 and 4** and then, in the **Add a BAR File**. Check the BAR file name: **neworder.bar** and then click **Continue** .



10. In Create an integration server, if you want to configure App Connect Enterprise for working with DB (using odbc, and jdbc), Event Streams (Kafka nodes) or any configurable services you need to download configuration package. For this lab, click **Next** .



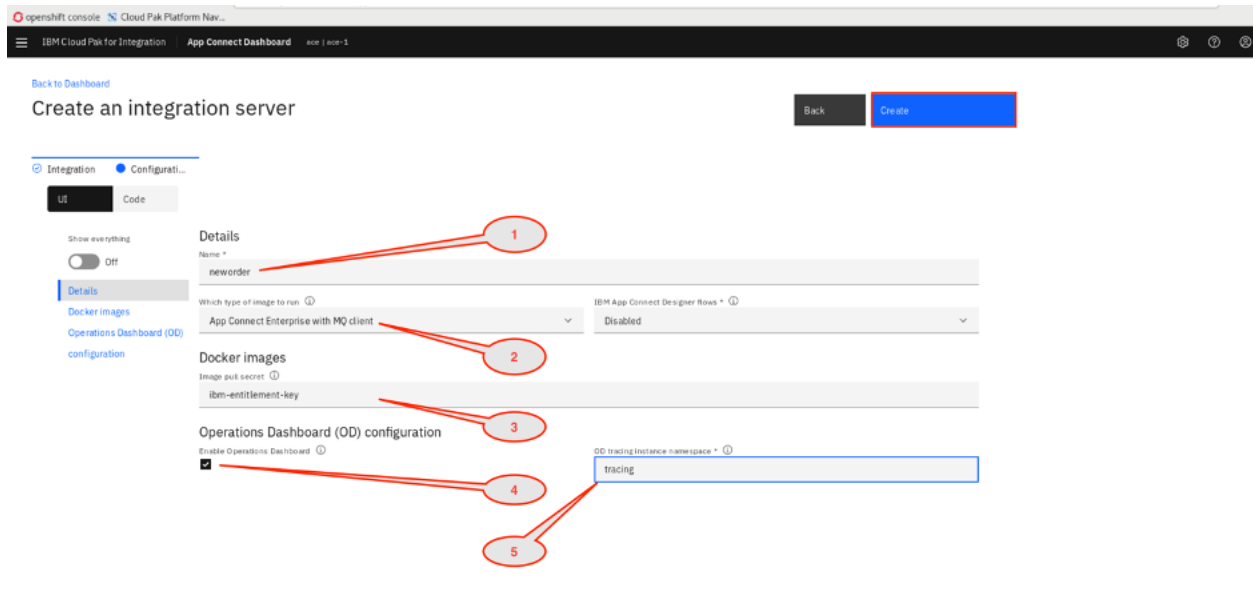
11. In the **Create an integration server** page. You have two option to deploy a BAR file. Deploy a BAR file from **App Connect Toolkit** or a BAR file from **App Connect Designer**. In this lab you deploy BAR file from App Connect Toolkit. Select **Toolkit** link and then click **NEXT** .



12. To configure App Connect Integration Server:

1. Enter as Name: **neworder**

2. Which type of image to run” select “**App Connect Enterprise with MQ client**”
3. Enter Image pull secret: **ibm-entitlement-key**
4. Check **Enable Operations Dashboard**
5. Enter “**tracing**” in the OD tracing instance namespace to configure this property as shown below.
6. Click **Create**



13. Let's navigate to the Operations Dashboard. Use the IBM Cloud Pak for Integration bookmark to get back to the Home Page. Click the **tracing**.

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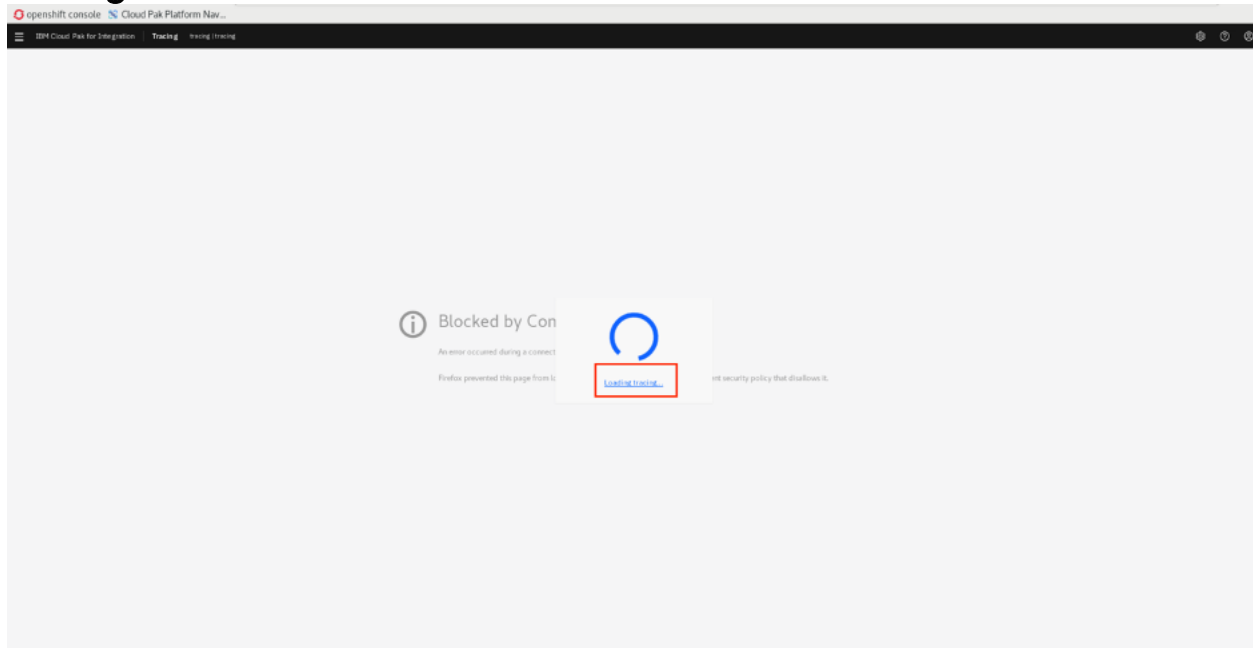
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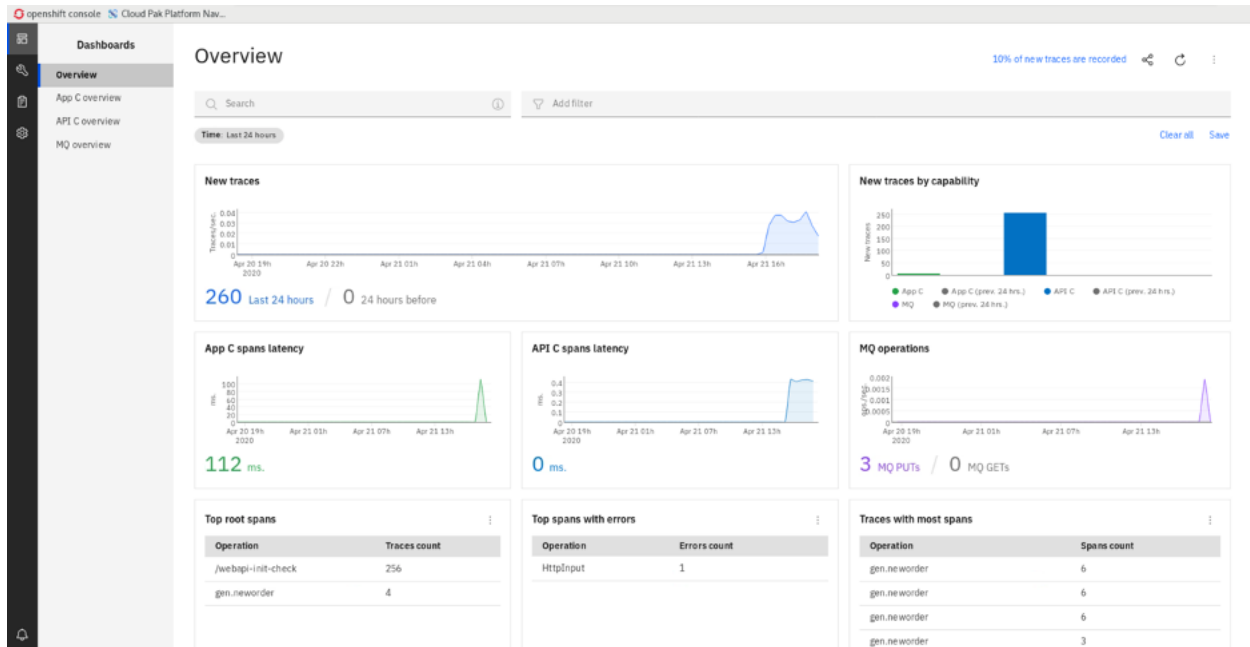
You might receive this page, when you click tracing, Click **loading tracing**



14. The Operations Dashboard collects data from all the registered capabilities (such as MQ) in real time. By default, and for this lab, 10 percent of traffic is sampled.

IBM Cloud Pak for Integration Operations Dashboard has adopted [OpenTracing](#) API specification for collecting tracing data. OpenTracing is comprised of an API specification for distributed tracing, frameworks and libraries that have implemented the specification and documentation.

1. **Trace:** The description of a transaction as it moves through IBM Cloud Pak for Integration platform.
2. **Span:** A named, timed operation representing a piece of the workflow (e.g. calling an API, invoking a message flow or placing a message in a queue or a topic).
3. **Span context:** Trace information that accompanies the distributed transaction, including when it passes the service to service over the network or through a message bus.



15. Keep this browser opened as you use it later on. On the left, you see the Operations Dashboard menu. You see all options you can use in Operations Dashboard. (If you are interested in Operations Dashboard (tracing), you make an exercise for this).|
16. Select the IBM Cloud Pak for Integration bookmark bar under view instances, click the **ace-1** instance.

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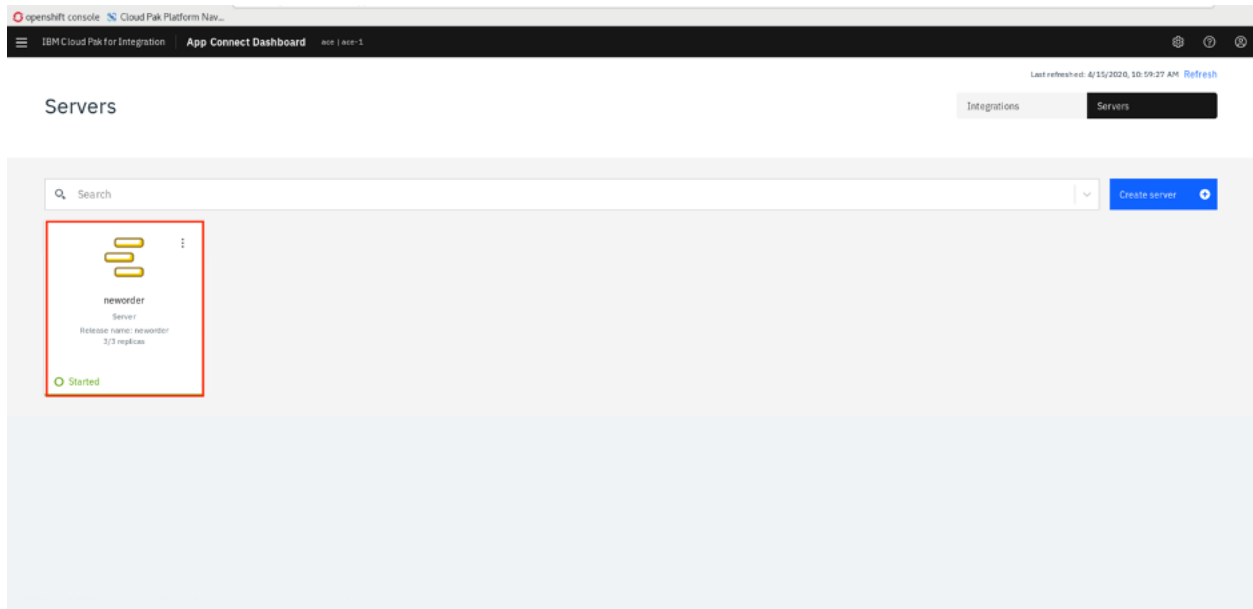
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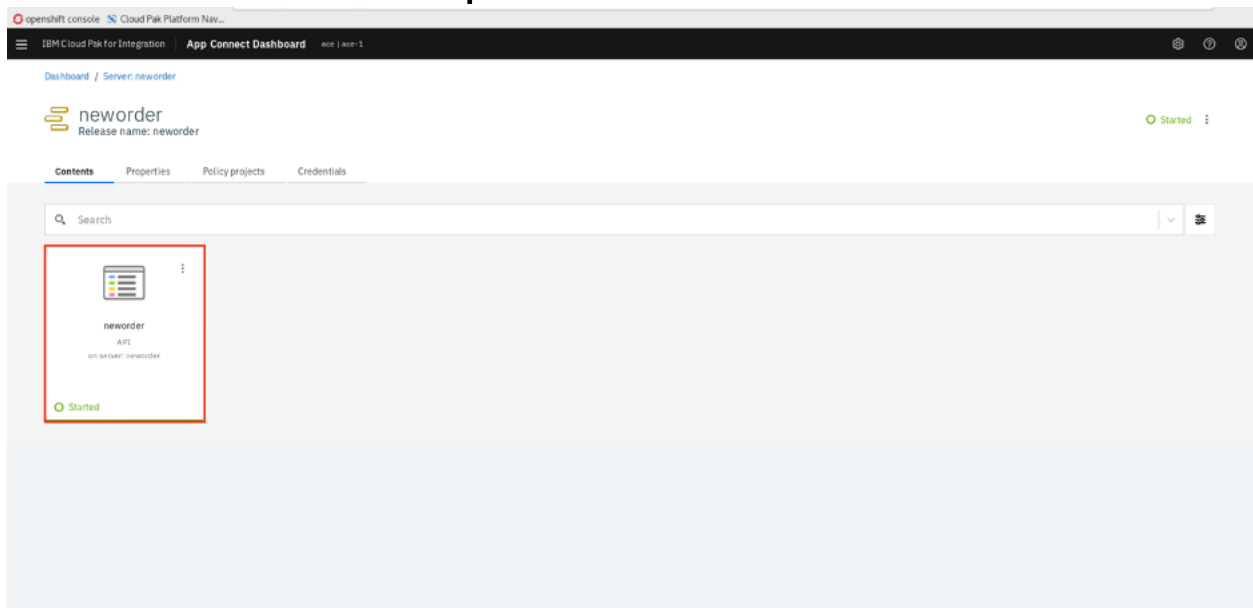
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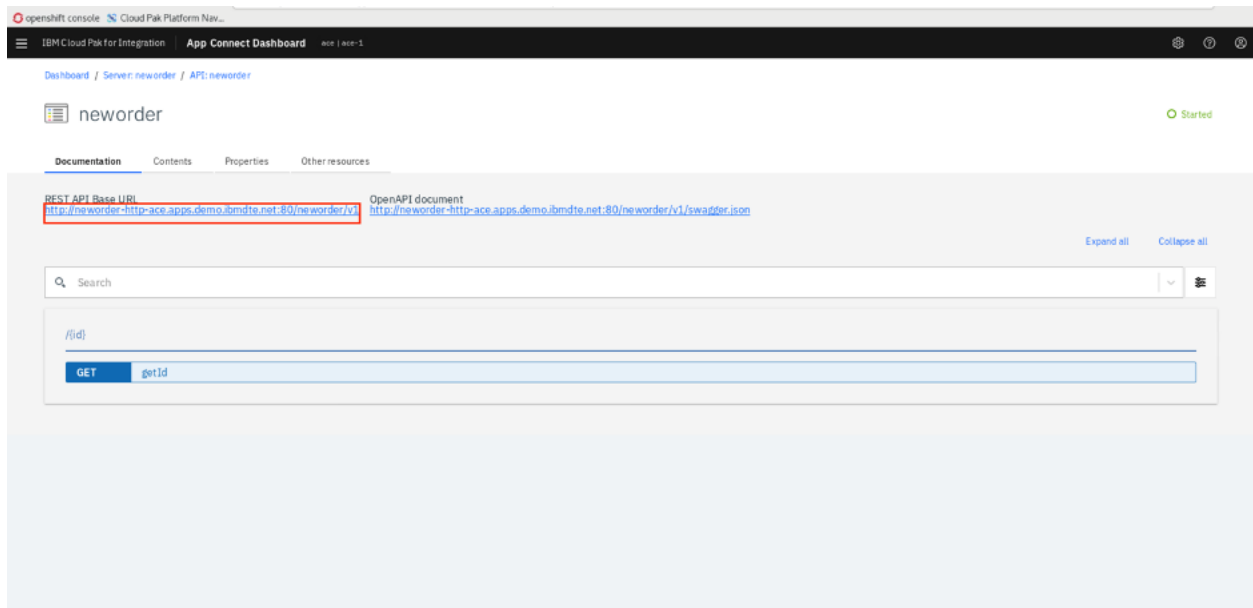
17. On Servers (App Connect Enterprise), you see the BAR file running as an application neworder (The deployment takes a few minutes, click **Refresh** in your browser). Check **Started** and then click the **neworder** icon .



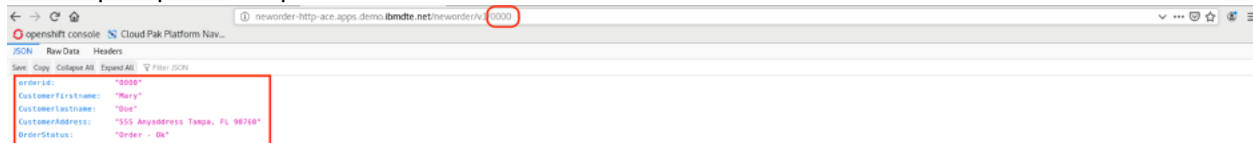
18. Click the **neworder api** icon.



19. To start the App Connect Enterprise API, click the REST API Base URL link.



20. A browser window opens, displaying a 404 Not Found error. This is because the API requires an orderid variable in the URL. Modify the URL and add a random string, such as **0000**. After you press Enter, you see the proper response from the API call.



21. Open a new browser window and select the IBM Cloud Pak for Integration bookmark bar. under **view instances** and click **mq-1** instance.

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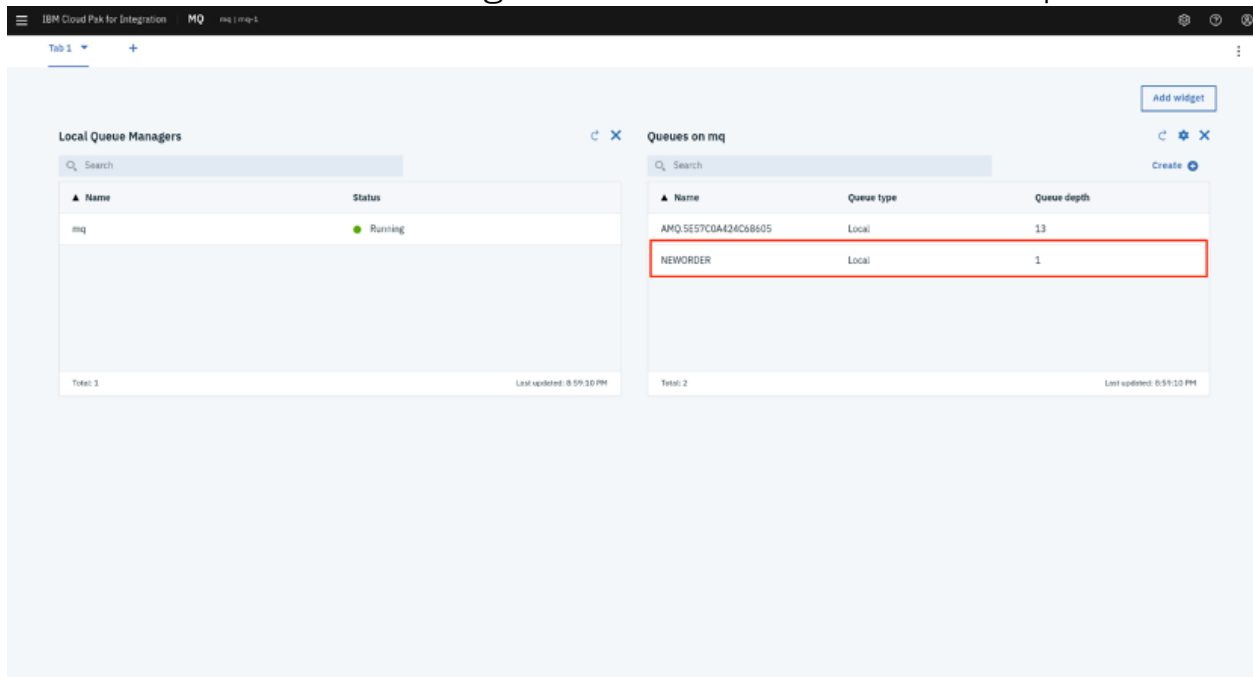
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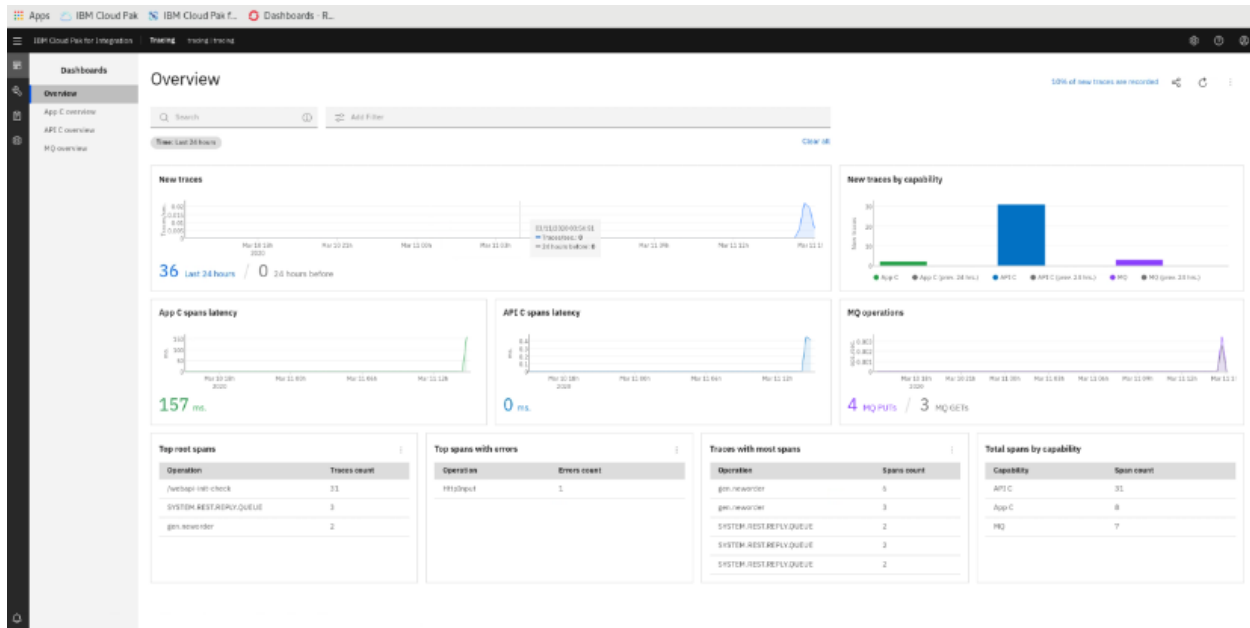
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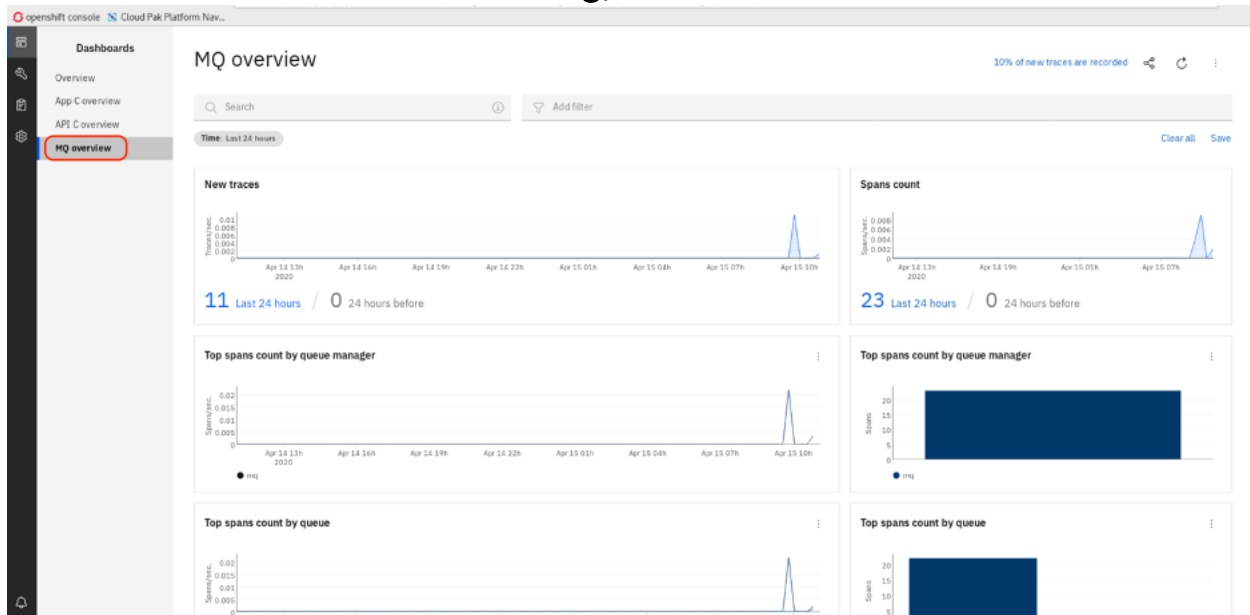
22. You see a new message has arrived in **NEWORDER** queue.



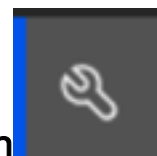
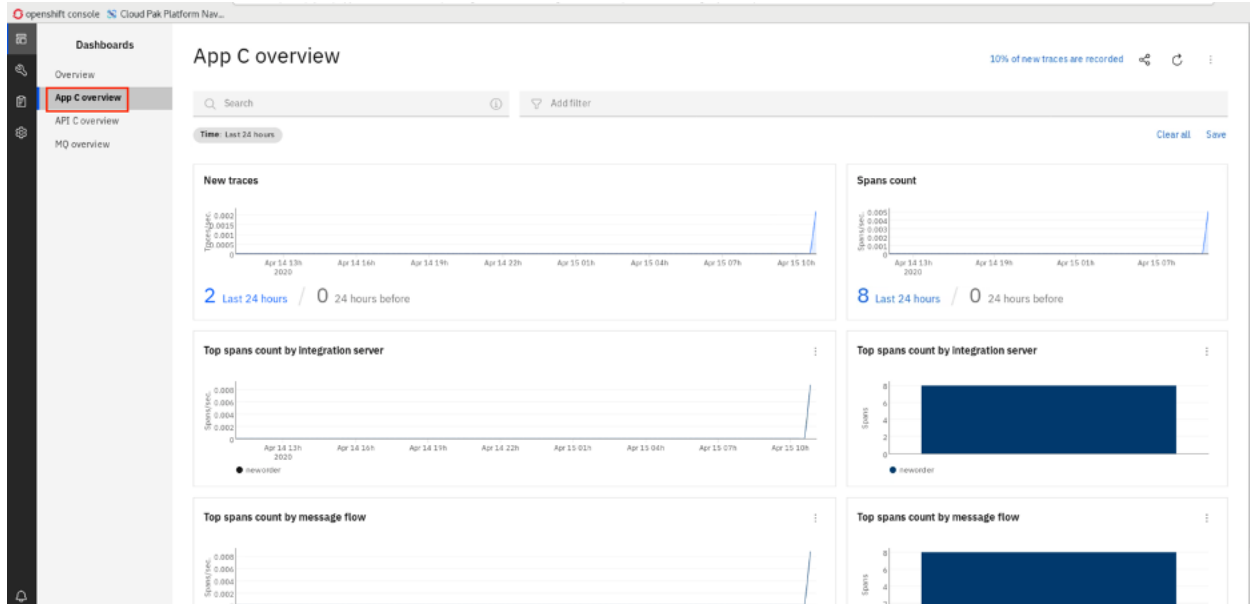
23. Back to the browser with Operations Dashboard opened. Click the **Overview** option and you see all the tracing of **MQ, App Connect and APIC** (You see how to configure tracing in APIC lab). Operations Dashboard Add-on is based on Jaeger open source project and the OpenTracing standard to monitor and troubleshoot microservices-based distributed systems. Operations Dashboard can distinguish call paths and latencies. DevOps personnel, developers, and performance engineers now have one tool to visualize throughput and latency across integration components that run on Cloud Pak for Integration. Cloud Pak for Integration - Operations Dashboard Add-on is designed to help organizations that need to meet and ensure maximum service availability and react quickly to any variations in their systems To start the App Connect Enterprise API, **click** the REST API Base URL link.



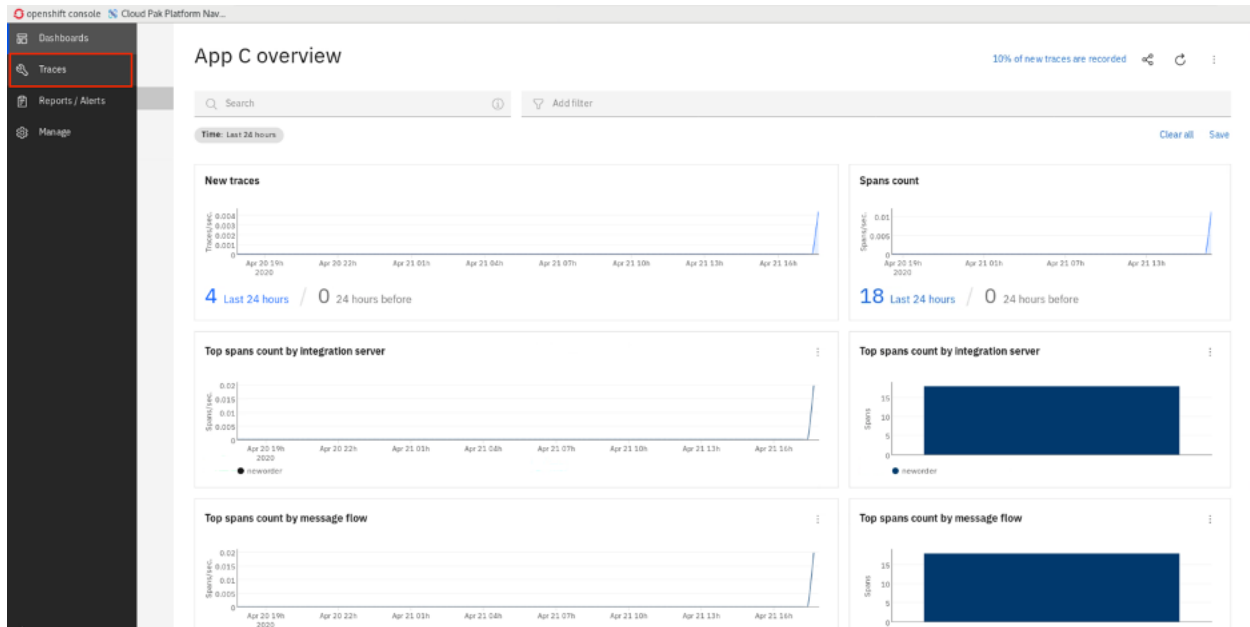
24. You can see also **MQ tracing**, click **MQ Overview Dashboard**.



25. You can see App C tracing, click **App C Overview Dashboard**.



26. In the tracing page, select **traces icon** the menu on the left.



27. Analyze the Tracing list generated. Select a line to analyze the trace of MQ and App Connect Enterprise.

Traces

10% of new traces are recorded

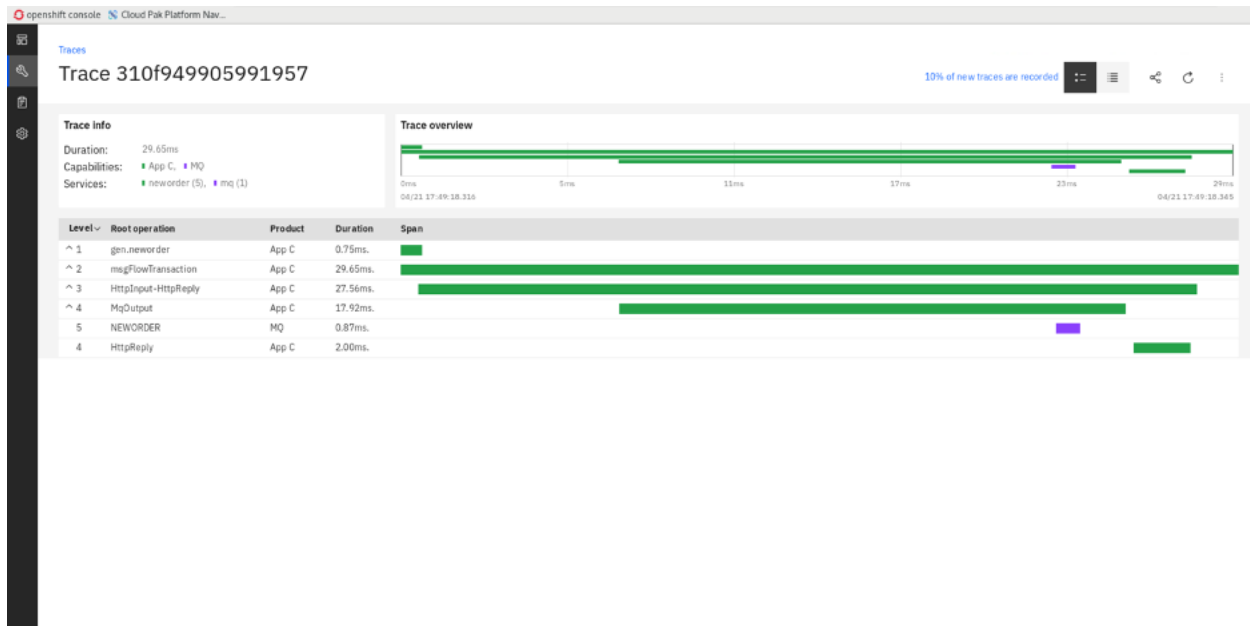
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153bf1e9204dc3	04/21 17:49:42.916	0.37	/webapi-init-check	1	API C	apiconnect (1)
62e19301e7134d84	04/21 17:49:23.086	24.06	gen.neworder	6	App C, MQ	neworder (5), mq (1)
310f949905991957	04/21 17:49:18.316	29.65	gen.neworder	6	App C, MQ	neworder (5), mq (1)
e21644ae58e891e4	04/21 17:49:13.647	383.45	gen.neworder	6	App C, MQ	neworder (5), mq (1)
9d363d9d640a77	04/21 17:49:12.922	0.34	/webapi-init-check	1	API C	apiconnect (1)
1f054dcca8e5507	04/21 17:49:09.361	13.94	gen.neworder	3	App C	neworder (3)
ac2fc1f501aec7e	04/21 17:49:02.913	0.35	/webapi-init-check	1	API C	apiconnect (1)
9f8f82c84257e6fa	04/21 17:48:32.913	0.36	/webapi-init-check	1	API C	apiconnect (1)
3bbd4d4ddfbab19	04/21 17:48:30.377	0.62	/webapi-init-check	1	API C	apiconnect (1)
108512e315c2d574	04/21 17:48:17.741	0.36	/webapi-init-check	1	API C	apiconnect (1)
84980b2576f9cd	04/21 17:48:02.911	0.56	/webapi-init-check	1	API C	apiconnect (1)
e5b4b79cecd732	04/21 17:47:57.758	0.39	/webapi-init-check	1	API C	apiconnect (1)
397277a5049ef2b	04/21 17:47:40.373	0.58	/webapi-init-check	1	API C	apiconnect (1)

28. Observe the trace results.



Summary

You've completed this tutorial. In this lab you learned how to:

1. Increase efficiency by creating, testing, and debugging an integration flow with a message queue within a single, unified experience
2. Increase scale by deploying integration flows and message queues as containers on Kubernetes.

3. Use Helm, the industry standard for Kubernetes package manager, to deploy the integration.

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