

# Message Queue (MQ)

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**Message Queue** (MQ) is a software engineering component used for communication between processes or between threads within the same process. Message queues provide an asynchronous communication [protocol](#) in which the sender and receiver of messages don't need to interact at the same time - messages are held in queue until the recipient retrieves them.

Message queues are used within operating systems or applications as a way for programs to communicate with one another. They may also be used to pass messages between computer systems.

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