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ActiveMQ supports [Virtual Topics](#) since durable topic subscriptions kinda suck (see [this page for more detail](#)) mostly since they don't support [Competing Consumers](#).

Most folks want Queue semantics when consuming messages; so that you can support [Competing Consumers](#) for load balancing along with things like [Message Groups](#) and [Exclusive Consumers](#) to preserve ordering or partition the queue across consumers.

However if you are using another JMS provider you can implement Virtual Topics by switching to ActiveMQ 😊 or you can use the following Camel pattern.

First here's the ActiveMQ approach.

- send to **activemq:topic:VirtualTopic.Orders**
- for consumer A consume from **activemq:Consumer.A.VirtualTopic.Orders**

When using another message broker use the following pattern

- send to **jms:Orders**
- add this route with a `to()` for each logical durable topic subscriber

```
from("jms:Orders").to("jms:Consumer.A", "jms:Consumer.B", ...);
```

- for consumer A consume from **jms:Consumer.A**