MySQL Connector/J 8.0 Release Notes

Abstract
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Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.27 (Not yet released, General Availability)

Version 8.0.27 has no release notes, or they have not been published because the product version has not been released.

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.26 (2021-07-20, General Availability)

Version 8.0.26 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

• Deprecation and Removal Notes
• Functionality Added or Changed
• Bugs Fixed

Deprecation and Removal Notes

• The TLSv1 and TLSv1.1 connection protocols are now deprecated. While connections to the server using those TLS versions can still be made with the same negotiation process as before, for any connections established using those TLS versions, Connector/J writes to its logger the message "This connection is using TLSv1.1 which is now deprecated and will be removed in a future release of Connector/J."

For background to this deprecation, refer to the IETF memo Deprecating TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1. It is recommended that connections be made using the more-secure TLSv1.2 and TLSv1.3 protocols.

Functionality Added or Changed

• Important Change: The mechanism for deciding on the character set and collation for communication between the server and Connector/J has been changed: instead of following the server's settings by default, they are now determined by the Connector/J connection properties. See Using Character Sets and Unicode for details. (Bug #25554464)
• Connector/J can now receive client session state changes tracked by the server if the tracking has been enabled on the server. A new connection property, trackSessionState, has been created to enable Connector/J to receive the information with query results when the property is set to true. Thanks to William Lee for contributing to this feature. (Bug #32435618, Bug #102404)

• Connector/J can now establish connections for accounts that use the authentication_kerberos server-side authentication plugin, which is supported by commercial editions of the MySQL Server since release 8.0.26. See Connecting Using Kerberos for details.

• Connector/J now supports Query Attributes when they have been enabled on the server. See Using Query Attributes for details.

Bugs Fixed

• **X DevAPI:** The streaming of DocResult failed if rows were preceded by any Notice messages in the stream. This was because the addProtocolEntity() method of StreamingDocResultBuilder did not return false for attempts to add Notice messages with the method, and that has been fixed by this patch. (Bug #30438500, Bug #97269)

• When using cursor-based fetching to retrieve rows from the server, Connector/J hung after receiving an error packet, as it kept waiting for an actual data packet to arrive. With this fix, Connector/J throws an error in the situation. (Bug #32954396)

• Inserting a BLOB into a table using a server-side PreparedStatement resulted in a ClassCastException. (Bug #32766143, Bug #103303)

• Connector/J of release 8.0.23 and later could not be used in OSGi. It was because the manifest file was missing a few imports needed for OSGi, and this patch fixed the issue. (Bug #32459408, Bug #102372)

• Connector/J issued unnecessary SET NAMES statements to set collation just to the server’s own setting, which caused performance degradation. To fix this and other problems, a new mechanism for negotiating the character set and collation for communication between the server and Connector/J has been introduced; see Using Character Sets and Unicode for details. Thanks to Marc Fletcher for contributing to the fix. (Bug #31818423, Bug #100606)

• Rows were duplicated in the ResultSet returned by the DatabaseMetaData.getImportedKeys() method. It was due to a faulty query in the method, which has been corrected by this patch. Thanks to Miron Balcerzak for contributing to the fix. (Bug #29757140, Bug #95280)

• Connection failed if the ID for the server’s default connection collation is bigger than 255 or if Connector/J specified a custom connection collation. This patch corrects the issue by implementing a new mechanism and a new connection property customCharsetMapping for the negotiation of a collation between the server and Connector/J. See Using Character Sets and Unicode for details. (Bug #25554464)

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.25 (2021-05-11, General Availability)

Version 8.0.25 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

This release contains no functional changes and is published to align the version number with the MySQL Server 8.0.25 release.
Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.24 (2021-04-20, General Availability)

Version 8.0.24 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- **X DevAPI:** For X Protocol connections, the Server now provides three new kinds of notifications for disconnections:
  - **Server shutdown:** This is due to a server shutdown. It causes Connector/J to terminate all active and idle sessions connected to the server in the connection pool with the error message “Server shutdown in progress”.
  - **Connection idle:** This is due to the connection idling for longer than the relevant timeout settings. It causes Connector/J to close the current connection with the error message "IO Read error: read_timeout exceeded".
  - **Connection killed:** This is due to the connection being killed by another client session. It causes Connector/J to close the connection in the current session with the error message “Session was killed”.

- A new connection property, **scrollTolerantForwardOnly**, has been introduced, which preserved the legacy behavior of Connector/J 8.0.17 and earlier by tolerating backward and absolute cursor movements on result sets of type `ResultSet.TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY`. This is for maintaining compatibility with legacy code that took advantage of the old behavior. See the description for `scrollTolerantForwardOnly` for details. (Bug #31747910)

References: See also: Bug #30474158.

- Connector/J now supports “userless” authentication for JDBC connections: When the user for the connection is unspecified, Connector/J uses the name of the OS user who runs the application for authentication with the MySQL server. See Connector/J: Obtaining a connection from the `DriverManager` for more details.

- Starting from this release, whenever an authentication plugin is explicitly set for the connection property `defaultAuthenticationPlugin`, the specified plugin takes precedence over the server's default when Connector/J negotiates a plugin with the server. There is no behavioral change for Connector/J if no value is explicitly set for the property, in which case the server's choice of default plugin takes precedence over the implicit default of `mysql_native_password` for Connector/J. See the description of `defaultAuthenticationPlugin` for details.

- In the past, for JDBC connections, when the server closed a session because a client was idling beyond the period specified by the server's `wait_timeout` system variable, Connector/J returned a generic IO error. Connector/J now relays a clearer error message from the server.
Bugs Fixed

- **X DevAPI**: Concurrently getting and closing multiple sessions from the same X DevAPI Client object might result in a ConcurrentModificationException thrown by Connector/J at the closing of a session. (Bug #31699993)

- **X DevAPI**: Under some specific conditions, when using Deflate as the algorithm for compression of X Protocol connections, Connector/J threw an AssertionFailedException (ASSERTION FAILED: Unknown message type: 57). It was because when a compressed packet was just a few bytes longer than the size of some internal buffer used by a JavaInflaterInputStream, the leftover bytes from the inflate procedure were being discarded by Connector/J, causing inflation of subsequent packets to fail. With this fix, no data bytes are discarded, and the inflation works as expected. (Bug #31510398, Bug #99708)

- When a SecurityManager was in place, connections to a MySQL Server could not be established unless the client had been properly configured to use SASL-based LDAP authentication. It was because the AuthenticationLdapSaslClientPlugin in Connector/J requires a special permission to load the provider MySQLScramShaSasl when a SecurityManager is in place; but since the provider was loaded by a static initializer during initialization for the plugin, the lack of the permission was causing an error and then failures for all connections, even if the plugin was never used or enabled. This fix changes how the provider is loaded: the loading now happens only at the plugin instance's initialization and the initialization was deferred to the time when the plugin is actually needed, so that connections that do not use SASL-based LDAP authentication are unaffected by security settings regarding the plugin. (Bug #32526663, Bug #102188)

- When using Connector/J 8.0.23, ResultSetMetaData.getColumnClassName() did not return the correct class name corresponding to DATETIME columns. (Bug #32405590, Bug #102321)

- Creation of an UpdatableResultSet failed with a NullPointerException when it was generated by querying a view with a derived value. (Bug #32338451, Bug #102131)

- Using getLong() on the CHAR OCTET LENGTH column of the ResultSet for DatabaseMetaData.getProcedureColumns() (or getFunctionColumns()) resulted in a NumberOutOfRange exception when the column's value exceeded $2^{32} - 1$. With this patch, the value of $2^{32} - 1$ is returned in the situation. (Bug #32329915, Bug #102076)

- Connections to a server could not be established when the user supplied an implementation of the ConnectionPropertiesTransform interface using the connection property propertiesTransform. This was because Connector/J called PropertyKey.PORT.getKeyName() instead of PropertyKey.HOST.getKeyName() for getting the host name, and that has been corrected by this fix. (Bug #32151143, Bug #101596)

- A NullPointerException was returned when a statement that could not be used as a ServerPreparedStatement was executed and the connection property useUsageAdvisor was set to true. With this fix, a SQLException is returned instead. (Bug #32141210, Bug #101558)

- Using the setSessionMaxRows() method on a closed connection resulted in a NullPointerException. With this fix, a SQLNonTransientConnectionException is thrown instead, with the error message "No operations allowed after connection closed." (Bug #22508715)

- Using the setObject() method for a target type of Types.TIME resulted in a SQLException when the value to be set had a fractional part, or when the value did not fit any pattern described in Date and Time Literals. This patch introduced a new logic that can handle fractional parts; also, it performs the conversion according to the patterns of the literals and, when needed, the target data type. (Bug #20391832)
Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.23 (2021-01-18, General Availability)

Version 8.0.23 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0 and 5.7. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

• Deprecation and Removal Notes
• Functionality Added or Changed
• Bugs Fixed

Deprecation and Removal Notes

• As an implementation of the MySQL Terminology Updates, connection properties and public method names have been adjusted in the following manners:

  • Changing "master" to "source": For example, the connection property `queriesBeforeRetryMaster` becomes `queriesBeforeRetrySource`, and the method `isMasterConnection()` becomes `isSourceConnection()`.

  • Changing "slave" to "replica": For example, the connection property `allowSlavesDownConnections` becomes `allowReplicaDownConnections`, and the method `getSlaveHosts()` becomes `getReplicaHosts()`.

  • Changing "blacklist" to "blocklist": For example, the connection property `loadBalanceBlacklistTimeout` becomes `loadBalanceBlocklistTimeout`.

Old names have been deprecated—though they are still usable for now, they are to be removed eventually in future releases; users are therefore encouraged to switch to the new names.

See the MySQL Connector/J 8.0 Developer Guide, the Connector/J API documentation (generated by Javadoc), and the MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference available at Connectors and APIs for information on any new property and method names.

Functionality Added or Changed

• Important Change: A new mechanism has been introduced for users to configure how time zone conversions should occur when time instants are saved to or retrieved from a server by Connector/J. Three new connection properties, `preserveInstants`, `connectionTimeZone`, and `forceConnectionTimeZoneToSession`, control the new mechanism—see Preserving Time Instants for details.

  ! Important

  To preserve the default behavior of Connector/J 8.0.22 and earlier to query the session time zone from the server and then convert a timestamp between that and the JVM time zone, set the new connection property `connectionTimeZone` to `SERVER`, and leave the other two new properties at their default values (i.e., `preserveInstants=true` and `forceConnectionTimeZoneToSession=false`). Users who had `serverTimeZone=user-defined-time-zone` and keep it the same, without configuring the new connection properties, can expect the same behavior as before, but testing is recommended.
Also, with the implementation of the new mechanism, a `getObject(columnIndex)` call on a `DATETIME` column returns a `LocalDateTime` object now instead of a `String`. To receive a `String` like before, use `getObject(columnIndex, String.class)` instead.

- While a `java.sql.TIME` instance, according to the JDBC specification, is not supposed to contain fractional seconds by design, because `java.sql.TIME` is a wrapper around `java.util.Date`, it is possible to store fractional seconds in a `java.sql.TIME` instance. However, when Connector/J inserted a `java.sql.TIME` into the server as a MySQL `TIME` value, the fractional seconds were always truncated. To allow the fractional seconds to be sent to the server, a new connection property, `sendFractionalSecondsForTime`, has been introduced: when the property is `true` (which is the default value), the fractional seconds for `java.sql.TIME` are sent to the server; otherwise, the fractional seconds are truncated.

Also, the connection property `sendFractionalSeconds` has been changed into a global control for the sending of fractional seconds for ALL date-time types. As a result, if `sendFractionalSeconds=false`, fractional seconds are not sent irrespective of the value of `sendFractionalSecondsForTime`. (Bug #20959249, Bug #76775)

- Connector/J now supports the following authentication methods for LDAP Pluggable Authentication with the MySQL Enterprise Server:
  
  • The GSSAPI/Kerberos Authentication Method: A new connection property, `ldapServerHostname`, has been introduced for specifying the LDAP service host principal as configured in the Kerberos key distribution centre (KDC). See the description for `ldapServerHostname` in the MySQL Connector/J 8.0 Developer Guide for details.
  
  • The `SCRAM-SHA-256` method.

**Bugs Fixed**

- Storing a `java.time.LocalDateTime` object onto the server as a `TIMESTAMP` value using a batched `PreparedStatement` failed with the complaint that `java.time.LocalDateTime` could not be cast to `java.sql.Timestamp`. With this fix, the casting works again. (Bug #32099505, Bug #101413)

- Using the `setObject()` method to set a `ByteArrayInputStream` instance for a `PreparedStatement` resulted in a `SQLException`. (Bug #32046007, Bug #101242)

- The returned value for a `TIMESTAMP` was incorrect when a temporal interval expression was used in the SQL statement for the query. (Bug #31074051, Bug #99013)

- After upgrading from Connector/J 5.1 to 8.0, the results of saving and then retrieving `DATETIME` and `TIMESTAMP` values became different sometimes. It was because while Connector/J 5.1 does not preserve a time instant by default, Connector/J 8.0.22 and earlier tried to do so by converting a timestamp to the server’s session time zone before sending its value to the server. In this release, new mechanisms for controlling timezone conversion has been introduced—see Preserving Time Instants for details. Under this new mechanism, the default behavior of Connector/J 5.1 in this respect is preserved by setting the connection property `preserveInstants=false`. (Bug #30962953, Bug #98695, Bug #30573281, Bug #95644)

- Conversion of a MySQL `DATETIME` or `TIMESTAMP` value to a Java `OffsetDateTime` using the `getObject(i, OffsetDateTime.class)` method failed with a "Conversion not supported for type ..." error. It was because the `OffsetDateTime.parse()` method on `DATETIME` and `TIMESTAMP` values yielded an unexpected string format. With this patch, conversions between `OffsetDateTime` and the `DATE`, `TIME`, `DATETIME`, `TIMESTAMP`, and `YEAR` data types are now possible, and an instant
point on the timeline is preserved as such during a conversion, when possible—see Preserving Time Instants for details. (Bug #29402209, Bug #94457)

- When the server's session time zone setting was not understandable by Connector/J (for example, it was set to CEST), a connection could not be established with the server unless Connector/J specified the correct IANA time zone name in the serverTimezone connection property. This happened even if there was actually no need to use any date-time functionality in Connector/J. The issue was fixed by the new connection properties for Connector/J that control date-time handling—see Preserving Time Instants for details. The following now happens with respect to the above-mentioned situation:

  - If the new connection property connectionTimeZone is set to LOCAL or a specified time zone, the time_zone variable on the server is no longer checked
  - If connectionTimeZone=SERVER, the check for the time_zone variable is delayed until date-time driver functionality is first invoked, so that an unrecognizable server time zone does not prevent connection to be established. However, when date-time functionality is invoked and the value of time_zone cannot be recognized by Connector/J, an exception is thrown.

(Bug #21789378)

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- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- **Security Enhancement:** Previously, the LOCAL data loading capability for the LOAD DATA statement can be controlled on the client side only by enabling it for all files accessible to the client or by disabling it altogether, using the connection property allowLoadLocalInfile. A new connection property, allowLoadLocalInfileInPath, has been introduced to allow LOCAL data loading only from a specific filepath; see the description for the option in Configuration Properties for details.

- **X DevAPI:** A new connection property, xdevapi.compression-algorithms, has been introduced for specifying the compression algorithms to use and the priority in which they will be negotiated for.

  Also, the older connection property xdevapi.compression-algorithm (without an “s” at the end of its name) has been renamed to xdevapi.compression-extensions; its function remains the same as before (providing implementations for compression algorithms), but the syntax for its value has been changed: each element in a triplet for an algorithm is now separated by a colon (:). See Connection Compression Using X DevAPI for details.

- **X DevAPI:** The asynchronous variant of the X Protocol is no longer supported by Connector/J; the connection properties useAsyncProtocol and asyncResponseTimeout are now deprecated and have no effect when used.

- **X DevAPI:** Connector/J now supports Java keystore for SSL client certificates for X DevAPI sessions. The following new connection properties have been introduced for the purpose:

  - xdevapi.ssl-keystore
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- `xdevapi.ssl-keystore-type`
- `xdevapi.ssl-keystore-password`

See Connecting Securely Using SSL for details.

- When trying to open multiple connections to a MySQL server using Connector/J with a named pipe on Windows systems, the attempt sometimes failed with the "All pipe instances are busy" error. With this fix, if a timeout has been set using the connection property `connectTimeout` or the method `DriverManager.setLoginTimeout()`, Connector/J will retry opening the named pipe repeatedly until the timeout is reached or the named pipe is opened successfully. As a side-effect of this new behavior, there will be a delay, equal to the length of the timeout, for throwing an error for a failed named-pipe connection even when it is caused by an error other than "All pipe instances are busy." (Bug #31711961, Bug #98667)

- When the connection option `sslMode` is set to `VERIFY_IDENTITY`, Connector/J now validates the host name in the connection string against the host names or IP addresses provided under the Subject Alternative Name (SAN) extension in the server's X.509 certificate. Also, verification against the Common Name (CN) is now performed when a SAN is not provided in the certificate or if it does not contain any DNS name or IP address entries. Host names listed in the certificate, under either the SAN or the CN, can contain a wildcard character as specified in the RFC 6125 standard. Thanks to Daniël van Eeden for contributing to the patch. (Bug #31443178, Bug #99767, Bug #28834903, Bug #92903)

- When using Connector/J, the `AbandonedConnectionCleanupThread` thread can now be disabled completely by setting the new system property `com.mysql.cj.disableAbandonedConnectionCleanup` to `true` when configuring the JVM. The feature is for well-behaving applications that always close all connections they create. Thanks to Andrey Turbanov for contributing to the new feature. (Bug #30304764, Bug #96870)

- Connector/J now supports client authentication with MySQL Enterprise Server using simple or SASL (SCRAM-SHA-1) LDAP authentication on Windows and Linux platforms.

- Connector/J can now be prevented from falling back to the system-wide truststore and keystore for server and client identity authentication, respectively. For JDBC connections, two new connection properties, `fallbackToSystemKeyStore` and `fallbackToSystemTrustStore`, have been introduced for the control. While those properties are `true` by default (fallbacks enabled), setting them to `false` disable fallbacks. See Connecting Securely Using SSL for details.

  **X DevAPI:** Similar control for fallbacks for X DevAPI connections are provided by the new connection properties, `xdevapi.fallback-to-system-keystore`, and `xdevapi.fallback-to-system-truststore`.

- The integration classes for JBoss have been removed from Connector/J.

**Bugs Fixed**

- In a load balancing setup, if the connection parameter `loadBalanceBlacklistTimeout` was set, a server that was once unavailable remained in the blocklist even after a connection to it has been reestablished, and this affected the system's performance. With this fix, the server is removed from the blocklist as soon as it becomes available again. (Bug #31699357, Bug #96309)

- Using a `PreparedStatement` to store a `Date` into a database sometimes resulted in a `NullPointeException`. It was because some assignments were missing in `ServerPreparedStatement.clone()`, and this patch corrects the issue. (Bug #31418928, Bug #99713)
• When a client attempted to establish a JDBC connection using the server’s X Protocol port, Connector/J threw an `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`. With this fix, Connector/J throws the proper exception for using the wrong protocol with the port and returns a proper error message. (Bug #31083755, Bug #99076)

• `LocalDate`, `LocalDateTime`, and `LocalTime` values set through Connector/J were altered when there was a timezone difference between the server and the client. This fix corrects the issue by handling the `LocalDate`, `LocalTime`, and `LocalDateTime` with no time zone conversion and no intermediate conversions to other date-time classes. Thanks to Iwao Abe for his contribution to the fix. (Bug #29015453, Bug #93444)

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.21 (2020-07-13, General Availability)

Version 8.0.21 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

In the documentation for MySQL 8.0.21, we have started changing the term “master” to “source”, the term “slave” to “replica”, the term “whitelist” to “allowlist”, and the term “blacklist” to “blocklist”. There are currently no changes to the product's syntax, so these terms are still present in the documentation where the current code requires their use. See the blog post MySQL Terminology Updates for more information.

• Functionality Added or Changed

• Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

• **X DevAPI:** The JSON Schema Validation Functions on MySQL servers are now supported by Connector/J; see Schema Validation for details.

• The required versions of the 3rd-party libraries needed for running or compiling Connector/J have been changed; new requirements for additional libraries have also been added. See Installing Connector/J from a Binary Distribution and Installing from Source for details.

Bugs Fixed

• When trying to set a parameter for a `PreparedStatement` using the method `PreparedStatement.setObject(parameterIndex, "false", Types.BOOLEAN)`, the value was set to `true` instead of `false`. (Bug #30911870, Bug #98237)

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.20 (2020-04-27, General Availability)

Version 8.0.20 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

• Functionality Added or Changed

• Bugs Fixed
Functionality Added or Changed

- **X DevAPI**: Connector/J now supports data compression for X Protocol connections. See [Connection Compression Using X DevAPI](#) for details.

- A new method, `getElapsedTime()`, has been added to the implementation of the `Statement` interface in Connector/J, to expose the elapsed time for a query. Thanks to Matti Sillanpää for contributing the code. (Bug #30570249, Bug #97714)

Bugs Fixed

- When a custom `Calendar` was used in the `setDate` method for a `PreparedStatement`, it was being used by subsequent calls of the same method that did not use the same calendar, resulting in the wrong date being set. It was because the `SimpleDateFormat` object created internally with the custom calendar was cached and reused. With this fix, the object is no longer cached. (Bug #30877755)

- Setting the connection property `clientInfoProvider` without using the fully qualified class name for `ClientInfoProviderSP` caused a `NullPointerException`. This was due to some wrong exception handling, which has been corrected by this fix. (Bug #30832513)

- Authentication failed when a client tried to connect to a server that used Windows Authentication Plugin and the Kerberos protocol. It was because the implementation of the `NativeAuthenticationProvider` class by Connector/J did not interact correctly with a custom-made Kerberos authentication plugin, and this patch fixes the issue. (Bug #30805426)

- Methods from the `ResultSetUtil` class are no longer used in Connector/J 8.0.20; the class has therefore been removed. (Bug #30636056)

- A `NullPointerException` was returned when the connection had `cacheResultSetMetadata=true` and a query containing any `SET` statements was executed. This fix corrects the issue by adding the missing variable assignment, and also a null check. (Bug #30584907, Bug #97757)

- A `DataConversionException` was thrown when an application tried to store a string starting with "d." [d was any digit] into a `VARCHAR` column. It was due to a parsing error in the `AbstractNumericValueFactory`, which has been fixed by this patch. Thanks to Nick Pollett for contributing the code. (Bug #30570721, Bug #97724)

- When creating a `Statement`, the specification for the `resultSetType` parameter was not honored, so that the `ResultSet` type was always set to `ResultSet.TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY`. With this fix, the `resultSetType` parameter is now honored. Also, type validation has been added so that calling the methods `beforeFirst`, `afterLast`, `first`, `last`, `absolute`, `relative`, or `previous` results in an exception if the `ResultSet` type is `ResultSet.TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY`. (Bug #30474158)

- When a `Calendar` was not used, a `java.sql.Date` value could not always be stored into and then retrieved from a MySQL server consistently. It was because Connector/J always converted a `Date` value to the server's time zone when storing it on the server as a MySQL `DATE`; but since a MySQL `DATE` does not have any time value, the hour, minute, and second parts of the original date was effectively lost. If the converted value is one day ahead of or behind the original value, when the value was retrieved through Connector/J and converted back to the local time zone, there was no time value for adjusting the date back to its original value, resulting in a one-day error. With this fix, any `Date` value is converted to MySQL `DATE` value using the JVM's time zone, so that the value is always consistent when being stored and then read back.

    Also, the `cacheDefaultTimeZone` connection property, previously removed from Connector/J 8.0, has now been restored so that when it is set to `false`, Connector/J becomes aware of the time zone
Changes of the JVM during runtime and converts dates with the updated time zone. (Bug #28125069, Bug #91112)

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.19 (2020-01-13, General Availability)

Version 8.0.19 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

- **Functionality Added or Changed**
- **Bugs Fixed**

**Functionality Added or Changed**

- **X DevAPI**: The server failover support for connections using X DevAPI has been enhanced with the following features:

  - When the `priority` property is NOT set for each host in the connection URL, failover connections are attempted on the hosts in a random order, until a connection is successfully established (Connector/J used to attempt connections to the hosts in the sequence they appear in the connection URL).

  - Once all hosts have been tried and no connections can be made, Connector/J throws a `com.mysql.cj.exceptions.CJCommunicationsException` and returns the message **Unable to connect to any of the target hosts**.

  - When using connection pooling, Connector/J keeps track of any host it failed to connect to and, for a short waiting period after the failure, avoids connecting to it during the creation or retrieval of a `Session`. However, if all other hosts have already been tried, those excluded hosts will be retried without waiting. Once all hosts have been tried and no connections can be established, Connector/J throws a `com.mysql.cj.exceptions.CJCommunicationsException` and returns the message **Unable to connect to any of the target hosts**.

- **X DevAPI**: The allowed TLS versions and cipher suites for X DevAPI connections can now be restricted by two new connection properties:

  - `xdevapi.tls-versions` restricts the allowable TLS protocol versions to be used for X DevAPI connections.

  - `xdevapi.tls-ciphersuites` restricts the allowable cipher suites to be used for X DevAPI connections.

See the descriptions for them in Configuration Properties and also Connecting Securely Using SSL for details.

- MySQL Server 8.0.17 deprecated the display width for the **TINYINT**, **SMALLINT**, **MEDIUMINT**, **INT**, and **BIGINT** data types when the **ZEROFILL** modifier is not used, and MySQL Server 8.0.19 has removed the display width for those data types from results of `SHOW CREATE TABLE`, `SHOW CREATE FUNCTION`, and queries on `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS`, `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.ROUTINES`, and `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PARAMETERS` (except for the display width for signed **TINYINT(1)**). This patch adjusts Connector/J to those recent changes of MySQL Server and, as a result, `DatabaseMetaData`, `ParameterMetaData`, and `ResultSetMetaData` now report identical results for all the above-mentioned integer types and also for the **FLOAT** and **DOUBLE** data types. (Bug #30477722)
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- The cipher suites usable by Connector/J are now pre-restricted by a properties file that can be found at `src/main/resources/com/mysql/cj/TlsSettings.properties` inside the `src` folder on the source tree or in the platform-independent distribution archive (in `.tar.gz` or `.zip` format) for Connector/J. See Connecting Securely Using SSL for details.

- Connector/J now supports the use of DNS SRV records for connections. Here is a brief summary for Connector/J's support for DNS SRV records:
  - These new schemas in the connection URLs enable DNS SRV support:
    - `jdbc:mysql+srv:` For ordinary and basic failover JDBC connections that make use of DNS SRV records.
    - `jdbc:mysql+srv:loadbalance:` For load-balancing JDBC connections that make use of DNS SRV records.
    - `jdbc:mysql+srv:replication:` For replication JDBC connections that make use of DNS SRV records.
    - `mysqlx+srv:` For X DevAPI connections that make use of DNS SRV records.
  - Besides using the new schemas in the connection URLs, DNS SRV record support can also be enabled or disabled using the two new connection properties, `dnsSrv` and `xdevapi.dns-srv`, for JDBC and X DevAPI connections respectively.


- The allowable versions of TLS protocol used for connecting to the server, when no restrictions have been set using the connection properties `enabledTLSProtocols`, have been changed to:
  - `TLSv1`, `TLSv1.1`, `TLSv1.2`, and `TLSv1.3` for MySQL Community Servers 8.0, 5.7.28 and later, and 5.6.46 and later, and for all commercial versions of MySQL Servers.
  - `TLSv1` and `TLSv1.1` for all other versions of MySQL Servers.

Bugs Fixed

- The RPM package for Connection/J provided by the MySQL Yum repository did not have its epoch set; as a result, the package could not be installed on an Enterprise Linux or Fedora system even if the MySQL Yum repository has been enabled, because the Connector/J package in the native repository had the epoch set to 1. This fix sets the epoch also to 1 for the RPM package provided by the MySQL Yum repository, in order to prevent the installation problem. (Bug #30566384, Bug #97700)

- For some prepared statements, calling `getMetaData()` on them resulted in an Incorrect DATE error, even when no DATE values were involved. This was due to some recent changes on the MySQL Server, to which this patch adjusts Connector/J. (Bug #30151808, Bug #96442)

  References: See also: Bug #29025656, Bug #28940878.

- When retrieving `TIME` values using `ResultSet.getTimestamp()`, the fractional seconds are truncated when `useCursorFetch=true`. This patch corrects the problem by fixing the `TIME` value decoding in the `MysqlBinaryValueDecoder`. It also corrects some inconsistencies in formatting the fractional seconds when returning the `TIME` values as strings. (Bug #30119545, Bug #96383)

  Streaming of multiple result sets failed with an error. It was due to an error in switching the streamer source from one result set to another, and this fix corrects the issue. (Bug #29999318, Bug #96059)
Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.18 (2019-10-14, General Availability)

Version 8.0.18 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

Bugs Fixed

- A minor code improvement has been put into `DatabaseMetaDataUsingInfoSchema.getColumns()` (Bug #29898567, Bug #95741)
- For a replication setup, when the connection property `loadBalanceAutoCommitStatementThreshold` was set to any values other than 0, load-balancing server switching failed. It was because in this case, `LoadBalancedAutoCommitInterceptor` did not have the required access to the parent connection proxy that had established the connection, and this fix enables such access. (Bug #25223123, Bug #84098)
- An attempt to retrieve multiple result sets returned by asynchronous executions of stored procedures resulted in an `ExecutionException`. With this fix, Connector/J now works properly when asynchronous executions return multiple result sets. (Bug #23721537)

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.17 (2019-07-22, General Availability)

Version 8.0.17 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- **X DevAPI**: The following methods have been deprecated:
  - `Collection.find().where()`
  - `Collection.modify().where()`
  - `Collection.remove().where()`
- **X DevAPI**: Two new operators for JSON objects and arrays, `OVERLAPS` and `NOT OVERLAPS`, are now supported.
- **X DevAPI**: Indexing for array fields is now supported. See Indexing Array Fields in the X DevAPI User Guide for details.
- The `README` and `LICENSE` files are now included inside the Connector/J JAR archive delivered in the platform-independent tarballs and zip files. (Bug #29591275)
- A number of private parameters of `ProfilerEvents` (for example, `hostname`) had no getters for accessing them from outside of the class instance. Getter methods have now been added for all the parameters of the class. (Bug #20010454, Bug #74690)
A new connection property, `databaseTerm`, sets which of the two terms is used in an application to refer to a database. The property takes one of the two values `CATALOG` or `SCHEMA` and uses it to determine which `Connection` methods can be used to set/get the current database, which arguments can be used within the various `DatabaseMetaData` methods to filter results, and which fields in the `ResultSet` returned by `DatabaseMetaData` methods contain the database identification information. See the entry for `databaseTerm` in `Configuration Properties` for details.

Also, the connection property `nullCatalogMeansCurrent` has been renamed to `nullDatabaseMeansCurrent`. The old name remains an alias for the connection property.

Thanks to Harald Aamot for contributing to the patch. (Bug #11891000, Bug #27356869, Bug #89133)

A new `CONTRIBUTING` file has been added to the Connector/J repository on GitHub, which provides guidelines for code contribution and bug reporting.

The MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference can now be generated from the Connector/J source code as an Ant target, `xdevapi-docs`.

Added support for host names that are longer than 60 characters (up to 255 characters), as they are now supported by MySQL Server 8.0.17.

Added support for the `utf8mb4_0900_bin` collation, which is now supported by MySQL Server 8.0.17.

A cached server-side prepared statement can no longer be effectively closed by calling `Statement.close()` twice. To close and de-cache the statement, do one of the following:

- Close the connection (assuming the connection is tracking all open resources).
- Use the implementation-specific method `JdbcPreparedStatement.realClose()`.
- Set the statement as non-poolable by calling the method `Statement.setPoolable(false)` before or after closing it.

**Bugs Fixed**

- **X DevAPI:** The `IN` operator in X DevAPI expressions, when followed by a square bracket (`[]`), got mapped onto the wrong operation in X Protocol. (Bug #29821029)

- When using a replication connection, retrieving data from `BlobFromLocator` resulted in a `ClassCastException`. It was due to some wrong and unnecessary casting, which has been removed by this fix. (Bug #29807741, Bug #95210)

- `ResultSetMetaData.getTableName()` returned null when no applicable results could be returned for a column. However, the JDBC documentation specified an empty string to be returned in that case. This fix makes the method behave as documented. The same correction has been made for `getCatalogName()` and `getSchemaName()`. (Bug #29452669, Bug #94585)

- `ResultSetImpl.getObject()`, when autoboxing a value of a primitive type retrieved from a column, returned a non-null object when the retrieved value was null. (Bug #29446100, Bug #94533)

- `ResultSetImpl.getDouble()` was very inefficient because it called `FloatingPointBoundsEnforcer.createFromBigDecimal`, which needlessly recreated `BigDecimal` objects for the fixed minimum and maximum bounds. With this fix, the objects `BigDecimal.valueOf(min)` and `BigDecimal.valueOf(max)` are cached after they are first created, thus avoiding their recreations. (Bug #29446059, Bug #94442)

- Enabling `logSlowQueries` resulted in many unnecessary calls of `LogUtils.findCallingClassAndMethod()`. With this fix,
LogUtils.findCallingClassAndMethod() is called only when profileSQL is true and even in that case, the number of calls are reduced to a minimal to avoid the excessive stack trace data the function used to generate. Thanks to Florian Agsteiner for contributing to the fix. (Bug #29277648, Bug #94101, Bug #17640628, Bug #70677)

- Characters returned in a ResultSet were garbled when a server-side PreparedStatement was used, and the query involved concatenation of a number and a string with multi-byte characters. That was due to an issue with the number-to-string conversion involved, which has been corrected by this fix. (Bug #27453692)

- Calling ProfilerEvent.pack() resulted in an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException. It was due to a mishandling of data types, which has been corrected by this fix. (Bug #11750577, Bug #41172)

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.16 (2019-04-25, General Availability)

Version 8.0.16 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- **X DevAPI:** Added BigInteger, BigDecimal, and Character as supported classes whose instances can be passed as parameters to a X DevAPI Table statement. Also made the error message clearer when applications try to pass instances of unsupported classes. (Bug #25650912)

- **X DevAPI:** Connector/J now supports the ability to send connection attributes (key-value pairs that application programs can pass to the server at connect time) for X Protocol connections. Connector/J defines a default set of attributes, which can be disabled or enabled. In addition, applications can specify attributes to be passed in addition to the default attributes. The default behavior is to send the default attribute set. See the description for the new configuration property xdevapi.connect-attributes for details.

  **Note**

  The aggregate size of connection attribute data sent by a client is limited by the value of the performance_schema_session_connect_attrs_size server variable. The total size of the data package should be less than the value of the server variable, or the attribute data will be truncated.

- **X DevAPI:** When using X DevAPI, performance for statements that are executed repeatedly (two or more times) is improved by using server-side prepared statements for the second and subsequent executions. See Working with Prepared Statements in the X DevAPI User Guide for details.

- The version number has been removed from the name of the Connector/J JAR archive within the RPM packages for Connector/J. That makes upgrading Connector/J with RPM packages easier. (Bug #29384853)

- The collation utf8mb4_zh_0900_as_cs has been added to the CharsetMapping class. (Bug #29244101)

- The following third-party libraries have been removed from the distribution bundles for Connector/J:
• Google protobuf for Java (required for using X DevAPI and for building Connector/J from source)
• C3P0 (required for building Connector/J from source)
• JBoss common JDBC wrapper (required for building Connector/J from source)
• Simple Logging Facade API (required for using the logging capabilities provided by the default implementation of org.slf4j.Logger.Slf4JLogger by Connector/J, and for building Connector/J from source)

Users who need those libraries have to obtain them on their own. See Installing Connector/J from a Binary Distribution and Installing from Source for details.

Bugs Fixed

• **X DevAPI**: The method `unquoteWorkaround()` has been removed from the `ExprParser` class, as the workaround is no longer needed, and it actually produced wrong results in some cases. (Bug #29257922)

• **X DevAPI**: Connector/J threw an error when a JSON document contained only a field with an empty array as its value. With this fix, Connector/J now takes that as a valid JSON document. (Bug #28834959, Bug #92819)

• **X DevAPI**: `getByte()` calls failed on table columns of the `BINARY` data type. This was due to issues with string conversion, which has been corrected with this fix. (Bug #25650385)

• **X DevAPI**: Any statements sent after a failed procedure call caused Connector/J to hang. This was because after the failed call, Connector/J was not aware that the result streamer had already been closed by the server. With this fix, an error is thrown when the procedure call fails, and the result streamer is nullified. (Bug #22038729)

• **X DevAPI**: Unary negative and positive operators inside expressions were parsed wrongly as binary minus and plus operators. (Bug #21921956)

• Because the `SHOW PROCESSLIST` statement might cause the server to fail sometimes, Connector/J now avoids using the statement, but queries the performance scheme instead for the information it needs. (Bug #29329326)

• Some unnecessary information has been removed from the Connector/J log. (Bug #29318273)

• In the `DatabaseMetaDataUsingInfoSchema` interface, the `getProcedureColumns()` and `getFunctionColumns()` methods returned wrong results for the `PRECISION` column, and the `getColumns()` and `getVersionColumns()` methods returned wrong results for the `COLUMN_SIZE` column. The errors were due to the wrong handling of the temporal type precision by Connector/J, which has now been fixed. (Bug #29186870)

• For an SSL connection, after a client disconnected from a server by calling `Connection.close()`, the TCP connection remained in the `TIME_WAIT` state on the server side. With this fix, the connection remains in the `TIME_WAIT` state on the client side instead, in most cases. (Bug #29054329, Bug #93590)

• The function `LoadBalancedConnectionProxy.getGlobalBlacklist()` always returned an empty map, thus there was never a blacklist for load-balanced connections. (Bug #28860051, Bug #93007)

• The redundant file, `changelog.gz`, has been removed from the Debian 9 package for Connector/J. The file repeated the contents of the `CHANGES.gz` file. (Bug #27786499)
• Using `getBytes()` to retrieve TEXT data resulted in a `NumberFormatException`. With this fix, the proper exception (`SQLDataException`), is now thrown. (Bug #27784363)

• A `changeUser()` call failed with a `java.io.IOException` when the configuration property `enablePacketDebug` was set to `true` for a connection. (Bug #25642021)

• `bindings.getBoolean()` always returned false. It was due to a mishandling of data types, which has been corrected with this fix. (Bug #22931700)

**Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.15 (2019-02-01, General Availability)**

Version 8.0.15 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, and 5.6. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

**Functionality Added or Changed**

• Default value of the connection property `allowLoadLocalInfile` has been changed to `false`. Applications that use the `LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE` statement on MySQL Servers need to set this property to `true` explicitly. (Bug #29261254, Bug #30866178)

**Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.14 (2019-01-21, General Availability)**

Version 8.0.14 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, 5.6, and 5.5. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

**Functionality Added or Changed**

• `getDefaultSchema()` now returns `null` when no default schema has been set for the `Session`.

• Connector/J now has a new property for building from source, `com.mysql.cj.build.verbose`, which controls the verbosity of the build process’ output. Its default value is false, which makes the output considerably shorter comparing with earlier versions of Connector/J. (Bug #28970166)

• The method `ResultSet.getBoolean()` now returns `FALSE` when the designated column is of data type `CHAR` or `VARCHAR` and contains an “N” or “n”. This makes Connector/J 8.0 behaves like Connector/J 5.1 when it comes to converting strings to booleans. (Bug #28706219, Bug #92574)

• Connector/J is now capable of reading and, if needed, ignoring any initial notice packets sent by X Plugin before an X Protocol connection is established.
Bugs Fixed

- **X DevAPI:** Connector/J returned a `NullPointerException` when an application tried to establish an XProtocol connection using a Windows named pipe, which is not supported. With this fix, an `XProtocolException` is returned instead.

  This fix also makes sure that instead of a `NullPointerException`, a proper exception is thrown when an application tries to establish a Classic MySQL Protocol connection with a named pipe, but the named pipe is not specified at connection or it cannot be found on the specified path. (Bug #28606708)

- **X DevAPI:** Adding an empty document with `executeAsync()` resulted in an `ERROR 5013 (Missing row data for Insert)`. With this fix, no error or warning is returned in the case. (Bug #23045642)

- `Collection.count()` returned a wrong error message when the collection did not exist. (Bug #28924137)

- The source code of Connector/J contains non-ASCII characters, which might cause encoding issues during compilation if the system did not also use a UTF-8 locale. With this fix, the build script now handles non-ASCII characters well regardless of the system locale. (Bug #28894344)

- A memory leak occurred if Connector/J was loaded via the bootstrap class path instead of the main application classpath. It was because `AbandonedConnectionCleanupThread` failed to initialize its internal thread in that case, so that references for closed connections were not cleaned up, and their number kept growing. This fix repairs the clean up process for closed connections and also makes the process thread safe. (Bug #28747636, Bug #92508)

- `clearInputStream()` returned a `NullPointerException` when the `mysqlSocket`, `mysqlInput`, or `mysqlOutput` object it tried to retrieve was null. With this fix, an `IOException` is thrown instead in the situation. Thanks to Henning Schmiedehausen for contributing to the fix. (Bug #28731795, Bug #92625)

- Updating a result set returned by a server-side prepared statement with `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` resulted in an `SQLException`. (Bug #28692243, Bug #92536)

- When the connection property `zeroDateTimeBehavior` was set to `CONVERT_TO_NULL`, Connector/J converted a `TIME` type value of `00:00:00` to `null`. With this fix, it returns a `java.sql.Time` instance of zero hours, minutes, and seconds, as expected. (Bug #28101003, Bug #91065)

- When using server-side prepared statements and working with a table with multicolumn primary key, an `updateRow()` call failed with a `NullPointerException` or a `SQLException`. (Bug #25650514)

- When using server-side prepared statements, a `refreshRow()` call after an `updateRow()` call failed with a `SQLException`. (Bug #25650482)

- `changeUser()` failed to change or reauthenticate a user when all of the following were true: (a) connection to the server was by SSL; (b) the `caching_sha2` or `sha256_password` authentication plugin was used for the user; and (c) the user password contained Unicode characters. (Bug #25642226)

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.13 (2018-10-22, General Availability)

Version 8.0.13 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, 5.6, and 5.5. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

- Functionality Added or Changed
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• Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

• Important Change: Connector/J now requires Protocol Buffers 3.6.1 as an external library for using X DevAPI and for building Connector/J from source.

  See Connector/J Installation on installation requirements for Connector/J. (Bug #28499094)

• X DevAPI: X DevAPI now provides a connection pooling feature, which can reduce overhead for applications by allowing idle connections to be reused. Connection pools are managed by the new Client objects, from which sessions can be obtained. See Connecting to a Single MySQL Server Using Connection Pooling in the X DevAPI User Guide for details.

• X DevAPI: A new connection property, xdevapi.connect-timeout, now defines the timeout (in milliseconds) for establishing an X-Protocol connection to the server. Default value is 10000 (10s), and a value of 0 disables timeout, which makes Connector/J wait for the underlying socket to time out instead. See Configuration Properties for details.

  Note that if xdevapi.connect-timeout is not set explicitly and connectTimeout is, xdevapi.connect-timeout takes up the value of connectTimeout.

• The connection property useOldUTF8Behavior is no longer supported. The connection property never had any meaning for the MySQL Server versions supported by Connector/J 8.0, but actually corrupted the data when it was used with them. (Bug #28444461)

• Connector/J now translates the legacy value of convertToNull for the connection property zeroDateTimeBehavior to CONVERT_TO_NULL. This allows applications or frameworks that use the legacy value (for example, NetBeans) to work with Connector/J 8.0. (Bug #28246270, Bug #91421)

• A new connection property, sslMode, has been introduced to replace the connection properties useSSL, requireSSL, and verifyServerCertificate, which are now deprecated. Also, when not explicitly set, the connection properties xdevapi.ssl-mode, xdevapi.ssl-truststore, xdevapi.ssl-truststore-password, and xdevapi.ssl-truststore-type now take up the values of sslMode, trustCertificateKeyStoreUrl, trustCertificateKeyStorePassword, and trustCertificateKeyStoreType, respectively. See Connecting Securely Using SSL and Configuration Properties for details.

  Note that for ALL server versions, the default setting of sslMode is PREFERRED, and it is equivalent to the legacy settings of useSSL=true, requireSSL=false, and verifyServerCertificate=false, which are different from their default settings for Connector/J 8.0.12 and earlier in some situations. Applications that continue to use the deprecated properties and rely on their old default settings should be reviewed. (Bug #27102307)

• The value UTF-8 for the connection property characterEncoding now maps to the utf8mb4 character set on the server and, for MySQL Server 5.5.2 and later, characterEncoding=UTF-8 can now be used to set the connection character set to utf8mb4 even if character_set_server has been set to something else on the server. (Before this change, the server must have character_set_server=utf8mb4 for Connector/J to use that character set.)

  Also, if the connection property connectionCollation is also set and is incompatible with the value of characterEncoding, characterEncoding will be overridden with the encoding corresponding to connectionCollation.

  See Using Character Sets and Unicode for details, including how to use the utf8mb3 character set now for connection. (Bug #23227334, Bug #81196)
Bugs Fixed

- **X DevAPI:** Connector/J threw a `WrongArgumentException` when it encountered a JSON number with more than ten digits. This was due to an error in the JSON parser, which has now been fixed. (Bug #28594434, Bug #92264)

- **X DevAPI:** `Session.getUri()` returned a `NullPointerException` when the default value is null for any of the connection properties contained in the connection URL; and when `Session.getUri()` returned a URL, the URL contained a comma (`,` ) before its first connection property. (Bug #23045604)

- **X DevAPI:** When handling an invalid JSON document, Connector/J threw a `NullPointerException`. With this fix, a `WrongArgumentException` is thrown instead in the situation. (Bug #21914769)

- Setting the connection property `characterEncoding` to an encoding that maps to the MySQL character set `latin1` or `utf8mb4` did not result in the corresponding default connection collation (`latin1_swedish_ci` or `utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci`, respectively) to be used on the server. With this fix, the server default is used in the situation. (Bug #28207422)

- Calling `UpdatableResultSet.updateClob()` resulted in an `SQLFeatureNotSupportedException`. It was because the implementation of the method was missing from Connector/J, and it has been added with this fix. (Bug #28207088)

- When a connection property's value contained an equal sign ("=") in itself, an exception ("WrongArgumentException: Malformed database URL") was thrown. This was due to an error in the parser for the connection URL, which has been corrected by this fix. (Bug #28150662, Bug #92485)

- Connector/J threw a `SQLSyntaxErrorException` when the parameter `tableName` for `DatabaseMetaDataUsingInfoSchema.getTables()` had a null argument. (Bug #28034570, Bug #90887)

- Setting `rewriteBatchedStatements=true` and `useLocalTransactionState=true` caused transactions to be uncommitted for batched `UPDATE` and `DELETE` statements. It was due to the intermediate queries for enabling multiquery support on the server resetting the local transaction state as a side effect. With this fix, the local transaction state is preserved when the intermediate queries are executed. (Bug #27658489, Bug #89948)

- Rewriting prepared `INSERT` statements in a multiquery batch failed with a `BatchUpdateException` when the statements did not contain place holders. This was due a faulty mechanism for query rewriting, which has been corrected by this fix. (Bug #25501750, Bug #84813)

- When using batched prepared statements with multiple queries per statement, queries rewriting was incorrect, resulting in the wrong queries being sent to the server. (Bug #23098159, Bug #81063)

- Record updates failed for a scrollable and updatable `PreparedStatement` when the `WHERE` clause for the updater or refresher contained fractional timestamp values and the connection property `sendFractionalSeconds` was set to `false`. It was because in the situation, Connector/J did not perform the proper adjustments of the fractional parts in the `WHERE` clause values according to the length of the field's fractional part as defined in the database. This fix makes Connector/J perform the proper adjustment to the fractional part, so that the `WHERE` clause value can be properly compared to the value fetched from the database. (Bug #22305979)

- Some tests in the testsuite failed as they could not recognize system time zone values like CEST or WEST, even with the connection property `serverTimezone` set. This was because the value of `serverTimezone` in the testsuite URLs, after being processed by the testsuite, was not actually propagated as a connection property to Connector/J. This fix makes sure the property is in the actual URLs passed to Connector/J. (Bug #21774249)
• When a Java Date value was bound to a PreparedStatement parameter, attempts to format the value by a proleptic GregorianCalendar failed to make the dates proleptic, so that dates before the Julian-Gregorian cutover (October 15, 1582) were stored wrongly. With this fix, a proleptic calendar is properly used if supplied to the setDate() method.

Note that when trying to set or retrieve dates before the Julian-Gregorian cutover with PreparedStatement methods, a proleptic GregorianCalendar should always be explicitly supplied to the setDate() and getDate() method. For details, see Known Issues and Limitations. (Bug #18749544, Bug #72609)

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.12 (2018-07-27, General Availability)

Version 8.0.12 is the latest General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, 5.6, and 5.5. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

• Functionality Added or Changed

Functionality Added or Changed

• X DevAPI: The following changes have been made to the API:
  • Removed ModifyStatement.arrayDelete() and ModifyStatement.merge().
  • Renamed Collection.find().limit().skip() to Collection.find().limit().offset().
  • To simplify the class hierarchy and to have the class names reflect better the classes’ functions, the following changes have been made:
    • The FindParams class has been renamed to FilterParams
    • The AbstractFindParams class has been renamed to AbstractFilterParams
    • The DocFindParams class has been renamed to DocFilterParams
    • The TableFindParams class has been renamed to TableFilterParams

Notice that the methods in the original FilterParams class have been moved under the new AbstractFilterParams class.

(Bug #28027459)

• X DevAPI: Connector/J now uses synchronous client sockets (java.net.Socket) by default to communicate with MySQL servers for X Protocol connections. While asynchronous sockets can still be used by setting the connection property xdevapi.useAsyncProtocol=true, this is not recommended, as it might result in performance degradation for Connector/J. (Bug #27522054)


• Connector/J now retrieves the MySQL keyword list from the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.KEYWORDS table on the MySQL server when a connection session is established. The list can then be accessed by calling DatabaseMetaData.getSQLKeywords().
• To simplify the code, the `ReadableProperty` and `ModifiableProperty` classes have been consolidated into the `RuntimeProperty` class.

## Bugs Fixed

### X DevAPI

- When creating an X DevAPI session using a `Properties` map instead of a connection string, referring to property keys like `host`, `port`, and `protocol` in lowercase caused a `NullPointerException`. With the fix, both upper and lower cases can now be used. (Bug #27652379)
- When creating an X DevAPI session with an SSL connection using a `Properties` map instead of a connection string, a `NullPointerException` was returned when no connection password was provided. (Bug #27629553)
- When using the `getConnection()` method with the `mysqlx:` scheme in the connection URL, Connector/J returned an ordinary JDBC connection instead of an X-Protocol connection. (Bug #26089880)

### Functionality Added or Changed

- When an application tried to connect to a non-MySQL database through some JDBC driver and Connector/J happened to be on the class path also, Connector/J threw a `SQLNonTransientConnectionException`, which prevented the application from connecting to its database. With this fix, Connector/J returns null whenever a connection string does not start with `jdbc:mysql:` or `mysqlx:`, so connections to non-MySQL databases are not blocked. (Bug #26724154, Bug #87600)
- A `wasNull()` call on a `ResultSet` did not return the proper value unless `AbstractResultSetRow.getNull()` or `AbstractResultSetRow.getValueFromByte()` was called before. This caused data loss when Connector/J was used with frameworks like Hibernate, which rely on `wasNull()` calls to properly retrieve data. With this fix, `wasNull()` returns a correct value as long as some getter method has been called before on the `ResultSet`. (Bug #25924324, Bug #85941)

## Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.11 (2018-04-19, General Availability)

Version 8.0.11 is the first General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Connector/J. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 8.0, 5.7, 5.6, and 5.5. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API, and implements the X DevAPI.

### Functionality Added or Changed

- The locking options `lockShared()` and `lockExclusive()`, available when retrieving data from `collection.find()` and `table.select()`, now also accept an optional locking contention value, which is exposed through the enumeration `Statement.LockContention`. 

### Bugs Fixed

- If `wait_timeout` was set on the server and the Connector/J had the connection property `interactiveClient=false`, or if `interactive_timeout` was set on the server and Connector/J had the connection property `interactiveClient=true`, a connection is invalidated when it has idled for a longer time than the set timeout. When such a timeout occurred, Connector/J threw a `CJCommunicationsException`, without indicating it was a timeout. With this fix, the error message returned explains the issue and suggests how to avoid it. (Bug #27977617, Bug #90753)
The combinations of `lockShared([lockCont])` or `lockExclusive([lockCont])` with `Statement.LockContention.NOWAIT` or `Statement.LockContention.SKIP_LOCKED` map directly to the SQL statement `SELECT ... FOR SHARE` or `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` with the SQL option `NOWAIT` or `SKIP_LOCKED`, for the different InnoDB locking read modes.

- **X DevAPI:** Connector/J now supports the new server-side document ID generation feature. Client-side document ID generation is no longer supported. As a result, the methods `getDocumentId()` and `getDocumentIds()` have been removed and the method `getGeneratedIds()` has been added to the `AddResult` and `AddResultImpl` classes.

- **X DevAPI:** The `SHA256_MEMORY` authentication mechanism is now supported by Connector/J for connections using the X Protocol. See the entry for the connection property `xdevapi.auth` in Configuration Properties for details.

- Connector/J now recognizes the data type `GEOMCOLLECTION`, which has been introduced in MySQL 8.0.11 as an alias and preferred name to the previously known `GEOMETRYCOLLECTION` data type. (Bug #27678308)

- The lower bound for the connection property `packetDebugBufferSize` has been changed to 1, to avoid the connection errors that occur when the value is set to 0. (Bug #26819691)

- Connector/J now supports the use of a custom `SSLSocketFactory` for returning a custom-constructed SSL socket at the time of connection establishment. (Bug #26092824, Bug #86278)

- The source directory and Java package layouts of Connector/J have been revised to make it easier to use custom protocols, APIs, value decoders, and value factories with Connector/J. See the Connector/J source code and the MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference for more details.

### Bugs Fixed

- When an integer value in a JSON document is modified, it becomes a a `DOUBLE` value to the MySQL server, which is returned with a decimal when fetched from the JSON document. Therefore, calling `getInteger()` upon the changed value with Connector/J resulted in an `NumberFormatException`. With this fix, `getInteger()` parses such a value correctly and returns an integer. (Bug #27226293)

- In the Ant build file `build.xml`, `com.mysql.cj.api.conf` was missing in the list of OSGi exported packages, causing missing dependencies in OSGi bundles that use Connector/J. (Bug #25765250, Bug #85566)

- Name change of the `com.mysql.jdbc.SocketFactory` interface to `com.mysql.cj.api.io.SocketFactory` caused backward incompatibility for older Connector/J applications. The old interface has now been reimplemented to avoid the incompatibility. (Bug #25223137, Bug #84099)

### Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.10 (Skipped version number)

There are no release notes for this skipped version number.

### Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.9 (2018-01-30, Release Candidate)

Version 8.0.9 Release Candidate is the first release candidate of the 8.0 branch of MySQL Connector/J, providing an insight into upcoming features. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, and 8.0. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API.
Functionality Added or Changed

• **X DevAPI**: In the process of refining the definition of the X DevAPI to cover the most relevant usage scenarios, the following API components have been removed from the X DevAPI implementation for Connector/J:

  • Components that support DDLs for views, including the `createView()`, `dropView()`, and `modifyView()` methods.
  
  • Components that support DDLs for tables, including the `createTable()`, `dropTable()`, and `modifyTable()` methods.
  
  • Components that support session configurations, including the `SessionConfig` object, the `PersistenceHandler` interface, the `PasswordHandler` interface, and the `SessionConfigManager` class.

• **X DevAPI**: Added the `setSavepoint()`, `rollbackTo()`, and `releaseSavepoint()` methods to the `Session` interface to support the `SAVEPOINT`, `ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT`, and `RELEASE SAVEPOINT` statements. See MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference for more details.

• **X DevAPI**: A new `patch()` function has been added to the `ModifyStatement` interface. The function accepts an JSON-like object describing document changes and applies them to documents matched by the `modify()` filter. See MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference for more details.

• **X DevAPI**: The `createIndex()` method for the `Collection` interface now has a new syntax. See MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference for more details.

• **X DevAPI**: Added the following methods for single-document operations in the X DevAPI:

  • `replaceOne()`
  
  • `addOrReplaceOne()`
  
  • `getOne()`
  
  • `removeOne()`

  See MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference for more details.

• **X DevAPI**: Setters and getters methods have been added for the configuration properties with the `MysqlDataSource`, `MysqlXADataSource`, and `MysqlConnectionPoolDataSource` classes.

• **X DevAPI**: The connection property `enabledTLSProtocols` can now be used to select the allowed TLS versions for an X Protocol connection to the server.

• Connector/J now supports the new `caching_sha2_password` authentication plugin, which is the default authentication plugin for MySQL 8.0.4 and later (see Caching SHA-2 Pluggable Authentication for details).

**Note**

To authenticate accounts with the `caching_sha2_password` plugin, either a secure connection to the server using SSL or an unencrypted connection that supports password exchange using an RSA key pair (enabled by setting
one or both of the connecting properties `allowPublicKeyRetrieval` and `serverRSAPublicKeyFile`) must be used.

Because earlier versions of Connector/J 8.0 do not support the `caching_sha2_password` authentication plugin and therefore will not be able to connect to accounts that authenticate with the new plugin (which might include the root account created by default during a new installation of a MySQL 8.0 Server), it is highly recommended that you upgrade now to Connector/J 8.0.9, to help ensure that your applications continue to work smoothly with the latest MySQL 8.0 Server.

- Connector/J now takes advantage of the MySQL Server 8.0 data dictionary by making the connection property `useInformationSchema` true by default; this makes Connector/J, by default, access the data dictionary more efficiently by querying tables in the INFORMATION_SCHEMA. See `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` and Data Dictionary Integration for details. Users can still set `useInformationSchema` to false; but for MySQL 8.0.3 and later, some data dictionary queries might then fail, due to deprecations of older data dictionary features.

- In the past, query texts were always passed as strings to `QueryInterceptor` methods, even if the texts were not actually used by them. Now, only suppliers for the texts are passed, and the texts are only extracted by `get()` calls on the suppliers.

**Bugs Fixed**

- The connection property `nullNamePatternMatchesAll`, when set to false (which was the default value), caused some `DatabaseMetaData` methods to throw an error when a null search string was used with them. The behavior was not compliant with the JDBC specification, which requires that a search criterion be ignored when a null search string is used for it. The connection property has now been removed from Connector/J 8.0. (Bug #26846249, Bug #87826)

- Trying to print the query in a `PreparedStatement` using the `toString()` method after it has been closed resulted in an exception (No operations allowed after statement closed) being thrown. (Bug #26748909)

- When working with MySQL Server 8.0, an update or delete statement for a `CONCUR_UPDATABLE` `ResultSet` failed when the `ResultSet`'s primary keys included a boolean column and the character set used was not `latin1`. (Bug #26266731)

- Connector/J failed to recognize a server greeting error it received during a handshake with the server and parsed the error message as a normal greeting packet, causing an `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException` to be thrown. (Bug #24924097)

**Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.8 (2017-09-28, Development Milestone)**

Version 8.0.8 Development Milestone is the latest development release of the 8.0 branch of MySQL Connector/J, providing an insight into upcoming features. It is suitable for use with MySQL Server versions 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, and 8.0. It supports the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 4.2 API.

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

**Functionality Added or Changed**

- **Packaging:** RPM and Debian packages for installing Connector/J are now available from the Connector/J Download page.
• **X DevAPI:** Connector/J has implemented a new interface of the X Dev API that allows the retrieving, adding, removing, and updating of persistent session continuation data. The implementation includes the following:
  
  - A `SessionConfig` object that holds the information for a session configuration data set.
  - A `PersistenceHandler` interface that allows custom implementations of persistence handlers.
  - A `PasswordHandler` interface that allows custom implementations of password handling code.
  - A `SessionConfigManager` class for editing and fetching `Sessionconfig` objects, and defining instances of the `PersistenceHandler` and `PasswordHandler`.

  See MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference for more details.

• **X DevAPI:** A new connection property, `xdevapi.auth`, has been added for specifying the authentication mechanism for connections using the X Protocol. Allowed values are `MYSQL41`, `PLAIN`, and `EXTERNAL`. See the entry for the new property in Configuration Properties for details.

• **X DevAPI:** To support row locks for the `find()` method of the X DevAPI, the `FindStatement` and the `SelectStatement` interfaces have been extended with the following methods:
  
  - `lockExclusive()`, which works like `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` for relational tables.
  - `lockShared()`, which works like the `SELECT ... LOCK IN SHARED MODE` (for MySQL 5.7) or `SELECT ... FOR SHARE` (for MySQL 8.0) for relational tables.

  See MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference for more details.

• **X DevAPI:** Connector/J now supports the expanded syntax for the `IN` and `NOT IN` operator, which can check if a sub-expression is contained inside another one; for example:

```java
// For documents
coll.find("$.b IN [100, 101, 102]").execute();
coll.find("some text with 5432' in $.a").execute();
coll.find("1 in [1, 2, 4]").execute();
coll.find("'a': 3 not in {'a': 1, 'b': 2}").execute();
// For relational tables
tbl.select().where("3 not in [1, 2, 4]").execute();
tbl.select().where("'qqq' not in $.a").execute();
tbl.select().where("'a': 1 in {'a': 1, 'b': 2}").execute();
```

• **X DevAPI:** A number of changes have been implemented for the “drop” methods for the X DevAPI:
  
  - Removed `dropCollection(schemaName, collectionName)` and `dropTable(schemaName, tableName)` from `Session`.
  - Added `dropCollection(collectionName)` and `dropTable(tableName)` to `Schema`.
  - `Schema.dropView()` now executes immediately and returns `void`; also, the `ViewDrop` interface has been removed.
  - `Collection.dropIndex()` now executes immediately and returns `void`; also the `DropCollectionIndexStatement` interface has been removed.
  - The “drop” methods now succeed even if the objects to be dropped do not exist.
  - Conversion from the MySQL `TIME` data to `java.sql.Date` is now supported. In the past, a `getDateTime` retrieving data from a TIME column would throw an `SQLException`. Now, such a retrieval
returns a `java.sql.Date` object containing the time value expressed in number of milliseconds from the Java epoch; also returned is the warning: “Date part does not exist in SQL TIME field, thus it is set to January 1, 1970 GMT while converting to java.sql.Date.” (Bug #26750807)

• A new connection property, `enabledTLSProtocols`, can now be used to override the default restrictions on the TLS versions to be used for connections, which are determined by the version of the MySQL Server that is being connected to. By providing a comma-separated list of values to this option (for example, “TLSv1,TLSv1.1,TLSv1.2”) users can, for example, prevent connections from using older TLS version, or allow connections to use TLS versions only supported by a user-compiled MySQL Server. See the entry for the new property in Configuration Properties for details. Thanks to Todd Farmer for contributing the code. (Bug #26646676)

• Updated the timezone mappings using the latest IANA and CLDR time zone databases. (Bug #25946965)

• A new option for the `loadBalancingStrategy` connection property called `serverAffinity` has been added. The servers listed in the new connection property `serverAffinityOrder` (which should be a subset of the servers in the host list of the connection URL) are contacted in the order they are listed until a server is available or until the list of servers is exhausted, at which point a random load-balancing strategy is used with the hosts not listed by `serverAffinityOrder`. See descriptions for `loadBalancingStrategy` and `serverAffinityOrder` in Configuration Properties for details. (Bug #20182108)

Bugs Fixed

• **Important Change:** Following the changes in MySQL Server 8.0.3, the system variables `tx_isolation` and `tx_read_only` have been replaced with `transaction_isolation` and `transaction_read_only` in the code of Connector/J. Users should update Connector/J to this latest release in order to connect to MySQL 8.0.3. They should also make the same adjustments to their own applications if they use the old variables in their codes. (Bug #26440544)

• **X DevAPI:** Calling `schema.dropView()` with a null argument resulted in a `NullPointerException`. (Bug #26750807)

• **X DevAPI:** When `dropCollection()` was applied on a null collection, a `NullPointerException` occurred. (Bug #26393132)

When using cached server-side prepared statements, a memory leak occurred as references to opened statements were being kept while the statements were being decached; it happened when either the `close()` method has been called twice on a statement, or when there were conflicting cache entries for a statement and the older entry had not been closed and removed from the opened statement list. This fix makes sure the statements are properly closed in both cases. Thanks to Eduard Gurskiy for contributing to the fix. (Bug #26633984, Bug #87429)

• The regression test for Bug#63800 failed because the default value of the system variable `explicit_defaults_for_timestamp` of MySQL Server has been changed since release 8.0.2. The test has been adjusted to take the change into consideration. (Bug #26501245)

• Running callable statements against MySQL Server 8.0 resulted in the `SQLException: ResultSet is from UPDATE. No Data.` (Bug #26259384)

• Secure JDBC connections did not fall back to the default truststore when a custom one was not provided. (Bug #26243128)

• In `com/mysql/jdbc/ServerPreparedStatement.java`, the arguments `resultSetType` and `resultSetConcurrency` for a call of `Connection.preparedStatement()` were swapped. (Bug #25874048, Bug #85885)
• Some JDBC proxied objects were missing the proper handlings of the `equals()` methods, thus even comparison of one of these proxied objects to its own self with `equals()` yielded false. This patch introduces proper handlings for the `equals()` method in all the relevant proxies. (Bug #21931572, Bug #78313)

• A server-side prepared statement was not closed when the same statement was being prepared again while the original statement was being cached. This was caused by the silent replacement of the cache entry of the old statement by the new. When this happened repeatedly, it caused eventually the complaint that `max_prepared_stmt_count` was exceeded. This fix makes sure that when a cache entry for a statement replaces an older one, the older statement is immediately closed. (Bug #20066806, Bug #74932)

**Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.7 (2017-07-10, Development Milestone)**

MySQL Connectors and other MySQL client tools and applications now synchronize the first digit of their version number with the (highest) MySQL server version they support. This change makes it easy and intuitive to decide which client version to use for which server version.

Connector/J 8.0.7 is the first release to use the new numbering. It is the successor to Connector/J 6.0.6.

• **Functionality Added or Changed**

• **Bugs Fixed**

**Functionality Added or Changed**

• **X DevAPI:** There are changes to some methods related to the `Result` interface:

  • `getLastDocumentId()` and `getLastDocumentIds()` have been replaced with `getDocumentId()` and `getDocumentIds()`, which are put under a new `AddResult` interface that extends `Result`.

  • A new `getAutoIncrementValue()` method is added to the new `InsertResult` interface that extends `Result`.

  See MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference for more details. (Bug #25207784)

• **X DevAPI:** It is no longer permitted to pass an empty search condition, such as the NULL value or an empty string, to the `Collection.Modify()` and `Collection.Remove()` methods.

• **X DevAPI:** Connections using the X Protocol are now secure by default. Also, the `xdevapi.ssl-enable` connection option has been replaced by the `xdevapi.ssl-mode` option, which has `DISABLED`, `REQUIRED` (default), `VERIFY_CA`, and `VERIFY_IDENTITY` as its permitted values; see the description for the new option in Configuration Properties for details.

• **X DevAPI:** Consolidated the `BaseSession`, `NodeSession`, and `XSession` interfaces into a single `com.mysql.cj.api.xdevapi.Session` interface. The following related changes were also made:

  • Renamed `XSessionFactory` to `SessionFactory`.

  • Consolidated the `AbstractSession`, `NodeSessionImpl`, and `XSessionImpl` classes into the `com.mysql.cj.xdevapi.SessionImpl` class.

  • Removed the `Session.bindToDefaultShard()` method and the `VirtualNodeSession` interface.
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- The `mysqlx.getNodeSession()` method has been renamed to `mysqlx.getSession()` and it now returns a `Session` object.
- The `DatabaseObject.getSession()` method now returns a `Session` object (instead of the old `Session` interface).

See MySQL Connector/J X DevAPI Reference for more details.

- To avoid using JDBC statements inside core Connector/J classes, the following changes have been implemented:
  - Created a new `com.mysql.cj.api.Query` interface, which is implemented by `StatementImpl`.
  - Replaced the `com.mysql.cj.api.jdbc.interceptors.StatementInterceptor` interface with the `com.mysql.cj.api.interceptors.QueryInterceptor` interface.
  - Added a new method, `PacketPayload preProcess(PacketPayload queryPacket)`, to `QueryInterceptor`.
  - Renamed the connection property `statementInterceptors` to `queryInterceptors`. See Configuration Properties for details.
  - Added Japanese collation for the `utf8mb4` character set.

**Bugs Fixed**

- **X DevAPI:** `createView()` failed with a `NullPointerException` when there were null inputs to it. This fix adds checks for nulls, and makes Connector/J throw the proper errors for them. (Bug #25575156)
- **X DevAPI:** `createaTable()` failed with a `NullPointerException` when there were null inputs to it. This fix adds checks for nulls, and makes Connector/J throw the proper errors for them. (Bug #25575103)
- **X DevAPI:** The connection properties `enabledSSLCipherSuites`, `clientCertificateKeyStoreUrl`, `clientCertificateKeyStoreType`, and `clientCertificateKeyStorePassword` were ignored for connections using the X Protocol. (Bug #25494338)
- **X DevAPI:** Calling `getNodeSession()` with an URL string containing SSL parameters caused a `CJCommunicationsException`. This has been fixed by creating a byte buffer to handle SSL handshake data. (Notice that `getNodeSession()` has since been consolidated into `getSession()`.) (Bug #23597281)
- **X DevAPI:** Concurrent asynchronous operations resulted in hangs, null pointer exceptions, or other unexpected exceptions. This has been fixed by correcting a number of problems with the `SerializingBufferWriter` and by limiting the number of buffers sent with a gathering write. (Bug #23510958)
- **X DevAPI:** When a thread failed to make a connection to the server using the X Protocol, the client application hung. A new connection property, `xdevapi.asyncResponseTimeout` (default value is 300s), now provides a duration beyond which the attempt to connect timeouts, and a proper error is then thrown. See description for the new option in Configuration Properties for details. (Bug #22972057)
- **Connector/J** failed a number of regression tests in the testsuite related to geographic information system (GIS) functions because of changes to GIS support by the MySQL server. The fix corrects the tests. (Bug #26239946, Bug #26140577)
• Attempts to connect to a server started with collation `utf8mb4_de_pb_0900_ai_ci` resulted in null pointer exceptions. (Bug #26090721)

• Configuration templates named by the connection property `useConfigs` were not recognized by Connector/J. (Bug #25757019, Bug #85555)

• A `NullPointerException` was returned when `getDate()`, `getTime()`, or `getTimestamp()` was called with a null Calendar. This fix makes Connector/J throw an `SQLException` in the case. (Bug #25650305)

• An `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException` was thrown when a server-side prepared statement was used and there was a NULL in a BLOB, TEXT, or JSON type column in the ResultSet. (Bug #25215008, Bug #84084)

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