MySQL Connector/J 8.0 Release Notes

Abstract

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Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.20 (Not yet released, General Availability)

Version 8.0.20 has no release notes, or they have not been published because the product version has not been released.

Changes in MySQL Connector/J 8.0.19 (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)

- 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
  8.0 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.
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- 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 Server needs 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

- **Important Change**: For MySQL Server 8.0.14 and later, 5.7.25 and later, 5.6.43 and later, and 5.5.63 and later, minimal permissions on named pipes are granted to clients that use them to connect to the server. Connector/J, however, can only use named pipes when granted full access on them. As a workaround, the MySQL Server that Connector/J wants to connect to must be started with the system variable `named_pipe_full_access_group`; see the description for the system variable for more details. (Bug #28971500)

- X DevAPI: `getDefaultSchema()` now returns `null` when no default schema has been set for the Session.
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• 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**
- **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)
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- 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
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- X DevAPI: The following changes have been made to the API:
  - Removed ModifyStatement.arrayDelete() and ModifyStatement.merge().
  - Renamed Colletion.find().limit().skip() to Colletion.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.
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• 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)

• X DevAPI: 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)

• X DevAPI: 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)

• 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)

• 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**
- **Bugs Fixed**

### Functionality Added or Changed

- **X DevAPI:** 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`. 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)

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• 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

• Bugs Fixed

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_SCHEME. 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

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:
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- 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.prepareStatement()` 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:
  - `getLastNameDocumentId()` and `getLastNameDocumentIds()` 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.
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- **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.
  - 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 test suite 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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