Heatwave Release Notes

Abstract

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Changes in HeatWave

Changes in HeatWave 8.0.26-u1 (2021-08-10, General Availability)

- HeatWave Network Layer
- HeatWave Data Management Layer
- Functionality Added or Changed

HeatWave Network Layer

- HeatWave network layer optimizations have improved scalability and network performance.

HeatWave Data Management Layer

- Data loaded into HeatWave, including propagated changes, are now persisted to OCI Object Storage for recovery in case of a HeatWave node or cluster failure. Previously, data was recovered from the MySQL DB System. Loading data from OCI Object Storage is faster because data does not need to be converted to the HeatWave storage format, as is required when loading data from the MySQL DB System. If data recovery from OCI Object Storage fails, HeatWave falls back to recovering data from the MySQL DB System. Data removed from HeatWave when a table is unloaded is removed from OCI Object Storage in a background operation. For related information, see HeatWave Cluster Failure and Recovery.

Functionality Added or Changed

- HeatWave now supports `COUNT(NULL)` except in cases where it is used as an input argument for non-aggregate operators. (Bug #33005146)
- Full support was added for the `DISTINCT` modifier. Previously, multiple instances of `(DISTINCT value)` expressions in a query were only permitted if the same `value` was specified. (Bug #32865043, Bug #33007714)
- HeatWave now supports the `WITH ROLLUP` modifier in `GROUP BY` clauses.
- HeatWave now supports window functions. For more information, see Supported Functions and Operators.

Changes in HeatWave 8.0.26 (2021-07-23, General Availability)

- Advisor
- Auto Parallel Load
- Auto Scheduling
- Functionality Added or Changed
Advisor

- The new HeatWave Advisor provides string column encoding and data placement key recommendations based on machine learning models, data analysis, and HeatWave query history. Implementing HeatWave Advisor recommendations can improve query performance and reduce the amount of memory required on HeatWave nodes.

The HeatWave Advisor also provides a Query Insights feature, which provides runtimes for successfully executed queries, and runtime estimates for EXPLAIN queries, queries cancelled using Ctrl+C, and queries that fail due to out of memory errors. Runtime data is useful for query optimization, troubleshooting, and estimating the cost of running a particular query or workload.

The HeatWave Advisor is implemented as a stored procedure named heatwave_advisor, which resides in the MySQL sys schema. Running Advisor involves issuing a CALL statement for the stored procedure with optional arguments.

```sql
CALL sys.heatwave_advisor (options);
```

For more information about the HeatWave Advisor, see Workload Optimization using Advisor.

Auto Parallel Load

- The new HeatWave Auto Parallel Load utility automates the process of preparing and loading tables into HeatWave and loads data using an optimized number of parallel load threads.

The HeatWave Auto Parallel Load utility is implemented as a stored procedure named heatwave_load, which resides in the MySQL sys schema. Running Auto Parallel Load involves issuing a CALL statement for the stored procedure, which takes a list of schemas and options as arguments.

```sql
CALL sys.heatwave_load (db_list, [options]);
```

For more information about the HeatWave Auto Parallel Load utility, see Auto Parallel Load.

Auto Scheduling

- The HeatWave query scheduling algorithm was improved. The revised algorithm prioritizes queries based on estimated cost and wait time in the queue, which enables dynamic, workload-aware query prioritization. Previously, queries were prioritized using a static cost-based prioritization model.

Functionality Added or Changed

- `DATE_ADD()` and `DATE_SUB()` functions now support precision INTERVAL values (DECIMAL, DOUBLE, and FLOAT). (Bug #32725985, Bug #32438123)

- Support was added for multiple instances of `COUNT(DISTINCT)` in a query. (Bug #32422984)

- Query compilation and processing was improved to permit combining aggregate operators into a single task in the physical query plan, which avoids fully materializing intermediate result sets. This enhancement reduces memory allocation and deallocation operations, memory usage, and execution time for affected queries.

- The cost model that estimates HeatWave query runtimes can now use statistics from previously executed queries, which improves the accuracy of query runtime estimates.

- HeatWave now supports `CREATE TABLE ... SELECT` statements where the SELECT query is offloaded to HeatWave for accelerated execution, and the table is created on the MySQL Database Service instance. Offloading the SELECT query to HeatWave can reduce `CREATE TABLE ... SELECT` statement execution time. For more information, see CREATE TABLE ... SELECT Statements.
• Support was added for `REGEXP_REPLACE()` and `REGEXP_SUBSTR()` regular expression functions, and error messaging was improved for `REGEXP()` function syntax mismatches, expression errors, and input argument errors.

Changes in HeatWave 8.0.25 (2021-05-11, General Availability)

Functionality Added or Changed

• Support was added for `CAST()` of `ENUM` column values to `CHAR` or `VARCHAR` where the `ENUM` value is cast to a `FLOAT` value, as in the following example:

```sql
SELECT CAST(CAST(enum_col AS FLOAT) AS CHAR(3)) FROM tbl_name;
```

(Bug #32618454)

• Support was added for `SELECT DISTINCT` queries that order the result set by a column that is not defined in the `SELECT` list. For example, the following query can now be offloaded to HeatWave for execution:

```sql
SELECT DISTINCT a FROM t1 ORDER BY c DESC;
```

(Bug #32583856)

• Query plan statistics are now collected and stored in a statistics cache when a query is executed in HeatWave. When a new query shares query execution plan nodes with previously executed queries, the actual statistics collected from previously executed queries are used instead of estimated statistics, which improves query execution plans, cost estimations, execution times, and memory efficiency.

The statistics cache is an LRU structure. When cache capacity is reached, the least recently used entries are evicted from the cache as new entries are added. The maximum number of entries permitted in the statistics cache is defined by the `rapid_stats_cache_max_entries` setting. The number of entries permitted by default is 65536, which is enough to store statistics for 4000 to 5000 unique queries of medium complexity.

• Support was added for:

  • `CAST() AS YEAR`. Both variable-length and dictionary-encoded string columns values are supported.
  
  • The `FORMAT()` function. Variable-length-encoded string columns are not supported.

Changes in HeatWave 8.0.24 (2021-04-20, General Availability)

Functionality Added or Changed

• Comparison of different temporal type values is now supported. For example, a query that compares `DATE` values to `TIMESTAMP` values can now be offloaded to HeatWave. (Bug #32420986)

• Range operators on `VARLEN`-encoded string columns are now supported. For example, the following query, where `L_LINESTATUS` is a `VARLEN`-encoded string column, can now be offloaded to HeatWave:

```sql
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM lineitem WHERE L_LINESTATUS  >= 1 and L_LINESTATUS <= 10;
```

(Bug #31721399)

• HeatWave now supports `INSERT ... SELECT` statements where the `SELECT` query is offloaded to HeatWave for accelerated execution, and the result set is inserted into a table on the MySQL Database Service instance. Offloading the `SELECT` query to HeatWave can reduce `INSERT ... SELECT` statement execution time. For more information, see `INSERT ... SELECT` Statements.
• **VARLEN**-encoded columns are now supported as data placement keys. For information about the data placement feature, see Defining Data Placement Keys.

• Failure handling was improved for queries involving unsupported internal data types. Such queries now exit with an error indicating that the internal data type of the query is not supported.

### Changes in HeatWave 8.0.23-u2 (2021-03-15, General Availability)

#### Functionality Added or Changed

• Support was added for the following aggregate functions:

  • `STD()`
  • `STDDEV()`
  • `STDDEV_POP()`
  • `STDDEV_SAMP()`
  • `VAR_POP()`
  • `VAR_SAMP()`
  • `VARIANCE()`

  See Aggregate Functions.

• HeatWave now uses a priority-based scheduling mechanism based on query cost estimates to schedule queries for execution. Previously, queries were executed in the order of arrival. The scheduling mechanism prioritizes short running queries over long running queries to reduce overall query execution wait times. For more information, see Auto Scheduling.

### Changes in HeatWave 8.0.23-u1 (2021-02-09, General Availability)

#### Functionality Added or Changed

• String column encoding support was added for `TEXT`-type columns. See Encoding String Columns.

• `UNION` and `UNION ALL` support was extended. The clauses are now supported at any location in a query that is permitted by MySQL.

• The following date and time functions are now supported:

  • `TO_SECONDS()`
  • `UNIX_TIMESTAMP()`
  • `FROM_UNIXTIME()`
  • `TIME_TO_SEC()`

  See Date and Time Functions.

The following date and time functions are now supported with **VARLEN**-encoded columns:

• `TO_DAYS()`
• DAYOFYEAR()
• QUARTER()
• TO_SECONDS()

See Date and Time Functions.

The following string functions are now supported with VARLEN-encoded columns:
• ORD()
• ASCII()

See String Functions and Operators.

SET timezone = timezone with the timezone value specified as an offset from UTC in the form of [H]:MM and prefixed with a + or – is now supported with the UNIX_TIMESTAMP() and FROM_UNIXTIME() functions.

• Offset is now supported with the LIMIT clause:

```sql
SELECT * FROM tbl LIMIT offset, row_count;
```

The PostgreSQL syntax is also supported:

```sql
SELECT * FROM tbl LIMIT row_count OFFSET offset;
```

• New Performance Schema tables provide access to query and execution statistics:
  • performance_schema.rpd_exec_stats
  • performance_schema.rpd_query_stats

Changes to HeatWave Performance Schema tables:

• An NDV (Number of Distinct Values) column was added to the performance_schema.rpd_columns table.

• A ROWS column that shows the total number of rows in a table was added to the performance_schema.rpd_tables table.

• A MEMORY_USAGE column that shows node memory usage was added to the performance_schema.rpd_columns table.

• The performance_schema.rpd_nodes DRAM column was renamed to MEMORY_TOTAL. The MEMORY_TOTAL column shows the total memory allocated to a HeatWave node.

See Performance Schema Tables.

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