MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0 Release Notes

Abstract

This document contains release notes for the changes in each release of MySQL NDB Cluster that uses version 8.0 of the NDB (NDBCLUSTER) storage engine.

Each NDB Cluster 8.0 release is based on a mainline MySQL Server release and a particular version of the NDB storage engine, as shown in the version string returned by executing `SELECT VERSION()` in the mysql client, or by executing the ndb_mgm client SHOW or STATUS command; for more information, see MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.

For general information about features added in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster. For a complete list of all bug fixes and feature changes in MySQL NDB Cluster, please refer to the changelog section for each individual NDB Cluster release.

For additional MySQL 8.0 documentation, see the MySQL 8.0 Reference Manual, which includes an overview of features added in MySQL 8.0 that are not specific to NDB Cluster (What Is New in MySQL 8.0), and discussion of upgrade issues that you may encounter for upgrades from MySQL 5.6 to MySQL 8.0 (Changes in MySQL 8.0). For a complete list of all bug fixes and feature changes made in MySQL 8.0 that are not specific to NDB, see MySQL 8.0 Release Notes.

Updates to these notes occur as new product features are added, so that everybody can follow the development process. If a recent version is listed here that you cannot find on the download page (https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/), the version has not yet been released.

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MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.24 is a new release of NDB 8.0, based on MySQL Server 8.0 and including features in version 8.0 of the NDB storage engine, as well as fixing recently discovered bugs in previous NDB Cluster releases.

Obtaining NDB Cluster 8.0. 
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Version 8.0.24-ndb-8.0.24 has no release notes, or they have not been published because the product version has not been released.

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- **Deprecation and Removal Notes**
- **Functionality Added or Changed**
- **Bugs Fixed**

### Deprecation and Removal Notes

**Important Change:** As part of the terminology changes begun in MySQL 8.0.21 and NDB 8.0.21, the `ndb_slave_conflict_role` system variable is now deprecated, and is being replaced with `ndb_conflict_role`.

In addition, a number of status variables have been deprecated and are being replaced, as shown in the following table:

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Also as part of this work, the `ndbinfo.table_distribution_status` table’s `tab_copy_status` column values `ADD_TABLE_MASTER` and `ADD_TABLE_SLAVE` are deprecated, and replaced by, respectively, `ADD_TABLE_COORDINATOR` and `ADD_TABLE_PARTICIPANT`.

Finally, the `--help` output of some NDB utility programs such as `ndb_restore` has been updated. (Bug #31571031)
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- **NDB Client Programs**: Effective with this release, the MySQL NDB Cluster Auto-Installer (ndb_setup.py) has been removed from the NDB Cluster binary and source distributions, and is no longer supported. (Bug #32084831)

  References: See also: Bug #31888835.

- **ndbmemcache**: ndbmemcache, which was deprecated in the previous release of NDB Cluster, has now been removed from NDB Cluster, and is no longer supported. (Bug #32106576)

### Functionality Added or Changed

- As part of work previously done in NDB 8.0, the metadata check performed as part of auto-synchronization between the representation of an NDB table in the NDB dictionary and its counterpart in the MySQL data dictionary has been extended to include, in addition to table-level properties, the properties of columns, indexes, and foreign keys. (This check is also made by a debug MySQL server when performing a `CREATE TABLE` statement, and when opening an NDB table.)

  As part of this work, any mismatches found between an object's properties in the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary are now written to the MySQL error log. The error log message includes the name of the property, its value in the NDB dictionary, and its value in the MySQL data dictionary. If the object is a column, index, or foreign key, the object's type is also indicated in the message.

- The `ThreadConfig` parameter has been extended with two new thread types, query threads and recovery threads, intended for scaleout of LDM threads. The number of query threads must be a multiple of the number of LDM threads, up to a maximum of 3 times the number of LDM threads.

  It is now possible when setting `ThreadConfig` to combine the `main` and `rep` threads into a single thread by setting either or both of these arguments to 0.

  When one of these arguments is set to 0 but the other remains set to 1, the resulting combined thread is named `main_rep`. When both are set to 0, they are combined with the `recv` thread (assuming that `recv` to 1), and this combined thread is named `main_rep_recv`. These thread names are those shown when checking the `threads` table in the `ndbinfo` information database.

  In addition, the maximums for a number of existing thread types have been increased. The new maximums are: LDM threads: 332; TC threads: 128; receive threads: 64; send threads: 64; main threads: 2. (The maximums for query threads and recovery threads are 332 each.) Maximums for other thread types remain unchanged from previous NDB Cluster releases.

  Another change related to this work causes NDB to employ mutexes for protecting job buffers when more than 32 block threads are in use. This may cause a slight decrease in performance (roughly 1 to 2 percent), but also results in a decrease in the amount of memory used by very large configurations. For example, a setup with 64 threads which used 2 GB of job buffer memory previously should now require only about 1 GB instead. In our testing this has resulted in an overall improvement (on the order of 5 percent) in the execution of very complex queries.

  For more information, see the descriptions of the arguments to the `ThreadConfig` parameter discussed previously, and of the `ndbinfo.threads` table.

- This release adds the possibility of configuring the threads for multi-threaded data nodes (ndbmtd) automatically by implementing a new data node configuration parameter `AutomaticThreadConfig`. When set to 1, NDB sets up the thread assignments automatically, based on the number of processors available to applications. If the system does not limit the number of processors, you can do this by setting `NumCPUs` to the desired number.

  Automatic thread configuration makes it unnecessary to set any values for `ThreadConfig` or `MaxNoOfExecutionThreads` in `config.ini`; if `AutomaticThreadConfig` is enabled, settings for either of these parameters are not used.
As part of this work, a set of tables providing information about hardware and CPU availability and usage by NDB data nodes have been added to the ndbinfo information database. These tables, along with a brief description of the information provided by each, are listed here:

- **cpudata**: CPU usage during the past second
- **cpudata_1sec**: CPU usage per second over the past 20 seconds
- **cpudata_20sec**: CPU usage per 20-second interval over the past 400 seconds
- **cpudata_50ms**: CPU usage per 50-millisecond interval during the past second
- **cpuinfo**: The CPU on which the data node executes
- **hwinfo**: The hardware on the host where the data node resides

Not all of the tables listed are available on all platforms supported by NDB Cluster:

- The *cpudata*, *cpudata_1sec*, *cpudata_20sec*, and *cpudata_50ms* tables are available only on Linux and Solaris operating systems.
- The *cpuinfo* table is not available on FreeBSD or MacOS.

- Added statistical information in the DBLQH block which is employed to track the use of key lookups and scans, as well as tracking queries from DBTC and DBSPJ. By detecting situations in which the load is high, but in which there is not actually any need to decrease the number of rows scanned per realtime break, rather than checking the size of job buffer queues to decide how many rows to scan, this makes it possible to scan more rows when there is no CPU congestion. This helps improve performance and realtime behaviour when handling high loads.

- A new method for handling table partitions and fragments is introduced, such that the number of local data managers (LDMs) for a given data node can determined independently of the number of redo log parts, and that the number of LDMs can now be highly variable. NDB employs this method when the `ClassicFragmentation` data node configuration parameter, implemented as part of this work, is set to `false`. When this is done, the number of LDMs is no longer used to determine how many partitions to create for a table per data node; instead, the `PartitionsPerNode` parameter, also introduced in this release, now determines this number, which is now used for calculating how many fragments a table should have.

When `ClassicFragmentation` has its default value `true`, then the traditional method of using the number of LDMs is used to determine how many fragments a table should have.

For more information, see Multi-Threading Configuration Parameters (ndbmtd).

### Bugs Fixed

- **macOS**: Removed a number of compiler warnings which occurred when building NDB for Mac OS X. (Bug #31726693)

- **Microsoft Windows**: Removed a compiler warning `C4146: unary minus operator applied to unsigned type, result still unsigned` from Visual Studio 2013 found in `storage\ndb\src\kernel\blocks\dbacc\dbaccmain.cpp`. (Bug #23130016)

- **Solaris**: Due to a source-level error, `atomic_swap_32()` was supposed to be specified but was not actually used for Solaris builds of NDB Cluster. (Bug #31765608)

- **NDB Replication**: After issuing `RESET REPLICA ALL / RESET SLAVE ALL`, NDB failed to detect that the replica had restarted. (Bug #31515760)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: Removed redundant usage of `strlen()` in the implementation of `NdbDictionary` and related internal classes in the NDB API. (Bug #100936, Bug #31930362)
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- **MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** When a `DomainTypeHandler` was instantiated by a `SessionFactory`, it was stored locally in a static map, `typeToHandlerMap`. If multiple, distinct `SessionFactory`s for separate connections to the data nodes were obtained by a ClusterJ application, the static `typeToHandlerMap` would be shared by all those factories. When one of the `SessionFactory`s was closed, the connections it created were closed and any tables opened by the connections were cleared from the NDB API global cache. However, the `typeToHandlerMap` was not cleared, and through it the other `SessionFactory`s keep accessing the `DomainTypeHandlers` of tables that had already been cleared. These obsolete `DomainTypeHandlers` contained invalid `NdbTable` references and any `ndbapi` calls using those table references ended up with errors.

This patch fixes the issue by making the `typeToHandlerMap` and the related `proxyInterfacesToDomainClassMap` maps local to a `SessionFactory`, so that they are cleared when the `SessionFactory` is closed. (Bug #31710047)

- **MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** Setting `com.mysql.clusterj.connection.pool.size=0` made connections to an NDB Cluster fail. With this fix, setting `com.mysql.clusterj.connection.pool.size=0` disables connection pooling as expected, so that every request for a `SessionFactory` results in the creation of a new factory and separate connections to the cluster can be created using the same connection string. (Bug #21370745, Bug #31721416)

- When calling `disk_page_abort_prealloc()`, the callback from this internal function is ignored, and so removal of the operation record for the `LQHKEYREQ` signal proceeds without waiting. This left the table subject to removal before the callback had completed, leading to a failure in `PGMAN` when the page was retrieved from disk.

To avoid this, we add an extra usage count for the table especially for this page cache miss; this count is decremented as soon as the page cache miss returns. This means that we guarantee that the table is still present when returning from the disk read. (Bug #32146931)

- Using the maximum size of an index key supported by index statistics (3056 bytes) caused buffer issues in data nodes. (Bug #32094904)

References: See also: Bug #25038373.

- **NDB** now prefers `CLOCK_MONOTONIC` which on Linux is adjusted by frequency changes but is not updated during suspend. On MacOS, **NDB** instead uses `CLOCK_UPTIME_RAW` which is the same, except that it is not affected by any adjustments.

In addition, when initializing `NdbCondition` the monotonic clock to use is taken directly from `NdbTick`, rather than re-executing the same preprocessor logic used by `NdbTick`. (Bug #32073826)

- `ndb_restore` terminated unexpectedly when run with the `--decrypt` option on big-endian systems. (Bug #32068854)

- When the data node receive thread found that the job buffer was too full to receive, nothing was done to ensure that, the next time it checked, it resumed receiving from the transporter at the same point at which it stopped previously. (Bug #32046097)

- The metadata check failed during auto-synchronization of tables restored using the `ndb_restore` tool. This was a timing issue relating to indexes, and was found in the following two scenarios encountered when a table had been selected for auto-synchronization:
  1. When the indexes had not yet been created in the NDB dictionary
  2. When the indexes had been created, but were not yet usable

(Bug #32004637)
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- Optimized sending of packed signals by registering the kernel blocks affected and the sending functions which need to be called for each one in a data structure rather than looking up this information each time. (Bug #31936941)

- When two data definition language statements—one on a database and another on a table in the same schema—were run in parallel, it was possible for a deadlock to occur. The DDL statement affecting the database acquired the global schema lock first, but before it could acquire a metadata lock on the database, the statement affecting the table acquired an intention-exclusive metadata lock on the schema. The table DDL statement was thus waiting for the global schema lock to upgrade its metadata lock on the table to an exclusive lock, while the database DDL statement waited for an exclusive metadata lock on the database, leading to a deadlock.

  A similar type of deadlock involving tablespaces and tables was already known to occur; NDB already detected and resolved that issue. The current fix extends that logic to handle databases and tables as well, to resolve the problem. (Bug #31875229)

- Clang 8 raised a warning due to an uninitialized variable. (Bug #31864792)

- An empty page acquired for an insert did not receive a log sequence number. This is necessary in case the page was used previously and thus required undo log execution before being used again. (Bug #31859717)

- No reason was provided when rejecting an attempt to perform an in-place ALTER TABLE ... ADD PARTITION statement on a fully replicated table. (Bug #31809290)

- When the master node had recorded a more recent GCI than a node starting up which had performed an unsuccessful restart, subsequent restarts of the latter could not be performed because it could not restore the stated GCI. (Bug #31804713)

- When using 3 or 4 fragment replicas, it is possible to add more than one node at a time, which means that `DBLQH` and `DBDIH` can have distribution keys based on numbers of fragment replicas that differ by up to 3 (that is, `MAX_REPLICAS - 1`), rather than by only 1. (Bug #31784934)

- It was possible in `DBLQH` for an `ABORT` signal to arrive from `DBTC` before it received an `LQHKEYREF` signal from the next local query handler. Now in such cases, the out-of-order `ABORT` signal is ignored. (Bug #31782578)

- `NDB` did not handle correctly the case when an `ALTER TABLE ... COMMENT="..."` statement did not specify `ALGORITHM=COPY`. (Bug #31776392)

- It was possible in some cases to miss the end point of undo logging for a fragment. (Bug #31774459)

- `ndb_print_sys_file` did not work correctly with version 2 of the `sysfile` format that was introduced in NDB 8.0.18. (Bug #31726653)

References: See also: Bug #31828452.

- `DBLQH` could not handle the case in which identical operation records having the same transaction ID came from different transaction coordinators. This led to locked rows persisting after a node failure, which kept node recovery from completing. (Bug #31726568)

- It is possible for `DBDIH` to receive a local checkpoint having a given ID to restore while a later LCP is actually used instead, but when performing a partial LCP in such cases, the `DIH` block was not fully synchronized with the ID of the LCP used. (Bug #31726514)

- In most cases, when searching a hash index, the row is used to read the primary key, but when the row has not yet been committed the primary key may be read from the copy row. If the row has been deleted, it can no longer be used to read the primary key. Previously in such cases, the primary key was treated as a NULL, but this could lead to making a comparison using uninitialised data.

Now when this occurs, the comparison is made only if the row has not been deleted; otherwise the row is checked of among the operations in the serial queue. If no operation has the primary key, then
any comparison can be reported as not equal, since no entry in the parallel queue can reinsert the row. This needs to be checked due to the fact that, if an entry in the serial queue is an insert then the primary key from this operation must be identified as such to preclude inserting the same primary key twice. (Bug #31688797)

• As with writing redo log records, when the file currently used for writing global checkpoint records becomes full, writing switches to the next file. This switch is not supposed to occur until the new file is actually ready to receive the records, but no check was made to ensure that this was the case. This could lead to an unplanned data node shutdown restoring data from a backup using ndb_restore. (Bug #31585833)

• Release of shared global memory when it is no longer required by the DBSPJ block now occurs more quickly than previously. (Bug #31321518)

References: See also: Bug #31231286.

• Stopping 3 nodes out of 4 in a single node group using kill -9 caused an unplanned cluster shutdown. To keep this from happening under such conditions, NDB now ensures that any node group that has not had any node failures is viewed by arbitration checks as fully viable. (Bug #31245543)

• Multi-threaded index builds could sometimes attempt to use an internal function disallowed to them. (Bug #30587462)

• While adding new data nodes to the cluster, and while the management node was restarting with an updated configuration file, some data nodes terminated unexpectedly with the error virtual void TCP_Transporter::resetBuffers(): Assertion `!isConnected()' failed. (Bug #30088051)

• It was not possible to execute TRUNCATE TABLE or DROP TABLE for the parent table of a foreign key with foreign_key_checks set to 0. (Bug #97501, Bug #30509759)

• Optimized the internal NdbReceiver::unpackNdbRecord() method, which is used to convert rows retrieved from the data nodes from packed wire format to the NDB API row format. Prior to the change, roughly 13% of CPU usage for executing a join occurred within this method; this was reduced to approximately 8%. (Bug #95007, Bug #29640755)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.22 (2020-10-19, General Availability)

MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.22 is a new release of NDB 8.0, based on MySQL Server 8.0 and including features in version 8.0 of the NDB storage engine, as well as fixing recently discovered bugs in previous NDB Cluster releases.

Obtaining NDB Cluster 8.0. NDB Cluster 8.0 source code and binaries can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/cluster/.

For an overview of changes made in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster.

This release also incorporates all bug fixes and changes made in previous NDB Cluster releases, as well as all bug fixes and feature changes which were added in mainline MySQL 8.0 through MySQL 8.0.22 (see Changes in MySQL 8.0.22 (2020-10-19, General Availability)).

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

- To provide protection against unauthorized recovery of data from backups, this release adds support for NDB native encrypted backup using AES-256-CBC. Encrypted backup files are protected by a user-supplied password. NDB does not save this password; this needs to be done by the user or application. To create an encrypted backup, use `ENCRYPT_PASSWORD=password` with the `ndb_mgm` client `START BACKUP` command (in addition to any other options which may be required). You can also initiate an encrypted backup in applications by calling the MGM API `ndb_mgm_start_backup4()` function.

To restore from an encrypted backup, use `ndb_restore` with both of the options `--decrypt` and `--backup-password=password`. `ndb_print_backup_file` can also read encrypted files using the `-P` option added in this release.

The encryption password used with this feature can be any string of up to 256 characters from the range of printable ASCII characters other than !, ', "", $, %, \, and ^. When a password is supplied for encryption or decryption, it must be quoted using either single or double quotation marks. It is possible to specify an empty password using `'` or `"` but this is not recommended.

You can encrypt existing backup files using the `ndbxfrm` utility which is added to the NDB Cluster distribution in this release; this program can also decrypt encrypted backup files. `ndbxfrm` also compresses and decompresses NDB Cluster backup files. The compression method is the same as used by NDB Cluster for creating compressed backups when `CompressedBackup` is enabled.

It is also possible to require encrypted backups using `RequireEncryptedBackup`. When this parameter is enabled (by setting it equal to 1), the management client rejects any attempt to perform a backup that is not encrypted.

For more information, see Using The NDB Cluster Management Client to Create a Backup, as well as ndbxfrm — Compress, Decompress, Encrypt, and Decrypt Files Created by NDB Cluster.

Deprecation and Removal Notes

- **NDB Client Programs**: Effective with this release, the MySQL NDB Cluster Auto-Installer (`ndb_setup.py`) has been deprecated and is subject to removal in a future version of NDB Cluster. (Bug #31888835)

- `ndbmemcache`: `ndbmemcache` is deprecated in this release of NDB Cluster, and is scheduled for removal in the next release. (Bug #31876970)

Functionality Added or Changed

- **Important Change**: The `Ndb_metadata_blacklist_size` status variable was renamed as `Ndb_metadata_excluded_count`. (Bug #31465469)

- **Packaging**: Made the following improvements to the `server-minimal` RPM for NDB Cluster and the NDB Cluster Docker image:
  
  - Added `ndb_import` and other helpful utilities.
  - Included NDB utilities are now linked dynamically.
  - The NDB Cluster Auto-Installer is no longer included.
  - `ndballocache` is no longer included.

  (Bug #31838832)

- **NDB Replication**: Batching of updates to rows containing columns of MySQL type `BLOB`, `MEDIUMBLOB`, `LONGBLOB`, `TEXT`, `MEDIUMTEXT`, and `LONGTEXT` (“Blob”) by NDB Cluster. This affects `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` statements of either of the following types:
Statements which modify multiple blob columns in the same row

Statements which modify multiple rows containing blob columns in the same statement

This is accomplished by greatly reducing the number of round trips required between an SQL or other API node and the data nodes in the replica cluster, in some cases by a factor of 10 or more.

Other SQL statements may also see performance benefits from these improvements. Such statements include `LOAD DATA INFILE` and `CREATE TABLE ... SELECT ...` when acting on tables containing one or more Blob columns. In addition, an `ALTER TABLE ... ENGINE = NDB` statement which changes the storage engine of a table that previously used one other than `NDB` and that contains one or more Blob columns may also execute more efficiently than before this enhancement was implemented.

The performance of some SQL statements which update Blob columns is not noticeably improved by this enhancement, due to the fact that they require scans of table Blob columns, which breaks up batching. Such statements include those of the types listed here:

- A `SELECT` which filters rows by matching on a primary key or unique key column which uses a Blob type
- An `UPDATE` or `DELETE` using a `WHERE` condition which does not depend on a unique value
- A copying `ALTER TABLE` statement on a table which already used the `NDB` storage engine prior to executing the statement

Statements modifying only columns of types `TINYBLOB` or `TINYTEXT` (or both) are not affected by this enhancement.

To take maximum advantage of this improvement, you must enable `slave_allow_batching`. It is also recommended that you increase the values used with the `--ndb-batch-size` and `--ndb-blob-write-batch-bytes` MySQL server options to minimize the number of round trips required by the replica cluster to apply epoch transactions. (Bug #27765184)

- Added the CMake option `NDB_UTILS_LINK_DYNAMIC`, to allow dynamic linking of NDB utilities with `ndbclient`. (Bug #31668306)

- IPv6 addressing is now supported for connections to management and data nodes, including connections between management and data nodes with SQL nodes. For IPv6 addressing to work, the operating platform and network on which the cluster is deployed must support IPv6. Hostname resolution to IPv6 addresses must be provided by the operating platform (this is the same as when using IPv4 addressing).

Mixing IPv4 and IPv6 addresses in the same cluster is not recommended, but this can be made to work in either of the following cases, provided that `--bind-address` is not used with `ndb_mgmd`:

- Management node configured with IPv6, data nodes configured with IPv4: This works if the data nodes are started with `--ndb-connectstring` set to the IPv4 address of the management nodes.

- Management node configured with IPv4, data nodes configured with IPv6: This works if the data nodes are started with `--ndb-connectstring` set to the IPv6 address of the management node.

When upgrading from an NDB version that does not support IPv6 addressing to a version that does so, it is necessary that the network already support both IPv4 and IPv6. The software upgrade must be performed first; after this, you can update the IPv4 addresses used in the `config.ini` configuration file with the desired IPv6 addresses. Finally, in order for the configuration changes to take effect, perform a system restart of the cluster.
**Bugs Fixed**

- **Important Change; NDB Cluster APIs:** The NDB Cluster adapter for Node.js was built against an obsolete version of the runtime. Now it is built using Node.js 12.18.3, and only that version or a later version of Node.js is supported by NDB. (Bug #31783049)

- **Important Change:** In order to synchronize excluded metadata objects, it was necessary to correct the underlying issue, if any, and then trigger the synchronization of the objects again. This could be achieved though discovery of individual tables, which does not scale well with an increase in the number of tables and SQL nodes. It could also be done by by reconnecting the SQL node to the cluster, but doing so also incurs extra overhead.

To fix this issue, the list of database objects excluded due to synchronization failure is cleared when `ndb_metadata_sync` is enabled by the user. This makes all such objects eligible for synchronization in the subsequent detection run, which simplifies retrying the synchronization of all excluded objects.

This fix also removes the validation of objects to be retried which formerly took place at the beginning of each detection run. Since these objects are of interest only while `ndb_metadata_sync` is enabled, the list of objects to be retried is cleared when this variable is disabled, signalling that all changes have been synchronized. (Bug #31569436)

- **Packaging:** The Dojo library included with NDB Cluster has been upgraded to version 1.15.4. (Bug #31559518)

- **NDB Disk Data:** `ndbmtd` sometimes terminated unexpectedly when it could not complete a lookup for a log file group during a restore operation. (Bug #31284086)

- **NDB Disk Data:** While upgrading a cluster having 3 or 4 replicas after creating sufficient disk data objects to fill up the tablespace, and while performing inserts on the disk data tables, trying to stop some data nodes caused others to exit improperly. (Bug #30922322)

- **NDB Replication:** On Unix-based operating systems, binary logs can be flushed by sending a `SIGHUP` signal to the server, but `NDBCLUSTER` expected one of the SQL statements `FLUSH`, `RESET`, or `SHOW BINLOG EVENTS` only. (Bug #31242689)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** In certain cases, the `Table::getColumn()` method returned the wrong `Column` object. This could happen when the full name of one table column was a prefix of the name of another, or when the names of two columns had the same hash value. (Bug #31774865)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** It was possible to make invalid sequences of NDB API method calls using blobs. This was because some method calls implicitly cause transaction execution inline, to deal with blob parts and other issues, which could cause user-defined operations not to be handled correctly due to the use of a method executing operations relating to blobs while still user-defined blob operations pending. Now in such cases, NDB raises a new error 4558 `Pending blob operations must be executed before this call.` (Bug #27772916)

- **ndb_restore --remap-column** did not handle columns containing NULL values correctly. Now any offset specified by the mapping function used with this option is not applied to NULL, so that NULL is preserved as expected. (Bug #31966676)

- The `ndb_print_backup_file` utility did not respect byte order for row data. This tool now performs byte swapping on row page information to ensure the same results on both big-endian and little-endian platforms. (Bug #31831438)

References: See also: Bug #32470157.

- In some cases following an upgrade from a version of NDB Cluster previous to 8.0.18 to a later one, writing the `sysfile` (see NDB Cluster Data Node File System Directory) and reading back from it did not work correctly. This could occur when explicit node group assignments to data nodes had been made (using the NodeGroup parameter); it was possible for node group assignments to
change spontaneously, and even possible for node groups not referenced in the configuration file to be added. This was due to issues with version 2 of the `sysfile` format introduced in NDB 8.0.18. (Bug #31828452, Bug #31820201)

References: See also: Bug #31726653.

- After encountering the data node in the configuration file which used `NodeGroup=65536`, the management server stopped assigning data nodes lacking an explicit `NodeGroup` setting to node groups. (Bug #31825181)

- Data nodes in certain cases experienced fatal memory corruption in the `PGMAN` kernel block due to an invalid assumption that pages were 32KB aligned, when in fact they are normally aligned to the system page size (4096 or 8192 bytes, depending on platform). (Bug #31768450, Bug #31773234)

- Fixed a misspelled define introduced in NDB 8.0.20 which made an internal function used to control adaptive spinning non-operational. (Bug #31765660)

- When executing undo log records during undo log recovery it was possible when hitting a page cache miss to use the previous undo log record multiple times. (Bug #31750627)

- When an SQL node or cluster shutdown occurred during schema distribution while the coordinator was still waiting for the participants, the schema distribution was aborted halfway but any rows in `ndb_schema_result` related to this schema operation were not cleared. This left open the possibility that these rows might conflict with a future reply from a participant if a DDL operation having the same schema operation ID originated from a client using the same node ID.

To keep this from happening, we now clear all such rows in `ndb_schema_result` during NDB binary log setup. This assures that there are no DDL distributions in progress and any rows remaining in the `ndb_schema_result` table are already obsolete. (Bug #31601674)

- Help output from the MySQL Cluster Auto-Installer displayed incorrect version information. (Bug #31589404)

- In certain rare circumstances, NDB missed checking for completion of a local checkpoint, leaving it uncompleted, which meant that subsequent local checkpoints could not be executed. (Bug #31577633)

- A data definition statement can sometimes involve reading or writing of multiple rows (or both) from tables; NDBCLUSTER starts an NdbTransaction to perform these operations. When such a statement was rolled back, NDBCLUSTER attempted to roll back the schema change before rolling back the NdbTransaction and closing it; this led to the rollback hanging indefinitely while the cluster waited for the NdbTransaction object to close before it was able to roll back the schema change.

Now in such cases, NDBCLUSTER rolls back the schema change only after rolling back and closing any open NdbTransaction associated with the change. (Bug #31546868)

- Adding a new user was not always synchronized correctly to all SQL nodes when the `NDB_STORED_USER` privilege was granted to the new user. (Bug #31486931)

- In some cases, QMGR returned conflicting NDB engine and MySQL server version information, which could lead to unplanned management node shutdown. (Bug #31471959)

- SUMA on a node that is starting up should not send a `DICT_UNLOCK_ORD` signal to the `DICT` block on the master node until both all `SUMA_HANDOVER_REQ` signals sent have had `SUMA_HANDOVER_CONF` signals sent in response, and every switchover bucket set up on receiving a `SUMA_HANDOVER_CONF` has completed switchover. In certain rare cases using `NoOfReplicas > 2`, and in which the delay between global checkpoints was unusually short, it was possible for some switchover buckets to be ready for handover before others, and for handover to proceed even though this was the case. (Bug #31459930)
• Attribute ID mapping needs to be performed when reading data from an NDB table using indexes or a primary key whose column order is different than that of the table. For unique indexes, a cached attribute ID map is created when the table is opened, and is then used for each subsequent read, but for primary key reads, the map was built for every read. This has changed so that an attribute ID map for primary key is built and cached when opening the table, and used whenever required for any subsequent reads. (Bug #31452597)

References: See also: Bug #24444899.

• During different phases of the restore process, ndb_restore used different numbers of retries for temporary errors as well as different sleep times between retries. This is fixed by implementing consistent retry counts and sleep times across all restore phases. (Bug #31372923)

• Removed warnings generated when compiling NDBCLUSTER with Clang 10. (Bug #31344788)

• The SPJ block contains a load throttling mechanism used when generating LQHKEYREQ signals. When these were generated from parent rows from a scan, and this scan had a bushy topology with multiple children performing key lookups, it was possible to overload the job queues with too many LQHKEYREQ signals, causing node shutdowns due to full job buffers. This problem was originally fixed by Bug #14709490. Further investigation of this issue showed that job buffer full errors could occur even if the SPJ query was not bushy. Due to the increase in the internal batch size for SPJ workers in NDB 7.6.4 as part of work done to implement use of multiple fragments when sending SCAN_FRAGREQ signals to the SPJ block, even a simple query could fill up the job buffers when a relatively small number of such queries were run in parallel.

To fix this problem, we no longer send any further LQHKEYREQ signals once the number of outstanding signals in a given request exceeds 256. Instead, the parent row from which the LQHKEYREQ is produced is buffered, and the correlation ID of this row is stored in the collection of operations to be resumed later. (Bug #31343524)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #14709490.

• MaxDiskWriteSpeedOwnRestart was not honored as an upper bound for local checkpoint writes during a node restart. (Bug #31337487)

References: See also: Bug #29943227.

• Under certain rare circumstances, DROP TABLE of an NDB table triggered an assert. (Bug #31336431)

• During a node restart, the SUMA block of the node that is starting must get a copy of the subscriptions (events with subscribers) and subscribers (NdbEventOperation instances which are executing) from a node already running. Before the copy is complete, nodes which are still starting ignore any user-level SUB_START or SUB_STOP requests; after the copy is done, they can participate in such requests. While the copy operation is in progress, user-level SUB_START and SUB_STOP requests are blocked using a DICT lock.

An issue was found whereby a starting node could participate in SUB_START and SUB_STOP requests after the lock was requested, but before it is granted, which resulted in unsuccessful SUB_START and SUB_STOP requests. This fix ensures that the nodes cannot participate in these requests until after the DICT lock has actually been granted. (Bug #31302657)

• Backups errored out with FsErrInvalidParameters when the filesystem was running with O_DIRECT and a data file write was not aligned with the 512-byte block size used by O_DIRECT writes. If the total fragment size in the data file is not aligned with the O_DIRECT block size, NDB pads the last write to the required size, but when there were no fragments to write, BACKUP wrote only the header and footer to the data file. Since the header and footer are less than 512 bytes, leading to the issue with the O_DIRECT write.

This is fixed by padding out the generic footer to 512 bytes if necessary, using an EMPTY_ENTRY, when closing the data file. (Bug #31180508)
• When employing an execution strategy which requires it to buffer received key rows for later use, **DBSPJ** now manages the buffer memory allocation tree node by tree node, resulting in a significant drop in CPU usage by the **DBSPJ** block. (Bug #31174015)

• **DBSPJ** now uses linear memory instead of segmented memory for storing and handling **TRANSID_AI** signals, which saves approximately 10% of the CPU previously consumed. Due to this change, it is now possible for **DBSPJ** to accept **TRANSID_AI** signals in the short signal format; this is more efficient than the long signal format which requires segmented memory. (Bug #31173582, Bug #31173766)

• Altering the table comment of a fully replicated table using **ALGORITHM=INPLACE** led to an assertion. (Bug #31139313)

• A local data manager (LDM) has a mechanism for ensuring that a fragment scan does not continue indefinitely when it finds too few rows to fill the available batch size in a reasonable amount of time (such as when a ScanFilter evaluates to false for most of the scanned rows). When this time limit, set in **DBLQH** as 10 ms, has expired, any rows found up to that point are returned, independent of whether the specified batch size has been filled or not. This acts as a keep-alive mechanism between data and API nodes, as well as to avoid keeping any locks held during the scan for too long.

A side effect of this is that returning result row batches to the **DBSPJ** block which are filled well below the expected limit could cause performance issues. This was due not only to poor utilization of the space reserved for batches, requiring more **NEXTREQ** round trips, but because it also caused **DBSPJ** internal parallelism statistics to become unreliable.

Since the **DBSPJ** block never requests locks when performing scans, overly long locks are not a problem for SPJ requests. Thus it is considered safe to let scans requested by **DBSPJ** to continue for longer than the 10 ms allowed previously, and the limit set in **DBLQH** has been increased to 100 ms. (Bug #31124065)

• For a pushed join, the output from **EXPLAIN FORMAT=TREE** did not indicate whether the table access was an index range scan returning multiple rows, or a single-row lookup on a primary or unique key.

This fix provides also a minor optimization, such that the handler interface is not accessed more than once in an attempt to return more than a single row if the access type is known to be **Unique**. (Bug #31123930)

• A previous change (made in NDB 8.0.20) made it possible for a pushed join on tables allowing **READ_BACKUP** to place two SPJ workers on the data node local to the **DBTC** block while placing no SPJ workers on some other node; this sometime imbalance is intentional, as the SPJ workload (and possible introduced imbalance) is normally quite low compared to the gains of enabling more local reads of the backup fragments. As an unintended side effect of the same change, these two colocated SPJ workers might scan the same subset of fragments in parallel; this broke an assumption in the **DBSPJ** block that only a single SPJ worker is instantiated on each data node on which the logic for insuring that each SPJ worker starts its scans from a different fragment depends.

To fix this problem, the starting fragment for each SPJ worker is now calculated based on the root fragment ID from which the worker starts, which is unique among all SPJ workers even when some of them reside on the same node. (Bug #31113005)

References: See also: Bug #30639165.

• When upgrading a cluster from NDB 8.0.17 or earlier to 8.0.18 or later, data nodes not yet upgraded could shut down unexpectedly following upgrade of the management server (or management servers) to the new software version. This occurred when a management client **STOP** command was sent to one or more of the data nodes still running the old version and the new master node (also running the old version of the **NDB** software) subsequently underwent an unplanned shutdown.

It was found that this occurred due to setting the signal length and number of signal sections incorrectly when sending a **GSN_STOP_REQ**—one of a number of signals whose length has been
increased in NDB 8.0 as part of work done to support greater numbers of data nodes—to the new
master. This happened due to the use of stale data retained from sending a GSN_STOP_REQ to the
previous master node. To prevent this from happening, ndb_mgmd now sets the signal length and
number of sections explicitly each time, prior to sending a GSN_STOP_REQ signal. (Bug #31019990)

• In some cases, when failures occurred while replaying logs and restoring tuples, ndb_restore
terminated instead of returning an error. In addition, the number of retries to be attempted for some
operations was determined by hard-coded values. (Bug #30928114)

• During schema distribution, if the client was killed after a DDL operation was already logged in the
ndb_schema table, but before the participants could reply, the client simply marked all participants
as failed in the NDB_SCHEMA_OBJECT and returned. Since the distribution protocol was already in
progress, the coordinator continued to wait for the participants, received their ndb_schema_result
insert and processed them; meanwhile, the client was open to send another DDL operation; if one
was executed and distribution of it was begun before the coordinator could finish processing the
previous schema change, this triggered an assertion there should be only one distribution of a
schema operation active at any given time.

In addition, when the client returned having detected a thread being killed, it also released the global
schema lock (GSL); this could also lead to undefined issues since the participant could make the
changes under the assumption that the GSL was still being held by the coordinator.

In such cases, the client should not return after the DDL operation has been logged in the
ndb_schema table; from this point, the coordinator has control and the client should wait for it to
make a decision. Now the coordinator aborts the distribution only in the event of a server or cluster
shutdown, and otherwise waits for all participants either to reply, or to time out and mark the schema
operation as completed. (Bug #30684839)

• When, during a restart, a data node received a GCP_SAVEREQ signal prior to beginning start phase
9, and thus needed to perform a global checkpoint index write to a local data manager's local
checkpoint control file, it did not record information from the DIH block originating with the node that
sent the signal as part of the data written. This meant that, later in start phase 9, when attempting to
send a GCP_SAVECONF signal in response to the GCP_SAVEREQ, this information was not available,
which meant the response could not be sent, resulting in an unplanned shutdown of the data node.
(Bug #30187949)

• Setting EnableRedoControl to false did not fully disable MaxDiskWriteSpeed,
MaxDiskWriteSpeedOtherNodeRestart, and MaxDiskWriteSpeedOwnRestart as expected.
(Bug #29943227)

References: See also: Bug #31337487.

• A BLOB value is stored by NDB in multiple parts; when reading such a value, one read operation
is executed per part. If a part is not found, the read fails with a row not found error, which
indicates a corrupted BLOB, since a BLOB should never have any missing parts. A problem can arise
because this error is reported as the overall result of the read operation, which means that mysqld
sees no error and reports zero rows returned.

This issue is fixed by adding a check specifically for the case in which a blob part is not found. Now,
when this occurs, overwriting the row not found error with corrupted blob, which causes
the originating SELECT statement to fail as expected. Users of the NDB API should be aware that,
despite this change, the NdbBlob::getValue() method continues to report the error as row not
found in such cases. (Bug #28590428)

• Data nodes did not start when the RealtimeScheduler configuration parameter was set to 1. This
was due to the fact that index builds during startup are performed by temporarily diverting some I/O
threads for use as index building threads, and these threads inherited the realtime properties of the
I/O threads. This caused a conflict (treated as a fatal error) when index build thread specifications
were checked to ensure that they were not realtime threads. This is fixed by making sure that index
build threads are not treated as realtime threads regardless of any settings applying to their host I/O threads, which is as actually intended in their design. (Bug #27533538)

- Using an in-place `ALTER TABLE` to drop an index could lead to the unplanned shutdown of an SQL node. (Bug #24444899)

- As the final step when executing `ALTER TABLE ... ALGORITHM=INPLACE, NDBCLUSTER` performed a read of the table metadata from the NDB dictionary, requiring an extra round trip between the SQL nodes and data nodes, which unnecessarily both slowed down execution of the statement and provided an avenue for errors which NDBCLUSTER was not prepared to handle correctly. This issue is fixed by removing the read of NDB table metadata during the final phase of executing an in-place `ALTER TABLE` statement. (Bug #99898, Bug #31497026)

- A memory leak could occur when preparing an NDB table for an in-place `ALTER TABLE`. (Bug #99739, Bug #31419144)

- Added the `AllowUnresolvedHostNames` configuration parameter. When set to `true`, this parameter overrides the fatal error normally raised when ndb_mgmd cannot connect to a given host name, allowing startup to continue and generating only a warning instead. To be effective, the parameter must be set in the cluster global configuration file's `[tcp default]` section.

### Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.21 (2020-07-13, General Availability)

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This release also incorporates all bug fixes and changes made in previous NDB Cluster releases, as well as all bug fixes and feature changes which were added in mainline MySQL 8.0 through MySQL 8.0.21 (see [Changes in MySQL 8.0.21 (2020-07-13, General Availability)](#)).

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#### Packaging Notes

- For Windows, MSI installer packages for NDB Cluster now include a check for the required Visual Studio redistributable package, and produce a message asking the user to install it if it is missing. (Bug #30541398)

#### Functionality Added or Changed

- **NDB Disk Data**: An initial restart of the cluster now causes the removal of all NDB tables and log file groups from the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary. This includes the removal of all data files and undo log files associated with these objects. (Bug #30435378)

  References: See also: Bug #29894166.

- The status variable `Ndb_metadata_blacklist_size` is now deprecated, and is replaced in NDB 8.0.22 by `Ndb_metadata_excluded_count`. (Bug #31465469)

- It now possible to consolidate data from separate instances of NDB Cluster into a single target NDB Cluster when the original datasets all use the same schema. This is supported when using backups
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created using `START BACKUP` in `ndb_mgm` and restoring them with `ndb_restore`, using the `--remap-column` option implemented in this release (along with `--restore-data` and possibly other options). `--remap-column` can be employed to handle cases of overlapping primary, unique, or both sorts of key values between source clusters, and you need to make sure that they do not overlap in the target cluster. This can also be done to preserve other relationships between tables.

When used together with `--restore-data`, the new option applies a function to the value of the indicated column. The value set for this option is a string of the format `db.tbl.col:fn:args`, whose components are listed here:

- `db`: Database name, after performing any renames.
- `tbl`: Table name.
- `col`: Name of the column to be updated. This column's type must be one of `INT` or `BIGINT`, and can optionally be `UNSIGNED`.
- `fn`: Function name; currently, the only supported name is `offset`.
- `args`: The size of the offset to be added to the column value by `offset`. The range of the argument is that of the signed variant of the column's type; thus, negative offsets are supported.

You can use `--remap-column` for updating multiple columns of the same table and different columns of different tables, as well as combinations of multiple tables and columns. Different offset values can be employed for different columns of the same table.

As part of this work, two new options are also added to `ndb_desc` in this release:

- `--auto-inc` (short form `-a`): Includes the the next auto-increment value in the output, if the table has an `AUTO_INCREMENT` column.
- `--context` (short form `-x`): Provides extra information about the table, including the schema, database name, table name, and internal ID.

These options may be useful for obtaining information about NDB tables when planning a merge, particularly in situations where the `mysql` client may not be readily available.

For more information, see the descriptions for `--remap-column`, `--auto-inc`, and `--context`. (Bug #30383950)

- Detailed real-time information about the state of automatic metadata mismatch detection and synchronization can now be obtained from tables in the MySQL Performance Schema. These two tables are listed here:

  - `ndb_sync_pending_objects`: Contains information about NDB database objects for which mismatches have been detected between the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary. It does not include objects which have been excluded from mismatch detection due to permanent errors raised when attempting to synchronize them.

  - `ndb_sync_excluded_objects`: Contains information about NDB database objects which have been excluded because they cannot be synchronized between the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary, and thus require manual intervention. These objects are no longer subject to mismatch detection until such intervention has been performed.

In each of these tables, each row corresponds to a database object, and contains the database object's parent schema (if any), the object's name, and the object's type. Types of objects include schemas, tablespaces, log file groups, and tables. The `ndb_sync_excluded_objects` table shows in addition to this information the reason for which the object has been excluded.

Performance Schema NDB Cluster Tables, provides further information about these Performance Schema tables. (Bug #30107543)
ndb_restore now supports different primary key definitions for source and target tables when restoring from an NDB native backup, using the --allow-pk-changes option introduced in this release. Both increasing and decreasing the number of columns making up the original primary key are supported. This may be useful when it is necessary to accommodate schema version changes while restoring data, or when doing so is more efficient or less time-consuming than performing ALTER TABLE statements involving primary key changes on a great many tables following the restore operation.

When extending a primary key with additional columns, any columns added must not be nullable, and any values stored in any such columns must not change while the backup is being taken. Changes in the values of any such column while trying to add it to the table’s primary key causes the restore operation to fail. Due to the fact that some applications set the values of all columns when updating a row even if the values of one or more of the columns does not change, it is possible to override this behavior by using the --ignore-extended-pk-updates option which is also added in this release. If you do this, care must be taken to ensure that such column values do not actually change.

When removing columns from the table’s primary key, it is not necessary that the columns dropped from the primary key remain part of the table afterwards.

For more information, see the description of the --allow-pk-changes option in the documentation for ndb_restore. (Bug #26435136, Bug #30383947, Bug #30634010)

• Added the --ndb-log-fail-terminate option for mysqld. When used, this causes the SQL node to terminate if it is unable to log all row events. (Bug #21911930)

References: See also: Bug #30383919.

• When a scalar subquery has no outer references to the table to which the embedding condition is attached, the subquery may be evaluated independent of that table; that is, the subquery is not dependent. NDB now attempts to identify and evaluate such a subquery before trying to retrieve any rows from the table to which it is attached, and to use the value thus obtained in a pushed condition, rather than using the subquery which provided the value.

• In MySQL 8.0.17 and later, the MySQL Optimizer transforms NOT EXISTS and NOT IN queries into antijoins. NDB can now push these down to the data nodes.

This can be done when there is no unpushed condition on the table, and the query fulfills any other conditions which must be met for an outer join to be pushed down.

Bugs Fixed

• Important Change; NDB Disk Data: An online change of tablespace is not supported for NDB tables. Now, for an NDB table, the statement ALTER TABLE ndb_table ... ALGORITHM=INPLACE, TABLESPACE=new_tablespace is specifically disallowed.

As part of this fix, the output of the ndb_desc utility is improved to include the tablespace name and ID for an NDB table which is using one. (Bug #31180526)

• The wrong index was used in the array of indexes while dropping an index. For a table with 64 indexes this caused uninitialized memory to be released. This problem also caused a memory leak when a new index was created at any later time following the drop. (Bug #31408095)

• Removed an unnecessary dependency of ndb_restore on the NDBCLUSTER plugin. (Bug #31347684)

• Objects for which auto-synchronization fails due to temporary errors, such as failed acquisitions of metadata locks, are simply removed from the list of detected objects, making such objects eligible for detection in later cycles in which the synchronization is retried and hopefully succeeds. This best-effort approach is suitable for the default auto-synchronization behaviour but is not ideal when the using the ndb_metadata_sync system variable, which triggers synchronization of all metadata,
and when synchronization is complete, is automatically set to false to indicate that this has been done.

What happened, when a temporary error persisted for a sizable length of time, was that metadata synchronization could take much longer than expected and, in extreme cases, could hang indefinitely, pending user action. One such case occurred when using `ndb_restore` with the `--disable-indexes` option to restore metadata, when the synchronization process entered a vicious cycle of detection and failed synchronization attempts due to the missing indexes until the indexes were rebuilt using `ndb_restore --rebuild-indexes`.

The fix for this issue is, whenever `ndb_metadata_sync` is set to `true`, to exclude an object after synchronization of it fails 10 times with temporary errors by promoting these errors to a permanent error, in order to prevent stalling. This is done by maintaining a list of such objects, this list including a count of the number of times each such object has been retried. Validation of this list is performed during change detection in a similar manner to validation of the exclusion list. (Bug #31341888)

• 32-bit platforms are not supported by NDB 8.0. Beginning with this release, the build process checks the system architecture and aborts if it is not 64-bit. (Bug #31340969)

• Page-oriented allocations on the data nodes are divided into nine resource groups, some having pages dedicated to themselves, and some having pages dedicated to shared global memory which can be allocated by any resource group. To prevent the query memory resource group from depriving other, more important resource groups such as transaction memory of resources, allocations for query memory are performed with low priority and are not allowed to use the last 10% of shared global memory. This change was introduced by poolification work done in NDB 8.0.15. Subsequently, it was observed that the calculation for the number of pages of shared global memory kept inaccessible to query memory was correct only when no pages were in use, which is the case when the `LateAlloc` data node parameter is disabled (0).

This fix corrects that calculation as performed when `LateAlloc` is enabled. (Bug #31328947)

References: See also: Bug #31231286.

• Multi-threaded restore is able to drive greater cluster load than the previous single-threaded restore, especially while restoring of the data file. To avoid load-related issues, the insert operation parallelism specified for an `ndb_restore` instance is divided equally among the part threads, so that a multi-threaded instance has a similar level of parallelism for transactions and operations to a single-threaded instance.

An error in division caused some part threads to have lower insert operation parallelism than they should have, leading to an slower restore than expected. This fix ensures all part threads in a multi-threaded `ndb_restore` instance get an equal share for parallelism. (Bug #31256989)

• `DUMP 1001 (DumpPageMemoryOnFail)` now prints out information about the internal state of the data node page memory manager when allocation of pages fails due to resource constraints. (Bug #31231286)

• Statistics generated by `NDB` for use in tracking internal objects allocated and deciding when to release them were not calculated correctly, with the result that the threshold for resource usage was 50% higher than intended. This fix corrects the issue, and should allow for reduced memory usage. (Bug #31127237)

• The Dojo toolkit included with NDB Cluster and used by the Auto-Installer was upgraded to version 1.15.3. (Bug #31029110)

• A packed version 1 configuration file returned by `ndb_mgmd` could contain duplicate entries following an upgrade to NDB 8.0, which made the file incompatible with clients using version 1. This occurs due to the fact that the code for handling backwards compatibility assumed that the entries in each section were already sorted when merging it with the default section. To fix this, we now make sure that this sort is performed prior to merging. (Bug #31020183)
• When executing any of the `SHUTDOWN`, `ALL_STOP`, or `ALL_RESTART` management commands, it is possible for different nodes to attempt to stop on different global checkpoint index (CGI) boundaries. If they succeed in doing so, then a subsequent system restart is slower than normal because any nodes having an earlier stop CGI must undergo takeover as part of the process. When nodes failing on the first CGI boundary cause surviving nodes to be nonviable, surviving nodes suffer an arbitration failure; this has the positive effect of causing such nodes to halt at the correct CGI, but can give rise to spurious errors or similar.

To avoid such issues, extra synchronization is now performed during a planned shutdown to reduce the likelihood that different data nodes attempt to shut down at different GCIs as well as the use of unnecessary node takeovers during system restarts. (Bug #31008713)

• During an upgrade, a client could connect to an NDB 8.0 data node without specifying a multiple transporter instance ID, so that this ID defaulted to -1. Due to an assumption that this would occur only in the Node starting state with a single transporter, the node could hang during the restart. (Bug #30899046)

• When an NDB cluster was upgraded from a version that does not support the data dictionary to one that does, any DDL executed on a newer SQL node was not properly distributed to older ones. In addition, newer SDI generated during DDL execution was ignored by any data nodes that had not yet been upgraded. These two issues led to schema states that were not consistent between nodes of different NDB software versions.

We fix this problem by blocking any DDL affecting NDB data objects while an upgrade from a previous NDB version to a version with data dictionary support is ongoing. (Bug #30877440)

References: See also: Bug #30184658.

• The `mysql.ndb_schema` table, used internally for schema distribution among SQL nodes, has been modified in NDB 8.0. When a cluster is being upgraded from an older version of NDB, the first SQL node to be upgraded updates the definition of this table to match that used by NDB 8.0 GA releases. (For this purpose, NDB now uses 8.0.21 as the cutoff version.) This is done by dropping the existing table and re-creating it using the newer definition. SQL nodes which have not yet been upgraded receive this `ndb_schema` table drop event and enter read-only mode, becoming writable again only after they are upgraded.

To keep SQL nodes running older versions of NDB from going into read-only mode, we change the upgrade behavior of `mysqld` such that the `ndb_schema` table definition is updated only if all SQL nodes connected to the cluster are running an 8.0 GA version of NDB and thus having the updated `ndb_schema` table definition. This means that, during an upgrade to the current or any later version, no MySQL Server that is being upgraded updates the `ndb_schema` table if there is at least one SQL node with an older version connected to the cluster. Any SQL node running an older version of NDB remains writable throughout the upgrade process. (Bug #30876990, Bug #31016905)

• `ndb_import` did not handle correctly the case where a CSV parser error occurred in a block of input other than the final block. (Bug #30839144)

• When `mysqld` was upgraded to a version that used a new SDI version, all NDB tables became inaccessible. This was because, during an upgrade, synchronization of NDB tables relies on deserializing the SDI packed into the NDB Dictionary; if the SDI format was of an version older than that used prior to the upgrade, deserialization could not take place if the format was not the same as that of the new version, which made it impossible to create a table object in the MySQL data dictionary.

This is fixed by making it possible for NDB to bypass the SDI version check in the MySQL server when necessary to perform deserialization as part of an upgrade. (Bug #30789293, Bug #30825260)

• When responding to a `SCANTABREQ`, an API node can provide a distribution key if it knows that the scan should work on only one fragment, in which case the distribution key should be the fragment
ID, but in some cases a hash of the partition key was used instead, leading to failures in DBTC. (Bug #30774226)

• Several memory leaks found in ndb_import have been removed. (Bug #30756434, Bug #30727956)

• The master node in a backup shut down unexpectedly on receiving duplicate replies to a DEFINE_BACKUP_REQ signal. These occurred when a data node other than the master errored out during the backup, and the backup master handled the situation by sending itself a DEFINE_BACKUP_REF signal on behalf of the missing node, which resulted in two replies being received from the same node (a CONF signal from the problem node prior to shutting down and the REF signal from the master on behalf of this node), even though the master expected only one reply per node. This scenario was also encountered for START_BACKUP_REQ and STOP_BACKUP_REQ signals.

This is fixed in such cases by allowing duplicate replies when the error is the result of an unplanned node shutdown. (Bug #30589827)

• When processing a CSV file, ndb_import did not accept trailing field terminators at the ends of lines that were accepted by mysqlimport. (Bug #30434663)

• When updating NDB_TABLE comment options using ALTER TABLE, other options which has been set to non-default values when the table was created but which were not specified in the ALTER TABLE statement could be reset to their defaults.

See Setting NDB_TABLE Options, for more information. (Bug #30428829)

• Removed a memory leak found in the ndb_import utility. (Bug #29820879)

• Incorrect handling of operations on fragment replicas during node restarts could result in a forced shutdown, or in content diverging between fragment replicas, when primary keys with nonbinary (case-sensitive) equality conditions were used. (Bug #98526, Bug #30884622)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.20 (2020-04-27, General Availability)

MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.20 is a new release of NDB 8.0, based on MySQL Server 8.0 and including features in version 8.0 of the NDB storage engine, as well as fixing recently discovered bugs in previous NDB Cluster releases.

Obtaining NDB Cluster 8.0. NDB Cluster 8.0 source code and binaries can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/cluster/.

For an overview of changes made in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster.

This release also incorporates all bug fixes and changes made in previous NDB Cluster releases, as well as all bug fixes and feature changes which were added in mainline MySQL 8.0 through MySQL 8.0.20 (see Changes in MySQL 8.0.20 (2020-04-27, General Availability)).

• Functionality Added or Changed

• Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

• Important Change: It is now possible to divide a backup into slices and to restore these in parallel using two new options implemented for the ndb_restore utility, making it possible to employ multiple instances of ndb_restore to restore subsets of roughly the same size of the backup in parallel, which should help to reduce the length of time required to restore an NDB Cluster from backup.
The `--num-slices` option determines the number of slices into which the backup should be divided; `--slice-id` provides the ID of the slice (0 to 1 less than the number of slices) to be restored by `ndb_restore`.

Up to 1024 slices are supported.

For more information, see the descriptions of the `--num-slices` and `--slice-id` options. (Bug #30383937)

**Important Change:** To increase the rate at which update operations can be processed, NDB now supports and by default makes use of multiple transporters per node group. By default, the number of transporters used by each node group in the cluster is equal to the number of the number of local data management (LDM) threads. While this number should be optimal for most use cases, it can be adjusted by setting the value of the `NodeGroupTransporters` data node configuration parameter which is introduced in this release. The maximum is the greater of the number of LDM threads or the number of TC threads, up to an overall maximum of 32 transporters.

See Multiple Transporters, for additional information.

**NDB Client Programs:** Two options are added for the `ndb_blob_tool` utility, to enable it to detect missing blob parts for which inline parts exist, and to replace these with placeholder blob parts (consisting of space characters) of the correct length. To check whether there are missing blob parts, use the `ndb_blob_tool --check-missing` option. To replace with placeholders any blob parts which are missing, use the program's `--add-missing` option, also added in this release. (Bug #28583971)

**NDB Client Programs:** Removed a dependency from the `ndb_waiter` and `ndb_show_tables` utility programs on the NDBT library. This library, used in NDB development for testing, is not required for normal use. The visible effect for users from this change is that these programs no longer print `NDBT_ProgramExit - status` following completion of a run. Applications that depend upon this behavior should be updated to reflect this change when upgrading to this release.

**MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** The unused `antlr3` plugin has been removed from the ClusterJ `pom` file. (Bug #29931625)

**MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** The minimum Java version ClusterJ supports for MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0 is now Java 8. (Bug #29931625)

**MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** A few Java APIs used by ClusterJ are now deprecated in recent Java versions. These adjustments have been made to ClusterJ:

- Replaced all `Class.newInstance()` calls with `Class.getDeclaredConstructor().newInstance()` calls. Also updated the exception handling and the test cases wherever required.

- All the `Number` classes' constructors that instantiate an object from a `String` or a primitive type are deprecated. Replaced all such deprecated instantiation calls with the corresponding `valueOf()` method calls.

- The `Proxy.getProxyClass()` is now deprecated. The `DomainTypeHandlerImpl` class now directly creates a new instance using the `Proxy.newProxyInstance()` method; all references to the `Proxy` class and its constructors are removed from the `DomainTypeHandlerImpl` class. `SessionFactoryImpl` class now uses the interfaces underlying the proxy object to identify the domain class rather than using the `Proxy` class. Also updated `DomainTypeHandlerFactoryTest`.

- The `finalize()` method is now deprecated. This patch does not change the overriding `finalize()` methods, but just suppresses the warnings on them. This deprecation will be handled separately in a later patch.
• Updated the CMake configuration to treat deprecation warnings as errors when compiling ClusterJ.
  (Bug #29931625)

• NDB now supports versioning for ndbinfo tables, and maintains the current definitions for its tables internally. At startup, NDB compares its supported ndbinfo version with the version stored in the data dictionary. If the versions differ, NDB drops any old ndbinfo tables and recreates them using the current definitions.

• Many outer joins and semijoins which previously could not be pushed down to the data nodes can now pushed (see Engine Condition Pushdown Optimization).

Outer joins which can now be pushed include those which meet the following conditions:

• There are no unpushed conditions on this table

• There are no unpushed conditions on other tables in the same join nest, or in upper join nests on which it depends

• All other tables in the same join nest, or in upper join nests on which it depends are also pushed

A semijoin using an index scan can now be pushed if it meets the the conditions just noted for a pushed outer join, and it uses the firstMatch strategy.

References: See also: Bug #28728603, Bug #28672214, Bug #29296615, Bug #29232744, Bug #29161281, Bug #28728007.

• A new and simplified interface is implemented for enabling and configuring adaptive CPU spin. The SpinMethod data node parameter, added in this release, provides the following four settings:

• StaticSpinning: Disables adaptive spinning; uses the static spinning employed in previous NDB Cluster releases

• CostBasedSpinning: Enables adaptive spinning using a cost-based model

• LatencyOptimisedSpinning: Enables adaptive spinning optimized for latency

• DatabaseMachineSpinning: Enables adaptive spinning optimized for machines hosting databases, where each thread has its own CPU

Each of these settings causes the data node to use a set of predetermined values, as needed, for one or more of the spin parameters listed here:

• SchedulerSpinTimer: The data node configuration parameter of this name.

• EnableAdaptiveSpinning: Enables or disables adaptive spinning; cannot be set directly in the cluster configuration file, but can be controlled directly using DUMP 104004

• SetAllowedSpinOverhead: CPU time to allow to gain latency; cannot be set directly in the config.ini file, but possible to change directly, using DUMP 104002

The presets available from SpinMethod should cover most use cases, but you can fine-tune the adaptive spin behavior using the SchedulerSpinTimer data node configuration parameter and
the DUMP commands just listed, as well as additional DUMP commands in the ndb_mgm cluster management client; see the description of SchedulerSpinTimer for a complete listing.

NDB 8.0.20 also adds a new TCP configuration parameter TcpSpinTime which sets the time to spin for a given TCP connection. This can be used to enable adaptive spinning for any such connections between data nodes, management nodes, and SQL or API nodes.

The ndb_top tool is also enhanced to provide spin time information per thread; this is displayed in green in the terminal window.

For more information, see the descriptions of the SpinMethod and TcpSpinTime configuration parameters, the DUMP commands listed or indicated previously, and the documentation for ndb_top.

**Bugs Fixed**

- **Important Change:** When lower_case_table_names was set to 0, issuing a query in which the lettercase of any foreign key names differed from the case with which they were created led to an unplanned shutdown of the cluster. This was due to the fact that mysqld treats foreign key names as case insensitive, even on case-sensitive file systems, whereas the manner in which the NDB dictionary stored foreign key names depended on the value of lower_case_table_names, such that, when this was set to 0, during lookup, NDB expected the lettercase of any foreign key names to match that with which they were created. Foreign key names which differed in lettercase could then not be found in the NDB dictionary, even though it could be found in the MySQL data dictionary, leading to the previously described issue in NDBCLUSTER.

  This issue did not happen when lower_case_table_names was set to 1 or 2.

  The problem is fixed by making foreign key names case insensitive and removing the dependency on lower_case_table_names. This means that the following two items are now always true:

  1. Foreign key names are now stored using the same lettercase with which they are created, without regard to the value of lower_case_table_names.
  2. Lookups for foreign key names by NDB are now always case insensitive.

  (Bug #30512043)

- **Packaging:** Removed an unnecessary dependency on Perl from the mysql-cluster-community-server-minimal RPM package. (Bug #30677589)

- **Packaging:** NDB did not compile successfully on Ubuntu 16.04 with GCC 5.4 due to the use of isnan() rather than std::isnan(). (Bug #30396292)

  References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #30338980.

- **OS X:** Removed the variable SCHEMA_UUID_VALUE_LENGTH which was used only once in the NDB sources, and which caused compilation warnings when building on Mac OSX. The variable has been replaced with UUID_LENGTH. (Bug #30622139)

- **NDB Disk Data:** Allocation of extents in tablespace data files is now performed in round-robin fashion among all data files used by the tablespace. This should provide more even distribution of data in cases where multiple storage devices are used for Disk Data storage. (Bug #30739018)

- **NDB Disk Data:** Under certain conditions, checkpointing of Disk Data tables could not be completed, leading to an unplanned data node shutdown. (Bug #30728270)

- **NDB Disk Data:** An uninitialized variable led to issues when performing Disk Data DDL operations following a restart of the cluster. (Bug #30592528)

- **MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** When a Date value was read from a NDB cluster, ClusterJ sometimes extracted the wrong year value from the row. It was because the Utility class, when unpacking
the `Date` value, wrongly extracted some extra bits for the year. This patch makes ClusterJ only extract the required bits. (Bug #30600320)

- **MySQL NDB ClusterJ**: When the cluster's `NdbOperation::AbortOption` type had the value of `AO_IgnoreOnError`, when there was a read error, ClusterJ took that as the row was missing and returned `null` instead of an exception. This was because with `AO_IgnoreOnError`, the `execute()` method always returns a success code after each transaction, and ClusterJ is supposed to check for any errors in any of the individual operations; however, read operations were not checked by ClusterJ in the case. With this patch, read operations are now checked for errors after query executions, so that a reading error is reported as such. (Bug #30078276)

- The fix for a previous issue in the MySQL Optimizer adversely affected engine condition pushdown for the NDB storage engine. (Bug #303756135)

  References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #97552, Bug #30520749.

- When restoring signed auto-increment columns, `ndb_restore` incorrectly handled negative values when determining the maximum value included in the data. (Bug #30928710)

- Formerly (prior to NDB 7.6.4) an SPJ worker instance was activated for each fragment of the root table of the pushed join, but in NDB 7.6 and later, a single worker is activated for each data node and is responsible for all fragments on that data node.

  Before this change was made, it was sufficient for each such worker to scan a fragment with parallelism equal to 1 for all SPJ workers to keep all local data manager threads busy. When the number of workers was reduced as result of the change, the minimum parallelism should have been increased to equal the number of fragments per worker to maintain the degree of parallelism.

  This fix ensures that this is now done. (Bug #30639503)

- The `ndb_metadata_sync` system variable is set to true to trigger synchronization of metadata between the MySQL data dictionary and the NDB dictionary; when synchronization is complete, the variable is automatically reset to false to indicate that this has been done. One scenario involving the detection of a schema not present in the MySQL data dictionary but in use by the NDB Dictionary sometimes led to `ndb_metadata_sync` being reset before all tables belonging to this schema were successfully synchronized. (Bug #30627292)

- When using shared user and grants, all `ALTER USER` statements were distributed as snapshots, whether they contained plaintext passwords or not.

  In addition, `SHOW CREATE USER` did not include resource limits (such as `MAX QUERIES PER HOUR`) that were set to zero, which meant that these were not distributed among SQL nodes. (Bug #30600321)

- Two buffers used for logging in QMGR were of insufficient size. (Bug #30598737)

  References: See also: Bug #30593511.

- Removed extraneous debugging output relating to SPJ from the node out logs. (Bug #30572315)

- When performing an initial restart of an NDB Cluster, each MySQL Server attached to it as an SQL node recognizes the restart, reinstalls the `ndb_schema` table from the data dictionary, and then clears all NDB schema definitions created prior to the restart. Because the data dictionary was cleared only after `ndb_schema` is reinstalled, installation sometimes failed due to `ndb_schema` having the same table ID as one of the tables from before the restart was performed. This issue is fixed by ensuring that the data dictionary is cleared before the `ndb_schema` table is reinstalled. (Bug #30488610)

- NDB sometimes made the assumption that the list of nodes containing index statistics was ordered, but this list is not always ordered in the same way on all nodes. This meant that in some cases NDB ignored a request to update index statistics, which could result in stale data in the index statistics tables. (Bug #30444982)
• When the optimizer decides to presort a table into a temporary table, before later tables are joined, the table to be sorted should not be part of a pushed join. Although logic was present in the abstract query plan interface to detect such query plans, that this did not detect correctly all situations using `filesort into temporary table`. This is changed to check whether a filesort descriptor has been set up; if so, the table content is sorted into a temporary file as its first step of accessing the table, which greatly simplifies interpretation of the structure of the join. We now also detect when the table to be sorted is a part of a pushed join, which should prevent future regressions in this interface. (Bug #30338585)

• When a node ID allocation request failed with `NotMaster` temporary errors, the node ID allocation was always retried immediately, without regard to the cause of the error. This caused a very high rate of retries, whose effects could be observed as an excessive number of `Alloc node id for node nnn failed` log messages (on the order of 15,000 messages per second). (Bug #30293495)

• For NDB tables having no explicit primary key, `NdbReceiverBuffer` could be allocated with too small a size. This was due to the fact that the attribute bitmap sent to NDB from the data nodes always includes the primary key. The extra space required for hidden primary keys is now taken into consideration in such cases. (Bug #30183466)

• When translating an NDB table created using `.frm` files in a previous version of NDB Cluster and storing it as a table object in the MySQL data dictionary, it was possible for the table object to be committed even when a mismatch had been detected between the table indexes in the MySQL data dictionary and those for the same table’s representation the NDB dictionary. This issue did not occur for tables created in NDB 8.0, where it is not necessary to upgrade the table metadata in this fashion. This problem is fixed by making sure that all such comparisons are actually performed before the table object is committed, regardless of whether the originating table was created with or without the use of `.frm` files to store its metadata. (Bug #29783638)

• An error raised when obtaining cluster metadata caused a memory leak. (Bug #97737, Bug #30575163)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.19 (2020-01-13, General Availability)

MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.19 is a new release of NDB 8.0, based on MySQL Server 8.0 and including features in version 8.0 of the NDB storage engine, as well as fixing recently discovered bugs in previous NDB Cluster releases.

Obtaining NDB Cluster 8.0. NDB Cluster 8.0 source code and binaries can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/cluster/.

For an overview of changes made in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster.

This release also incorporates all bug fixes and changes made in previous NDB Cluster releases, as well as all bug fixes and feature changes which were added in mainline MySQL 8.0 through MySQL 8.0.19 (see Changes in MySQL 8.0.19 (2020-01-13, General Availability)).

• Functionality Added or Changed

• Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

• Important Change: The default value for the `ndb_autoincrement_prefetch_sz` server system variable has been increased to 512. (Bug #30316314)

• Important Change: NDB now supports more than 2 fragment replicas (up to a maximum of 4). Setting `NoOfReplicas=3` or `NoOfReplicas=4` is now fully covered in our internal testing and thus
supported for use in production. (Bug #97479, Bug #97579, Bug #25261716, Bug #30501414, Bug #30528105)

- **Important Change**: Added the `TransactionMemory` data node configuration parameter which simplifies configuration of data node memory allocation for transaction operations. This is part of ongoing work on pooling of transactional and Local Data Manager (LDM) memory.

The following parameters are incompatible with `TransactionMemory` and cannot be set in the `config.ini` configuration file if this parameter has been set:

- `MaxNoOfConcurrentIndexOperations`
- `MaxNoOfFiredTriggers`
- `MaxNoOfLocalOperations`
- `MaxNoOfLocalScans`

If you attempt to set any of these incompatible parameters concurrently with `TransactionMemory`, the cluster management server cannot start.

For more information, see the description of the `TransactionMemory` parameter and Parameters incompatible with `TransactionMemory`. See also Data Node Memory Management, for information about how memory resources are allocated by NDB Cluster data nodes. (Bug #96995, Bug #30344471)

- **Important Change**: The maximum or default values for several NDB Cluster data node configuration parameters have been changed in this release. These changes are listed here:

  - The maximum value for `DataMemory` is increased from 1 terabyte to 16 TB.
  - The maximum value for `DiskPageBufferMemory` is also increased from 1 TB to 16 TB.
  - The default value for `StringMemory` is decreased to 5 percent. Previously, this was 25 percent.
  - The default value for `LcpScanProgressTimeout` is increased from 60 seconds to 180 seconds.

- **Performance**: Read from any fragment replica, which greatly improves the performance of table reads at a very low cost to table write performance, is now enabled by default for all NDB tables. This means both that the default value for the `ndb_read_backup` system variable is now ON, and that the value of the `NDB_TABLE` comment option `READ_BACKUP` is 1 when creating a new NDB table. (Previously, the default values were OFF and 0, respectively.)

  For more information, see Setting NDB_TABLE Options, as well as the description of the `ndb_read_backup` system variable.

- **NDB Disk Data**: The latency of checkpoints for Disk Data files has been reduced when using non-volatile memory devices such as solid-state drives (especially those using NVMe for data transfer), separate physical drives for Disk Data files, or both. As part of this work, two new data node configuration parameters, listed here, have been introduced:

  - `MaxDiskDataLatency` sets a maximum on allowed latency for disk access, aborting transactions exceeding this amount of time to complete
  - `DiskDataUsingSameDisk` makes it possible to take advantage of keeping Disk Data files on separate disks by increasing the rate at which Disk Data checkpoints can be made

This release also adds three new tables to the `ndbinfo` database. These tables, listed here, can assist with performance monitoring of Disk Data checkpointing:

- `diskstat` provides information about Disk Data tablespace reads, writes, and page requests during the previous 1 second
• `diskstats_1sec` provides information similar to that given by the `diskstat` table, but does so for each of the last 20 seconds

• `pgman_time_track_stats` table reports on the latency of disk operations affecting Disk Data table spaces

For additional information, see Disk Data latency parameters.

• Added the `ndb_metadata_sync` server system variable, which simplifies knowing when metadata synchronization has completed successfully. Setting this variable to `true` triggers immediate synchronization of all changes between the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary without regard to any values set for `ndb_metadata_check` or `ndb_metadata_check_interval`. When synchronization has completed, its value is automatically reset to `false`. (Bug #30406657)

• Added the `DedicatedNode` parameter for data nodes, API nodes, and management nodes. When set to `true`, this parameter prevents the management server from handing out this node's node ID to any node that does not request it specifically. Intended primarily for testing, this parameter may be useful in cases in which multiple management servers are running on the same host, and using the host name alone is not sufficient for distinguishing among processes of the same type. (Bug #91406, Bug #28239197)

• A stack trace is now written to the data node log on abnormal termination of a data node.

• Automatic synchronization of metadata from the MySQL data dictionary to NDB now includes databases containing NDB tables. With this enhancement, if a table exists in NDB, and the table and the database it belongs to do not exist on a given SQL node, it is no longer necessary to create the database manually. Instead, the database, along with all NDB tables belonging to this database, should be created on the SQL node automatically.

Bugs Fixed

• **Incompatible Change:** `ndb_restore` no longer restores shared users and grants to the `mysql.ndb_sql_metadata` table by default. A new command-line option `--include-stored-grants` is added to override this behavior and enable restoring of shared user and grant data and metadata.

As part of this fix, `ndb_restore` can now also correctly handle an ordered index on a system table. (Bug #30237657)

References: See also: Bug #29534239, Bug #30459246.

• **Incompatible Change:** The minimum value for the `RedoOverCommitCounter` data node configuration parameter has been increased from 0 to 1. The minimum value for the `RedoOverCommitLimit` data node configuration parameter has also been increased from 0 to 1.

You should check the cluster global configuration file and make any necessary adjustments to values set for these parameters before upgrading. (Bug #29752703)

• **macOS:** On MacOS, SQL nodes sometimes shut down unexpectedly during the binary log setup phase when starting the cluster. This occurred when there existed schemas whose names used uppercase letters and `lower_case_table_names` was set to 2. This caused acquisition of metadata locks to be attempted using keys having the incorrect lettercase, and, subsequently, these locks to fail. (Bug #30192373)

• **Microsoft Windows; NDB Disk Data:** On Windows, restarting a data node other than the master when using Disk Data tables led to a failure in `TSMAN`. (Bug #97436, Bug #30484272)

• **Solaris:** When debugging, `ndbmd` consumed all available swap space on Solaris 11.4 SRU 12 and later. (Bug #30446577)
- **Solaris**: The byte order used for numeric values stored in the `mysql.ndb_sql_metadata` table was incorrect on Solaris/Sparc. This could be seen when using `ndb_select_all` or `ndb_restore --print`. (Bug #30265016)

- **NDB Data**: After dropping a disk data table on one SQL node, trying to execute a query against `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES` on a different SQL node stalled at `Waiting for tablespace metadata lock`. (Bug #30152258)

  References: See also: Bug #29871406.

- **NDB Data**: `ALTER TABLESPACE ... ADD DATAFILE` could sometimes hang while trying to acquire a metadata lock. (Bug #30708009)

  References: See also: Bug #30707970.

- **NDB Data**: Compatibility code for the Version 1 disk format used prior to the introduction of the Version 2 format in NDB 7.6 turned out not to be necessary, and is no longer used.

- Work done in NDB 8.0.18 to allow more nodes introduced long signal variants of several signals taking a bitmask as one of their arguments, and we started using these new long signal variants even if the previous (still supported) short variants would have been sufficient. This introduced several new opportunities for hitting `out of LongMessageBuffer` errors.

  To avoid this, now in such cases we use the short signal variants wherever possible. Some of the signals affected include `CM_REGCONF`, `CM_REGREF`, `FAIL_REP`, `NODE_FAILREP`, `ISOLATE_ORD`, `COPY_GCIREQ`, `START_RECREQ`, `NDB_STARTCONF`, and `START_LCP_REQ`. (Bug #30708009)

  References: See also: Bug #30707970.

- The fix made in NDB 8.0.18 for an issue in which a transaction was committed prematurely aborted the transaction if the table definition had changed midway, but failed in testing to free memory allocated by `getExtraMetadata()`. Now this memory is properly freed before aborting the transaction. (Bug #30576983)

  References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #29911440.

- Excessive allocation of attribute buffer when initializing data in `DBTC` led to preallocation of api connection records failing due to unexpectedly running out of memory. (Bug #30570264)

- Improved error handling in the case where `NDB` attempted to update a local user having the `NDB_STORED_USER` privilege but which could not be found in the `ndb_sql_metadata` table. (Bug #30556487)

- Failure of a transaction during execution of an `ALTER TABLE ... ALGORITHM=COPY` statement following the rename of the new table to the name of the original table but before dropping the original table caused `mysqld` to exit prematurely. (Bug #30548209)

- Non-MSI builds on Windows using `-DWITH_NDBCLUSTER` did not succeed unless the WiX toolkit was installed. (Bug #30536837)

- The `allowed_values` output from `ndb_config --xml --configinfo` for the `Arbitration data node configuration` parameter in NDB 8.0.18 was not consistent with that obtained in previous releases. (Bug #30529220)

  References: See also: Bug #30505003.

- A faulty `ndbrequire()` introduced when implementing partial local checkpoints assumed that `m_participatingLQH` must be clear when receiving `START_LCP_REQ`, which is not necessarily true when a failure happens for the master after sending `START_LCP_REQ` and before handling any `START_LCP_CONF` signals. (Bug #30523457)

- A local checkpoint sometimes hung when the master node failed while sending an `LCP_COMPLETE_REP` signal and it was sent to some nodes, but not all of them. (Bug #30520818)

- Added the `DUMP 9988` and `DUMP 9989` commands. (Bug #30520103)
• The management server did not handle all cases of NODE_FAILREP correctly. (Bug #30520066)

• With SharedGlobalMemory set to 0, some resources did not meet required minimums. (Bug #30411835)

• Execution of ndb_restore --rebuild-indexes together with the --rewrite-database and --exclude-missing-tables options did not create indexes for any tables in the target database. (Bug #30411122)

• When writing the schema operation into the ndb_schema table failed, the states in the NDB_SCHEMA object were not cleared, which led to the SQL node shutting down when it tried to free the object. (Bug #30402362)

References: See also: Bug #30371590.

• When synchronizing extent pages it was possible for the current local checkpoint (LCP) to stall indefinitely if a CONTINUE signal for handling the LCP was still outstanding when receiving the FWRITECONF signal for the last page written in the extent synchronization page. The LCP could also be restarted if another page was written from the data pages. It was also possible that this issue caused PREP_LCP pages to be written at times when they should not have been. (Bug #30397083)

If a transaction was aborted while getting a page from the disk page buffer and the disk system was overloaded, the transaction hung indefinitely. This could also cause restarts to hang and node failure handling to fail. (Bug #30397083, Bug #30360681)

References: See also: Bug #30152258.

• Data node failures with the error Another node failed during system restart... occurred during a partial restart. (Bug #30368622)

• Automatic synchronization could potentially trigger an increase in the number of locks being taken on a particular metadata object at a given time, such as when a synchronization attempt coincided with a DDL or DML statement involving the same metadata object; competing locks could lead to the NDB deadlock detection logic penalizing the user action rather than the background synchronization. We fix this by changing all exclusive metadata lock acquisition attempts during auto-synchronization so that they use a timeout of 0 (rather than the 10 seconds previously allowed), which avoids deadlock detection and gives priority to the user action. (Bug #30358470)

If a SYNC_EXTENT_PAGES_REQ signal was received by PGMAN while dropping a log file group as part of a partial local checkpoint, and thus dropping the page locked by this block for processing next, the LCP terminated due to trying to access the page after it had already been dropped. (Bug #30305315)

• The wrong number of bytes was reported in the cluster log for a completed local checkpoint. (Bug #30274618)

References: See also: Bug #29942998.

• Added the new ndb_mgm client debugging commands DUMP 2356 and DUMP 2357. (Bug #30265415)

• Executing ndb_drop_table using the --help option caused this program to terminate prematurely, and without producing any help output. (Bug #30259264)

• A mysql trying to connect to the cluster, and thus trying to acquire the global schema lock (GSL) during setup, ignored the setting for ndb-wait-setup and hung indefinitely when the GSL had already been acquired by another mysql, such as when it was executing an ALTER TABLE statement. (Bug #30242141)

• When a table containing self-referential foreign key (in other words, a foreign key referencing another column of the same table) was altered using the COPY algorithm, the foreign key definition was removed. (Bug #30233405)
In MySQL 8.0, names of foreign keys explicitly provided by user are generated automatically in the SQL layer and stored in the data dictionary. Such names are of the form `[table_name]_ibfk_[#]` which align with the names generated by the InnoDB storage engine in MySQL 5.7. NDB 8.0.18 introduced a change in behavior by NDB such that it also uses the generated names, but in some cases, such as when tables were renamed, NDB still generated and used its own format for such names internally rather than those generated by the SQL layer and stored in the data dictionary, which led to the following issues:

- Discrepancies in `SHOW CREATE TABLE` output and the contents of `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS`
- Improper metadata locking for foreign keys
- Confusing names for foreign keys in error messages

Now NDB also renames the foreign keys in such cases, using the names provided by the MySQL server, to align fully with those used by InnoDB. (Bug #30210839)

References: See also: Bug #96508, Bug #30171959.

- When a table referenced by a foreign key was renamed, participating SQL nodes did not properly update the foreign key definitions for the referencing table in their data dictionaries during schema distribution. (Bug #30191068)

- Data node handling of failures of other data nodes could sometimes not be synchronized properly, such that two or more data nodes could see different nodes as the master node. (Bug #30188414)

- Some scan operations failed due to the presence of an old assert in `DbtupBuffer.cpp` that checked whether API nodes were using a version of the software previous to NDB 6.4. This was no longer necessary or correct, and has been removed. (Bug #30188411)

- When executing a global schema lock (GSL), NDB used a single `Ndb_table_guard` object for successive retries when attempting to obtain a table object reference; it was not possible for this to succeed after failing on the first attempt, since `Ndb_table_guard` assumes that the underlying object pointer is determined once only—at initialisation—with the previously retrieved pointer being returned from a cached reference thereafter.

This resulted in infinite waits to obtain the GSL, causing the binlog injector thread to hang so that `mysqld` considered all NDB tables to be read-only. To avoid this problem, NDB now uses a fresh instance of `Ndb_table_guard` for each such retry. (Bug #30120858)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #30086352.

- When upgrading an SQL node to NDB 8.0 from a previous release series, the `.frm` file whose contents are read and then installed in the data dictionary does not contain any information about foreign keys. This meant that foreign key information was not installed in the SQL node's data dictionary. This is fixed by using the foreign key information available in the NDB data dictionary to update the local MySQL data dictionary during table metadata upgrade. (Bug #30071043)

- Restoring tables with the `--disable-indexes` option resulted in the wrong table definition being installed in the MySQL data dictionary. This is because the serialized dictionary information (SDI) packed into the NDB dictionary's table definition is used to create the table object; the SDI definition is updated only when the DDL change is done through the MySQL server. Installation of the wrong table definition meant that the table could not be opened until the indexes were re-created in the NDB dictionary again using `--rebuild-indexes`.

This is fixed by extending auto-synchronization such that it compares the SDI to the NDB dictionary table information and fails in cases in which the column definitions do not match. Mismatches involving indexes only are treated as temporary errors, with the table in question being detected again during the next round of change detection. (Bug #30000202, Bug #30414514)
• Restoring tables for which `MAX_ROWS` was used to alter partitioning from a backup made from NDB 7.4 to a cluster running NDB 7.6 did not work correctly. This is fixed by ensuring that the upgrade code handling `PartitionBalance` supplies a valid table specification to the NDB dictionary. (Bug #29955656)

• The number of data bytes for the summary event written in the cluster log when a backup completed was truncated to 32 bits, so that there was a significant mismatch between the number of log records and the number of data records printed in the log for this event. (Bug #29942998)

• `mysqlld` sometimes aborted during a long `ALTER TABLE` operation that timed out. (Bug #29894768)

References: See also: Bug #29192097.

• When an SQL node connected to NDB, it did not know whether it had previously connected to that cluster, and thus could not determine whether its data dictionary information was merely out of date, or completely invalid. This issue is solved by implementing a unique schema version identifier (schema UUID) to the `ndb_schema` table in NDB as well as to the `ndb_schema` table object in the data dictionary. Now, whenever a `mysqlld` connects to a cluster as an SQL node, it can compare the schema UUID stored in its data dictionary against that which is stored in the `ndb_schema` table, and so know whether it is connecting for the first time. If so, the SQL node removes any entries that may be in its data dictionary. (Bug #29894166)

References: See also: Bug #27543602.

• Improved log messages generated by table discovery and table metadata upgrades. (Bug #29894127)

• Using 2 LDM threads on a 2-node cluster with 10 threads per node could result in a partition imbalance, such that one of the LDM threads on each node was the primary for zero fragments. Trying to restore a multi-threaded backup from this cluster failed because the datafile for one LDM contained only the 12-byte data file header, which `ndb_restore` was unable to read. The same problem could occur in other cases, such as when taking a backup immediately after adding an empty node online.

It was found that this occurred when `ODirect` was enabled for an EOF backup data file write whose size was less than 512 bytes and the backup was in the `STOPPING` state. This normally occurs only for an aborted backup, but could also happen for a successful backup for which an LDM had no fragments. We fix the issue by introducing an additional check to ensure that writes are skipped only if the backup actually contains an error which should cause it to abort. (Bug #29892660)

References: See also: Bug #30371389.

• For NDB tables, `ALTER TABLE ... ALTER INDEX` did not work with `ALGORITHM=INPLACE`. (Bug #29700197)

• `ndb_restore` failed in testing on 32-bit platforms. This issue is fixed by increasing the size of the thread stack used by this tool from 64 KB to 128 KB. (Bug #29699887)

References: See also: Bug #30406046.

• An unplanned shutdown of the cluster occurred due to an error in `DBTUP` while deleting rows from a table following an online upgrade. (Bug #29616383)

• In some cases the `SignalSender` class, used as part of the implementation of `ndb_mgmd` and `ndbinfod`, buffered excessive numbers of unneeded `SUB_GCP_COMPLETE_REP` and `API_REGCONF` signals, leading to unnecessary consumption of memory. (Bug #29520353)

References: See also: Bug #20075747, Bug #29474136.

• The setting for the `BackupLogBufferSize` configuration parameter was not honored. (Bug #29415012)
• When `mysqld` was run with the `--upgrade=FORCE` option, it reported the following issues:

```
[Warning]  Table 'mysql.ndb_apply_status' requires repair.
[ERROR]    Table 'mysql.ndb_apply_status' repair failed.
```

This was because `--upgrade=FORCE` causes a bootstrap system thread to run `CHECK TABLE FOR UPGRADE`, but `ha_ndbcluster::open()` refused to open the table before schema synchronization had completed, which eventually led to the reported conditions. (Bug #29305977)

References: See also: Bug #29205142.

• When using explicit SHM connections, with `ShmSize` set to a value larger than the system's available shared memory, `mysqld` hung indefinitely on startup and produced no useful error messages. (Bug #28875553)

• The maximum global checkpoint (GCP) commit lag and GCP save timeout are recalculated whenever a node shuts down, to take into account the change in number of data nodes. This could lead to the unintentional shutdown of a viable node when the threshold decreased below the previous value. (Bug #27664092)

References: See also: Bug #26364729.

• A transaction which inserts a child row may run concurrently with a transaction which deletes the parent row for that child. One of the transactions should be aborted in this case, lest an orphaned child row result.

Before committing an insert on a child row, a read of the parent row is triggered to confirm that the parent exists. Similarly, before committing a delete on a parent row, a read or scan is performed to confirm that no child rows exist. When insert and delete transactions were run concurrently, their prepare and commit operations could interact in such a way that both transactions committed. This occurred because the triggered reads were performed using `LM_CommittedRead` locks (see `NdbOperation::LockMode`), which are not strong enough to prevent such error scenarios.

This problem is fixed by using the stronger `LM_SimpleRead` lock mode for both triggered reads. The use of `LM_SimpleRead` rather than `LM_CommittedRead` locks ensures that at least one transaction aborts in every possible scenario involving transactions which concurrently insert into child rows and delete from parent rows. (Bug #22180583)

• Concurrent `SELECT` and `ALTER TABLE` statements on the same SQL node could sometimes block one another while waiting for locks to be released. (Bug #17812505, Bug #30383887)

• Failure handling in schema synchronization involves pushing warnings and errors to the binary logging thread. Schema synchronization is also retried in case of certain failures which could lead to an accumulation of warnings in the thread. Now such warnings and errors are cleared following each attempt at schema synchronization. (Bug #2991036)

• An `INCL_NODECONF` signal from any local blocks should be ignored when a node has failed, except in order to reset `c_nodeStartSlave.nodeId`. (Bug #96550, Bug #30187779)

• When returning Error 1022, `NDB` did not print the name of the affected table. (Bug #74218, Bug #19763093)

References: See also: Bug #29700174.

**Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.18 (2019-10-14, Release Candidate)**

MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.18 is a new development release of NDB 8.0, based on MySQL Server 8.0 and including features in version 8.0 of the NDB storage engine, as well as fixing recently discovered bugs in previous NDB Cluster releases.
Obtaining NDB Cluster 8.0. NDB Cluster 8.0 source code and binaries can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/cluster/.

For an overview of changes made in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster.

This release also incorporates all bug fixes and changes made in previous NDB Cluster releases, as well as all bug fixes and feature changes which were added in mainline MySQL 8.0 through MySQL 8.0.18 (see Changes in MySQL 8.0.18 (2019-10-14, General Availability)).

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- **Important Change:** The 63-byte limit on NDB database and table names has been removed. These identifiers may now take up to 64 bytes, as when using other MySQL storage engines. For more information, see Previous NDB Cluster Issues Resolved in NDB Cluster 8.0. (Bug #44940, Bug #11753491, Bug #27447958)

- **Important Change:** Implemented the NDB_STORED_USER privilege, which enables sharing of users, roles, and privileges across all SQL nodes attached to a given NDB Cluster. This replaces the distributed grant tables mechanism from NDB 7.6 and earlier versions of NDB Cluster, which was removed in NDB 8.0.16 due to its incompatibility with changes made to the MySQL privilege system in MySQL 8.0.

  A user or role which has this privilege is propagated, along with its (other) privileges to a MySQL server (SQL node) as soon as it connects to the cluster. Changes made to the privileges of the user or role are synchronized immediately with all connected SQL nodes.

  NDB_STORED_USER can be granted to users and roles other than reserved accounts such as mysql.session@localhost or mysql.infoschema@localhost. A role can be shared, but assigning a shared role to a user does not cause this user to be shared; the NDB_STORED_USER privilege must be granted to the user explicitly in order for the user to be shared between NDB Cluster SQL nodes.

  The NDB_STORED_USER privilege is always global and must be granted using ON *.*. This privilege is recognized only if the MySQL server enables support for the NDBCLUSTER storage engine.

  For usage information, see the description of NDB_STORED_USER. Distributed MySQL Privileges with NDB_STORED_USER, has additional information on how NDB_STORED_USER and privilege synchronization work. For information on how this change may affect upgrades to NDB 8.0 from previous versions, see Upgrading and Downgrading NDB Cluster.

  References: See also: Bug #29862601, Bug #29996547.

- **Important Change:** The maximum row size for an NDB table is increased from 14000 to 30000 bytes.

  As before, only the first 264 bytes of a BLOB or TEXT column count towards this total.

  The maximum offset for a fixed-width column of an NDB table is 8188 bytes; this is also unchanged from previous NDB Cluster releases.

  For more information, see Limits Associated with Database Objects in NDB Cluster.

  References: See also: Bug #29485977, Bug #29024275.

- **Important Change:** A new binary format has been implemented for the NDB management server’s cached configuration file, which is intended to support much larger numbers of nodes in a cluster than previously. Prior to this release, the configuration file supported a maximum of 16381 sections; this number is increased to 4G.
Upgrades to the new format should not require any manual intervention, as the management server (and other cluster nodes) can still read the old format. For downgrades from this release or a later one to NDB 8.0.17 or earlier, it is necessary to remove the binary configuration files prior to starting the old management server binary, or start it using the `--initial` option.

For more information, see Upgrading and Downgrading NDB Cluster.

**Important Change:** The maximum number of data nodes supported in a single NDB cluster is raised in this release from 48 to 144. The range of supported data node IDs is increased in conjunction with this enhancement to 1-144, inclusive.

In previous releases, recommended node IDs for management nodes were 49 and 50. These values are still supported, but, if used, limit the maximum number of data nodes to 142. For this reason, the recommended node ID values for management servers are now 145 and 146.

The maximum total supported number of nodes of all types in a given cluster is 255. This total is unchanged from previous releases.

For a cluster running more than 48 data nodes, it is not possible to downgrade directly to a previous release that supports only 48 data nodes. In such cases, it is necessary to reduce the number of data nodes to 48 or fewer, and to make sure that all data nodes use node IDs that are less than 49.

This change also introduces a new version (v2) of the format used for the data node `sysfile`, which records information such as the last global checkpoint index, restart status, and node group membership of each node (see NDB Cluster Data Node File System Directory).

**NDB Cluster APIs:** An alternative constructor for `NdbInterpretedCode` is now provided, which accepts an `NdbRecord` in place of a `Table` object. (Bug #29852377)

**NDB Cluster APIs:** `NdbScanFilter::cmp()` and the following `NdbInterpretedCode` comparison methods can be now used to compare table column values:

- `branch_col_eq()`
- `branch_col_ge()`
- `branch_col_gt()`
- `branch_col_le()`
- `branch_col_lt()`
- `branch_col_ne()`

When using any of these methods, the table column values to be compared must be of exactly the same type, including with respect to length, precision, and scale. In addition, in all cases, `NULL` is always considered by these methods to be less than any other value. You should also be aware that, when used to compare table column values, `NdbScanFilter::cmp()` does not support all possible values of `BinaryCondition`.

For more information, see the descriptions of the individual API methods.

**NDB Client Programs:** The dependency of the `ndb_delete_all` utility on the `NDBT` library has been removed. This library, used in `NDB` development for testing, is not required for normal use. The visible change for users is that `ndb_delete_all` no longer prints `NDBT_ProgramExit - status` following completion of its run. Applications that depend upon this behavior should be updated to reflect this change when upgrading to this release.

`ndb_restore` now reports the specific `NDB` error number and message when it is unable to load a table descriptor from a backup `.ctl` file. This can happen when attempting to restore a backup taken from a later version of the NDB Cluster software to a cluster running an earlier version—for
example, when the backup includes a table using a character set which is unknown to the version of ndb_restore being used to restore it. (Bug #30184265)

- The output from DUMP 1000 in the ndb_mgm client has been extended to provide information regarding total data page usage. (Bug #29841454)

References: See also: Bug #29929996.

- NDB Cluster's condition pushdown functionality has been extended as follows:
  
  - Expressions using any previously allowed comparisons are now supported.
  
  - Comparisons between columns in the same table and of the same type are now supported. The columns must be of exactly the same type.

Example: Suppose there are two tables t1 and t2 created as shown here:

```sql
CREATE TABLE t1 (a INT, b INT, c CHAR(10), d CHAR(5)) ENGINE=NDB;
CREATE TABLE t2 LIKE t1;
```

The following joins can now be pushed down to the data nodes:

```sql
SELECT * FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t2.a < t1.a+10;
SELECT * FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t2.a = t1.a+t1.b;
SELECT * FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t2.a, t2.b = SUBSTRING(t1.c,1,5);
SELECT * FROM t1 JOIN t2 ON t2.c = CONCAT('foo',t1.d,'ba');
```

Supported comparisons are <, <=, >, >=, =, and <>. (Bug #29685643)

- NDB Cluster now uses `table_name_fk_N` as the naming pattern for internally generated foreign keys, which is similar to the `table_name_ibfk_N` pattern used by InnoDB. (Bug #96508, Bug #30171959)

References: See also: Bug #30210839.

- Added the `ndb_schema_dist_lock_wait_timeout` system variable to control how long to wait for a schema lock to be released when trying to update the SQL node's local data dictionary for one or more tables currently in use from the NDB data dictionary's metadata. If this synchronization has not yet occurred by the end of this time, the SQL node returns a warning that schema distribution did not succeed; the next time that the table for which distribution failed is accessed, NDB tries once again to synchronize the table metadata.

- NDB table objects submitted by the metadata change monitor thread are now automatically checked for any mismatches and synchronized by the NDB binary logging thread. The status variable `Ndb_metadata_synced_count` added in this release shows the number of objects synchronized automatically; it is possible to see which objects have been synchronized by checking the cluster log. In addition, the new status variable `Ndb_metadata_blacklist_size` indicates the number of objects for which synchronization has failed.

References: See also: Bug #30000202.

- It is now possible to build NDB for 64-bit ARM CPUs from the NDB Cluster sources. Currently, we do not provide any precompiled binaries for this platform.

Start times for the ndb_mgmd management node daemon have been significantly improved as follows:

- More efficient handling of properties from configuration data can decrease startup times for the management server by a factor of 6 or more as compared with previous versions.

- Host names not present in the management server's hosts file no longer create a bottleneck during startup, making ndb_mgmd start times up to 20 times shorter where these are used.
• Columns of NDB tables can now be renamed online, using ALGORITHM=INPLACE.

References: See also: Bug #28609968.

Bugs Fixed

• Important Change: Because the current implementation for node failure handling cannot guarantee that even a single transaction of size MaxNoOfConcurrentOperations is completed in each round, this parameter is once again used to set a global limit on the total number of concurrent operations in all transactions within a single transaction coordinator instance. (Bug #96617, Bug #30216204)

• Partitioning; NDB Disk Data: Creation of a partitioned disk data table was unsuccessful due to a missing metadata lock on the tablespace specified in the CREATE TABLE statement. (Bug #28876892)

• NDB Disk Data: Tablespaces and data files are not tightly coupled in NDB, in the sense that they are represented by independent NdbDictionary objects. Thus, when metadata is restored using the ndb_restore tool, there was no guarantee that the tablespace and its associated datafile objects were restored at the same time. This led to the possibility that the tablespace mismatch was detected and automatically synchronized to the data dictionary before the datafile was restored to NDB. This issue also applied to log file groups and undo files.

To fix this problem, the metadata change monitor now submits tablespaces and logfile groups only if their corresponding datafiles and undofiles actually exist in NDB. (Bug #30090080)

• NDB Disk Data: When a data node failed following creation and population of an NDB table having columns on disk, but prior to execution of a local checkpoint, it was possible to lose row data from the tablespace. (Bug #29506869)

• NDB Cluster APIs: The NDB API examples ndbapi_array_simple.cpp (see NDB API Simple Array Example) and ndbapi_array_using_adapter.cpp (see NDB API Simple Array Example Using Adapter) made assignments directly to a std::vector array instead of using push_back() calls to do so. (Bug #28956047)

• MySQL NDB ClusterJ: If ClusterJ was deployed as a separate module of a multi-module web application, when the application tried to create a new instance of a domain object, the exception java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: non-public interface is not defined by the given loader was thrown. It was because ClusterJ always tries to create a proxy class from which the domain object can be instantiated, and the proxy class is an implementation of the domain interface and the protected DomainTypeHandlerImpl::Finalizable interface. The class loaders of these two interfaces were different in the case, as they belonged to different modules running on the web server, so that when ClusterJ tried to create the proxy class using the domain object interface's class loader, the above-mentioned exception was thrown. This fix makes the Finalization interface public so that the class loader of the web application would be able to access it even if it belongs to a different module from that of the domain interface. (Bug #29895213)

• MySQL NDB ClusterJ: ClusterJ sometimes failed with a segmentation fault after reconnecting to an NDB Cluster. This was due to ClusterJ reusing old database metadata objects from the old connection. With the fix, those objects are discarded before a reconnection to the cluster. (Bug #29891983)

• Faulty calculation of microseconds caused the internal ndb_milli_sleep() function to sleep for too short a time. (Bug #30211922)

• Once a data node is started, 95% of its configured DataMemory should be available for normal data, with 5% to spare for use in critical situations. During the node startup process, all of its configured DataMemory is usable for data, in order to minimize the risk that restoring the node data fails due to running out of data memory due to some dynamic memory structure using more pages for the same data than when the node was stopped. For example, a hash table grows differently during a restart than it did previously, since the order of inserts to the table differs from the historical order.
The issue raised in this bug report occurred when a check that the data memory used plus the spare data memory did not exceed the value set for `DataMemory` failed at the point where the spare memory was reserved. This happened as the state of the data node transitioned from starting to started, when reserving spare pages. After calculating the number of reserved pages to be used for spare memory, and then the number of shared pages (that is, pages from shared global memory) to be used for this, the number of reserved pages already allocated was not taken into consideration. (Bug #30205182)

References: See also: Bug #29616383.

• Removed a memory leak found in the `ndb_import` utility. (Bug #30192989)

• It was not possible to use `ndb_restore` and a backup taken from an NDB 8.0 cluster to restore to a cluster running NDB 7.6. (Bug #30184658)

References: See also: Bug #30221717.

• When starting, a data node’s local sysfile was not updated between the first completed local checkpoint and start phase 50. (Bug #30086352)

• In the `BACKUP` block, the assumption was made that the first record in `c_backups` was the local checkpoint record, which is not always the case. Now NB焕 loops through the records in `c_backups` to find the (correct) LCP record instead. (Bug #30080194)

• During node takeover for the master it was possible to end in the state `LCP_STATUS_IDLE` while the remaining data nodes were reporting their state as `LCP_TAB_SAVED`. This led to failure of the node when attempting to handle reception of a `LCP_COMPLETE_REP` signal since this is not expected when idle. Now in such cases local checkpoint handling is done in a manner that ensures that this node finishes in the proper state (`LCP_TAB_SAVED`). (Bug #30032863)

• When a MySQL Server built with `NDBCLUSTER` support was run on Solaris/x86, it failed during schema distribution. The root cause of the problem was an issue with the Developer Studio compiler used to build binaries for this platform when optimization level `-xO2` was used. This issue is fixed by using optimization level `-xO1` instead for `NDBCLUSTER` built for Solaris/x86. (Bug #30031130)

References: See also: Bug #28585914, Bug #30014295.

• `NDB` used `free()` directly to deallocate `ndb_mgm_configuration` objects instead of calling `ndb_mgm_destroy_configuration()`, which correctly uses `delete` for dealLOCATION. (Bug #299998980)

• Default configuration sections did not have the configuration section types set when unpacked into memory, which caused a memory leak since this meant that the section destructor would not destroy the entries for these sections. (Bug #29965125)

• No error was propagated when `NDB` failed to discover a table due to the table format being old and no longer supported, which could cause the `NDB` handler to retry the discovery operation endlessly and thereby hang. (Bug #29949096, Bug #29934763)

• During upgrade of an NDB Cluster when half of the data nodes were running NDB 7.6 while the remainder were running NDB 8.0, attempting to shut down those nodes which were running NDB 7.6 led to failure of one node with the error `CHECK FAILEDNODEPTR.P->DBLQHFAI`. (Bug #29912988, Bug #30141203)

• Altering a table in the middle of an ongoing transaction caused a table discovery operation which led to the transaction being committed prematurely; in addition, no error was returned when performing further updates as part of the same transaction.

Now in such cases, the table discovery operation fails, when a transaction is in progress. (Bug #29911440)
• When performing a local checkpoint (LCP), a table's schema version was intermittently read as 0, which caused NDB LCP handling to treat the table as though it were being dropped. This could effect rebuilding of indexes offline by ndb_restore while the table was in the TABLE_READ_ONLY state. Now the function reading the schema version (getCreateSchemaVersion()) no longer not changes it while the table is read-only. (Bug #29910397)

• When an error occurs on an SQL node during schema distribution, information about this was written in the error log, but no indication was provided by the mysql client that the DDL statement in question was unsuccessful. Now in such cases, one or more generic warnings are displayed by the client to indicate that a given schema distribution operation has not been successful, with further information available in the error log of the originating SQL node. (Bug #29889869)

• Errors and warnings pushed to the execution thread during metadata synchronization and metadata change detection were not properly logged and cleared. (Bug #29874313)

• Altering a normal column to a stored generated column was performed online even though this is not supported. (Bug #29862463)

• A pushed join with ORDER BY did not always return the rows of the result in the specified order. This could occur when the optimizer used an ordered index to provide the ordering and the index used a column from the table that served as the root of the pushed join. (Bug #29860378)

• A number of issues in the Backup block for local checkpoints (LCPS) were found and fixed, including the following:
  • Bytes written to LCP part files were not always included in the LCP byte count.
  • The maximum record size for the buffer used for all LCP part files was not updated in all cases in which the table maximum record size had changed.
  • LCP surfacing could occur for LCP scans at times other than when receiving SCAN_FRAGCONF signals.
  • It was possible in some cases for the table currently being scanned to be altered in the middle of a scan request, which behavior is not supported. (Bug #29843373)

References: See also: Bug #29485977.

• The requestInfo fields for the long and short forms of the LQHKEYREQ signal had different definitions; bits used for the key length in the short version were reused for flags in the long version, since the key length is implicit in the section length of the long version of the signal but it was possible for long LQHKEYREQ signals to contain a keylength in these same bits, which could be misinterpreted by the receiving local query handler, potentially leading to errors. Checks have now been implemented to make sure that this no longer happens. (Bug #29820838)

• The list of dropped shares could hold only one dropped NDB_SHARE instance for each key, which prevented NDB_SHARE instances with same key from being dropped multiple times while handlers held references to those NDB_SHARE instances. This interfered with keeping track of the memory allocated and being able to release it if mysqld shut down without all handlers having released their references to the shares. To resolve this issue, the dropped share list has been changed to use a list type which allows more than one NDB_SHARE with the same key to exist at the same time. (Bug #29812659, Bug #29812613)

• Removed an ndb_restore compile-time dependency on table names that was defined by the ndbcluster plugin. (Bug #29801100)

• When creating a table in parallel on multiple SQL nodes, the result was a race condition between checking that the table existed and opening the table, which caused CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS to fail with Error 1. This was the result of two issues, described with their fixes here:
1. Opening a table whose `NDB_SHARE` did not exist returned the non-descriptive error message `ERROR 1296 (HY000): Got error 1 'Unknown error code' from NDBCLUSTER`. This is fixed with a warning describing the problem in more detail, along with a more sensible error code.

   It was possible to open a table before schema synchronization was completed. This is fixed with a warning better describing the problem, along with an error indicating that cluster is not yet ready.

In addition, this fixes a related issue in which creating indexes sometimes also failed with Error 1. (Bug #29793534, Bug #29871321)

• Previously, for a pushed condition, every request sent to NDB for a given table caused the generation of a new instance of NdbInterpretedCode. When joining tables, generation of multiple requests for all tables following the first table in the query plan is very likely; if the pushed condition had no dependencies on prior tables in the query plan, identical instances of NdbInterpretedCode were generated for each request, at a significant cost in wasted CPU cycles. Now such pushed conditions are identified and the required NdbInterpretedCode object is generated only once, and reused for every request sent for this table without the need for generating new code each time.

   This change also makes it possible for Scan Filter too large errors to be detected and set during query optimization, which corrects cases where the query plan shown was inaccurate because the indicated push of a condition later had to be undone during the execution phase. (Bug #29704575)

• Some instances of NdbScanFilter used in pushdown conditions were not generated properly due to `FLOAT` values being represented internally as having zero length. This led to more than the expected number of rows being returned from NDB, as shown by the value of Ndb_api_read_row_count. While the condition was re-evaluated by mysqld when generation of scan filter failed, the end result was still correct in such cases, but any performance gain expected from pushing the condition was lost. (Bug #29699347)

• When creating a table, NDB did not always determine correctly whether it exceeded the maximum allowed record size. (Bug #29698277)

• NDB index statistics are calculated based on the topology of one fragment of an ordered index; the fragment chosen in any particular index is decided at index creation time, both when the index is originally created, and when a node or system restart has recreated the index locally. This calculation is based in part on the number of fragments in the index, which can change when a table is reorganized. This means that, the next time that the node is restarted, this node may choose a different fragment, so that no fragments, one fragment, or two fragments are used to generate index statistics, resulting in errors from `ANALYZE TABLE`.

   This issue is solved by modifying the online table reorganization to recalculate the chosen fragment immediately, so that all nodes are aligned before and after any subsequent restart. (Bug #29534647)

• As part of initializing schema distribution, each data node must maintain a subscriber bitmap providing information about the API nodes that are currently subscribed to this data node. Previously, the size of the bitmap was hard-coded to `MAX_NODES` (256), which meant that large amounts of memory might be allocated but never used when the cluster had significantly fewer nodes than this value. Now the size of the bitmap is determined by checking the maximum API node ID used in the cluster configuration file. (Bug #29270539)

• The removal of the `mysql_upgrade` utility and its replacement by `mysqld --initialize` means that the upgrade procedure is executed much earlier than previously, possibly before NDB is fully ready to handle queries. This caused migration of the MySQL privilege tables from NDB to InnoDB to fail. (Bug #29205142)

• During a restart when the data nodes had started but not yet elected a president, the management server received a node ID already in use error, which resulted in excessive retries and
logging. This is fixed by introducing a new error 1705 Not ready for connection allocation yet for this case.

During a restart when the data nodes had not yet completed node failure handling, a spurious Failed to allocate nodeID error was returned. This is fixed by adding a check to detect an incomplete node start and to return error 1703 Node failure handling not completed instead.

As part of this fix, the frequency of retries has been reduced for not ready to alloc nodeID errors, an error insert has been added to simulate a slow restart for testing purposes, and log messages have been reworded to indicate that the relevant node ID allocation errors are minor and only temporary. (Bug #27484514)

- NDB on Windows and MacOSX platforms did not always treat table names using mixed case consistently with lower_case_table_names = 2. (Bug #27307793)

- The process of selecting the transaction coordinator checked for “live” data nodes but not necessarily for those that were actually available. (Bug #27160203)

- The automatic metadata synchronization mechanism requires the binary logging thread to acquire the global schema lock before an object can be safely synchronized. When another thread had acquired this lock at the same time, the binary logging thread waited for up to TransactionDeadlockDetectionTimeout milliseconds and then returned failure if it was unsuccessful in acquiring the lock, which was unnecessary and which negatively impacted performance.

This has been fixed by ensuring that the binary logging thread acquires the global schema lock, or else returns with an error, immediately. As part of this work, a new OperationOptions flag OO_NOWAIT has also been implemented in the NDB API.

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.17 (2019-07-22, Release Candidate)

MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.17 is a new development release of NDB 8.0, based on MySQL Server 8.0 and including features in version 8.0 of the NDB storage engine, as well as fixing recently discovered bugs in previous NDB Cluster releases.

Obtaining NDB Cluster 8.0. NDB Cluster 8.0 source code and binaries can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/cluster/.

For an overview of changes made in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster.

This release also incorporates all bug fixes and changes made in previous NDB Cluster releases, as well as all bug fixes and feature changes which were added in mainline MySQL 8.0 through MySQL 8.0.17 (see Changes in MySQL 8.0.17 (2019-07-22, General Availability)).

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- Schema operation timeout detection has been moved from the schema distribution client to the schema distribution coordinator, which now checks ongoing schema operations for timeout at regular intervals, marks participants that have timed out, emits suitable warnings when a schema operation timeout occurs, and prints a list of any ongoing schema operations at regular intervals.

As part of this work, a new option --ndb-schema-dist-timeout makes it possible to set the number of seconds for a given SQL node to wait until a schema operation is marked as having timed out. (Bug #29556148)
• Added the status variable `Ndb_trans_hint_count_session`, which shows the number of transactions started in the current session that used hints. Compare this with `Ndb_api_trans_start_count_session` to get the proportion of all NDB transactions in the current session that have been able to use hinting. (Bug #29127040)

• When the cluster is in single user mode, the output of the `ndb_mgm SHOW` command now indicates which API or SQL node has exclusive access while this mode is in effect. (Bug #16275500)

### Bugs Fixed

**Important Change:** Attempting to drop, using the `mysql` client, an NDB table that existed in the MySQL data dictionary but not in NDB caused `mysqld` to fail with an error. This situation could occur when an NDB table was dropped using the `ndb_drop_table` tool or in an NDB API application using `dropTable()`. Now in such cases, `mysqld` drops the table from the MySQL data dictionary without raising an error. (Bug #29125206)

**Important Change:** The dependency of `ndb_restore` on the NDBT library, which is used for internal testing only, has been removed. This means that the program no longer prints `NDBT_ProgramExit: ...` when terminating. Applications that depend upon this behavior should be updated to reflect this change when upgrading to this release.

**Packaging:** Added debug symbol packages to NDB distributions for `.deb`-based platforms which do not generate these automatically. (Bug #29040024)

**NDB Disk Data:** If, for some reason, a disk data table exists in the NDB data dictionary but not in that of the MySQL server, the data dictionary is synchronized by installing the object. This can occur either during the schema synchronization phase when a MySQL server connects to an NDB Cluster, or during table discovery through a DML query or DDL statement. For disk data tables which used a tablespace for storage, the tablespace ID is stored as part of the data dictionary object, but this was not set during synchronization. (Bug #29597249)

**NDB Disk Data:** Concurrent Disk Data table and tablespace DDL statements executed on the same SQL node caused a metadata lock deadlock. A DDL statement requires that an exclusive lock be taken on the object being modified and every such lock in turn requires that the global schema lock be acquired in NDB. To fix this issue, NDB now tracks when a global schema lock corresponding to an exclusive lock on a tablespace is taken. If a different global schema lock request fails while the first lock, NDB assumes that there is a deadlock. In this case, the deadlock is handled by having the new request release all locks it previously acquired, then retrying them at a later point. (Bug #29394407)

References: See also: Bug #29175268.

**NDB Disk Data:** Following execution of `ALTER TABLESPACE`, SQL statements on an existing table using the affected tablespace failed with error 3508 `Dictionary object id (id) does not exist` where the object ID shown refers to the tablespace. Schema distribution of `ALTER TABLESPACE` involves dropping the old object from the data dictionary on a participating SQL node and creating a new one with a different dictionary object id, but the table object in the SQL node’s data dictionary still used the old tablespace ID which rendered it unusable on the participants. To correct this problem, tables using the tablespace are now retrieved and stored prior to the creation of the new tablespace, and then updated the new object ID of the tablespace after it has been created in the data dictionary. (Bug #29389168)

**NDB Replication:** The `ndb_apply_status` table was created using the deprecated syntax `VARCHAR(255) BINARY, VARBINARY(255)` is now used instead for creating this table. (Bug #29807585)
• **NDB Replication**: Errors raised from replication settings by a `CREATE TABLE` statement were not properly checked, leading the user to believe (incorrectly) that the table was valid for this purpose. (Bug #29697052)

• **NDB Replication**: NDB did not handle binary logging of virtual generated columns of type `BLOB` correctly. Now such columns are always regarded as having zero length.

• **NDB Cluster APIs**: The memcached sources included with the NDB distribution would not build with `-Werror=format-security`. Now warnings are no longer treated as errors when compiling these files. (Bug #29512411)

• **NDB Cluster APIs**: It was not possible to scan a table whose `SingleUserMode` property had been set to `SingleUserModeReadWrite` or `SingleUserModeReadOnly`. (Bug #29493714)

• **NDB Cluster APIs**: The MGM API `ndb_logevent_get_next2()` function did not behave correctly on Windows and 32-bit Linux platforms. (Bug #94917, Bug #29609070)

• The version of Python expected by `ndb_setup.py` was not specified clearly on some platforms. (Bug #29818645)

• Lack of `SharedGlobalMemory` was incorrectly reported as lack of undo buffer memory, even though the cluster used no disk data tables. (Bug #29806771)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #92125, Bug #28537319.

• Long `TCKEYREQ` signals did not always use the expected format when invoked from `TCINDEXREQ` processing. (Bug #29772731)

• It was possible for an internal `NDB_SCHEMA_OBJECT` to be released too early or not at all; in addition, it was possible to create such an object that reused an existing key. (Bug #29759063)

• `ndb_restore` sometimes used `exit()` rather than `exitHandler()` to terminate the program, which could lead to resources not being properly freed. (Bug #29744353)

• Improved error message printed when the maximum offset for a `FIXED` column is exceeded. (Bug #29714670)

• Communication between the schema distribution client and the schema distribution coordinator is done using `NDB_SCHEMA_OBJECT` as well as by writing rows to the `ndb_schema` table in NDB. This allowed for the possibility of a number of different race conditions between when the registration of the schema operation and when the coordinator was notified of it.

This fix addresses the following issues related to the situation just described:

• The coordinator failed to abort active schema operations when the binary logging thread was restarted.

• Schema operations already registered were not aborted properly.

• The distribution client failed to detect correctly when schema distribution was not ready.

• The distribution client, when killed, exited without marking the current schema operation as failed.

• An operation in `NDB_SHARE` could be accessed without the proper locks being in place.

In addition, usage of the `ndb_schema_share` global pointer was removed, and replaced with detecting whether the schema distribution is ready by checking whether an operation for `mysql.ndb_schema` has been created in `NDB_SHARE`. (Bug #29639381)

• With `DataMemory` set to 200 GB, `ndbmtd` failed to start. (Bug #29630367)

• When a backup fails due to `ABORT_BACKUP_ORD` being received while waiting for buffer space, the backup calls `closeScan()` and then sends a `SCAN_FRAGREQ` signal to the `DBLQH` block to
close the scan. As part of receiving SCAN_FRAGCONF in response, scanConf() is called on the
operation object for the file record which in turn calls updateWritePtr() on the file system buffer
(FsBuffer). At this point the length sent by updateWritePtr() should be 0, but in this case was not, which meant that the buffer did not have enough space even though it did not, the problem being
that the size is calculated as scanStop - scanStart and these values were held over since the
previous SCAN_FRAGCONF was received, and were not reset due to being out of buffer space.

To avoid this problem, we now set scanStart = scanStop in confirmBufferData() (formerly
scanConfExtra()) which is called as part of processing the SCAN_FRAGCONF, indirectly by
scanConf() for the backup and first local checkpoint files, and directly for the LCP files which use
only the operation record for the data buffer. (Bug #29601253)

• The setting for MaxDMLOperationsPerTransaction was not validated in a timely fashion,
leading to data node failure rather than a management server error in the event that its value
exceeded that of MaxNoOfConcurrentOperations. (Bug #29549572)

• Data nodes could fail due to an assert in the DBTC block under certain circumstances in resource-
constrained environments. (Bug #29528188)

• An upgrade to NDB 7.6.9 or later from an earlier version could not be completed successfully if the
redo log was filled to more than 25% of capacity. (Bug #29506844)

• When the DBSPJ block called the internal function lookup_resume() to schedule a previously
enqueued operation, it used a correlation ID which could have been produced from its immediate
ancestor in the execution order, and not its parent in the query tree as assumed. This could happen
during execution of a SELECT STRAIGHT_JOIN query.

Now NDB checks whether the execution ancestor is different from the query tree parent, and if
not, performs a lookup of the query tree parent, and the parent's correlation ID is enqueued to be
executed later. (Bug #29501263)

• When a new master took over, sending a MASTER_LCP_REQ signal and executing
MASTER_LCPCONF from participating nodes, it expected that they had not completed the current
local checkpoint under the previous master, which need not be true. (Bug #29487340, Bug
#29601546)

• When restoring TINYBLOB columns, ndb_restore now treats them as having the BINARY
character set. (Bug #29486538)

• When selecting a sorted result set from a query that included a LIMIT clause on a single table, and
where the sort was executed as Using filesort and the ref access method was used on an
ordered index, it was possible for the result set to be missing one or more rows. (Bug #29474188)

• Restoration of epochs by ndb_restore failed due to temporary redo errors. Now ndb_restore
retries epoch updates when such errors occur. (Bug #29466089)

• ndb_restore tried to extract an 8-character substring of a table name when checking to determine
whether or not the table was a blob table, regardless of the length of the name. (Bug #29465794)

• When a pushed join was used in combination with the eq_ref access method it was possible to
obtain an incorrect join result due to the 1 row cache mechanism implemented in NDB 8.0.16 as
part of the work done in that version to extend NDB condition pushdown by allowing referring values
from previous tables. This issue is now fixed by turning off this caching mechanism and reading the
row directly from the handler instead, when there is a pushed condition defined on the table. (Bug
#29460314)

• Improved and made more efficient the conversion of rows by the ha_ndbcluster handler from
the format used internally by NDB to that used by the MySQL server for columns that contain neither
BLOB nor BIT values, which is the most common case. (Bug #29435461)

• A failed DROP TABLE could be attempted an infinite number of times in the event of a temporary
error. Now in such cases, the number of retries is limited to 100. (Bug #29355155)
• `ndb_restore --restore-epoch` incorrectly reported the stop GCP as 1 less than the actual position. (Bug #29343655)

• A `SavedEvent` object in the `CMVMI` kernel block is written into a circular buffer. Such an object is split in two when wrapping at the end of the buffer; `NDB` looked beyond the end of the buffer instead of in the wrapped data at the buffer’s beginning. (Bug #29336793)

• `NDB` did not compile with `--with-system-libs=ON` due to an incorrectly configured dependency on `zlib`. (Bug #29304517)

• Removed a memory leak found when running `ndb_mgmd --config-file` after compiling `NDB` with Clang 7. (Bug #29284643)

• Removed `clang` compiler warnings caused by usage of extra ; characters outside functions; these are incompatible with C++98. (Bug #29227925)

• Adding a column defined as `TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` to an `NDB` table is not supported with `ALGORITHM=INPLACE`. Attempting to do so now causes an error. (Bug #28128849)

• Added support which was missing in `ndb_restore` for conversions between the following sets of types:
  - `BLOB` and `BINARY` or `VARBINARY` columns
  - `TEXT` and `BLOB` columns
  - `BLOB` columns with unequal lengths
  - `BINARY` and `VARBINARY` columns with unequal lengths
  (Bug #28074988)

• Restore points in backups created with the `SNAPSHOTSTART` option (see Using The NDB Cluster Management Client to Create a Backup) were not always consistent with epoch boundaries. (Bug #27566346)

References: See also: Bug #27497461.

• Neither the `MAX_EXECUTION_TIME` optimizer hint nor the `max_execution_time` system variable was respected for DDL statements or queries against `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` tables while an `NDB` global schema lock was in effect. (Bug #27538139)

• DDL operations were not always performed correctly on database objects including databases and tables, when multi-byte character sets were used for the names of either or both of these. (Bug #27150334)

• `ndb_import` did not always free up all resources used before exiting. (Bug #27130143)

• `NDBCLUSTER` subscription log printouts provided only 2 words of the bitmap (in most cases containing 8 words), which made it difficult to diagnose schema distribution issues. (Bug #22180480)

• For certain tables with very large rows and a very large primary key, `START BACKUP SNAPSHOTEND` while performing inserts into one of these tables or `START BACKUP SNAPSHOTSTART` with concurrent deletes could lead to data node errors.

  As part of this fix, `ndb_print_backup_file` can now read backup files created in very old versions of NDB Cluster (6.3 and earlier); in addition, this utility can now also read undo log files. (Bug #94654, Bug #29485977)

• When one of multiple SQL nodes which were connected to the cluster was down and then rejoined the cluster, or a new SQL node joined the cluster, this node did not use the data dictionary correctly, and thus did not always add, alter, or drop databases properly when synchronizing with the existing SQL nodes.
Now, during schema distribution at startup, the SQL node compares all databases on the data nodes with those in its own data dictionary. If any database on the data nodes is found to be missing from the SQL node's data dictionary, the SQL Node installs it locally using `CREATE DATABASE`; the database is created using the default MySQL Server database properties currently in effect on this SQL node.

**Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.16 (2019-04-25, Development Milestone)**

MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.16 is a new development release of NDB 8.0, based on MySQL Server 8.0 and including features in version 8.0 of the NDB storage engine, as well as fixing recently discovered bugs in previous NDB Cluster releases.

**Obtaining NDB Cluster 8.0.** NDB Cluster 8.0 source code and binaries can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/cluster/.

For an overview of changes made in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster.

This release also incorporates all bug fixes and changes made in previous NDB Cluster releases, as well as all bug fixes and feature changes which were added in mainline MySQL 8.0 through MySQL 8.0.16 (see Changes in MySQL 8.0.16 (2019-04-25, General Availability)).

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- **Bugs Fixed**

**Deprecation and Removal Notes**

- **Incompatible Change:** Distribution of privileges amongst MySQL servers connected to NDB Cluster, as implemented in NDB 7.6 and earlier, does not function in NDB 8.0, and most code supporting these has now been removed. When a `mysqld` detects such tables in NDB, it creates shadow tables local to itself using the InnoDB storage engine; these shadow tables are created on each MySQL server connected to an NDB cluster. Privilege tables using the NDB storage engine are not employed for access control; once all connected MySQL servers are upgraded, the privilege tables in NDB can be removed safely using `ndb_drop_table`.

  For compatibility reasons, `ndb_restore --restore-privilege-tables` can still be used to restore distributed privilege tables present in a backup taken from a previous release of NDB Cluster to a cluster running NDB 8.0. These tables are handled as described in the preceding paragraph.

  For additional information regarding upgrades from previous NDB Cluster release series to NDB 8.0, see Upgrading and Downgrading NDB Cluster.

**SQL Syntax Notes**

- **Incompatible Change:** For consistency with InnoDB, the NDB storage engine now uses a generated constraint name if the `CONSTRAINT` symbol clause is not specified, or the `CONSTRAINT` keyword is specified without a symbol. In previous NDB releases, NDB used the `FOREIGN KEY index_name` value.

  This change described above may introduce incompatibilities for applications that depend on the previous foreign key constraint naming behavior. (Bug #29173134)
Functionality Added or Changed

- **Packaging:** A Docker image for this release can be obtained from https://hub.docker.com/r/mysql/mysql-cluster/. (Bug #96084, Bug #30010921)

- Allocation of resources in the transaction coordinator (see The DBTC Block) is now performed using dynamic memory pools. This means that resource allocation determined by data node configuration parameters such as those discussed in Transaction parameters and Transaction temporary storage is now limited so as not to exceed the total resources available to the transaction coordinator.

  As part of this work, several new data node parameters controlling transactional resources in DBTC, listed here, have also been added. For more information about these new parameters, see Transaction resource allocation parameters. (Bug #29164271, Bug #29194843)

  References: See also: Bug #29131828.

- **NDB** backups can now be performed in a parallel fashion on individual data nodes using multiple local data managers (LDMs). (Previously, backups were done in parallel across data nodes, but were always serial within data node processes.) No special syntax is required for the `START BACKUP` command in the `ndb_mgm` client to enable this feature, but all data nodes must be using multiple LDMs. This means that data nodes must be running `ndbmd` and they must be configured to use multiple LDMs prior to taking the backup (see Multi-Threading Configuration Parameters (ndbmd)).

  `ndb_restore` also now detects such a backup and automatically attempts to restore it in parallel. It is also possible to restore backups taken in parallel to a previous version of NDB Cluster by slightly modifying the usual restore procedure.

  For more information about taking and restoring NDB Cluster backups that were created using parallelism on the data nodes, see Taking an NDB Backup with Parallel Data Nodes, and Restoring from a backup taken in parallel. (Bug #28563639, Bug #28993400)

- The `compile-cluster` script included in the **NDB** source distribution no longer supports in-source builds.

- Building with CMake3 is now supported by the `compile-cluster` script included in the **NDB** source distribution.

- As part of its automatic synchronization mechanism, **NDB** now implements a metadata change monitor thread for detecting changes made to metadata for data objects such as tables, tablespaces, and log file groups with the MySQL data dictionary. This thread runs in the background, checking every 60 seconds for inconsistencies between the **NDB** dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary.

  The monitor polling interval can be adjusted by setting the value of the `ndb_metadata_check_interval` system variable, and can be disabled altogether by setting `ndb_metadata_check` to OFF. The number of times that inconsistencies have been detected since `mysqld` was last started is shown as the status variable, `Ndb_metadata_detected_count`.

  Condition pushdown is no longer limited to predicate terms referring to column values from the same table to which the condition was being pushed; column values from tables earlier in the query plan can now also be referred to from pushed conditions. This lets the data nodes filter out more rows (in parallel), leaving less work to be performed by a single `mysqld` process, which is expected to provide significant improvements in query performance.

  For more information, see Engine Condition Pushdown Optimization.

Bugs Fixed

- **Important Change; NDB Disk Data:** `mysqldump` terminated unexpectedly when attempting to dump **NDB** disk data tables. The underlying reason for this was that `mysqldump` expected to find information relating to undo log buffers in the `EXTRA` column of the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES`
table but this information had been removed in NDB 8.0.13. This information is now restored to the EXTRA column. (Bug #28800252)

- **Important Change:** When restoring to a cluster using data node IDs different from those in the original cluster, `ndb_restore` tried to open files corresponding to node ID 0. To keep this from happening, the `--nodeid` and `--backupid` options—neither of which has a default value—are both now explicitly required when invoking `ndb_restore`. (Bug #28813708)

- **Important Change:** Starting with this release, the default value of the `ndb_log_bin` system variable is now `FALSE`. (Bug #27135706)

- **Packaging; MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** `libndbclient` was missing from builds on some platforms. (Bug #28997603)

- **NDB Disk Data:** When a log file group had more than 18 undo logs, it was not possible to restart the cluster. (Bug #251155785)

  References: See also: Bug #28922609.

- **NDB Disk Data:** Concurrent `CREATE TABLE` statements using tablespaces caused deadlocks between metadata locks. This occurred when `Ndb_metadata_change_monitor` acquired exclusive metadata locks on tablespaces and logfile groups after detecting metadata changes, due to the fact that each exclusive metadata lock in turn acquired a global schema lock. This fix attempts to solve that issue by downgrading the locks taken by `Ndb_metadata_change_monitor` to `MDL_SHARED_READ`. (Bug #29175268)

  References: See also: Bug #29394407.

- **NDB Disk Data:** The error message returned when validation of `MaxNoOfOpenFiles` in relation to `InitialNoOfOpenFiles` failed has been improved to make the nature of the problem clearer to users. (Bug #28943749)

- **NDB Disk Data:** Schema distribution of `ALTER TABLESPACE` and `ALTER LOGFILE GROUP` statements failed on a participant MySQL server if the referenced tablespace or log file group did not exist in its data dictionary. Now in such cases, the effects of the statement are distributed successfully regardless of any initial mismatch between MySQL servers. (Bug #28866336)

- **NDB Disk Data:** Repeated execution of `ALTER TABLESPACE ... ADD DATAFILE` against the same tablespace caused data nodes to hang and left them, after being killed manually, unable to restart. (Bug #22605467)

- **NDB Replication:** A `DROP DATABASE` operation involving certain very large tables could lead to an unplanned shutdown of the cluster. (Bug #28855062)

- **NDB Replication:** When writes on the master—done in such a way that multiple changes affecting `BLOB` column values belonging to the same primary key were part of the same epoch—were replicated to the slave, Error 1022 occurred due to constraint violations in the `NDB$BLOB_id_part` table. (Bug #28746560)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** NDB now identifies short-lived transactions not needing the reduction of lock contention provided by `NdbBlob::close()` and no longer invokes this method in cases (such as when autocommit is enabled) in which unlocking merely causes extra work and round trips to be performed prior to committing or aborting the transaction. (Bug #29305592)

  References: See also: Bug #49190, Bug #11757181.

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** When the most recently failed operation was released, the pointer to it held by `NdbTransaction` became invalid and when accessed led to failure of the NDB API application. (Bug #29275244)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** When the NDB kernel's `SUMA` block sends a `TEALTER` event, it does not keep track of when all fragments of the event are sent. When NDB receives the event, it buffers
the fragments, and processes the event when all fragments have arrived. An issue could possibly arise for very large table definitions, when the time between transmission and reception could span multiple epochs; during this time, SUMA could send a SUB_GCP_COMPLETE_REP signal to indicate that it has sent all data for an epoch, even though in this case that is not entirely true since there may be fragments of a TE_ALTER event still waiting on the data node to be sent. Reception of the SUB_GCP_COMPLETE_REP leads to closing the buffers for that epoch. Thus, when TE_ALTER finally arrives, NDB assumes that it is a duplicate from an earlier epoch, and silently discards it.

We fix the problem by making sure that the SUMA kernel block never sends a SUB_GCP_COMPLETE_REP for any epoch in which there are unsent fragments for a SUB_TABLE_DATA signal.

This issue could have an impact on NDB API applications making use of TE_ALTER events. (SQL nodes do not make any use of TE_ALTER events and so they and applications using them were not affected.) (Bug #28836474)

• When a pushed join executing in the DBSPJ block had to store correlation IDs during query execution, memory for these was allocated for the lifetime of the entire query execution, even though these specific correlation IDs are required only when producing the most recent batch in the result set. Subsequent batches require additional correlation IDs to be stored and allocated; thus, if the query took sufficiently long to complete, this led to exhaustion of query memory (error 20008). Now in such cases, memory is allocated only for the lifetime of the current result batch, and is freed and made available for re-use following completion of the batch. (Bug #29336777)

References: See also: Bug #26995027.

• When comparing or hashing a fixed-length string that used a NO_PAD collation, any trailing padding characters (typically spaces) were sent to the hashing and comparison functions such that they became significant, even though they were not supposed to be. Now any such trailing spaces are trimmed from a fixed-length string whenever a NO_PAD collation is specified.

Note
Since NO_PAD collations were introduced as part of UCA-9.0 collations in MySQL 8.0, there should be no impact relating to this fix on upgrades to NDB 8.0 from previous GA releases of NDB Cluster.

(Bug #29322313)

• When a NOT IN or NOT BETWEEN predicate was evaluated as a pushed condition, NULL values were not eliminated by the condition as specified in the SQL standard. (Bug #29232744)

References: See also: Bug #28672214.

• Internally, NDB treats NULL as less than any other value, and predicates of the form column < value or column <= value are checked for possible nulls. Predicates of the form value > column or value >= column were not checked, which could lead to errors. Now in such cases, these predicates are rewritten so that the column comes first, so that they are also checked for the presence of NULL. (Bug #29231709)

References: See also: Bug #92407, Bug #28643463.

• After folding of constants was implemented in the MySQL Optimizer, a condition containing a DATE or DATETIME literal could no longer be pushed down by NDB. (Bug #29161281)

• When a join condition made a comparison between a column of a temporal data type such as DATE or DATETIME and a constant of the same type, the predicate was pushed if the condition was expressed in the form column operator constant, but not when in inverted order (as constant inverse_operator column). (Bug #29058732)
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- When processing a pushed condition, NDB did not detect errors or warnings thrown when a literal value being compared was outside the range of the data type it was being compared with, and thus truncated. This could lead to excess or missing rows in the result. (Bug #29054626)

- If an EQ_REF or REF key in the child of a pushed join referred to any columns of a table not a member of the pushed join, this table was not an NDB table (because its format was of nonnative endianness), and the data type of the column being joined on was stored in an endian-sensitive format, then the key generated was generated, likely resulting in the return of an (invalid) empty join result.

Since only big endian platforms may store tables in nonnative (little endian) formats, this issue was expected only on such platforms, most notably SPARC, and not on x86 platforms. (Bug #29010641)

- API and data nodes running NDB 7.6 and later could not use an existing parsed configuration from an earlier release series due to being overly strict with regard to having values defined for configuration parameters new to the later release, which placed a restriction on possible upgrade paths. Now NDB 7.6 and later are less strict about having all new parameters specified explicitly in the configuration which they are served, and use hard-coded default values in such cases. (Bug #28993400)

- NDB 7.6 SQL nodes hung when trying to connect to an NDB 8.0 cluster. (Bug #28985685)

- The schema distribution data maintained in the NDB binary logging thread keeping track of the number of subscribers to the NDB schema table always allocated some memory structures for 256 data nodes regardless of the actual number of nodes. Now NDB allocates only as many of these structures as are actually needed. (Bug #28949523)

- Added DUMP 406 (NdbfsDumpRequests) to provide NDB file system information to global checkpoint and local checkpoint stall reports in the node logs. (Bug #28922609)

- When a joined table was eliminated early as not pushable, it could not be referred to in any subsequent join conditions from other tables without eliminating those conditions from consideration even if those conditions were otherwise pushable. (Bug #28989811)

- When starting or restarting an SQL node and connecting to a cluster where NDB was already started, NDB reported Error 4009 Cluster Failure because it could not acquire a global schema lock. This was because the MySQL Server as part of initialization acquires exclusive metadata locks in order to modify internal data structures, and the ndbcluster plugin acquires the global schema lock. If the connection to NDB was not yet properly set up during mysqld initialization, mysqld received a warning from ndbcluster when the latter failed to acquire global schema lock, and printed it to the log file, causing an unexpected error in the log. This is fixed by not pushing any warnings to background threads when failure to acquire a global schema lock occurs and pushing the NDB error as a warning instead. (Bug #28898544)

- A race condition between the DBACC and DBLQH kernel blocks occurred when different operations in a transaction on the same row were concurrently being prepared and aborted. This could result in DBTUP attempting to prepare an operation when a preceding operation had been aborted, which was unexpected and could thus lead to undefined behavior including potential data node failures. To solve this issue, DBACC and DBLQH now check that all dependencies are still valid before attempting to prepare an operation.

**Note**

This fix also supersedes a previous one made for a related issue which was originally reported as Bug #28500861.

(Bug #28893633)

- Where a data node was restarted after a configuration change whose result was a decrease in the sum of MaxNoOfTables, MaxNoOfOrderedIndexes, and MaxNoOfUniqueHashIndexes, it
sometimes failed with a misleading error message which suggested both a temporary error and a bug, neither of which was the case.

The failure itself is expected, being due to the fact that there is at least one table object with an ID greater than the (new) sum of the parameters just mentioned, and that this table cannot be restored since the maximum value for the ID allowed is limited by that sum. The error message has been changed to reflect this, and now indicates that this is a permanent error due to a problem configuration. (Bug #28884880)

- The ndbinfo.cpustat table reported inaccurate information regarding send threads. (Bug #28884157)

- Execution of an LCP_COMPLETE_REP signal from the master while the LCP status was IDLE led to an assertion. (Bug #28871889)

- NDB now provides on-the-fly .frm file translation during discovery of tables created in versions of the software that did not support the MySQL Data Dictionary. Previously, such translation of tables that had old-style metadata was supported only during schema synchronization during MySQL server startup, but not subsequently, which led to errors when NDB tables having old-style metadata, created by ndb_restore and other such tools after mysql had been started, were accessed using SHOW CREATE TABLE or SELECT; these tables were usable only after restarting mysql. With this fix, the restart is no longer required. (Bug #28841009)

- An in-place upgrade to an NDB 8.0 release from an earlier release did not remove .ndb files, even though these are no longer used in NDB 8.0. (Bug #28832816)

- Removed storage/ndb/demos and the demonstration scripts and support files it contained from the source tree. These were obsolete and unmaintained, and did not function with any current version of NDB Cluster. Also removed storage/ndb/include/newtonapi, which included files relating to an obsolete and unmaintained API not supported in any release of NDB Cluster, as well as references elsewhere to these files. (Bug #28808766)

- There was no version compatibility table for NDB 8.x; this meant that API nodes running NDB 8.0.13 or 7.6.x could not connect to data nodes running NDB 8.0.14. This issue manifested itself for NDB API users as a failure in wait_until_ready(). (Bug #28776365)

References: See also: Bug #18886034, Bug #18874849.

- Issuing a STOP command in the ndb_mgm client caused ndbmtd processes which had recently been added to the cluster to hang in Phase 4 during shutdown. (Bug #28772867)

- A fix for a previous issue disabled the usage of pushed conditions for lookup type (eq_ref) operations in pushed joins. It was thought at the time that not pushing a lookup condition would not have any measurable impact on performance, since only a single row could be eliminated if the condition failed. The solution implemented at that time did not take into account the possibility that, in a pushed join, a lookup operation could be a parent operation for other lookups, and even scan operations, which meant that eliminating a single row could actually result in an entire branch being eliminated in error. (Bug #28728603)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #27397802.

- When a local checkpoint (LCP) was complete on all data nodes except one, and this node failed, NDB did not continue with the steps required to finish the LCP. This led to the following issues:

  No new LCPs could be started.

  Redo and Undo logs were not trimmed and so grew excessively large, causing an increase in times for recovery from disk. This led to write service failure, which eventually led to cluster shutdown when the head of the redo log met the tail. This placed a limit on cluster uptime.
Node restarts were no longer possible, due to the fact that a data node restart requires that the node’s state be made durable on disk before it can provide redundancy when joining the cluster. For a cluster with two data nodes and two fragment replicas, this meant that a restart of the entire cluster (system restart) was required to fix the issue (this was not necessary for a cluster with two fragment replicas and four or more data nodes). (Bug #28728485, Bug #28698831)

References: See also: Bug #11757421.

• The pushability of a condition to NDB was limited in that all predicates joined by a logical AND within a given condition had to be pushable to NDB in order for the entire condition to be pushed. In some cases this severely restricted the pushability of conditions. This fix breaks up the condition into its components, and evaluates the pushability of each predicate; if some of the predicates cannot be pushed, they are returned as a remainder condition which can be evaluated by the MySQL server. (Bug #28728007)

• Running `ANALYZE TABLE` on an NDB table with an index having longer than the supported maximum length caused data nodes to fail. (Bug #28714864)

• It was possible in certain cases for nodes to hang during an initial restart. (Bug #28698831)

References: See also: Bug #27622643.

• When a condition was pushed to a storage engine, it was re-evaluated by the server, in spite of the fact that only rows matching the pushed condition should ever be returned to the server in such cases. (Bug #28672214)

• In some cases, one and sometimes more data nodes underwent an unplanned shutdown while running `ndb_restore`. This occurred most often, but was not always restricted to, when restoring to a cluster having a different number of data nodes from the cluster on which the original backup had been taken.

The root cause of this issue was exhaustion of the pool of SafeCounter objects, used by the DBDICT kernel block as part of executing schema transactions, and taken from a per-block-instance pool shared with protocols used for NDB event setup and subscription processing. The concurrency of event setup and subscription processing is such that the SafeCounter pool can be exhausted; event and subscription processing can handle pool exhaustion, but schema transaction processing could not, which could result in the node shutdown experienced during restoration.

This problem is solved by giving DBDICT schema transactions an isolated pool of reserved SafeCounters which cannot be exhausted by concurrent NDB event activity. (Bug #28595915)

• When a backup aborted due to buffer exhaustion, synchronization of the signal queues prior to the expected drop of triggers for insert, update, and delete operations resulted in abort signals being processed before the STOP_BACKUP phase could continue. The abort changed the backup status to ABORT_BACKUP_ORD, which led to an unplanned shutdown of the data node since resuming STOP_BACKUP requires that the state be STOP_BACKUP_REQ. Now the backup status is not set to STOP_BACKUP_REQ (requesting the backup to continue) until after signal queue synchronization is complete. (Bug #28563639)

• The output of `ndb_config --configinfo --xml --query-all` now shows that configuration changes for the ThreadConfig and MaxNoOfExecutionThreads data node parameters require system initial restarts (restart="system" initial="true"). (Bug #28494286)

• After a commit failed due to an error, mysqld shut down unexpectedly while trying to get the name of the table involved. This was due to an issue in the internal function ndbcluster_print_error(). (Bug #28435082)

• API nodes should observe that a node is moving through SL_STOPPING phases (graceful stop) and stop using the node for new transactions, which minimizes potential disruption in the later phases of the node shutdown process. API nodes were only informed of node state changes via periodic
heartbeat signals, and so might not be able to avoid interacting with the node shutting down. This generated unnecessary failures when the heartbeat interval was long. Now when a data node is being gracefully stopped, all API nodes are notified directly, allowing them to experience minimal disruption. (Bug #28380808)

- `ndb_config --diff-default` failed when trying to read a parameter whose default value was the empty string (""). (Bug #27972537)

- `ndb_restore` did not restore autoincrement values correctly when one or more staging tables were in use. As part of this fix, we also in such cases block applying of the `SYSTAB_0` backup log, whose content continued to be applied directly based on the table ID, which could overwrite the autoincrement values stored in `SYSTAB_0` for unrelated tables. (Bug #27917769, Bug #27831990)

References: See also: Bug #27832033.

- `ndb_restore` employed a mechanism for restoring autoincrement values which was not atomic, and thus could yield incorrect autoincrement values being restored when multiple instances of `ndb_restore` were used in parallel. (Bug #27832033)

References: See also: Bug #27917769, Bug #27831990.

- Executing `SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` caused SQL nodes to restart in some cases. (Bug #27613173)

- When tables with `BLOB` columns were dropped and then re-created with a different number of `BLOB` columns the event definitions for monitoring table changes could become inconsistent in certain error situations involving communication errors when the expected cleanup of the corresponding events was not performed. In particular, when the new versions of the tables had more `BLOB` columns than the original tables, some events could be missing. (Bug #27072756)

References: See also: Bug #86537.

- When running a cluster with 4 or more data nodes under very high loads, data nodes could sometimes fail with Error 899 `Rowid already allocated`. (Bug #25960230)

- `mysqld` shut down unexpectedly when a purge of the binary log was requested before the server had completely started, and it was thus not yet ready to delete rows from the `ndb_binlog_index` table. Now when this occurs, requests for any needed purges of the `ndb_binlog_index` table are saved in a queue and held for execution when the server has completely started. (Bug #25817834)

- `MaxBufferedEpochs` is used on data nodes to avoid excessive buffering of row changes due to lagging NDB event API subscribers; when epoch acknowledgements from one or more subscribers lag by this number of epochs, an asynchronous disconnection is triggered, allowing the data node to release the buffer space used for subscriptions. Since this disconnection is asynchronous, it may be the case that it has not completed before additional new epochs are completed on the data node, resulting in new epochs not being able to seize GCP completion records, generating warnings such as those shown here:

```
[ndbd] ERROR -- c_gcp_list.seize() failed...
...
[ndbd] WARNING -- ACK wo/ gcp record...
```

And leading to the following warning:

```
Disconnecting node %u because it has exceeded MaxBufferedEpochs
```
This fix performs the following modifications:

• Modifies the size of the GCP completion record pool to ensure that there is always some extra headroom to account for the asynchronous nature of the disconnect processing previously described, thus avoiding `c_gcp_list` seize failures.

• Modifies the wording of the MaxBufferedEpochs warning to avoid the contradictory phrase “100 > 100”.

(Bug #20344149)

• Asynchronous disconnection of `mysql`d from the cluster caused any subsequent attempt to start an NDB API transaction to fail. If this occurred during a bulk delete operation, the SQL layer called `HA::end_bulk_delete()`, whose implementation by `ha_ndbcluster` assumed that a transaction had been started, and could fail if this was not the case. This problem is fixed by checking that the transaction pointer used by this method is set before referencing it. (Bug #20116393)

• Removed warnings raised when compiling `NDB` with Clang 6. (Bug #93634, Bug #29112560)

• When executing the redo log in debug mode it was possible for a data node to fail when deallocating a row. (Bug #93273, Bug #28955797)

• An `NDB` table having both a foreign key on another `NDB` table using `ON DELETE CASCADE` and one or more `TEXT` or `BLOB` columns leaked memory.

As part of this fix, `ON DELETE CASCADE` is no longer supported for foreign keys on `NDB` tables when the child table contains a column that uses any of the `BLOB` or `TEXT` types. (Bug #89511, Bug #27484882)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.15 (Not released)

MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.15 was not released. NDB Cluster 8.0.14 is followed by NDB Cluster 8.0.16; users of NDB 8.0.14 should upgrade to 8.0.16 when the latter version becomes available.

Obtaining NDB Cluster 8.0. NDB Cluster 8.0 source code and binaries can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/cluster/.

For an overview of changes made in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster.

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.14 (2019-01-21, Development Milestone)

MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.14 is a new development release of NDB 8.0, based on MySQL Server 8.0 and including features in version 8.0 of the `NDB` storage engine, as well as fixing recently discovered bugs in previous NDB Cluster releases.

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For an overview of changes made in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster.

This release also incorporates all bug fixes and changes made in previous NDB Cluster releases, as well as all bug fixes and feature changes which were added in mainline MySQL 8.0 through MySQL 8.0.14 (see Changes in MySQL 8.0.14 (2019-01-21, General Availability)).

• Functionality Added or Changed

• Bugs Fixed
**Functionality Added or Changed**

- **Performance:** This release introduces a number of significant improvements in the performance of scans; these are listed here:
  
  - Row checksums help detect hardware issues, but do so at the expense of performance. NDB now offers the possibility of disabling these by setting the new `ndb_row_checksum` server system variable to 0; doing this means that row checksums are not used for new or altered tables. This can have a significant impact (5 to 10 percent, in some cases) on performance for all types of queries. This variable is set to 1 by default, to provide compatibility with the previous behavior.
  
  - A query consisting of a scan can execute for a longer time in the LDM threads when the queue is not busy.
  
  - Previously, columns were read before checking a pushed condition; now checking of a pushed condition is done before reading any columns.
  
  - Performance of pushed joins should see significant improvement when using range scans as part of join execution.

- **NDB Disk Data:** NDB now implements schema distribution of disk data objects including tablespaces and log file groups by SQL nodes when they connect to a cluster, just as it does for NDB databases and in-memory tables. This eliminates a possible mismatch between the MySQL data dictionary and the NDB dictionary following a native backup and restore that could arise when disk data tablespaces and undo log file groups were restored to the NDB dictionary, but not to the MySQL Server's data dictionary.

- **NDB Disk Data:** NDB now makes use of the MySQL data dictionary to ensure correct distribution of tablespaces and log file groups across all cluster SQL nodes when connecting to the cluster.

- The extra metadata property for NDB tables is now used to store information from the MySQL data dictionary. Because this information is significantly larger than the binary representation previously stored here (a `.frm` file, no longer used), the hard-coded size limit for this extra metadata has been increased.

  This change can have an impact on downgrades: Trying to read NDB tables created in NDB 8.0.14 and later may cause data nodes running NDB 8.0.13 or earlier to fail on startup with NDB error code 2355 `Failure to restore schema: Permanent error, external action needed: Resource configuration error`. This can happen if the table's metadata exceeds 6K in size, which was the old limit. Tables created in NDB 8.0.13 and earlier can be read by later versions without any issues.

  For more information, see Changes in NDB table extra metadata, and See also MySQL Data Dictionary. (Bug #27230681)

**Bugs Fixed**

- **Packaging:** Expected NDB header files were in the `devel` RPM package instead of `libndbclient-devel`. (Bug #84580, Bug #26448330)

- **ndbmemcache:** `libndbclient.so` was not able to find and load `libssl.so`, which could cause issues with `ndbmemcache` and Java-based programs using NDB. (Bug #26824659)

  References: See also: Bug #27882088, Bug #28410275.

- **MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** The `ndb.clusterj` test for NDB 8.0.13 failed when being run more than once. This was deal to a new, stricter rule with NDB 8.0.13 that did not allow temporary files being left behind in the variable folder of `mysql-test-run (mtr)`. With this fix, the temporary files are deleted before the test is executed. (Bug #28279038)
• **MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** A `NullPointerException` was thrown when a full table scan was performed with ClusterJ on tables containing either a BLOB or a TEXT field. It was because the proper object initializations were omitted, and they have now been added by this fix. (Bug #28199372, Bug #91242)

• The `version_comment` system variable was not correctly configured in `mysqld` binaries and returned a generic pattern instead of the proper value. This affected all NDB Cluster binary releases with the exception of .deb packages. (Bug #29054235)

• Trying to build from source using `-DWITH_NDBCLUSTER` and `-Werror` failed with GCC 8. (Bug #28707282)

• When copying deleted rows from a live node to a node just starting, it is possible for one or more of these rows to have a global checkpoint index equal to zero. If this happened at the same time that a full local checkpoint was started due to the undo log getting full, the `LCP_SKIP` bit was set for a row having GCI = 0, leading to an unplanned shutdown of the data node. (Bug #28372628)

• `ndbmtd` sometimes experienced a hang when exiting due to log thread shutdown. (Bug #28027150)

• **NDB** has an upper limit of 128 characters for a fully qualified table name. Due to the fact that `mysqld` names NDB tables using the format `database_name/catalog_name/table_name`, where `catalog_name` is always `def`, it is possible for statements such as `CREATE TABLE` to fail in spite of the fact that neither the table name nor the database name exceeds the 63-character limit imposed by **NDB**. The error raised in such cases was misleading and has been replaced. (Bug #27769521)

References: See also: Bug #27769801.

• When the **SUMA** kernel block receives a `SUB_STOP_REQ` signal, it executes the signal then replies with `SUB_STOP_CONF`. (After this response is relayed back to the API, the API is open to send more `SUB_STOP_REQ` signals.) After sending the `SUB_STOP_CONF`, **SUMA** drops the subscription if no subscribers are present, which involves sending multiple `DROP_TRIG_IMPL_REQ` messages to **DBTUP**. **LocalProxy** can handle up to 21 of these requests in parallel; any more than this are queued in the Short Time Queue. When execution of a `DROP_TRIG_IMPL_REQ` was delayed, there was a chance for the queue to become overloaded, leading to a data node shutdown with **Error in short time queue**.

This issue is fixed by delaying the execution of the `SUB_STOP_REQ` signal if **DBTUP** is already handling `DROP_TRIG_IMPL_REQ` signals at full capacity, rather than queueing up the `DROP_TRIG_IMPL_REQ` signals. (Bug #26574003)

• `ndb_restore` returned -1 instead of the expected exit code in the event of an index rebuild failure. (Bug #25112726)

• When starting, a data node copies metadata, while a local checkpoint updates metadata. To avoid any conflict, any ongoing LCP activity is paused while metadata is being copied. An issue arose when a local checkpoint was paused on a given node, and another node that was also restarting checked for a complete LCP on this node; the check actually caused the LCP to be completed before copying of metadata was complete and so ended the pause prematurely. Now in such cases, the LCP completion check waits to complete a paused LCP until copying of metadata is finished and the pause ends as expected, within the LCP in which it began. (Bug #24827685)

• `ndbout` and `ndberr` became invalid after exiting from `mgmd_run()`, and redirecting to them before the next call to `mgmd_run()` caused a segmentation fault, during an `ndb_mgmd` service restart. This fix ensures that `ndbout` and `ndberr` remain valid at all times. (Bug #17732772, Bug #28536919)

• `NdbScanFilter` did not always handle `NULL` according to the SQL standard, which could result in sending non-qualifying rows to be filtered (otherwise not necessary) by the MySQL server. (Bug #92407, Bug #28643463)

References: See also: Bug #93977, Bug #29231709.
The internal function `ndb_my_error()` was used in `ndbcluster_get_tablespace_statistics()` and `prepare_inplace_alter_table()` to report errors when the function failed to interact with NDB. The function was expected to push the NDB error as warning on the stack and then set an error by translating the NDB error to a MySQL error and then finally call `my_error()` with the translated error. When calling `my_error()`, the function extracts a format string that may contain placeholders and use the format string in a function similar to `sprintf()`, which in this case could read arbitrary memory leading to a segmentation fault, due to the fact that `my_error()` was called without any arguments.

The fix is always to push the NDB error as a warning and then set an error with a provided message. A new helper function has been added to `Thd_ndb` to be used in place of `ndb_my_error()`.

Running out of undo log buffer memory was reported using error 921 `Out of transaction memory ... (increase SharedGlobalMemory)`.

This problem is fixed by introducing a new error code 923 `Out of undo buffer memory (increase UNDO_BUFFER_SIZE)`. (Bug #92125, Bug #28537319)

When moving an `OperationRec` from the serial to the parallel queue, `Dbacc::startNext()` failed to update the `Operationrec::OP_ACC_LOCK_MODE` flag which is required to reflect the accumulated `OP_LOCK_MODE` of all previous operations in the parallel queue. This inconsistency in the ACC lock queues caused the scan lock takeover mechanism to fail, as it incorrectly concluded that a lock to take over was not held. The same failure caused an assert when aborting an operation that was a member of such an inconsistent parallel lock queue. (Bug #92100, Bug #28530928)

`ndb_restore` did not free all memory used after being called to restore a table that already existed. (Bug #92085, Bug #28525898)

A data node failed during startup due to the arrival of a `SCAN_FRAGREQ` signal during the restore phase. This signal originated from a scan begun before the node had previously failed and which should have been aborted due to the involvement of the failed node in it. (Bug #92059, Bug #28518448)

`DBTUP` sent the error `Tuple corruption detected when a read operation attempted to read the value of a tuple inserted within the same transaction`. (Bug #92009, Bug #28500861)

References: See also: Bug #28893633.

False constraint violation errors could occur when executing updates on self-referential foreign keys. (Bug #91965, Bug #28486390)

References: See also: Bug #90644, Bug #27930382.

An NDB internal trigger definition could be dropped while pending instances of the trigger remained to be executed, by attempting to look up the definition for a trigger which had already been released. This caused unpredictable and thus unsafe behavior possibly leading to data node failure. The root cause of the issue lay in an invalid assumption in the code relating to determining whether a given trigger had been released; the issue is fixed by ensuring that the behavior of NDB, when a trigger definition is determined to have been released, is consistent, and that it meets expectations. (Bug #91894, Bug #28451957)

In some cases, a workload that included a high number of concurrent inserts caused data node failures when using debug builds. (Bug #91764, Bug #28387450, Bug #29055038)

During an initial node restart with disk data tables present and `TwoPassInitialNodeRestartCopy` enabled, `DBTUP` used an unsafe scan in disk order. Such scans are no longer employed in this case. (Bug #91724, Bug #28378227)

Checking for old LCP files tested the table version, but this was not always dependable. Now, instead of relying on the table version, the check regards as invalid any LCP file having a `maxGCI` smaller than its `createGci`. (Bug #91637, Bug #28346565)
In certain cases, a cascade update trigger was fired repeatedly on the same record, which eventually consumed all available concurrent operations, leading to Error 233 Out of operation records in transaction coordinator (increase MaxNoOfConcurrentOperations). If MaxNoOfConcurrentOperations was set to a value sufficiently high to avoid this, the issue manifested as data nodes consuming very large amounts of CPU, very likely eventually leading to a timeout. (Bug #91472, Bug #28262239)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.13 (2018-10-23, Development Milestone)

MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.13 is a new development release of NDB 8.0, based on MySQL Server 8.0 and including features in version 8.0 of the NDB storage engine, as well as fixing recently discovered bugs in previous NDB Cluster releases.

Obtaining NDB Cluster 8.0. NDB Cluster 8.0 source code and binaries can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/cluster/.

For an overview of changes made in NDB Cluster 8.0, see What is New in NDB Cluster.

This release also incorporates all bug fixes and changes made in previous NDB Cluster releases, as well as all bug fixes and feature changes which were added in mainline MySQL 8.0 through MySQL 8.0.13 (see Changes in MySQL 8.0.13 (2018-10-22, General Availability)).

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- **Important Change; NDB Disk Data:** The following changes are made in the display of information about Disk Data files in the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES table:
  - Tablespaces and log file groups are no longer represented in the FILES table. (These constructs are not actually files.)
  - Each data file is now represented by a single row in the FILES table. Each undo log file is also now represented in this table by one row only. (Previously, a row was displayed for each copy of each of these files on each data node.)
  - For rows corresponding to data files or undo log files, node ID and undo log buffer information is no longer displayed in the EXTRA column of the FILES table.

  **Important**
  The removal of undo log buffer information is reverted in NDB 8.0.15. (Bug #92796, Bug #28800252)

- **Important Change; NDB Client Programs:** Removed the deprecated --ndb option for perror. Use ndb_perror to obtain error message information from NDB error codes instead. (Bug #81705, Bug #23523957)

  References: See also: Bug #81704, Bug #23523926.

- **Important Change:** Beginning with this release, MySQL NDB Cluster is being developed in parallel with the standard MySQL 8.0 server under a new unified release model with the following features:
  - NDB 8.0 is developed in, built from, and released with the MySQL 8.0 source code tree.
  - The numbering scheme for NDB Cluster 8.0 releases follows the scheme for MySQL 8.0, starting with the current MySQL release (8.0.13).
• Building the source with NDB support appends `-cluster` to the version string returned by `mysql -V`, as shown here:

```
shell> mysql -V
mysql Ver 8.0.13-cluster for Linux on x86_64 (Source distribution)
```

NDB binaries continue to display both the MySQL Server version and the NDB engine version, like this:

```
shell> ndb_mgm -V
MySQL distrib mysql-8.0.13 ndb-8.0.13-dmr, for Linux (x86_64)
```

In MySQL Cluster NDB 8.0, these two version numbers are always the same.

To build the MySQL 8.0.13 (or later) source with NDB Cluster support, use the CMake option `-DWITH_NDBCLUSTER`.

• **NDB Cluster APIs:** Added the Table methods `getExtraMetadata()` and `setExtraMetadata()`.

• **INFORMATION_SCHEMA** tables now are populated with tablespace statistics for MySQL Cluster tables. (Bug #27167728)

• It is now possible to specify a set of cores to be used for I/O threads performing offline multithreaded builds of ordered indexes, as opposed to normal I/O duties such as file I/O, compression, or decompression. “Offline” in this context refers to building of ordered indexes performed when the parent table is not being written to; such building takes place when an NDB cluster performs a node or system restart, or as part of restoring a cluster from backup using `ndb_restore --rebuild-indexes`.

In addition, the default behaviour for offline index build work is modified to use all cores available to `ndbmtd`, rather limiting itself to the core reserved for the I/O thread. Doing so can improve restart and restore times and performance, availability, and the user experience.

This enhancement is implemented as follows:

1. The default value for `BuildIndexThreads` is changed from 0 to 128. This means that offline ordered index builds are now multithreaded by default.

2. The default value for `TwoPassInitialNodeRestartCopy` is changed from `false` to `true`. This means that an initial node restart first copies all data from a “live” node to one that is starting —without creating any indexes—builds ordered indexes offline, and then again synchronizes its data with the live node, that is, synchronizing twice and building indexes offline between the two synchronizations. This causes an initial node restart to behave more like the normal restart of a node, and reduces the time required for building indexes.

3. A new thread type (`idxbld`) is defined for the `ThreadConfig` configuration parameter, to allow locking of offline index build threads to specific CPUs.

In addition, NDB now distinguishes the thread types that are accessible to “ThreadConfig” by the following two criteria:

1. Whether the thread is an execution thread. Threads of types `main`, `ldm`, `recv`, `rep`, `tc`, and `send` are execution threads; thread types `io`, `watchdog`, and `idxbld` are not.

2. Whether the allocation of the thread to a given task is permanent or temporary. Currently all thread types except `idxbld` are permanent.

For additional information, see the descriptions of the parameters in the Manual. (Bug #25835748, Bug #26928111)
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• When performing an NDB backup, the ndbinfo.logbuffers table now displays information regarding buffer usage by the backup process on each data node. This is implemented as rows reflecting two new log types in addition to REDO and DD-UNDO. One of these rows has the log type BACKUP-DATA, which shows the amount of data buffer used during backup to copy fragments to backup files. The other row has the log type BACKUP-LOG, which displays the amount of log buffer used during the backup to record changes made after the backup has started. One each of these log_type rows is shown in the logbuffers table for each data node in the cluster. Rows having these two log types are present in the table only while an NDB backup is currently in progress. (Bug #25822988)

• Added the ODirectSyncFlag configuration parameter for data nodes. When enabled, the data node treats all completed filesystem writes to the redo log as though they had been performed using fsync.

Note
This parameter has no effect if at least one of the following conditions is true:
• ODirect is not enabled.
• InitFragmentLogFiles is set to SPARSE.

(Bug #25428560)

• Added the --logbuffer-size option for ndbd and ndbmt, for use in debugging with a large number of log messages. This controls the size of the data node log buffer; the default (32K) is intended for normal operations. (Bug #89679, Bug #27550943)

• Prior to NDB 8.0, all string hashing was based on first transforming the string into a normalized form, then MD5-hashing the resulting binary image. This could give rise to some performance problems, for the following reasons:
  • The normalized string is always space padded to its full length. For a VARCHAR, this often involved adding more spaces than there were characters in the original string.
  • The string libraries were not optimized for this space padding, and added considerable overhead in some use cases.
  • The padding semantics varied between character sets, some of which were not padded to their full length.
  • The transformed string could become quite large, even without space padding; some Unicode 9.0 collations can transform a single code point into 100 bytes of character data or more.
  • Subsequent MD5 hashing consisted mainly of padding with spaces, and was not particularly efficient, possibly causing additional performance penalties by flush significant portions of the L1 cache.

Collations provide their own hash functions, which hash the string directly without first creating a normalized string. In addition, for Unicode 9.0 collations, the hashes are computed without padding. NDB now takes advantage of this built-in function whenever hashing a string identified as using a Unicode 9.0 collation.

Since, for other collations there are existing databases which are hash partitioned on the transformed string, NDB continues to employ the previous method for hashing strings that use these, to maintain compatibility. (Bug #89609, Bug #27523758)

References: See also: Bug #89590, Bug #27515000, Bug #89604, Bug #27522732.

• A table created in NDB 7.6 and earlier contains metadata in the form of a compressed .frm file, which is no longer supported in MySQL 8.0. To facilitate online upgrades to NDB 8.0, NDB performs
on-the-fly translation of this metadata and writes it into the MySQL Server’s data dictionary, which enables the `mysqld` in NDB Cluster 8.0 to work with the table without preventing subsequent use of the table by a previous version of the NDB software.

**Important**

Once a table's structure has been modified in NDB 8.0, its metadata is stored using the Data Dictionary, and it can no longer be accessed by NDB 7.6 and earlier.

This enhancement also makes it possible to restore an NDB backup made using an earlier version to a cluster running NDB 8.0 (or later).

## Bugs Fixed

- **Important Change; NDB Disk Data**: It was possible to issue a `CREATE TABLE` statement that referred to a nonexistent tablespace. Now such a statement fails with an error. (Bug #85859, Bug #25860404)

- **Important Change; NDB Replication**: Because the MySQL Server now executes `RESET MASTER` with a global read lock, the behavior of this statement when used with NDB Cluster has changed in the following two respects:
  - It is no longer guaranteed to be synchronous; that is, it is now possible that a read coming immediately before `RESET MASTER` is issued may not be logged until after the binary log has been rotated.
  - It now behaves identically, regardless of whether the statement is issued on the same SQL node that is writing the binary log, or on a different SQL node in the same cluster.

  **Note**

  `SHOW BINLOG EVENTS`, `FLUSH LOGS`, and most data definition statements continue, as they did in previous NDB versions, to operate in a synchronous fashion.

  (Bug #89976, Bug #27665565)

- **Important Change**: NDB supports any of the following three values for the `CREATE TABLE` statement’s `ROW_FORMAT` option: `DEFAULT`, `FIXED`, and `DYNAMIC`. Formerly, any values other than these were accepted but resulted in `DYNAMIC` being used. Now a `CREATE TABLE` statement that attempts to create an NDB table fails with an error if `ROW_FORMAT` is used, and does not have one of the three values listed. (Bug #88803, Bug #27230898)

- **Microsoft Windows; ndbinfo Information Database**: The process ID of the monitor process used on Windows platforms by `RESTART` to spawn and restart a `mysqld` is now shown in the `ndbinfo.processes` table as an `angel_pid`. (Bug #90235, Bug #27767237)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: The example NDB API programs `ndbapi_array_simple` and `ndbapi_array_using_adapter` did not perform cleanup following execution; in addition, the example program `ndbapi_simple_dual` did not check to see whether the table used by this example already existed. Due to these issues, none of these examples could be run more than once in succession.

  The issues just described have been corrected in the example sources, and the relevant code listings in the NDB API documentation have been updated to match. (Bug #27009386)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: A previous fix for an issue, in which the failure of multiple data nodes during a partial restart could cause API nodes to fail, did not properly check the validity of the associated `NdbReceiver` object before proceeding. Now in such cases an invalid object triggers handling for invalid signals, rather than a node failure. (Bug #25902137)
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References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #25092498.

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** Incorrect results, usually an empty result set, were returned when `setBound()` was used to specify a NULL bound. This issue appears to have been caused by a problem in gcc, limited to cases using the old version of this method (which does not employ `NdbRecord`), and is fixed by rewriting the problematic internal logic in the old implementation. (Bug #89468, Bug #27461752)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** Released NDB API objects are kept in one or more `Ndb_free_list` structures for later reuse. Each list also keeps track of all objects seized from it, and makes sure that these are eventually released back to it. In the event that the internal function `NdbScanOperation::init()` failed, it was possible for an `NdbApiSignal` already allocated by the `NdbOperation` to be leaked. Now in such cases, `NdbScanOperation::release()` is called to release any objects allocated by the failed `NdbScanOperation` before it is returned to the free list.

  This fix also handles a similar issue with `NdbOperation::init()`, where a failed call could also leak a signal. (Bug #89249, Bug #27389894)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** Removed the unused `TFSentinel` implementation class, which raised compiler warnings on 32-bit systems. (Bug #89005, Bug #27302881)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** The success of thread creation by API calls was not always checked, which could lead to timeouts in some cases. (Bug #88784, Bug #27225714)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** The file `storage/ndb/src/ndbapi/ndberror.c` was renamed to `ndberror.cpp`. (Bug #87725, Bug #26781567)

- **ndbinfo Information Database:** Counts of committed rows and committed operations per fragment used by some tables in `ndbinfo` were taken from the `DBACC` block, but due to the fact that commit signals can arrive out of order, transient counter values could be negative. This could happen if, for example, a transaction contained several interleaved insert and delete operations on the same row; in such cases, commit signals for delete operations could arrive before those for the corresponding insert operations, leading to a failure in `DBACC`.

  This issue is fixed by using the counts of committed rows which are kept in `DBTUP`, which do not have this problem. (Bug #88087, Bug #26968613)

- **NDB Client Programs:** When passed an invalid connection string, the `ndb_mgm` client did not always free up all memory used before exiting. (Bug #90179, Bug #27737906)

- **NDB Client Programs:** `ndb_show_tables` did not always free up all memory which it used. (Bug #90152, Bug #27727544)

- **NDB Client Programs:** On Unix platforms, the Auto-Installer failed to stop the cluster when `ndb_mgmd` was installed in a directory other than the default. (Bug #89624, Bug #27531186)

- **NDB Client Programs:** The Auto-Installer did not provide a mechanism for setting the `ServerPort` parameter. (Bug #89623, Bug #27539823)

- **MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** When a table containing a BLOB or a TEXT field was being queried with ClusterJ for a record that did not exist, an exception ("The method is not valid in current blob state") was thrown. (Bug #28536926)

- **MySQL NDB ClusterJ:** ClusterJ quit unexpectedly as there was no error handling in the `scanIndex()` function of the `ClusterTransactionImpl` class for a null returned to it internally by the `scanIndex()` method of the `ndbTransaction` class. (Bug #27297681, Bug #88989)

- **Local checkpoints did not always handle DROP TABLE operations correctly.** (Bug #27926532)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #26908347, Bug #26968613.
• In some circumstances, when a transaction was aborted in the DBTC block, there remained links to trigger records from operation records which were not yet reference-counted, but when such an operation record was released the trigger reference count was still decremented. (Bug #27629680)

• An internal buffer being reused immediately after it had been freed could lead to an unplanned data node shutdown. (Bug #27622643)

References: See also: Bug #28698831.

• An NDB online backup consists of data, which is fuzzy, and a redo and undo log. To restore to a consistent state it is necessary to ensure that the log contains all of the changes spanning the capture of the fuzzy data portion and beyond to a consistent snapshot point. This is achieved by waiting for a GCI boundary to be passed after the capture of data is complete, but before stopping change logging and recording the stop GCI in the backup’s metadata.

At restore time, the log is replayed up to the stop GCI, restoring the system to the state it had at the consistent stop GCI. A problem arose when, under load, it was possible to select a GCI boundary which occurred too early and did not span all the data captured. This could lead to inconsistencies when restoring the backup; these could be be noticed as broken constraints or corrupted BLOB entries.

Now the stop GCI is chosen is so that it spans the entire duration of the fuzzy data capture process, so that the backup log always contains all data within a given stop GCI. (Bug #27497461)

References: See also: Bug #27566346.

• For NDB tables, when a foreign key was added or dropped as a part of a DDL statement, the foreign key metadata for all parent tables referenced should be reloaded in the handler on all SQL nodes connected to the cluster, but this was done only on the mysqld on which the statement was executed. Due to this, any subsequent queries relying on foreign key metadata from the corresponding parent tables could return inconsistent results. (Bug #27439587)

References: See also: Bug #82989, Bug #24666177.

• ANALYZE TABLE used excessive amounts of CPU on large, low-cardinality tables. (Bug #27438963)

• Queries using very large lists with IN were not handled correctly, which could lead to data node failures. (Bug #27397802)

References: See also: Bug #28728603.

• A data node overload could in some situations lead to an unplanned shutdown of the data node, which led to all data nodes disconnecting from the management and nodes.

This was due to a situation in which API_FAILREQ was not the last received signal prior to the node failure.

As part of this fix, the transaction coordinator’s handling of SCAN_TABREQ signals for an ApiConnectRecord in an incorrect state was also improved. (Bug #27381901)

References: See also: Bug #47039, Bug #11755287.

• In a two-node cluster, when the node having the lowest ID was started using --nostart, API clients could not connect, failing with Could not alloc node id at HOST port PORT_NO: No free node id found for mysqld(API). (Bug #27225212)

• Changing MaxNoOfExecutionThreads without an initial system restart led to an unplanned data node shutdown. (Bug #27169282)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #26908347, Bug #26968613.
• In most cases, and especially in error conditions, **NDB** command-line programs failed on exit to free memory used by option handling, and failed to call `ndb_end()`. This is fixed by removing the internal methods `ndb_load_defaults()` and `ndb_free_defaults()` from `storage/ndb/include/util/ndb_opts.h`, and replacing these with an `Ndb_opts` class that automatically frees such resources as part of its destructor. (Bug #26930148)

References: See also: Bug #87396, Bug #26617328.

• A query against the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES` table returned no results when it included an `ORDER BY` clause. (Bug #26877788)

• ClusterJ failed to connect to a MySQL node that used `utf8mb4_800_ci_ai` as its default character set for connection. Also, ClusterJ quit unexpectedly when handling a table with a character set number of 255 or larger. This fix corrected both issues. (Bug #26027722)

• During a restart, **DBLQH** loads redo log part metadata for each redo log part it manages, from one or more redo log files. Since each file has a limited capacity for metadata, the number of files which must be consulted depends on the size of the redo log part. These files are opened, read, and closed sequentially, but the closing of one file occurs concurrently with the opening of the next.

In cases where closing of the file was slow, it was possible for more than 4 files per redo log part to be open concurrently; since these files were opened using the `OM_WRITE_BUFFER` option, more than 4 chunks of write buffer were allocated per part in such cases. The write buffer pool is not unlimited; if all redo log parts were in a similar state, the pool was exhausted, causing the data node to shut down.

This issue is resolved by avoiding the use of `OM_WRITE_BUFFER` during metadata reload, so that any transient opening of more than 4 redo log files per log file part no longer leads to failure of the data node. (Bug #25965370)

• Under certain conditions, data nodes restarted unnecessarily during execution of `ALTER TABLE... REORGANIZE PARTITION`. (Bug #25675481)

References: See also: Bug #26735618, Bug #27191468.

• Race conditions sometimes occurred during asynchronous disconnection and reconnection of the transporter while other threads concurrently inserted signal data into the send buffers, leading to an unplanned shutdown of the cluster.

As part of the work fixing this issue, the internal templating function used by the Transporter Registry when it prepares a send is refactored to use likely-or-unlikely logic to speed up execution, and to remove a number of duplicate checks for NULL. (Bug #24444908, Bug #25128512)

References: See also: Bug #20112700.

• **ndb_restore** sometimes logged data file and log file progress values much greater than 100%. (Bug #20989106)

• Removed unneeded debug printouts from the internal function `ha_ndbcluster::copy_fk_for_offline_alter()`. (Bug #90991, Bug #28069711)

• The internal function `BitmaskImpl::setRange()` set one bit fewer than specified. (Bug #90648, Bug #27931995)

• Inserting a row into an **NDB** table having a self-referencing foreign key that referenced a unique index on the table other than the primary key failed with **ER_NO_REFERENCED_ROW_2**. This was due to the fact that **NDB** checked foreign key constraints before the unique index was updated, so that the constraint check was unable to use the index for locating the row. Now, in such cases, **NDB** waits until all unique index values have been updated before checking foreign key constraints on the inserted row. (Bug #90644, Bug #27930382)

References: See also: Bug #91965, Bug #28486390.
• Removed all references to the C++ `register` storage class in the NDB Cluster sources; use of this specifier, which was deprecated in C++11 and removed in C++17, raised warnings when building with recent compilers. (Bug #90110, Bug #27705985)

• It was not possible to create an NDB table using `PARTITION_BALANCE` set to `FOR_RA_BY_LDM_X_2`, `FOR_RA_BY_LDM_X_3`, or `FOR_RA_BY_LDM_X_4`. (Bug #89811, Bug #27602352)

  References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #81759, Bug #23544301.

• Adding a `[tcp]` or `[shm]` section to the global configuration file for a cluster with multiple data nodes caused default TCP connections to be lost to the node using the single section. (Bug #89627, Bug #27532407)

• Removed a memory leak in the configuration file parser. (Bug #89392, Bug #27440614)

• Fixed a number of implicit-fallthrough warnings, warnings raised by uninitialized values, and other warnings encountered when compiling NDB with GCC 7.2.0. (Bug #89254, Bug #89255, Bug #89258, Bug #89259, Bug #89270, Bug #27390714, Bug #27390745, Bug #27390816, Bug #27396662)

  References: See also: Bug #88136, Bug #26990244.

• Node connection states were not always reported correctly by `ClusterMgr` immediately after reporting a disconnection. (Bug #89121, Bug #27349285)

• As a result of the reuse of code intended for send threads when performing an assist send, all of the local release send buffers were released to the global pool, which caused the intended level of the local send buffer pool to be ignored. Now send threads and assisting worker threads follow their own policies for maintaining their local buffer pools. (Bug #89119, Bug #27349118)

• When the `PGMAN` block seized a new `Page_request` record using `seizelast`, its return value was not checked, which could cause access to invalid memory. (Bug #89009, Bug #27303191)

• `TCROLLBACKREP` signals were not handled correctly by the `DBTC` kernel block. (Bug #89004, Bug #27302734)

• When sending priority A signals, we now ensure that the number of pending signals is explicitly initialized. (Bug #88986, Bug #27294856)

• The internal function `ha_ndbcluster::unpack_record()` did not perform proper error handling. (Bug #88587, Bug #27150980)

• `CHECKSUM` is not supported for NDB tables, but this was not not reflected in the `CHECKSUM` column of the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` table, which could potentially assume a random value in such cases. Now the value of this column is always set to `NULL` for NDB tables, just as it is for InnoDB tables. (Bug #88552, Bug #27143813)

• Removed a memory leak detected when running `ndb_mgm -e "CLUSTERLOG ..."`. (Bug #88517, Bug #27128846)

• When terminating, `ndb_config` did not release all memory which it had used. (Bug #88515, Bug #27128936)

• `ndb_restore` did not free memory properly before exiting. (Bug #88514, Bug #27128361)

• In certain circumstances where multiple Ndb objects were being used in parallel from an API node, the block number extracted from a block reference in `DBLQH` was the same as that of a SUMA block even though the request was coming from an API node. Due to this ambiguity, `DBLQH` mistook the request from the API node for a request from a SUMA block and failed. This is fixed by checking node IDs before checking block numbers. (Bug #88441, Bug #27130570)
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- A join entirely within the materialized part of a semijoin was not pushed even if it could have been. In addition, EXPLAIN provided no information about why the join was not pushed. (Bug #88224, Bug #27022925)

  References: See also: Bug #27067538.

- All known compiler warnings raised by --error when building the NDB source code have been fixed. (Bug #88136, Bug #26990244)

- When the duplicate weedout algorithm was used for evaluating a semijoin, the result had missing rows. (Bug #88117, Bug #26984919)

  References: See also: Bug #87992, Bug #26926666.

- NDB did not compile with GCC 7. (Bug #88011, Bug #26933472)

- A table used in a loose scan could be used as a child in a pushed join query, leading to possibly incorrect results. (Bug #87992, Bug #26926666)

- When representing a materialized semijoin in the query plan, the MySQL Optimizer inserted extra QEP_TAB and JOIN_TAB objects to represent access to the materialized subquery result. The join pushdown analyzer did not properly set up its internal data structures for these, leaving them uninitialized instead. This meant that later usage of any item objects referencing the materialized semijoin accessed an initialized tableno column when accessing a 64-bit tableno bitmask, possibly referring to a point beyond its end, leading to an unplanned shutdown of the SQL node. (Bug #87971, Bug #26919289)

- In some cases, a SCAN_FRAGCONF signal was received after a SCAN_FRAGREQ with a close flag had already been sent, clearing the timer. When this occurred, the next SCAN_FRAGREQ to arrive caused time tracking to fail. Now in such cases, a check for a cleared timer is performed prior to processing the SCAN_FRAGREQ message. (Bug #87942, Bug #26908347)

- While deleting an element in Dbacc, or moving it during hash table expansion or reduction, the method used (getLastAndRemove()) could return a reference to a removed element on a released page, which could later be referenced from the functions calling it. This was due to a change brought about by the implementation of dynamic index memory in NDB 7.6.2; previously, the page had always belonged to a single Dbacc instance, so accessing it was safe. This was no longer the case following the change; a page released in Dbacc could be placed directly into the global page pool where any other thread could then allocate it.

  Now we make sure that newly released pages in Dbacc are kept within the current Dbacc instance and not given over directly to the global page pool. In addition, the reference to a released page has been removed; the affected internal method now returns the last element by value, rather than by reference. (Bug #87932, Bug #26906640)

  References: See also: Bug #87987, Bug #26925595.

- When creating a table with a nonexistent conflict detection function, NDB returned an improper error message. (Bug #87628, Bug #26730019)

  ndb_top failed to build with the error "HAVE_NCURSESW_H" is not defined. (Bug #87035, Bug #26429281)

- In a MySQL Cluster with one MySQL Server configured to write a binary log failure occurred when creating and using an NDB table with non-stored generated columns. The problem arose only when the product was built with debugging support. (Bug #86084, Bug #25957586)

- It was possible to create or alter a STORAGE MEMORY table using a nonexistent tablespace without any error resulting. Such an operation now fails with Error 3510 ER_TABLESPACE_MISSING_WITH_NAME, as intended. (Bug #82116, Bug #23744378)
• \texttt{ndb\_restore --print-data --hex} did not print trailing 0s of \texttt{LONGVARBINARY} values. (Bug #65560, Bug #14198580)

• When the internal function \texttt{ha\_ndbcluster::copy\_fk\_for\_offline\_alter()} checked dependent objects on a table from which it was supposed to drop a foreign key, it did not perform any filtering for foreign keys, making it possible for it to attempt retrieval of an index or trigger instead, leading to a spurious Error 723 (\texttt{No such table}).

Release Series Changelogs: MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0

This section contains unified changelog information for the NDB Cluster 8.0 release series.

For changelogs covering individual MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0 releases, see \textit{NDB Cluster Release Notes}.

For general information about features added in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0, see \textit{What is New in NDB Cluster 8.0}.

For an overview of features added in MySQL 8.0 that are not specific to NDB Cluster, see \textit{What Is New in MySQL 8.0}. For a complete list of all bug fixes and feature changes made in MySQL 8.0 that are not specific to NDB Cluster, see the MySQL 8.0 Release Notes.

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.23 (2021-01-18, General Availability)

• Deprecation and Removal Notes

• Functionality Added or Changed

• Bugs Fixed

Deprecation and Removal Notes

• \textbf{Important Change:} As part of the terminology changes begun in MySQL 8.0.21 and NDB 8.0.21, the \texttt{ndb\_slave\_conflict\_role} system variable is now deprecated, and is being replaced with \texttt{ndb\_conflict\_role}.

In addition, a number of status variables have been deprecated and are being replaced, as shown in the following table:

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\texttt{Ndb\_api\_table\_scan\_count\_slave} & \texttt{Ndb\_api\_table\_scan\_count\_replica} \\
\texttt{Ndb\_api\_trans\_abort\_count\_slave} & \texttt{Ndb\_api\_trans\_abort\_count\_replica} \\
\texttt{Ndb\_api\_trans\_close\_count\_slave} & \texttt{Ndb\_api\_trans\_close\_count\_replica} \\
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Also as part of this work, the ndbinfo.table_distribution_status table's tab_copy_status column values ADD_TABLE_MASTER and ADD_TABLE_SLAVE are deprecated, and replaced by, respectively, ADD_TABLE_COORDINATOR and ADD_TABLE_PARTICIPANT.

Finally, the --help output of some NDB utility programs such as ndb_restore has been updated. (Bug #31571031)

• **NDB Client Programs:** Effective with this release, the MySQL NDB Cluster Auto-Installer (ndb_setup.py) has been removed from the NDB Cluster binary and source distributions, and is no longer supported. (Bug #32084831)

References: See also: Bug #31888835.

**Functionality Added or Changed**

• As part of work previously done in NDB 8.0, the metadata check performed as part of autosynchronization between the representation of an NDB table in the NDB dictionary and its counterpart in the MySQL data dictionary has been extended to include, in addition to table-level properties, the properties of columns, indexes, and foreign keys. (This check is also made by a debug MySQL server when performing a CREATE TABLE statement, and when opening an NDB table.)

As part of this work, any mismatches found between an object's properties in the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary are now written to the MySQL error log. The error log message includes the name of the property, its value in the NDB dictionary, and its value in the MySQL data dictionary. If the object is a column, index, or foreign key, the object's type is also indicated in the message.

• The ThreadConfig parameter has been extended with two new thread types, query threads and recovery threads, intended for scaleout of LDM threads. The number of query threads must be a multiple of the number of LDM threads, up to a maximum of 3 times the number of LDM threads.

It is also now possible when setting ThreadConfig to combine the main and rep threads into a single thread by setting either or both of these arguments to 0.

When one of these arguments is set to 0 but the other remains set to 1, the resulting combined thread is named main_rep. When both are set to 0, they are combined with the recv thread (assuming that recv to 1), and this combined thread is named main_rep_recv. These thread names are those shown when checking the threads table in the ndbinfo information database.

In addition, the maximums for a number of existing thread types have been increased. The new maximums are: LDM threads: 332; TC threads: 128; receive threads: 64; send threads: 64; main threads: 2. (The maximums for query threads and recovery threads are 332 each.) Maximums for other thread types remain unchanged from previous NDB Cluster releases.

Another change related to this work causes NDB to employ mutexes for protecting job buffers when more than 32 block threads are in use. This may cause a slight decrease in performance (roughly 1 to 2 percent), but also results in a decrease in the amount of memory used by very large configurations. For example, a setup with 64 threads which used 2 GB of job buffer memory
Previously, a single-threaded data node should now require only about 1 GB instead. In our testing this has resulted in an overall improvement (on the order of 5 percent) in the execution of very complex queries.

For more information, see the descriptions of the arguments to the ThreadConfig parameter discussed previously, and of the ndbinfo.threads table.

- This release adds the possibility of configuring the threads for multi-threaded data nodes (ndbmtd) automatically by implementing a new data node configuration parameter, AutomaticThreadConfig. When set to 1, NDB sets up the thread assignments automatically, based on the number of processors available to applications. If the system does not limit the number of processors, you can do this by setting NumCPUs to the desired number. Automatic thread configuration makes it unnecessary to set any values for ThreadConfig or MaxNoOfExecutionThreads in config.ini; if AutomaticThreadConfig is enabled, settings for either of these parameters are not used.

As part of this work, a set of tables providing information about hardware and CPU availability and usage by NDB data nodes have been added to the ndbinfo information database. These tables, along with a brief description of the information provided by each, are listed here:

- cpudata: CPU usage during the past second
- cpudata_1sec: CPU usage per second over the past 20 seconds
- cpudata_20sec: CPU usage per 20-second interval over the past 400 seconds
- cpudata_50ms: CPU usage per 50-millisecond interval during the past second
- cpuinfo: The CPU on which the data node executes
- hwinfo: The hardware on the host where the data node resides

Not all of the tables listed are available on all platforms supported by NDB Cluster:

- The cpudata, cpudata_1sec, cpudata_20sec, and cpudata_50ms tables are available only on Linux and Solaris operating systems.
- The cpuinfo table is not available on FreeBSD or MacOS.

- Added statistical information in the DBLQH block which is employed to track the use of key lookups and scans, as well as tracking queries from DBTC and DBSPJ. By detecting situations in which the load is high, but in which there is not actually any need to decrease the number of rows scanned per realtime break, rather than checking the size of job buffer queues to decide how many rows to scan, this makes it possible to scan more rows when there is no CPU congestion. This helps improve performance and realtime behaviour when handling high loads.

- A new method for handling table partitions and fragments is introduced, such that the number of local data managers (LDMs) for a given data node can determined independently of the number of redo log parts, and that the number of LDMs can now be highly variable. NDB employs this method when the ClassicFragmentation data node configuration parameter, implemented as part of this work, is set to false. When this is done, the number of LDMs is no longer used to determine how many partitions to create for a table per data node; instead, the PartitionsPerNode parameter, also introduced in this release, now determines this number, which is now used for calculating how many fragments a table should have.

When ClassicFragmentation has its default value true, then the traditional method of using the number of LDMs is used to determine how many fragments a table should have.

For more information, see Multi-Threading Configuration Parameters (ndbmtd).
Bugs Fixed

- **macOS**: Removed a number of compiler warnings which occurred when building NDB for Mac OS X. (Bug #31726693)

- **Microsoft Windows**: Removed a compiler warning `C4146: unary minus operator applied to unsigned type, result still unsigned` from Visual Studio 2013 found in storage \ndb\src\kernel\blocks\dbacc\dbaccmain.cpp. (Bug #23130016)

- **Solaris**: Due to a source-level error, `atomic_swap_32()` was supposed to be specified but was not actually used for Solaris builds of NDB Cluster. (Bug #31765608)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: Removed redundant usage of `strlen()` in the implementation of NdbDictionary and related internal classes in the NDB API. (Bug #100936, Bug #31930362)

  - When calling `disk_page_abort_prealloc()`, the callback from this internal function is ignored, and so removal of the operation record for the LQHKEYREQ signal proceeds without waiting. This left the table subject to removal before the callback had completed, leading to a failure in PGMAN when the page was retrieved from disk.

  To avoid this, we add an extra usage count for the table especially for this page cache miss; this count is decremented as soon as the page cache miss returns. This means that we guarantee that the table is still present when returning from the disk read. (Bug #32146931)

- **ndb_restore** terminated unexpectedly when run with the `--decrypt` option on big-endian systems. (Bug #32068854)

- When the data node receive thread found that the job buffer was too full to receive, nothing was done to ensure that, the next time it checked, it resumed receiving from the transporter at the same point at which it stopped previously. (Bug #32046097)

- The metadata check failed during auto-synchronization of tables restored using the `ndb_restore` tool. This was a timing issue relating to indexes, and was found in the following two scenarios encountered when a table had been selected for auto-synchronization:

  1. When the indexes had not yet been created in the NDB dictionary
  2. When the indexes had been created, but were not yet usable

    (Bug #32004637)

- Optimized sending of packed signals by registering the kernel blocks affected and the sending functions which need to be called for each one in a data structure rather than looking up this information each time. (Bug #31936941)

- When two data definition language statements—one on a database and another on a table in the same schema—were run in parallel, it was possible for a deadlock to occur. The DDL statement affecting the database acquired the global schema lock first, but before it could acquire a metadata lock on the database, the statement affecting the table acquired an intention-exclusive metadata lock...
on the schema. The table DDL statement was thus waiting for the global schema lock to upgrade its metadata lock on the table to an exclusive lock, while the database DDL statement waited for an exclusive metadata lock on the database, leading to a deadlock.

A similar type of deadlock involving tablespaces and tables was already known to occur; NDB already detected and resolved that issue. The current fix extends that logic to handle databases and tables as well, to resolve the problem. (Bug #31875229)

- Clang 8 raised a warning due to an uninitialized variable. (Bug #31864792)
- An empty page acquired for an insert did not receive a log sequence number. This is necessary in case the page was used previously and thus required undo log execution before being used again. (Bug #31859717)
- No reason was provided when rejecting an attempt to perform an in-place ALTER TABLE ... ADD PARTITION statement on a fully replicated table. (Bug #31809290)
- When the master node had recorded a more recent GCI than a node starting up which had performed an unsuccessful restart, subsequent restarts of the latter could not be performed because it could not restore the stated GCI. (Bug #31804713)
- When using 3 or 4 fragment replicas, it is possible to add more than one node at a time, which means that DBLQH and DBDIH can have distribution keys based on numbers of fragment replicas that differ by up to 3 (that is, MAX_REPLICAS - 1), rather than by only 1. (Bug #31784934)
- It was possible in DBLQH for an ABORT signal to arrive from DBTC before it received an LQHKEYREF signal from the next local query handler. Now in such cases, the out-of-order ABORT signal is ignored. (Bug #31782578)
- NDB did not handle correctly the case when an ALTER TABLE ... COMMENT="..." statement did not specify ALGORITHM=COPY. (Bug #31776392)
- It was possible in some cases to miss the end point of undo logging for a fragment. (Bug #31774459)
- ndb_print_sys_file did not work correctly with version 2 of the sysfile format that was introduced in NDB 8.0.18. (Bug #31726653)

References: See also: Bug #31828452.

- DBLQH could not handle the case in which identical operation records having the same transaction ID came from different transaction coordinators. This led to locked rows persisting after a node failure, which kept node recovery from completing. (Bug #31726568)
- It is possible for DBDIH to receive a local checkpoint having a given ID to restore while a later LCP is actually used instead, but when performing a partial LCP in such cases, the DIH block was not fully synchronized with the ID of the LCP used. (Bug #31726514)
- In most cases, when searching a hash index, the row is used to read the primary key, but when the row has not yet been committed the primary key may be read from the copy row. If the row has been deleted, it can no longer be used to read the primary key. Previously in such cases, the primary key was treated as a NULL, but this could lead to making a comparison using uninitialized data.

Now when this occurs, the comparison is made only if the row has not been deleted; otherwise the row is checked of among the operations in the serial queue. If no operation has the primary key, then any comparison can be reported as not equal, since no entry in the parallel queue can reinsert the row. This needs to be checked due to the fact that, if an entry in the serial queue is an insert then the primary key from this operation must be identified as such to preclude inserting the same primary key twice. (Bug #31688797)

- As with writing redo log records, when the file currently used for writing global checkpoint records becomes full, writing switches to the next file. This switch is not supposed to occur until the new file is actually ready to receive the records, but no check was made to ensure that this was the
case. This could lead to an unplanned data node shutdown restoring data from a backup using `ndb_restore`. (Bug #31585833)

- Release of shared global memory when it is no longer required by the DBSPJ block now occurs more quickly than previously. (Bug #31321518)

References: See also: Bug #31231286.

- Stopping 3 nodes out of 4 in a single node group using `kill -9` caused an unplanned cluster shutdown. To keep this from happening under such conditions, NDB now ensures that any node group that has not had any node failures is viewed by arbitration checks as fully viable. (Bug #31245543)

- Multi-threaded index builds could sometimes attempt to use an internal function disallowed to them. (Bug #30587462)

- While adding new data nodes to the cluster, and while the management node was restarting with an updated configuration file, some data nodes terminated unexpectedly with the error `virtual void TCP_Transporter::resetBuffers(): Assertion `!isConnected()' failed`. (Bug #30088051)

- It was not possible to execute `TRUNCATE TABLE` or `DROP TABLE` for the parent table of a foreign key with `foreign_key_checks` set to 0. (Bug #97501, Bug #30509759)

- Optimized the internal `NdbReceiver::unpackNdbRecord()` method, which is used to convert rows retrieved from the data nodes from packed wire format to the NDB API row format. Prior to the change, roughly 13% of CPU usage for executing a join occurred within this method; this was reduced to approximately 8%. (Bug #95007, Bug #29640755)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.22 (2020-10-19, General Availability)

- **Backup Notes**

- **Deprecation and Removal Notes**

- **Functionality Added or Changed**

- **Bugs Fixed**

**Backup Notes**

- To provide protection against unauthorized recovery of data from backups, this release adds support for NDB native encrypted backup using AES-256-CBC. Encrypted backup files are protected by a user-supplied password. NDB does not save this password; it needs to be done by the user or application. To create an encrypted backup, use `encrypt PASSWORD=password` with the `ndb_mgm` client `START BACKUP` command (in addition to any other options which may be required). You can also initiate an encrypted backup in applications by calling the MGM API `ndb_mgm_start_backup4()` function.

To restore from an encrypted backup, use `ndb_restore` with both of the options `--decrypt` and `--backup-password=password` and `ndb_print_backup_file` can also read encrypted files using the `-P` option added in this release.

The encryption password used with this feature can be any string of up to 256 characters from the range of printable ASCII characters other than !, ', "", $, %, \, and ^. When a password is supplied for encryption or decryption, it must be quoted using either single or double quotation marks. It is possible to specify an empty password using `''` or `""` but this is not recommended.

You can encrypt existing backup files using the `ndbxfrm` utility which is added to the NDB Cluster distribution in this release; this program can also decrypt encrypted backup files. `ndbxfrm` also compresses and decompresses NDB Cluster backup files. The compression method is the same as used by NDB Cluster for creating compressed backups when `CompressedBackup` is enabled.
It is also possible to require encrypted backups using `RequireEncryptedBackup`. When this parameter is enabled (by setting it equal to 1), the management client rejects any attempt to perform a backup that is not encrypted.

For more information, see Using The NDB Cluster Management Client to Create a Backup, as well as `ndbxfm — Compress, Decompress, Encrypt, and Decrypt Files Created by NDB Cluster`.

Deprecation and Removal Notes

- **NDB Client Programs**: Effective with this release, the MySQL NDB Cluster Auto-Installer (`ndb_setup.py`) has been deprecated and is subject to removal in a future version of NDB Cluster. (Bug #31888835)

Functionality Added or Changed

- **Important Change**: The `Ndb_metadata_blacklist_size` status variable was renamed as `Ndb_metadata_excluded_count`. (Bug #31465469)

- **Packaging**: Made the following improvements to the `server-minimal` RPM for NDB Cluster and the NDB Cluster Docker image:
  - Added `ndb_import` and other helpful utilities.
  - Included NDB utilities are now linked dynamically.
  - The NDB Cluster Auto-Installer is no longer included.
  - `ndbmemcache` is no longer included. (Bug #31838832)

  - Added the CMake option `NDB_UTILS_LINK_DYNAMIC`, to allow dynamic linking of NDB utilities with `ndbclient`. (Bug #31668306)

  - IPv6 addressing is now supported for connections to management and data nodes, including connections between management and data nodes with SQL nodes. For IPv6 addressing to work, the operating platform and network on which the cluster is deployed must support IPv6. Hostname resolution to IPv6 addresses must be provided by the operating platform (this is the same as when using IPv4 addressing).

  Mixing IPv4 and IPv6 addresses in the same cluster is not recommended, but this can be made to work in either of the following cases, provided that `--bind-address` is not used with `ndb_mgmd`:

  - Management node configured with IPv6, data nodes configured with IPv4: This works if the data nodes are started with `--ndb-connectstring` set to the IPv4 address of the management nodes.

  - Management node configured with IPv4, data nodes configured with IPv6: This works if the data nodes are started with `--ndb-connectstring` set to the IPv6 address of the management node.

When upgrading from an NDB version that does not support IPv6 addressing to a version that does so, it is necessary that the network already support both IPv4 and IPv6. The software upgrade must be performed first; after this, you can update the IPv4 addresses used in the `config.ini` configuration file with the desired IPv6 addresses. Finally, in order for the configuration changes to take effect, perform a system restart of the cluster.

Bugs Fixed

- **Important Change; NDB Cluster APIs**: The NDB Cluster adapter for Node.js was built against an obsolete version of the runtime. Now it is built using Node.js 12.18.3, and only that version or a later version of Node.js is supported by NDB. (Bug #31783049)
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- **Important Change:** In order to synchronize excluded metadata objects, it was necessary to correct the underlying issue, if any, and then trigger the synchronization of the objects again. This could be achieved through discovery of individual tables, which does not scale well with an increase in the number of tables and SQL nodes. It could also be done by by reconnecting the SQL node to the cluster, but doing so also incurs extra overhead.

To fix this issue, the list of database objects excluded due to synchronization failure is cleared when `ndb_metadata_sync` is enabled by the user. This makes all such objects eligible for synchronization in the subsequent detection run, which simplifies retrying the synchronization of all excluded objects.

This fix also removes the validation of objects to be retried which formerly took place at the beginning of each detection run. Since these objects are of interest only while `ndb_metadata_sync` is enabled, the list of objects to be retried is cleared when this variable is disabled, signalling that all changes have been synchronized. (Bug #31569436)

- **Packaging:** The Dojo library included with NDB Cluster has been upgraded to version 1.15.4. (Bug #31559518)

- **NDB Disk Data:** `ndbmtd` sometimes terminated unexpectedly when it could not complete a lookup for a log file group during a restore operation. (Bug #31284086)

- **NDB Disk Data:** While upgrading a cluster having 3 or 4 replicas after creating sufficient disk data objects to fill up the tablespace, and while performing inserts on the disk data tables, trying to stop some data nodes caused others to exit improperly. (Bug #30922322)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** In certain cases, the `Table::getColumn()` method returned the wrong `Column` object. This could happen when the full name of one table column was a prefix of the name of another, or when the names of two columns had the same hash value. (Bug #31774685)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** It was possible to make invalid sequences of NDB API method calls using blobs. This was because some method calls implicitly cause transaction execution inline, to deal with blob parts and other issues, which could cause user-defined operations not to be handled correctly due to the use of a method executing operations relating to blobs while there still user-defined blob operations pending. Now in such cases, NDB raises a new error 4558 `Pending blob operations must be executed before this call.` (Bug #27772916)

- **ndb_restore --remap-column** did not handle columns containing `NULL` values correctly. Now any offset specified by the mapping function used with this option is not applied to `NULL`, so that `NULL` is preserved as expected. (Bug #31966676)

- **nbd_print_backup_file** utility did not respect byte order for row data. This tool now performs byte swapping on row page information to ensure the same results on both big-endian and little-endian platforms. (Bug #31831438)

References: See also: Bug #32470157.

- In some cases following an upgrade from a version of NDB Cluster previous to 8.0.18 to a later one, writing the `sysfile` (see NDB Cluster Data Node File System Directory) and reading back from it did not work correctly. This could occur when explicit node group assignments to data nodes had been made (using the `NodeGroup` parameter); it was possible for node group assignments to change spontaneously, and even possible for node groups not referenced in the configuration file to be added. This was due to issues with version 2 of the `sysfile` format introduced in NDB 8.0.18. (Bug #31828452, Bug #31820201)

References: See also: Bug #31726653.

- After encountering the data node in the configuration file which used `NodeGroup=65536`, the management server stopped assigning data nodes lacking an explicit `NodeGroup` setting to node groups. (Bug #31825181)
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- Data nodes in certain cases experienced fatal memory corruption in the PGMAN kernel block due to an invalid assumption that pages were 32KB aligned, when in fact they are normally aligned to the system page size (4096 or 8192 bytes, depending on platform). (Bug #31768450, Bug #31773234)

- Fixed a misspelled define introduced in NDB 8.0.20 which made an internal function used to control adaptive spinning non-operational. (Bug #31765660)

- When executing undo log records during undo log recovery it was possible when hitting a page cache miss to use the previous undo log record multiple times. (Bug #31750627)

- When an SQL node or cluster shutdown occurred during schema distribution while the coordinator was still waiting for the participants, the schema distribution was aborted halfway but any rows in ndb_schema_result related to this schema operation were not cleared. This left open the possibility that these rows might conflict with a future reply from a participant if a DDL operation having the same schema operation ID originated from a client using the same node ID.

To keep this from happening, we now clear all such rows in ndb_schema_result during NDB binary log setup. This assures that there are no DDL distributions in progress and any rows remaining in the ndb_schema_result table are already obsolete. (Bug #31601674)

- Help output from the MySQL Cluster Auto-Installer displayed incorrect version information. (Bug #31589404)

- In certain rare circumstances, NDB missed checking for completion of a local checkpoint, leaving it uncompleted, which meant that subsequent local checkpoints could not be executed. (Bug #31577633)

- A data definition statement can sometimes involve reading or writing of multiple rows (or both) from tables; NDBCLUSTER starts an NdbTransaction to perform these operations. When such a statement was rolled back, NDBCLUSTER attempted to roll back the schema change before rolling back the NdbTransaction and closing it; this led to the rollback hanging indefinitely while the cluster waited for the NdbTransaction object to close before it was able to roll back the schema change.

Now in such cases, NDBCLUSTER rolls back the schema change only after rolling back and closing any open NdbTransaction associated with the change. (Bug #31546868)

- Adding a new user was not always synchronized correctly to all SQL nodes when the NDB_STORED_USER privilege was granted to the new user. (Bug #31486931)

- In some cases, QMGR returned conflicting NDB engine and MySQL server version information, which could lead to unplanned management node shutdown. (Bug #31471959)

- SUMA on a node that is starting up should not send a DICT_UNLOCK_ORD signal to the DICT block on the master node until both all SUMA_HANDOVER_REQ signals sent have had SUMA_HANDOVER_CONF signals sent in response, and every switchover bucket set up on receiving a SUMA_HANDOVER_CONF has completed switchover. In certain rare cases using NoOfReplicas > 2, and in which the delay between global checkpoints was unusually short, it was possible for some switchover buckets to be ready for handover before others, and for handover to proceed even though this was the case. (Bug #31459930)

- Attribute ID mapping needs to be performed when reading data from an NDB table using indexes or a primary key whose column order is different than that of the table. For unique indexes, a cached attribute ID map is created when the table is opened, and is then used for each subsequent read, but for primary key reads, the map was built for every read. This is changed so that an attribute ID map for primary key is built and cached when opening the table, and used whenever required for any subsequent reads. (Bug #31452597)

References: See also: Bug #24444899.
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• During different phases of the restore process, `ndb_restore` used different numbers of retries for temporary errors as well as different sleep times between retries. This is fixed by implementing consistent retry counts and sleep times across all restore phases. (Bug #31372923)

• Removed warnings generated when compiling `NDBCLUSTER` with Clang 10. (Bug #31344788)

• The `SPJ` block contains a load throttling mechanism used when generating `LQHKEYREQ` signals. When these were generated from parent rows from a scan, and this scan had a bushy topology with multiple children performing key lookups, it was possible to overload the job queues with too many `LQHKEYREQ` signals, causing node shutdowns due to full job buffers. This problem was originally fixed by Bug #14709490. Further investigation of this issue showed that job buffer full errors could occur even if the `SPJ` query was not bushy. Due to the increase in the internal batch size for `SPJ` workers in NDB 7.6.4 as part of work done to implement use of multiple fragments when sending `SCAN_FRAGREQ` signals to the `SPJ` block, even a simple query could fill up the job buffers when a relatively small number of such queries were run in parallel.

To fix this problem, we no longer send any further `LQHKEYREQ` signals once the number of outstanding signals in a given request exceeds 256. Instead, the parent row from which the `LQHKEYREQ` is produced is buffered, and the correlation ID of this row is stored in the collection of operations to be resumed later. (Bug #31343524)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #14709490.

• `MaxDiskWriteSpeedOwnRestart` was not honored as an upper bound for local checkpoint writes during a node restart. (Bug #31337487)

References: See also: Bug #29943227.

• Under certain rare circumstances, `DROP TABLE` of an `NDB` table triggered an assert. (Bug #31336431)

• During a node restart, the `SUMA` block of the node that is starting must get a copy of the subscriptions (events with subscribers) and subscribers (`NdbEventOperation` instances which are executing) from a node already running. Before the copy is complete, nodes which are still starting ignore any user-level `SUB_START` or `SUB_STOP` requests; after the copy is done, they can participate in such requests. While the copy operation is in progress, user-level `SUB_START` and `SUB_STOP` requests are blocked using a `DICT` lock.

An issue was found whereby a starting node could participate in `SUB_START` and `SUB_STOP` requests after the lock was requested, but before it is granted, which resulted in unsuccessful `SUB_START` and `SUB_STOP` requests. This fix ensures that the nodes cannot participate in these requests until after the `DICT` lock has actually been granted. (Bug #31302657)

• Backups errored out with `FsErrInvalidParameters` when the filesystem was running with `O_DIRECT` and a data file write was not aligned with the 512-byte block size used by `O_DIRECT` writes. If the total fragment size in the data file is not aligned with the `O_DIRECT` block size, `NDB` pads the last write to the required size, but when there were no fragments to write, `BACKUP` wrote only the header and footer to the data file. Since the header and footer are less than 512 bytes, leading to the issue with the `O_DIRECT` write.

This is fixed by padding out the generic footer to 512 bytes if necessary, using an `EMPTY_ENTRY`, when closing the data file. (Bug #31180508)

• When employing an execution strategy which requires it to buffer received key rows for later use, `DBSPJ` now manages the buffer memory allocation tree node by tree node, resulting in a significant drop in CPU usage by the `DBSPJ` block. (Bug #31174015)

• `DBSPJ` now uses linear memory instead of segmented memory for storing and handling `TRANSID_AI` signals, which saves approximately 10% of the CPU previously consumed. Due to this change, it is now possible for `DBSPJ` to accept `TRANSID_AI` signals in the short signal format; this is
more efficient than the long signal format which requires segmented memory. (Bug #31173582, Bug #31173766)

• Altering the table comment of a fully replicated table using ALGORITHM=INPLACE led to an assertion. (Bug #31139313)

• A local data manager (LDM) has a mechanism for ensuring that a fragment scan does not continue indefinitely when it finds too few rows to fill the available batch size in a reasonable amount of time (such as when a ScanFilter evaluates to false for most of the scanned rows). When this time limit, set in DBLQH as 10 ms, has expired, any rows found up to that point are returned, independent of whether the specified batch size has been filled or not. This acts as a keep-alive mechanism between data and API nodes, as well as to avoid keeping any locks held during the scan for too long.

A side effect of this is that returning result row batches to the DBSPJ block which are filled well below the expected limit could cause performance issues. This was due not only to poor utilization of the space reserved for batches, requiring more NEXTREQ round trips, but because it also caused DBSPJ internal parallelism statistics to become unreliable.

Since the DBSPJ block never requests locks when performing scans, overly long locks are not a problem for SPJ requests. Thus it is considered safe to let scans requested by DBSPJ to continue for longer than the 10 ms allowed previously, and the limit set in DBLQH has been increased to 100 ms. (Bug #31124065)

• For a pushed join, the output from EXPLAIN FORMAT=TREE did not indicate whether the table access was an index range scan returning multiple rows, or a single-row lookup on a primary or unique key.

This fix provides also a minor optimization, such that the handler interface is not accessed more than once in an attempt to return more than a single row if the access type is known to be Unique. (Bug #31123930)

• A previous change (made in NDB 8.0.20) made it possible for a pushed join on tables allowing READ_BACKUP to place two SPJ workers on the data node local to the DBTC block while placing no SPJ workers on some other node; this sometime imbalance is intentional, as the SPJ workload (and possible introduced imbalance) is normally quite low compared to the gains of enabling more local reads of the backup fragments. As an unintended side effect of the same change, these two colocated SPJ workers might scan the same subset of fragments in parallel; this broke an assumption in the DBSPJ block that only a single SPJ worker is instantiated on each data node on which the logic for insuring that each SPJ worker starts its scans from a different fragment depends.

To fix this problem, the starting fragment for each SPJ worker is now calculated based on the root fragment ID from which the worker starts, which is unique among all SPJ workers even when some of them reside on the same node. (Bug #31113005)

References: See also: Bug #30639165.

• When upgrading a cluster from NDB 8.0.17 or earlier to 8.0.18 or later, data nodes not yet upgraded could shut down unexpectedly following upgrade of the management server (or management servers) to the new software version. This occurred when a management client STOP command was sent to one or more of the data nodes still running the old version and the new master node (also running the old version of the NDB software) subsequently underwent an unplanned shutdown.

It was found that this occurred due to setting the signal length and number of signal sections incorrectly when sending a GSN_STOP_REQ—one of a number of signals whose length has been increased in NDB 8.0 as part of work done to support greater numbers of data nodes—to the new master. This happened due to the use of stale data retained from sending a GSN_STOP_REQ to the previous master node. To prevent this from happening, ndb_mgmd now sets the signal length and number of sections explicitly each time, prior to sending a GSN_STOP_REQ signal. (Bug #31019990)
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- In some cases, when failures occurred while replaying logs and restoring tuples, `ndb_restore` terminated instead of returning an error. In addition, the number of retries to be attempted for some operations was determined by hard-coded values. (Bug #30928114)

- During schema distribution, if the client was killed after a DDL operation was already logged in the `ndb_schema` table, but before the participants could reply, the client simply marked all participants as failed in the `NDB_SCHEMA_OBJECT` and returned. Since the distribution protocol was already in progress, the coordinator continued to wait for the participants, received their `ndb_schema_result` insert and processed them; meanwhile, the client was open to send another DDL operation; if one was executed and distribution of it was begun before the coordinator could finish processing the previous schema change, this triggered an assertion there should be only one distribution of a schema operation active at any given time. In addition, when the client returned having detected a thread being killed, it also released the global schema lock (GSL); this could also lead to undefined issues since the participant could make the changes under the assumption that the GSL was still being held by the coordinator.

In such cases, the client should not return after the DDL operation has been logged in the `ndb_schema` table; from this point, the coordinator has control and the client should wait for it to make a decision. Now the coordinator aborts the distribution only in the event of a server or cluster shutdown, and otherwise waits for all participants either to reply, or to time out and mark the schema operation as completed. (Bug #30684839)

- When, during a restart, a data node received a `GCP_SAVEREQ` signal prior to beginning start phase 9, and thus needed to perform a global checkpoint index write to a local data manager’s local checkpoint control file, it did not record information from the DIH block originating with the node that sent the signal as part of the data written. This meant that, later in start phase 9, when attempting to send a `GCP_SAVECONF` signal in response to the `GCP_SAVEREQ`, this information was not available, which meant the response could not be sent, resulting in an unplanned shutdown of the data node. (Bug #30187949)

- Setting `EnableRedoControl` to `false` did not fully disable `MaxDiskWriteSpeed`, `MaxDiskWriteSpeedOtherNodeRestart`, and `MaxDiskWriteSpeedOwnRestart` as expected. (Bug #29943227)

References: See also: Bug #31337487.

- A `BLOB` value is stored by `NDB` in multiple parts; when reading such a value, one read operation is executed per part. If a part is not found, the read fails with a `row not found error`, which indicates a corrupted `BLOB`, since a `BLOB` should never have any missing parts. A problem can arise because this error is reported as the overall result of the read operation, which means that `mysqld` sees no error and reports zero rows returned.

This issue is fixed by adding a check specifically for the case in which a blob part is not found. Now, when this occurs, overwriting the `row not found` error with corrupted blob, which causes the originating `SELECT` statement to fail as expected. Users of the NDB API should be aware that, despite this change, the `NdbBlob::getValue()` method continues to report the error as `row not found` in such cases. (Bug #28590428)

- Data nodes did not start when the `RealtimeScheduler` configuration parameter was set to 1. This was due to the fact that index builds during startup are performed by temporarily diverting some I/O threads for use as index building threads, and these threads inherited the realtime properties of the I/O threads. This caused a conflict (treated as a fatal error) when index build thread specifications were checked to ensure that they were not realtime threads. This is fixed by making sure that index build threads are not treated as realtime threads regardless of any settings applying to their host I/O threads, which is as actually intended in their design. (Bug #27533538)

- Using an in-place `ALTER TABLE` to drop an index could lead to the unplanned shutdown of an SQL node. (Bug #24444899)
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• As the final step when executing `ALTER TABLE ... ALGORITHM=INPLACE, NDBCLUSTER` performed a read of the table metadata from the NDB dictionary, requiring an extra round trip between the SQL nodes and data nodes, which unnecessarily both slowed down execution of the statement and provided an avenue for errors which NDBCLUSTER was not prepared to handle correctly. This issue is fixed by removing the read of NDB table metadata during the final phase of executing an in-place `ALTER TABLE` statement. (Bug #99898, Bug #31497026)

• A memory leak could occur when preparing an NDB table for an in-place `ALTER TABLE`. (Bug #99739, Bug #31419144)

• Added the `AllowUnresolvedHostNames` configuration parameter. When set to `true`, this parameter overrides the fatal error normally raised when `ndb_mgmd` cannot connect to a given host name, allowing startup to continue and generating only a warning instead. To be effective, the parameter must be set in the cluster global configuration file's `[tcp default]` section.

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.21 (2020-07-13, General Availability)

• Packaging Notes

• Functionality Added or Changed

• Bugs Fixed

Packaging Notes

• For Windows, MSI installer packages for NDB Cluster now include a check for the required Visual Studio redistributable package, and produce a message asking the user to install it if it is missing. (Bug #30541398)

Functionality Added or Changed

• NDB Disk Data: An initial restart of the cluster now causes the removal of all NDB tablespaces and log file groups from the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary. This includes the removal of all data files and undo log files associated with these objects. (Bug #30435378)

  References: See also: Bug #29894166.

• The status variable `Ndb_metadata_blacklist_size` is now deprecated, and is replaced in NDB 8.0.22 by `Ndb_metadata_excluded_count`. (Bug #31465469)

• It now possible to consolidate data from separate instances of NDB Cluster into a single target NDB Cluster when the original datasets all use the same schema. This is supported when using backups created using `START_BACKUP` in `ndb_mgm` and restoring them with `ndb_restore`, using the `--remap-column` option implemented in this release (along with `--restore-data` and possibly other options). `--remap-column` can be employed to handle cases of overlapping primary, unique, or both sorts of key values between source clusters, and you need to make sure that they do not overlap in the target cluster. This can also be done to preserve other relationships between tables.

  When used together with `--restore-data`, the new option applies a function to the value of the indicated column. The value set for this option is a string of the format `db.tbl.col:fn:args`, whose components are listed here:

  • `db`: Database name, after performing any renames.
  • `tbl`: Table name.
  • `col`: Name of the column to be updated. This column's type must be one of `INT` or `BIGINT`, and can optionally be `UNSIGNED`.
  • `fn`: Function name; currently, the only supported name is `offset`. 

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• **args**: The size of the offset to be added to the column value by `offset`. The range of the argument is that of the signed variant of the column's type; thus, negative offsets are supported.

You can use `--remap-column` for updating multiple columns of the same table and different columns of different tables, as well as combinations of multiple tables and columns. Different offset values can be employed for different columns of the same table.

As part of this work, two new options are also added to `ndb_desc` in this release:

• **--auto-inc** (short form `-a`): Includes the the next auto-increment value in the output, if the table has an `AUTO_INCREMENT` column.

• **--context** (short form `-x`): Provides extra information about the table, including the schema, database name, table name, and internal ID.

These options may be useful for obtaining information about NDB tables when planning a merge, particularly in situations where the `mysql` client may not be readily available.

For more information, see the descriptions for `--remap-column`, `--auto-inc`, and `--context`. (Bug #30383950)

• Detailed real-time information about the state of automatic metadata mismatch detection and synchronization can now be obtained from tables in the MySQL Performance Schema. These two tables are listed here:

  • `ndb_sync_pending_objects`: Contains information about NDB database objects for which mismatches have been detected between the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary. It does not include objects which have been excluded from mismatch detection due to permanent errors raised when attempting to synchronize them.

  • `ndb_sync_excluded_objects`: Contains information about NDB database objects which have been excluded because they cannot be synchronized between the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary, and thus require manual intervention. These objects are no longer subject to mismatch detection until such intervention has been performed.

In each of these tables, each row corresponds to a database object, and contains the database object's parent schema (if any), the object's name, and the object's type. Types of objects include schemas, tablespaces, log file groups, and tables. The `ndb_sync_excluded_objects` table shows in addition to this information the reason for which the object has been excluded.

Performance Schema NDB Cluster Tables, provides further information about these Performance Schema tables. (Bug #30107543)

• `ndb_restore` now supports different primary key definitions for source and target tables when restoring from an NDB native backup, using the `--allow-pk-changes` option introduced in this release. Both increasing and decreasing the number of columns making up the original primary key are supported. This may be useful when it is necessary to accommodate schema version changes while restoring data, or when doing so is more efficient or less time-consuming than performing `ALTER TABLE` statements involving primary key changes on a great many tables following the restore operation.

When extending a primary key with additional columns, any columns added must not be nullable, and any values stored in any such columns must not change while the backup is being taken. Changes in the values of any such column while trying to add it to the table's primary key causes the restore operation to fail. Due to the fact that some applications set the values of all columns when updating a row even if the values of one or more of the columns does not change, it is possible to override this behavior by using the `--ignore-extended-pk-updates` option which is also added
in this release. If you do this, care must be taken to insure that such column values do not actually change.

When removing columns from the table’s primary key, it is not necessary that the columns dropped from the primary key remain part of the table afterwards.

For more information, see the description of the \texttt{--allow-pk-changes} option in the documentation for \texttt{ndb_restore}. (Bug \#26435136, Bug \#30383947, Bug \#30634010)

- Added the \texttt{--ndb-log-fail-terminate} option for \texttt{mysqld}. When used, this causes the SQL node to terminate if it is unable to log all row events. (Bug \#21911930)

References: See also: Bug \#30383919.

- When a scalar subquery has no outer references to the table to which the embedding condition is attached, the subquery may be evaluated independent of that table; that is, the subquery is not dependent. \texttt{NDB} now attempts to identify and evaluate such a subquery before trying to retrieve any rows from the table to which it is attached, and to use the value thus obtained in a pushed condition, rather than using the subquery which provided the value.

- In MySQL 8.0.17 and later, the MySQL Optimizer transforms \texttt{NOT EXISTS} and \texttt{NOT IN} queries into antijoins. \texttt{NDB} can now push these down to the data nodes.

This can be done when there is no unpushed condition on the table, and the query fulfills any other conditions which must be met for an outer join to be pushed down.

### Bugs Fixed

- **Important Change; NDB Disk Data:** An online change of tablespace is not supported for \texttt{NDB} tables. Now, for an \texttt{NDB} table, the statement \texttt{ALTER TABLE ndb_table ... ALGORITHM=INPLACE, TABLESPACE=new_tablespace} is specifically disallowed.

  As part of this fix, the output of the \texttt{ndb_desc} utility is improved to include the tablespace name and ID for an \texttt{NDB} table which is using one. (Bug \#31180526)

- The wrong index was used in the array of indexes while dropping an index. For a table with 64 indexes this caused uninitialized memory to be released. This problem also caused a memory leak when a new index was created at any later time following the drop. (Bug \#31408095)

- Removed an unnecessary dependency of \texttt{ndb_restore} on the \texttt{NDBCLUSTER} plugin. (Bug \#31347684)

- Objects for which auto-synchronization fails due to temporary errors, such as failed acquisitions of metadata locks, are simply removed from the list of detected objects, making such objects eligible for detection in later cycles in which the synchronization is retried and hopefully succeeds. This best-effort approach is suitable for the default auto-synchronization behaviour but is not ideal when the using the \texttt{ndb_metadata_sync} system variable, which triggers synchronization of all metadata, and when synchronization is complete, is automatically set to false to indicate that this has been done.

  What happened, when a temporary error persisted for a sizable length of time, was that metadata synchronization could take much longer than expected and, in extreme cases, could hang indefinitely, pending user action. One such case occurred when using \texttt{ndb_restore} with the \texttt{--disable-indexes} option to restore metadata, when the synchronization process entered a vicious cycle of detection and failed synchronization attempts due to the missing indexes until the indexes were rebuilt using \texttt{ndb_restore --rebuild-indexes}.

  The fix for this issue is, whenever \texttt{ndb_metadata_sync} is set to \texttt{true}, to exclude an object after synchronization of it fails 10 times with temporary errors by promoting these errors to a permanent error, in order to prevent stalling. This is done by maintaining a list of such objects, this list including
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a count of the number of times each such object has been retried. Validation of this list is performed
during change detection in a similar manner to validation of the exclusion list. (Bug #31341888)

- 32-bit platforms are not supported by NDB 8.0. Beginning with this release, the build process checks
the system architecture and aborts if it is not 64-bit. (Bug #31340969)

- Page-oriented allocations on the data nodes are divided into nine resource groups, some having
pages dedicated to themselves, and some having pages dedicated to shared global memory
which can be allocated by any resource group. To prevent the query memory resource group
from depriving other, more important resource groups such as transaction memory of resources,
allocations for query memory are performed with low priority and are not allowed to use the last 10%
of shared global memory. This change was introduced by poolification work done in NDB 8.0.15.

Subsequently, it was observed that the calculation for the number of pages of shared global memory
kept inaccessible to query memory was correct only when no pages were in use, which is the case
when the LateAlloc data node parameter is disabled (0).

This fix corrects that calculation as performed when LateAlloc is enabled. (Bug #31328947)

References: See also: Bug #31231286.

- Multi-threaded restore is able to drive greater cluster load than the previous single-threaded
restore, especially while restoring of the data file. To avoid load-related issues, the insert operation
parallelism specified for an ndb_restore instance is divided equally among the part threads, so
that a multithreaded instance has a similar level of parallelism for transactions and operations to a
single-threaded instance.

An error in division caused some part threads to have lower insert operation parallelism than they
should have, leading to an slower restore than expected. This fix ensures all part threads in a multi-
threaded ndb_restore instance get an equal share for parallelism. (Bug #31256989)

- DUMP 1001 (DumpPageMemoryOnFail) now prints out information about the internal state of the
data node page memory manager when allocation of pages fails due to resource constraints. (Bug
#31231286)

- Statistics generated by NDB for use in tracking internal objects allocated and deciding when to
release them were not calculated correctly, with the result that the threshold for resource usage was
50% higher than intended. This fix corrects the issue, and should allow for reduced memory usage.
(Bug #31127237)

- The Dojo toolkit included with NDB Cluster and used by the Auto-Installer was upgraded to version
1.15.3. (Bug #31029110)

- A packed version 1 configuration file returned by ndb_mgmd could contain duplicate entries following
an upgrade to NDB 8.0, which made the file incompatible with clients using version 1. This occurs
due to the fact that the code for handling backwards compatibility assumed that the entries in each
section were already sorted when merging it with the default section. To fix this, we now make sure
that this sort is performed prior to merging. (Bug #31020183)

- When executing any of the SHUTDOWN, ALL STOP, or ALL RESTART management commands, it is
possible for different nodes to attempt to stop on different global checkpoint index (CGI) boundaries.
If they succeed in doing so, then a subsequent system restart is slower than normal because any
nodes having an earlier stop CGI must undergo takeover as part of the process. When nodes
failing on the first CGI boundary cause surviving nodes to be nonviable, surviving nodes suffer an
arbitration failure; this has the positive effect of causing such nodes to halt at the correct CGI, but
can give rise to spurious errors or similar.

To avoid such issues, extra synchronization is now performed during a planned shutdown to reduce
the likelihood that different data nodes attempt to shut down at different GCIs as well as the use of
unnecessary node takeovers during system restarts. (Bug #31008713)
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• During an upgrade, a client could connect to an NDB 8.0 data node without specifying a multiple transporter instance ID, so that this ID defaulted to -1. Due to an assumption that this would occur only in the Node starting state with a single transporter, the node could hang during the restart. (Bug #30899046)

• When an NDB cluster was upgraded from a version that does not support the data dictionary to one that does, any DDL executed on a newer SQL node was not properly distributed to older ones. In addition, newer SDI generated duringDDL execution was ignored by any data nodes that had not yet been upgraded. These two issues led to schema states that were not consistent between nodes of different NDB software versions.

We fix this problem by blocking any DDL affecting NDB data objects while an upgrade from a previous NDB version to a version with data dictionary support is ongoing. (Bug #30877440)

References: See also: Bug #30184658.

• The `mysql.ndb_schema` table, used internally for schema distribution among SQL nodes, has been modified in NDB 8.0. When a cluster is being upgraded from an older version of NDB, the first SQL node to be upgraded updates the definition of this table to match that used by NDB 8.0 GA releases. (For this purpose, NDB now uses 8.0.21 as the cutoff version.) This is done by dropping the existing table and re-creating it using the newer definition. SQL nodes which have not yet been upgraded receive this `ndb_schema` table drop event and enter read-only mode, becoming writable again only after they are upgraded.

To keep SQL nodes running older versions of NDB from going into read-only mode, we change the upgrade behavior of `mysqld` such that the `ndb_schema` table definition is updated only if all SQL nodes connected to the cluster are running an 8.0 GA version of NDB and thus having the updated `ndb_schema` table definition. This means that, during an upgrade to the current or any later version, no MySQL Server that is being upgraded updates the `ndb_schema` table if there is at least one SQL node with an older version connected to the cluster. Any SQL node running an older version of NDB remains writable throughout the upgrade process. (Bug #30876990, Bug #31016905)

• `ndb_import` did not handle correctly the case where a CSV parser error occurred in a block of input other than the final block. (Bug #30839144)

• When `mysqld` was upgraded to a version that used a new SDI version, all NDB tables become inaccessible. This was because, during an upgrade, synchronization of NDB tables relies on deserializing the SDI packed into the NDB Dictionary; if the SDI format was of an version older than that used prior to the upgrade, deserialization could not take place if the format was not the same as that of the new version, which made it impossible to create a table object in the MySQL data dictionary.

This is fixed by making it possible for NDB to bypass the SDI version check in the MySQL server when necessary to perform deserialization as part of an upgrade. (Bug #30789293, Bug #30825260)

• When responding to a `SCANTABREQ`, an API node can provide a distribution key if it knows that the scan should work on only one fragment, in which case the distribution key should be the fragment ID, but in some cases a hash of the partition key was used instead, leading to failures in DBTC. (Bug #30774226)

• Several memory leaks found in `ndb_import` have been removed. (Bug #30756434, Bug #30727956)

• The master node in a backup shut down unexpectedly on receiving duplicate replies to a `DEFINE_BACKUP_REQ` signal. These occurred when a data node other than the master errored out during the backup, and the backup master handled the situation by sending itself a `DEFINE_BACKUP_REF` signal on behalf of the missing node, which resulted in two replies being received from the same node (a `CONF` signal from the problem node prior to shutting down and the `REF` signal from the master on behalf of this node), even though the master expected only one reply per node. This scenario was also encountered for `START_BACKUP_REQ` and `STOP_BACKUP_REQ` signals.
This is fixed in such cases by allowing duplicate replies when the error is the result of an unplanned node shutdown. (Bug #30589827)

- When updating NDB_TABLE comment options using ALTER TABLE, other options which has been set to non-default values when the table was created but which were not specified in the ALTER TABLE statement could be reset to their defaults.

See Setting NDB_TABLE Options, for more information. (Bug #30428829)

- Removed a memory leak found in the ndb_import utility. (Bug #29820879)

- Incorrect handling of operations on fragment replicas during node restarts could result in a forced shutdown, or in content diverging between fragment replicas, when primary keys with nonbinary (case-sensitive) equality conditions were used. (Bug #98526, Bug #30884622)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.20 (2020-04-27, General Availability)

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- **Important Change**: It is now possible to divide a backup into slices and to restore these in parallel using two new options implemented for the ndb_restore utility, making it possible to employ multiple instances of ndb_restore to restore subsets of roughly the same size of the backup in parallel, which should help to reduce the length of time required to restore an NDB Cluster from backup.

  The --num-slices options determines the number of slices into which the backup should be divided; --slice-id provides the ID of the slice (0 to 1 less than the number of slices) to be restored by ndb_restore.

  Up to 1024 slices are supported.

  For more information, see the descriptions of the --num-slices and --slice-id options. (Bug #30383937)

- **Important Change**: To increase the rate at which update operations can be processed, NDB now supports and by default makes use of multiple transporters per node group. By default, the number of transporters used by each node group in the cluster is equal to the number of the number of local data management (LDM) threads. While this number should be optimal for most use cases, it can be adjusted by setting the value of the NodeGroupTransporters data node configuration parameter which is introduced in this release. The maximum is the greater of the number of LDM threads or the number of TC threads, up to an overall maximum of 32 transporters.

  See Multiple Transporters, for additional information.

- NDB now supports versioning for ndbinfo tables, and maintains the current definitions for its tables internally. At startup, NDB compares its supported ndbinfo version with the version stored in the data dictionary. If the versions differ, NDB drops any old ndbinfo tables and recreates them using the current definitions.

- Many outer joins and semijoins which previously could not be pushed down to the data nodes can now pushed (see Engine Condition Pushdown Optimization).

  Outer joins which can now be pushed include those which meet the following conditions:
  - There are no unpushed conditions on this table
• There are no unpushed conditions on other tables in the same join nest, or in upper join nests on which it depends

• All other tables in the same join nest, or in upper join nests on which it depends are also pushed

A semijoin using an index scan can now be pushed if it meets the conditions just noted for a pushed outer join, and it uses the firstMatch strategy.

References: See also: Bug #28728603, Bug #28672214, Bug #29296615, Bug #29232744, Bug #29161281, Bug #28728007.

• A new and simplified interface is implemented for enabling and configuring adaptive CPU spin. The SpinMethod data node parameter, added in this release, provides the following four settings:

  • StaticSpinning: Disables adaptive spinning; uses the static spinning employed in previous NDB Cluster releases
  
  • CostBasedSpinning: Enables adaptive spinning using a cost-based model
  
  • LatencyOptimisedSpinning: Enables adaptive spinning optimized for latency
  
  • DatabaseMachineSpinning: Enables adaptive spinning optimized for machines hosting databases, where each thread has its own CPU

Each of these settings causes the data node to use a set of predetermined values, as needed, for one or more of the spin parameters listed here:

  • SchedulerSpinTimer: The data node configuration parameter of this name.
  
  • EnableAdaptiveSpinning: Enables or disables adaptive spinning; cannot be set directly in the cluster configuration file, but can be controlled directly using DUMP 104004
  
  • SetAllowedSpinOverhead: CPU time to allow to gain latency; cannot be set directly in the config.ini file, but possible to change directly, using DUMP 104002

The presets available from SpinMethod should cover most use cases, but you can fine-tune the adaptive spin behavior using the SchedulerSpinTimer data node configuration parameter and the DUMP commands just listed, as well as additional DUMP commands in the ndb_mgm cluster management client; see the description of SchedulerSpinTimer for a complete listing.

NDB 8.0.20 also adds a new TCP configuration parameter TcpSpinTime which sets the time to spin for a given TCP connection. This can be used to enable adaptive spinning for any such connections between data nodes, management nodes, and SQL or API nodes.

The ndb_top tool is also enhanced to provide spin time information per thread; this is displayed in green in the terminal window.

For more information, see the descriptions of the SpinMethod and TcpSpinTime configuration parameters, the DUMP commands listed or indicated previously, and the documentation for ndb_top.

**Bugs Fixed**

• Important Change: When lower_case_table_names was set to 0, issuing a query in which the lettercase of any foreign key names differed from the case with which they were created led to an unplanned shutdown of the cluster. This was due to the fact that mysqld treats foreign key names as case insensitive, even on case-sensitive file systems, whereas the manner in which the NDB dictionary stored foreign key names depended on the value of lower_case_table_names, such that, when this was set to 0, during lookup, NDB expected the lettercase of any foreign key names to match that with which they were created. Foreign key names which differed in lettercase could
then not be found in the NDB dictionary, even though it could be found in the MySQL data dictionary, leading to the previously described issue in NDBCLUSTER.

This issue did not happen when lower_case_table_names was set to 1 or 2.

The problem is fixed by making foreign key names case insensitive and removing the dependency on lower_case_table_names. This means that the following two items are now always true:

1. Foreign key names are now stored using the same lettercase with which they are created, without regard to the value of lower_case_table_names.
2. Lookups for foreign key names by NDB are now always case insensitive.

(Bug #30512043)

• Packaging: Removed an unnecessary dependency on Perl from the mysql-cluster-community-server-minimal RPM package. (Bug #30677589)

• Packaging: NDB did not compile successfully on Ubuntu 16.04 with GCC 5.4 due to the use of isnan() rather than std::isnan(). (Bug #30396292)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #30338980.

• OS X: Removed the variable SCHEMA_UUID_VALUE_LENGTH which was used only once in the NDB sources, and which caused compilation warnings when building on Mac OSX. The variable has been replaced with UUID_LENGTH. (Bug #30622139)

• NDB Disk Data: Allocation of extents in tablespace data files is now performed in round-robin fashion among all data files used by the tablespace. This should provide more even distribution of data in cases where multiple storage devices are used for Disk Data storage. (Bug #30739018)

• NDB Disk Data: Under certain conditions, checkpointing of Disk Data tables could not be completed, leading to an unplanned data node shutdown. (Bug #30728270)

• NDB Disk Data: An uninitialized variable led to issues when performing Disk Data DDL operations following a restart of the cluster. (Bug #30592528)

The fix for a previous issue in the MySQL Optimizer adversely affected engine condition pushdown for the NDB storage engine. (Bug #303756135)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #97552, Bug #30520749.

• When restoring signed auto-increment columns, ndb_restore incorrectly handled negative values when determining the maximum value included in the data. (Bug #30928710)

• Formerly (prior to NDB 7.6.4) an SPJ worker instance was activated for each fragment of the root table of the pushed join, but in NDB 7.6 and later, a single worker is activated for each data node and is responsible for all fragments on that data node.

Before this change was made, it was sufficient for each such worker to scan a fragment with parallelism equal to 1 for all SPJ workers to keep all local data manager threads busy. When the number of workers was reduced as result of the change, the minimum parallelism should have been increased to equal the number of fragments per worker to maintain the degree of parallelism.

This fix ensures that this is now done. (Bug #30639503)

• The ndb_metadata_sync system variable is set to true to trigger synchronization of metadata between the MySQL data dictionary and the NDB dictionary; when synchronization is complete, the variable is automatically reset to false to indicate that this has been done. One scenario involving the detection of a schema not present in the MySQL data dictionary but in use by the NDB Dictionary sometimes led to ndb_metadata_sync being reset before all tables belonging to this schema were successfully synchronized. (Bug #30627292)
• When using shared user and grants, all `ALTER USER` statements were distributed as snapshots, whether they contained plaintext passwords or not.

In addition, `SHOW CREATE USER` did not include resource limits (such as `MAX QUERIES PER HOUR`) that were set to zero, which meant that these were not distributed among SQL nodes. (Bug #30600321)

• Two buffers used for logging in QMGR were of insufficient size. (Bug #30598737)

References: See also: Bug #30593511.

• Removed extraneous debugging output relating to SPJ from the node out logs. (Bug #30572315)

• When performing an initial restart of an NDB Cluster, each MySQL Server attached to it as an SQL node recognizes the restart, reinstall the `ndb_schema` table from the data dictionary, and then clears all NDB schema definitions created prior to the restart. Because the data dictionary was cleared only after `ndb_schema` is reinstalled, installation sometimes failed due to `ndb_schema` having the same table ID as one of the tables from before the restart was performed. This issue is fixed by ensuring that the data dictionary is cleared before the `ndb_schema` table is reinstalled. (Bug #30488610)

• NDB sometimes made the assumption that the list of nodes containing index statistics was ordered, but this list is not always ordered in the same way on all nodes. This meant that in some cases NDB ignored a request to update index statistics, which could result in stale data in the index statistics tables. (Bug #30444982)

• When the optimizer decides to presort a table into a temporary table, before later tables are joined, the table to be sorted should not be part of a pushed join. Although logic was present in the abstract query plan interface to detect such query plans, that this did not detect correctly all situations using `filesort into temporary table`. This is changed to check whether a filesort descriptor has been set up; if so, the table content is sorted into a temporary file as its first step of accessing the table, which greatly simplifies interpretation of the structure of the join. We now also detect when the table to be sorted is a part of a pushed join, which should prevent future regressions in this interface. (Bug #30338585)

• When a node ID allocation request failed with `NotMaster` temporary errors, the node ID allocation was always retried immediately, without regard to the cause of the error. This caused a very high rate of retries, whose effects could be observed as an excessive number of `Alloc node id for node nnn failed` log messages (on the order of 15,000 messages per second). (Bug #30293495)

• For NDB tables having no explicit primary key, `NdbReceiverBuffer` could be allocated with too small a size. This was due to the fact that the attribute bitmap sent to NDB from the data nodes always includes the primary key. The extra space required for hidden primary keys is now taken into consideration in such cases. (Bug #30183466)

• When translating an `NDB` table created using `.frm` files in a previous version of NDB Cluster and storing it as a table object in the MySQL data dictionary, it was possible for the table object to be committed even when a mismatch had been detected between the table indexes in the MySQL data dictionary and those for the same table’s representation the `NDB` dictionary. This issue did not occur for tables created in NDB 8.0, where it is not necessary to upgrade the table metadata in this fashion.

This problem is fixed by making sure that all such comparisons are actually performed before the table object is committed, regardless of whether the originating table was created with or without the use of `.frm` files to store its metadata. (Bug #29783638)

• An error raised when obtaining cluster metadata caused a memory leak. (Bug #97737, Bug #30575163)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.19 (2020-01-13, General Availability)

• Functionality Added or Changed
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• Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

• Important Change: The default value for the `ndb_autoincrement_prefetch_sz` server system variable has been increased to 512. (Bug #30316314)

• Important Change: NDB now supports more than 2 fragment replicas (up to a maximum of 4). Setting `NoOfReplicas=3` or `NoOfReplicas=4` is now fully covered in our internal testing and thus supported for use in production. (Bug #97479, Bug #97579, Bug #25261716, Bug #30501414, Bug #30528105)

• Important Change: Added the `TransactionMemory` data node configuration parameter which simplifies configuration of data node memory allocation for transaction operations. This is part of ongoing work on pooling of transactional and Local Data Manager (LDM) memory.

    The following parameters are incompatible with `TransactionMemory` and cannot be set in the `config.ini` configuration file if this parameter has been set:

    • `MaxNoOfConcurrentIndexOperations`
    • `MaxNoOfFiredTriggers`
    • `MaxNoOfLocalOperations`
    • `MaxNoOfLocalScans`

    If you attempt to set any of these incompatible parameters concurrently with `TransactionMemory`, the cluster management server cannot start.

    For more information, see the description of the `TransactionMemory` parameter and Parameters incompatible with `TransactionMemory`. See also Data Node Memory Management, for information about how memory resources are allocated by NDB Cluster data nodes. (Bug #96995, Bug #30344471)

• Important Change: The maximum or default values for several NDB Cluster data node configuration parameters have been changed in this release. These changes are listed here:

    • The maximum value for `DataMemory` is increased from 1 terabyte to 16 TB.
    • The maximum value for `DiskPageBufferMemory` is also increased from 1 TB to 16 TB.
    • The default value for `StringMemory` is decreased to 5 percent. Previously, this was 25 percent.
    • The default value for `LcpScanProgressTimeout` is increased from 60 seconds to 180 seconds.

• Performance: Read from any fragment replica, which greatly improves the performance of table reads at a very low cost to table write performance, is now enabled by default for all NDB tables. This means both that the default value for the `ndb_read_backup` system variable is now ON, and that the value of the `NDB_TABLE` comment option `READ_BACKUP` is 1 when creating a new NDB table. (Previously, the default values were OFF and 0, respectively.)

    For more information, see Setting NDB_TABLE Options, as well as the description of the `ndb_read_backup` system variable.

• NDB Disk Data: The latency of checkpoints for Disk Data files has been reduced when using non-volatile memory devices such as solid-state drives (especially those using NVMe for data transfer), separate physical drives for Disk Data files, or both. As part of this work, two new data node configuration parameters, listed here, have been introduced:

    • `MaxDiskDataLatency` sets a maximum on allowed latency for disk access, aborting transactions exceeding this amount of time to complete
DiskDataUsingSameDisk makes it possible to take advantage of keeping Disk Data files on separate disks by increasing the rate at which Disk Data checkpoints can be made.

This release also adds three new tables to the ndbinfo database. These tables, listed here, can assist with performance monitoring of Disk Data checkpointing:

- diskstat provides information about Disk Data tablespace reads, writes, and page requests during the previous 1 second
- diskstats_1sec provides information similar to that given by the diskstat table, but does so for each of the last 20 seconds
- pgman_time_track_stats table reports on the latency of disk operations affecting Disk Data tablespaces

For additional information, see Disk Data latency parameters.

- Added the ndb_metadata_sync server system variable, which simplifies knowing when metadata synchronization has completed successfully. Setting this variable to true triggers immediate synchronization of all changes between the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary without regard to any values set for ndb_metadata_check or ndb_metadata_check_interval. When synchronization has completed, its value is automatically reset to false. (Bug #30406657)

- Added the DedicatedNode parameter for data nodes, API nodes, and management nodes. When set to true, this parameter prevents the management server from handing out this node’s node ID to any node that does not request it specifically. Intended primarily for testing, this parameter may be useful in cases in which multiple management servers are running on the same host, and using the host name alone is not sufficient for distinguishing among processes of the same type. (Bug #91406, Bug #28239197)

- A stack trace is now written to the data node log on abnormal termination of a data node.

- Automatic synchronization of metadata from the MySQL data dictionary to NDB now includes databases containing NDB tables. With this enhancement, if a table exists in NDB, and the table and the database it belongs to do not exist on a given SQL node, it is no longer necessary to create the database manually. Instead, the database, along with all NDB tables belonging to this database, should be created on the SQL node automatically.

Bugs Fixed

- Incompatible Change: ndb_restore no longer restores shared users and grants to the mysql.ndb_sql_metadata table by default. A new command-line option --include-stored-grants is added to override this behavior and enable restoring of shared user and grant data and metadata.

As part of this fix, ndb_restore can now also correctly handle an ordered index on a system table. (Bug #30237657)

References: See also: Bug #29534239, Bug #30459246.

- Incompatible Change: The minimum value for the RedoOverCommitCounter data node configuration parameter has been increased from 0 to 1. The minimum value for the RedoOverCommitLimit data node configuration parameter has also been increased from 0 to 1.

You should check the cluster global configuration file and make any necessary adjustments to values set for these parameters before upgrading. (Bug #29752703)

- macOS: On MacOS, SQL nodes sometimes shut down unexpectedly during the binary log setup phase when starting the cluster. This occurred when there existed schemas whose names used uppercase letters and lower_case_table_names was set to 2. This caused acquisition of
metadata locks to be attempted using keys having the incorrect lettercase, and, subsequently, these locks to fail. (Bug #30192373)

- **Microsoft Windows; NDB Disk Data:** On Windows, restarting a data node other than the master when using Disk Data tables led to a failure in TSMAN. (Bug #97436, Bug #30484272)

- **Solaris:** When debugging, ndbmtd consumed all available swap space on Solaris 11.4 SRU 12 and later. (Bug #30446577)

- **Solaris:** The byte order used for numeric values stored in the mysql.ndb_sql_metadata table was incorrect on Solaris/Sparc. This could be seen when using ndb_select_all or ndb_restore --print. (Bug #30265016)

- **NDB Disk Data:** After dropping a disk data table on one SQL node, trying to execute a query against INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES on a different SQL node stalled at Waiting for tablespace metadata lock. (Bug #30152258)

  References: See also: Bug #29871406.

- **NDB Disk Data:** ALTER TABLESPACE ... ADD DATAFILE could sometimes hang while trying to acquire a metadata lock. (Bug #29871406)

- **NDB Disk Data:** Compatibility code for the Version 1 disk format used prior to the introduction of the Version 2 format in NDB 7.6 turned out not to be necessary, and is no longer used.

  Work done in NDB 8.0.18 to allow more nodes introduced long signal variants of several signals taking a bitmask as one of their arguments, and we started using these new long signal variants even if the previous (still supported) short variants would have been sufficient. This introduced several new opportunities for hitting out of LongMessageBuffer errors.

  To avoid this, now in such cases we use the short signal variants wherever possible. Some of the signals affected include CM_REGCONF, CM_REGREF, FAIL_REP, NODE_FAILREP, ISOLATE_ORD, COPY_GCIREQ, START_RECREQ, NDB_STARTCONF, and START_LCP_REQ. (Bug #30708009)

  References: See also: Bug #30707970.

- **NDB Disk Data:** The fix made in NDB 8.0.18 for an issue in which a transaction was committed prematurely aborted the transaction if the table definition had changed midway, but failed in testing to free memory allocated by getExtraMetadata(). Now this memory is properly freed before aborting the transaction. (Bug #30576983)

  References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #29911440.

- **Excessive allocation of attribute buffer when initializing data in DBTC led to preallocation of api connection records failing due to unexpectedly running out of memory. (Bug #30570264)

- **Improved error handling in the case where NDB attempted to update a local user having the NDB_STORED_USER privilege but which could not be found in the ndb_sql_metadata table. (Bug #30556487)

- **Failure of a transaction during execution of an ALTER_TABLE ... ALGORITHM=COPY statement following the rename of the new table to the name of the original table but before dropping the original table caused mysqlqld to exit prematurely. (Bug #30548209)

- **Non-MSI builds on Windows using -DWITH_NDBCLUSTER did not succeed unless the WiX toolkit was installed. (Bug #30536837)

- **The allowed_values output from ndb_config --xml --configinfo for the Arbitration data node configuration parameter in NDB 8.0.18 was not consistent with that obtained in previous releases. (Bug #30529220)

  References: See also: Bug #30505003.
• A faulty ndbrequire() introduced when implementing partial local checkpoints assumed that m_participatingLOH must be clear when receiving START_LCP_REQ, which is not necessarily true when a failure happens for the master after sending START_LCP_REQ and before handling any START_LCP_CONF signals. (Bug #30523457)

• A local checkpoint sometimes hung when the master node failed while sending an LCP_COMPLETE_REP signal and it was sent to some nodes, but not all of them. (Bug #30520818)

• Added the DUMP 9988 and DUMP 9989 commands. (Bug #30520103)

• The management server did not handle all cases of NODE_FAILREP correctly. (Bug #30520066)

• With SharedGlobalMemory set to 0, some resources did not meet required minimums. (Bug #30411835)

• Execution of ndb_restore --rebuild-indexes together with the --rewrite-database and --exclude-missing-tables options did not create indexes for any tables in the target database. (Bug #3041122)

• When writing the schema operation into the ndb_schema table failed, the states in the NDB_SCHEMA object were not cleared, which led to the SQL node shutting down when it tried to free the object. (Bug #30402362)

References: See also: Bug #30371590.

• When synchronizing extent pages it was possible for the current local checkpoint (LCP) to stall indefinitely if a CONTINUEB signal for handling the LCP was still outstanding when receiving the FSWRITECONF signal for the last page written in the extent synchronization page. The LCP could also be restarted if another page was written from the data pages. It was also possible that this issue caused PREP_LCP pages to be written at times when they should not have been. (Bug #30397083)

• If a transaction was aborted while getting a page from the disk page buffer and the disk system was overloaded, the transaction hung indefinitely. This could also cause restarts to hang and node failure handling to fail. (Bug #30397083, Bug #30360681)

References: See also: Bug #30152258.

• Data node failures with the error Another node failed during system restart... occurred during a partial restart. (Bug #30368622)

• Automatic synchronization could potentially trigger an increase in the number of locks being taken on a particular metadata object at a given time, such as when a synchronization attempt coincided with a DDL or DML statement involving the same metadata object; competing locks could lead to the NDB deadlock detection logic penalizing the user action rather than the background synchronization. We fix this by changing all exclusive metadata lock acquisition attempts during auto-synchronization so that they use a timeout of 0 (rather than the 10 seconds previously allowed), which avoids deadlock detection and gives priority to the user action. (Bug #30358470)

• If a SYNC_EXTENT_PAGES_REQ signal was received by PGMAN while dropping a log file group as part of a partial local checkpoint, and thus dropping the page locked by this block for processing next, the LCP terminated due to trying to access the page after it had already been dropped. (Bug #30305315)

• The wrong number of bytes was reported in the cluster log for a completed local checkpoint. (Bug #30274618)

References: See also: Bug #29942998.

• Added the new ndb_mgm client debugging commands DUMP 2356 and DUMP 2357. (Bug #30265415)

• Executing ndb_drop_table using the --help option caused this program to terminate prematurely, and without producing any help output. (Bug #30259264)
• A `mysqld` trying to connect to the cluster, and thus trying to acquire the global schema lock (GSL) during setup, ignored the setting for `ndb-wait-setup` and hung indefinitely when the GSL had already been acquired by another `mysqld`, such as when it was executing an `ALTER TABLE` statement. (Bug #30242141)

• When a table containing self-referential foreign key (in other words, a foreign key referencing another column of the same table) was altered using the `COPY` algorithm, the foreign key definition was removed. (Bug #30233405)

• In MySQL 8.0, names of foreign keys explicitly provided by user are generated automatically in the SQL layer and stored in the data dictionary. Such names are of the form `[table_name]_ibfk_[#]` which align with the names generated by the InnoDB storage engine in MySQL 5.7. NDB 8.0.18 introduced a change in behavior by NDB such that it also uses the generated names, but in some cases, such as when tables were renamed, NDB still generated and used its own format for such names internally rather than those generated by the SQL layer and stored in the data dictionary, which led to the following issues:

  • Discrepancies in `SHOW CREATE TABLE` output and the contents of `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS`
  
  • Improper metadata locking for foreign keys
  
  • Confusing names for foreign keys in error messages

Now NDB also renames the foreign keys in such cases, using the names provided by the MySQL server, to align fully with those used by InnoDB. (Bug #30210839)

References: See also: Bug #96508, Bug #30171959.

• When a table referenced by a foreign key was renamed, participating SQL nodes did not properly update the foreign key definitions for the referencing table in their data dictionaries during schema distribution. (Bug #30191068)

• Data node handling of failures of other data nodes could sometimes not be synchronized properly, such that two or more data nodes could see different nodes as the master node. (Bug #30188414)

• Some scan operations failed due to the presence of an old assert in `DbtupBuffer.cpp` that checked whether API nodes were using a version of the software previous to NDB 6.4. This was no longer necessary or correct, and has been removed. (Bug #30188411)

• When executing a global schema lock (GSL), NDB used a single `Ndb_table_guard` object for successive retries when attempting to obtain a table object reference; it was not possible for this to succeed after failing on the first attempt, since `Ndb_table_guard` assumes that the underlying object pointer is determined once only—at initialisation—with the previously retrieved pointer being returned from a cached reference thereafter.

This resulted in infinite waits to obtain the GSL, causing the binlog injector thread to hang so that `mysqld` considered all NDB tables to be read-only. To avoid this problem, NDB now uses a fresh instance of `Ndb_table_guard` for each such retry. (Bug #30120858)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #30086352.

• When upgrading an SQL node to NDB 8.0 from a previous release series, the `.frm` file whose contents are read and then installed in the data dictionary does not contain any information about foreign keys. This meant that foreign key information was not installed in the SQL node's data dictionary. This is fixed by using the foreign key information available in the NDB data dictionary to update the local MySQL data dictionary during table metadata upgrade. (Bug #30071043)

• Restoring tables with the `--disable-indexes` option resulted in the wrong table definition being installed in the MySQL data dictionary. This is because the serialized dictionary information (SDI) packed into the NDB dictionary's table definition is used to create the table object; the SDI definition
is updated only when the DDL change is done through the MySQL server. Installation of the wrong table definition meant that the table could not be opened until the indexes were re-created in the NDB dictionary again using `--rebuild-indexes`.

This is fixed by extending auto-synchronization such that it compares the SDI to the NDB dictionary table information and fails in cases in which the column definitions do not match. Mismatches involving indexes only are treated as temporary errors, with the table in question being detected again during the next round of change detection. (Bug #30000202, Bug #30414514)

- Restoring tables for which `MAX_ROWS` was used to alter partitioning from a backup made from NDB 7.4 to a cluster running NDB 7.6 did not work correctly. This is fixed by ensuring that the upgrade code handling `PartitionBalance` supplies a valid table specification to the NDB dictionary. (Bug #29955656)

- The number of data bytes for the summary event written in the cluster log when a backup completed was truncated to 32 bits, so that there was a significant mismatch between the number of log records and the number of data records printed in the log for this event. (Bug #29942998)

- `mysqld` sometimes aborted during a long `ALTER TABLE` operation that timed out. (Bug #29894768)

References: See also: Bug #29192097.

- When an SQL node connected to NDB, it did not know whether it had previously connected to that cluster, and thus could not determine whether its data dictionary information was merely out of date, or completely invalid. This issue is solved by implementing a unique schema version identifier (schema UUID) to the `ndb_schema` table in NDB as well as to the `ndb_schema` table object in the data dictionary. Now, whenever a `mysqld` connects to a cluster as an SQL node, it can compare the schema UUID stored in its data dictionary against that which is stored in the `ndb_schema` table, and so know whether it is connecting for the first time. If so, the SQL node removes any entries that may be in its data dictionary. (Bug #29894166)

References: See also: Bug #27543602.

- Improved log messages generated by table discovery and table metadata upgrades. (Bug #29894127)

- Using 2 LDM threads on a 2-node cluster with 10 threads per node could result in a partition imbalance, such that one of the LDM threads on each node was the primary for zero fragments. Trying to restore a multi-threaded backup from this cluster failed because the datafile for one LDM contained only the 12-byte data file header, which `ndb_restore` was unable to read. The same problem could occur in other cases, such as when taking a backup immediately after adding an empty node online.

  It was found that this occurred when `ODirect` was enabled for an EOF backup data file write whose size was less than 512 bytes and the backup was in the `STOPPING` state. This normally occurs only for an aborted backup, but could also happen for a successful backup for which an LDM had no fragments. We fix the issue by introducing an additional check to ensure that writes are skipped only if the backup actually contains an error which should cause it to abort. (Bug #29892660)

References: See also: Bug #30371389.

- For NDB tables, `ALTER TABLE ... ALTER INDEX` did not work with `ALGORITHM=INPLACE`. (Bug #29700197)

- `ndb_restore` failed in testing on 32-bit platforms. This issue is fixed by increasing the size of the thread stack used by this tool from 64 KB to 128 KB. (Bug #29698887)

References: See also: Bug #30406046.

- An unplanned shutdown of the cluster occurred due to an error in `DBTUP` while deleting rows from a table following an online upgrade. (Bug #29616383)
• In some cases the `SignalSender` class, used as part of the implementation of `ndb_mgmd` and `ndbinfo`, buffered excessive numbers of unneeded `SUB_GCP_COMPLETE_REP` and `API_REGCONF` signals, leading to unnecessary consumption of memory. (Bug #29520353)

References: See also: Bug #20075747, Bug #29474136.

• The setting for the `BackupLogBufferSize` configuration parameter was not honored. (Bug #29415012)

• When `mysqld` was run with the `--upgrade=FORCE` option, it reported the following issues:

```
[Warning]  Table 'mysql.ndb_apply_status' requires repair.
[ERROR]    Table 'mysql.ndb_apply_status' repair failed.
```

This was because `--upgrade=FORCE` causes a bootstrap system thread to run `CHECK TABLE FOR UPGRADE`, but `ha_ndbcluster::open()` refused to open the table before schema synchronization had completed, which eventually led to the reported conditions. (Bug #29305977)

References: See also: Bug #29205142.

• When using explicit SHM connections, with `ShmSize` set to a value larger than the system's available shared memory, `mysqld` hung indefinitely on startup and produced no useful error messages. (Bug #28875553)

• The maximum global checkpoint (GCP) commit lag and GCP save timeout are recalculated whenever a node shuts down, to take into account the change in number of data nodes. This could lead to the unintentional shutdown of a viable node when the threshold decreased below the previous value. (Bug #27664092)

References: See also: Bug #26364729.

• A transaction which inserts a child row may run concurrently with a transaction which deletes the parent row for that child. One of the transactions should be aborted in this case, lest an orphaned child row result.

Before committing an insert on a child row, a read of the parent row is triggered to confirm that the parent exists. Similarly, before committing a delete on a parent row, a read or scan is performed to confirm that no child rows exist. When insert and delete transactions were run concurrently, their prepare and commit operations could interact in such a way that both transactions committed. This occurred because the triggered reads were performed using `LM_CommittedRead` locks (see `NdbOperation::LockMode`), which are not strong enough to prevent such error scenarios.

This problem is fixed by using the stronger `LM_SimpleRead` lock mode for both triggered reads. The use of `LM_SimpleRead` rather than `LM_CommittedRead` locks ensures that at least one transaction aborts in every possible scenario involving transactions which concurrently insert into child rows and delete from parent rows. (Bug #22180583)

• Concurrent `SELECT` and `ALTER TABLE` statements on the same SQL node could sometimes block one another while waiting for locks to be released. (Bug #17812505, Bug #30383887)

• Failure handling in schema synchronization involves pushing warnings and errors to the binary logging thread. Schema synchronization is also retried in case of certain failures which could lead to an accumulation of warnings in the thread. Now such warnings and errors are cleared following each attempt at schema synchronization. (Bug #2991036)

• An `INCL_NODECONF` signal from any local blocks should be ignored when a node has failed, except in order to reset `c_nodeStartSlave.nodeId`. (Bug #96550, Bug #30187779)

• When returning Error 1022, `NDB` did not print the name of the affected table. (Bug #74218, Bug #19763093)

References: See also: Bug #29700174.
Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.18 (2019-10-14, Release Candidate)

- Functionality Added or Changed

- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- **Important Change:** The 63-byte limit on NDB database and table names has been removed. These identifiers may now take up to 64 bytes, as when using other MySQL storage engines. For more information, see Previous NDB Cluster Issues Resolved in NDB Cluster 8.0. (Bug #44940, Bug #11753491, Bug #27447958)

- **Important Change:** Implemented the NDB_STORED_USER privilege, which enables sharing of users, roles, and privileges across all SQL nodes attached to a given NDB Cluster. This replaces the distributed grant tables mechanism from NDB 7.6 and earlier versions of NDB Cluster, which was removed in NDB 8.0.16 due to its incompatibility with changes made to the MySQL privilege system in MySQL 8.0.

  A user or role which has this privilege is propagated, along with its (other) privileges to a MySQL server (SQL node) as soon as it connects to the cluster. Changes made to the privileges of the user or role are synchronized immediately with all connected SQL nodes.

  NDB_STORED_USER can be granted to users and roles other than reserved accounts such as mysql.session@localhost or mysql.infoschema@localhost. A role can be shared, but assigning a shared role to a user does not cause this user to be shared; the NDB_STORED_USER privilege must be granted to the user explicitly in order for the user to be shared between NDB Cluster SQL nodes.

  The NDB_STORED_USER privilege is always global and must be granted using ON *. This privilege is recognized only if the MySQL server enables support for the NDBCLUSTER storage engine.

  For usage information, see the description of NDB_STORED_USER. Distributed MySQL Privileges with NDB_STORED_USER, has additional information on how NDB_STORED_USER and privilege synchronization work. For information on how this change may affect upgrades to NDB 8.0 from previous versions, see Upgrading and Downgrading NDB Cluster.

  References: See also: Bug #29862601, Bug #29996547.

- **Important Change:** The maximum row size for an NDB table is increased from 14000 to 30000 bytes.

  As before, only the first 264 bytes of a BLOB or TEXT column count towards this total.

  The maximum offset for a fixed-width column of an NDB table is 8188 bytes; this is also unchanged from previous NDB Cluster releases.

  For more information, see Limits Associated with Database Objects in NDB Cluster.

  References: See also: Bug #29485977, Bug #29024275.

- **Important Change:** A new binary format has been implemented for the NDB management server's cached configuration file, which is intended to support much larger numbers of nodes in a cluster than previously. Prior to this release, the configuration file supported a maximum of 16381 sections; this number is increased to 4G.

  Upgrades to the new format should not require any manual intervention, as the management server (and other cluster nodes) can still read the old format. For downgrades from this release or a later one to NDB 8.0.17 or earlier, it is necessary to remove the binary configuration files prior to starting the old management server binary, or start it using the --initial option.
For more information, see Upgrading and Downgrading NDB Cluster.

- **Important Change:** The maximum number of data nodes supported in a single NDB cluster is raised in this release from 48 to 144. The range of supported data node IDs is increased in conjunction with this enhancement to 1-144, inclusive.

In previous releases, recommended node IDs for management nodes were 49 and 50. These values are still supported, but, if used, limit the maximum number of data nodes to 142. For this reason, the recommended node ID values for management servers are now 145 and 146.

The maximum total supported number of nodes of all types in a given cluster is 255. This total is unchanged from previous releases.

For a cluster running more than 48 data nodes, it is not possible to downgrade directly to a previous release that supports only 48 data nodes. In such cases, it is necessary to reduce the number of data nodes to 48 or fewer, and to make sure that all data nodes use node IDs that are less than 49.

This change also introduces a new version (v2) of the format used for the data node *sysfile*, which records information such as the last global checkpoint index, restart status, and node group membership of each node (see NDB Cluster Data Node File System Directory).

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** An alternative constructor for `NdbInterpretedCode` is now provided, which accepts an `NdbRecord` in place of a `Table` object. (Bug #29852377)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** `NdbScanFilter::cmp()` and the following `NdbInterpretedCode` comparison methods can be now used to compare table column values:
  - `branch_col_eq()`
  - `branch_col_ge()`
  - `branch_col_gt()`
  - `branch_col_le()`
  - `branch_col_lt()`
  - `branch_col_ne()`

When using any of these methods, the table column values to be compared must be of exactly the same type, including with respect to length, precision, and scale. In addition, in all cases, `NULL` is always considered by these methods to be less than any other value. You should also be aware that, when used to compare table column values, `NdbScanFilter::cmp()` does not support all possible values of `BinaryCondition`.

For more information, see the descriptions of the individual API methods.

- **NDB Client Programs:** The dependency of the `ndb_delete_all` utility on the NDBT library has been removed. This library, used in NDB development for testing, is not required for normal use. The visible change for users is that `ndb_delete_all` no longer prints `NDBT_ProgramExit - status` following completion of its run. Applications that depend upon this behavior should be updated to reflect this change when upgrading to this release.

- `ndb_restore` now reports the specific NDB error number and message when it is unable to load a table descriptor from a backup `.ctl` file. This can happen when attempting to restore a backup taken from a later version of the NDB Cluster software to a cluster running an earlier version—for example, when the backup includes a table using a character set which is unknown to the version of `ndb_restore` being used to restore it. (Bug #30184265)

- The output from `DUMP 1000` in the `ndb_mgm` client has been extended to provide information regarding total data page usage. (Bug #29841454)
NDB Cluster's condition pushdown functionality has been extended as follows:

- Expressions using any previously allowed comparisons are now supported.
- Comparisons between columns in the same table and of the same type are now supported. The columns must be of exactly the same type.

**Example:** Suppose there are two tables \( t_1 \) and \( t_2 \) created as shown here:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{CREATE TABLE } t_1 \text{ (a INT, b INT, c CHAR(10), d CHAR(5)) ENGINE=NDB;} \\
\text{CREATE TABLE } t_2 \text{ LIKE } t_1;
\end{align*}
\]

The following joins can now be pushed down to the data nodes:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{SELECT } * \text{ FROM } t_1 \text{ JOIN } t_2 \text{ ON } t_2.a < t_1.a+10; \\
\text{SELECT } * \text{ FROM } t_1 \text{ JOIN } t_2 \text{ ON } t_2.a = t_1.a+t_1.b; \\
\text{SELECT } * \text{ FROM } t_1 \text{ JOIN } t_2 \text{ ON } t_2.a = t_1.a+t_1.b; \\
\text{SELECT } * \text{ FROM } t_1 \text{ JOIN } t_2 \text{ ON } t_2.d = \text{SUBSTRING}(t_1.c,1,5); \\
\text{SELECT } * \text{ FROM } t_1 \text{ JOIN } t_2 \text{ ON } t_2.c = \text{CONCAT('foo',t_1.d,'ba');}
\end{align*}
\]

Supported comparisons are \(<,\leq,>,\geq,=,\text{ and }\neq\). (Bug #29685643)

NDB Cluster now uses \( \text{table_name}_\text{fk}_N \) as the naming pattern for internally generated foreign keys, which is similar to the \( \text{table_name}_\text{ibfk}_N \) pattern used by InnoDB. (Bug #96508, Bug #30171959)

References: See also: Bug #30210839.

- Added the \text{ndb_schema_dist_lock_wait_timeout} system variable to control how long to wait for a schema lock to be released when trying to update the SQL node's local data dictionary for one or more tables currently in use from the NDB data dictionary's metadata. If this synchronization has not yet occurred by the end of this time, the SQL node returns a warning that schema distribution did not succeed; the next time that the table for which distribution failed is accessed, NDB tries once again to synchronize the table metadata.

- NDB table objects submitted by the metadata change monitor thread are now automatically checked for any mismatches and synchronized by the NDB binary logging thread. The status variable \text{Ndb_metadata_synced_count} added in this release shows the number of objects synchronized automatically; it is possible to see which objects have been synchronized by checking the cluster log. In addition, the new status variable \text{Ndb_metadata_blacklist_size} indicates the number of objects for which synchronization has failed.

References: See also: Bug #30000202.

- It is now possible to build NDB for 64-bit ARM CPUs from the NDB Cluster sources. Currently, we do not provide any precompiled binaries for this platform.

- Start times for the \text{ndb_mgmd} management node daemon have been significantly improved as follows:
  - More efficient handling of properties from configuration data can decrease startup times for the management server by a factor of 6 or more as compared with previous versions.
  - Host names not present in the management server's \text{hosts} file no longer create a bottleneck during startup, making \text{ndb_mgmd} start times up to 20 times shorter where these are used.

- Columns of NDB tables can now be renamed online, using \text{ALGORITHM=INPLACE}.

References: See also: Bug #28609968.
Bugs Fixed

• **Important Change:** Because the current implementation for node failure handling cannot guarantee that even a single transaction of size \texttt{MaxNoOfConcurrentOperations} is completed in each round, this parameter is once again used to set a global limit on the total number of concurrent operations in all transactions within a single transaction coordinator instance. (Bug #96617, Bug #30216204)

• **Partitioning; NDB Disk Data:** Creation of a partitioned disk data table was unsuccessful due to a missing metadata lock on the tablespace specified in the \texttt{CREATE TABLE} statement. (Bug #28876892)

• **NDB Disk Data:** Tablespaces and data files are not tightly coupled in NDB, in the sense that they are represented by independent NdbDictionary objects. Thus, when metadata is restored using the \texttt{ndb_restore} tool, there was no guarantee that the tablespace and its associated datafile objects were restored at the same time. This led to the possibility that the tablespace mismatch was detected and automatically synchronized to the data dictionary before the datafile was restored to NDB. This issue also applied to log file groups and undo files.

To fix this problem, the metadata change monitor now submits tablespaces and logfile groups only if their corresponding datafiles and undofiles actually exist in NDB. (Bug #30090080)

• **NDB Disk Data:** When a data node failed following creation and population of an NDB table having columns on disk, but prior to execution of a local checkpoint, it was possible to lose row data from the tablespace. (Bug #29506869)

• **NDB Cluster APIs:** The NDB API examples \texttt{ndbapi_array_simple.cpp} (see NDB API Simple Array Example) and \texttt{ndbapi_array_using_adapter.cpp} (see NDB API Simple Array Example Using Adapter) made assignments directly to a \texttt{std::vector} array instead of using \texttt{push_back()} calls to do so. (Bug #28956047)

• Faulty calculation of microseconds caused the internal \texttt{ndb_milli_sleep()} function to sleep for too short a time. (Bug #30211922)

• Once a data node is started, 95% of its configured DataMemory should be available for normal data, with 5% to spare for use in critical situations. During the node startup process, all of its configured DataMemory is usable for data, in order to minimize the risk that restoring the node data fails due to running out of data memory due to some dynamic memory structure using more pages for the same data than when the node was stopped. For example, a hash table grows differently during a restart than it did previously, since the order of inserts to the table differs from the historical order.

The issue raised in this bug report occurred when a check that the data memory used plus the spare data memory did not exceed the value set for DataMemory failed at the point where the spare memory was reserved. This happened as the state of the data node transitioned from starting to started, when reserving spare pages. After calculating the number of reserved pages to be used for spare memory, and then the number of shared pages (that is, pages from shared global memory) to be used for this, the number of reserved pages already allocated was not taken into consideration. (Bug #30205182)

References: See also: Bug #29616383.

• Removed a memory leak found in the \texttt{ndb_import} utility. (Bug #30192989)

• It was not possible to use \texttt{ndb_restore} and a backup taken from an NDB 8.0 cluster to restore to a cluster running NDB 7.6. (Bug #30184658)

References: See also: Bug #30221717.

• When starting, a data node's local sysfile was not updated between the first completed local checkpoint and start phase 50. (Bug #30086352)
• In the **BACKUP** block, the assumption was made that the first record in `c_backups` was the local checkpoint record, which is not always the case. Now **ND** loops through the records in `c_backups` to find the (correct) LCP record instead. (Bug #30080194)

• During node takeover for the master it was possible to end in the state **LCP_STATUS_IDLE** while the remaining data nodes were reporting their state as **LCP_TAB_SAVED**. This led to failure of the node when attempting to handle reception of a **LCP_COMPLETE_REP** signal since this is not expected when idle. Now in such cases local checkpoint handling is done in a manner that ensures that this node finishes in the proper state (**LCP_TAB_SAVED**). (Bug #30032863)

• When a MySQL Server built with **ND** support was run on Solaris/x86, it failed during schema distribution. The root cause of the problem was an issue with the Developer Studio compiler used to build binaries for this platform when optimization level **-xO2** was used. This issue is fixed by using optimization level **-xO1** instead for **ND** built for Solaris/x86. (Bug #30031130)

References: See also: Bug #28585914, Bug #30014295.

• **ND** used **free()** directly to deallocate `ndb_mgm_configuration` objects instead of calling `ndb_mgm_destroy_configuration()`, which correctly uses **delete** for deallocation. (Bug #29998980)

• Default configuration sections did not have the configuration section types set when unpacked into memory, which caused a memory leak since this meant that the section destructor would not destroy the entries for these sections. (Bug #29965125)

• No error was propagated when **ND** failed to discover a table due to the table format being old and no longer supported, which could cause the **ND** handler to retry the discovery operation endlessly and thereby hang. (Bug #29949096, Bug #29934763)

• During upgrade of an NDB Cluster when half of the data nodes were running NDB 7.6 while the remainder were running NDB 8.0, attempting to shut down those nodes which were running NDB 7.6 led to failure of one node with the error **CHECK FAILEDNODEPTR.P->DBLQHFAI**. (Bug #29912988, Bug #30141203)

• Altering a table in the middle of an ongoing transaction caused a table discovery operation which led to the transaction being committed prematurely; in addition, no error was returned when performing further updates as part of the same transaction. Now in such cases, the table discovery operation fails, when a transaction is in progress. (Bug #29911440)

• When performing a local checkpoint (LCP), a table's schema version was intermittently read as 0, which caused **ND** LCP handling to treat the table as though it were being dropped. This could effect rebuilding of indexes offline by **ndb_restore** while the table was in the **TABLE_READ_ONLY** state. Now the function reading the schema version (**getCreateSchemaVersion()**) no longer not changes it while the table is read-only. (Bug #29910397)

• When an error occurs on an SQL node during schema distribution, information about this was written in the error log, but no indication was provided by the **mysql** client that the DDL statement in question was unsuccessful. Now in such cases, one or more generic warnings are displayed by the client to indicate that a given schema distribution operation has not been successful, with further information available in the error log of the originating SQL node. (Bug #29889869)

• Errors and warnings pushed to the execution thread during metadata synchronization and metadata change detection were not properly logged and cleared. (Bug #29874313)

• Altering a normal column to a stored generated column was performed online even though this is not supported. (Bug #29862463)

• A pushed join with **ORDER BY** did not always return the rows of the result in the specified order. This could occur when the optimizer used an ordered index to provide the ordering and the index used a column from the table that served as the root of the pushed join. (Bug #29860378)
• A number of issues in the Backup block for local checkpoints (LCPs) were found and fixed, including the following:

• Bytes written to LCP part files were not always included in the LCP byte count.

• The maximum record size for the buffer used for all LCP part files was not updated in all cases in which the table maximum record size had changed.

• LCP surfacing could occur for LCP scans at times other than when receiving SCAN_FRAGCONF signals.

• It was possible in some cases for the table currently being scanned to be altered in the middle of a scan request, which behavior is not supported. (Bug #29843373)

References: See also: Bug #29485977.

• The requestInfo fields for the long and short forms of the LQHKEYREQ signal had different definitions; bits used for the key length in the short version were reused for flags in the long version, since the key length is implicit in the section length of the long version of the signal but it was possible for long LQHKEYREQ signals to contain a keylength in these same bits, which could be misinterpreted by the receiving local query handler, potentially leading to errors. Checks have now been implemented to make sure that this no longer happens. (Bug #29820838)

• The list of dropped shares could hold only one dropped NDB_SHARE instance for each key, which prevented NDB_SHARE instances with same key from being dropped multiple times while handlers held references to those NDB_SHARE instances. This interfered with keeping track of the memory allocated and being able to release it if mysqld shut down without all handlers having released their references to the shares. To resolve this issue, the dropped share list has been changed to use a list type which allows more than one NDB_SHARE with the same key to exist at the same time. (Bug #29812659, Bug #29812613)

• Removed an ndb_restore compile-time dependency on table names that was defined by the ndbcluster plugin. (Bug #29801100)

• When creating a table in parallel on multiple SQL nodes, the result was a race condition between checking that the table existed and opening the table, which caused CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS to fail with Error 1. This was the result of two issues, described with their fixes here:

  1. Opening a table whose NDB_SHARE did not exist returned the non-descriptive error message ERROR 1296 (HY000): Got error 1 'Unknown error code' from NDBCLUSTER. This is fixed with a warning describing the problem in more detail, along with a more sensible error code.

     It was possible to open a table before schema synchronization was completed. This is fixed with a warning better describing the problem, along with an error indicating that cluster is not yet ready.

     In addition, this fixes a related issue in which creating indexes sometimes also failed with Error 1. (Bug #29793534, Bug #29871321)

• Previously, for a pushed condition, every request sent to NDB for a given table caused the generation of a new instance of NdbInterpretedCode. When joining tables, generation of multiple requests for all tables following the first table in the query plan is very likely; if the pushed condition had no dependencies on prior tables in the query plan, identical instances of NdbInterpretedCode were generated for each request, at a significant cost in wasted CPU cycles. Now such pushed conditions
are identified and the required NdbInterpretedCode object is generated only once, and reused for every request sent for this table without the need for generating new code each time.

This change also makes it possible for Scan Filter too large errors to be detected and set during query optimization, which corrects cases where the query plan shown was inaccurate because the indicated push of a condition later had to be undone during the execution phase. (Bug #29704575)

• Some instances of NdbScanFilter used in pushdown conditions were not generated properly due to FLOAT values being represented internally as having zero length. This led to more than the expected number of rows being returned from NDB, as shown by the value of Ndb_api_read_row_count. While the condition was re-evaluated by mysqld when generation of scan filter failed, the end result was still correct in such cases, but any performance gain expected from pushing the condition was lost. (Bug #29699347)

• When creating a table, NDB did not always determine correctly whether it exceeded the maximum allowed record size. (Bug #29698277)

• NDB index statistics are calculated based on the topology of one fragment of an ordered index; the fragment chosen in any particular index is decided at index creation time, both when the index is originally created, and when a node or system restart has recreated the index locally. This calculation is based in part on the number of fragments in the index, which can change when a table is reorganized. This means that, the next time that the node is restarted, this node may choose a different fragment, so that no fragments, one fragment, or two fragments are used to generate index statistics, resulting in errors from ANALYZE TABLE.

This issue is solved by modifying the online table reorganization to recalculate the chosen fragment immediately, so that all nodes are aligned before and after any subsequent restart. (Bug #29534647)

• As part of initializing schema distribution, each data node must maintain a subscriber bitmap providing information about the API nodes that are currently subscribed to this data node. Previously, the size of the bitmap was hard-coded to MAX_NODES (256), which meant that large amounts of memory might be allocated but never used when the cluster had significantly fewer nodes than this value. Now the size of the bitmap is determined by checking the maximum API node ID used in the cluster configuration file. (Bug #29270539)

• The removal of the mysql_upgrade utility and its replacement by mysqld --initialize means that the upgrade procedure is executed much earlier than previously, possibly before NDB is fully ready to handle queries. This caused migration of the MySQL privilege tables from NDB to InnoDB to fail. (Bug #29205142)

• During a restart when the data nodes had started but not yet elected a president, the management server received a node ID already in use error, which resulted in excessive retries and logging. This is fixed by introducing a new error 1705 Not ready for connection allocation yet for this case.

During a restart when the data nodes had not yet completed node failure handling, a spurious Failed to allocate nodeID error was returned. This is fixed by adding a check to detect an incomplete node start and to return error 1703 Node failure handling not completed instead.

As part of this fix, the frequency of retries has been reduced for not ready to alloc nodeID errors, an error insert has been added to simulate a slow restart for testing purposes, and log messages have been reworded to indicate that the relevant node ID allocation errors are minor and only temporary. (Bug #27484514)

• NDB on Windows and MacOSX platforms did not always treat table names using mixed case consistently with lower_case_table_names = 2. (Bug #27307793)

• The process of selecting the transaction coordinator checked for “live” data nodes but not necessarily for those that were actually available. (Bug #27160203)
The automatic metadata synchronization mechanism requires the binary logging thread to acquire the global schema lock before an object can be safely synchronized. When another thread had acquired this lock at the same time, the binary logging thread waited for up to TransactionDeadlockDetectionTimeout milliseconds and then returned failure if it was unsuccessful in acquiring the lock, which was unnecessary and which negatively impacted performance.

This has been fixed by ensuring that the binary logging thread acquires the global schema lock, or else returns with an error, immediately. As part of this work, a new OperationOptions flag OQ_NOWAIT has also been implemented in the NDB API.

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.17 (2019-07-22, Release Candidate)

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

### Functionality Added or Changed

- Schema operation timeout detection has been moved from the schema distribution client to the schema distribution coordinator, which now checks ongoing schema operations for timeout at regular intervals, marks participants that have timed out, emits suitable warnings when a schema operation timeout occurs, and prints a list of any ongoing schema operations at regular intervals.

  As part of this work, a new option --ndb-schema-dist-timeout makes it possible to set the number of seconds for a given SQL node to wait until a schema operation is marked as having timed out. (Bug #29556148)

- Added the status variable Ndb_trans_hint_count_session, which shows the number of transactions started in the current session that used hints. Compare this with Ndb_api_trans_start_count_session to get the proportion of all NDB transactions in the current session that have been able to use hinting. (Bug #29127040)

- When the cluster is in single user mode, the output of the ndb_mgm SHOW command now indicates which API or SQL node has exclusive access while this mode is in effect. (Bug #16275500)

### Bugs Fixed

- **Important Change:** Attempting to drop, using the mysql client, an NDB table that existed in the MySQL data dictionary but not in NDB caused mysqld to fail with an error. This situation could occur when an NDB table was dropped using the ndb_drop_table tool or in an NDB API application using dropTable(). Now in such cases, mysqld drops the table from the MySQL data dictionary without raising an error. (Bug #29125206)

- **Important Change:** The dependency of ndb_restore on the NDBT library, which is used for internal testing only, has been removed. This means that the program no longer prints NDBT_ProgramExit: ... when terminating. Applications that depend upon this behavior should be updated to reflect this change when upgrading to this release.

- **Packaging:** Added debug symbol packages to NDB distributions for .deb-based platforms which do not generate these automatically. (Bug #29040024)

- **NDB Disk Data:** If, for some reason, a disk data table exists in the NDB data dictionary but not in that of the MySQL server, the data dictionary is synchronized by installing the object. This can occur during the schema synchronization phase when a MySQL server connects to an NDB Cluster, or during table discovery through a DML query or DDL statement.

  For disk data tables which used a tablespace for storage, the tablespace ID is stored as part of the data dictionary object, but this was not set during synchronization. (Bug #29597249)

- **NDB Disk Data:** Concurrent Disk Data table and tablespace DDL statements executed on the same SQL node caused a metadata lock deadlock. A DDL statement requires that an exclusive lock be
taken on the object being modified and every such lock in turn requires that the global schema lock be acquired in NDB.

To fix this issue, NDB now tracks when a global schema lock corresponding to an exclusive lock on a tablespace is taken. If the first different global schema lock request fails while the first lock, NDB assumes that there is a deadlock. In this case, the deadlock is handled by having the new request release all locks it previously acquired, then retrying them at a later point. (Bug #29394407)

References: See also: Bug #29175268.

• **NDB Disk Data:** Following execution of ALTER TABLESPACE, SQL statements on an existing table using the affected tablespace failed with error 3508 Dictionary object id (id) does not exist where the object ID shown refers to the tablespace. Schema distribution of ALTER TABLESPACE involves dropping the old object from the data dictionary on a participating SQL node and creating a new one with a different dictionary object id, but the table object in the SQL node’s data dictionary still used the old tablespace ID which rendered it unusable on the participants.

To correct this problem, tables using the tablespace are now retrieved and stored prior to the creation of the new tablespace, and then updated the new object ID of the tablespace after it has been created in the data dictionary. (Bug #29389168)

• **NDB Cluster APIs:** The memcached sources included with the NDB distribution would not build with -Werror=format-security. Now warnings are no longer treated as errors when compiling these files. (Bug #29512411)

• **NDB Cluster APIs:** It was not possible to scan a table whose SingleUserMode property had been set to SingleUserModeReadWrite or SingleUserModeReadOnly. (Bug #29493714)

• **NDB Cluster APIs:** The MGM API ndb_logevent_get_next2() function did not behave correctly on Windows and 32-bit Linux platforms. (Bug #94917, Bug #29609070)

• The version of Python expected by ndb_setup.py was not specified clearly on some platforms. (Bug #29818645)

• Lack of SharedGlobalMemory was incorrectly reported as lack of undo buffer memory, even though the cluster used no disk data tables. (Bug #29806771)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #92125, Bug #28537319.

• Long TCKEYREQ signals did not always use the expected format when invoked from TCINDEXREQ processing. (Bug #29772731)

• It was possible for an internal NDB_SCHEMA_OBJECT to be released too early or not at all; in addition, it was possible to create such an object that reused an existing key. (Bug #29759063)

• ndb_restore sometimes used exit() rather than exitHandler() to terminate the program, which could lead to resources not being properly freed. (Bug #29744353)

• Improved error message printed when the maximum offset for a FIXED column is exceeded. (Bug #29714670)

• Communication between the schema distribution client and the schema distribution coordinator is done using NDB_SCHEMA_OBJECT as well as by writing rows to the ndb_schema table in NDB. This allowed for the possibility of a number of different race conditions between when the registration of the schema operation and when the coordinator was notified of it.

This fix addresses the following issues related to the situation just described:

• The coordinator failed to abort active schema operations when the binary logging thread was restarted.

• Schema operations already registered were not aborted properly.
• The distribution client failed to detect correctly when schema distribution was not ready.

• The distribution client, when killed, exited without marking the current schema operation as failed.

• An operation in NDB_SHARE could be accessed without the proper locks being in place.

In addition, usage of the ndb_schema_share global pointer was removed, and replaced with detecting whether the schema distribution is ready by checking whether an operation for mysql.ndb_schema has been created in NDB_SHARE. (Bug #29639381)

• With DataMemory set to 200 GB, ndbmtd failed to start. (Bug #29630367)

• When a backup fails due to ABORT_BACKUP_ORD being received while waiting for buffer space, the backup calls closeScan() and then sends a SCAN_FRAGREQ signal to the DBLOH block to close the scan. As part of receiving SCAN_FRAGCONF in response, scanConf() is called on the operation object for the file record which in turn calls updateWritePtr() on the file system buffer (FsBuffer). At this point the length sent by updateWritePtr() should be 0, but in this case was not, which meant that the buffer did not have enough space even though it did not, the problem being that the size is calculated as scanStop - scanStart and these values were held over since the previous SCAN_FRAGCONF was received, and were not reset due to being out of buffer space.

To avoid this problem, we now set scanStart = scanStop in confirmBufferData() (formerly scanConfExtra()) which is called as part of processing the SCAN_FRAGCONF, indirectly by scanConf() for the backup and first local checkpoint files, and directly for the LCP files which use only the operation record for the data buffer. (Bug #29601253)

• The setting for MaxDMLOperationsPerTransaction was not validated in a timely fashion, leading to data node failure rather than a management server error in the event that its value exceeded that of MaxNoOfConcurrentOperations. (Bug #29549572)

• Data nodes could fail due to an assert in the DBTC block under certain circumstances in resource-constrained environments. (Bug #29528188)

• An upgrade to NDB 7.6.9 or later from an earlier version could not be completed successfully if the redo log was filled to more than 25% of capacity. (Bug #29506844)

• When the DBSPJ block called the internal function lookup_resume() to schedule a previously enqueued operation, it used a correlation ID which could have been produced from its immediate ancestor in the execution order, and not its parent in the query tree as assumed. This could happen during execution of a SELECT STRAIGHT_JOIN query.

Now NDB checks whether the execution ancestor is different from the query tree parent, and if not, performs a lookup of the query tree parent, and the parent's correlation ID is enqueued to be executed later. (Bug #29501263)

• When a new master took over, sending a MASTER_LCP_REQ signal and executing MASTER_LCPCONF from participating nodes, it expected that they had not completed the current local checkpoint under the previous master, which need not be true. (Bug #29487340, Bug #29601546)

• When restoring TINYBLOB columns, ndb_restore now treats them as having the BINARY character set. (Bug #29486538)

• When selecting a sorted result set from a query that included a LIMIT clause on a single table, and where the sort was executed as Using filesort and the ref access method was used on an ordered index, it was possible for the result set to be missing one or more rows. (Bug #29474188)

• Restoration of epochs by ndb_restore failed due to temporary redo errors. Now ndb_restore retries epoch updates when such errors occur. (Bug #29466089)
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- **ndb_restore** tried to extract an 8-character substring of a table name when checking to determine whether or not the table was a blob table, regardless of the length of the name. (Bug #29465794)

- When a pushed join was used in combination with the **eq_ref** access method it was possible to obtain an incorrect join result due to the 1 row cache mechanism implemented in NDB 8.0.16 as part of the work done in that version to extend NDB condition pushdown by allowing referring values from previous tables. This issue is now fixed by turning off this caching mechanism and reading the row directly from the handler instead, when there is a pushed condition defined on the table. (Bug #29460314)

- Improved and made more efficient the conversion of rows by the **ha_ndbcluster** handler from the format used internally by NDB to that used by the MySQL server for columns that contain neither **BLOB** nor **BIT** values, which is the most common case. (Bug #29435461)

- A failed **DROP TABLE** could be attempted an infinite number of times in the event of a temporary error. Now in such cases, the number of retries is limited to 100. (Bug #29355155)

- **ndb_restore --restore-epoch** incorrectly reported the stop GCP as 1 less than the actual position. (Bug #29343655)

- A **SavedEvent** object in the **CMVMI** kernel block is written into a circular buffer. Such an object is split in two when wrapping at the end of the buffer; NDB looked beyond the end of the buffer instead of in the wrapped data at the buffer’s beginning. (Bug #29336793)

- NDB did not compile with **-DWITH_SYSTEM_LIBS=ON** due to an incorrectly configured dependency on **zlib**. (Bug #29304517)

- Removed a memory leak found when running **ndb_mgmd --config-file** after compiling NDB with Clang 7. (Bug #29284643)

- Removed **clang** compiler warnings caused by usage of extra ; characters outside functions; these are incompatible with C++98. (Bug #29227925)

- Adding a column defined as **TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP** to an NDB table is not supported with **ALGORITHM=INPLACE**. Attempting to do so now causes an error. (Bug #28128849)

- Added support which was missing in **ndb_restore** for conversions between the following sets of types:
  - **BLOB** and **BINARY** or **VARBINARY** columns
  - **TEXT** and **BLOB** columns
  - **BLOB** columns with unequal lengths
  - **BINARY** and **VARBINARY** columns with unequal lengths

  (Bug #28074988)

- Neither the **MAX_EXECUTION_TIME** optimizer hint nor the **max_execution_time** system variable was respected for DDL statements or queries against **INFORMATION_SCHEMA** tables while an NDB global schema lock was in effect. (Bug #27538139)

- DDL operations were not always performed correctly on database objects including databases and tables, when multi-byte character sets were used for the names of either or both of these. (Bug #27150334)

- **ndb_import** did not always free up all resources used before exiting. (Bug #27130143)

- **NDBCLUSTER** subscription log printouts provided only 2 words of the bitmap (in most cases containing 8 words), which made it difficult to diagnose schema distribution issues. (Bug #22180480)
For certain tables with very large rows and a very large primary key, `START BACKUP SNAPSHOT END` while performing inserts into one of these tables or `START BACKUP SNAPSHOT START` with concurrent deletes could lead to data node errors.

As part of this fix, `ndb_print_backup_file` can now read backup files created in very old versions of NDB Cluster (6.3 and earlier); in addition, this utility can now also read undo log files. (Bug #94654, Bug #29485977)

When one of multiple SQL nodes which were connected to the cluster was down and then rejoined the cluster, or a new SQL node joined the cluster, this node did not use the data dictionary correctly, and thus did not always add, alter, or drop databases properly when synchronizing with the existing SQL nodes.

Now, during schema distribution at startup, the SQL node compares all databases on the data nodes with those in its own data dictionary. If any database on the data nodes is found to be missing from the SQL node's data dictionary, the SQL Node installs it locally using `CREATE DATABASE`; the database is created using the default MySQL Server database properties currently in effect on this SQL node.

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.16 (2019-04-25, Development Milestone)

- Deprecation and Removal Notes
- SQL Syntax Notes
- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Deprecation and Removal Notes

- **Incompatible Change:** Distribution of privileges amongst MySQL servers connected to NDB Cluster, as implemented in NDB 7.6 and earlier, does not function in NDB 8.0, and most code supporting these has now been removed. When a `mysqld` detects such tables in NDB, it creates shadow tables local to itself using the InnoDB storage engine; these shadow tables are created on each MySQL server connected to an NDB cluster. Privilege tables using the NDB storage engine are not employed for access control; once all connected MySQL servers are upgraded, the privilege tables in NDB can be removed safely using `ndb_drop_table`.

For compatibility reasons, `ndb_restore --restore-privilege-tables` can still be used to restore distributed privilege tables present in a backup taken from a previous release of NDB Cluster to a cluster running NDB 8.0. These tables are handled as described in the preceding paragraph.

For additional information regarding upgrades from previous NDB Cluster release series to NDB 8.0, see Upgrading and Downgrading NDB Cluster.

SQL Syntax Notes

- **Incompatible Change:** For consistency with InnoDB, the NDB storage engine now uses a generated constraint name if the `CONSTRAINT` clause is not specified, or the `CONSTRAINT` keyword is specified without a symbol. In previous NDB releases, NDB used the `FOREIGN KEY index_name` value.

This change described above may introduce incompatibilities for applications that depend on the previous foreign key constraint naming behavior. (Bug #29173134)

Functionality Added or Changed

- **Packaging:** A Docker image for this release can be obtained from `https://hub.docker.com/r/mysql/mysql-cluster/`. (Bug #96084, Bug #30010921)
• Allocation of resources in the transaction coordinator (see The DBTC Block) is now performed using dynamic memory pools. This means that resource allocation determined by data node configuration parameters such as those discussed in Transaction parameters and Transaction temporary storage is now limited so as not to exceed the total resources available to the transaction coordinator.

As part of this work, several new data node parameters controlling transactional resources in DBTC, listed here, have also been added. For more information about these new parameters, see Transaction resource allocation parameters. (Bug #29164271, Bug #29194843)

References: See also: Bug #29131828.

• NDB backups can now be performed in a parallel fashion on individual data nodes using multiple local data managers (LDMs). (Previously, backups were done in parallel across data nodes, but were always serial within data node processes.) No special syntax is required for the START BACKUP command in the ndbmgt client to enable this feature, but all data nodes must be using multiple LDMs. This means that data nodes must be running ndbmtd and they must be configured to use multiple LDMs prior to taking the backup (see Multi-Threading Configuration Parameters (ndbmtd)).

ndb_restore also now detects such a backup and automatically attempts to restore it in parallel. It is also possible to restore backups taken in parallel to a previous version of NDB Cluster by slightly modifying the usual restore procedure.

For more information about taking and restoring NDB Cluster backups that were created using parallelism on the data nodes, see Taking an NDB Backup with Parallel Data Nodes, and Restoring from a backup taken in parallel. (Bug #28563639, Bug #28993400)

• The compile-cluster script included in the NDB source distribution no longer supports in-source builds.

• Building with CMake3 is now supported by the compile-cluster script included in the NDB source distribution.

• As part of its automatic synchronization mechanism, NDB now implements a metadata change monitor thread for detecting changes made to metadata for data objects such as tables, table spaces, and log file groups with the MySQL data dictionary. This thread runs in the background, checking every 60 seconds for inconsistencies between the NDB dictionary and the MySQL data dictionary.

The monitor polling interval can be adjusted by setting the value of the ndb_metadata_check_interval system variable, and can be disabled altogether by setting ndb_metadata_check to OFF. The number of times that inconsistencies have been detected since mysql was last started is shown as the status variable, Ndb_metadata_detected_count.

• Condition pushdown is no longer limited to predicate terms referring to column values from the same table to which the condition was being pushed; column values from tables earlier in the query plan can now also be referred to from pushed conditions. This lets the data nodes filter out more rows (in parallel), leaving less work to be performed by a single mysql process, which is expected to provide significant improvements in query performance.

For more information, see Engine Condition Pushdown Optimization.

Bugs Fixed

• Important Change; NDB Disk Data: mysql dump terminated unexpectedly when attempting to dump NDB disk data tables. The underlying reason for this was that mysql dump expected to find information relating to undo log buffers in the EXTRA column of the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES table but this information had been removed in NDB 8.0.13. This information is now restored to the EXTRA column. (Bug #28800252)

• Important Change: When restoring to a cluster using data node IDs different from those in the original cluster, ndb restore tried to open files corresponding to node ID 0. To keep this from
happening, the `--nodeid` and `--backupid` options—neither of which has a default value—are both now explicitly required when invoking `ndb_restore`. (Bug #28813708)

- **Important Change:** Starting with this release, the default value of the `ndb_log_bin` system variable is now **FALSE**. (Bug #27135706)

- **NDB Disk Data:** When a log file group had more than 18 undo logs, it was not possible to restart the cluster. (Bug #251155785)

  References: See also: Bug #28922609.

- **NDB Disk Data:** Concurrent `CREATE TABLE` statements using tablespaces caused deadlocks between metadata locks. This occurred when `Ndb_metadata_change_monitor` acquired exclusive metadata locks on tablespaces and logfile groups after detecting metadata changes, due to the fact that each exclusive metadata lock in turn acquired a global schema lock. This fix attempts to solve that issue by downgrading the locks taken by `Ndb_metadata_change_monitor` to **MDL_SHARED_READ**. (Bug #29175268)

  References: See also: Bug #29394407.

- **NDB Disk Data:** The error message returned when validation of `MaxNoOfOpenFiles` in relation to `InitialNoOfOpenFiles` failed has been improved to make the nature of the problem clearer to users. (Bug #28943749)

- **NDB Disk Data:** Schema distribution of `ALTER TABLESPACE` and `ALTER LOGFILE GROUP` statements failed on a participant MySQL server if the referenced tablespace or log file group did not exist in its data dictionary. Now in such cases, the effects of the statement are distributed successfully regardless of any initial mismatch between MySQL servers. (Bug #28866336)

- **NDB Disk Data:** Repeated execution of `ALTER TABLESPACE ... ADD DATAFILE` against the same tablespace caused data nodes to hang and left them, after being killed manually, unable to restart. (Bug #22605467)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** NDB now identifies short-lived transactions not needing the reduction of lock contention provided by `NdbBlob::close()` and no longer invokes this method in cases (such as when autocommit is enabled) in which unlocking merely causes extra work and round trips to be performed prior to committing or aborting the transaction. (Bug #29305592)

  References: See also: Bug #49190, Bug #11757181.

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** When the most recently failed operation was released, the pointer to it held by `NdbTransaction` became invalid and when accessed led to failure of the NDB API application. (Bug #29275244)

- **NDB Cluster APIs:** When the NDB kernel's SUMA block sends a **TE_ALTER** event, it does not keep track of when all fragments of the event are sent. When NDB receives the event, it buffers the fragments, and processes the event when all fragments have arrived. An issue could possibly arise for very large table definitions, when the time between transmission and reception could span multiple epochs; during this time, SUMA could send a **SUB_GCP_COMPLETE_REP** signal to indicate that it has sent all data for an epoch, even though in this case that is not entirely true since there may be fragments of a **TE_ALTER** event still waiting on the data node to be sent. Reception of the **SUB_GCP_COMPLETE_REP** leads to closing the buffers for that epoch. Thus, when **TE_ALTER** finally arrives, NDB assumes that it is a duplicate from an earlier epoch, and silently discards it.

  We fix the problem by making sure that the SUMA kernel block never sends a **SUB_GCP_COMPLETE_REP** for any epoch in which there are unsent fragments for a **SUB_TABLE_DATA** signal.

  This issue could have an impact on NDB API applications making use of **TE_ALTER** events. (SQL nodes do not make any use of **TE_ALTER** events and so they and applications using them were not affected.) (Bug #28836474)
• When a pushed join executing in the DBSPJ block had to store correlation IDs during query execution, memory for these was allocated for the lifetime of the entire query execution, even though these specific correlation IDs are required only when producing the most recent batch in the result set. Subsequent batches require additional correlation IDs to be stored and allocated; thus, if the query took sufficiently long to complete, this led to exhaustion of query memory (error 20008). Now in such cases, memory is allocated only for the lifetime of the current result batch, and is freed and made available for re-use following completion of the batch. (Bug #29336777)

References: See also: Bug #26995027.

• When comparing or hashing a fixed-length string that used a NO_PAD collation, any trailing padding characters (typically spaces) were sent to the hashing and comparison functions such that they became significant, even though they were not supposed to be. Now any such trailing spaces are trimmed from a fixed-length string whenever a NO_PAD collation is specified.

Note

Since NO_PAD collations were introduced as part of UCA-9.0 collations in MySQL 8.0, there should be no impact relating to this fix on upgrades to NDB 8.0 from previous GA releases of NDB Cluster.

(Bug #29322313)

• When a NOT IN or NOT BETWEEN predicate was evaluated as a pushed condition, NULL values were not eliminated by the condition as specified in the SQL standard. (Bug #29232744)

References: See also: Bug #28672214.

• Internally, NDB treats NULL as less than any other value, and predicates of the form column < value or column <= value are checked for possible nulls. Predicates of the form value > column or value >= column were not checked, which could lead to errors. Now in such cases, these predicates are rewritten so that the column comes first, so that they are also checked for the presence of NULL. (Bug #29231709)

References: See also: Bug #92407, Bug #28643463.

• After folding of constants was implemented in the MySQL Optimizer, a condition containing a DATE or DATETIME literal could no longer be pushed down by NDB. (Bug #29161281)

• When a join condition made a comparison between a column of a temporal data type such as DATE or DATETIME and a constant of the same type, the predicate was pushed if the condition was expressed in the form column operator constant, but not when in inverted order (as constant inverse_operator column). (Bug #29058732)

• When processing a pushed condition, NDB did not detect errors or warnings thrown when a literal value being compared was outside the range of the data type it was being compared with, and thus truncated. This could lead to excess or missing rows in the result. (Bug #29054626)

• If an EQ_REF or REF key in the child of a pushed join referred to any columns of a table not a member of the pushed join, this table was not an NDB table (because its format was of nonnative endianness), and the data type of the column being joined on was stored in an endian-sensitive format, then the key generated was generated, likely resulting in the return of an (invalid) empty join result.

Since only big endian platforms may store tables in nonnative (little endian) formats, this issue was expected only on such platforms, most notably SPARC, and not on x86 platforms. (Bug #29010641)

• API and data nodes running NDB 7.6 and later could not use an existing parsed configuration from an earlier release series due to being overly strict with regard to having values defined for configuration parameters new to the later release, which placed a restriction on possible upgrade paths. Now NDB 7.6 and later are less strict about having all new parameters specified explicitly
in the configuration which they are served, and use hard-coded default values in such cases. (Bug #28993400)

• NDB 7.6 SQL nodes hung when trying to connect to an NDB 8.0 cluster. (Bug #28985685)

• The schema distribution data maintained in the NDB binary logging thread keeping track of the number of subscribers to the NDB schema table always allocated some memory structures for 256 data nodes regardless of the actual number of nodes. Now NDB allocates only as many of these structures as are actually needed. (Bug #28949523)

• Added DUMP 406 (NdbfsDumpRequests) to provide NDB file system information to global checkpoint and local checkpoint stall reports in the node logs. (Bug #28922609)

• When a joined table was eliminated early as not pushable, it could not be referred to in any subsequent join conditions from other tables without eliminating those conditions from consideration even if those conditions were otherwise pushable. (Bug #28898811)

• When starting or restarting an SQL node and connecting to a cluster where NDB was already started, NDB reported Error 4009 Cluster Failure because it could not acquire a global schema lock. This was because the MySQL Server as part of initialization acquires exclusive metadata locks in order to modify internal data structures, and the ndbcluster plugin acquires the global schema lock. If the connection to NDB was not yet properly set up during mysqld initialization, mysqld received a warning from ndbcluster when the latter failed to acquire global schema lock, and printed it to the log file, causing an unexpected error in the log. This is fixed by not pushing any warnings to background threads when failure to acquire a global schema lock occurs and pushing the NDB error as a warning instead. (Bug #28898544)

• A race condition between the DBACC and DBLQH kernel blocks occurred when different operations in a transaction on the same row were concurrently being prepared and aborted. This could result in DBTUP attempting to prepare an operation when a preceding operation had been aborted, which was unexpected and could thus lead to undefined behavior including potential data node failures. To solve this issue, DBACC and DBLQH now check that all dependencies are still valid before attempting to prepare an operation.

Note
This fix also supersedes a previous one made for a related issue which was originally reported as Bug #28500861.

(Bug #28893633)

• Where a data node was restarted after a configuration change whose result was a decrease in the sum of MaxNoOfTables, MaxNoOfOrderedIndexes, and MaxNoOfUniqueHashIndexes, it sometimes failed with a misleading error message which suggested both a temporary error and a bug, neither of which was the case.

The failure itself is expected, being due to the fact that there is at least one table object with an ID greater than the (new) sum of the parameters just mentioned, and that this table cannot be restored since the maximum value for the ID allowed is limited by that sum. The error message has been changed to reflect this, and now indicates that this is a permanent error due to a problem configuration. (Bug #28884880)

• The ndbinfo.cpustat table reported inaccurate information regarding send threads. (Bug #28884157)

• Execution of an LCP_COMPLETE_REP signal from the master while the LCP status was IDLE led to an assertion. (Bug #28871889)

• NDB now provides on-the-fly .frm file translation during discovery of tables created in versions of the software that did not support the MySQL Data Dictionary. Previously, such translation of tables that had old-style metadata was supported only during schema synchronization during MySQL server startup, but not subsequently, which led to errors when NDB tables having old-style metadata,
created by \texttt{ndb\_restore} and other such tools after \texttt{mysqld} had been started, were accessed using \texttt{SHOW CREATE TABLE} or \texttt{SELECT}; these tables were usable only after restarting \texttt{mysqld}. With this fix, the restart is no longer required. (Bug \#28841009)

- An in-place upgrade to an NDB 8.0 release from an earlier release did not remove .ndb files, even though these are no longer used in NDB 8.0. (Bug \#28832816)

- Removed \texttt{storage/ndb/demos} and the demonstration scripts and support files it contained from the source tree. These were obsolete and unmaintained, and did not function with any current version of NDB Cluster. Also removed \texttt{storage/ndb/include/newtonapi}, which included files relating to an obsolete and unmaintained API not supported in any release of NDB Cluster, as well as references elsewhere to these files. (Bug \#28808766)

- There was no version compatibility table for NDB 8.x; this meant that API nodes running NDB 8.0.13 or 7.6.x could not connect to data nodes running NDB 8.0.14. This issue manifested itself for NDB API users as a failure in \texttt{wait\_until\_ready()}. (Bug \#28776365)

  References: See also: Bug \#18886034, Bug \#18874849.

- Issuing a \texttt{STOP} command in the \texttt{ndb\_mgm} client caused ndbmt\_d processes which had recently been added to the cluster to hang in Phase 4 during shutdown. (Bug \#28772867)

  References: This issue is a regression of: Bug \#27397802.

- When a local checkpoint (LCP) was complete on all data nodes except one, and this node failed, NDB did not continue with the steps required to finish the LCP. This led to the following issues:

  No new LCPs could be started.

  Redo and Undo logs were not trimmed and so grew excessively large, causing an increase in times for recovery from disk. This led to write service failure, which eventually led to cluster shutdown when the head of the redo log met the tail. This placed a limit on cluster uptime.

  Node restarts were no longer possible, due to the fact that a data node restart requires that the node's state be made durable on disk before it can provide redundancy when joining the cluster. For a cluster with two data nodes and two fragment replicas, this meant that a restart of the entire cluster (system restart) was required to fix the issue (this was not necessary for a cluster with two fragment replicas and four or more data nodes). (Bug \#28728485, Bug \#28698831)

  References: See also: Bug \#11757421.

- The pushability of a condition to NDB was limited in that all predicates joined by a logical AND within a given condition had to be pushable to NDB in order for the entire condition to be pushed. In some cases this severely restricted the pushability of conditions. This fix breaks up the condition into its components, and evaluates the pushability of each predicate; if some of the predicates cannot be pushed, they are returned as a remainder condition which can be evaluated by the MySQL server. (Bug \#28728007)

- Running \texttt{ANALYZE TABLE} on an NDB table with an index having longer than the supported maximum length caused data nodes to fail. (Bug \#28714864)

- It was possible in certain cases for nodes to hang during an initial restart. (Bug \#28698831)
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References: See also: Bug #27622643.

- When a condition was pushed to a storage engine, it was re-evaluated by the server, in spite of the fact that only rows matching the pushed condition should ever be returned to the server in such cases. (Bug #28672214)

- In some cases, one and sometimes more data nodes underwent an unplanned shutdown while running ndb_restore. This occurred most often, but was not always restricted to, when restoring to a cluster having a different number of data nodes from the cluster on which the original backup had been taken.

The root cause of this issue was exhaustion of the pool of SafeCounter objects, used by the DBDICT kernel block as part of executing schema transactions, and taken from a per-block-instance pool shared with protocols used for NDB event setup and subscription processing. The concurrency of event setup and subscription processing is such that the SafeCounter pool can be exhausted; event and subscription processing can handle pool exhaustion, but schema transaction processing could not, which could result in the node shutdown experienced during restoration.

This problem is solved by giving DBDICT schema transactions an isolated pool of reserved SafeCounters which cannot be exhausted by concurrent NDB event activity. (Bug #28595915)

- When a backup aborted due to buffer exhaustion, synchronization of the signal queues prior to the expected drop of triggers for insert, update, and delete operations resulted in abort signals being processed before the STOP_BACKUP phase could continue. The abort changed the backup status to ABORT_BACKUP_ORD, which led to an unplanned shutdown of the data node since resuming STOP_BACKUP requires that the state be STOP_BACKUP_REQ. Now the backup status is not set to STOP_BACKUP_REQ (requesting the backup to continue) until after signal queue synchronization is complete. (Bug #28563639)

- The output of ndb_config --configinfo --xml --query-all now shows that configuration changes for the ThreadConfig and MaxNoOfExecutionThreads data node parameters require system initial restarts (restart="system" initial="true"). (Bug #28494286)

- After a commit failed due to an error, mysqld shut down unexpectedly while trying to get the name of the table involved. This was due to an issue in the internal function ndbcluster_print_error(). (Bug #28435082)

- API nodes should observe that a node is moving through SL_STOPPING phases (graceful stop) and stop using the node for new transactions, which minimizes potential disruption in the later phases of the node shutdown process. API nodes were only informed of node state changes via periodic heartbeat signals, and so might not be able to avoid interacting with the node shutting down. This generated unnecessary failures when the heartbeat interval was long. Now when a data node is being gracefully stopped, all API nodes are notified directly, allowing them to experience minimal disruption. (Bug #28380808)

- ndb_config --diff-default failed when trying to read a parameter whose default value was the empty string (""). (Bug #27972537)

- ndb_restore did not restore autoincrement values correctly when one or more staging tables were in use. As part of this fix, we also in such cases block applying of the SYSTAB_0 backup log, whose content continued to be applied directly based on the table ID, which could overwrite the autoincrement values stored in SYSTAB_0 for unrelated tables. (Bug #27917769, Bug #27831990)

References: See also: Bug #27832033.

- ndb_restore employed a mechanism for restoring autoincrement values which was not atomic, and thus could yield incorrect autoincrement values being restored when multiple instances of ndb_restore were used in parallel. (Bug #27832033)

References: See also: Bug #27917769, Bug #27831990.
• Executing `SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` caused SQL nodes to restart in some cases. (Bug #27613173)

• When tables with `BLOB` columns were dropped and then re-created with a different number of `BLOB` columns the event definitions for monitoring table changes could become inconsistent in certain error situations involving communication errors when the expected cleanup of the corresponding events was not performed. In particular, when the new versions of the tables had more `BLOB` columns than the original tables, some events could be missing. (Bug #27072756)

• When query memory was exhausted in the `DBSPJ` kernel block while storing correlation IDs for deferred operations, the query was aborted with error status 20000 `Query aborted due to out of query memory`. (Bug #26995027)

References: See also: Bug #86537.

• When running a cluster with 4 or more data nodes under very high loads, data nodes could sometimes fail with Error 899 `Rowid already allocated`. (Bug #25960230)

• `mysqld` shut down unexpectedly when a purge of the binary log was requested before the server had completely started, and it was thus not yet ready to delete rows from the `ndb_binlog_index` table. Now when this occurs, requests for any needed purges of the `ndb_binlog_index` table are saved in a queue and held for execution when the server has completely started. (Bug #25817834)

• `MaxBufferedEpochs` is used on data nodes to avoid excessive buffering of row changes due to lagging `NDB` event API subscribers; when epoch acknowledgements from one or more subscribers lag by this number of epochs, an asynchronous disconnection is triggered, allowing the data node to release the buffer space used for subscriptions. Since this disconnection is asynchronous, it may be the case that it has not completed before additional new epochs are completed on the data node, resulting in new epochs not being able to seize GCP completion records, generating warnings such as those shown here:

```
[nbd] ERROR -- c_gcp_list.seize() failed...
...
[nbd] WARNING -- ACK wo/ gcp record...
```

And leading to the following warning:

```
Disconnecting node %u because it has exceeded MaxBufferedEpochs
(100 > 100), epoch ....
```

This fix performs the following modifications:

• Modifies the size of the GCP completion record pool to ensure that there is always some extra headroom to account for the asynchronous nature of the disconnect processing previously described, thus avoiding `c_gcp_list` seize failures.

• Modifies the wording of the `MaxBufferedEpochs` warning to avoid the contradictory phrase “100 > 100”.

(Bug #20344149)

• Asynchronous disconnection of `mysqld` from the cluster caused any subsequent attempt to start an NDB API transaction to fail. If this occurred during a bulk delete operation, the SQL layer called `HA::end_bulk_delete()`, whose implementation by `ha_ndbcluster` assumed that a transaction had been started, and could fail if this was not the case. This problem is fixed by checking that the transaction pointer used by this method is set before referencing it. (Bug #20116393)

• Removed warnings raised when compiling `NDB` with Clang 6. (Bug #93634, Bug #29112560)
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- When executing the redo log in debug mode it was possible for a data node to fail when deallocating a row. (Bug #93273, Bug #28955797)

- An NDB table having both a foreign key on another NDB table using ON DELETE CASCADE and one or more TEXT or BLOB columns leaked memory.

As part of this fix, ON DELETE CASCADE is no longer supported for foreign keys on NDB tables when the child table contains a column that uses any of the BLOB or TEXT types. (Bug #89511, Bug #27484882)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.14 (2019-01-21, Development Milestone)

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- **Performance:** This release introduces a number of significant improvements in the performance of scans; these are listed here:

  - Row checksums help detect hardware issues, but do so at the expense of performance. NDB now offers the possibility of disabling these by setting the new ndb_row_checksum server system variable to 0; doing this means that row checksums are not used for new or altered tables. This can have a significant impact (5 to 10 percent, in some cases) on performance for all types of queries. This variable is set to 1 by default, to provide compatibility with the previous behavior.

  - A query consisting of a scan can execute for a longer time in the LDM threads when the queue is not busy.

  - Previously, columns were read before checking a pushed condition; now checking of a pushed condition is done before reading any columns.

  - Performance of pushed joins should see significant improvement when using range scans as part of join execution.

- **NDB Disk Data:** NDB now implements schema distribution of disk data objects including tablespaces and log file groups by SQL nodes when they connect to a cluster, just as it does for NDB databases and in-memory tables. This eliminates a possible mismatch between the MySQL data dictionary and the NDB dictionary following a native backup and restore that could arise when disk data tablespaces and undo log file groups were restored to the NDB dictionary, but not to the MySQL Server's data dictionary.

- **NDB Disk Data:** NDB now makes use of the MySQL data dictionary to ensure correct distribution of tablespaces and log file groups across all cluster SQL nodes when connecting to the cluster.

- The extra metadata property for NDB tables is now used to store information from the MySQL data dictionary. Because this information is significantly larger than the binary representation previously stored here (a .frm file, no longer used), the hard-coded size limit for this extra metadata has been increased.

  This change can have an impact on downgrades: Trying to read NDB tables created in NDB 8.0.14 and later may cause data nodes running NDB 8.0.13 or earlier to fail on startup with NDB error code 2355 Failure to restore schema: Permanent error, external action needed: Resource configuration error. This can happen if the table’s metadata exceeds 6K in size, which was the old limit. Tables created in NDB 8.0.13 and earlier can be read by later versions without any issues.

  For more information, see Changes in NDB table extra metadata, and See also MySQL Data Dictionary. (Bug #27230681)
Bugs Fixed

- **Packaging:** Expected NDB header files were in the `devel` RPM package instead of `libndbclient-devel`. (Bug #84580, Bug #26448330)

- The `version_comment` system variable was not correctly configured in `mysql` binaries and returned a generic pattern instead of the proper value. This affected all NDB Cluster binary releases with the exception of `.deb` packages. (Bug #29054235)

- Trying to build from source using `-DWITH_NDBCLUSTER` and `-Werror` failed with GCC 8. (Bug #28707282)

- When copying deleted rows from a live node to a node just starting, it is possible for one or more of these rows to have a global checkpoint index equal to zero. If this happened at the same time that a full local checkpoint was started due to the undo log getting full, the `LCP_SKIP` bit was set for a row having GCI = 0, leading to an unplanned shutdown of the data node. (Bug #28372628)

- `ndbmtd` sometimes experienced a hang when exiting due to log thread shutdown. (Bug #28027150)

- NDB has an upper limit of 128 characters for a fully qualified table name. Due to the fact that `mysql` names NDB tables using the format `database_name/catalog_name/table_name`, where `catalog_name` is always `def`, it is possible for statements such as `CREATE TABLE` to fail in spite of the fact that neither the table name nor the database name exceeds the 63-character limit imposed by NDB. The error raised in such cases was misleading and has been replaced. (Bug #27769521)

  References: See also: Bug #27769801.

- When the SUMA kernel block receives a `SUB_STOP_REQ` signal, it executes the signal then replies with `SUB_STOP_CONF`. (After this response is relayed back to the API, the API is open to send more `SUB_STOP_REQ` signals.) After sending the `SUB_STOP_CONF`, SUMA drops the subscription if no subscribers are present, which involves sending multiple `DROP_TRIG_IMPL_REQ` messages to `DBTUP`. LocalProxy can handle up to 21 of these requests in parallel; any more than this are queued in the Short Time Queue. When execution of a `DROP_TRIG_IMPL_REQ` was delayed, there was a chance for the queue to become overloaded, leading to a data node shutdown with `Error in short time queue`. This issue is fixed by delaying the execution of the `SUB_STOP_REQ` signal if `DBTUP` is already handling `DROP_TRIG_IMPL_REQ` signals at full capacity, rather than queueing up the `DROP_TRIG_IMPL_REQ` signals. (Bug #26574003)

- `ndb_restore` returned -1 instead of the expected exit code in the event of an index rebuild failure. (Bug #25112726)

- When starting, a data node copies metadata, while a local checkpoint updates metadata. To avoid any conflict, any ongoing LCP activity is paused while metadata is being copied. An issue arose when a local checkpoint was paused on a given node, and another node that was also restarting checked for a complete LCP on this node; the check actually caused the LCP to be completed before copying of metadata was complete and so ended the pause prematurely. Now in such cases, the LCP completion check waits to complete a paused LCP until copying of metadata is finished and the pause ends as expected, within the LCP in which it began. (Bug #24827685)

- `ndbout` and `ndberr` became invalid after exiting from `mgmd_run()`, and redirecting to them before the next call to `mgmd_run()` caused a segmentation fault, during an `ndb_mgmd` service restart. This fix ensures that `ndbout` and `ndberr` remain valid at all times. (Bug #17732772, Bug #28536919)

- `NdbScanFilter` did not always handle `NULL` according to the SQL standard, which could result in sending non-qualifying rows to be filtered (otherwise not necessary) by the MySQL server. (Bug #92407, Bug #28643463)

  References: See also: Bug #93977, Bug #29231709.
The internal function `ndb_my_error()` was used in `ndbcluster_get_tablespace_statistics()` and `prepare_inplace_alter_table()` to report errors when the function failed to interact with NDB. The function was expected to push the NDB error as warning on the stack and then set an error by translating the NDB error to a MySQL error and then finally call `my_error()` with the translated error. When calling `my_error()`, the function extracts a format string that may contain placeholders and use the format string in a function similar to `sprintf()`, which in this case could read arbitrary memory leading to a segmentation fault, due to the fact that `my_error()` was called without any arguments.

The fix is always to push the NDB error as a warning and then set an error with a provided message. A new helper function has been added to `Thd_ndb` to be used in place of `ndb_my_error()`. (Bug #92244, Bug #28575934)

Running out of undo log buffer memory was reported using error 921 `Out of transaction memory ... (increase SharedGlobalMemory)`.

This problem is fixed by introducing a new error code 923 `Out of undo buffer memory (increase UNDO_BUFFER_SIZE)`. (Bug #92125, Bug #28537319)

When moving an `OperationRec` from the serial to the parallel queue, `Dbacc::startNext()` failed to update the `Operationrec::OP_ACC_LOCK_MODE` flag which is required to reflect the accumulated `OP_LOCK_MODE` of all previous operations in the parallel queue. This inconsistency in the ACC lock queues caused the scan lock takeover mechanism to fail, as it incorrectly concluded that a lock to take over was not held. The same failure caused an assert when aborting an operation that was a member of such an inconsistent parallel lock queue. (Bug #92100, Bug #28530928)

`ndb_restore` did not free all memory used after being called to restore a table that already existed. (Bug #92085, Bug #28525898)

A data node failed during startup due to the arrival of a `SCAN_FRAGREQ` signal during the restore phase. This signal originated from a scan begun before the node had previously failed and which should have been aborted due to the involvement of the failed node in it. (Bug #92059, Bug #28518448)

`DBTUP` sent the error `Tuple corruption detected` when a read operation attempted to read the value of a tuple inserted within the same transaction. (Bug #92009, Bug #28500861)

References: See also: Bug #28893633.

False constraint violation errors could occur when executing updates on self-referential foreign keys. (Bug #91965, Bug #28486390)

References: See also: Bug #90644, Bug #27930382.

An NDB internal trigger definition could be dropped while pending instances of the trigger remained to be executed, by attempting to look up the definition for a trigger which had already been released. This caused unpredictable and thus unsafe behavior possibly leading to data node failure. The root cause of the issue lay in an invalid assumption in the code relating to determining whether a given trigger had been released; the issue is fixed by ensuring that the behavior of NDB, when a trigger definition is determined to have been released, is consistent, and that it meets expectations. (Bug #91894, Bug #28451957)

In some cases, a workload that included a high number of concurrent inserts caused data node failures when using debug builds. (Bug #91764, Bug #28387450, Bug #29055038)

During an initial node restart with disk data tables present and `TwoPassInitialNodeRestartCopy` enabled, `DBTUP` used an unsafe scan in disk order. Such scans are no longer employed in this case. (Bug #91724, Bug #28378227)

Checking for old LCP files tested the table version, but this was not always dependable. Now, instead of relying on the table version, the check regards as invalid any LCP file having a `maxGCI` smaller than its `createGCI`. (Bug #91637, Bug #28346565)
• In certain cases, a cascade update trigger was fired repeatedly on the same record, which eventually consumed all available concurrent operations, leading to Error 233 Out of operation records in transaction coordinator (increase MaxNoOfConcurrentOperations). If MaxNoOfConcurrentOperations was set to a value sufficiently high to avoid this, the issue manifested as data nodes consuming very large amounts of CPU, very likely eventually leading to a timeout. (Bug #91472, Bug #28262259)

Changes in MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0.13 (2018-10-23, Development Milestone)

• Functionality Added or Changed

• Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

• Important Change; NDB Disk Data: The following changes are made in the display of information about Disk Data files in the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES table:

  • Tablespaces and log file groups are no longer represented in the FILES table. (These constructs are not actually files.)

  • Each data file is now represented by a single row in the FILES table. Each undo log file is also now represented in this table by one row only. (Previously, a row was displayed for each copy of each of these files on each data node.)

  • For rows corresponding to data files or undo log files, node ID and undo log buffer information is no longer displayed in the EXTRA column of the FILES table.

  ! Important
  The removal of undo log buffer information is reverted in NDB 8.0.15. (Bug #92796, Bug #28800252)

• Important Change; NDB Client Programs: Removed the deprecated --ndb option for perror. Use ndb_perror to obtain error message information from NDB error codes instead. (Bug #81705, Bug #23523957)

References: See also: Bug #81704, Bug #23523926.

• Important Change: Beginning with this release, MySQL NDB Cluster is being developed in parallel with the standard MySQL 8.0 server under a new unified release model with the following features:

  • NDB 8.0 is developed in, built from, and released with the MySQL 8.0 source code tree.

  • The numbering scheme for NDB Cluster 8.0 releases follows the scheme for MySQL 8.0, starting with the current MySQL release (8.0.13).

  • Building the source with NDB support appends -cluster to the version string returned by mysql -V, as shown here:

    shell> mysql -V
    mysql Ver 8.0.13-cluster for Linux on x86_64 (Source distribution)

    NDB binaries continue to display both the MySQL Server version and the NDB engine version, like this:

    shell> ndb_mgm -V
    MySQL distrib mysql-8.0.13 ndb-8.0.13-dmr, for Linux (x86_64)

    In MySQL Cluster NDB 8.0, these two version numbers are always the same.
To build the MySQL 8.0.13 (or later) source with NDB Cluster support, use the CMake option `-DWITH_NDBCLUSTER`.

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: Added the `Table` methods `getExtraMetadata()` and `setExtraMetadata()`.

- **INFORMATION_SCHEMA** tables now are populated with tablespace statistics for MySQL Cluster tables. (Bug #27167728)

- It is now possible to specify a set of cores to be used for I/O threads performing offline multithreaded builds of ordered indexes, as opposed to normal I/O duties such as file I/O, compression, or decompression. “Offline” in this context refers to building of ordered indexes performed when the parent table is not being written to; such building takes place when an NDB cluster performs a node or system restart, or as part of restoring a cluster from backup using `ndb_restore --rebuild-indexes`.

In addition, the default behaviour for offline index build work is modified to use all cores available to `ndbmtd`, rather limiting itself to the core reserved for the I/O thread. Doing so can improve restart and restore times and performance, availability, and the user experience.

This enhancement is implemented as follows:

1. The default value for `BuildIndexThreads` is changed from 0 to 128. This means that offline ordered index builds are now multithreaded by default.

2. The default value for `TwoPassInitialNodeRestartCopy` is changed from `false` to `true`. This means that an initial node restart first copies all data from a “live” node to one that is starting —without creating any indexes—builds ordered indexes offline, and then again synchronizes its data with the live node, that is, synchronizing twice and building indexes offline between the two synchronizations. This causes an initial node restart to behave more like the normal restart of a node, and reduces the time required for building indexes.

3. A new thread type (`idxbld`) is defined for the `ThreadConfig` configuration parameter, to allow locking of offline index build threads to specific CPUs.

In addition, NDB now distinguishes the thread types that are accessible to “ThreadConfig” by the following two criteria:

1. Whether the thread is an execution thread. Threads of types `main`, `ldm`, `recv`, `rep`, `tc`, and `send` are execution threads; thread types `io`, `watchdog`, and `idxbld` are not.

2. Whether the allocation of the thread to a given task is permanent or temporary. Currently all thread types except `idxbld` are permanent.

For additonal information, see the descriptions of the parameters in the Manual. (Bug #25835748, Bug #26928111)

- When performing an NDB backup, the `ndbinfo.logbuffers` table now displays information regarding buffer usage by the backup process on each data node. This is implemented as rows reflecting two new log types in addition to `REDO` and `DD-UNDO`. One of these rows has the log type `BACKUP-DATA`, which shows the amount of data buffer used during backup to copy fragments to backup files. The other row has the log type `BACKUP-LOG`, which displays the amount of log buffer used during the backup to record changes made after the backup has started. One each of these `log_type` rows is shown in the `logbuffers` table for each data node in the cluster. Rows having these two log types are present in the table only while an NDB backup is currently in progress. (Bug #25822988)

- Added the `ODirectSyncFlag` configuration parameter for data nodes. When enabled, the data node treats all completed filesystem writes to the redo log as though they had been performed using `fsync`. 

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Note

This parameter has no effect if at least one of the following conditions is true:

- `ODirect` is not enabled.
- `InitFragmentLogFiles` is set to `SPARSE`.

(Bug #25428560)

- Added the `--logbuffer-size` option for `ndbd` and `ndbmtd`, for use in debugging with a large number of log messages. This controls the size of the data node log buffer; the default (32K) is intended for normal operations. (Bug #89679, Bug #27550943)

- Prior to NDB 8.0, all string hashing was based on first transforming the string into a normalized form, then MD5-hashing the resulting binary image. This could give rise to some performance problems, for the following reasons:

  - The normalized string is always space padded to its full length. For a `VARCHAR`, this often involved adding more spaces than there were characters in the original string.
  - The string libraries were not optimized for this space padding, and added considerable overhead in some use cases.
  - The padding semantics varied between character sets, some of which were not padded to their full length.
  - The transformed string could become quite large, even without space padding; some Unicode 9.0 collations can transform a single code point into 100 bytes of character data or more.
  - Subsequent MD5 hashing consisted mainly of padding with spaces, and was not particularly efficient, possibly causing additional performance penalties by flush significant portions of the L1 cache.

Collations provide their own hash functions, which hash the string directly without first creating a normalized string. In addition, for Unicode 9.0 collations, the hashes are computed without padding. NDB now takes advantage of this built-in function whenever hashing a string identified as using a Unicode 9.0 collation.

Since, for other collations there are existing databases which are hash partitioned on the transformed string, NDB continues to employ the previous method for hashing strings that use these, to maintain compatibility. (Bug #89609, Bug #27523758)

References: See also: Bug #89590, Bug #27515000, Bug #89604, Bug #27522732.

- A table created in NDB 7.6 and earlier contains metadata in the form of a compressed `.frm` file, which is no longer supported in MySQL 8.0. To facilitate online upgrades to NDB 8.0, NDB performs on-the-fly translation of this metadata and writes it into the MySQL Server's data dictionary, which enables the `mysqld` in NDB Cluster 8.0 to work with the table without preventing subsequent use of the table by a previous version of the NDB software.

Important

Once a table’s structure has been modified in NDB 8.0, its metadata is stored using the Data Dictionary, and it can no longer be accessed by NDB 7.6 and earlier.

This enhancement also makes it possible to restore an NDB backup made using an earlier version to a cluster running NDB 8.0 (or later).
Bugs Fixed

- **Important Change; NDB Disk Data**: It was possible to issue a `CREATE TABLE` statement that referred to a nonexistent tablespace. Now such a statement fails with an error. (Bug #85859, Bug #25860404)

- **Important Change**: NDB supports any of the following three values for the `CREATE TABLE` statement's `ROW_FORMAT` option: DEFAULT, FIXED, and DYNAMIC. Formerly, any values other than these were accepted but resulted in DYNAMIC being used. Now a `CREATE TABLE` statement that attempts to create an NDB table fails with an error if `ROW_FORMAT` is used, and does not have one of the three values listed. (Bug #88803, Bug #27230898)

- **Microsoft Windows; ndbinfo Information Database**: The process ID of the monitor process used on Windows platforms by `RESTART` to spawn and restart a `mysqld` is now shown in the `ndbinfo.processes` table as an `angel_pid`. (Bug #90235, Bug #27767237)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: The example NDB API programs `ndbapi_array_simple` and `ndbapi_array_using_adapter` did not perform cleanup following execution; in addition, the example program `ndbapi_simple_dual` did not check to see whether the table used by this example already existed. Due to these issues, none of these examples could be run more than once in succession. The issues just described have been corrected in the example sources, and the relevant code listings in the NDB API documentation have been updated to match. (Bug #27009386)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: A previous fix for an issue, in which the failure of multiple data nodes during a partial restart could cause API nodes to fail, did not properly check the validity of the associated `NdbReceiver` object before proceeding. Now in such cases an invalid object triggers handling for invalid signals, rather than a node failure. (Bug #25902137)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #25092498.

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: Incorrect results, usually an empty result set, were returned when `setBound()` was used to specify a `NULL` bound. This issue appears to have been caused by a problem in gcc, limited to cases using the old version of this method (which does not employ `NdbRecord`), and is fixed by rewriting the problematic internal logic in the old implementation. (Bug #89468, Bug #27461752)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: Released NDB API objects are kept in one or more `Ndb_free_list` structures for later reuse. Each list also keeps track of all objects seized from it, and makes sure that these are eventually released back to it. In the event that the internal function `NdbScanOperation::init()` failed, it was possible for an `NdbApiSignal` already allocated by the `NdbOperation` to be leaked. Now in such cases, `NdbScanOperation::release()` is called to release any objects allocated by the failed `NdbScanOperation` before it is returned to the free list. This fix also handles a similar issue with `NdbOperation::init()`, where a failed call could also leak a signal. (Bug #89249, Bug #27389894)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: Removed the unused `TFSentinel` implementation class, which raised compiler warnings on 32-bit systems. (Bug #89005, Bug #27302881)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: The success of thread creation by API calls was not always checked, which could lead to timeouts in some cases. (Bug #88784, Bug #27225714)

- **NDB Cluster APIs**: The file `storage/ndb/src/ndbapi/ndberror.c` was renamed to `ndberror.cpp`. (Bug #87725, Bug #26781567)

- **NDB Client Programs**: When passed an invalid connection string, the `ndb_mgm` client did not always free up all memory used before exiting. (Bug #90179, Bug #27737906)

- **NDB Client Programs**: `ndb_show_tables` did not always free up all memory which it used. (Bug #90152, Bug #27727544)
• Local checkpoints did not always handle DROP TABLE operations correctly. (Bug #27926532)

References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #26908347, Bug #26968613.

• In some circumstances, when a transaction was aborted in the DBTC block, there remained links to trigger records from operation records which were not yet reference-counted, but when such an operation record was released the trigger reference count was still decremented. (Bug #27629680)

• An internal buffer being reused immediately after it had been freed could lead to an unplanned data node shutdown. (Bug #27622643)

References: See also: Bug #28698831.

• An NDB online backup consists of data, which is fuzzy, and a redo and undo log. To restore to a consistent state it is necessary to ensure that the log contains all of the changes spanning the capture of the fuzzy data portion and beyond to a consistent snapshot point. This is achieved by waiting for a GCI boundary to be passed after the capture of data is complete, but before stopping change logging and recording the stop GCI in the backup's metadata.

At restore time, the log is replayed up to the stop GCI, restoring the system to the state it had at the consistent stop GCI. A problem arose when, under load, it was possible to select a GCI boundary which occurred too early and did not span all the data captured. This could lead to inconsistencies when restoring the backup; these could be be noticed as broken constraints or corrupted BLOB entries.

Now the stop GCI is chosen is so that it spans the entire duration of the fuzzy data capture process, so that the backup log always contains all data within a given stop GCI. (Bug #27497461)

References: See also: Bug #27566346.

• For NDB tables, when a foreign key was added or dropped as a part of a DDL statement, the foreign key metadata for all parent tables referenced should be reloaded in the handler on all SQL nodes connected to the cluster, but this was done only on the mysqld on which the statement was executed. Due to this, any subsequent queries relying on foreign key metadata from the corresponding parent tables could return inconsistent results. (Bug #27439587)

References: See also: Bug #82989, Bug #24666177.

• ANALYZE TABLE used excessive amounts of CPU on large, low-cardinality tables. (Bug #27438963)

• Queries using very large lists with IN were not handled correctly, which could lead to data node failures. (Bug #27397802)

References: See also: Bug #28728603.

• A data node overload could in some situations lead to an unplanned shutdown of the data node, which led to all data nodes disconnecting from the management and nodes.

This was due to a situation in which API_FAILREQ was not the last received signal prior to the node failure.

As part of this fix, the transaction coordinator's handling of SCAN_TABREQ signals for an ApiConnectRecord in an incorrect state was also improved. (Bug #27381901)

References: See also: Bug #47039, Bug #11755287.

• In a two-node cluster, when the node having the lowest ID was started using --nostart, API clients could not connect, failing with Could not alloc node id at HOST port PORT_NO: No free node id found for mysqld(API). (Bug #27225212)

• Changing MaxNoOfExecutionThreads without an initial system restart led to an unplanned data node shutdown. (Bug #27169282)
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References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #26908347, Bug #26968613.

• In most cases, and especially in error conditions, NDB command-line programs failed on exit to free memory used by option handling, and failed to call ndb_end(). This is fixed by removing the internal methods ndb_load_defaults() and ndb_free_defaults() from storage/ndb/include/util/ndb.opts.h, and replacing these with an Nd_opts class that automatically frees such resources as part of its destructor. (Bug #26930148)

References: See also: Bug #87396, Bug #26617328.

• A query against the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES table returned no results when it included an ORDER BY clause. (Bug #26877788)

• During a restart, DBLQH loads redo log part metadata for each redo log part it manages, from one or more redo log files. Since each file has a limited capacity for metadata, the number of files which must be consulted depends on the size of the redo log part. These files are opened, read, and closed sequentially, but the closing of one file occurs concurrently with the opening of the next.

In cases where closing of the file was slow, it was possible for more than 4 files per redo log part to be open concurrently; since these files were opened using the OM_WRITE_BUFFER option, more than 4 chunks of write buffer were allocated per part in such cases. The write buffer pool is not unlimited; if all redo log parts were in a similar state, the pool was exhausted, causing the data node to shut down.

This issue is resolved by avoiding the use of OM_WRITE_BUFFER during metadata reload, so that any transient opening of more than 4 redo log files per log file part no longer leads to failure of the data node. (Bug #25965370)

• Under certain conditions, data nodes restarted unnecessarily during execution of ALTER TABLE... REORGANIZE PARTITION. (Bug #25675481)

References: See also: Bug #26735618, Bug #27191468.

• Race conditions sometimes occurred during asynchronous disconnection and reconnection of the transporter while other threads concurrently inserted signal data into the send buffers, leading to an unplanned shutdown of the cluster.

As part of the work fixing this issue, the internal templating function used by the Transporter Registry when it prepares a send is refactored to use likely-or-unlikely logic to speed up execution, and to remove a number of duplicate checks for NULL. (Bug #24444908, Bug #25128512)

References: See also: Bug #20112700.

• ndb_restore sometimes logged data file and log file progress values much greater than 100%. (Bug #20989106)

• Removed unneeded debug printouts from the internal function ha_ndbcluster::copy_fk_for_offline_alter().(Bug #90991, Bug #28069711)

• The internal function BitmaskImpl::setRange() set one bit fewer than specified. (Bug #90648, Bug #27931995)

• Inserting a row into an NDB table having a self-referencing foreign key that referenced a unique index on the table other than the primary key failed with ER_NO_REFERENCED_ROW_2. This was due to the fact that NDB checked foreign key constraints before the unique index was updated, so that the constraint check was unable to use the index for locating the row. Now, in such cases, NDB waits until all unique index values have been updated before checking foreign key constraints on the inserted row. (Bug #90644, Bug #27930382)

References: See also: Bug #91965, Bug #28486390.
• Removed all references to the C++ `register` storage class in the NDB Cluster sources; use of this specifier, which was deprecated in C++11 and removed in C++17, raised warnings when building with recent compilers. (Bug #90110, Bug #27705985)

• It was not possible to create an NDB table using `PARTITION_BALANCE` set to `FOR_RA_BY_LDM_X_2`, `FOR_RA_BY_LDM_X_3`, or `FOR_RA_BY_LDM_X_4`. (Bug #89811, Bug #27602352)

  References: This issue is a regression of: Bug #81759, Bug #23544301.

• Adding a `[tcp]` or `[shm]` section to the global configuration file for a cluster with multiple data nodes caused default TCP connections to be lost to the node using the single section. (Bug #89627, Bug #27532407)

• Removed a memory leak in the configuration file parser. (Bug #89392, Bug #27440614)

• Fixed a number of implicit-fallthrough warnings, warnings raised by uninitialized values, and other warnings encountered when compiling NDB with GCC 7.2.0. (Bug #89254, Bug #89255, Bug #89258, Bug #89259, Bug #89270, Bug #27390714, Bug #27390684, Bug #27390816, Bug #27396662)

  References: See also: Bug #88136, Bug #26990244.

• Node connection states were not always reported correctly by `ClusterMgr` immediately after reporting a disconnection. (Bug #89121, Bug #27349285)

• As a result of the reuse of code intended for send threads when performing an assist send, all of the local release send buffers were released to the global pool, which caused the intended level of the local send buffer pool to be ignored. Now send threads and assisting worker threads follow their own policies for maintaining their local buffer pools. (Bug #89119, Bug #27349118)

• When the `PGMAN` block seized a new `Page_request` record using `seizeLast`, its return value was not checked, which could cause access to invalid memory. (Bug #89009, Bug #27303191)

  `TCROLLBACKREP` signals were not handled correctly by the `DBTC` kernel block. (Bug #89004, Bug #27302734)

• When sending priority A signals, we now ensure that the number of pending signals is explicitly initialized. (Bug #88986, Bug #27294856)

• The internal function `ha_ndbcluster::unpack_record()` did not perform proper error handling. (Bug #88587, Bug #27150980)

• `CHECKSUM` is not supported for NDB tables, but this was not not reflected in the `CHECKSUM` column of the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` table, which could potentially assume a random value in such cases. Now the value of this column is always set to `NULL` for NDB tables, just as it is for InnoDB tables. (Bug #88552, Bug #27143813)

• Removed a memory leak detected when running `ndb_mgm -e "CLUSTERLOG ..."`. (Bug #88517, Bug #27128846)

• When terminating, `ndb_config` did not release all memory which it had used. (Bug #88515, Bug #27128398)

• `ndb_restore` did not free memory properly before exiting. (Bug #88514, Bug #27128361)

• In certain circumstances where multiple Ndb objects were being used in parallel from an API node, the block number extracted from a block reference in `DBLQH` was the same as that of a SUMA block even though the request was coming from an API node. Due to this ambiguity, `DBLQH` mistook the request from the API node for a request from a SUMA block and failed. This is fixed by checking node IDs before checking block numbers. (Bug #88441, Bug #27130570)
A join entirely within the materialized part of a semijoin was not pushed even if it could have been. In addition, `EXPLAIN` provided no information about why the join was not pushed. (Bug #88224, Bug #27022925)

References: See also: Bug #27067538.

All known compiler warnings raised by `--error` when building the NDB source code have been fixed. (Bug #88136, Bug #26990244)

When the duplicate weedout algorithm was used for evaluating a semijoin, the result had missing rows. (Bug #88117, Bug #26984919)

References: See also: Bug #87992, Bug #26926666.

- NDB did not compile with GCC 7. (Bug #88011, Bug #26933472)

- A table used in a loose scan could be used as a child in a pushed join query, leading to possibly incorrect results. (Bug #87992, Bug #26926666)

- When representing a materialized semijoin in the query plan, the MySQL Optimizer inserted extra `QEP_TAB` and `JOIN_TAB` objects to represent access to the materialized subquery result. The join pushdown analyzer did not properly set up its internal data structures for these, leaving them uninitialized instead. This meant that later usage of any item objects referencing the materialized semijoin accessed an initialized `tableno` column when accessing a 64-bit `tableno` bitmask, possibly referring to a point beyond its end, leading to an unplanned shutdown of the SQL node. (Bug #87971, Bug #26919289)

- In some cases, a `SCAN_FRAGCONF` signal was received after a `SCAN_FRAGREQ` with a close flag had already been sent, clearing the timer. When this occurred, the next `SCAN_FRAGREF` to arrive caused time tracking to fail. Now in such cases, a check for a cleared timer is performed prior to processing the `SCAN_FRAGREF` message. (Bug #87942, Bug #26908347)

- While deleting an element in `Dbacc`, or moving it during hash table expansion or reduction, the method used (`getLastAndRemove()`) could return a reference to a removed element on a released page, which could later be referenced from the functions calling it. This was due to a change brought about by the implementation of dynamic index memory in NDB 7.6.2; previously, the page had always belonged to a single `Dbacc` instance, so accessing it was safe. This was no longer the case following the change; a page released in `Dbacc` could be placed directly into the global page pool where any other thread could then allocate it.

Now we make sure that newly released pages in `Dbacc` are kept within the current `Dbacc` instance and not given over directly to the global page pool. In addition, the reference to a released page has been removed; the affected internal method now returns the last element by value, rather than by reference. (Bug #87932, Bug #26906640)

References: See also: Bug #87987, Bug #26925595.

- When creating a table with a nonexistent conflict detection function, NDB returned an improper error message. (Bug #87628, Bug #26730019)

- `ndb_top` failed to build with the error "HAVE_NCURSESW_H" is not defined. (Bug #87035, Bug #26429281)

- In a MySQL Cluster with one MySQL Server configured to write a binary log failure occurred when creating and using an NDB table with non-stored generated columns. The problem arose only when the product was built with debugging support. (Bug #86084, Bug #25957586)

- It was possible to create or alter a `STORAGE MEMORY` table using a nonexistent tablespace without any error resulting. Such an operation now fails with Error 3510 `ER_TABLESPACE_MISSING_WITH_NAME`, as intended. (Bug #82116, Bug #23744378)
• `ndb_restore --print-data --hex` did not print trailing 0s of `LONGVARBINARY` values. (Bug #65560, Bug #14198580)

• When the internal function `ha_ndbcluster::copy_fk_for_offline_alter()` checked dependent objects on a table from which it was supposed to drop a foreign key, it did not perform any filtering for foreign keys, making it possible for it to attempt retrieval of an index or trigger instead, leading to a spurious Error 723 (No such table).

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