MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0 Release Notes

Abstract

This document contains information about changes in successive versions of MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0, starting with the most recent release (MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0.29). Changes in previous MySQL Cluster Manager releases can be found afterwards, ordered from newest to oldest.

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Changes in MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0.29 (2022-04-26, General Availability)

• Functionality Added or Changed
• Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

• **Agent:** Previously, `mcmd` ignored any unknown configuration options. A new configuration option, `unknown_config_option`, has now been introduced, and it accepts the following values:
  - `error` (the default setting): `mcmd` returns an error when an unknown option is encountered
  - `warning`: `mcmd` prints a warning when an unknown option is encountered and continues with starting.
  (Bug #33581159)
• The `start process` command can now be used to start a specific type or list of nodes. See the description of the command for details. (Bug #33934457)
• When a backup ID has been specified with the `--backupid` option for a `backup cluster`, `restore cluster`, `abort backup`, or `delete backup` command, any leading zeros of the ID are dropped. This patch adds a warning when this happens, so the user knows if an unintended ID has been used. (Bug #33805006)

Bugs Fixed

• **Agent:** The `remove process` command allowed duplicated process ID entries. With this fix, an error is thrown when a process ID is repeated in the command. (Bug #33844469)
• **Agent:** When bootstrapping an NDB 8.0 cluster, `mcmd` did not set the `mysqlx_port` and `mysqlx_socket` system variables for `mysqld`, resulting in errors appearing in the `mysqld` log. With this fix, those system variables are now properly set at bootstrapping. (Bug #33729859)
• **Agent:** Multiple sinks for `mcmd` logging could not be configured individually by the `mcmd` configuration file, so that all the sinks worked in the same manner. (Bug #33650263)
• **Client:** `mysqld` options for the `validate_password` plug-in were not recognized, and setting any of them using the `mcm` client resulted in an error. (Bug #33901017)

Changes in MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0.28 (2022-01-18, General Availability)

• Functionality Added or Changed
• Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

• **Agent:** MySQL Cluster Manager now supports encrypted cluster backup. See descriptions for the `backup cluster` and `restore cluster` commands for details. (Bug #30733027)
• **Agent:** A new status value for `show status --cluster` has been introduced: the `failed` status indicates that while all processes in the cluster have exited, unlike `stopped`, some nodes did not exit cleanly. (Bug #30723251)
• **Agent:** Users can now set or override at the `mcmd` command line any agent options configurable with the agent `configuration file` (with the exception of `mcmd_password`) by specifying the option in
the format of `--section_name=option=value`, where `section_name` is name of the section in the configuration file that the option belongs to (for example, `--mcmd.bind_port=12345` and `--logger.level=DEBUG`). See `mcmd`, the MySQL Cluster Manager Agent for details. (Bug #29239804)

- **Agent:** In the `list backups` output for agent backups of a site (that is, for `list backups --agent mysite`), the `Parts` column has been replaced with the `Files` column, to show how many files each backup consists of. (Bug #27946094)

- **Agent:** The `show status --operation` commands always returned `<no message>` for the `Description` column. The column now displays more useful information (for example, a status or error message returned by the listed command) when it is available. (Bug #22607982)

- **Client:** The scenarios that caused the 7006 Process Error to be thrown are now covered by five different error codes:
  - 7006: A cluster process fails
  - 7030: An unexpected reply when connecting to a cluster process
  - 7032: An error occurs while starting a cluster utility process
  - 7033: A probe for an available port or socket (for connecting to a process to be started or just started) fails
  - 7034: A cluster process cannot be started
    (Bug #33563302)

- **Client:** A new command `list warnings`, has been introduced for checking important warnings issued across the whole site during the executions of MySQL Cluster Manager client commands. See the command description for details. (Bug #33378770)

- **Client:** The `help` command has been improved, with its output explaining itself better. (Bug #33321016)

- **Client:** A new `--retry` option has been added to the `import config` command for reimporting the cluster configuration from the `config.ini` file after the cluster is already running. See the description of the option for details. *This option should only be used at the instruction of Oracle Support.* (Bug #30836499)

- **Client:** Reporting on errors related to file reading or writing has been improved with a new error code `(106 FILE_ERROR)` and better error descriptions. (Bug #26246700)

- **Client:** A new command, `delete backup`, has been introduced for deleting a cluster backup. See the command description for details. (Bug #24295069)

- **Client:** The `get` command now has a new `--all` option, using which creates two more columns in the output of the command:
  - `Type`: Shows the expected type of the configuration attribute.
  - `Restart`: Shows the expected process restarts needed when changing the configuration attribute.
  See the description for the `--all` option for details. (Bug #23561548)

- **Client:** The error messages returned by MySQL Cluster Manager for failed utility processes (restores, upgrades, and so on) have now been improved: Output from the utility processes themselves, when available, are now returned, (Bug #23173980)

- **Client:** Error messages provided by the `mcm` client were sometimes not helpful with clusters having `mysqld` nodes, because `mcm` failed to extract relevant information from the `mysqld` error log. With this fix, `mcm` returns more helpful information under the same situations. (Bug #17282820)
Bugs Fixed

- **Agent:** A lot of logging that was intended for the note log level appeared in the log when --level was set to info (the default value). With this fix, the information only appears with the log severity level set to note or below. (Bug #33720754)

- **Agent:** The mcmd log contained duplicated entries of log excerpts from ndb_mgmd nodes. The duplication has now been eliminated. (Bug #33635312)

- **Agent:** In some situations (for example, when the agent was already hanging on some commands), a stop agents command did not return a reply to the client. It was because a locked mutex had prevented a proper shutdown for the agent, and this fix corrects the issue. (Bug #3363155)

- **Agent:** At the restart of mcmd, an error was reported in the log that the package path in use by the current cluster did not contain the MySQL NDB Cluster executables. The error was introduced by a change in release 8.0.26 that caused the wrong path to be checked, and it has now been rectified. (Bug #33620437)

- **Agent:** mcmd quit unexpectedly during an import config operation if, when querying a management node, the --configdir was pointing to an old and invalid configuration cache. With this fix, the error is avoided by not using the --configdir option for the query. (Bug #33541431)

- **Agent:** After a delete site command failed due to issues with data repository access, a subsequent agent command made mcmd quit unexpectedly. With this fix, preliminary checks reject the delete site command if needed, instead of allowing an unsuccessful run. Also, reporting on repository file access issues has been improved. (Bug #30498763)

- **Agent:** When using the set command to specify a value for the mysqld system variable innodb_directories in quotes, the quotes were skipped when the value was written to the mysqld node's my.cnf file, which might cause any semicolons (;) in the value to be misinterpreted as special characters on some platforms. (Bug #29317574)

- **Agent:** When backing up a cluster, the operation finished without any warnings even if the backup for a data node or mysqld node was missing at the end. With this fix, a warning was issued in the situation, and the backup operation reports the problem. (Bug #27168861)

- **Client:** The restore cluster command returned success even if its --skip-nodeid option included all the applicable nodes. With this fix, an error is thrown instead in the situation. (Bug #33608705)

- **Client:** A backup cluster command might fail with a timeout even if the backup was actually successful, when there was not much data to back up and the success message for the command arrived even before mcmd started waiting for it. With this fix, the success message is resent in the situation to avoid a timeout. (Bug #33437273)

- **Client:** After a backup cluster command was aborted, the next backup cluster operation failed with the message that it had been aborted unexpectedly. It was due to a confusion with the backup IDs involved, and this patch fixes the issue. (Bug #29239804)

Changes in MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0.27 (2021-10-19, General Availability)

Bugs Fixed

- **Agent:** Formats of the .xml configuration files in the /var folder under the MySQL Cluster Manager installation directory have been modified, to correct some minor issues. (Bug #33312186)

- **Agent:** mcmd quit unexpectedly when, in an import config operation, it ran into a file system error as it tried to access a cluster installation. With this fix, a proper error is thrown in the situation. (Bug #33173565)
• **Agent:** When using the `.msi` installer to install MySQL Cluster Manager on Windows platforms, the default target location was `C:\Program Files (x86)` even if MySQL Cluster Manager is a 64-bit software. Also, the installation ended up in `C:\Program Files (x86)` even if users chose `C:\Program Files` as its target location. These were because the installer mistook the software to be 32 bit, and that has been corrected by this patch. (Bug #33097025)

Changes in MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0.26 (2021-07-20, General Availability)

Version 8.0.26 is the first General Availability release of the 8.0 series of MySQL Cluster Manager. It is suitable for use with MySQL NDB Cluster 8.0, 7.6, and 7.5.

Listed below are functionality changes and bug fixes for MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0.29, in comparison to release 1.4.8.

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

**Functionality Added or Changed**

- **Important Change:** There are a number of important changes going from MySQL Cluster Manager 1.4 and 8.0; see What's New in MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0? for details. Users of MySQL Cluster Manager 1.4 should make sure they understand those changes before they migrate to MySQL Cluster Manager 8.0.

- **Agent:** Status detection for a management or data node has become more efficient, as `mcmd` no longer relies on reading the log of the node to determine its readiness. (Bug #31446224)

- **Agent:** The file hierarchy under the `collected-files` folder created by the `collect logs` command has been reorganized. See the description for the `collect logs` command for details. (Bug #27921828)

- **Agent:** The `mcm` client delivered in the stand-alone MySQL Cluster Manager package for Linux platforms (which does not include the NDB Cluster binaries) no longer has a dependence on a `mysql` client already installed on the system. (Bug #14032410)

**Bugs Fixed**

- **Agent:** The memory size returned by the `show settings` command using the `--hostinfo` option was not always consistent. It was because the value was not rounded off to the nearest megabyte by a consistent method, and this patch corrects the issue. (Bug #32788118)

- **Agent:** `mcmd` quit unexpectedly when running the `import config` command for a 8.0.24 or 8.0.25 cluster with an `ndb_mgmd` node ran with the `--print-full-config` option. (Bug #32785972)

- **Agent:** An `update process` command failed when a node was started with the `--nowait-nodes` option. With this fix, the option is allowed, but a warning is issued saying the option is not preserved after the update. The same applies now to the `--initial-start` and `--logbuffer-size` options, for the relevant node types. (Bug #32288203)

- **Agent:** When MySQL Cluster Manager was upgraded from 1.4.2 to 1.4.8, if the `mcmd` user on the `mysqld` nodes had `localhost` as its host, connections cannot be established to the `mysqld` nodes after the upgrade. It was because the upgrade changed the host for the user account to `127.0.0.1`. With this patch, when connection fails for `user@'127.0.0.1'`, `mcmd` attempts `user@'localhost'`. (Bug #32131361)

- **Agent:** After assigning explicitly each node to a node group, the cluster cannot be started if the node group IDs did not start from zero or were not consecutive numbers. This patch removes the restrictions. (Bug #31837504)
• **Agent:** The `delete site` command failed with the complaint that the site contains clusters even when it did not. (Bug #31739439)

• **Agent:** Where some command caused a process to fail (Error 7006), a warning from the log was displayed in place of the error message that explained the actual problem. (Bug #31496860)

• **Agent:** Sometimes, a node remained running even after the `mcm` client reported that it had been stopped successfully. It happened when `mcmd` experienced troubles with hostname resolutions, and this patch eliminated the unnecessary hostname lookups. (Bug #31399903)

• **Agent:** An `mcmd` agent might consume a disproportionately large amount of the host's CPU power when there was a long log of highly repetitive messages that `mcmd` tried to examine. This patch limits the extent by which `mcmd` would go backward in time when examining the log messages, in order to avoid the problem. (Bug #31364594)

• **Agent:** An `mcmd` agent quit unexpectedly during an `import config` command when a `mysqld` query returned an error or if the query failed due to a connection problem. (Bug #31336743)

• **Agent:** A `get` command failed with the complaint that the host's package was not defined if, after a cluster was created, a package was added to a host outside of the cluster, and then the host executed the `get` command on the cluster. It was because the `mcmd` agent did not look up package information from the configuration store, and this patch makes it do that. (Bug #31293854)

• **Agent:** On Windows platforms, an `add hosts` operation failed with a timeout at an attempt to add cloud hosts using computer names. (Bug #31095584)

• **Agent:** The `create site` command failed when the name of the host for the `mcmd` agent was resolved to 127.0.1.1 by the operating system (which is the case in, for example, the default network setup for Ubuntu systems). (Bug #31012284)

• **Agent:** When all hosts of a cluster were restarted and `remove hosts` was the last command executed before that, if hostname resolutions failed for all the hosts with all the agents after the restart, the site for the cluster would then disappear from the site list. This was due to all the agents removing their hosts from the site in that situation, each thinking its own host had been removed by other agents. With this fix, at recovery, an agent now creates a repository backup before removing itself from a site, in order to avoid the inadvertent loss of the site configuration metadata. Also, a test on hostname resolution on all site members is performed before an agent removes itself from a site, and if the test fails, the `remove hosts` command is not executed. (Bug #30889457)

• **Agent:** A memory leak occurred for a `restore cluster` command run for an NDB 8.0 cluster when the `mcmd` agent failed to make a connection to a `mysqld` node. (Bug #30761243)

• **Client:** Hostnames longer than 64 characters were not supported by MySQL Cluster Manager. With this patch, the limit is extended to 255 characters. (Bug #29459484)

• When the MySQL Cluster Manager binaries for Red Hat Enterprise Linux/Oracle Enterprise Linux 7 was run on a Red Hat Enterprise Linux/Oracle Enterprise Linux 8 system, the operating system complained that the `libnsl.so.1` library was missing. However, the library was not really required. With this fix, the complaint disappears. (Bug #30996729)

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