MySQL Router 9 Release Notes

Abstract

This document contains release notes for the changes in MySQL Router 9 through 9.6.0.

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Changes in MySQL Router 9.6.0 (2026-01-20, Innovation Release)

Note

These release notes were created with the assistance of MySQL HeatWave GenAI.

Functionality Added or Changed

- In previous releases, the periodic updates to the `last_check_in` field of the `mysql_innodb_cluster_metadata.routers` table generated very large binary logs. This was caused by MySQL Router storing full configuration details in the `attributes` field of the `mysql_innodb_cluster_metadata.routers` table and the entire row being copied to the binary log every time `last_check_in` was updated.

  As of this release, a new version of the Metadata Schema is added, v2.4.0. In this version, `last_check_in` is moved to a new table, `mysql_innodb_cluster_metadata.router_stats`.

  If the schema version is less than 2.4.0, MySQL Router carries on using `mysql_innodb_cluster_metadata.routers.last_check_in`.
  If the schema cersion is 2.4.0, or higher, MySQL Router uses `mysql_innodb_cluster_metadata.router_stats.last_check_in`. (Bug #37926324, WL #17027, WL #17028)

Changes in MySQL Router 9.5.0 (2025-10-21, Innovation Release)

Note

These release notes were created with the assistance of MySQL HeatWave GenAI.

Bugs Fixed

- Removed !SSLv3 from the default cipher list. SSLv3 support is disabled explicitly. The !SSLv3 filter incorrectly removed valid ciphers from the allowed cipher list. (Bug #38205463)

- It was not possible for MySQL Router to retriieve metadata if from a secondary node if it was lagging and had not yet received the `router_id` from the primary. Errors were returned similar to the following:

  ```
  Error reading router.options from v2_cs_router_options: did not
  find router entry for router_id, Unable to fetch live
  group_replication member data from any server in cluster
  ```

  As of this release, if a `router_id` is not found, MySQL Router proceeds to the next server on the list until it locates valid metadata. (Bug #38132603)

- IPv6 endpoints were logged as `::1:12435` instead of `[::1]:12345`. IPv6 addresses with ports are now properly escaped. (Bug #38122485)
- Under certain circumstances, restarting MySQL Router could result in an empty state.json file, leading to restart failures. Errors were returned similar to the following:

```
Error parsing file dynamic state file: Parsing JSON failed at
offset 0: The document is empty.
```

  (Bug #38099912)
- The HTTP plugin misinterpreted the `bind_address=*` configuration and bound to the loopback address, only. (Bug #38084833)

Changes in MySQL Router 9.4.0 (2025-07-22, Innovation Release)

Note

These release notes were created with the assistance of MySQL HeatWave GenAI.

Important

MySQL Router now features full support for MySQL REST Service in on-premise configurations. See the announcement blog post HeatWave REST Service and the Quick Start Guide for details about MySQL REST Service.

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

Deprecation and Removal Notes

- As of this version, MySQL Router's HTTP/2 feature is disabled, to allow for future refactoring. (Bug #38055103)

Functionality Added or Changed

- Binary packages that include `curl` rather than linking to the system `curl` library have been upgraded to use `curl` 8.16.0. (Bug #38448034)
- MySQL Router now generates SSL certificates with a validity period of one year, aligning with best practices that recommend a validity period of no more than 397 days. This change affects the auto-generated certificates created during the bootstrap process. Error messages related to certificate validity may be encountered if using previously generated certificates with longer validity periods. (Bug #37936725)

Bugs Fixed

- MySQL Router's logger created a lock on every log call, even if logging was disabled.

  As of this release, the logger now acquires locks only when logging is enabled. (Bug #38044378)
- Fixed an issue related to debug logging. (Bug #38009073)
- Users created with a comment in their definition were unable to connect using MySQL Router. Error messages were returned similar to the following:

```
ERROR 1045 (28000): Access denied
```

```
```

(Bug #37903358)

- Routing Guidelines, introduced in 9.2.0, did not treat `bind_address=localhost` as a valid target when generated from the MySQL Router configuration. (Bug #37844427)
- It was not possible to build MySQL Router with GCC 15 on Fedora 42 due to missing includes. (Bug #37769606)
- After a DNS failure, the destination was not added to quarantine and could not be checked for availability after the connection was restored. Errors were returned similar to the following:

```
        resolve(host) failed: Name or service not known
```

(Bug #37617712)

- Under certain circumstances, with Connection Sharing enabled, MySQL Router could crash due to a race condition in the connection pool. MySQL Router tried to close a connection while also making that connection available to another thread. Errors were returned similar to the following:

```
Process Core Dump (PID XXXXXX/UID 0)
Resource limits disable core dumping for process XXXXXX (mysqlrouter)
```

(Bug #37303055)

Changes in MySQL Router 9.3.0 (2025-04-15, Innovation Release)

Bugs Fixed

- The check for servers from a newer series and the lack of support for servers from a newer series, introduced in MySQL Router 9.2.0, is reverted in this release.

  As of this release, MySQL Router 9.3.0 can connect to MySQL Servers from a newer series. A warning is displayed, but the connection is supported. (Bug #37690477)

  References: See also: Bug #36041256.

- Dollar-quoted strings were not supported. A syntax error was returned. (Bug #37538219)
- The `http_server` plugin would throw an uncaught exception and terminate when given an invalid URL. Now the exception is caught with a 400 HTTP (Bad Request) error returned to the client. (Bug #37499075)
- Improved `close_connection_after_refresh=0` behavior for statements making an `UPDATE` statement, which would always create a new connection. Now cached connections to the `PRIMARY` are used for `UPDATE` queries, as otherwise a new connection is opened for each update. (Bug #37453301)
- It is no longer necessary to escape string values in Routing Guideline tags with `\"`. Such string values are still supported, but not necessary. (Bug #37408429, Bug #37408370)
- If a client without the SESSION TRACK capability, or without enabling `trackSessionState` (MySQL Connector/J), connected to the Read/Write splitting port of MySQL Router, updates could fail with an error similar to the following:

```
        Buffer length is less than expected payload length.
```

(Bug #36374232)

- Empty and commented out statements were not allowed with Read-Write splitting enabled. (Bug #116952, Bug #37391353)

- Enabling the `ANSI_QUOTES` `sql_mode` was not allowed with Read-Write splitting enabled, and queries with it enabled would log an 'Unknown column' warning. (Bug #116950, Bug #37391347)

Changes in MySQL Router 9.2.0 (2025-01-21, Innovation Release)

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- Added a new `close_connection_after_refresh` metadata_cache option to control whether a connection remains open for future metadata refresh operations. If set to 0 (default), the metadata_cache keeps the connection open if the refresh succeeded and if the next refresh is to the same MySQL server. Setting it to 1 is similar to previous behavior, in that the connection is closed after each metadata refresh operation. (WL #16652)
- The `destinations` option now supports Unix domain sockets. (WL #16582)
- This release introduces Routing Guidelines, a flexible and unified configuration interface enabling users to customize routing behavior. Routing Guidelines are defined as a JSON document, stored in the metadata schema.

  Use the MySQL Shell AdminAPI `RoutingGuideline` class to interact with these guidelines, and see the MySQL Shell 9.2.0 release notes for additional information. (WL #14119)

Bugs Fixed

- **Important Change:** MySQL Router no longer supports MySQL Server versions from a newer series. The metadata is checked and discarded for servers from a newer series, a check that executes during bootstrap and during periodic metadata refresh operations. A newer version in the same series is supported. For example, MySQL Router 8.4.4 supports MySQL Server 8.4.5 but not MySQL Server 9.0.0. (Bug #36041256)
- Because building with `CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Debug` disables optimizations, `std::vector.resize()` attempted to initialize every byte before each read from an encrypted socket. Memory usage was improved to account for this. (Bug #37385923)
- Accessing the `/routes/{name}/connections` REST API endpoint while also benchmarking queries through the router could cause the router to unexpectedly halt. (Bug #37251508)
- OpenID Connect authentication stopped functioning for a connection with the following scenario: the default authentication plugin was set to openid_connect, the MySQL Router connection pool was enabled, and the connection was in the pool ready for reuse. (Bug #37190332)
- When `stats_updates_frequency` was set to an unexpected value, MySQL Router would log a warning during each metadata refresh thus clogging the logs. Now the warning is logged just once, unless the value changed. (Bug #116951, Bug #37391164)

Changes in MySQL Router 9.1.0 (2024-10-15, Innovation Release)

- Functionality Added or Changed
- Bugs Fixed

Functionality Added or Changed

- Added *OpenID Connect* support, which is available as of MySQL Enterprise Edition Server 9.1.0. (WL #16466)

Bugs Fixed

- With connection sharing enabled, changing the password of an active connection yielded a vague "Lost connection" error instead of indicating that reauthentication failed. (Bug #36981282)
- Updated <cstring> and <iostream> header usage by adding or removing their inclusion as needed, and annotated the functions utilized from each. (Bug #36946579, Bug #36951336)
- Replaced most uses of `std::enable_if<>` and `std::enable_if_t<>` with the `requires` keyword introduced in C++20, to limit the visibility of methods. This improves the error messages and stack traces. (Bug #36939919)
- On macOS, AddressSanitizer (ASan) discovered a potential issue with connection pooling that could cause Router to unexpectedly halt. (Bug #36935988)
- Bootstrapping against a MySQL account that used the mysql_native_password authentication plugin with MySQL Router 9.0 from a standalone (zip or tar.gz) package would exit with an error indicating that the plugin was not available. (Bug #36915646)
- Improved the dependency injection mechanism (DIM) to increase performance in a multithreaded environment. DIM is no longer controlled by a single mutex. (Bug #36846616)
- In some cases, the LogFilter would execute when a log message wasn't logged. (Bug #36841009)
- Improved HTTP request handing performance by using the ICU regex implementation instead of std::regex. (Bug #36797250)
- Improved HTTP request handling to better scale for a large number of parallel connections. (Bug #36796808)
- Building with the MSVC "Build Solution" target now excludes building mysqlxmessages_shared, which was already defined as EXCLUDE_FROM_ALL. (Bug #36719728)
- A TLS shutdown was not executed when Read-Write splitting was used and a prepared statement needed to be prepared on the Write node but the current connection was on the Read node. (Bug #36715733)
- Connections in the connection pool were closed without waiting for the server to close the connection which affected the TLS session reuse cache. This affected connection sharing and Read-Write splitting as both let the connection pool close their connections. (Bug #36715372)
- Greatly improved HTTP/2 compatibility for the REST API. (Bug #36697876)
- With Read-Write splitting enabled and after the PRIMARY switched its role to SECONDARY, all write statements would fail with an error indicating that the MySQL server is running in super_read_only mode. Now it drops the client connection like it does without Read-Write splitting. (Bug #114594, Bug #36591958)

Changes in MySQL Router 9.0.1 (2024-07-23, Innovation Release)

This release contains no functional changes and is published to align its version number with that of the MySQL Server 9.0.1 release.

Changes in MySQL Router 9.0.0 (2024-07-01, Innovation Release)

Important

This release is no longer available for download. It was removed due to a dependency on a version of the server which is also no longer available for download. See MySQL 9.0.0 Release Notes. Please upgrade to MySQL Router 9.0.1 instead.

Bugs Fixed

- System variable changes were not propagated when read-write splitting was enabled. (Bug #36674083)
- Current schema changes were not propagated to shared connections when both read-write splitting and connection sharing were enabled. (Bug #36663727)
- Increased the maximum `router_id` value from 999999 to 4294967295 (2^32-1). This also affects how the internal metadata_cache `user` name is defined. (Bug #36393211)